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NEWS IN BRIEF Man dies after falling from Chinar Tree in Pulwama

Srinagar, Feb 20: A man died after he fell from Chinar tree in Trich village of South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday. An official told the Kashmir Scroll that a man identified as Yousuf Allaie son of GH Qadir resident of Ukhoo kakapora fell down from the Chinar tree at village Trich Pulwama. He said that Allaie was shifted to district hospital Pulwama where doctors declared him brought dead. Meanwhile investigation in this regard has been taken up.

SIU Awantipora conducts raids in the Police District

February 20: Continuing its crackdown on terror elements, the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Awantipora conducted raids at two different locations in connection with case FIR No. 37/2022 of Police Station Tral. The searched locations are residential houses of two suspects namely Jamsheed Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Ashraf Bhat resident of Satoora Tral and Sameer Ahmad Mohand son of Ghulam Mohd Mohand resident of Shairabad Tral. During the search, proper SOPs were followed and relevant information was gathered, incriminating material was recovered by the SIU Awantipora. It is pertinent to mention here that, Searches were conducted to collect more evidences of their involvement in other terror crimes. Searches are aimed to eliminate the terror ecosystem in the Police district by identifying various over terror associates and supporters of terrorism. These raids will continue in future also for the logical conclusion of all UAPA cases

J&K Govt Employee Impersonating As IPS Officer Arrested

JAMMU, Feb 20: A fourth class employee of Jammu and Kashmir Irrigation Department impersonating as IPS rank officer has been arrested in a fraud case. Police on Monday said acting on a complaint lodged by a lady from Punjab that she was duped of Rs 7-8 lakhs, Jammu Police swung into action. The complainant reported that being an aspirant of IPS probationary examination, she met the accused on social media, police said. "The accused was impersonating as IPS rank officer and handling a fake account on Facebook in the name of a senior IPS officer of DIG rank posted in Madhya Pradesh," said the police. They said in drive against cyber crime, Jammu Police team acted swiftly and arrested the accused identified as Rakesh Kumar of Arnia, tehsil Bishnah, Jammu. He is a fourth class employee of Jammu and Kashmir Irrigation Department."A recovery worth lakhs have also been made from the accused and a case under relevant sections is registered for further action," said police. Jammu Police however, have appealed to people to be cautious and stay alert to fraudulent and fake social media accounts.

Youth dies in Kulgam accident

Farooq Rather

Kulgam, ,20-Feb: A youth died after a vehicle he was travelling in met with an accident at Shamsipora railway crossing in South Kashmir's Kulgam district

As per official reports, youth identified as 28-year old Aaqib Mehmood Sheikh, a resident of Bonkoot Banihal who was travelling in his own vehicle (JK06-2337) from Srinagar towards home side met with an accident at Shamsipora railway crossing last evening at 10PM.

He was shifted to GMC Anantnag for treatment in critical condition, however, he was declared brought dead by the doctors

Meanwhile, Police have taken cognizance of the incident and investigations set into motion.

Police arrests 10 drug peddlers across Kashmir

Srinagar, Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police in a series of actions have arrested ten drug peddlers across Kashmir and recovered huge cache of contraband/psychotropic substances from their possession. In Pulwama, a police party at a check-

point established at Chatapora Pulwama arrested 02 bike-born drug peddlers identified as Afaq Ahmad Malik son of Bashir Ahmad Malik resident of Chatapora Pulwama and Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat son of Gh Hussain

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Kashmiri youth capable of leading the entire world: Amit Shah

HT NEWS NETWORK

Pune February 20: Home Minister Amit Shah said that Kashmiri vouth is capable to lead the whole world.

"I felt happy and stress vanished when I saw smiling faces of Kashmiri youth who have suffered a lot", Shah said while interacting a group of Kashmiri youth in Pune.During an interaction, the Union Home Minister mingled with the Kashmiri children and youth and subsequently answered their all queries in a free and fair atmosphere."On one hand the military and the police are doing their work while on the other hand NGOs like Sarhad are bringing people together



and working hard to establish peace and harmony in the valley which is praiseworthy", Shah said.He said the government is committed to provide a viable atmosphere for Kashmiri vouth in and outside Jammu and Kashmir so that they

will rise and shine and bring laurels for the whole country. 'The government will continue such efforts in future as well. Though Kashmiri children are studying in other states today. there will be a time when children from other states will go to Kashmir for studies. The government is working to build such an atmosphere there,' he said. The program was organized by Pune based NGO -Sarhad, which has been doing social work in border states for over 30 years. The program was attended by Chief Minister Maharashtra, Eknath Sindhe; Deputy Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis; State Higher and **Technical Education**

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Lt Governor inaugurates Aerosol Winter School-2023 at Central University, Jammu

HT NEWS NETWORK

SAMBA, FEBRUARY 20: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated Aerosol Winter School-2023 at Central University of Jammu today.

The Winter School is being organized by Central University of Jammu under the aegis of National Knowledge Network to support National Clean Air Programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor termed the winter school as a vital initiative for developing scientific knowledge in achieving clean air & climate goals.

In order to meet the objective of National Clean Air Programme, this winter school will facilitate theory-based training & hands-on operational training of all stakeholders for atmospheric aerosol measurements, said the Lt Governor.

"Clean air is the priority of the administration and National Clean Air Programme should become mass movement for prevention, control and abatement of air pollu

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Lt Governor inaugurates North Zone Youth Festival **'KSHITIJ'** in Katra

KATRA, FEBRUARY 20: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated the North Zone Youth Festival

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After 'discrepancies', J&K Police cancels results of 2 Border Battalions

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Feb 20: Authorities on Monday cancelled the results of 2 Border Battalions of Jammu and Kashmir Police Border Battalion after observing some discrepancies. However, the officials said that revised results will be issued within half an hour.

The examination for 1300 Constable posts in JK Police Border Battalion was conducted on October 26, 2022 while the results were declared on January 25, 2023.

As per news agency Additional Di-

rector General of Police (ADGP) Coordination, PHQ J&K, Danesh Rana said that the exam results for 1300 constable posts in 2 Border Battalions of J&K Police have been cancelled after discrepancies were observed due to technical fault in the software application of the implementing agency-M/S. Timing Technologies Pvt. India Ltd.

A notification issued in this regard by ADGP Coordination, reads that after the declaration of final result issued on 25-01-2023 in respect of candidates of UT of J&K who

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"Army may be withdrawn in a phased manner from Kashmir rural areas"

HT NEWS DESK / KNT

Srinagar, Feb 20,: The Government of India is discussing a proposal to withdraw the Indian Army completely, in a phased manner, from the Valley hin-

Reports said that before or shortly after the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian army may be withdrawn from rural and remote areas of Kashmir Valley.

There are currently scores of army camps in rural areas of

Kashmir. Reports added that the proposal of withdrawing the army from the hinterland has been analyzed and it needs the government of India's nod

If approved, the Army will have a presence only on the Line of Control (LoC).

Reports said that it is also roposed that the CRPF would fill in to meet the challenges of both law and order and counter-militant operations in Jammu and Kashmir. [KNT]

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Ski Patrol team of the Tourism Deptt. rescues Himachal skier

Farooq Rather

GULMARG, FEBRUARY 20: The alert Ski Patrol team of the Tourism Department today rescued a snowboarder from Himachal Pradesh who had fractured her ankle and had got stuck in the upper reaches of Gulmarg slopes owing to windy weather.

According to reports, the Ski Patrol team of the Tourism Department, which is deployed in the higher reaches of Gulmarg resort for the safety and rescue of skiers, received a radio call from a skier, Amit Kapoor, a pilot by profession, who informed that the lady snowboarder

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SED to start special drives against drug peddling in, around educational institutes

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Feb 20 Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department has ordered a special drive against drug peddling in and around educational institutions.Besides, the department has also directed the concerned officials to nominate principals of senior secondary schools as nodal officers. According to the news agency—the directives were passed during a UT level NCORD meeting which was held under the chairmanship of the

Chief Secretary of J&K. OSD to Director of School Education Kashmir in a communique to Chief Education Officers of the region said that he has been directed to request for implementation of the directives in letter and spirit at district level.

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Census of migratory, resident birds in Kashmir wetlands to be conducted today

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Feb 20: The Department of lands on 21st of February-2023

The participants from Kashmir University, SKUAST-K, Central University, various colleges, Wildlife Conservation Fund, National Development Foundation, Biodiversity Management Committees, Kashmir Bird Watchers Club, Wildlife SOS, Wildlife Researchers, Society for Environment Education and Development, Wildlife Conservation

The main motive of reducing compliance burden under EODB is to attract investments: CS

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today in a meeting with all the Administrative Secretaries said that the government is committed to reduce the compliance burden by bringing in necessary reforms introducing the Single Window System under 'Ease of Doing Business' (EODB) in the UT of J&K.

Dr Mehta was speaking in a meeting held to deliberate upon the Business Reform Action Plan (BARP) to make J&K the attractive destination for investments and setting up industries.

He further remarked that invest- benefit of our educated youth. He ments are an essential component said that Government is commitof dealing with unemployment. ted to support the



He made out that in the months to come many investors are going to establish their units here thereby creating lakhs of Jobs for our vouth.

The Chief Secretary maintained that all the departments have schemes to create employment in the UT and they should have clear strategy to maximise these for the $\,$

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Ganderbal: 10 houses, several shops, 4 cowsheds damaged in Rezan landslide

No casualties, affected people moved to safer locations: SDM Kangan

HT NEWS NETWORK

Ganderbal, Feb 20: At least 10 houses, several shops and four cowsheds were damaged after a landslide struck the Rezan area of Sonamarg in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district last night.

An official told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer that the landslide triggered by continuous rains caused "massive" damage in the area. He said the landslide continued till 4 am and at least 10 houses, several shops and a cowshed have been damaged.Meanwhile, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Kangan Javaid Ahmad "huge damage". He said the fami-Rather told KNO that no casualties lies have been shifted to were reported in the incident.

"As soon as the landslide occurred a rescue operation was launched and civilians were shifted to safer places," he said, adding that the operation continued overnight and they have started it again to remove the debris.

All assistance is being provided to the affected people, while rescue and relief teams are on the job, the SDM said. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner

Ganderbal Shvambir along with SSP Nikhil Borker visited the spot and took stock of the situation. The DC while talking to reporters

said that the landslide has caused

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Lt Governor pays obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Inaugurates Tripti Bhojanalaya

Wildlife Protection (Wetlands Division, Kashmir), is conducting the census of Migratory/resident Birds in the valley wet-

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and Prasad Kendra HT NEWS NETWORK

KATRA, FEBRUARY 20: Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha visited the Holy Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji and paid obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum.

The Lt Governor accompanied by Mahamandleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj and other board members prayed for peace, prosperity and happiness for all The Lt Governor, during his visit, inaugurat-

ed Tripti Bhojanalaya and Prasad Kendra cum Souvenir Shop at the holy shrine. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board is fully



devoted to provide better facilities to the pilgrims during their pilgrimage to holy shrine, observed the Lt Governor. In the last 3 years, we have developed new infrastructure and several new initiatives like RFID, CCTV, new Registration Counter were started for hassle-free

The upcoming Durga Bhawan & Skywalk, and the recently approved integrated digital solution will make this spiritual journey more convenient, organized and memorable for the devotees, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor, who is also the Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SM-VDSB), took first-hand appraisal of the progress of the ongoing construction work of Durga Bhawan and other facilities.SMVDSB has decided to develop Shankaracharya temple near Katra. Durga Bhawan will be dedicated to devotees before Navratri festival this year. It will provide accommodation to 3000 pilgrims per day near Bhawan, the Lt Governor said. Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Sh Anshul Garg briefed the

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G-20 Summit:

Ghanta Ghar in Srinagar to be upgraded

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Feb 20, KNT: Srinagar city is ready to get a facelift ahead of G20 meetings. District Administration Srinagar in this regard is in the process of beautifying roads and junctions like Srinagar Airport. There is a plan to upgrade the Gupkar junction.

The road from Srinagar Airport to SKICC, Residency Road, Boulevard Road, roads leading to Hotel Lalit, Hotel Taj and Nehru Guest House, roads leading to Mughal gardens, Parimahal, Cheshmashahi, Botanical Garden, Srinagar towards Temple, Shankar Acharya, Dalgate to Hazratbal will also be upgraded and beau-

Officials told news agency mer capital.



Kashmir News Trust that work is underway to beautify the Jhelum riverfront.

Besides, the historical clock tower known as Ghanta Ghar in the heart of city will be upgraded before the start of G20 meets and events in the sum-

The flyovers in the city will also be beautified, said the officials. "Footpaths will be developed,

roads will be furnished, roadside VMDs will be installed, beautiful hoardings will be there. Besides wooden poles will be removes and does hanging cable wires. Where ever

ers, they will be removed. Government buildings and other important structures will be painted to increase the aesthetic value of those structures,' said a top official.

He said that the haphazard growth of trees along the roadside are being looked into and these trees especially the Chinar trees will be pruned while ornamental green plants will be placed on footpaths and along the roads in Srinagar city.

"All the withered trees will be removed," he added.

The official said that the installation of traffic lights and welcome hoardings and signages at designated places is also part of the government action plan. [KNT]

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Parts of Kashmir valley to experience snow, rain: MeT

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Feb 20 (UNI) Higher reaches of Kashmir valley are likely to receive light snow while many parts of plains may experience light rain during the next 24 hours, officials said.Meteorological Centre Srinagar forecast generally cloudy weather with Light rain/snow at Kupwara, Baramulla, Handwara, Uri, Gulmarg and Shopian of Kashmir Division from Monday late afternoon onwards.It said the weather will remain dry with occasionally cloudy weather from February 21-24 while generally cloudy with Light Rain/snow at isolated to scattered higher reaches of Kashmir Division during February 26 and February 28 is expected. Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded the minimum temperature at 5.3 degree Celsius on Monday against 6.7 degree Celsius the previous night. It was 4.4 degree Celsius above normal during this period of the season.Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low of 3.1 degree Celsius against 4.4 degree Celsius against, while Kokernag had a low of 3.7 degree Celsius against 4.1 degree Celsius a day ago. Tourist hot spot of Pahalgam in south Kashmir recorded a low of 1.7 degree Celsius against 2.1 degree Celsius the previous night. It was 5.7 degree Celsius above normal during this period of the season.

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FIDA BABA

Srinagar, February 20: University of Hyderabad (UoH) has declared young freelance writer Rushda Shaheen eligible for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Urdu.She has worked on the topic "Urdu Khudnawisht Par Taqseem-e-Hind Ke Asraat" ('Effects of Partition of India on Autobiography') the supervision of Dr. Rafia Begum, Associate Professor, Department of Urdu. Her Viva-Voce was held on December 6, 2022, held by Professor Shahab Inayat Malik, Head of the Department of Urdu, University of Jammu.

Rushda Shaheen, who has a keen interest in modern Indian history particularly the literature related to the freedom struggle and the partition of India, writes features for the Independent Urdu from India



Meanwhile. Shaheen said that while working on her thesis, she has studied almost 150 autobiographies out of which nearly 100 are written in Urdu.

She further said that her work is a good addition in Urdu literature besides a contribution to modern Indian history. 'I plan to publish my work in Urdu, English and Hindi languages as well.'

She said that 'I have also included in my paper the analysis of some Urdu autobiographies published before the independence of India, in which the story of the freedom struggle and the atrocities of the British have been described.

DC Srinagar takes schemes wise review of RDD sector Asks Officers to lay thrust on different verticals under Phase-2 of SBM

20:- In order to review the progress of developmental works being implemented under the Rural Development sector in the District, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at the Conference Hall of the DC Office Com-

Among others the meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer. Assistant Commis-Development. Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, District Mineral Officer, Executive Engineer REW, Executive Engineer Irrigation & Flood Control, Block Development Officers of Srinagar, Khonmoh, Harwan and Qammarwari, District Programme Officer, NRLM and other con-

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a de tailed review of different schemes being executed under the RDD sector in all Panchayat Blocks of Srinagar District.

On the occasion, the

Deputy Commissioner directed the Officers to prioritize implementation of all Government sponsored schemes so that targets are achieved in time with tangible results on the ground so that people are benefited with these schemes. He directed the implementation agencies to redouble their efforts to ensure cent percent saturation of all the deliverables under the programme in all Panchayats in all 4 blocks of the District

Earlier, the DC was given firsthand appraisal about physical/financial status of MGNREGA, components of Swachh



Bharat Mission, Area Development Plan, status on construction of Panchavat Ghar, status on the newly proposed works and works executed under PMKKY.

The progress on preparation of ADP plan for the year 2023-24 was also discussed in threadbare.

While reviewing the Status of MGNREGA works, the DC was informed that against the total 227 works taken up during the current financial year as many as 215 works have been completed so

With regard to implementation of MGNRE-GA Labour Budget Performance, the DC was informed that as many as 54487 man days were generated so far in all Blocks of the District by incurring expenditure of Rs 2.50 crore with 82.34% Performance against the Approved target.

informed that all 809 assets have been Geo Tagging under Phase-I, while 1298 assets out of 1429 assets have been Geo ged under Phase-11. It was also given out that 100 percent Adhaar seeding of total 3965 workers have been done.

While reviewing implementation of **Bharat Mission**

2022-23, the DC was apprised that out of 25 CSCs Tendered 9 CSCs have been completed while work on 16 CSCs is going on and will be completed by March 15.

The DC also took status of segregation sheds and was informed that out of allotted 18 segregation sheds work on 16 sheds is going on in full swing and shall be completed within the next 15 day.

The DC was also informed that work is going Individual Soakage Pits.

Similarly, of 475 taken up 328 have been completed and work is in progress on the remaining 147 Individual Compost pits. Regarding construction of IHHLs, it was given out that against the target IH-HLs 479, as many as 461 have been physically/financially completed and also Geo tagged and work is going on left out 18 IH-

HLs. regard to the With Sarvekshan Swachh Grameen (SSG), it was give out that 100 percent target has been achieved in all Blocks.

The progress regarding achieving the target of ODF Plus villages, the DC was informed that out of 26 villages 16 villages have been kept under Aspiring, 7 villages under Rising and 3 villages under Model categories.

Police arrests 03 persons, seizes as many vehicles in Pulwama

Pulwama February 20: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police have seized 03 vehicles and arrested 03 per sons in Pulwama

A Police party of PP Newa raided different locations of Romshi Nalla Newa Pulwama and seized 2 tractors, 01 tipper. Besides, arrested 03 drivers involved in illegal transportation of minerals.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 31/2023 under relevant sections of law have been registered and investigation has been initiated

Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt with as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in

BDC member halts work on bridge as Handwara villagers allege use of sub-standard material

Handwara, Feb 20: Block Development Council memher Mawer along with residents of various villagers Monday stopped the construction work of a bridge on Nallah Hardkhari in Haril village of north Kashmir's Kupwara district over using of sub-standard material in the construction work.

Talking to BDC member Tahir Ahmad said he was approached by the locals with the compliant that the concerned engineer and the contractor compromised on the quality of the material used in the construc tion. He said that the locals raised apprehensions that using poor quality material in the construction of the

bridge would pose danger to thousands of live "Later, I reached at the spot and found the com plaints made locals true. In broad day light corrup tion is going on under the eye of Xen R&B Handwara as the material that is being used won't even last for a month, they are posing threat to the lives of thou sands of people," he alleged. Meanwhile, the locals asked for a fair probe by LG administration and said the work should be handed over to some other depart ment When contacted Xen R&B Handwara Suhail Ahmad said that the allegations were baseless as he himself visited the spot and found no use of sub-stan-

dard material in the construction work.
"We are regularly monitoring the work, however, a minor mix of scrap was found, that won't affect the quality of the work. We are still rectifying that and

ensure long lasting life of the bridge," he asid. He added that work is going smoothly, and BDC has no authority to stop the construction work.

JK Press Corps holds core group meeting

Srinagar, Feb 20: The Jammu Kashmir Press Corps on Monday held a meeting presided by the President JKPC Ayaz Hafiz.

The meeting was attended by the core members including Raj Daluja Editor State Times, Iqbal Wani Editor Srinagar News, Chasfeeda Shah Editor, Kashmir Scan, Zahoor Hashmi Editor Daily Aftaab, Faroog Wani, Editor-in-Chief, Brighter Kashmir, Arshid Rasool Editor Daily Gadyal, Javid Shah Editor Good Morning Kashmir, Manzoor Anjum Editor Ugaab and Ajaz Rashid from Era of Kashmir.

The members held a detailed discussion regarding the welfare of journalist fraternity. While welcoming the new members in the Association, President JKPC, Ayaz Hafiz said that it is time to work together for the betterment of print media and the people asso ciated with this industry.

'We welcome the new members in JKPC and hope all the members will work under the journalistic ethics and factual reporting's in their respected organisation," Ayaz said.

The new members who have been added as the members of JKPC includes, Mohd Iqbal Editor Udaan, Capt Murti Editor Greater Jammu, Mohd Aslam Bhat Editor The Kashmir Magazine, Farooq Ahmed Editor Srinagar Mail, Mohammad Saleem Editor Kashmir Convenor, Bilal Bashir Editor Srinagar Jung, and Mohammad Yusuf Shah, Editor Kashmir Rays.

Aga Hassan felicitates people on Shab-e-Mehraj

Srinagar February 20): The Sovereign and majestic Eid Meh`raj -e- Nabi Saw, ceremony was held at Jamia Masjid Sharif Budgam organised by Jammu and Kashmir Anjuman Shira Shian. Several Islamic Scholars addressed the ceremony described the greatness and exaltedness of Eid Mubaat and Meh'raj Nabi Saw. The President in his sublime presidential sermon Aga Syed Hassan Al-Mousvi Al-Safavi expressed his panegyric enormous compliments patted the heads of students who festooned the programme with their glorious adorations. Aga sahib Said that, "the of Ba`ath and the night of Meh'raj are the chap ters of effulgence in the Islamic days of yore. For the four decades, the last Prophet of Islam, compelled the Arabian infidelities and polytheism with his integral renaissance laced with Truth -worthiest divine

Dr Samoon chairs SSC meet; reviews working of IMCs under PPP scheme

JAMMU. FEBRUARY 20: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, today chaired a meeting of State Steering Committee (SSC) to discuss revision of Institute Development Plans (IDPs) for 32 ITIs under the scheme "Upgradation of 1396 Government ITIs through PPP' besides deliberating on other agenda points of the Committee at civil secretariat here.Director Skill Development, Sudershan Kumar, highlighted various issues regarding working of the Committee. Threadbare discussion was held regarding approval of revision of IDPs of 32 ITIs of JKUT under PPP scheme. Besides, other issues related to upgradation and introduction of trades and approval of new Chairman ITI Bhaderwah. It was informed in the meeting that Utilization Certificates have already been submitted to DGT besides the female enrollment as well as total enrollment has increased. Also, CCTVs have been installed in the laboratories/workshops and campus to supervise the training program besides different equipments have been purchased as per NSQF syllabus.It was also informed that on job training has been provided to 1048 trainees, workshops have been equipped with latest furniture and furnishing to provide the trainees a comfortable, conducive and aesthetic environment



While addressing the meeting, Principal Secretary impressed upon the officers to strictly follow the guidelines regarding preparation of trade wise plans. He said that the plans should commensurate with the needs of the industry and aspirations of local youth. He asked them that the future plan for development of trades in ITIs and Polytechnics should be made keeping in mind the futuristic aspects in terms of industrial development of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.He directed the officers to ensure that the funds are utilized on assigned works besides quality of work should be maintained in all respects. The meeting held threadbare discussion on the ways and means to enhance the placement opportunities of pass outs and frame an action plan to improve the facilities for students in terms of train-

Chairperson DDC Kathua discusses modalities for formulating Area Development Plan - 2023-24

KATHUA, FEBRUARY 20:- To discuss the modalities for the formArea Developmental Plan (ADP) under District Capex Budget 2023-2024, District Development Council Chairperson Kathua Col. Mahan Singh (Retd), today chaired a meeting of DDC members and concerned District officers here in the conference Hall of DDC Council of-

ADDC, Kathua Ankur Mahajan, CPO Kathua, XEN PDD, CMO, CEO, XEN PHE, XEN irrigation, XEN PWD besides other District officers attended the meeting.

Additional District Development Commissioner apprised the meeting about physical and financial progress achieved under various sectors in the current fiscal year.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairperson urged all the DDC members and District officers to coordinate with



rational basis while upholding the sanctity of the 3-tier system of Panchayati Raj. He laid thrust on taking up the construction works of remaining Panchayat Ghars and BDO office complex buildings across the district in the upcoming Capex bud-

Col Mahan Singh also enquired about the status of work completion with regard to District Development Council Building. He passed directions to the concerned executing agency to complete within stipulated time.

The DDC Chairperson further asked the DDC members to take up work after exercising due care and diligence keeping in view their feasibility and the aspirations of the peo-

Col Mahan Singh exhorted the DDC members to personally supervise and monitor the pace and quality of the works to be undertaken during the FY 2023-24 in their respective jurisdiction and also laid special stress on the execution and completion of the work taken up under previous year plan.

DC Rajouri chairs District TB Forum meeting Asks for supporting all patients through Nakshay Mitra

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, on Monday asked for adopting an effective Active Case Finding (ACF) approach to identify hotspots of Tuberculosis in the district and to ensure that all TB patients are supported through Nakshay mitras.

He was speaking at a meeting of District TB Forum attended by Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khursheed; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Rajinder Langer; Medical Superintendent GMC Associated Hospital Dr. Mehmood Bajar; District TB officer, Dr. Khalid Mansoor; iournalist member of forum Sumit Bhargav, besides Dr. Shuia. Dr. Kanisthi and Dr. Zaeem Khan, were also present.

At the outset, the District $\ensuremath{\mathsf{TB}}$ officer gave a detailed presentation on the existing number of TB patients and measures taken to bring down the incidence of TB in the district.

The meeting was informed that there are 497 TB patients in the district, which indicates a decline in the incidences of TB. Regarding Nakshay mitras,



dreds of others have already enrolled for extending nutritional

The DC said that the first TB ward of GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri will be made functional on March 1, 2023, for which necessary directions have been issued to the con-

cerned departments. The TB ward of GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri, will have separate IPD arrangements for male and female patients while

all other additional arrangements will also be made in this ward which shall be run under the supervision of HoD Department of Chest and TB, Dr. Zaeem Khan.

He further asked the health authorities to identify all the hotspots in the district and to follow Active Case Finding (ACF) approach in these areas. The Deputy Commissioner further asked the health department to issue an advisory asking private medical practitioners to send suspected TB cases for examination in the

District TB Cell so that their testing is done to check TB.

Regarding Nakshay mitras, the Deputy Commissioner asked the District TB officer to ensure that all the identified and listed TB patients get nutritional support from Nakshay Mitras.

Directions were also issued for all BMOs in the district to ensure that TB control guidelines are followed in letter and spirit for success in TB elimination. He was speaking at a meeting of District TB Forum attended by Chief Planning Officer,

Mohammad Khursheed: Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Rajinder Langer; Medical Superintendent GMC Associated Hospital Dr. Mehmood Bajar; District TB officer, Dr. Khalid Mansoor; journalist member of forum Sumit Bhargav, besides Dr. Shuja, Dr. Kanisthi and Dr. Zaeem Khan, were also present.

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support. The DC said that the first TB ward of GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri will be made functional on March 1, 2023, for which necessary directions have been issued to the concerned departments.

Decks cleared for hosting Askini Bhaderkashi Utsav at Bhaderwah

BHADERWAH, FEBRUARY 20: Additional Deputy Commissioner Dil Mir Chowdhary today reviewed and finalised the arrangements for the grand Askini Bhaderkashi Utsav being held in Bhaderwah.A meeting with key departments was held at Revenue Complex which was attended by Tehsildar, SDPO, XEN PWD, DYSSO Doda, EO Municipality, AEE JP-DCL, Senior Officers from Indian Army, Cultural Academy Doda, representatives of Trade Tour and travel Association and representative officials of other departments attended the meeting.

It was informed that the mega event is being organised under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and is scheduled to be held on 24th & 25th of February at various locations in and around Bhaderwah with main activities at Jai Valley.During the two day event, Musical carnival, Sports activities like cricket, football etc, ATV bike ride, food stalls, local fashion show

Snow Skiing, Rafting, Local Wrestling and other fun activities shall be available for the tourists. Huge rush of tourists from across the UT and other parts of the country is expected for which all the arrangements are being put in place and in advance. It was also decided that Voie of Askini Bhaderkashi Contest shall be held during the Utsav to explore the local talent and select the best artists from the Chenab region. During the meeting threadbare discussion was held with regard to the finalisation of activities. decoration of venue, safety and security measures, traffic management, selection of Artists, besides availability of other essential services on the scheduled days and dates. The meeting decided to invite Kabul Bukhari as Guest Artist Singer to join the local Artists from the whole Chenab valley region. The local artists shall be made available by the cultural Academy Doda

CEO Kishtwar inspects functioning of Schools after winter break

KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 20: After a long gap of winter vacations in the winter Zone of Jammu Division, the High and Higher Secondary Schools were reopened across district Kishtwar, today. Chief Education Officer, Sudarshan Kumar Sharma visited several Schools and took stock of the presence of staff and students on the first day of reopening.

The CEO inspected High School Cherhar, High School Sangrambhatta and HS Poochal where he interacted with the teachers and other staff and enquired about availability of basic amenities and cleanliness measures taken to ready the classrooms for class work starting from next week. He also discussed the action plan to fill the teaching learning gaps to enable the students to overcome the hurdles in taking upcoming board exams. He asked HOIs to conduct special re-

medial classes and guidance sessions



for needy students ahead of the Board exams.Meanwhile, on finding some teachers absent, the CEO served them show cause notice to explain their position within a week. The Head of institutions and the teachers were directed to conduct the cleanliness and preparatory activities during the week to ensure an enabling environment for children, who are going to attend the school after a long gap of Winter vacations.

Meet Muzamil Mehmood A Young Social Activist: An Inspiration for the Youth of Kashmir Valley

Budgam Feb 20 : Muzamil Mehmood (25 years) has helped changing lives of hundreds of Kashmiri youth and is becoming an inspiration for the youth across valley. Besides working towards drug free society and inculcating moral values among the Youth, Muzamil is everready to help Poor, needy and downtrodden.

Muzamil Mehmood started his schooling from Govt. Boys primary School Mala Manchhama and then he went to Middle School Meeripoora. He passed his matriculation from Govt. Boys High School Chewdara and 10+2 from Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School Beerwah. He graduated from Govt. Degree College Beerwah.

Muzamil Mehmood who hails from Manchhama Tehsil Beerwah District Budgam is doing amazing Social Works in terms of Conducting sports events, holding blood donation camps, cleanliness drives, and drug de addiction events and providing medicine to poor and needy of general public. Muzamil Mehmood was in toughest times after losing his father in teens. Despite all odds he continued his education and even supported his siblings. While talking to Media said Muzamil Mehmood said "the main motive behind all these activities is only to involve youth in sports activities and to show society a way forward to live a drug free life to save future generations of the country in general and Kashmir Valley in particular. He added that "if we talk about the Kashmir valley there are so many international players and gold medalists like Parvaiz Rasool, Umran Malik, Abdul Samad and Nayeem Malla, when these people have played at international level why cannot



others do so at national and international level. Muzamil Mehmood further expressed that purpose of organizing Cricket tournaments and many other events is to support

youth and to encourage them, so that youth can also participate in national as well as international level and make their career bright in sports and different fields and to divert their mind from Drugs to sports and other professions. From 2016 till now he worked tirelessly and has conducted many events like cleanliness drives, blood donation camps, cannabis destroying drives, drug de addiction, women empowerment, free medical camps and even organising Cricket tournaments, Marital arts events and Cycle road race. During the Covid19 he distributed masks and free medicine for poor and needy people and even he has done door to door campaign to spread awareness Regarding Covid19 precautions. Muzamil Mehmood a young and prominent social activist aim to bring the change in a society, where situation demands to contribute more for the welfare of people at large. He taught in real terms how to be a sensible and responsible member in a society. He desire is that nothing is much worthy than being helping hand towards the society. Living in a civilized society tends you to learn a lot and it provides many opportunities to do something better for the people of the society. Being a social activist in the country has a great role because this country do adhere the grievances of people by virtue of the social activism Muzamil Mehmood has also created a team of youth to bring positive change in the society and is also providing better platforms for the talented and bright students to express their talent. Muzamil Mehmood is role model for youth and inspiring for society.

DoWP J&K, WD Kmr to conduct census of Migratory/resident Birds in the valley

wetlands on 21st February SRINAGAR, ARY 20: The Department of Wildlife Protection (DoWP), Jammu & Kashmir Govt. (Wetlands mir Govt. (Wetlands Division, Kashmir), is

conducting the census of Migratory/resident Birds in the valley wetlands on 21 st of February-2023. The participants from University, SKUAST-K, Central University, various colleges, Conservation

Fund, National Develop-Foundation, Bioment Management diversity Committees. Kashmir Bird Watchers Club, Wildlife SOS, Wildlife Researchers, Society for Environment Education and Development, Conservation Foundation, Volunteers and freelancers are taking part in the said census.

Meanwhile, in this milieu an orientation programme was conducted at Camping Ground, Hokersar Srinagar to inculcate the census techniques amongst participants and to valuable suggestions received from the participants. Different teams/

groups were established Manibugh. on spot for different locations so that comprehen-

sive estimation will be ensured. The aim of the bird count is to monitor the population fluctuation trends of migratory birds and to collect overall figures to incorporate the same with the general bird count

throughout India. The census is being conducted on 21st of February-2023 not only in eight protected wetlands managed by the department like Hokersar, Shalabugh, Hygam, Mirgund,

Freshkhoori but also in other 25 water bodies of the valley which harbor sizeable number of migratory birds during winter migration.

The Wildlife Warden, Wetlands Division Kashmir, Ifshan Deewan, stated that coordinated efforts by the Department of Wildlife Protection to conduct the Annual Water bird Census (AWC) this year shall go a long way in creating a sound database of various water bird species particularly the migratory waterfowl that visit the wetlands of the Valley during

Preparations for Winter Carnival at Athwatto Bandipora reviewed

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BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 20: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmed, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Waseem Raja on Monday chaired a meeting to review the preparations for the conduct of winter carnival at tourist resort Athwatto in Bandipora.

The meeting was attended by Nodal Officer Coordination Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, PRI Members, social activists and senior officers of security agencies.

It was given out that the administration is holding a se ries of winter carnivals in the district and as part of this series, a winter carnival is being organised in the picturesque village Athwatto on February 22 with an aim to promote the village and explore its tourism potential. Officials said several activities will be held to give a flip to the tourism sector in the area including trekking, hiking, snow rugby, traditional sheen jung, snow cricket, volleyball etc besides holding cultural programmes to enthrall the visitors.

ADC directed the officers to work in close coordination to ensure smooth conduct of the programmes. He urged the officers to give due publicity to the programme so that people from other districts also visit the place and explore the place.

MVD Blacklists 24 vehicles at Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, FEBRUARY 20: In continuation to its enforcement drive, a team of Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) headed by ARTO Kulgam today blacklisted 24 vehicles for violating Traffic rules including Overloading, Overcharging of fare, plying without SLD and oth-

The action against the erring was taken during checking carried out by the team as part of ongoing enforcement drive. Around 150 Vehicles plying on various routes in Kulgam including Lirrow, Behibagh, Bolus and Yaripora Routes were checked.

ARTO Kulgam said that MVD shall act sternly against rules violations concerning speed limiting devices, extra fittings, unauthorised modifications.

He added that the inspections by the Motor Vehicles department would continue and shall be intensified in near future across the district.

ARTO also said that the Motor Vehicles Department Kulgam had already suspended multiple route permits

Director Agriculture Kashmir kick-starts Vegetable seedling distribution at Kitchen Garden Lalmandi





SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 20: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today kick-started seedling distribution of different vegetable crops at kitchen garden Lalmandi Srinagar.

While interacting with the farmers, kitchen garden lovers, backyard vegetable growers, urban farmers and farmers from the adjacent areas of the Srinagar district, the Director Agriculture reiterated department's commitment to ensure the availability of quality vegetables seedlings round the year to the farmers in general and urban farmers in particular so that vegetable sector could be promoted not only in the rural areas but in Srinagar and other urban areas of the val-

Director Agriculture said that kitchen gardening/ backyard farming is trending and this not only provides an opportunity to produce fresh vegetables for household consumption to the concerned farmers but also gives an idea to train the youth in agriculture activities which in some of the developed countries of the world is an important part of School curriculum.

labal said that the department has already started the distribution of vegetable seedlings in different districts of Kashmir division and this process will continue in coming days in a phased manner.

Later, the Director Agriculture visited the integrated mushroom development centre (IMDC) and took stock of various activities and held an interactive session with the officers of the centre.

Police organises awareness programme on 'Prevention of Drug **Addiction' in Budgam**

February 20: Police in Budgam have organised an awareness programme on "Prevention of Drug Addiction" at District Police Lines Budgam. The programme was organised on the directions of SSP Budgam Shri Tahir Gilani-JKPS. The programme was attended by 40 students of Spring Buds Higher Secondary School Ompora and Bright Horizon School Sheikhpora.

The programme began with a lecture by incharge Drug De-addiction Centre DPL Budgam Ms Insha Hassan on drug addiction and preventive measures thereof. This was followed by a debate competition on drug addiction in which 12 students participated. The 1st position was collectively shared by Haiqa Gul of Bright Horizon School and Aiman Farooz of Spring Buds School. 2nd and 3rd position bagged by Riza Lateef and Tamanna Shah of Bright Horizon School respectively. 4th position was collectively shared by Hami Javid.

Ahat e Waqar (Senior Citizen Homes) inaugurated at Anantnag



DLSA Bandipora organises

Awareness programme to observe

'World Social Justice Day'

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initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Govt of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and set up by the Social Welfare Department were today inaugurated at Bijbehara and Anchidora of Anantnag.

At Bijbehara, the facility was inaugurated by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Anantnag, Bashir Ahmad Wani.

The ADDC said that the initiative is aimed at providing a comfortable and dignified life to the senior citizens. He said that poor, weak and destitute senior citizens can enroll

BANDIPORA,

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Secretary DLSA, Nusrat

Ali Hakak said the pro-

gramme was held under

the chairmanship of Prin-

sions Judge Amit Sharma

Para Legal Volunteer of

DLSA Bandipora Pervaiz

Ahmad Bhat delivered a

speech on the said topic.

He said that the main ob-

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Social Justice Day.

be provided at the Ahat e Waqar. Human Welfare Organisation, Bijbehara will handle the operations at the facility. The ADDC also inspected

the arrangements put in place at the Senior Citizen homes and interacted with the NGO and the staff engaged to care for the elderly. He exhorted them to ensure that the inhabitants at the facility are extended every possible comfort and necessary

healthcare. District Social Welfare Ismail Ahmad Officer. also inaugurated another Ahat e Waqar at Anchidora Anantnag.

Bhat further highlighted

the efforts needed to be

taken on an individual

level to tackle issues such

as poverty, exclusion,

gender equality, unem-

ployment, human rights.

and social protections and

to promote the develop-

ment and human dignity.

tiative, he said the welfare of the elderly can never be neglected and this initiative will be instrumental in providing a ray of hope and an opportunity at a dignified life to the elder-

He said that Hilal Institute has been assigned the job of running the facility and the officials from the Social Welfare department will maintain close vigil to ensure that right care is given to the people living at the facility.

He said that people above the age of 55 years for females and 60 years for males who are poor and destitute are eligible to be enrolled at the facility. The functions were at-

tended by many senior citizens who lauded the steps taken by the Government and expressed hope that these institutions will create dignified social support for the old.

The inaugural functions were attended by employees of the Social Welfare Department, representatives from concerned NGOs, members of the media fraternity and members of the civil society.

Dist Admin aims to substitute narcotic crops with alternative & cash crops at Pulwama

20: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary, a team of enforcement wings of various departments carried out a massive drive to destroy the poppy cultivation in the fields of various areas of the Pulwama Dis-

It is important to mention that the drive has been initiated at an appropriate stage at which juvenile crop cannot be used for any illicit activity.

While directing the officers to carry out the drive against illegal cultivation of poppy, the DC said that Administration has zero tolerance policy against drug abuse and no avenue for cultivating illicit crops is being left out



like that of peas and other high value vegetables. He added that District administration has already started capacity building of the farmers for shifting to alternative crops high income value

The DC emphasized on concerned departments

cultivation of illicit poppy and cannabis in the dis-

It is worth mentioning here that the District Administration is committed towards people's welfare and generating sustainable livelihood for people through various employpolicy is being implemented on ground to monitor drug abuse and take remedial measures to curb the menace. It is important to mention that the drive has been initiated at an appropriate stage at which juvenile crop cannot be used for any illicit activity. While directing the offi-

cers to carry out the drive against illegal cultivation of poppy, the DC said that Administration District has zero tolerance policy against drug abuse and no avenue for cultivating illicit crops is being left out in the district.

He said the administration aims to substitute the narcotic crop with a remunerative and cash crop like that of peas and other high value vegetables. He added that District administration has already started capacity building of the farmers for shifting to alternative crops high

eliminating poverty, illit- The programme was atin the district. for educating the people ment generation schemes. tended by, PLVs, staff eracy, physical, gender, He said the administraespecially farmers for us-A multi-pronged approach and religious discriminamembers of the said instition aims to substitute the ing their land for the cultiincluding community partion to build a just and sotutions, students and othnarcotic crop with a revation of alternative crops ticipation, rehabilitation, cially integrated society. counseling and guidance of high values to curb the

5 day long Short Term Course on Semiconductors concludes at NIT Srinagar and Prof A M Wani, Ex-Director NIT

Ex-Director and Ex-Chairperson BOG were Special Invitees

Srinagar, Feb 20: The 5-day Shortterm course titled "Journey of semiconductor Physics to smart devices to intelligent automation" concluded at Department of Physics at the National Institute of Technology (NIT)

The STC program consists of talks by eminent speakers in the field of semiconductors and has received around 350 registrations. HoD Physics Prof M A Shah was the chairperson of the five-day-long scientific event.

The valedictory was presided over

Srinagar were special invitees on the occasion.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof Sehgal welcomed both the dignitaries after their brief address to participants. He informed participants about the significance of semiconductors in the modern world and present urgency of innovation in this field.

Prof. Sehgal also appreciated the physics department faculty for taking these initiatives to educate the youth about the importance of semiconductors devices.

In his message, Institute's Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said over the past few years, significant research efforts have been devoted to improving the efficiencies of semiconductor materials across the globe. He said the course was aimed to by Director NIT Srinagar (Dr.) Prof. touch various aspects of the growing Rakesh Sehgal. While Dr. MJ Zarabi, technology including working prin-Ex-Chairperson BOG NIT Srinagar, ciples of semiconductors, the latest Microscale and Nanoscale Patterning Ex-Chairperson of BOG NIT Sri- Materials: Graphene and Beyond" mensions.



advances, and future devices. "NIT Srinagar will be conducting such events in the future also," Prof. Bukhari said.

On the 5th day of the Course, Prof. Shobhna Shukla from IIT Bombay delivered his lecture on "Methods of

for Semiconductors".

He presented his research in the field of Nanoscale Photonics and Devices. The session ended with appreciation to speaker Dr. Shobhna.

The valedictory session was solemnized in presence of Dr. M J Zarabi, nagar, and Prof A M Wani, Ex-Direc- was delivered by Prof Farhan Rana tor NIT Srinagar.

Both speakers appreciated the efforts of NIT Srinagar and hoped that it will continue to touch the skies in near future. The response to the session was very positive.

The winners of the Quiz cum worksheet test were also announced which was topped by Reba Ashraf, B Tech Ist Semester Student.

A vote of thanks was presented by Prof Gausia Qazi, Department of Electronics and Communication. The proceedings of the course were carried out by Miss Sabba Nawaz and Mr. Asif Majeed.

Earlier, during the inaugural ses-sion, Prof M A Shah, HoD Physics On the 2nd day, Prof. M. A. Shah, made it clear to the participants the objectives of organizing such events was "Semiconductors in Nano Diin emerging areas and thanked his mensions". Prof. Shah's lecture colleagues for their kind cooperation. emphasized the fundamentals of re-"Two-Dimensional Semiconductor search in semiconductors in low di-

from Cornel University, USA. The talk was informative and inspiring and was appreciated by the participants including the faculty. Prof. Gousia introduced Prof Far-

han Rana, an eminent faculty from Cornell University. He highlighted the importance of two-dimensional materials like Graphene which have multiple applications in our day-to-The talk ended with an emphasis on

the importance of 2D semiconducting material. Followed by the talk, a question and answer session was held and a number of queries were

HOD Physics, delivered his lecture

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No letup in Man-Wild animal Conflict Across J&K.

'ighlighting an all important topic of man-wild animal encounters across J&K is our moral duty. After the killing of a little Aada at Ompora after being attacked by a leopard last year. Just few months back another heart wrenching visuals of a little girl killed in a leopard attack created panic once more. Followed by another incident in which a little nomadic girl first reported missing from Pahalgam in similar incident like that of Aada, was killed.

Although ever next day we get a news that a leopard was caught alive from some palce or the other. However the people at the helm of affairs hardly bother to devise programmes and polices to nip this menace in its bud.

The encroachment of forest areas by the people is the major cause of these incidents that these wild animals enter residential areas in search of food and the frightened people attack these animals. We are all sailing in the same boat as a society. Be it the wildlife department or the common masses encroaching upon wildlife habitats, both are equally responsible for flare up in man-wild animal encounters.

Several incidents of wild animals attacking people in villages and some urban areas of Kashmir in which a number of people were injured have been reported during the first half of current year. Leopard attacks on children have been reported and just during last one month two minor children were attacked and killed in leopard attacks

In wake of heart wrenching incident of leopard killing little adda, a five year old little heart, the people of these areas are too scared to venture out of their houses. Wildlife department has issued advisory in wake of these incidents, warning residents of these areas not to venture out alone. Several leopard attacks over the past few weeks have injured a number of people. There is fear among residents of these areas and forest belts after leopard attacks occurred at different places.

The officials concerned on the conditions of annoyamity expressed their helplessness in controlling leopard attacks, citing lack of infrastructure to capture the animals. It is pertinent to mention here that an angry mob ruthlessly beat a leopard to death some months back in Shopian district of South Kashmir when it entered into a residential area.

Inside sources depict that the department is short of basic infrastructure like nets and tranquilizer guns, which can save the villagers and the wild animals as well. In fact, killing the animal is strictly prohibited according to the Act and punishable up to six years of imprisonment. The law provides that permission can be given to kill a leopard once it turns into a man-eater. Officials of the Wildlife department also plead helplessness. Owing to shortage of manpower, they could not cover the entire area where wild animals roam.

Sooner the better sense prevails to put the house in order. For which everyone has a role to play. Humans need to act humanly. Stop encroachment of forests and attacking wild animals. Wildlife department needs to formulate a strategy to avoid such brutal encounters. The only we will be able to save the man as well as the beast...



Poet: NAJI MUNAWAR

Nothing is long last and forever Hey myself! You too are such a queer You are too stone hearted Never ever you met me a once Neither your eyelashes disturb nor heart beats Your lips does miracles so I can see Night is night even the day seems night O Sun let you decorate the night Far away and hidden somewhere else Let's talk to each other forlornly!

TRANSLATOR: SHAHID SHAMSHAD

"Preserving the Heartbeat of Culture: The Importance of Language"



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anguages are much more than just a means of communication; they are a vital component of our cultural identity, our heritage, and our connection to the past. They carry within them the stories, traditions, and wisdom of our ancestors, and help to shape our sense of belonging to a community. Yet, in today's rapidly changing world, many local languages are under threat, as globalisation and modernisation make it increasingly difficult to maintain linguistic diversity. Jammu and Kashmir, like many other regions around the world, is facing the challenge of protecting local lan-

In the case of Jammu and Kashmir, the recent directive to teach Hindi in schools has reignited the debate surrounding the importance of local languages and their role in preserving cultural heritage, promoting diversity, and supporting academic success.

While Hindi is a widely spoken language and has the potential to foster national integration, it is important to recognize the significance of local languages, such as Urdu, in the region, Urdu, as a link language, holds a rich cultural significance and reflects the diverse heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. The promotion of local languages has been shown to have numerous benefits, including im proved academic performance and increased self-esteem among students. Furthermore, local languages serve as a means of communication and cultural preservation for marginalized communities, promoting social cohesion and bridging the gap between different linguistic groups. Language is a bridge between the past, present, and future. Let us use it to bring people together and promote a strong local identity. It is therefore crucial that we find a solution that strikes a balance between promoting Hindi and appreciating the significance of local language

The protection of local languages is not just a matter of cultural preservation, but also of promoting linguistic diversity and understanding. Each language carries with it a unique perspective on the world, and the loss of any language means the loss of a whole new way of seeing and understanding the world around us. Furthermore, studies have shown that being bilingual or multilingual

World Mother Language Day



A language is not just a tool for communication, it is a living embodiment of a people's history, traditions, and way of

has numerous cognitive benefits, including increased creativity, improved problem-solving skills, and better memory

"Through the preservation of our languages, we honor the struggles and sacrifices of our ancestors and keep

In order to protect local languages, we must recognise their importance and take active steps to promote them. This can involve measures such as creating language policy, developing language materials and resources, and supporting language education. However, the protection of local languages also requires a wider cultural shift, in which local languages are valued and celebrated as part

of our shared cultural heritage One important way of building cultural appreciation for local languages is through storytelling. By sharing stories and legends that have been passed down through generations in local languages, we can help to keep these languages alive and relevant for future generations. This can also help to foster intergenerational understanding, as younger generations are able to learn from the experiences and wisdom of their elders.

Another way of promoting local languages is by high-lighting their role in shaping our cultural identity. Languages are intimately connected to the ways in which we understand ourselves and our place in the world, and by recognising and celebrating the unique insights that local languages offer, we can help to build a stronger and more diverse cultural identity.

Bottom line : The protection of local languages is essential to preserving our cultural heritage and promoting linguistic diversity. It is not enough to simply recognise the importance of local languages; we must actively work to support and promote them, and to build a culture that values and celebrates linguistic diversity. By doing so, we can help to create a more inclusive and understanding world, where the stories and perspectives of all cultures are valued and appreciated.

"Language is a source of pride, identity, and belonging. Let us celebrate and cherish the languages that make us

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Beauty of Kishtwar and its backwardness



Mushtaq Ahmed Mushtaq

'ishtwar is a small town located in the Indian UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Known for its natural beauty and cultural heritage, it is a popular tourist destination that attracts visitors from all over the world. The town is nestled in the lap of the Himalayas and is surrounded by snow capped mountains, gushing rivers, and lush green forests. The beauty of Kishtwar is unmatched, and it is truly a paradise on earth. Kishtwar is situated at an altitude of 1640 meters above sea level, and it is known for its pristine beauty and natural charm. The town is surrounded by some of the highest peaks in the Himalayas, including the Nun Kun Mountain range, which is one of the most challenging peaks for mountaineers. The towering mountains provide a stunning backdrop to the town, and the views are truly breathtaking. The Chenab River is another important natura The river flows through the town, providing water for irrigation and generating hydroelectric power. The river also attracts visitors who come to enjoy its scenic beauty and indulge in water sports such as rafting and kayaking. The river is surrounded by dense forests, which are home to a variety of wildlife, including leopards, bears, and rare bird species. Kishtwar is also known for its rich cultural heritage, which is reflected in its architecture, food, and festivals. The town has a unique blend of Hindu, Muslim, and Buddhist cultures, which have coexisted for centuries. The town is home to several ancient temples, including the famous Shri Chamunda Devi Temple, which is dedicated to the goddess of power and is a major pilgrimage site for Hindus. The town is also home to several mosques and Buddhist monasteries, which reflect



the town's diverse religious heritage. The people of Kishtwar are warm and hospitable, and they welcome visitors with open arms. The town is known for its rich culinary traditions, which include dishes such as rogan josh, yakhni, and dum aloo. The local cuisine is a blend of Kashmiri, Dogri, and Punjabi cuisines. which have been adapted to local tastes and ingredients. Visitors to Kishtwar can enjoy the local delicacies at the town's many restaurants and street food stalls. Kishtwar is also home to several festivals, which reflect the town's cultural diversity. The most important festival in Kishtwar is the Urs of Hazrat Shah Asrar-ud-Din Baghdadi, which is celebrated by both Hindus and Muslims. The festival is a week-long event that includes prayers, feasting, and cultural programs. The town also celebrates the festival of Navratri with great enthusiasm, and the Shri Chamunda Devi Temple is the center of the festivities. One of the most popular tourist attractions in Kishtwar is the Marwah Valley, which is located about 50 kilometers from the town. The valley is known for its natural beauty and is a popular destination for trekking and camping. The valley is surrounded by snow-capped mountains, dense forests, and gushing streams, which provide a stunning backdrop to the valley. The Marwah Valley is also home to several ancient temples, including the famous Machail Mata Temple,

and is a major pilgrimage site for Hindus. Another popular tourist destination in Kishtwar is the Warwan Valley, which is located about 80 kilometers from the town. The valley is known for its stunning beauty and is a popular destination for trekking and camping. The valley is surrounded by snow-capped mountains, dense forests, and gushing streams, which provide a stunning backdrop to the valley. The Warwan Valley is also home to several ancient temples, including the famous It is unfortunate to hear that Kishtwar district has been neglected by the government for the past 70 years. Despite its natural beauty and cultural heritage, it seems that the government has not paid enough attention to the development of the district, which has led to various issues and challenges faced by the local people. One of the primary concerns for the people of Kishtwar district is the lack of basic infrastructure. The district is poorly connected to the rest of the country, with limited road and air connectivity. The roads in the district are in a poor condition, and the lack of proper transport facilities makes it difficult for the local people to access essential services such as healthcare and education. Another significant issue faced by the people of Kishtwar district is unemployment. The district has limited job opportunities, and most of the local people depend on agricul-

ture and tourism for their livelihood. How ever, due to the lack of government support and investment, these sectors have not been able to generate enough employment opportunities to meet the needs of the local people. The neglect of the government has also resulted in a lack of basic amenities such as clean drinking water, sanitation facilities, and electricity. The people of Kishtwar district have to rely on traditional sources of water, which are often contaminated and lead to water-borne diseases. The lack of proper sanitation facilities and electricity has also affected the quality of life of the people in the district. The neglect of Kishtwar district by the government has also affected the education and healthcare sectors. The district has limited educational and healthcare facilities, and the quality of these services is also subpar. The lack of proper facilities and resources has resulted in a high dropout rate among students, and many people have to travel long distances to access healthcare services. It is important for the government to take immediate action to address these issues and provide adequate support and resources to the people of Kishtwar district. The development of basic infrastructure, employment opportunities, and access to essential services such as healthcare and education must be a priority for the government. The government can also explore the potential of tourism to boost the economy of Kishtwar district. The district has im mense potential for tourism, with its natural beauty and cultural heritage, and the government can invest in developing tourism infrastructure and promoting the district as a tourist destination. In conclusion, it is unfortunate that Kishtwar district has been neglected by the government for the past 70 years. The lack of basic infrastructure, employment opportunities, and access to essential services has resulted in various issues faced by the local people. It is crucial for the government to take immediate action to address these issues and provide adequate support and resources to the people of Kishtwar district.

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NEP 2020: A ROAD MAP TO **EQUITABLE INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**



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he New Education Policy, 2020 (NEP) was launched with a vision of transforming the education system in India. The initiative has been hailed as a positive step in the direction of bringing necessary changes in the education system. Before the introduction of the National Education Policy, the Indian education system was governed by the 1986 NEP and Right to Education (RTI) act of 2009. This meant that there was a huge gap between what was needed and what was being delivered. For this very reason itself, the National Education Policy becomes extremely crucial. As per the official document of Government of India. the NEP 2020 addresses many concerns related to primary, sec ondary, higher, and technical education in the country. From removing the hard separation between Arts and Science, Vocational and Educational streams, it also focuses on reforming assessments. While there are a range of important points, what we are discussing today is the effort to make education more inclusive. The New Education Policy document states that there is a special emphasis on socially and economically disadvantaged groups to make education equitable and inclusive. For the benefit of disadvantaged groups, Special Education Zones will be established. Additionally, the NEP educa-

tion system will also have a separate Gender Inclusion fund. Inclusive Education in India. The need for a change in education in India. The need for a change in the India. The need f tion system in India has been felt for a long time. However, this feeling became stronger during the Covid-19 pandemic when we saw how students from disadvantaged groups suffered as we moved to an online model of learning. Integration of special needs children with other groups was emphasised in both the Programme of Action (1992) and the National Policy on Edu cation (1986)."To integrate the physically and mentally challenged with the general population as equal partners, to pre pare them for normal growth, and to enable them to confront life with courage and confidence," was the stated goal. The same has also been discussed in National Curriculum Framework of 2005, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), and other initiatives. However, new ways of imagining this integration were needed. This is where New Education Policy comes in. Having said that, what we can see that various policy documents have outlined the need for inclusive education. But the questions remain if we have achieved anything significant in this direction? As mentioned above, Covid-19 exposed many limitations in our education system. There were reports of disabled students not being able to access education as the online learning mode wasn't equipped for their needs. Students from econom ically disadvantaged groups also suffered the most during this period, while, female students also were left behind their male counterparts. Therefore, we can safely say that there is an immediate need for change in education system in India and make it more inclusive. The NEP education system may or may not be able to address this. Its success depends on various other factors.New Education Policy: Advantages & Disadvantages While New Education Policy advantages are many, how it recognizes and defines the need of inclusion in education is commendable. Females make up at least half of each of the four Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) des ignated within NEP 2020, which appears to have taken into account the fact that female students face additional disadvantages. The other advantages of NEP are that it looks at education from a 21st century lens. It aims to integrate technology

and entrepreneurship in education and make the best of all local or regional language as the medium of instruction un-der NEP 2020 assures that language is no longer a barrier for kids. Additionally, special educators must be hired by schools to meet the academic demands of students with special needs. So, there are a range of advantages of the New Education Policy. But are there any disadvantages? It would be wrong to use the phrase 'New Education Policy disadvantages' because the policy aims to achieve positive change. However, we can certainly say that what's needed is to go beyond the framework and work on actual implementation on the ground. As we have seen, the issue of inequity has been addressed in various oth er policies in the past but what can make New Education Policy different is how its guidelines are implemented. There has also been criticism of the policy on various fronts. One such criticism being the policy does not focus on Dalit and Adivasi communities specifically. The critique is also on related to language and the need for reforming the curriculum to make it more inclusive. Children in private schools will start learning English much earlier than pupils in government institutions, according to the national education policy 2020. Government school students will be instructed in the academic curriculum in their original regional tongues. This might further polarise the student body. New Education Policy: The Way Ahead There is definitely a long way to go after this. What we need is a focused approach to achieve what is aspired through NEP 2020. Among other things, the policy aims to raise public investment in education from 4.4% of India's GDP to 6%. If this can be achieved, it will be a much-needed first step in the right direction. So, as we laud the efforts of the government, we must also

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ACS reviews material availability in Horticulture sector ahead of planting season

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review availability of planting material for the current year here at Civil

Atal Dulloo had a detailed discussion with Directors of Horticulture from both divisions to discuss availability of planting material across climatic regions of the Union Territory. He assessed status of budding, grafting and rootstock required for various fruits like apple, cherry, apricot, almond, peach and more for the

ACS took stock of availability of planting material in public and private sector nurseries besides discussing payment issues of private nursery owners. He conducted review for the temperate, tropical and subtropical

ACS reviewed the pending applications of farmers and the respective subsidies. He also resolved payment issues of private nursery owners and instructed the department to dispose of pending applications of farm-

ACS directed the concerned to ensure expeditious import of all necessary planting material from outside the UT. He said that the planting season is ahead, therefore, necessary efforts must be made for availability of required material in time. He sought weekly reports from the officers regarding their progress and perfor-

The meeting was attended by Secretary in Agriculture, Shabnam Kamili, Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Sevak and Director HorticultureKashmir besides other officers of the department.

DDC Chairman Doda kick starts construction work of Water Supply Scheme at Aul Ugad

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20: The G-20 Club of PSPS Govt. College for Women Gandhinagar, Jammu, in collaboration with the Department of Education, under the charismatic leadership of Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the college, organized a seminar on "Equal opportunities for men and women" in a series of activities going under the banner of G20 awareness.

The event started with a formal inaugural address by Dr. Rupinder Kour, Head of the Department of Education. In her address, she pointed out the need and importance of gender equality in different spheres of life. The Principal, in her speech, acquainted the college girls about their rights and duties about their gender and of others. "A nation can progress and attain higher growth only when both men and women are entitled to equal opportunities." She said, Prof. Neetu Raina, in her keynote address, explained the concept of Gender equality in depth. The proceedings of the event were carried out by Prof. Anupama Sharma.

Mehakdeep Kour, Charu Attri , Kamini Sharma, Sheeraza, Aliya Qayum, Mehak and Nidhi Thakur (President of The College) delivered their extensive talk on legal, social, psychological and educational background favouring Gender Equality.

More than 100 students and other faculty members were present on the occasion. For the smooth functioning of the event, Convener Prof. S.S. Parihar and members of G-20 put their handsome efforts. The event ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Ajaz Ah-

Free Skiing Course for Migrant Children 1st Batch of Kashmiri Migrant Girls flagged off for Gulmarg

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20: Relief Organisation today flagged off Ist Batch of Kashmiri Migrant Girls for free Skiing Course at Gulmarg.

This is the outcome of "SSS-Campaign" LG's Special Governance Camps, which were launched by Lieutenant Governor on 4th February, 2023 and the campaign continued till 15th Feb 2023.

The focus of the SSS campaign was Skill Development Self Employment, Social Assistance, Social Needs,

In furtherance to the needs assessment done by the Relief Organisation, today a batch of 04 Kashmiri Migrant Girls was deputed to Gulmarg for free Skiing Course in collaboration with the Department of Youth, Services

This is the first time that such a special initiative has been taken by the Relief Organisation.

From every district 05 Girls each were selected for the course and Relief Organisation facilitated 04 Kashmiri Migrant Girls in the Skiing Course at Gulmarg which is being organized by Youth services and Sports Department J&K w. e . f 21.02.2023 to 06.03.2023 (for 15 day).

Further, another batch of Kashmiri Migrant Boys will also be facilitated for free Skiing Course at Gulmarg.

Induction cum orientation program for B.Ed. Fresh Batch students organised



JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20: An induction cum orientation program for B.Ed Fresh Batch of students was organized by Dean Student Welfare, Prof Anju Bala.

In this program, the new students were apprised of complete information about two year B.Ed. program, curriculum and all the aspects of training like Internships, Teaching Practice and Field Visits

Faculty members of the college informed the students about various departments, committees and cells meant for the welfare and overall development of the students.Principal, Prof Aekta Gupta conducted an interactive session of students in which the students were given suggestions for developing communication skills. During the interaction she encouraged the students to develop global competence through actively participating in academic and co-curricular activities. The induction cum Orientation program was followed by a Symposium on the theme "Cultural Practices for Sustainable Environment"

The programme was organized by IQAC, WDC, Nature $\,$ Club, Literary Club and G-20 Club of GCOE Jammu in collaboration with the Department of Information and

Public Relations As many as 10 students participated in the symposium competition. The competition was adjudged by Dr. Maansi Sharma, Prof. Sunita Devi and Dr. Shalini Sharma. The program was coordinated by Prof. Rubina Yasmeen and Prof. Shalini Rana.

Director JKEDI attends incubator capacity development workshop at IIT Madras

rector, JKEDI, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, attended a two day incubator capacity development program jointly organized by Startup India, IIT Madras Research Park and IIT Madras incubation cell in Chennai.

The theme of the workshop was "what makes an incubator successful".

In order to make J&K a startup-friendly destination, the department is revising operational guidelines of J&K Startup Policy to make it more inclusive and incorporate best practices from across the country.

The workshop started an inaugural session by Professor Ashok Jhunjhunwala, President, IITM Research Park and IITM Incubation Cell. He shared his rich experience with the participants and gave an in-depth insight into how a university should run an incubator and the importance of creating discipline among startups.

Shruti Singh, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) was also present on the



Aastha Grover, Head of Startup India gave a presentation on their role and how they are helping startups around the country. The workshop also in-

cluded sessions with successful entrepreneurs like Ravi Saroagi, co-founder of Uniphore, Ranjith Mukundan from Stellapps Technologies and Arun

Prakash, Guvi Apps, shared their knowledge and first-hand experience.

The workshop also included panel discussion on creating a

successful startup. The panel included Professor Prabhu Rajgopal and R Narayan Swami among others.

The participants also visited various research facilities of IIT Madras and interacted with faculty members and research-

For the last several years, IIT Madras has been focusing on India's societal problems, which they can solve. Some recent examples are the robot that cleans septic tanks, 3D printed houses and foldable housing through which 3,000 oxygen beds were made ready in just about a month during the Covid-19 pan-

Vishal Ray, Incubation Manager, Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Business Modelling, JKEDI also attended the workshop along with the Director,

He also discussed possible collaborations and how to make the incubator at the Institute vibrant and result-oriented. Sharing knowledge and best practices will help JKEDI reach new heights and benefit the youth of

DC Rajouri chairs Road Safety **Committee meeting**



RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 20: Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, presided over a meeting of the Road Safety Committee here the other day. The meeting was held to discuss and address various issues related to road safety in the district.During the meeting, the Committee members held a thorough discussion on several agenda points related to road safety including strict implementation of provisions of motor vehicles act 2019, establishment of trauma care centre, removal of encroachments/hoardings, safety audit of all existing roads, fixing of road signages and erection of crash barriers, black spot identification and remedial measures etc. The members discussed the implementation of the measures aimed

at promoting road safety in the district. They also reviewed the progress made on earlier initiatives and explored ways to further enhance road safety measures in Rajouri. The members called for generating awareness among the general public regarding road safety rules and regulations. They suggested using different mediums such as social media, radio and television to educate the public on the importance of road safety and the consequences of violating traffic rules. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for strict enforcement of traffic rules and regulations to reduce the number of accidents in the district. He urged all stakeholders, including the Police Department, Transport Department and other concerned authorities.

IIM Jammu records 100% placements

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20: Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu released its final placement Reports for 2021-23 for the sixth batch of the post-graduate programme in management (MBA 2020-22).

The placement scenario at IIM Jammu has been on the rise with over 135 companies visiting for final placements. The Institute continued to create a strong presence in the industry as one of the fastest-growing IIMs.A total of 239 students of the Sixth Batch of MBA (2021-23) appeared for the final placements.IIM Jammu saw new opportunities coming its way as the students' secured roles in domains like Product Management, Marketing, Consulting, Finance and General Management.
The highest domestic CTC stood at INR

64 LPA, with the top 10 percentile at 32.4 LPA, the top quartile CTC at INR 24.5 LPA, while the average and median CTC stood at INR 16.43 LPA and 15.25 LPA respectively. IIM Jammu became one of the preferred campuses for recruiters. Some of our prominent recruiters were: Microsoft, Mckinsey and Company, EXL, Brillio, Cognizant, Zycus, Amazon, Target, Reliance Retail, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail, State Street, ICICI Bank, SBI Capital Markets, Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Mahindra and Mahindra, Mercedes Benz, Maruti Suzuki, Amara Raja Group, EY, KPMG, Deloitte, CRIS-IL, Kantar, Affinity Global, JLL, Shobha Reality, Vedanta, Tata Power, AM/NS, Adani Group, Carlsberg, DS Group, Bombay Shaving Company, BenQ, Wildcraft amongst others. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu said, "100 % placements over the last year indicate an optimistic placement scenario. From the very beginning, IIM Jammu has set high standards for outstanding value-based quality education, high-quality research, executive education, consultancy, and strong corporate as well as international linkages. Despite the considerable increase in the batch size from the previous year, we are proud to announce this year's placement season to be a resounding success.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Chairperson, Placements said, "A jump was witnessed in the average, median & highest package offered this year. The success of the placements season is driven by the trust of the recruiters in IIM Jammu" The campus has been one of the most

preferred hiring destinations for top recruiters in the country owing to the excellent pool of talent available with high business acumen. The placement activity was coordinated by Prof. Jabir Ali and Dr. Baljeet Singh, Chairperson, and Co-Chairperson respectively, at IIM Jammu.With the continuous direction and guidance of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, training, and placement at the Institute is sure to scale new heights year after year. The campus has been one of the most preferred hiring destinations for top recruiters in the country owing to the excellent pool of talent available with high business acumen. The placement activity was coordinated by Prof. Jabir Ali and Dr. Balieet Singh, Chairperson, and Co-Chairperson respectively, at IIM Jammu.

DC Ramban visits sinking area at Duksar Dalwa to assess damage to residential Houses

20: Deputy Commission Ramban, Mussarat Islam today visited the village Duksar Dalwa to assess the damage caused residential houses. He also interacted with affected families .The DC was accompanied by Sub-divisional Magistrate Gool, Tanveer-ul-Majid; Executive Engineer PWD (R&B), Abhishek Gupta; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Sudhir Sharma and other concerned officers and representatives. Interacting with the families whose houses were damaged due to sinking of land, the DC assured them every possible help



from the district administration.He directed the SDM Gool to process relief cases of damaged houses on war footing under SDRF to provide assistance to victims in the shortest possible time.

The DC informed that 16 affected families have been shifted to safer places besides providing tents, blankets and utensils to them.As conveyed

SDM Gool, experts from the Geological Survev of India are scheduled to arrive tomorrow at Duksar to ascertain the reasons behind the sinking of land. The DC also inspected the Dharam- Salballa road to use it as a temporary alternate route for regulating essential services and supplies to Sub-division headquarter Gool.

The Deputy Commissioner directed Executive Engineer PWD to make Dharam- Salballa road traffic worthy to regulate traffic between Ramban and Gool through this road.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti to submit the action plan for restoration of water supply in the areas. He also passed the directions to concern officers for the restoration of power supply in affected areas. Similar directions were given to EE STD to ensure that the 33 KV network is re-laid quickly so that power supply to Gool is restored.

DC Kathua reviews progress of **NABARD funded RIDF projects**

KATHUA, FEBRUARY 20: Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rahul Pandey chaired a meeting of concerned Officers to review the status of projects funded under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) of NA-BARD in the district. The meeting was informed that a total of 79 projects,

under different sectors, have been taken up under District and UT Plan for infrastructure development in uncovered areas. The projects funded under RIDF of NABARD in the district include Roads, Bridges besides assets of Health, Flood Control, PHE, Irrigation, Sheep Husbandry, Animal Husbandry, Ayush etc.

The DC, while reviewing the physical and financial progress of the taken up works, laid thrust on the executing agencies to complete those projects approaching the cut off timelines.

Besides threadbare discussions were also held on various issues related to fund flow, timely submission of Project Completion Certificates and Utilization Certificates besides issues responsible for slow progress of the works were also held in detail.

The DC impressed upon the executive agencies to liaison with the Information Department to highlight the achievement and success stories.DDM NABARD, CPO, CSHO, XEN I & FC, XEN PWD Kathua, XEN PWD Basohli, CMO, ADMO were also present

DC Kishtwar reviews performance of Revenue Departmenta

20: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yaday today chaired a meeting of revenue officers here to review the performance of the revenue department.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Varunjeet Singh Charak; SDM Paddar, Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma all Tehsildars and other concerned officials.

During the meeting, detailed review regarding different deliverables was taken and necessary directions were issued to the concerned Officers. While reviewing the

progress in the appointment of lambardar and chowkidars in different panchayats,the Deputy commissioner exhorted the Tehsildars to expedite the process and complete the filling of all the positions of the said revenue functionaries by February 25, 2023 across the district Kishtwar without any

During the meeting, the Commissioner also took the status of implementation of the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme

and Jamabandi writing in the district.

He stressed upon the revenue officials to adopt target driven approach to ensure the time bound completion of the process. Meanwhile, he also directed the Tehsildars to ensure the effective implementation of revenue department e-services under Public Service Guarantee Act and take stringent action against the defaulters for dereliction of their duties irrespective of rank and file, besides to impose

penalties. The status of the infrastructural gaps in various revenue offices were also taken in the meeting, wherein ACR, concerned SDMs and Tehsildars were directed to fast track the construction, up-gradation and repair of various departmental buildings besides ensure adequate infrastructure for smooth

functioning of their offic-

sues were also discussed in the meeting and DC Kishtwar assured for the immediate resolution of these issues in consultation with higher ups.

He also stressed upon all the Tehsildars to coordinate with the respective BDOs and complete the verification of the PMAY houses under their respective jurisdictions.

Speaking on the occasion Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar said that effective public service and grievance redressal mechanism shall be placed at the grassroots level on priority so that the public does not suffer anymore.

Several other related issues were also discussed in the meeting and DC Kishtwar assured for the immediate resolution of these issues in consultation with higher ups.

Commissioner Secretary RDD chairs Parabhari Officer follow up meet of B2V4

missioner Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj (Mentor Secretary), Mandeep Kaur, today chaired a Parabhari Officer follow up virtual meet of 'Back to Village phase IV' for Panchayat Seri Khawaja, Lassana block.

During the meeting, Mandeep Kaur took a detailed review of development indicators including status of deliverables in the panchayat and had a holistic follow up meet with the line departments. She also undertook review of works approved after B2V4 in response to demands raised by the general public during the ambitious programme. Mandeep Kaur asked for conducting this meeting on first Monday of every month as mandatory in presence of all concerned officers.

Commissioner Secretary directed the Agriculture and Forest departments to submit a comprehensive report regarding availability of natural resources in Panchayat Seri Khwaja in particular and district in general. She also directed the concerned for ensuring uploading of all activities of the panchayat on JK Panchayat Portal by the Panchayat Account Assistant on regular ba-

Commissioner Secretary also asked for displaying list of beneficiaries of MGNREGA and PMAY on walls of the panchayat building. She directed the Assistant Commissioner Development, Poonch to monitor registration of births and deaths in the district and share monthly progress report in this regard. She cautioned the officers against offline issuance of certifi-

Mandeep Kaur stressed upon the concerned officers to submit land availability documents for construction of BDC building at block Lassana. She gave approval for construction of CSC (Pink Ladies Toilet) at Seri Kahwaja near Panchayat ghar.

She asked the officers for activating all the committees including Pani Samiti, Health and Sanitation, Biodiversity management committees and forest rights committees.

Commissioner Secretary also inspected 7 registers which are mandatory to be maintained for all panchayats and directed the officers to update GPDP, which was formulated during Back to village programme, within a week and upload on all the portals like jkpanchayat. in and E Gram Swaraj

IMPARD, NCW to conduct 4th event under "She is a Change Maker" project from February 24th

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20: The Jammu Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD) in collaboration with National Commission for Women, New Delhi, would be conducting fourth programme under "She is a Change Maker" project from 22nd to 24th of February, 2023 at J&K IM-PARD, Regional Campus, Sidhra, Jammu, for the elect ed/nominated women members of Jammu Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Bodies and office bearers from all districts of Jammu.

Pertinently, IMPARD and NCW is organizing a series of Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs) for women members of Panchayats, Zilla Parishads, Urban Local Bodies and Municipal Corporations besides office bearers of J&K under "She is a Change Maker" project.

In this regard, three programmes have already been conducted for the women representatives of District Development Councils, Urban Local Bodies, Block Development Councils and Panchayats.

Also, the series is being fully sponsored by the National Commission for Women, to foster Gender Responsive Governance in the system, by building capacities in the personal and official domains of these women

Beautification of Dachigam National Park on cards

Srinagar, Feb 20, : The beautification of Dachigam National Park in Srinagar outskirts is on the card as district administration Srinagar has passed a slew of measures in this regard.

Official sources told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that the district administration has asked the concerned agencies to speed up the works on the main entrance of the Dachigam National Park so that it is given a majestic view to attract more visitors.

District Administration Srinagar has also directed the face-lifting of the Fisheries department's infrastructure including Fish ponds located inside the park.

Official sources added that all the unused water pipes from the premises of Dachigam Park will be shifted without any delay. The facelifting of the park is being done ahead of G20 meetings and events likely to be held

ECC BOSE pins hope on newly appointed chairman to bring positive changes to organization

Srinagar, Feb 20, KNT: Employees Coordination Committee JK Board of School Education has appreciated the role of newly appointed chairman Dr Parikshat Singh Manhas in making changes and taking effective measures to make the BOSE more vibrant. Employees Coordination Committee in a statement to the news agency Kashmir News Trust said that it is grateful to LG Manoj Sinha and Principal Secretary School Education Alok Kumar for entrusting the job of Chairman BOSE to Parikshat Singh Manhas. "We are hopeful that the vast experience and the decisive approach of Mr Manhas will put an end to the prevailing challenging situation and through his dynamic leadership and visionary guidance a new era of prosperity and progress will usher in this organization," the statement reads. It further reads that Employees Coordination Committee is hopeful that Mr Manhas will rejuvenate and strengthen the overall Organizational system and structure to make it more vibrant, and pluralistic

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Availability of low-quality meat in Kashmir markets puts consumers at risk

Srinagar, Feb 20.: The quality of mutton in Kashmir Valley is not up to the mark and it also is not 'Food Safety and Standards Authority of India' (FSSAI) compliant, thus putting consumers at risk.

The majority of the consumers across Kashmir Valley have been consuming 'C' grade meat as is being sold to them by the butchers.

Those who are in the mutton trade told news agency Kashmir News Trust that low productivity and low profits in this business are due to the traditional methods of farming adopted by nomads who take care of the livestock population in Jammu and Kashmir.

"When there is low productivity, some mutton dealers procure 'C' grade meat from the outside Kashmir to make quick bucks. The problem is unawareness among consumers who are unable to differentiate between 'A'. 'B', and 'C' grade quality meat," one of the mutton deal-

As per official data, there is a shortfall of 41 percent supply leading to an import bill of Rs1400 crore every year. Mutton has been an essential part of Kashmiri cuisine for generations and has a significant demand

Jammu and Kashmir have less than five breeds of sheep with the majority being dual-purpose breeds such as Kashmir Merino, Rambouillet, and Corriedale. However, there is increasing demand for fast-growing mutton breeds like Dorper, Romnov, South Down and

In order to make Jammu and Kashmir self-reliant in the meat sector, the government recently approved Rs 329 crore project. The sole objective of this project is to make top-quality meat available to consumers and make Jammu and Kashmir self-sufficient in the meat

DPAP won't mislead people, will focus on peace & dev of **J&K**; Amin Bhatt

Budgam, Feb 20: Maintaining that Democratic Progressive Azad Party will continue to fight for the issues of people like it recently fought against land eviction by the government, the party provincial president Mohammad Amin Bhat said that they will never give false hope to the people. Speaking to hundreds of workers during party meeting in Budgam, Bhat said that unlike other parties and their leadership, DPAP chief Ghulam Nabi Azad will never lead its people with falsehood, deceit and lies. He said the DPAP is formed to work practically on ground and stand by the people who are for their redressal. We can't lead our people in a direction which is full of lies and deceit like other parties do," he said. He said PDP party chief Mehbooba Mufti often relies on falsehood and misled the people. "The people of Jammu and Kashmir has seen how DPAP fought bravely on roads against forcible land eviction. Our power and public support has rattled all the other parties who have nothing to offer except falsehood and lies," he said.

41 JKP Inspectors placed as DySsP

Jammu February 20: The Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh has congratulated 41 officers for their placement as Deputy Superintendents of Police. He has expressed his gratitude to the Lt. Governor, J&K, Manoj Sinha and UT administration,

The DGP congratulated the officers and their families. In his message, he has said that the promotion always boosts morale to perform better. He has hoped that the officers placed as DySsP will continue to serve for the betterment of the people. He wished them good luck in their future endeavours and impressed upon them to work with more zeal & zest.

The DGP expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor J&K Manoj Sinha, Advisor (B) R R Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary J&K Dr A. K. Mehta, Financial Commissioner (ACS) J&K R K Goyal and other officers of the UT Government for sanctioning the order of pro-

Pertinent to mention here that Home Department vide an order issued today has sanctioned the placement of 41 Inspectors as Deputy Superintendent of Police, on stop gap basis in their own pay and grade.(KNS)



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Curtain raised on the G20 Presidency Campaign at IUST Workshop on Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy held

20. At IUST the G20 Presidency Campaign was today kickstarted with the inauguration of the Workshop on, "Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy", organized by the Department of Elec-trical Engineering under the aegis of the Dean of Students. Pertinently, a series of workshops, competitions, exhibitions, training programs, etc. are planned aimed to realize youth engagement to address global concerns highlighted under the UN's Sustainable Development Goals during India's G20 Presidency. In his address, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo Vice Chancellor, IUST talked about the importance of harnessing renewable energy to mitigate climate change and stressed that it impacts all aspects of human activity. He emphasized that it is a matter of the moment to prioritize developing and adopting

Awantipora, February

sustainable technologies and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. He urged the youth to explore job opportunities in the renewable energy sector and said that at IUST's Kalam Academy of Skill and Training, special courses would be instituted to impart training in the electric vehicles area, solar power generation among others as in the next decade around 10 million jobs are expected to be created in these sectors which would help our skilled youth to earn Security. They empha-

Experts, Prof Prof. Aijaz Ahmad (Electrical Engineering NIT Srinagar),

a decent living.

Dr. Danish Rafig (National post-doctoral fellow, Electrical engineering IUST), and Dr. A.S. Anees (Assistant Professor. Engineering Electrical IUST) through lectures/ technical presentations on "Integrating variable Renewable energy challenges & solutions" and "Implementation of Reenergy-based newable technologies for energy conservation" discussed energy conservation and gave an overview of Challenges in Indian Energy

sized the urgent need for

cost-effective renewable

energy sources, and said

that increasing energy

efficiency or reducing the use of non-renewable energy sources are two ways to accomplish energy conservation.

Dr. Shahkar Ahmad Nahvi, coordinator of the event welcomed the guests and said that the objective of the workshop is to sensitize the youth regarding the importance of energy conservation. Dr. Asifa Baba, (Dean of emphasized Students) that energy conservation is an important step towards energy preservation and encouraged the participants to practice energy saving. Dr. Rumaan Bashir (Dean of School of Engineering and Technology) talked about climatic change and development.

A quiz competition was also organized and the winners were felicitated with prizes. The Vice-chancellor complimented the organizers for the successful conduct of the workshop.

ADC visits Gundana to inquire into alleged medical negligence case

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Dr. Ravi Kumar Bharti today visited Gundana along with Chief Medical Officer, Dr Hamid Zargar, local Tehsildar and police officials to inquire about the death of Shahista Begum wife of Mohammad Abass of Doru, Anantnag A/P Hajipura Gundana, whose death was attributed to medical negligence by the social

The Inquiry Committee headed by

ADC met with several stakeholders, villagers, and witnesses and recorded their statements. The final report in this regard shall come out soon.

The Committee also inspected the drug stores/ medical shops of the area and licences of two medical shops were suspended for failing to produce proper records of their sale-purchase and other mandated record. The owners of the shops were asked to produce the required record before the authority to reinstate their liscences.

It is pertinent to mention here that the news related to death of the women allegedly due to medical negligence appeared in the Social media, even as some other social media handles termed it as a case of natural death. The appearance of such contradictory repots made the DM Doda to order inquiry.

Power shutdown

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Patoli, Pamposh Colony Thater, Paloura, BSNL Exchange, Drugs Lab., Salerh, Old Sarore, Pandoriyan, Biaspur, Kalyana Kotli, Sai Kalan, Khana Chak, Chakroi, Satriyan, Pindi, Hansa. Flora, BOP, Seed Farm and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 21 from 9 am to 2

Similarly, the power supply to Bakshi Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Shiv Nagar, CID, Govt. Women Polytechnic, Canal, Patel Nagar, Gurha Bakshi Nagar, Kasim Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 21 from 9 am to 6

JUICCASH organises **Awareness Lecture** on Prevention of **Sexual Harassment**

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 20: Jammu University Complaints Internal Committee Against Sexual Harassment (JUIC-CASH), in collaboration with Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu on Monday organised a one day Awareness Lecture on Prevention of Sexual Harassment in Educational Institutions.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa and Presiding Officer. JUICCASH, Prof Namrata Sharma were the main speakers. Īn her keynote address.

the Deputy Commissioner underlined the need to aware the students about the importance of prevention and reporting of the sexual harassment in workplaces as more and more females are joining iohs and universities for higher education. She also cleared certain

doubts regarding different types of crimes committed against women in general and at workplaces in particular and said that women should not ignore such acts and bring the culprits to the book.

The Deputy Commissioner said that first of all women need to know about their legal rights against sexual harassment and do not hesitate in filing complaint, if anyone faces the same. She also said that now women are very much aware about their rights but a lot more is needed to be done.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING SRINAGAR NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: 102 of 2022-23 DATED: -17-02-2023 4Th Call

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approve and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways/and other State/Central Governments for the following works: -

No	Name of Work	Cost Rs in Lacs	tender Documents	Money/Bid Security (Amt in Rs.)	completion	contractor	Account	challan Account Head
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Construction of community latrine near L/O Nazir Ahmad Phamda S/O Ab. Rehman at Mong Khan Mohalla at Faqir Gujree A	2.475	200	Bid Declaration Certificate	20 Days	DEE	PRI	0515

A	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	17-02-2023
В	Period of downloading of bidding documents	17-02-2023 6.00PM
С	Bid submission Start Date	7-02-2023 6.00PM
D	Bid Submission End Date	23-02-2023 4.00PM
E	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	24-02-2023 at 1 1 : 0 0 A.Minthe Office of Executive Engineer Rural Engineering wing Srinagar

Special Condition: 1). As per Govt. Order No: 251-FD OF 2020 Dated: 17-09-2020. Allotments of works can be Limited to members of Gram Sabha of each panchayat for BZV3 part.

2. The participation in the tendering process of works up to an amount of Rs. 3 lacs may be restricted to the residents of concerned Panchayat.

1. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division Srinagar (tender).

authority).

2. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.

3. The earnest money shall be forfeited, If:

a) Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan Receipt (T Account Head-0515-ExecutiveEngineer REW SRINAGAR).) in favour of Executive Engineer REW Division SRINAGAR (Tender inviting authority) and Earnest Money / Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR if applicable 3% of Advt. Cost by 1st lowest bidder pledged to Executive Engineer REW Division SRINAGAR (tender receiving authority) must be submitted by 1st lowest bidders within 3 days after opening of the bid. The original Treasury Challan Receipt (cost of tender document), CDR/FDR (earnest money/bid security) and relevant bid documents to be submitted to the tender opening authority by registered post/Courier/by hand as per time schedule specified.
a)Valid GSTIN REGISTRATION, PAN No.

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/Halga/Block for Bidders (Aadhar Card/Election Card, Ration Card)

b)Proof of Panchayat/Gram Sabha/Halqa/Block for Bidders (Aadhar Card/Election Card, Ration Card).

c)Treasury Challan, Bid Security Form.

4.The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

5.Nonattendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder.

6.All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

7.The Departmental material shall be supplied to the contractor on following rates from Divisional Stores.

(i)RCC Pipes 9' Dia (S&S) Rs: 1700/., 9' Dia (Plain) Rs: 1800/., 12" Dia (S&S) Rs: 3350/., 12" Dia (Plain) Rs: 3180/., 15" Dia (Plain) Rs: 4330/., 16" Dia (S&S) Rs: 500/., 18" Dia (Plain) Rs: 3180/., 24" Dia (S&S) Rs: 7840/., 24" Dia (Plain) Rs: 7600/., 36" Dia (S&S) Rs: 13300/., 36" Dia (Plain) Rs: 3180/., 18" Dia (Plain) Rs: 3180/., 24" Dia (Plain) Rs: 3180/., 24" Dia (Plain) Rs: 3180/., 36" Dia (Plain) S. The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT. 9.All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

DIPK-17653/22

Executive Engineer (REW) Division SRINAGAR

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Office of the Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE, Mechanical Rural Division, Srinagar

GIST of Short term e-Tender.

For and on hehalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Short term e-tenders are invited in two cover system from approved and eligible Contractors having GST registration/registered with J&K Govt., Railways and other State/Central Government Organizations for the

Sr.	Nature of Work	Location	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Tender Doc.	Time of Completion	Programme
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	Repairs to 630 KVA HT/LT Transformer and 30KVA Voltage Stabilizer at WSS	Mehjoor Nagar Padshahi Bagh and Mazhama	0.435	100/=	05 days	M&R

1.	Publishing Date	17-02-2023 (5:00 PM)			
2.	Period of Downloading of Bids	17-02-2023 (5:00 PM) to 25-02-2023 (11:00 AM)			
3.	Period of Submission of bids	17-02-2023 (5:00 PM) to 25-02-2023 (11:00 AM)			
4.	Date of opening of Tender/Timing 25 -02-2023 (12:00 PM)				
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer , (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar				
6.	Document Cost: Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt shall be deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar (The firm shall specify the e-NIT No. & name of work for which applied)				
7.	Bid Validity Period: 90 Days				
8.	The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www. Jktenders.gov.in				
00	Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish "Bid Security Declaration", format of the declaration is enclosed in the Bid Document				

Note:- The tenderer who is declared as L1 after opening of price bid will deposit 3% of the Estimated cost of the work in shape of CDR/FDR before allotment is issued in his favour

DIPK-17624/22

Critical Dates/Information

DT: - 17-02-2023

Executive Engineer. Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Rural

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Based on information, they said this car was intercepted at Al-Stop naka on Srinagar-Jammu national Highway, near Mir Bazar Police Post, in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, on 11.01.2020. "During search, one AK-47 Rifle, 03 pistols, 01 hand grenade, ammunition and other incriminating material were recovered and seized". "Investigations have revealed that the Hyundai i20 owned and used by accused Irfan Shafi Mir, Maruti 800 registered in the name of Mushtaq Ahmad Shah and used by his son accused Syed Naveed Mushtag Ahmad Shah, and Hyundai i20 Sportz registered and used by Tanveer Ahmad Wani of Humhama were used for militant activities. Further investigations in the case are in progress." NIA said in a statement. The case was initially reich keeled over in Antakya, killing hundreds.

Minister, Chandrakant Patil and Founder of the NGO Sarhad, Sanjay Nahar.

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tion. It is also necessary that scientific research & its benefits reach the public & local institutions," said the Lt Gov-

The Lt Governor highlighted the efforts being made under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi towards National Clean Air Program across the

The world is looking at India to combat the challenges of climate change. Experts should work at the grassroots level and there should be coordination between various experts, academic & administrative institutions on capacity building and public outreach, the Lt Governor observed. Productive life of citizens & progress of the region depends upon the health of environment. All stakeholders, Pollution Control Committee & ULBs must work together for effective implementation of Clean Air Program and to shape the climate future of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Gov-

Every citizen should discharge their responsibility towards nature and become Green Warrior & Environment Soldier. We have to strengthen the monitoring system at grass root level by developing city action plans and micro action plans for local solutions, noted the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also shared the significant steps taken by the administration for maintaining a balance between development and ecology.

Awareness campaign among common citizens at Panchayat level by Forest Department and initiatives like 'Har Gaon Haryali', 'Ped Lagao Beti Ke Naam' has encouraged Jan Bhagidari and infused a sense of responsibility in the society to work towards environment protection, the Lt Governor observed.

City-specific strategy was formulated under NCAP guidelines for Jammu and Srinagar. Our focus should be on filling the gaps through policy formulation, capacity building, training program and extending its maximum benefits to Jammu Kashmir Pollution Control Committee and ULBs, noted the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor urged the National Knowledge Network to cooperate in increasing the technical capabilities of concerned institutions in Jammu and Kashmir and assured all the necessary assistance from the UT administration. The Lt Governor asked the Pollution Control Committee & ULBs to become an integral part of this winter school. Hands on training on instrumentation and analytical techniques for atmospheric aerosol measurements and source apportionment studies will provide conceptual knowledge on methods of chemical speciation and source apportionment of aerosols, the Lt Governor observed.

He further advised the Jammu Kashmir Pollution Control Committee, ULBs and Central University to work on city action plan and work out a strategy to strengthen the monitoring mechanism at the grass root level.

Central University should organize capacity building and outreach programs with focus on clean air, the Lt Gover-

Sh Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary and Sh Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, Forests Department, highlighted the useful impact of the discussion and studies to be conducted during the hands-on training program in the Winter School.

Prof Sachchida Nand Tripathi, Convener, National Knowledge Network for National Clean Air Programme briefed on the aims and objectives of the programme.

Prof Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor Central University Jammu, experts, deans and faculty members of the University were present on the occasion.

'KSHITIJ' at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra today.

The 3-day North Zone Youth Festival is being organized by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in collaboration with Central Sanskrit University. Sanskrit scholars of 10 institutes from 7 states/UTs are participating in this unique Sanskrit Scholars festival.

The Lt Governor welcomed the Sanskrit scholars participating in the festival and exhorted them to contribute constructively in nation building.

"Sanskrit is not only one of the oldest living languages of the world but also the greatest treasure of classic literature and knowledge in science and technology. This festival is a perfect opportunity to make the young generation aware of values and ideals that Sanskrit possesses," said the Lt Governor.

North Zone Youth Festival will lead to a better understanding of the various aspects of Sanskrit Studies and knowledge system. We are making efforts through flexible and non-formal Sanskrit courses to increase access of students to make it language of common man, he added.

Sanskrit has been the guiding force of our culture and knowledge economy. It is our collective responsibility to popularize the Sanskrit language and preserve the treasure of science, spirituality, philosophy and culture, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor also lauded the efforts of various organizations and stakeholders like Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Mahant Rohit Shastri in promoting Sanskrit language in the UT.

Mahamandleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj, Member SMVDSB called for making collective efforts to promote Sanskrit and ensure that all sections of the society get the benefit of the inexhaustible storehouse of knowledge, science and thought.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Katra along with various campuses of Central Sanskrit University and Adarsh Maha Vidyalaya of Sanskrit, situated in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand are participating in this mega event for the first time for the promotion of Sanskrit Language in J&K UT, it was in-

Members of the Shrine Board: Dr Ashok Bhan: Sh Kul Bhushan Ahuja; Dr Neelam Sareen; Sh Suresh Kumar Sharma (Retd. Judge); Sh Raghu K. Mehta and Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB Sh Anshul Garg were present on the occasion.

Sh Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Prof. Madan Mohan Jha, Director Shri Ranbir Campus, besides students, faculty members and staff of Shrine Board also attended the opening ceremony.

WEATHER

Kupwara recorded at 4.5 degree Celsius against 5.1 degree Celsius which was 4.8 degree Celsius above normal

for the frontier district.

Gulmarg in north Kashmir had a low of 0.2 degree Celsius against 2.0 degree Celsius recorded the previous night. It was 6.9 degree Celsius above normal for the famous ski resort on Sunday, MeT office said.

DRUGS

Bhat resident of Gangoo. During search, 20 bottles of Codiene phosphate were recovered from their possession. Motorcycle bearing registration number JK04G-3894 has also been seized. At Another checkpoint established at Gangoo Crossing, a police party arrested a drug peddler identified as Mehmood Ali son of Ali Mohammad Mir resident of Hanji Khula Gangoo Pulwama. During search, 70 grams of Charas and 2.4 kgs of Cannabis powder was recovered from his possession. At another checkpoint established at Below Crossing, a police party arrested a drug peddler identified as Tariq Ahmad Najar son of Gh Hassan Najar resident of Rajpora. During search, 10 bottles of Codeine Phosphate were recovered from his possession.

. În Baramulla, a police party arrested a drug peddler identified as Tajamul Farooq Dar son of Farooq Ahmad resident of Chandiloora Tangmarg at a checkpoint established at Entry Point Gulmarg. During search, 40 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession. At another checkpoint established at Gingal Uri, a police party arrested a drug peddler identified as Shahnawaz Mir son of Mutwali Mir resident of Daragutliyan Uri. During search, 50 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession.

In Kulgam, a police party during patrolling at Adigan Village arrested a drug peddler identified as Abdul Rashid Dar son of Abdul Ahad Dar resident of Shamsipora, Qaimoh. 25 Kgs of Ganja concealed in two Nylon Bags was recovered from his possession.

Similarly in Handwara, a police party at a checkpoint established on Baramulla-Handwara highway at Rasripora arrested two drug peddlers identified as Irshad Ahmad Dar son of Abdul Rashid resident of Handwara and Hilal Ahmad Mir son of Mohammad Amin resident of Behrampora Rafiabad. During search, 480 grams of Charas and 385 Tapentadol banned tablets were recovered from their possession. Meanwhile, another police party arrested a drug peddler during patrolling at Tulwari Langate. He has been identified as Zubair Bashir Wani @Umar son of Bashir Ahmad resident of Tulwari Langate, 110 grams of Charas has been recovered from his possession.

Subsequently, all the arrested drug peddlers were shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. Cases under relevant sections of law have been registered and investigations have been initiated.

Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding drug peddling in their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt as per law. Our consistent actions against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of drug menace.

SHRI MATA VAISHNO

Lt Governor about ongoing projects and the efforts of the board for upgrading and expanding the facilities for the

DSEK

sed"The action taken in this regard shall be shared with DSEK.""Special drives shall be conducted against drug peddling in and around educational institutions across the UT ofJammu and Kashmir," it reads.

"Principals of all Higher Secondary Schools shall be nominated as Nodal Officers to coordinate with the District Administration and they should report any suspicious behavior by any of the students or individuals in and around the institution to the District Administration at an earliest," OSD said—(KNO)

have participated in recruitment process for the post of Constable in 02 Border Battalions of J&K Police conducted in terms of the above referenced advertisement notifications, some discrepancies in the said result were observed.

"These occurred due to technical fault in the software application of the implementing agency i.e M/S. Timing Technologies Pvt. India Ltd. resulting in revision of the said result. The result, thus declared on 25.01.2023 stands withdrawn and cancelled ab-initio," he said.

Rana told KNO that the revised results will be issued within half an hour—(KNO)

CENCUS

Foundation, Volunteers and freelancers are taking part in the said census.

Meanwhile, in this milieu an orientation programme was conducted at Camping Ground, Hokersar Srinagar to inculcate the census techniques amongst the participants and to add valuable suggestions received from the participants. Different teams/groups were established on spot for different locations so that comprehensive estimation will be ensured.

The aim of the bird count is to monitor the population fluctuation trends of migratory birds and to collect overall figures to incorporate the same with the general bird count throughout India.

The census is being conducted on 21st of February-2023 not only in eight protected wetlands managed by the department like Hokersar, Shalabugh, Hygam, Mirgund, Chatlum, Kranchoo, Manibugh, Freshkhoori but also in other 25 water bodies of the valley which harbor sizeable number of migratory birds during winter mi-

The Wildlife Warden, Wetlands Division Kashmir, Ifshan Deewan, stated that coordinated efforts by the Department of Wildlife Protection to conduct the Annual Water bird Census (AWC) this year shall go a long way in creating a sound database of various water bird species particularly the migratory waterfowl that visit the wetlands of the Valley during winter months—(KNO)

GANDERBAL

safer places and the work on the national highway will be started. "The traffic will be restored after the completion of the work," he added—"As soon as the landslide occurred, a rescue operation was launched and civilians were shifted to safer places," he said, adding that the operation continued overnight and they have started it again to remove the debris.

All assistance is being provided to the affected people, while rescue and relief teams are on the job, the SDM

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Shyambir along with SSP Nikhil Borker visited the spot and took stock of the situation.

The DC while talking to reporters said that the landslide has caused "huge damage". He said the families have been shifted to safer places and the work on the national highway will be started. "The traffic will be restored after the completion of the work," he added—(KNO)

ARTO Kulgam Warns Action over Fake Fare List On Social Media

Farooq Rather

Kulgam,, 20-Feb; Assistant Regional Transport Officer Kulgam on Monday warned action after a fake fare list went viral on social networking websites.

A notice issued by ARTO Kulgam read that the General Public of District Kulgam is hereby informed through the medium of this notice that some nefarious and iniquitous elements have been sharing self made fare list on social media these days, thus misleading the innocent localities and thereby creating unnecessary confusion and chaos among the people. Henceforth, the general public is requested not to pay heed to these fare related posts circulate ing on social media

'The Transport Department has already shared the revised fare list for different categories of vehicles (in concurrence to 'fare revision list issued by the Chairman STA) vide order no :MVD/ART0/KUL/2022/4697-98 ; Dated 23-12-2022 and accordingly the general public of district Kulgam is implored to go through the same to avoid any confusion and report this office about these social media platforms/news portals spreading fake news so that action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against

SSP Baramulla chairs meeting with NOK of Police martyrs at DPL Baramulla

Baramulla,,20-Feb;In order to strengthen bond between Police martyr families and police department who both are part of Police Parivaar, Today Baramulla Police organized a meeting with Next of Kin (NOK) of martyrs.

Meeting was organized at District Police lines Baramulla and was chaired by SSP Baramulla Amod Ashok Nagpure-IPS. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Peerzada Aijaz Ahmad DySP DAR DPL Baramulla and others officers of DPHQ/ DPL Baramulla.

A number of NOK of Police martyrs of Baramulla District took part in this meeting the aim of which was to know the welfare, wellness of families of police martyrs and to listen their grievances.

SSP Baramulla gave a patient hearing to the issues and grievances put forth by NOKs and assured them that their grievances will be redressed on priority.

He also informed the participants that various welfare measures have been taken by the Police department for the benefit of the NOK and all the Police units are committed to provide every possible assistance to the NOK of Police Martyrs and attend their issues on priority.

He further said that police martyrs are an unforgettable member of Police Parivaar and taking care of their NOK is prime responsibility of police department as martyrs sacrificed their lives for the sake of motherland and mother nation. He also informed all the NOK to approach his office anytime for any possible assistance.(CNS)

Jammu is in the state of emergency under present regime: Ch. Lal Singh

Hiranagar ,20th February , Ch. Lal Singh Founder Chairman DSSP While addressing the mammoth gathering in village Gial wand of Tehsil Hiranagar, castigated the present regime of its mindless decisions which has caused a state of emergency all across in Jammu province. Every law passed under the present regime is anti people and unethical and against the very spirit of democracy.

It's very unfortunate that even old age women are running from pillar to post for the meager amount of their pension. They are put in such a crisis that majority of them have gone in depression because of non payments of pensions due to illogical formalities imposed upon them. The government is behaving in a very monarchial manner

which can be observed in every decision wheather land laws or day today needs of the common masses. Ex.MLA Kanta Andotra while addressing said that it's

high time for everybody to stand against the government to end this dictatorship. Dr.Hari Dutt Shishu, General Secretary DSSP and Rajinder Singh Bubby, President Municipal Council while

addressing the people appealed one and all to join this Abhiyan to end the undeclared emergency of the govern-Today's Jan Samparak Abhiyaan started from Sanji More

and Devo Chack and finally culminated at Gial wand. Those others who spoke included BL Kandley, Narinder Sharma and Advocate Tarlok Nath. The meeting was attended by Prof HR Sharma, Deepak Jasrotia, Jatinder papu, Balbir Singh Azad, Karan Singh Makhani, Divyansh Varma and many others

and passed through Blassey wala khu , Chakra, Manyari

had got stuck near the back entry adjacent to K 3 mid mountain

As the weather was quite windy but despite that the three member Ski Patrol team comprising Mehraj ud Din, Muhammad Ashraf and Abdul Ahad took up the uphill mission alongwith a Toboggan and other necessary first aid and soon a quick rescue was launched by the Ski Patrol members. The snowboarder was loaded in Toboggan, given quick first aid immediately and removed to hospital for further treatment.

In a similar incident early this month, the Ski Patrol team had rescued a Norwegean skier when he had lost his ski track and landed on a wrong track

Ski Patrol team of the Tourism Department, it may be mentioned here, is a team of Avalanche Forecasters and well-trained Ski guides with brilliance in timely rescue. The team updates daily snow forecasts and avalanche advisories for the skiers for making Gulmarg skiing their best experience.

youth in their endeavours for gainful employment.

While taking stock of all the services being provided to the prospective entrepreneurs on the Single Window System, the Chief Secretary said that the aim is to bring all the online services on a single platform of e-UNNAT Elucidating further he stated that a proper mechanism of auto-appeal for timely delivery of services and their integration with 'DigiLocker' and 'Umang' application to make their use easy and hassle free among all the users needs to be developed.

The Chief Secretary emphasized on proper analysis of the feedback received on the Single Window (SW) portal for making the necessary corrections. He took note of all the services on-boarded on the portal till date and stressed on integrating it with the Central Government services portals as well. He fixed the deadlines against each service for integrating it with the SW portal.

The Chief Secretary emphasised on digitization of all the land transaction deeds made so far. He impressed upon them that the ways and means for digitization of the legacy data regarding the same should be looked into without any fail. He reiterated that after completion of digitization of cadastral maps and other revenue records the digital surveillance for enforcement in towns would become easy and transparent. He asked the concerned department to accelerate the process to meet the objective. The Chief Secretary emphasized on proper analysis of the feedback received on the Single Window (SW) portal for making the necessary corrections. He took note of all the services on-boarded on the portal till date and stressed on integrating it with the Central Government services portals as well. He fixed the deadlines against each service for integrating it with the SW portal

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Peace Committee Mendhàr

Constitutes Body M S Nazki

Mendhàr Peace Committee Mendhàr held a meeting at Mendhàr under the chairmanship of its Choudhary Mir Mo-

hammed The PCM body will be headed by Neeraj Sharam chairman, president Choudhary Mir Mohd

-vice president, M S Nazki Senior Journalist and General Secretary Advocate afzal Choudhary, Aftab Ahmed

Media Coordinator cum publicity secretary, Advocate Naseer Choudhary - joint secretary, Advocate Shafiq Ahmed Khatan legal Advocate ,Sheraz Akhter-spokesperson Satvir lal Sharma secretary, Vijay Kumar Sharma Organisig Secretary, and Akhter Hussein cashier,

Executive Members, Advocate Naseer Qadri, Ayaan Farooq Ahmed Yaser Ali Amin Mohd Akram Gulam Mohiuddin Mir Afzal Niaz Ahmed Sadeeq Ahmed Mir Murtaz Mohd Lateef Mohd Ramzan Mohd Shafiq Rameez Ahmed Rohit Sharma and Others

Army interacts with sarpanches and Panches at Buffliaz



SURANKOTE: In order to strengthen the bond between the local populace and the Indian Army, regular interactions are organised. Continuing the trend, an interaction with Sarpanches and Panches was organised at Buffliaz A total of 5 Sarpanches and 35 Panches were present during the interaction in which a detailed discussion on maintaining harmonious environment in the region and issues related to development of the area, problems faced by the local populace and the work done by the Army to sustain peace and improve the quality of living of the local populace were discussed.

The locals appreciated and applauded the support provided by the Army in all spheres. Speaking on the occasion, the Sarpanch Bufliaz B Tahira Tabassum said that such meetings not only enhance the bond between the Army and AWAAM but also boost the morale of the locals which in turn assists in maintaining peace and harmony in the

Aryans organises Nukkar Natak on world day for Social Justice



Srinagar 20 February To highlight the importance of World day for Social Justice, Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh organized a Street Play. Aryans LLB & BA LLB students participated & portrayed various social issues & acts for woman on this year theme "Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice' Dr. Garima Thakur, Deputy Director, Aryans Group while addressing said that this Nukkad Natak' highlighted the status of women in Indian society and focused on the violence they face at home and outside in the forms of domestic violence, eve-teasing, and rape, to name a few. Millions of girls and women around the world face injustices, like being denied an education, forced into an early marriage. or made victims of gender-based violence, added Thakur. Further Mrs. Navneet Kaur, Head, Arvans College of Law

added that various injustices prevent girls and women from reaching their full potential. It is necessary to promote women's participation in employment and ensure Economic and social protection, unemployment, ill-health, maternity, child Bearing, widowhood, disability and oldage. Hundreds of audience witnessed this nukkad natak. It is to be mentioned that World Day of Social Justice is marked annually on February 20. The main goal of this

day is to raise a voice against social injustice and to bring together diverse communities around the world in an effort to eradicate poverty, physical discrimination, gender inequalities, religious discrimination and illiteracy, and create a society that is socially integrated.

Uri; Protest against PDD over hike in monthly tariffs

Srinagar,CNS,20-Feb; The residents of border town Uri and its adjoining areas in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Monday staged a protest against the Power Development Department (PDD) against hike in monthly tariffs. Shouting anti-PDD slogans, the protesters blocked the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad road at the main town for over two hours, disrupting the traffic movement.

The protesters were shouting slogans against the PDD for initiating such a move even when it has failed to provide uninterrupted electricity.

They said that the PDD was making the locals suffer by resorting to such decisions unilaterally. The protesters said that they fail to understand the logic

behind the sudden hike in the electricity bill. "Hikes in power tariff are increasing our sufferings. We are unable to pay double electricity bills," the locals said. They said though the matter was brought into the notice of concerned authorities a number of times but nothing

has been done so far. Meanwhile, People appealed to the LG administration to look into the matter and roll back the decision of hike in monthly tariffs The protesters were shouting slogans against the PDD for initiating such a move even when it

has failed to provide uninterrupted electricity. They said that the PDD was making the locals suffer by resorting to such decisions unilaterally.

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Pat Cummins to head back to Australia & return ahead of third Test

Indore, Feb 20 (UNI) Pat Cummins will return to Australia due to a family illness but is expected to return to India before the start of the third Test match.

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tle Australia in Delhi. In some positive news for Australia, Mitchell Swepson could rejoin the team

Paarl (South Africa), Feb 20 (UNI) New Zea-

land crushed Sri Lanka by 102 runs in Paarl

to ensure Group 1 at the ICC Women's T20

Suzie Bates and Amelia Kerr combined for

a second wicket stand of 110, their nation's

third-highest ever at the tournament, to lift

Sri Lanka were meek in reply, rolled for

Indian Super League 2022-23 Season Final to be

held in Goa on Mar 18

ities that fans can indulge in with their families as partof

an entire carnival. This season of the Hero ISL has been an

exciting one with the fight for the playoffs being closely

contested amongst multiple teams. After Matchweek 21,

Mumbai City FC, who lifted the League Shield yesterday

Hyderabad FC, ATK Mohun Bagan, Bengaluru FC and

Kerala Blasters FC have already qualified for the playoffs

while Odisha FC and FC Goa have their fate hanging in

the balance as the teams head into the last match of the

The ISL playoffs will start from March 3 with the final be-

ing played on March 18.

World Cup will go down to the wire.

their side to an imposing 162 for three.

Jadeja took a Test career-best 7-42 to skit-

after leaving the squad before the second Test for the birth of his first child.

Australia squad: Pat Cummins (c), Ashton Agar, Scott Boland, Alex Carey (wk), Cameron Green, Peter Handscomb, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Usman Khawaja, Matt Kuhnemann, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Lance Morris, Todd

Murphy, Matthew Renshaw, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Mitchell Swepson, David Warner

India squad: Rohit Sharma (c), K L Rahul, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli, KS Bharat (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja,

Mohammad Shami, Mohammed Siraj Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Umesh Yadav, Jaydev Unadkat. Pat Cummins will return to Australia due to a family illness but is expected to return to India before the start of the third Test match. Rest of the team, however, will remain in the sub-continent. The 29-year-old will travel to Sydney before re-joining the team in India ahead of the third Test in Indore that is set to start on March 1.

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Indies kept their slender semi-final hopes alive with a nail-biting three-run win over Pakistan that went down to the last ball. Bidding to build on their win over Ireland, Windies opted to bat and posted a below-par 116-6 at Boland Park in Paarl. Skipper Hayley Matthews took key Pakistan wickets early and late in the innings to inspire her sideto a dramatic victory.

Matthews and Rashada Williams flayed 15 from the bowling of Aiman Anwer in the fourth over but navigated the powerplay in cagey fashion. Matthews perished late in the powerplay when she tried to lift Fatima Sana over the midwicket boundary but only found the hands of Sidra Ameen.It was a massive wicket that sparked wild celebrations but not a flurry of scalps as Shemaine Campbelle joined Williams and the pair put on 40 at a run-a-ball.The second-wicket stand came to a tame end when Williams offered a simple return catch to the outstanding Sa-



went in the next over, smartly stumped by Muneeba Ali.Nida Dar bowled Aaliyah Alleyne in the penultimate over, her 125th T20I wicket, making her the joint-leading wicket-taker in the history of the format. Pakistan began cautiously in reply to 116-6 and it was Windies game-changer Matthews who got the breakthrough, dismissing the dangerous Muneeba Ali for five in the fourth over.Matthews was at the heart of the action again two balls later when she took a sharp catch at midwicket to account for Sidra Ameen, with Pakistan 15 for two. The experienced pairing of Bismah and Nida then embarked on a measured partnership.

West Indies squeeze past Pakistan in thriller

60 to end their hopes of progression to the semi-finals, suffering the second-biggest defeat in T20 World Cup history in the pro-The White Ferns got the big net run rate She raced to 32 from 20 balls but played swing they desired, meaning they climbed one shot too many off Achini Kulasuriya,

into second with South Africa facing Bancatch to Chamari Athapaththu at mid-off. gladesh on Tuesday in Group 1's final game. New Zealand preached positivity in the Bates and Kerr dropped anchor with the former picking up where she left off in the lead-up and Bernadine Bezuidenhout epitwin over Bangladesh, piercing the field omised that approach, crushing a series of fours through the leg side when the bowlbeautifully with the first two balls of the ing was too straight.

New Zealand thrash Sri Lanka

to boost semi-final hopes

dia Iqbal to depart for 30. Chinelle Henry muscled two boundaries but was trapped in front by Nida Dar for 11 and Campbelle

MOUNT MAUNGANUI: England's "Bazball" revolution continued apace on Sunday when the tourists wrapped Kolkata, Feb 20 (UNI) The Indian Super League on Monup a thumping 267-run victory over day announced PJN Stadium, Fatorda, Goa as the venue New Zealand in the opening session of for the 2022-23 season final. Goa has been chosen for the the fourth day of the first Test here at marquee match due to the available training grounds and the Bay Oval on Sunday infrastructure for the teams.Fans can book their tickets for the final starting March 5 on BookMyShow.com. In ad-Only Daryl Mitchell of the last five dition to the action on the pitch, there are a host of activ-

Black Caps batsmen could offer any real resistance as they folded to 126 all out in their second innings.

It was a first Test victory for England in New Zealand since 2008 and a 10th win in 11 matches since Brendon "Baz" McCullum and Ben Stokes took over as coach and captain. Broad finished with 4-49 while James Anderson (4-18) led the mopping up of the tail. New Zealand had resumed on 63-5



Michael Bracewell (25) spooned a Jack Leach delivery to Harry Brook at mid-

Scott Kuggeleijn (2) was trapped in front by Anderson with Tim Southee departing for a golden duck on the Mitchell England quickly resumed their domi- Anderson's hat-trick ball in his next over and made an unbeaten 57.

Neil Wagner (9) at the other end gave Anderson his third wicket with an edge behind and debutant number 11 Blair Tickner scored eight runs, keeping Mitchell company in the final-wicket stand before Anderson took out his off stump.

SCOREBOARD ENGLAND (1st Innings) 325-9 decl (H. Brook 89, B. Duckett 84; N. Wagner

NEW ZEALAND (1st Innings) 306 (T. Blundell 138, D. Conway 77; O. Robinson 4-54, J. Anderson 3-36)

ENGLAND (2nd Innings) 374 (J. Root 57, H. Brook 54, B.Foakes 51; B. Tickner 3-55, M.Bracewell 3-68) NEW ZEALAND (2nd Innings, overnight 63-5):

D. Conway b Broad 2 K. Williamson b Broad 0

Ahmedabad Defenders top table after routing Chennai Blitz 5-0ar

Hyderabad, Feb 20 (UNI) Ahmedabad Defenders picked up their third win in a row in the second season of the RuPay Prime Volleyball League powered by A23 after beating Chennai Blitz 15-11, 15-13, 15-10, 15-9, 15-12 at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium here on Sunday.

Nandagopal Subramaniyam was named the Player of the Match for his eye-catching performance.

Chennai Blitz took charge with Akhin leading the middle with his spirited attacks. But middle blocker LM Manoj levelled the playing field for Ahmedabad Defenders with ferocious blocks. Danial Moatazedi's hard spikes gave Chennai no breathing room. As the game became a battle of the middle, Akhin's

role became crucial for the Blitz. Chennai's strategy to switch Jobin Varghese to the left side helped Blitz but Manoj and Nandagopal kept Ahmedabad ahead with consistent blocks. With spike errors from An-gamuthu and Santhosh, Ahmedabad Defenders started leaking points.

Moyo and Renato constantly started switching directions, giving Blitz an opening. But a perfectly-executed combo move between skipper Muthusamy Appavu and Angamuthu shut down Chennai's rebellion and the Defenders took control of the proceedings.

Muthusamy kept delivering the ball to his attackers in the middle, despite getting in awkward positions, at times. Design to the process of the proce at times. Danial's towering presence only added to Chennai's worries Akhin kept trying to create an impact from the middle for Chennai but found little

Barca remain eight clear in Spanish La Liga after 2-0 win at home to Cadiz

support and Ahmedabad closed down the game with-

Madrid, Feb. 20 (UNI) Two goals in the last three minutes of the first half saw FC Barcelona win 2-0 at home over Cadiz on Sunday, which keeps them eight points clear at the top of La Liga after 22 rounds. Sergi Roberto and Robert Lewandowski scored the goals, which gave Barca, with several changes in their starting 11, three vital points.Barca were struggling to break down a tough Cadiz defense until the 43rd minute when Ferran Torres crossed for Lewandowski to head toward the goal. The striker's header was blocked, but Roberto was on hand to score from close range.Lewandowski doubled Barca's lead two minutes later when he worked space to fire home a powerful left shot on the verge of halftime.Real Madrid won 2-0 away to Osasuna thanks to late goals from Fede Valverde and Marco Asensio on Saturday night. Valverde arrived from deep to open the scoring in the 78th minute after being set up by Vinicius Jr. Vinicius had a goal ruled out in the 90th minute for offside, but Asensio doubled Madrid's lead moments afterward after good work from youngster Alvaro Rodriguez.Real Sociedad dropped two points in a 1-1 draw at home with Celta Vigo.Mikel Oyarzabal put Real Sociedad ahead in the fourth minute and their task got much easier in the 74th minute when Celta midfielder Renato

Mithali Raj advice to former teammates after **England defeat in Gqeberha**

Gqeberha, Feb 20 (UNI) Former captain Mithali Raj has called for quality in all three facets after India stumbled to a 11-run defeat to England at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023, complicating their pursuit of a spot in the knockouts. Despite enjoying a share of the spoils at St. George's Park in Gqeberha on Saturday, India's chase ran out of steam in the final overs, when they needed a daunting 31 runs from the final six deliveries. A final over of 19 papered over the cracks in India's effort, as England improved their tournament record against India to 6-0, also storming to the top of the Group 2 table. Raj, speaking on the 100% Cricket Podcast, pinpointed the middle-over periods across both innings as where India faulted."The over that India lost Smriti Mandhana, that point was so crucial because she was building a partnership with Richa Ghosh," said Raj. "Until she was there, there were hopes that India could end up winning this game, but it was a tall.



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On International Mother Language Day **AMK Reiterates the demand for Classical** Language status to Kashmiri language IMLD 2023 dedicated to Late Prof Rehman Rahi

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Srinagar February 20: In Connection with Mother Language Day Adbi Markaz Kamraz, AMK is scheduled to hold an impressive session on 21st of February. Besides Congratulating all the Kashmiri speaking people on International mother Language Day Day Adbee Markaz Kamraz has reiterated it's decades long demand for Classical Language status to Kashmiri Language pending disposal in the Department of Culture.

Through a statement AMK extended warm welcome to recently appointed Secretary Department of Culture, Dr Abid Rasheed ,IAS ,a man of vision and cultural consciousness and hoped that high hopes are expected in this regard with him. Markazfeelsthatthetimehascomeforallstakeholdersofthesocietyto work for the preservation of this important symbol of Cultural identify.Markaz has also strongly demanded, revitalization of Kashmiri Section in the Cultural Acadamy, revival of financial assistance to cultural organisations and book subsidy for local writers without any further delay.

Similarly the revival of the scheme of purchase of books from local writers by School education Department and other concerned institutions is the need of the hour Markaz in a statement said The Markaz has dedicated International Mother Language Day 2023 to Legendary Poet and Towering Personality of Kashmiri Literature Marhoom Prof Remman Rahi who passed away in Jan 2023. To remember him and as a tribute to his memory a Tarhi Mushaira is being organised by Markaz on 21st of Feb 2023 in which prominent poets of Kashmiri language shall reciting their poems on the verses of Rahi sahib.

Bukhari Family of Muradabad Kreeri Bereaved

Ayesha Begum, Mother of Syed Abdul Hamid Bukhari and Syed Mohammad Ashraf Passed away.

ASHIQ KREERI HT REPORTER

Muradabad Kreeri February 19 : Mother of Syed Abdul Hamid Bukhari and Syed Mohammad Ashraf of Kreeri, Ayesha Baigum (AshTaith) breathed her last at Muradabad Kreeri today at 8 pm. The deceased was wife of Late Syed Sanaullah Bukhari.

Ayesha Baigum popularly known as AshTaith was a pious and kind hearted lady. The deceased will be remembered for her great virtues as She was known for affection and kind-hearted atticates across Muradabad Kreeri.

The deceased was laid to rest at her ancestral graveyard near Zeyarat Shareef of Haji Syed Muhammad Muraad Bukhari (RA) at Muradabad Kreeri. A sizeable number of people participated in the Nimazi Jinaza of Aayesha Baigum. According to family the 4th Day Rasmi Chaharum Shall be Observed at Muradabad Kreeri on 23rd of February. Team Headlines Today has

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expressed solidarity with the bereaved family and prayed for Magfirat to the departed soul. Chief Patron of daily Headlines

Today Syed Sad ud din Saidi remembered AshTathi as an affectionate Mother who always showered her love on us with a smiling face and heart touching words.

Editor of daily Headlines Today Jahangir Bukhari also prayed for Jannah ul Firdous to the departed soul and expressed deep shock over the demise of AshTathi. 'She will be remembered for a long time to come for her lovely and motherly atticates



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