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#### **NEWS IN BRIEF** Man dies after hit by moving train in Srinagar

Srinagar,,23-Feb: An elderly man died after being hit by a moving train on Budgam-Srinagar track on Thursday. Officials confirmed that the man was hit by the train number 04614 this morning resulting in injuries to him. He was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment, where he succumbed. The deceased was identified as Sanaullah Bhat son of Abdul Ahad Bhat, a resident of Lajoora Pulwama.Meanwhile, Police has registered a case in this regard and further investigations set into motion.(CNS)

#### Residential houses, shops damaged as landslide hit Kulgam

Srinagar, Feb 23 (UNI) Two residential houses and some shops were damaged when a landslide hit Jammu and Kashmir Kulgam district on Thursday, officials said. The landslide occurred at Shalmachi Yarikhah in Noorabad, causing damage to two residential houses and three shops, Tehsildar D H Pora Rafi Ahmad Lone

He said the landslides also closed the Nandimarg-D H Pora road and measures are underway to clear the de-

bris to make it traffic worthy. The affected families have been shifted to safer places and provided with necessary relief, he added.

He said the district administration Kulgam is monitoring the situation.

#### Rajdhani halt extended at Kathua Station: Official

Jammu, Feb 23 (UNI) In order to facilitate smooth journey of passengers and to provide service at their doorsteps, the stoppage duration of Rajdhani train has been further extended at Kathua Railway Station.

"The Rajdhani (12425/26) stoppage at Kathua which was previously continuing just on experimental basis for a limited basis, has now been extended till further advice," Uchit Singhal, Station Director Jammu here said on Thursday.

He said, "this will enable people from in and around Kathua region to board and deboard the premium service of Rajdhani trains to and from the National Capital.'

#### JKDMA issues avalanche warning in 4 districts

Srinagar, Feb 23 (UNI) Authorities warning in four districts of Kashmir valley on Thursday, officials said.

The Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authorities (DMA) have issued a "low danger" level avalanche warning for the people living 2500 to 2700 metres above sea level in districts of Bandipora, Baramulla and Kupwara in north Kashmir and in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district in the next 24 hours.

People living in these areas are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders, a statement of the JKDMA said.

#### Four injured as passenger vehicle skids off road in Bandipora

Srinagar, Feb 23 (KS): At least four persons were injured in a road accident in Gundjahangeer area of Bandipora on Thursday. An official told The Kashmir Scroll that a passanger Vehicle 407 bearing reg no Jk05B 1378 coming from sopore to Hajin skidded off the road sat Gundjahageer Bandipora. In the incident four persons were injured, he said, adding that injured have been shifted to hospital for treatment. Police has taken cognizance and started investigation. (KS)

#### Man injured in mysterious blast in Sopore village,

Sopore, Feb 23 (): A man was injured in a mysterious blast in Warpora area of Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thursday. An official told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the man was digging earth at his orchard in Warpora when the blast took place. He said that the man was injured in the incident and was immediately shifted to a nearby health facility, where from he was referred to Srinagar. The man has been identified as Mohammad Jamal Dar son of Ghulam Mohammad Dar of Warpora—An official told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer that the man was digging earth at his orchard in Warpora when the blast took place. He said that the man was injured in

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## No Property Tax for owners of Small Houses, **Meager Tax for Small Business Owners: UT Administration**

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 23: In a meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary to deliberate upon misinformation created regarding property tax in Jammu and Kashmir, it was clarified that all the poor, marginalized having small houses having built-up area up to 1000 square feet have been exempted by the government from paying any property tax to be levied from April onwards this year.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Home; Principal Secretary, H&UDD; ADGP Jammu/Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners; SSPs; Commis-

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Srinagar, Feb 23: Democratic

Progressive Azad Party president

Gulam Nabi Azad on Thursday

said that the government should

halt imposition of property tax for

a few years till economic situation

Talking to reporters in Anantnag,

Azad said as of now people are not

in a position to pay the property

tax and there is no person from

Lakhanpur to Tangdhar who has

not suffered losses during recent

He said people of J&K have suf-

fered a lot in the last 30 years and

property tax is imposed at a time

improve in the Union Territory.

concerned officers

It was informed that levy of property tax is essential part of urban sector reforms. Jammu and Kashmir is one of the last States/UTs to levy property tax and non-imposition of the tax was depriving local bodies to become self sustaining. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are required to render multiple civic services in their jurisdiction and need resources. The levy of this tax will improve the financial health of these institutions and improve services, besides creating employment.

While explaining the methodology of levying this tax in the UT, the Principal Secretary, H&UDD,

when they are being snatched of

"People have no source of income.

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People do not have any problem in

their land and resources

paying tax, but there

Halt imposition of property tax till

economic conditions improves in J&K: Azad

built-up area of their houses less than 1000 sft besides the proportion of taxes is considerably lesser here than that levied in other parts of the country. Similarly, all places of worship, including Temples, Masiids, Gurudwaras, Churches, sioners of Jammu and Srinagar Rajesh Prasad stated that there is Ziarats, Cremation grounds, Buri-Municipal Corporations and other no tax liability for those having al grounds etc are exempt from

payment of property tax. It was further informed that the Tax is proposed to be levied at just 5% of Taxable Annual Value (TAV) of the property in case of a residential property and at 6% of TAV in case of Non-Residential property. It was also apprised that the tax rates, even in the Corporations are one of the lowest in the country, almost half that of Himachal, and one fourth to one sixth, overall, of other progressive States like Gujarat Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi. Tax to be paid in Municipal Committees shall be much lower than that of Municipal Corporations. There is no property tax in rural areas. Besides the property tax is to be

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#### Night temperatures drop below normal in twin capitals, MeT says weather to remain dry in J&K

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Srinagar, Feb 23: The minimum temperature dropped below normal in twin capitals and Pahalgam on Thursday even as the weather department forecast mainly clear to partly cloudy weather at most places in the next few days in Jammu and Kashmir. Quoting a meteorological department official here, GNS reported that Srinagar recorded a low of 0.6°C against the previous night's 3.7°C. Today's minimum temperature, he said, was 'below' normal by 0.3°C for the summer capital.

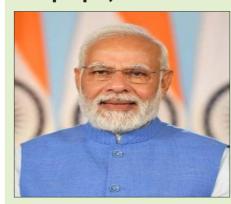
Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 0.0°C against minus 0.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C above normal for the gateway town of Kash-

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of minus 4.4°C against minus 3.7°C on the previous night and it was 0.4°C 'below' normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kokernag recorded a low of 2.1°C against 1.2°C on the previous night and it was 2.8°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

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#### This year's budget provides several opportunities for investors and people; PM Modi



rime Minister Narendra Modi has said that this year's Budget provides several opportunities for investors and people of this country to protect their future by moving towards green growth. He said, the government is taking steps to provide every possible assistance to ensure green growth of the economy. While addressing the first post-budget webinar on Green Growth today through video conferencing, Modi said, every budget presented by this government since 2014 has been taking forward new age reforms to solve the present challenges. He said, this Budget will play an instrumental role in establishing the country as a lead player in the global green energy market. He added that this will help in increasing the green jobs and ensuring global good.

Highlighting the initiatives taken by the government to ensure green growth and energy transition, Modi said, increasing the production of renewable energy, decreasing the use of fossil fuels and moving towards a gas based economy are the three pillars of the country's priorities and

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# **Div Com Kashmir reviews** arrangements for SANJY-2023

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SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 23: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Thursday convened a meeting of Officers to make arrangements for annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra,(SAN-JY) 2023 to facilitate yatries who are visiting Holy Cave this

The meeting was attended by DCs & SSPs of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Anantnag and Bandipora besides Directors of Tourism Health, FCS&CA and Officers of different departments including R&B, PHE, PDD, Sonmarg Development Authority, Pahalgam Development Authority, Information, RDD and ULB. Addressing the meeting, Div Com directed Deputy Labour



Commissioner to initiate the process of registration of service providers including Ponvwalas. Pithuwalas, labours and other service providers. He also instructed concerned officers of

the Animal Husbandry Department to initiate the simultaneous process of registration of animals including ponies and

horses. Div Com also instructed regis-

tration of service providers and yatries with RIFD cards to keep track of all the participants and pilgrims for instant communications and directions.

Regarding disposal of dead animals, he directed for creation of dedicated teams who shall dispose of dead animals. He also issued separate directions for making arrangements for accommodation, health facility, firewood, ration, kerosene to concerned officers.

Div Com further instructed for identification of safe areas for positioning of tents at base camps and near Holy Cave. He directed for capacity augmentation of camps to accommodate additional vatries during the period when yatra is halted due to bad weather.

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#### War against Drugs continues...

## Police arrests 09 drug peddlers across Kashmir

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SrinagarFebruary 23: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society. Police in a series of actions have arrested nine (09) drug peddlers across Kashmir valley and recovered huge quantity of contraband substances from their possession.

In Baramulla, a police party of PS Kunzer during patrolling at Lalpora Kunzer, arrested two drug peddlers identified as Shahid Ahmad Wani son of Abdul Gani & Sameer Ahmad Rather son of Gh Mohammad Rather. both residents of Lalpora Kunzer. During search, 108 grams of charas was recovered from their possession. In another action, a police party of PS Baramulla at a checkpoint established at Dewanbagh Baramulla, arrested two drug neddlers identified as Shaih Showkat Mir son of Showkat Ahmad resident of Gousia Colony Azadgunj & Saqib Ibrahim Pir son of Mohd Ibrahim resident of Ladoora Rafiabad. During search, 215 grams of charas was recovered from their possession.

In Anantnag, a police party of PS Anantnag at a checkpoint established at Sarnal Bala Anantnag intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK18A-4445

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#### Will roll back all anti-people orders when NC comes to power: Dr Faroog

#### **Chairs Provincial** Committee Meeting at Nawa-e-Subha

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Srinagar, Feb 23 (UNI) Former chief minister and Member of Parliament Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said that when the National Conference comes to power, it will roll back all the "anti-people

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Abdullah made these comments while chairing a provincial committee meeting at the party headquarters Nawa-e-Subha, Srinagar. Party Vice President Omar Abdullah was also present on the occa-

During the breadth of the meeting the functionaries highlighted the contemporary public and party issues, including the inflation, unemployment, rampant demolition drive, and imposition of the property tax, a party statement

The committee members also gave their estimation of the prevailing ground situation with regards to the deteriorating security situation, development deficit and the rising

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### Glass igloos draw huge rush in Gulmarg

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Srinagar, Feb 23 Glass Igloos in the middle of snow Gulmarg has become a major attraction for visitors.

The glass igloos made by Kolahoi Green Heights hotel of Gulmarg are being visited by hundreds of locals and tourists every day. They enjoy lunch, tea and love to take selfies. Ishfaq Ahmad, an assistant Manager at the hotel told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that they had made snow igloos in the last two years but it was taking time in making it but this year snowfall was late and there wasn't so much left to make snow igloo. "We are always trying to bring new concepts to Gulmarg to promote winter tourism, and this year we have launched an igloo glass concept for a restaurant that is a major tourist attraction currently," he said.

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#### Apni Party bridging, bonding people of Jammu and Valley: Altaf Bukhari

#### Says stopping demolition drive is a welcome step

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Jammu, Feb 23): Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari Thursday said that J&K's sensitive matters and important public issues should be left for an elected Govt to deal with through democratic means. He said, "I wonder why the Administration is hell-bent to settle everything at once. Important public issues and sensitive matters should be left for the government that will come up with a public mandate in the forthcoming elections here," a press note



said.He was speaking to reporters in Jammu after a party event, which was organized to greet a prominent political activist and NC's former Provincial Secretary Sheikh Mohammad Shafi into the party fold. Sheik joined the Apni Party

along with his workers and

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#### **School Edu Deptt orders** completion of classes 1st to 7th, 9th exams by March-20

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Srinagar, Feb 23: In order to commence with new classwork, School Education Department Thursday ordered completion of examinations of Classes 1st to 7th and 9th till

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) said this in a communique to Chief Education Officers and Principal of all DIETs.

The official said, "The examinations of Classes 1st to 7th and 9th are school based as per the guidelines formulated by SCERT J&K and in this regard students are quite well prepared and waiting for the conduct of the

examinations as per CONTINUED ON » PAGE 10

#### Union Minister inaugurates mega job fair, awareness programme at Udhampur Holds interactive session with PRIs, officers regarding development issues, concerns respective products.

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UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY-23: Union Minister for Environment, Forest, Climate Change and Labour and Employment, Bhupender Yadav, today inaugurated mega job fair cum awareness programme at Udhampur during his exhaustive tour of the district

District Development Council, Chairperson. Lal Chand, DDC Vice Chairperson, Juhi Manhas Pathania, Principal Secretary Forest. Ecology and Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment, Sarita Chauhan, PCCF, Dr. Mohit Gera, Deputy Commissioner, Krittika Jyotsna President MC. Jogeshwar Gupta, SSP. Dr. Vinod Kumar and other senior officers of various department were present on the occasion.



After inauguration, Union Minister accompanied by DDC Chairperson had a round of stalls established by various government departments for generating awareness regarding different schemes launched by the Government of India besides exhibiting their

Union Minister also interacted with the officers and reviewed the progress on various

He also handed over key under "Mumkin" scheme and disbursement under Tejaswini among the beneficiaries

scheme besides distributing e-Shram cards While addressing the gathering, Union Minister said that Jammu and Kashmir is wit-

nessing unprecedented growth and development under the guidance of Prime Minister. He made a mention of successful implementation of several vital schemes in the UT saving that different centrally sponsored schemes have made a tangible change in the development profile of J&K

He congratulated the Lieutenant

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#### **Bandipora Admin organises** extensive Seminar on 'Violence against Women'

BANDIPORA, FEBRU-ARY 23: The District Programme Officer Bandipora on Thursday organised a daylong seminar on 'Violence against Women' under the theme, 'Suicide is not a solution, Break your Silence, End Violence against Women Now' and 'Raise Your Voice. Let us Orange the World'.

The event was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad and was attended Additional Development District Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan; Nodal Officer Coordination, M Ashraf Hakak; Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Waseem Raja; MS DH Bandipora, Dr Nabeel; Dy ZEO Bandipora, CD-POs, IDPS Supervisors and workers, one stop centres staff, Legal officers and other concerned

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Owais said the aim of ICDS and District Administration is to aware women and female staff about the legal aid provided by various acts and schemes.

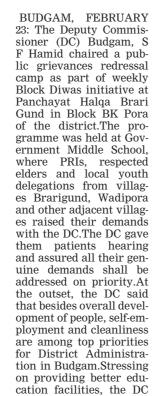
He said the women should not tolerate violence against her and should not hesitate to take legal or any action domestic violence harassment. He urged the women folk to report the violence to break this cycle of violence by bringing the perpetrators to justice.

Dr Owais said by not reporting the crime, women not only allow injustice but also helps in strengthening the hands of perpetrators

The DC mentioned the role of One Stop Centre and Mahila Shakti Kendra in assisting the victim for justice

# Block Diwas held at Brarigund in Block BK Pora of Budgam

### Besides overall development of people, employment & cleanliness among top priorities: DC



instructed CEO Budgam



to expedite ongoing work on High School Brarigund and ensure early work execution on Higher Secondary School Brarigund Project.

The DC instructed SDM Chadoora to ensure services related to revenue and land records are given in the timely manner.

He said that a joint awareness camp shall be conducted in Panchayat Halqa Brarigund on March- 02, for registration under various schemes and awareness of different self-employment avenues among lo-

cal youths. Emphasizing on providing better road, transport, educational and health facilities, the DC also directed concerned to ensure prompt delivery of public services.

He instructed PDD authorities to ensure execution of improvement works and power supply connectivity to locals.

towards

Mohammad

tified for the development of playground facility for local youth.

DC urged youth to participate in co-curricular activities and appealed to elders to ensure tight vigil that their wards remain away from drugs or any

other social evil. Stressing on awareness generation about government schemes, the DC also urged locals to register under different self-employment, welfare and amnesty schemes including PDD's amnesty scheme to take maximum benefits under these schemes. The DC also took assessment of facilities related to drinking water, Sheep and Animal husbandry, Agriculture and other allied sectors being provided to locals by concerned offices.Among others, SDM Chadoora, Prince Noorul Hamid, Xen PDD, ARTO, BDO,

Awareness/ Exhibition Camp on Encouraging

Cooperatives towards Self-Reliance held at Shopian

Tehsildar, DSHO and concerned officers were also present on the occasion. On the occasion, aware-

ness on water testing was also conducted by the concerned Pani Samiti Committee. DC urged youth to participate in cocurricular activities and appealed to elders to ensure tight vigil that their wards remain away from drugs or any other social evil.Stressing on awareness generation about government schemes, the DC also urged locals to register under different self-employment, welfare and amnesty schemes including PDD's amnesty scheme to take maximum benefits under these schemes. The DC also took assessment of facilities related to drinking water, Sheep and Animal husbandry, Agriculture and other allied sectors being provided to locals by con-

### DC Kulgam distributes **Emergency Response Kits among Aapda Mitra volunteers**

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, FEBRUARY 23: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also chairman of District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Thursday, distributed Emergency Response Kits among Aapda Mitra volunteers of the district.

These volunteers have completed 12 days Disaster Man agement training at SDRF Ist Battalion Srinagar and today the Deputy Commissioner distributed Emergency Response Kits among these Aapda Mitra volunteers at the mini-secretariat, here.

DC on the occasion also outlined the scope and mandate of the trained volunteers who shall be in readiness to tackle and rescue the people during any natural disas-

#### ADDC Kulgam reviews implementation of APDP at Kulgams

Farooq Rather



KULGAM, FEBRUARY 23: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather today chaired a meeting of officers to discuss and devise the effective mechanism for proper implementation of Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP) in the district.

During the meeting, an effective mechanism for its proper implementation and timely collection of data and other aspects of APDP were discussed. At the outset of the meeting, JDP Zahid Sajad gave

a detailed overview about the APDP and its significance in future planning of least performing pancha-

He further informed that Administrative Council has already accorded sanction to APDP in 285 most backward panchayats (one panchayat per block) as aspirational panchayats in the UT of J&K with the aim to improve and uplift the socio-economic development scenario of these panchayats on selected parameters through convergence and additional finan-

A detailed discussion was held on all parameters pertaining to various departments under different categories including basic infrastructure, environment, Governance, skill development and other developmental parameters of the panchayats.

ADDC impressed upon all the departments that realistic and authentic data should be collected on identified indicators and best possible efforts should be put in place while collecting the data and the whole exercise should be completed within days.

#### ARTO Budgam acts tough against violators, blacklists 25 vehicles

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 23: Acting tough against the traffic law violators, the Assistant Regional Trans port Officer (ARTO), Budgam Manzoor Ahmad today blacklisted as many as 25 vehicles, suspended 3 route permits and 2 driving licenses for violations against

traffic rule and road safety violations. A checking/enforcement team led by ARTO conducted day-long checking of vehicles in Chadoora area of Budgam and during the drive more than 100 vehicles were checked for traffic rule/road safety violations. During the drive, as many as 25 vehicles were black listed on the spot, while 2 driving licenses and 3 route

permits were processed for suspension. Documents of 25 vehicles were retained for further processing under the provisions of MV Act 1988 and rules framed thereunder.

An amount of Rs. 30000 as fine is also expected to be realized from offending vehicles/drivers

The ARTO said that drive shall continue in Towns and Rural areas of the district and strict action as per the law shall be taken against the erring drivers for road safety violations. During the drive, as many as 25 vehicles were blacklisted on the spot, while 2 driving licenses and 3 route permits were processed for suspension.Documents of 25 vehicles were retained for further processing under the provisions of MV

Act 1988 and rules framed thereunder. An amount of Rs. 30000 as fine is also expected to be

realized from offending vehicles/drivers.

#### **BIS-JKBO conduct Sensitization programme** for District Level Officers at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, FEBRUARY 23: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Jammu and Kashmir Branch Office, today organized a Sensitization Programme for the District Level Officers of Anantnag district at Dak Bungalow Anantnag.

The programme was presided over by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Anantnag, Bashir Ahmad Wani and was attended by R. K. Hakim Chief Education Officer, Syed Ishfaq Ahmad Ex. Engineer R&B, Peer Zameer Ahmad ALC Labour, Nazir Ahmad Malik Secretary Municipal Council Anantnag, Misba Gani TPO Skill Development Department, Dr Zubair Kabli DSHO Sheep Husbandry and sectoral officers of the district.

During the programme, Pankaj Atri (Joint Director BIS-JKBO) gave a detailed presentation on department specific standards, Standards Formulation, Product Certification, Hallmarking and Compulsory Registration Scheme.

A demonstration of the BIS portal with title 'Know Your Standards' through which standards can be easily located and downloaded free of cost was also presented. Awareness on ISI mark and Hallmark

and how to frame specifications for various departmental tenders and GeM portal was imparted during the pro-

The BIS Officer also highlighted various



initiatives of the BIS in bringing quality products to the customers. Downloading of BIS care app and its demonstration was also done and all features were explained.

They said that the aim and objective of today's programme is to aware the Heads of Departments in the district about the Quality checks of the standard products and laws to control the substandard products in the market.

The programme was summarized by ADDC. He requested his team to work in consensus and help each other out in various initiatives for the betterment of society and to create a robust environ-



Pulwama Yaseen.Speaking on the occasion, the Assistant Director Handicrafts Shopian highlighted various benefits of Cooperative

formation in length and said that a robust mechanism has been put in place for providing benefits to the artisans/cooperatives at grassroots level.

The artisans were asked to come forward and avail the benefits of various centrally sponsored schemes especially meant



their handmade products are sold outside the UT which will give more recognition to their products and they are able to earn their livelihood in a more profitable

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

were sensitized about the benefits of training being provided by the department of Handicrafts and Handloom. They were also assured of financial assistance.

The Officers and officials of Handicrafts and Handloom, Shopian, representatives from Directorate of Handicrafts Srinagar, Shopian Cooperatives, besides a good number of Artisans and Weavers of various registered cooperatives of the district participated in the pro-

# Director Horticulture Kashmir visits Kupwara; attends Awareness camp

# Visits Panchayat halqa Chanigam-A, Sogam as Prbhari Officer; chairs review/ follow-up meeting works

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 23: Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir today visited district Kupwara and took stock of the functioning of Fruit Plant Nursery, Chougal, Handwara and also attended an awareness camp.

The camp was attended by Chief Horticulture Officer Kupwara, District Horticulture Officer, Kupwara and other officers of the department besides representatives of PRIs and a good number of farmers.

On the spot awareness was given about the beneficiary oriented and self-employment schemes of the Horticulture Department.Further a special session was held to demonstrate the pruning and training of high-density apple orchards. Later, the Director Horticulture visited Panchayat halqa Chanigam-A, Sogam, where he was Visiting Officer during the Back to Village-IV (B2V4) programme and has now been designated as Prabhari Officer for the said panchayat for a pe-



riod of one year. At the outset of his visit to the panchayat halqa, Director Horticulture held a review/follow-up meeting at Panchayat Bhawan Chandigam. The meeting was attended by

PRI members and representatives of line departments. During the meeting Director reviewed the progress and sought feedback from the line Departments with special fo-

cus on the assigned deliverables like Golden Health Cards, land passbooks, KCC, Soil Health Cards, Self-Employments schemes, identification of youth for skill training un-

der Himayat etc.The Banks briefed the chair that they have disbursed the loan to 21 self-employment units in cutting tailoring and establishment of Sheep units etc. in the panchayat halga. Further, the Health Department informed that they have completed almost 100 percent Aadhar-seeding.The Prabhari Officer distributed Land Pass Books, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Sanction letters, Horticulture Land Passbooks among the inhabitants of the panchayat Halqa Chandigam-A. The Banks briefed the chair that they have disbursed the loan to 21 self-employment units in cutting tailoring and establishment of Sheep units etc. in the panchayat halqa. Further, the Health Department informed that they have completed almost 100 percent Aadhar-seeding. The Prabhari Officer distributed Land Pass Books, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Sanction letters, Horticulture Land Passbooks among the inhabitants of the panchayat Halqa.

#### **HP&M Department Shopian organises Awareness** programme on PM-FME at Hermain Block

SHOPIAN, FEBRUARY 23: Under 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat', the Horticulture Planning & Marketing (HP&M) Department Shopian today organized 6th awareness programme on Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enter-prises (PM-FME) scheme in Block Hermain of the district.A large gathering of potential entrepreneurs of the block participated in the event. Area Marketing Officer Shopian along with his field staff, District Horticulture Officer Shopian, representative from Lead District bank, experts from Agriculture department Shopian, District Project Manager, NRLM Shopian and District Resource Person PM-FME scheme Shopian attended the programme.

Area Marketing Officer, who is also District Nodal officer (DNO) for the scheme addressed the gathering and presented an overview and potential scope of the

scheme in the district. He informed that the Scheme offers



35% credit linked capital subsidy with a maximum ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs and Rs. 40,000 seed capital per member for SHGs and Producer Cooperatives with support for Branding and Marketing of the processed product.

The audience was urged to come forward and reap the benefits of the scheme. Expressing the desire, some potential entrepreneurs were on spot registered for the scheme.

#### **DHEW Budgam conducts daylong Awareness** programme on BBBP at Block Chadoora & Narbal

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 23: As part of series of camps organised under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) campaign was today organized by the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW)- Mission Shakti Budgam in Chadoora and Narbal areas of the district.

The event was aimed at spreading awareness about the importance of education for girls and the need to prevent female infanticide and discrimination against girls.

Several prominent personalities, including government officials, social activists, and religious leaders participated in the event. During the campaign, the team DHEW-MS highlighted the significance of educating girls and the need to provide equal opportunities to both boys and girls. The participants also pledged to work towards creating a safe and supportive environment for girls in their respective communities

The team DHEW raised awareness on different schemes like Pension schemes Scholarship schemes, Prosthetic Aids, SMAS and Women empowerment schemes such as DHEW, OSC, WHL 181, Shelter Home, Marriage Assistance Scheme, Ladli Beti, PMMVY, Employment generation schemes such as Tajes wani, Mumkin, PMEGP, etc.

They also gave detailed information on how DHEW-Mission Shakti is playing an effective role by providing awareness/ training among young female folks to generate self-employment by taking advantage of available schemes at district

Continuing the programme the team also raised awareness on Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, its ill effects, causes and treatment. They also briefed the participants about the initiative 'Drug De Addiction Centre and Rehabilitation Centre' which plays an important role to make drug addict free of addiction.

# DC Kupwara chairs seminar on G-20 summit at GDC Sogam

missioner, Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, today chaired a one -day Seminar on "G-20 Summit 2023 & opportunities for Kashmir" at Government Degree college Sogam (Lolab) which was organised by college management in collaboration with 28 RR.

The event is part of various outreach activities on 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', G-20 Presidency and Mission Shakti, was cochaired by Yougal Manhas, SSP Kupwara and presided over by Colonel Anupum Hajela, Commanding officer, 28 RR Bn.

This mega event comprised of seminar and debates was patronised by Dr.Shamim Ahmad Dar, Principal, GDC Sogam.

Programme was attended by students of degree college, higher secondary schools and other educational institutions besides ardent speakers and intellectuals from different subjects and fields.

In inaugural address, Deputy Commisioner, Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray said that" India is a great democratic country and third largest economy of the world in purchasing power, India has achieved G-20 presidency when it is celebrating 75 years of its independence called as Amritkal. India holds the presidency of the G-20 from December 1, 2022 but in actual India is remained a global leader throughout the ages. India has guided nations of the world with respect to ideologies, cultural



orientations, and religious teachings'

The Deputy Commisioner while addressing the audience said " I am lucky to address you from such a beautiful and pious land of Lolab in Kupwara district which has lead the world in many ways. When we talk of ancient ages, when people used to live in forests and caves, the Kup-

wara district used a be a hub of education as at Shardi village of Kishanganga in the close proximity of Kupwara district, there was Sharda peeth global University. Similarly Lolab of Kupwara district has produced a visionary called Anwar Shah Kashmiri who lead the world through his noble ideas, ideologies" these apt words

Kashmiri stole the show and attracted the appreciations from the audience and there were chairs for Deputy Commissioner Kupwara from all sides.

Deputy Commisioner Kupwara while indicating towards the topography and Size of Kupwara district said that Kupwara district is not a small district, it's size is large than 77 countries of the world.

Deputy Commisioner Kupwara appealed the students and youth of the Lolab to work for national integration, communal harmony, and brotherhood and contribute for community, Kupwara and for the nation.

While projecting the development scenario of the district DC said that Swatchta "cleanliness" disposal of human excreta on scientific basis, preservation of environment and biodiversity are big challenges before the district adminstration. There is need of behaviour change and adopting of good sanitation and cleanliness practices among the rural masses. Use of polythene and spreading of filth need to be to curbed to save the environment from soil pollution and water pollution.

Dc asked the participants to take a pledge that day we all will make efforts to preserve and protect the environment from pollution and degradation and contribute for the society and deliver our responsibilities and duties towards our nation, district and our

#### LCMA convenes 127th BPA meeting; decides 45 cases on merit

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 23: The J&K Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) today convened 127th meeting of the Building Permission Authority (BPA) under the chairmanship of Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Vice Chairman, LCMA at Miskeen Bagh Office

The agenda for the meeting was discussed threadbare and a total of 45 cases were decided upon by the BPA on

Among others, Chief Town Planner of Kashmir, Joint Commissioner (P) SMC, Executive Engineer Lake Division 2nd LCMA, Executive Engineer Electric Inspection Division, Enforcement Officers LCMA, representatives Executive Engineer UEED Division 1st, & PHE, Representative Tehsildar Khanyar and Law officer LCMA as members of the Building Permission Authority attended

In the meanwhile, the Vice Chairman Dr J&K LCMA who is also the Chairman of BOCA has requested the people residing in the local jurisdiction of LCMA to apply for proper building permission through its BPA and obtain building permission before starting any sort of construction. Construction raised illegally shall be dealt with under law & will be demolished.

#### AAAMDC Bemina, Srinagar Police, **West Zone organise Awareness** programme on Drug Abuse

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 23: An awareness programme on Drug Abuse was today organized by Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial Degree College (AAAMDC) Bemina, Srinagar in collaboration with Srinagar Police, West Zone Srinagar within the college campus, here. In his address, the Principal of the host College, Prof. (Dr.) Nazir Ahmad Simnani said that drug addiction is a menace and we have to fight against it from every corner.Sharing the vision of the programme "Nasha Mukt Bharat", the Principal stressed the need of collaboration on part of various government, non-government, academic and executive organizations to fight this menace. He also stressed the student community to say "Yes to Life and No to Drugs". SP West Zone Srinagar. Arif Amin Shah also shared his observations regarding drug abuse. He mentioned that drug addiction is a reality and we need to show concern at all levels against this problem in society. Besides this, he also mentioned the figures of drug peddlers arrested under PSA in the recent past.Dr. Muzaffar, Director, Youth Development and Rehabilitation Centre, focused on the pattern of drug addiction, and youth as the main target of those who earn profit out of it. Ashraf Sultan, Mental Health Counsellor shared his views regarding various stages in the life of drug addict with some preventive measures relevant to the different stages.A debate was also facilitated in which students from various colleges participated and discussed various dimensions of drug abuse and addiction. Meanwhile, the host college also presented cultural activities at regular intervals to spread awareness about and against drug abuse. Three positions with cash prizes and certificates to all other participants were also distributed amongst the students.

#### **Historic Moment For Kashmir Business** Community As CCIK Meets KCC&I



Srinagar: CCIK delegation led by its President Tariq Ghani along with his office bearers met newly elected KCC&I President Mr. Javed Tenga and his team. The CCIK President felicitated newly elected President and his team and congratulated the entire Hope 21 team for their massive victory in recently held elections.

Both the Presidents of CCIK and KCCI concurred to work jointly for the interest of trade, commerce, industries and tourism. Both CCIK and KCCI Office Bearers had interaction with each other and agreed to support each other in the business as well as social issues.

The CCIK President Tariq Ghani said this is a historical moment as for the first time both chambers agreed to work on the same platform and it is the heartiest and proud moment for the entire business community. The KCCI President Mr. Javed Tenga assured his full support and also said both chambers will collaborate for the benefit of the business community.

#### India's G20 Presidency Campaign at IUST **Painting Competition on Education** for Empowerment held at IUST

Awantipora, February, 23. A Painting Competition on the theme 'Education for Empowerment' was organized today at IUST under the aegis of Dean of Students, and coordinated by the Department of Mechanical Engineering. This forms a part of the series of initiatives planned at IUST for the widespread dissemination of information about the significance of India's G20 Presidency. In the event around fifty students and scholars participated and the winners were felicitated with cash awards and certificates. While addressing the felicitation ceremony, Prof. Shakil A Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST stressed the fact.

#### Group of 33 farmers flagged-off on inter-state exposure tour by Agri Deptt Kmr

GANDERBAL, FEBRU-ARY 23: A group of 33 farmers from three different districts of Kashmir

ers aware of the latest technologies for commercial agriculture, Realtime trends in organic farming



was today flagged-off by Joint Director Agricul-ture (Inputs) Kashmir, Farooq Ahmad Bhat for an exposure cum training visit outside the UT of J&K from the Farmer Training Centre (FTC) Ganderbal.
The seven day exposure

visit has been organised by the FTC Ganderbal under the Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE) of centrally sponsored schemes, National Mission for Agriculture Extension Technology Extension T (NAET-ATMA).

Joint Director while interacting with the farmers on the occasion, said that the visit has been organised for making the farmand cultivation of different agriculture crops on scientific lines

He impressed upon them to interact with the farm scientists, experts, and functionaries extension to get acquainted with up to date methodologies in crop cultivation on scientific lines.

He also asked them to enhance their technical skills in the field of integrated farming and to adopt the advanced technologies for cultivation of different agricultural crops after learning from training/exposure visits.

Farooq said that under holistic document

special attention been given to the capacity building of farmers and to achieve this target a number of programs have been

Giving details of the programme, Deputy Director Agriculture (Trainings) Kashmir, Idris Bashir Ahmad said that the group of 33 farmers (in 2nd phase) from Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian will visit Punjab Agriculture University (PAU) Ludhiana Punjab, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana and Indian Institute of wheat and barley research Institute Karnal, Haryana.

Chief Agriculture Officer Mohammad Pulwama, Iqbal Khan, District Agriculture officer Pulwama Shahnawaz Ahmad Shah and other senior officers were present on the occasion. Giving details of the programme, Deputy Director Agriculture (Trainings) Kashmir, Idris Bashir Ahmad said that the group of 33 farmers (in 2nd phase) from Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian will visit Punjab Agriculture University (PAU) Ludhi-

#### **NSS unit of GDC Pampore organizes Awareness** programme & Rally on 'Drug Abuse'

PULWAMA, FEBRUARY 23: On the Directions of Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary, the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of GDC Pampore today organized an awareness programme and rally against Drug Abuse and Drug Addiction in Pampore Block of the district.

The campaign was organised with an aim to enlighten the youth about the devastating impact of drug abuse which remains a pressing issue in the Kashmir valley.

Around 100 NSS volunteers participated enthusiastically in the rally. The rally started from the college campus and culmi-nated near Chungi, Tulbagh Pampore. Thereafter, volunteers returned back following the same route.

The aim of the rally was to spread awareness among the common people about the harmful effects of drugs and most importantly to bring awareness among the parents to have a close vigil on their children so that they do not fall prey to any untoward situation with regard to drug addiction.

Holding placards and banners, NSS volunteers of the college marched towards



main market from the college and raised awareness among people about ill effects of drugs.

They also sensitized the common citizens and shopkeepers about ill effects of tobacco, drug, alcohol and smoking

In the said drive and rally, many informative pamphlets regarding the ill effects of Drugs were distributed among the locality members, particularly the teenagers of Tulbagh Pampore.

The programme was coordinated by Prof Alam Ara Shah and Aaliya Bashir, who appreciated the efforts of volunteers in organizing the rally successfully.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Alam Ara Shah said that by conducting the rally, they want people, espe-

cially youngsters, to realise the potential threats of drug abuse and the subsequent damage it causes to one's health.

"Eradicating the practice of drug abuse through a single rally or campaign is not possible. But all we can do is initiate this cause. The youth must spot the difference between good and bad. Through this rally, one is trying to tell you the difference. Ultimately, it is the choice of an individual but this is the least we can do as responsible citizens who care about the next generation," Prof Alam Ara added.

The campaign got a huge response from the crowd and people participated further in spreading the message about the disadvantages of drug use

Secretary DLSA Anant-

nag Deputy Chief LADC,

Assistant LADC Anant-

#### NYK invites youth to be engaged as volunteers under **National Youth Corps scheme**

FEBRUARY JAMMU, 23: Jammu and Kashmir Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has invited young person, between the age of 18 to 29 years as on 1st April 2023, for engagement as national youth volunteers all districts of Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh under National Youth Corps scheme. These young people will be deployed to channelize their energies and capabilities towards nation building by organizing them into volunteer groups. They will be entrusted with the task of organizing campaigns/ awareness programmes about health. literacy, sanitation and other social issues and may also be called upon to assist the administration emergency or implementation

Under the scheme, at least 10th pass candidate will be eligible and no regular students are eligible for applying to NYC volunteership. The deployed volunteers will be paid an honorarium of Rs. 5000 on honorarium basis in per month. This is neither a paid employment nor confers any legal right to claim employment with government.Interested youth can visit the department's website: nyks.nic.in for further details of the scheme, application proforma. For any queries, Youth may also contact Hakim Ab dul Aziz, Deputy Director Srinagar at 7889420750 for Kashmir division and Khushal Gupta, District Youth Officer Udhampur at 9906249020 for Jammu division (J&K UT) and Tajamul Ara, Deputy Director Leh at 9797007977.

of various programmes.

# **DLSA Anatnag organizes Awareness** programme on Women Empowerment

ARY 23: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Anantnag in collaboration with Government Degree College for Women Anantnag today organized a programme on "Women Empowerment" at the auditorium of GDC Women Anantnag.

On the occasion, Secretary DLSA Anantnag delivered a special address to the participants and gave insights pertaining to the Empowerment of the Women. She said the first empowerment begins with considering to be worthy at par with men, giving them power to make their decisions and removing all forms of restrictions and constraints which hamper their decision making power.In order to make women self-dependent, there is a need to promote Social empowerment, Economic empowerment, Educational em-



powerment is crucial and germane to all other forms of empowerment, besides, skill development among women in non-traditional works like electricians, plumbers etc., Secretary DLSA said adding that Women can be organized

into different professional groups so that there is improvement in their bargaining power.She said platforms like Digital India should be used for seeing funds are utilised for women empowerment, their safety etc. The pro-

nag, staff members and Para Legal Volunteers' of DLSA Anantnag besides officers of Sakhi One Stop Centre Anantnag, District Hub for Empowerment of Women Anantnag and nominated persons in Special Cell of Women and students of the college. She said platforms like Digital India should be used for seeing funds are utilised for women empowerment, their safety etc. The programme was attended by, Secretary DLSA Anant nag Deputy Chief LADC, Assistant LADC Anant nag, staff members and Para Legal Volunteers' of DLSA Anantnag besides officers of Sakhi One Stop Centre Anantnag, District Hub for Empowerment of Women Anantnag and nominated persons in Special Cell.

# DLSA Ganderbal organizes Awareness programme on 'Tele Law & Nyaya Bando'

Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal in coordination with CSC, e-Governance Services India Limited, and under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority today organised a one Day Legal Awareness Programme on 'Tele Law and Nyaya Bando (Pro Bono)' at Town Hall, Ganderbal.

The programme was conducted under the chairmanship of Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal, Ritesh Kumar Dubey and under the guidance of Secretary District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak.

During the programme, the Secretary DLSA apprised the participants about 'Tele Law & Nyaya Bando (Pro Bono)'. She said, NALSA has taken several steps to provide speedy and cost-effective justice through free legal aid services and the Department of Justice, Government of India launched this scheme on access to justice namely "designing innovative solutions for holistic access to justice"

(DISHA), she added.

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 23: The District ized sections of the society about the Tele Law & Nyaya Bando (Pro Bono), so that common people get legal services/advice digitally.

Adv. Abid Jeelani, Tele-Law Lawyer, highlighted that Tele- Law and said it connects needy and marginalised in need of legal aid with the Panel Lawyers via video conferencing/telephonic facilities available at Common Service Centres (CSCs) situated at the Panchayat level.

He added that, Para Legal Volunteer (PLV) is the first point of contact between rural citizens and lawyers providing legal aid through CSC. They are not lawyers, but have basic understanding of the legal process. He urged the participants to download the Tele Law mobile application and avail free legal services. Adv. Irfan Rashid Mir, Nyaya Bando (Pro Bono Lawyer), apprised the participants about Pro Bona Lawyer, which means giving free legal service to the public without any consideration. Nyaya Bandhu is an IT software application available easily in Google Store. Nyaya Bandhu is a pro bono legal ser-She stressed on CSC operators/ VLEs to in-vice that has been developed to connect the form the general public, especially marginal- registered lawyers with the registered bene-



ficiaries. This scheme gives voluntary legal advice to individuals and organizations that are unable to afford legal advice and/or cannot access legal aid.Adv. Athar Hafiz, Panel Lawyer of CSC Tele-Law, highlighted that legal services also encompasses facilitating the beneficiaries to get their entitlement under various Government schemes, policies and legislations. The programme was also attended by District Manager, CSC, e-Governance Services India Limited, Akhter Hussain, J&K Coordinator Tele-Law, Zameer Ahmad Mir, Panel Lawyers of CSC Tele-Law, PLVs of District Ganderbal and CSC Operators/VLEs of District Ganderbal. Adv. Athar Hafiz, Panel Lawyer of CSC Tele-Law, highlighted that legal services also encompasses facilitating the beneficiaries to get their entitlement under various Government schemes, policies and legislations. The programme was also attended by District Manager, CSC, e-Governance Services India Limited, Akhter Hussain, J&K Coordinator Tele-Law, Zameer Ahmad Mir, Panel Lawyers of CSC Tele-Law, PLVs of District Ganderbal and CSC Operators/VLEs of District Ganderbal.

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#### Charity (ZAKAAT) In Islam: One of the Important Pillers of Islam.

mong the five basic pillars of Islam, Charity (ZAKAAT) is of paramount **L**importance to bring about an allround development in our society. Support for poor and needy, the Charity or Zakaat in Arabic is not just recommended by Islam, however it is required to be performed in letter and spirit by every financially sound Muslim men and women. Giving Charity in a manner is what is termed by Allah in holy Quran as 'helping Allah in his deeds'.

Charity is to be given to those who deserve it the most. It is part of Muslim character and one of the Five Pillars of Islamic practice. Zakat is viewed as "compulsory charity"; it is an obligation for those who have received their wealth from God to respond to those members of the community in need. Devoid of sentiments of universal love, some people know only to hoard wealth and to add to it by lending it out on interest. Islam's teachings are the very antithesis of this attitude. Islam encourages the sharing of wealth with others and helps people to stand on their own and become productive members of the society. In Arabic it is known as zakat which literally means "purification", because zakat is considered to purify one's heart of greed. Love of wealth is natural and it takes firm belief in God for a person to part with some of his wealth. Zakat must be paid on different categories of property — gold, silver, money; livestock; agricultural produce; and business commodities — and is payable each year after one year's possession. It requires an annual contribution of 2.5 percent of an individual's wealth and assets. Like prayer, which is both an individual and communal responsibility, zakat expresses a Muslim's worship of and thanksgiving to God by supporting those in need. In Islam, the true owner of things is not man, but God. Acquisition of wealth for its own sake, or so that it may increase a man's worth, is condemned. Mere acquisition of wealth counts for nothing in the sight of God. It does not give man any merit in this life or in the hereafter. Islam teaches that people should acquire wealth with the intention of spending it on their own needs and the needs of others. "Man', said the Prophet, 'says: My wealth! My wealth!' Have you not any wealth except that which you give as alms and thus preserve, wear and tatter, eat and use up?" The whole concept of wealth is considered in Islam as a gift from God. God, who provided it to the person, made a portion of it for the poor, so the poor have a right over one's wealth. Zakat reminds Muslims that everything they have belongs to God. People are given their wealth as a trust from God, and zakat is intended to free Muslims from the love of money. The money paid in zakat is not something God needs or receives. He is above any type of dependency. God, in His boundless mercy, promises rewards for helping those in need with one basic condition that zakat be paid in the name of God; one should not expect or demand any worldly gains from the beneficiaries nor aim at making one's name as a philanthropist. The feelings of a beneficiary should not be hurt by making him feel inferior or reminding him of the assistance.

Money given as zakat can only be used for certain specific things. Islamic Law stipulates that alms are to be used to support the poor and the needy, to free slaves and debtors, as specifically mentioned in the Quran (9:60). Zakat, which developed fourteen hundred years ago, functions as a form of social security in a Muslim society.



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

# Ego in Human Behaviour



JASWINDER PAL SHARMA

he concept of ego is often associated with arrogance and self-importance, but it actually refers to our sense of self-identity and self-esteem. In psychology, ego is considered to be one of the three parts of the human psyche, alongside the id and the superego. It is the part of the psyche that mediates between our internal drives (id) and our external reality (superego). However, when ego becomes excessive, it can lead to negative consequences in our behaviour and relationships.

Understanding Ego

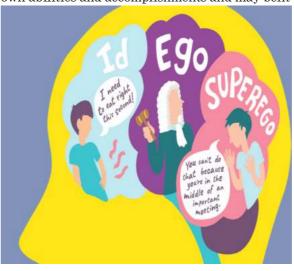
Ego is the part of the psyche that helps us to develop our sense of self and to distinguish ourselves from others. It gives us a sense of individuality and helps us to establish our own identity. Our ego is shaped by our experiences, beliefs, values, and perceptions of the world around us. It is also influenced by the feedback we receive from others, particularly in our early development.

When ego is healthy, it provides us with a stable sense of self-esteem, self-confidence, and selfworth. It helps us to cope with life's challenges and to pursue our goals and aspirations. However, when ego becomes excessive, it can lead to arrogance, self-centredness, and an inflated sense of self-importance. This can result in negative consequences for ourselves and others.

Effects of Excessive Ego

Excessive ego can lead to a range of negative behaviours, including:

Narcissism: Narcissism is a personality disorder sequences. Here are some strategies for managing characterized by an excessive sense of self-imporour ego: tance, a lack of empathy for others, and a need for admiration and attention. People with narcissistic tendencies often have an inflated sense of their own abilities and accomplishments and may belit-



tle or dismiss the achievements of others.

Aggression: Excessive ego can also lead to aggression, particularly when our sense of self-esteem or self-worth is threatened. People with an excessive ego may become defensive, hostile, or even violent when they feel that their status or reputation is being challenged

Entitlement: When our ego becomes excessive, we may begin to feel entitled to special treatment or privileges. This can lead to a sense of entitlement, which can manifest in a variety of ways, including expecting others to meet our needs or to do things for us without reciprocation.

Managing Ego

Managing our ego is essential for maintaining Support the same. healthy relationships and avoiding negative con-

Self-reflection: Self-reflection involves taking the time to examine our thoughts, feelings, and behaviours in order to gain insight into our motivations and tendencies. By reflecting on our behaviour, we can identify areas where our ego may be getting in the way of our relationships or our

Humility: Humility involves recognizing our limitations and weaknesses and accepting that we are not always right or the best at everything. It means being willing to learn from others and to acknowledge our mistakes and shortcomings.

Empathy: Empathy involves putting ourselves in other people's shoes and trying to understand their perspectives and feelings. By developing empathy, we can learn to appreciate and respect others' viewpoints and to be more compassionate and supportive.

Gratitude: Gratitude involves recognizing and appreciating the positive aspects of our lives and the contributions of others. By cultivating gratitude, we can become more humble and less self-centred, and we can develop a greater sense of connection and appreciation for others.

Conclusion

Ego is an essential part of our identity and sense of self, but it can also become excessive and lead to negative consequences in our behaviour and relationships. By understanding the effects of excessive ego and developing strategies for managing it, we can cultivate healthy relationships and a more fulfilling life. Self-reflection,

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# How much paramount, the paramedical field is in our Kashmir division.



Pirzada faisal mushtaq

ust assume that without it, the entire medical field will remain shut down. This is not a new philosophy regarding to it, but people will see it practically. What is "PARAMEDICAL" actually, what comes in it, it includes diploma holders in Dental, Nursing, x ray, therapists, Assistants, Medical & lab. Whoever comes in the medical field, they all treat the patient at their own way.

What the "Nursing field" actually is, it's definition is upgrading of health system prevention of illness & the care of ill, disabled & dying people, support for, furthering of a safe environment, experimentation participation in shaping health policy & in patient & health systems management & education are also key nursing

"Nursing field" is working globally, you know how, because nurses are working collaboratively with physicians, therapists, the patient, the patient's family, & other team members, that focuses on treating illness to improve quality of life.

"Home health nursing", it simply defines, people who are old or very sick, go to their houses & treat them, people who are from far-flung areas, in winter season during rainfall, nursing staff put their lives at risk to treat them, now the society itself should think about how important the nursing field is. Public health nursing, nurses & social workers, that worked together & visits patients in their homes, support with hygiene, nutrition, immunizations & more.

Roles & responsibilities, they fulfill each & every responsibility so nicely, they know how to treat with a patient & how to keep, maintain patients & equipments so sophistically, they support & help patient

assessed their health needs & provided Scope & standards of Practice:- It includes, assessment, diagnosis

, planning, implementation & evaluation, the standards of home health nursing integrate research, education, proper use of resources, the quality of care provided, team collaboration, & ethical principles. Pediatric Home Health Nursing:- paediat-



differently, you know how, nursing field is emotional of patient, they give education to the patient & give emotional support, how you will be safe & secure, how you will prevent from such harmful diseases, they are not interlink with only pharmacy but also with rehabilitation & community resources.

Education & Certification:- Their education system includes licensed diploma holders e,g "GNM & bachelors BSC nursing" & they will promote to masters level of education.

ric simply means children, children with chronic conditions are alarming day by day, then children are given paediatric medicine, when they get discharge from the hospital, then children are given home health care, on which basis they are given, when they have paramedical staff, that remains low expensive for patients. Two types of paediatric home health nursing, skilled nursing visits (SNV), intermittent short visits by nurses to a patients home with the goal of helping the patient & caregivers reach total independence at

home. Nurses typically visit the patient to provide monitoring, perform lab work, and administer medications. 2) Private Duty Nursing (PDN): extended, 24-hour care services to patients at home to satisfy long-term care needs of patients who cannot safely live at home with their caregivers without medical care supervision. In a recent study of 2783 hospitalized pediatric patients who were discharged home with home health nursing, 92% of the patients received PDN services, while 8% received SNV, suggesting that PDN is more common in the pediatric population.

Skilled nursing care contribute comprehensive nursing care to the patient e,g physical therapy, speech language pathology, & continued occupational therapy, they have had to face encounter within required time frame, schedule of home health care is bent on by intermittent skilled nursing care, that's needed fever than 7 days each week & daily less than 8 hours each day for upto 21 days. Nursing is not only single word, it has so

many types e,g cardiac nursing, forensic nursing, medical surgical nursing, emergency nursing, perioperative nursing, a vast history is written in favour of [Nursing Field]. They work autonomously & also with other health care professionals, you know "Nursing" is the largest, the most diverse & one of the most respected of all the health care professionals, they are so much exacting in the society

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# Beautification of Rajouri: The Story of ill Planned Maintenance



he beautiful valley's that lie underneath the lofty Pir Panjals thatare snow clad in winters but from the same mountains, through thecrevasses flow into the valley's the breeze that would make you takeyou into the dream worlds of a heaven on Earth! Rajouri-Bud-

'You see it one way or the other the things are the same (natural ones)!'-'The humans wanted to created gardens with flowers, though createdwith many fragrances and innovativeness!'-'Let us be practical, nature is nature. The creations of past inJammu and Kashmir were great and they still are!-'Four or could be enough to describe the gardens of Rajouri?"!-'The first who created the first garden in Jammu and Kashmir (Theclue, he was not a Mughal emperor?' Another one it was not on the

banks of the beautiful lake Dal?'-'The second who created the first garden in Jammu? (Again I will give you s clue, 'First of all did one exist?'.... The secod one,

it did?But where?-'The third, did ever a garden exist in Rajouri? Yes they dds in formof lavishness spread by the Pir Panjals, but where?......Another cluesomewhere in

Rajouri District itself? Who made it? 'The fourth is who was the first lover of beauty in Kash-



mir?-'The fifth who were the men who planned the Ram gardens, withambitions high but which he thought that he was creating a marvel?But who? One clue here, he has to be a wonderful human speciesmasterpiece in form of the administrators!'-'The planner's and the executioners creation stands absolutely defunct. It's nothing but a deserted piece of land. Why and how wewill tell you'!Gardens have to be maintained, if made. The past ones attract peoplefrom all over the world to Kashmir. Gardens created there are cured, cleaned and the workers do a wonderful job so that when the peopleenter there, for example Harwan, Shalimaar and Nishaat. They have their own stories like Pari Mahal, Bijbehara Gardens, Chaar Chinaar, verinaag, Kokernaag, Dacchi Gam (Wild life park), the valley's ofGulmarg and Yus Marg and the Jammu province various parks have been created, the

flowers aremany but fragrance and colours less. That is where the nature comesinto place and has a part to play! Roads, four lane one and express highways made is no development!Development and saving the Mother Nature is the real refining of thehuman chapters of the future? But are we on that pathway!'Gardens in Rajouri suggest that it is not? Who is responsible? Obviously the arrows head towards the administration who created that?

But do the present administrators realize that if it was created forbeautification of Rajouri then why was it not maintained? I have a few questions for the administration:-If it was not maintained then what were the reasons that it was nevermaintained?-If it was ill planned then someone from the administration is responsible for the same? Ut who?-In all prospects it has to be found out by the administration in Rajouri!'-Obviously a lot of money of the public and the government has beenwasted here dut for whom?-This the Secretariat knows the best because instead of flowers, wildvegetation and boulders exist here and most of the people have

forgotten as to who created a park here and for what it was. Perhapsfor making it a wasteland so that the money price gets increased. Wewill ensure that it does not happen!The garden should get its original beauty back so that the people of Rajouri also get a feel that they are living in a modernized world! The past has been bad but that is history. I know that lessons can belearnt from the history but it looks that the modern dayadministrators are learning from the negativity that happened in thepast history! For the time it is bell time as far as this period of writing another corruption story goes.

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#### Bhaderwah Lavender Farmers registered on GeM Portal as sellers

BHADERWAH, FEBRUARY 23: Department of Floriculture Doda and the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) held a workshop to facilitate on-boarding of Bhaderwah Lavender Farmers on GeM Portal

The workshop focused on sensitising the farmers about the GeM portal. A total of 18 farmers were successfully registered as sellers on the GeM portal.

Jeetan Kumar from JKTPO and Harpreet Singh from Invest India explained to the farmers the uses of the GeM portal and how this can provide a marketplace to the producers. As lavender is One district One product (ODOP) for district Doda, a significant focus is on pro viding the farmers with marketplaces to directly sell their products. Pawan Kumar (Assistant Floriculture Officer Doda) and Manujender Singh (MGN Fellow) were also present during the workshop.

#### GCW Parade organises one day workshop on Social Entrepreneurship

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 23: Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Innovation and Incubation cell, Government College for Women, Parade Ground, in collaboration with Mesh, IIT Jammu, on Thursday organised a one day workshop on "Foundation Building for an Social Impact Entrepreneur"

Chairman Total Start Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Developers, Sri Suryanil SN Sannyasin was the Resource person of the event. He emphasized on the importance of social entrepreneurship as it provides a framework for businesses to find their own success in the pursuit of helping others. His mission is creation of wealth by underprivileged for underprivileged. Dr. S.P. Saraswat, Principal Government College for Women Parade Ground Jammu was also present in the event. He applauded the resource person for such an informative session. He also appraised the participants on the newly established entrepreneurship Cell and Innovation and Incubation Cell of the college. He Emphasized on present day requirement of job creators rather than job seekers. The students of GCW Parade and IIT Jammu participated in the event with great enthusiasm and zeal. Dr.Shivani Manchanda Convenor, ED Cell gave the formal vote of thanks. The event was attended by Prof. Shrotika Rajput, Prof Jyoti Bahl, Dr. Ramesh Chander, Prof Neha, Prof Shelly Kalsi, Premveer Singh and Mukul Yadav.

#### **GMC Jammu clarifies facts** regarding BSL-3 Lab

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 23: The Management of Government Medical College and Hospital Jammu, in a clarification with regard to BSL-3 Lab, has said that the work on the facility is in progress.

The Management stated that the BSL-3 for GMC Jammu, through M/s Biosafe Lab. India Pvt. Ltd at an estimated cost of 343.16 lakh, was authorized by letter No. HD/Plan/27/2015 dated 14-09-2018 through the then Joint Director Planning, H&ME, Civil Secretariat,

All the terms and Conditions were discussed and an agreement was made on 10-Dec, 2018 between Government Medical College, Jammu & M/s Biosafe Lab India

Further, with reference to letter No. GMC/L/ PIg/3018/2018-19/6162-68 dated 24-09- 2018 a letter was received on 11-05-2021 from M/s Biosafe Lab. India Pvt. Ltd in which a demand was raised for certain items as they were not in the scope of company & asked GMC, Jammu to provide the same for completion of the works which are Electrical Power panel, Power upto LT panel including power; Earthing required for BSL-3, LT Panel 2- body, 2-neutral & Chill-2- body; DG set with AMF panel for BSL-3; R.O supply for 3 Lab 2000 Ltr./day; Rack for internet (7 points); Telephone Rack and Devices (7 No.'s)

Accordingly, the requisite DPRS alongwith the estimated cost were submitted by the concerned Engineering wings and the issue was taken up with the Administrative Department for sanction of funds. After the funds were sanctioned, the Accord of Administrative Approval in favour of Chief Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department Jammu for execution of the above mentioned work at an estimated cost of rupees 143.66 lacs. was sanctioned by order No. 1-GMCJ of 22 dated 13-06-2022 of which 75% of the total amount has already been paid.

As per the Executive Engineer, Mechanical, the SITC of Water Softener plant and RO Water Plant is in progress, while fabrication of Plant Room and SITC of 1 MVA Electric Substation with OLTC are complete. Similarly tenders have been issued for SITC of Power Back Up of 500 KVA capacity DG Set for HVAC System and SITC Of Distribution Panel with proper LT Cables.

#### Rattle HPC Ltd dedicates Ambulance to people of Block Drabshalla

KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 23: Rattle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (A Joint Venture of NHPC and JKSPDC Limited), today provided Force Traveller Ambulance BS VI FM 26CR 3350 Ambulance to District administration Kishtwar for catering health services need of block Drabshalla and surrounding areas.

The ambulance has been provided as part of Corpo rate Social Responsibility (CSR) to enable the Health Department of Kishtwar to provide better medical and relief services to the needy people of the Drabshalla and surrounding areas and to render various humanitarian services like taking the sick and ailing poor patients of remote areas to the hospitals.

Chief Executive Officer, RHPC Deepak Saigal formally handed over the key of the Ambulance to Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav in presence of CMO, Dr. Mohd Youqub Mir and other senior officers of RHPC. Meanwhile, the DC flagged off the ambulance and lauded the initiative of RHPC.

#### Agriculture Department organises awareness programme at Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 23: A one day Awareness Programme and registration drive for onboarding of farmers on GEM Portal under One District One Product was today organised by Agriculture Department District Kishtwar in collaboration with Officials of J&K Trade Promotion Organization, here in the meet-

ing hall of Office of Chief Agriculture Officer. The programme was chaired by Chief Agriculture Officer Amjad Hussain Malik.

Others who attended the programme were Saffron Development Officer Amerjeet Singh Sen; Jeetan Kumar official from JKTPO: Harpreet Singh, official of Invest India besides officers and officials of Agriculture Department.

The programme was also attended by 37 Saffron growers, FPO members.

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# DC Kathua reviews performance of Banks at DLRC meeting Call for meeting CD Ratio targets, full saturation of self-employment Schemes

To review the performance of banks in key areas, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rahul Pandey today chaired District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting and performance of RSETI here in the DC

The meeting discussed in detail the flow of credit, performance of banks in key areas, Deposits, Advances under priority sector, Govt. Sponsored Schemes, lending for the quarter ending 31st Dec, 2022 and performance of RSETI, Kathua The DC Kathua, who is also the chairman of DLRC, reviewed the lending under KCC, PMEGP - KVIB / KVIC / DIC / NULM, NRLM Handloom/Handicraft, PMAY with special emphasis on credit linkage of beneficiaries under these schemes. Banks and line departments were directed to reconcile sponsored loan applications.

The Chairman exhorted the stakeholder departments and banks to hold awareness programs to disseminate information about lending schemes among general public/farmers/ skilled persons so that they can set up new units of economic



activities. He also called for ensuring effective coordination in their working. The DC exhorted the banks to exploit all resources at their disposal and come out with a concrete action plan to increase present CD-ratio of 48.38% to minimum 60% by the end of financial year 2022-23. He said the potential under Agri and allied activities shall need to be exploited fully to achieve the benchmark of 18%

The Chairman advised all banks to cover maximum number of persons with 100% penetration under social security

schemes like Jan Dhan Yojana, Suraksha Bima Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana and to issue Rupay Debit Cards to all eligible a/c holders. He further emphasized on the banks to achieve 100% targets

of ACP 2022-23 by next quarter. The LDO RBI Kirti Bhushan suggested banks to focus lending on FPOs and Agriculture Infrastructure. He also suggested that credit potential and credit absorption capacity varies from area to area and depends upon many factors.

DDM, NABARD Amit Kumar,

discussed the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and told the house that 05 new activities have been added under the scheme. He further informed the meeting that under the convergence of New-AMI scheme with AIF, a promoter can avail

The Annual Credit Plan for FY 2023-24 was also discussed during the meeting.

schemes.

interest subvention under AIF

& Capital Subsidy under AMI

On the occasion, DC Kathua also launched the Potential Linked Credit Plan (PLP) of Linked Credit Plan (PLP) is a comprehensive document of the potentials of a district for economic activities, both in

physical and financial terms. The DC also chaired the Local Advisory Committee meeting of RSETI for the quarter ended Dec, 2022. wherein thrust was laid on expediting the process of early construction of RSETI

on the allotted land.

The DC advised all the bankers to sanction the RSETI sponsored loan applications on priority basis. He directed the RSETI director to settle the trainees as per MORD guidelines so that maximum employment can be given to local unemployed youth.

The Annual Action Plan of RETI for FY 2023-24 was also approved in the meeting.

The prominent persons who attended the meeting were, ADC Kishore Kumar, Director RSE-TI Kathua Paras Ram, Cluster Head J&K Bank, Naresh, Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua Sanjeev Rai Gupta, Distt coordinator of SBI Abdul Salam, Pankaj and other concerned officers from Banks and line departments.

### DC conducts virtual inspection of health institutions in Doda District

DODA, FEBRUARY 23: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan today interacted with the functionaries of the health department virtually and assessed the presence of essential staff of health care professionals in the Hospitals across the District, especially in rural and far flung areas.

He conducted the inspection by establishing virtual contact with all the 208 health care institutions of the district. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr R K Bharti; CPO, Suresh Kumar; Chief Medical Officer, Dr Hamid Zargar, Dy CMO and DIO were also present.

The DC reiterated that health care is the essential service, and timely delivery of the same remains the top most priority of the District Administration. He expressed his displeasure over the absence of health care staff, especially in far-flung areas and directed the CMO take strict disciplinary action against the habitual absentee staff. He instructed the CMO to process for disengagement of absentee contractual staff and withhold the salary of other absent staff. He further issued orders to seek their explanation and also process for recovery and collect a fine of Rs 5000 from delinquent staff, which shall be credited in the district Red Cross Society funds.

The DC appreciated the health care workers who remain always available to serve humankind beating all hardships. He advised the health staff to uphold the grace of this noble profession, The



tuality of all staff and deliver their best services to mankind in their respective areas. The DC reiterated that health care is the essential service, and timely delivery of the same remains the top most priority of the District Administration. He expressed his displeasure over the absence of health care staff, especially in far-flung areas and directed the CMO take strict disciplinary action against the habitual absentee staff. He instructed the CMO to process for disengagement of absentee contractual staff and withhold the salary of other absent staff. He further issued orders to seek their explanation and also process for recovery and collect a fine of Rs 5000 from delinquent staff, which shall be credited in the district Red Cross Society funds.

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## Kathua: Prosthetic Aid distribution camp held at Phalote

23: Social Welfare Department Kathua, in Collaboration with Artificial Limbs Corporation of India (ALIMCO), a public sector enterprises functioning under the control of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India, today organised a prosthetic aid Distribution camp under Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) scheme here in village Phalote. Vice Chairman, DDC

Kathua Raghunandan Singh, who presided over the Camp, distributed the prosthetic aid material including Wheelchairs, Tricycles, Hearing aids, clippers; walking sticks etc among twenty two beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chairman appreciated the joint efforts of the Social Welfare Department, Kathua and ALIMCO for organizing the camps in peripheral areas of the district. He appealed to the people to avail the scheme which



disabled persons by providing durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern standard aids and appliances. He also appealed to people to turn up at the venues where prosthetic aid will be distributed on scheduled date and time. Vice Chairman said prosthetic aid and appliances will promote physical social, psychological rehabilitation of persons with disabilities

is launched to help needy

On the occasion, awareness was also imparted to

economic potential.

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of disabilities and at the

same time enhance their

Senior citizens regarding registration for issuance of Age Certificate, Elder line and other welfare schemes run by the Social Welfare Department.Pertinently, the Social Welfare Department, Kathua and ALIMCO is holding camps in different parts of the district to provide prosthetic aids to identified beneficiaries. Under the plan, a distribution camp will be held at Day Care Centre, Near Irrigation Guest House Kathua on 24th February 2023 for the beneficiaries of Kathua, Keerian Gandyal and Nagri blocks. Similarly, Distribution Camp will be held on 25th.

# DC Ramban inspects progress of work on T-5 Tunnel on NH-44

RAMBAN, FEBRUARY 23: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam today inspected ongoing work on the critical Tunnel T-5 which shall bypass the vulnerable Panthyal stretch of Jammu-Srinagar National

Highway, NH44. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Harbans Sharma, was also present on the occasion.

Emphasizing upon the significance of Tunnel T-5 for the safety of passengers travelling on the road, the Deputy Commissioner asked the executing agency to work in triple shifts to complete the work within the set



deadline of March 15 next month.

The SDM Ramsoo was directed to assign magisterial duty to senior Revenue Officer who shall facilitate the ongoing works and submit a daily report till the work is completed and Tunnel

was made operational. The 800 metre long Tunnel T-5 will bypass the treacherous Panthyal stretch on NH44, which witnesses constant shooting stones and sliding in the recent past completely damaging the Steel Tunnel erected at the

spot.The DC also inspect ed the road clearance works on Nachlana-Sher Bibi stretch where traffic was halted for almost 2 days due to heavy landslides at Shalgadi.

Urging the passengers and drivers to drive with caution and maintain lane discipline, the Deputy Commissioner said the No Traffic Days on February 24, March 3 and March 10 will be strictly implemented and no vehicle will be allowed to travel on the National Highway in Ramban which shall allow NHAT to carry out repairs and maintenance works in a hassle-free manner

#### DC reviews saturation of Self **Employment schemes in Doda district**

DODA, FEBRUARY 23: Berozgar se Swarozgar (Self Employment) is the slogan of the current UT administration to make the youth self-reliant and provide them gainful livelihood with dignity.In this regard, Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan convened a meeting of all the stakeholder departments and reviewed their performance. The DC directed the concerned officers to certify by the end of March 2023 about the 100% disbursement of cases sponsored under different self-employment schemes. Under PMEGP, it was informed that out of 1261 cases sponsored in the current financial year, 1042 have been sanctioned and 499 have been disbursed till date. The DC instructed the departments dealing with Self Employment schemes to provide the list of sponsored/ sanctioned cases to the control room of the DC office so that the applicants/ beneficiaries may be contacted and provided handholding for setting up of their profitable business establishments.The Deputy Director Employment and LDM were asked to coordinate and make sure that all the applicants get their chosen financial assistance at the earliest.The meeting was attended by CPO Doda Suresh Kumar, GM DIC/ DD Employment Idrees Lone, CHO Doda, DSHO Doda, District Agriculture Officer, Food Safety DFCO Doda, LDM, Zonal Manager JK Bank, DIO Doda, Principal Polytechnic College Doda.

# DC Kishtwar Chairs NCORD committee meeting

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav today chaired the monthly meeting of District Level Committee of Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) here in his office chamber and reviewed the steps taken to curb drug abuse in the

The meeting was attended by SSP, Khalil Ahmed Poswal; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kishori Lal Sharma: SDM Chatroo, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; SDM Paddar/DPO ICDS, Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma; DFO Kishtwar, Sagar Singh; DFO Marwah, Vijay Kumar; District Social Welfare Officer, Zubair Ahmed; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. M Y Mir; State Taxes Officer, Maneet Sharma besides representative

of Excise department.
At the outset, the ADC presented the action taken report on the decisions taken in the previous meeting.



Listing the action taken by the police department, the SSP said that police and other security agencies have adopted a zero

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned Officers to devise a comprehensive plan to reach-out to the drug affected persons for their rehabilitation. The DSWO and CMO were di-

tivities under the Nasha Mukht Panchayat Abhiyan. He also directed the concerned

officers to utilise the services of

tion through full activation of the District Drugs De-addiction centre established in the District Hospital.

During the meeting, the DC stressed upon the Officers of all the line Departments, including Enforcement agencies to ensure better coordination in enforcing greater deterrence to combat dangerous trade of drug-trafficking. He said that efforts with cooperation, coordination and collaboration are vital to contain the drug peddling and break the supply chain, besides taking stringent action against the culprits involved in the hazardous trade of drugs.

pronged Rehabilitation, Counselling and Guidance policy to be implemented on ground to monitor drug abuse and take remedial measures to curb the menace.

The DC asked for a multi-

Other officers shared their views. suggestions and mea-

tolerance policy against drug ASHA workers, PRIs, to develsuppliers and traffickers and inop a database of drug addicts to tensified their vigil. pave way for their rehabilitarected to conduct awareness acsures to be taken.

# DDC Chairman Kathua, Director Horticulture tour Bani, Basohli area

23: In an endeavor to benefit the farming community in far flung areas, DDC Chairman Kathua (Retd.) Col. Maan Singh and Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak, conducted a whirlwind tour of Bani and Basohli area of the District. They were accompanied by SDM Satish Sharma; Chief Horticulture Officer, Sushil Angurana and other officers & officials of the department.

The DDC Chairman and the Director visited Challah, Draman, Kardoh and Jandrali areas to select sites for developing Mega



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gation, Custom Hiring

Centres, Vermicompost

units, Strawberry plan-

departmental to benefit the local farming community. The Director briefed the local farmers about the various Central and UT sponsored schemes of the department and urged them to come forward, associ-

socio- economic status. Further, he said that the area has a great potential for horticulture crops which must be tapped and appealed to the PRI members and field functionaries to work in tandem for doubling the farmers income with special focus on area expansion, establishment of solar dryers

and processing units. Earlier, the Chief Horticulture Officer, Kathua briefed the Director about the status of various activities going on in

### Court Complex, Mominabad, Srinagar ARY 23: Chief Justice, etc. for upliftment of their

High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh, today paid his maiden visit to District Court Complex, Mominabad, Srinagar after assuming charge of the

Chief Justice was accompanied by various High Court judges including Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohan Lal, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh

On the occasion, Chief Justice and other Judges of the High Court were welcomed with guard of honour from a squad of Jammu and Kashmir Po-



Chief Justice pays maiden visit to District

Chief Justice inspected the court complex including Family Court, POSCO Court, Vulnerable Witness Deposition Court, Vidhik Seva Kendra, E-Seva Kendra, Help Desk, Crèche and other

Chief Justice along with other High Court Judges visited the District Legal

sections.

Services Authority Srinagar and took firsthand appraisal of working of Chief Legal Aid Defense System and Legal Aid Clinics.

Later, Chief Justice had

an extensive meeting

with the Judicial Officers posted at Srinagar and took stock of functioning of the courts.

Chief Justice

urged upon them to extend utmost dedication, diligence and compassion towards upholding the dignity and honour of the institution. He also emphasized upon adopting a compassionate attitude towards litigants especially women victims.

Meanwhile, Jawad Ahmad Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, apprised the Chief Justice of working of the courts with relevant statistics. He expressed gratitude to Administrative Judge, Justice Tashi Rabstan for his full support to all the judges.

Lastly, Chief Justice and other High Court Judges planted a sapling in the court complex Srinagar.

## DC Kishtwar chairs e-Auction committee meeting

KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 23: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, today chaired a meeting of e-Auction Committee convened to discuss the e-Auctioning of minor mineral block Kurya here in village Filler.

On the occasion, the District Mineral Officer (Member Secretary) apprised the committee members about various terms and conditions of the e-auction process. He said the auction of Kurya block was going to

be opened on 20th of March 2023. The Deputy Commissioner directed the DMO to ensure proper notification, advertisement and publication of the e-Auction in the leading newspapers of UT and National rep-

The DC stressed for scientific and sustainable extraction of minerals without damaging ecology and

aquatic life in the area. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner also instructed the

concerned officers to stay vigilant against illegal mining ,while extraction of minerals.

The members put their valuable suggestions with regard to the excavation of minerals.

The meeting was attended by all Committee Members, which include DTO, Lokesh Kumar; DMO, Dr. Brijesh Manhas; Executive Engineer PWD, Ravinder Kumar and Ex En Jal Shakti, Sunil Kumar

### DC Kathua reviews progress under CAPEX Budget-2022-23



KATHUA, FEBRUARY 23: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today reviewed the Physical and Financial performance of the development departments under District Capex Budget 2022-23 here at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of the DC office

The DC took a detailed sector wise review and received feedback regarding the present status of developmental as well as non construction works by the concerned departments.

While taking department wise review, the DC directed the concerned executing agencies to prioritise the completion of pending projects of the district.

Taking review of the new works taken up under this year's district and UT CAPEX, the DC stressed upon the concerned officers to ensure the financial completion of physically completed works besides the comple tion of ongoing works within set timelines.

Terming the role of all the departments equally important, the DC said that their coordinated efforts are imperative for time bound completion of the development projects.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Kathua, Chief Planning Office, Chief Education Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineers and other concerned officers of

# **Public Notice**

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#### DIG SKR visits PD Awantipora; Inaugurates Recreation Hall, held Darbar with jawans & inspected JIC

Awantipora February 23: Deputy Inspector General of Police South Kashmir Range Shri Rayees Mohammad Bhat-IPS visited Police District Awantipora where he inaugurated Recreation Hall at Tral besides, held Darbar with jawans and inspected JIC. During his visit, DIG SKR was accompanied by SSP Awantipora.

DIG SKR Shri Rayees Mohammad Bhat-IPS inaugurated the Recreation Hall at Tral and held Darbar with jawans of Police Component Tral. Addressing the Darbar DIG SKR, advised the officers and jawans to focus on their duties. He stressed upon them to gain public confidence. He also exhorted upon officers & jawans to keep doing good work with sincere efforts and be extra alert while performing duties.Later DIG SKR, visited JIC Awantipora and interact with officers & officials. He inspected the records and gave directions with regard to maintain the records using modern techniques. He told the officers to work for irradiating the residual terrorism.DIG SKR directed the officers that while dealing with any anti-terrorist operation or law & order scenario, people should not face any inconvenience. He directed the officers to work with more dedication to curb the activities of elements inimical to peace. Later DIG SKR, visited JIC Awantipora and interact with officers & officials. He inspected the records and gave directions with regard to maintain the records using modern techniques. He told the officers to work for irradiating the residual terrorism.DIG SKR directed the officers that while dealing with any anti-terrorist operation or law & order scenario, people should not face any inconvenience. He directed the officers to work.

# **Public Notice** name correction in Passport ....

It is to make public that my name has gone incorrect in my Valid Passport bearing Passport No-L1933063, as Ruksana Baigum, instead of RUKHSANA JAVID which is my actual name in all other relevant

To put the records correct It has become imperative to make the required corrections in my Passport by changing the name from Ruksana Baigum to RUKHSANA JAVID. Anybody having any objection may kindly contact the concerned authorities within seven days of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the said time duration.

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# **Public Notice**

I have applied for Seeds/Pesticides Licence the Name and Style Raies Pesticides (Watergam Wagoora) if anybody having any objection in this regard He / She may file in Plant Protection Officer Lalmandi Srinagar and Chief Agricultural Office Baramulla within seven days after that no objection will be entertained

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I Have lost my Fathers Death certificate woh died on January 1994 Now I am applying for its duplicate certificate if anybody has any objection in this regard He/She my contact with concerned authorities within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained

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# participate in weeklong Yuva Sangam tour Such tours are essential for all-round development of students: Dir NIT Srinagar, Feb 23: 16 students from

various departments of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Thursday left for a weeklong exposure tour to Assam under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB), a pilot initiative by Government of India. IIT Jammu is Nodal Higher Edu-

cation Institution for Jammu and Kashmir and IIT Guwahati is the Paired Institution (for the pilot

During the visit, the students will have a multi-dimensional exposure under five broad areas - Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Prodyogik (Technology) and Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect).

Director NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said the idea behind the exposure tour is to promote respect and understanding for other cultures. Such programs will connect people from diverse backgrounds and create harmony between them, he said.

He showered his blessings to students for being selected in prestigious Yuva Sangam Tour under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. It will provide an immersive experience of various facets of life, development landmarks, recent achievements, he said.

Prof. Sehgal said these tours are



16 students from NIT Srinagar to

essential for all-around development of an individual and a nation. It will inculcate the qualities of brotherhood, mutual understanding among the students from across India," he said.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said such exposure will benefit students in a long way and help them to explore various cultures and diversities.

Prof. Bukhari also congratulated the selected students and stated that it is the best way of learning and enhancing their knowledge. Through such initiatives, students can experience other cultures and languages, rituals, fashion, traditions, cuisine, etc, he said.

The spirit of mutual understanding amidst a shared history has enabled a special unity in diversity, which stands out as a tall flame of nationhood that needs to be nourished in future," Prof. Bukhari

Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Rout, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering is the Nodal officer and other coordinators of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB).

He said that 121 students had registered for the Yuva Sangam Portal and 16 were selected. During the five day tour, students will visit IIT Guwahati, Raj Bhavan at Kharghuli Hills, workshops, interactions and cultural programs.

The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program is aimed to strengthen people-to-people connect especially between youth. Under this program, 11 Higher Education Institutions from the North East and 14 from the rest of the country have been paired by the government.

The idea of a sustained and structured cultural connect between people of different regions was mooted by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas held on 31st October 2015, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

#### Range Police Headquarters Srinagar renovates IT lab, donates computer to Amar Singh College Srinagar under CAP-2023

Srinagar February 23: Range Police Headquarters Srinagar under the aegis of Civic Action Programme (CAP), renovates IT lab of Amar Singh College and donates Computer to the college during an impressive function organised at Amar Singh College Srinagar.

The function was attended by DIG CKR Shri Sujit Kumar-IPS along with other officers & officials of RPHQ besides, Principal Prof. Bashir Ahmad Rather, Prof Shabnam Ara, other faculty members of college and students of computer science department were present. The faculty members present on the occasion included Prof. Mujeeb Ahmad Kawoosa, Prof. Kanwal Jeet Singh,



Prof. Gurdip Singh, Prof. Arshid Ahmad Yatto, Prof. Owais Shafi Zargar, Prof. Zahid Zargar, Prof Arshad Hussain, Prof. Kaisara Jan, Prof. Jamsheeda and Prof. Shafia. Principal Prof. Bashir Ahmad Rather in his opening remarks, ex-

gratitude to-

wards J&K Police. The function was made successful by the key role played by Prof. Shabnum

DIG CKR in his address highlighted the role of Police in extending helping hand towards public and especially educational institutions. He urged

the students to work hard in life so as to become valuable citizens for the society at large. He also advised the students to remain focused in their career besides, cooperate with police and administration in curbing social crimes.

Later, vote of thanks was presented by Staff Officer RPHQ Srinagar Shri Sajjad Khaliq Bhat, during which he expressed that serving the student community is always a matter of pleasure and honour. Later, vote of thanks was presented by Staff Officer RPHQ Srinagar Shri Sajjad Khaliq Bhat, during which he expressed that serving the student community is always a matter of pleasure and honour.

## **Govt of Jammu & Kashmir Department of Environment & Remote Sensing**

1. The Mass Media Officer, Kashmir

2. The Environmental Soil Coniervationist, Jammu

Subject: Final Result of Green Life Contest-ll.

**Ref:** Minutes of Meeting held on 04th of February 2023.

Sir.

In light of above Minutes of l4eeting kindly find below the final result of winners/nominees publication of Green life contestlrr oiJa'mmu and Kashmir for favour in the leading dailies

Jammu Region:

1' Ms' Bhoomika Bakshi of Kotwal National Institute of reaching Jammu (1st prize)

2' SH' Vikas sharma of Higher Secondary school paloura - Jammu prize) (2nd)

Kashmir Region: 1. sh Fazir Rashid of BHSS, sogam, Kupwara (lst prize)

2. Ms. Farak Fayaz of GHSS Rainawari, srinaga (2nd prize) Besides, based on the number of points, HIGHERSecondary School BAROLLA, UDHAMPUR, has been adjudged The Green CHAMPION School. As such I am directed to request to kindly get the results published in the leading

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Yours faithfully, **Ecology Environment and J&K** for information. **Remote Sensing** 

#### FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

#### **DRUGS**

with three persons on board. They have been identified as Bilal Ahmed Dar son of Ghulam Qadir Dar resident of Chichdipora, Sajad Ahmed Khan son of Ghulam Nabi Khan resident of Rambirpora Mattan and Mehraj-ud-din Lone son of Ghulam Rasool Lone resident of Ashajipora. During checking, 29 Codeine Phosphate bottles were recovered from their possession. They have been arrested and vehicle used in the commission of crime has also

Similarly, in Kulgam a police party at a checkpoint established at Lowermunda Qazigund arrested a notorious drug peddler identified as Ubaid Ahmad Sofi son of Mohd Maqbool Sofi resident of Sangam Bijbehara. During checking, officers were able to recover 02 Kgs of charas from his possession. Meanwhile at another checkpoint established at Damidulla Crossing, a police party of PP Frisal, arrested a drug peddler identified as Mohd Yaqoob Malik resident of Arwani Bijbehara. During search, 3.87 grams of Heroin was recovered from his possession. All the accused persons have been shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. Cases under relevant sections of law have been registered and in-

vestigations 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.

#### DIV COM

He laid stress on the installation of signages on both axis of SANJY and at camps to provide information to the pilgrims regarding nearby facilities, control room contact numbers etc

To ensure cleanliness and sanitation, he exhorted concerned officers to carry continuous sanitation drives and install dustbins.

He issued directions to concerned officers to ensure availability of water and electricity besides he also asked concerned officers to share accurate information regarding weather activity on real time basis

Bidhuri also instructed for decoration of base camp tents with colourful lights and illumination to create an ambience of festivity.

Earlier, Incharge ICC, Tahir Magray gave a presentation wherein he presented a holistic view of previous yatra and presented different changes to ensure smooth conduct of SANJY, 2023.

the feedback from the school heads."

You are requested to instruct the schools Heads of your district to complete the process of examinations up-to March-20 2023 so that the classwork of new classes can be started immediately," DSEK said.

Pertinently the modus operand of the examinations has already been communicated to CEOs and DIETs by SCERT J&K.

A day before, KNO reported that the Term End exams for Classes Ist to 7th and 9th in district Srinagar will be held from the second week of March as per the old pattern. Officials further said that the date sheet and the assessment of these classes would be done by the respective

authorities of the school. District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Principal Srinagar, Tahira Hilali said, "This year the exams would be held as per the old pattern and from next session, we will conduct the exams as per the New Educa-

tion Policy (NEP)." "The examination shall be conducted at school level as per past practice," the DIET principal said—(KNO)

progressive States like Gujarat Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi. Tax to be paid in Municipal Committees shall be much lower than that of Municipal Corporations. There is no property tax in rural areas. Besides the property tax is to be assessed and paid on annual basis.

Elucidating further the Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Rahul Yadav informed that the tax is progressive in nature with low tax on smaller assets and is linked to circle rates - lower the circle rate, lower is the tax liability of the owner. The tax also takes into account factors like age of the property, usage type and construction type etc to arrive on TAV for realistic capturing of value of property.

Cases illustrating such as property tax to be levied on a 35 year old residential house with built up area of 4500 Sft in Gandhi Nagar is assessed to be Rs.5758 for one year. Similarly, a 25 year old residential house in Sarwal with built up area of 2000 Sft will have to pay only Rs1063 as property tax. A 5 year old residential house with built up area of 3500 Sft in Channi area would be assessed to Rs5374 property tax for one year. Small shops shall have to pay very small amounts with the example of a small shop in the old city area of Jammu with area of about 200 Sft which is only 0-20 years oldwould be liable to pay tax of only Rs 838 per annum.

In this regard Dr Mehta directed the DCs to create awareness in their areas by giving such real examples of calculation of the tax for different properties in their ULBs of the district. He observed that the misinformation created among people should be addressed by taking them along. He asked them to involve the elected representatives and civil society members in dissemination of the information and actual objectives of imposing this

#### MODI

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strategies. He said, several important announcements including PM Kusum, rooftop solar scheme, incentives for solar panel manufacturing and battery storage were made in the Budgets since 2014.

Talking about initiatives taken in this year's Budget, the Prime Minister said, several key announcements were made in the Budget regarding green growth which are the foundation stones for the bright future of the country's future generations. He said, schemes and policy initiatives like PM Pranam, Gobardhan, and Vehicle Scrapping Policy will play a key role in shaping the future of the country

The Prime Minister stressed that the more commanding position India will hold in renewable energy resources, the more change it can bring in the world. He said, India is the leading country in augmenting its renewable energy capacity in the major economies of the world since 2014. He said, whatever the target country has set, it achieved well before the deadlines. He said, the country achieved a target of 40 percent of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel nine years before the target. He urged the investors to come forward to invest in sectors like biofuel, agri-waste, biogas, green hydrogen, vehicle scrapping, battery storage and municipal solid waste terming the opportunities in the renewable energy sector as gold mines. (CNS)

should be some source of income to them. We know tax will benefit us, but people should have that power to pay the tax," he said.

He said the government should have sympathy with the people and not impose laws and other policies on them while sitting in offices.

"I appeal to the government to halt imposition of tax for at least 5-6 years till the economic situation gets better in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. KNS)

#### WEATHER

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at  $0.3^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ against 0.6°C on the previous night and it was 0.6°C above normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 10.1°C against 11.1°C on the previous night. It was 0.5°C 'below' normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of 6.8°C (above normal by 5.6°C), Batote 6.4°C (above normal by 2.9°C), Katra 10.6°C (2.1°C above normal) and Bhadarwah 2.2°C (1.6°C above normal).

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 9.6°C and 12.6°C respectively, the official said.

The MeT has predicted mainly clear weather at most places in the next 24 hours.

On February 24-25, he said, mainly clear to partly

cloudy weather was expected at most places. On February 26, he said, weather was likely to be generally cloudy with possibility of light rain and snow at scattered places. On February 27-28, he said, the weather was likely to be partly cloudy and on March 1-2, he said it is expected to be cloudy with possibility of light rain and snowfall at scattered places.

#### DR FAROOQ

intolerance against contrarian views in J&K. The underway wanton suppression and prolonged detention of local youth besides plethora of other issues were also raised in the meeting.

Interacting with the functionaries, Abdullah said that the "down sliding of democracy" has hurt every sector of Jammu and Kashmir without any exception.

"The litmus test for a democracy is if the policy decisions are made through democratic procedure and have popular support. Unfortunately the current administration's decisions sans both!" he said.

He termed the recent government actions as anti-people and a grave injustice.

"Such decisions must be left to a democratically elected government in J&K. It all started with disempowering, disenfranchising our people, now they are dispossessing them. We won't allow this. If NC comes to power, all these anti people policies have to go lock stock and barrel. We cannot act as mute spectators to the injustices committed by this government," NC president said. "People will punish them through elections as and when they are held. They cannot run away from it for long, one or the other day they have to face the people's raging anger."

Jammu Kashmir has been without an elected government since June 2018 when BJP withdrew support to the Mehbooba Mufti-led government.

#### **ALTAF BUKHARI**

supporters. The rest of the joinees included Rehemtulla Zargar, Liyakat Tantray, Kuldeep Kumar, Preeto Devi, Mujahid Hussain, Fatha Ali Shah, Sham Raj, Deepak Kumar, and others.

Besides Prominent party leaders and senior workers. the party's state General Secretary Vijay Bakaya, and Provincial President Manjeet Singh were also present on the occasion.

#### **GULMARG**

"We have kept three igloos in the first phase and three in premises of the hotel. There is positive response and this will remain available throughout the year," Ishfaq said. Celebrations, candle light dinners and other things were not possible in hotels but igloos are being booked continuously for candle light dinner and other celebrations purposes as well, he said.

Ishfaq said that it is the concept of Finland and first time in Asia and has kept heating arrangements as well.

It is a completely different experience sitting in an igloo. Even the guests who have in house bookings also want to spend some time in these igloos to have lunch, dinner or tea, he said.

An igloo can have six guests at a time and guests are given around a minimum one hour to enjoy and these igloos are pre-booked, he said.

He said that Syed Waseem Shah is behind the concept and creation of these Igloos.

Mostly domestic tourists are booking these igloos to have a unique experience, he said—(KNO)

#### MOS

Governor and his team for organizing mega job fairs across the UT. He said that the present dispensation is trying it's best to bring Jammu and Kashmir on the glorious path of rapid progress and prosperity.

Union Minister expressed satisfaction over implementation of several government schemes on ground. He said that the government is committed to develop J&K and numerous innovative steps are being initiated in

Regarding establishment of 3rd tier of Panchayati Raj system in the UT, Union Minister observed that with the establishment of this vital democratic setup the developmental process has received a big push towards

socio economic uplift of common people. While highlighting the provisions of Union Budget 2023-24 presented in parliament, Union Minister said that it lays down the vision for green growth across multiple sectors in the country.

Union Minister said that the programme showcases continuous commitment of the government towards providing job opportunities for the youth. He asserted that this job fair will be a significant step forward towards fulfilling the continuous commitment of Prime Minister of India to provide job opportunities for the

He reiterated that government of India has launched various flagship programmes like Jan Dhan, Ujjwala,

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner presented briefed the Union Minister about the Job fair saying that around 13 local companies and 1000 unemployed youth of the district have participated in this huge event.

Later, Union Minister had an interactive session with District Development Council members and District Officers regardin development and welfare programmes being implemented in the district.

DDC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson projected several demands and issues including increase in MGN-REGA wages, bringing of Dhar Ladha and Yug Dhar and other places of area on tourism map, disposal of pending liabilities under MGNREGA and 14th FC, clearance of forest issues, land compensation, establishment of wooden depots and their necessary classifi-

cation under approved rates. Union Minister also laid e-foundation for construc-

#### Incumbent dispensation a rudderless ship, Assembly elections inevitable to end people's woes: Rattan Lal

JAMMU, FEB 23: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) has termed the incumbent Govt as a rudderless ship sans any direction that is rolling out anti-people policies one after the other. This has led to utter chaos and confusion in Jammu and Kashmir with the miseries of the people multiplying with the passage of each day, he added. He asserted that miseries of the people can only be done away with by the popular democratically elected Govt for which the Assembly elections should be held at the earliest.

Rattan Lal Gupta stated this here today during his interaction with NC District Presidents of Jammu Urban, Rural A ,B and Samba including Provincial President , District Presidents Women Wing. The senior National Conference leader said that there is

a lot of hue and cry across the Jammu and Kashmir as people are suffering on account of the much ill conceived policies of the present dispensation. He said that the present dispensation that is functioning as the proxy Govt of BJP in absence of the duly elected Govt in J&K has been functioning arbitrarily displaying unprecedented degree of arrogance. This is evident from the Govt's decision of imposing property tax that has left the Mayors of Jammu and Srinagar and the elected members of Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and Municipal Committees speechless as they have not been consulted while implementing property tax in Jammu and Kashmir, terming it as undemocratic and against the norms of natural justice.

Moreover, unemployment is at its peak, the prices of essentials are sky rocketing and the farmers continue to be the worst sufferers due to the wrong policies of the Administration and amid such a grim situation the Govt has been resorting to demolition and eviction drives leaving the common and poor people shelterless. As if all this was not enough, and the Govt has now started overburdening the people with taxes, the latest one being the imposition

Rattan Lal Gupta said that people can get rid of all these miseries only when there will be a duly elected Govt in place in J&K. He appealed to the Govt especially the Election Commission of India to hold elections in J&K at the earliest without any wastage of time

#### Two day photo exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by CBC J&K concludes at Ramban



Ramban, February 23, 2023The two day Integrated Outreach and Communication Programme (ICOP) on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) organised by Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) Field Office Doda concluded at Ramban today.

Hon'ble Chairperson District Development Council Ramban, Dr. Shamshada Shan was the chief guest on the valedictory function.

The Outreach Programme was organised with the aim to generate mass awareness regarding the ongoing campaign of AKAM and Centrally Sponsored Schemes by the

While addressing the large gathering outside the Conference Hall of DC Office, Ramban the chief guest said that this exhibition depicts the long history of Freedom Movement in India and is more appealing in a unique way. While appreciating the efforts of CBC, the Hon"ble Chairperson said that a lot of work has been done to uplift the socio economic condition of the people of Ramban district. She also urged CBC J&K to organise more such programmes in far flung and remote pockets of the district in future too.

Shri Ghulam Abbas, Joint Director, CBC, UTs of J&K & Ladakh gave an overview of various IEC activities being carried out by the department in J&K & Ladakh. He highlighted the importance of such programmes which play a pivotal role in spreading awareness about various policies and programmes of the Government.

A galaxy of experts from Police department, banks, ICDS, Govt. Polytechnic College etc. delivered key note address on various components including Drug addition, its bad effects on society and means to curb it spread, various social security schemes and financial inclusion schemes.

Sh. Khursheed Yousuf, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Field Office, Udhampur presented an overview, structure and working of the CBC, J&K during the event. He said that CBC is engaged in generating awareness in rural, far flung and media-shadow zones regarding the welfare schemes of Government of India.

On the occasion, Open Quiz Competition related to the Indian Freedom Movement and Unsung heroes was also organised and prizes were given away among the winners. The Programme was concluded with Vote of Thanks presented by Sh. Gurnam Singh from CBC Udhampur while as Ms. Ruhi Kundal, moderated the proceedings.

#### Adv Sajid Yousuf shah meet Div commissioner Kashmir, New maternity hospital unit for Lolab among others discussed.



Srinagar, 23 Feb: Prominent Socio-political activist and All JK Youth Society president Adv Sajid Yousuf Shah met the new divisional commissioner Kashmir at his office, reads the statement.

According to a statement from the All JK Youth Society, Adv Sajid Yousuf along with the AJKYS delegation welcomed the newly appointed Div com and discussed various issues regarding the Availability of doctors, New maternity hospital unit among others in Lolab. Adv Sajid submitted a memorandum about filling the

full-time post of Gynaecologist at SDH sogam, NTPHC lalpora, the New maternity hospital unit to Lolab, and also the Upgradation of NTPHC lalpora.

Div Com gave a patient hearing to the delegation and ensured full support and also directed district administration kupwara to solve the pertaining issues and also submit the detailed report to the div com office as soon

AJKYS delegation also thanked the div com for ordering a detailed report from concerned departments on the already sanctioned work action plans for Sogam Lolab.

## **Several Join BJP At Party** headquarter at Jammu

Amir Iqbal Khan



Jammu, Feb 23:BJP Minority Morcha JKUT organized a Joining Programme during Working Committee Meeting here on Wednesday. The program was led by Farid Ahmed Fani Spokesperson and district Prabhari(distt. Poonch). Several people from districts Kishtwar and Doda joined BJP leaving Other Political Parties. Expressing their views, those who joined today said that other political parties are least bothered about the problems of the minorities and have thus, failed to Serve the people in right earnest in the Chenab Valley. "Their intentions towards the development of the region are not clear. They also lack the

proper vision and have no blue prints for socio-economic up liftment of Chenab Valley for which we have chosen to join hands with BJP," they told.

On this occasion, BJP Minority Morcha UT President Ranjodh Singh Nalwa welcomed the new entrants in the party folds. Speaking to the participants, Nalwa said Bharatiya Janata Party is the only party that can solve the problems of minorities and stand by their side in hour of crisis with

The joining program was organized by Farid Ahmed Fani who also welcomed their decision of joining BJP Minority Morcha. He further assured that the party will remain at their back like a rock every moment and will struggle for their rights, development and basic needs.

#### Ishfaq Jabbar visits landslide affected families in Ganderbal: demands rehabilitation

Ganderbal,23-Feb: Senior Political Leader and Former MLA Ganderbal Sheikh Ishfaq Jabbar on Thursday visited Rezan Ganderbal where several residential houses and cowsheds were damaged due a massive mudslide on Sun-Sheikh was accompanied by DDC Wakura Mohd Ashraf

DDC Ganderbal Molvi Mohd Yousuf, BDC Wakura Gh Mohd Malla, Socio-political activists Gh Mohidin Kasana, Ab Ahad Barwali, Manzoor Ahmad Kullan, Sarpanch Hayan Showkat Ahmad and others. Jabbar visited the families and interacted with them. The

families whose houses were damaged in the landslides demanded their rehabilitation. We have become homeless. We demand immediate relocation to some safer place. We have no source of income to construct new house. We appeal to the authorities to

provide us monetary help to rebuild our homes,", they They further said and alleged that the landslide was triggered due to the ongoing tunnel works in the area.

The former MLA on the occasion dialled Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal and demanded that the administration should select a piece of land where the affected families

could be rehabilitated. Sheikh Ishfaq assured them that he will also raise the issue with LG Manoj Sinha so that no disaster victim will be

left homeless. Jabbar said that the UT government should provide all required assistance and rehabilitate every disaster victim and those affected by the landslide should be provided houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.(CNS)

#### Solid waste management in Srinagar City a collosal failure- Sheeban Ashai.

Srinagar, 23rd February: Jammu Kashmir People's Party Chief today visited Achhan Dumping site in Soura. Terming it as a towering example of misgovernance and political shortsightedness Ashai in a statement said, "Previous Successive Government's have failed to come up with an effective solid waste disposal mechanism despite stringent warnings of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). Achan Dumping site is one the worst examples of open unscientific; solid waste disposal. About 450-metric-tonnes of garbage is dumped every day at Achan sending out stench that engulfs almost entire city's downtown and its outskirts.

As per health experts nearby areas have seen sharp surge in patients suffering from gastrointestinal and respiratory issues. Once a home to tens of hundreds of birds, Achan is just 250 metres from the second largest lake in Kashmir- Anchar Lake; even the ground water is getting polluted thanks to unscientific waste disposal. In 2016, a waste-to-energy plant was proposed at Achan but the then BJP-PDP government failed to start the project earning censure from the green tribunal; Ashai demanded that a waste-to-energy plant must come up at the site in accordance with laws and rules. He expressed sadness that despite repeated orders of NGT successive regimes including present one is yet to setup a state of art solid waste management facility in Srinagar. Back in December 2017; NGT had ordered for the completion of the 5-MW waste to energy plant within 18 months. It also warned of a fine of Rs 50,000 for each day of delay. But despite all the warnings and orders SMC has failed to rise up to the problem of tackling solid waste in a scientific manner. Ashai questioned current Mayor Srinagar to come clean on what happened to the tripartite agreement between state government, private consortium and power development corporation ' Wasn't as per SMC, Srinagar supposed to get a waste based power plant by start of 2020? In 2018 a World Health Organisation (WHO) survey for air quality in Global Ambient Air Pollution was conducted in which Srinagar city did not fear well. The WHO survey was seconded by another study conducted by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in collaboration with University of Kashmir which pointed out that pollution levels in Srinagar have hit dangerous levels. Ashai impressed upon LG lead administration to focus on issues pertaining lives of common citizens rather than bulldozing houses and imposing property taxes. JK People's Party leadership demanded that a state.

#### Will bring Back Roshni Act if voted to power: Azad

Kokernag, Feb 23: The Chairman of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) & Fomer Chief Minister J&K Ghulam Nabi Azad asserted that he will bring back the Roshni Act Scheme that had benefited thousands of poor people across Jammu and Kashmir if voted to power in the elections. Azad was speaking to thousands of people at Larnoo, Kokernag where prominent political leader from ST community Chowdary Haroon Khatana joined DPAP. Mr Azad said that it is unfortunate the scheme has been scrapped and the land provided to poor people under the scheme is retrieved by the present dispensation rendering thousands of families homeless overnight."The land of Jammu and Kashmir belongs to its people be it Hindus or Muslims, Sikhs or from any other religion, caste. No government has the right to snatch it from the people," he said, adding that his party vociferously fought the public issue and compelled the government to stop the eviction drive.

# Struggling Rahul set to be replaced with Gill for Indore Test

prolonged slump in form is likely to cost him his place for the third Test against Australia with demands growing for Shubman Gill's inclusion in the match in Indore.India have retained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with a 2-0 lead in the four-Test series but Rahul's form has been a major concern for Rohit Sharma's

With a highest score of 23 in his last 10 Test innings, Rahul's place has become untenable as India chase a third successive victory that would seal their place in the final of the World Test Championship in June."I have tremendous admiration for the class of Rahul, in fact, I call him Rolls Royce Rahul," former Indian captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth told the Times of India newspaper. "But it is just not happening for him at the moment. If I was the chairman of selectors, I would have gone up to him and told him to take a break..."Rahul has retained his place for the last two Tests against Australia but is no more the team's vice-captain, which may be perceived as a sign of his



imminent exclusion."Of late, there has been a lot of talk about his batting but for us as team management, we always look at the potential of any individual, not just KL," skipper Rohit said in Delhi. "If the guy has potential, guys will get that

extended run. It's not just about KL, but anyone."Gill's potential is even harder to overlook though. The 23-year-old already has a century in all three formats and his last seven international knocks include four hundreds. The elegant right-handed

New Zealand in January and his unbeaten 126 against the same opposition last month is the highest T20 score by an Indian batsman. "With all due respect to Rahul, it is time to play Shubman," former opener Srikkanth said. "You can't keep a player waiting when he is in the form of his life.""I have tremendous admiration for the class of Rahul, in fact, I call him Rolls Royce Rahul," former Indian captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth told the Times of India newspaper. "But it is just not happening for him at the moment. If I was the chairman of selectors, I would have gone up to him and told him to take a break..."Rahul has retained his place for the last two Tests against Australia but is no more the team's vice-captain, which may be perceived as a sign of his imminent exclusion."Of late, there has been a lot of talk about his batting but for us as team management, we always look at the potential of any individual, not just KL," skipper Rohit said in Delhi. "If the guy has potential, guys will get that ex-

#### **History awaits Hero Santosh Trophy at Saudi Arabia in March**

New Delhi, Feb 23 (UNI) History is about to be made as the ongoing Hero Santosh Trophy, (National Football Championship) for the first time ever, will shift base outside the Indian Subcontinent, to/ Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where the semi-finals will be played on March 1, and the 3rd placed match and final will be played on March 4.

From 36 teams in the Group Stage, which was played across six venues, now came down to 12 teams (10 qualifiers from the Group Stage, along with Services and Railways, who had direct entry) in the final round in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, where the states were divided into two groups of six each

Now, at the business end of the competition, Punjab and Karnataka have made it to the semis as the top two in Group A of the Final Round, while Services and Meghalaya qualified as that in Group B.

The National Football Championship silverware's Arabian tale will get underway at the King Fahd International Stadium in Riyadh, an arena that has been most recently graced by one of the world's finest, perhaps one of history's finest - Cristiano Ronaldo of Al Nassr FC.

Punjab and Meghalaya will be the first to grace the hallowed turf, when they cross swords on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 5.30 pm IST, followed by the second semi-final, where Services will take on Karnataka at 9 pm IST at the same venue.

The teams that lose the two semi-finals will face each other in the 3rd Place Match at the King Fahd International Stadium, which will kick-off on March 4 at 6 pm, IST, with the final being played the following day at the same venue at 9 PM IST.

#### **Jamshedpur FC beat Odisha** FC 2-0 in ISL

Bhubaneswar, Feb 23 (UNI) Jamshedpur FC finished their season on a high and dealt a potentially fatal blow to Odisha FC's playoff ambitions after a dominant 2-0 win in the Indian Super League (ISL) at the Kalinga Stadium on Wednesday.

Goals from Harry Sawyer and Ritwik Das handed the Red Miners their third win in four games and kept FC Goa alive in the playoff pursuit this season.

Odisha FC came into the game needing just a point to seal qualification, but will now have to count on FC Goa to not win against Bengaluru FC on Thursday.

The opening twenty minutes were a cagey affair, as the ball stayed in the middle of the park for most of that period. Approaching the half-hour-mark, Sawyer had a couple of opportunities that came his way but neither manifested in a goal that broke the deadlock.

At the other end of the pitch, Diego Mauricio cut in from the left flank and glided past three players before shooting straight at the keeper to register the host's first ef-

#### Rana approved as replacement for Vastrakar in India Squad

Dubai, Feb 23 (UNI) The Event Technical Committee of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 has approved Sneh Rana as a replacement for Pooja Vastrakar in the

Rana, who has played 47 international matches including 24 T20Is, was named as a replacement player after Vastrakar was ruled out due to an upper respiratory tract infection. The replacement of a player requires the approval of the Event Technical Committee before the replacement player can be officially added to the squad. The Event Technical Committee of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 consists of Chris Tetley (Chair, ICC Head of Events), Russell Adams (Tournament Director), Snehal Pradhan (ICC Women's Cricket Manager), Mike Gajjar (Cricket South Africa representative), Ian Bishop and Lisa Sthalekar (both independent).Rana, who has played 47 international matches including 24 T20Is, was named as a replacement player after Vastrakar was ruled out due to an upper respiratory tract infection.

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Head of Events), Russell Adams (Tournament Director), Snehal Pradhan (ICC Women's Cricket Manager), Mike Gajjar (Cricket South Africa representative)

# NZ primed to 'throw some punches' at confident England

WELLINGTON: New Zealand will "throw some punches" when they face an attacking England in the second Test starting on Friday in Wellington, as the hosts bid to rescue the two-match series.

Bowling greats James Anderson and Stuart Broad, combined with some aggressive batting, propelled England to a thumping 267run first Test win in a day-night encounter in Mount Maunganui.

It was England's 10th win in 11 Tests under head coach Brendon McCullum and further evidence of the success of the New Zealand er's "Bazball" attacking cricket revolution. In contrast, New Zealand are struggling for form and confidence going into the clash at the Basin Reserve, where rain could play a part on the first two days.

The hosts are winless in their last seven Tests since beating South Africa a year ago in Christchurch, including suffering a 3-0 whitewash in England last June



"I don't think it's unfair to say we are lacking a bit of that confidence at the moment, said head coach Gary Stead, whose side were dismissed for 126 in their second innings of the first Test to lose in a little over

# Australia 'will have to play at our best' to beat India: Lanning

Cape Town, Feb 23 (UNI) Meg Lanning is not letting her side get complacent ahead of Australia's semi-final clash with India at Newlands.Few players can rival Lanning when it comes to knockout stage experience, the Australia skipper having won four ICC Women's T20 World Cups as well as lifting the ICC Women's Cricket World-Cup twice before turning 30.

But despite her side being favourites to add to that collection in the coming days, Lanning is aware of the threat posed by an India side who have triumphed in World Cup meetings between the sides in 2018 and 2020, as well as in a super over following a tie in a T20I series clash in December.Ahead of the rematch between the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 finalists, Lanning said, "We both know each other very well." "They are an incredible side and they've got some match winners and world-class players, so it's going to be a cracking game and we Lanka and South Africa.



can't wait," she said."We came here to be part of a game like this and we're expecting to have to play at our best to win,"Lanning said."That is something that I know this group is up for and we're certainly very much looking forward to it,

she said. Australia have been economical during the powerplay so far, suffocating teams from the get-go, but early wickets proved elusive in the victories over Sri

#### **Shubhankar Sharma** delighted to be back at Hero **Indian Open after three years**

Gurugram, Feb 23 (UNI) Two-time DP World Tour winner Shubhankar Sharma is delighted to be back at the Hero Indian Open after three years.

The 26-year-old Shubhankar, who has five Major appearances to his credit, is one of the pre-event favourites and among the top Indian contenders for the title considering his five-year long experience on the DP World Tour and the fact that he is extremely familiar with the conditions at his former home course, the DLF Golf and Country Club. Sharma, former Asia No. 1, who had bagged tied seventh place at the 2018 edition of his national open at the same venue, said, "I'm very happy that the event is back. It's like a fifth major, I've said that countless times this week. It's very, very special and I'm very happy it's back, especially

"This course is very special to me. This is where I played quite a lot from 2012 to 2016, around the time that I joined the Tour and it's always great coming back. The course is in great nick and it's slightly different to what it was three years ago when I last played the Indian Open in 2019.

# HBL PSL: Abbas holds nerve as Sultans clinch last-ball thriller against Kings

come down to the wire. Karachi Kings should have run away with the match after the swashbuckling start James Vince had given them, but here they were at the Multan Cricket Stadium on Wednesday, needing 40 off the last 12 balls to reach the 197-run target against Multan Sultans in their HBL Pakistan Super League match.

Sultans captain Mohammad Rizwan - who had scored 110 runs of their total earlier — would have preferred to clearly got the better of Ilyas, who toss the ball to their in-form bowler Ihsanullah at that moment, but with the counterpart Imad Wasim on the first pacer's overs already exhausted, he had to make do with Mohammad Ilyas

and Abbas Afridi. The pressure was immense and it It was Abbas' turn now. The baby face ed big hit and found Kieron Pollard.



went first. After dropping Rizwan's ball, Ilyas conceded two wides before getting smacked by the Kings captain of the over — a perfect slower one

of the lean medium pacer could tell he was not enjoying being on the spot. And with his first ball — a head height full toss to Imad — dispatched over midwicket for six, it was proven. The next delivery was in Imad's slot again but to Abbas' relief, all the left-hander could manage from it was a single before he bowled another wide.

With Ben Cutting on strike now, Abbas bowled another wide outside off stump and was bludgeoned high and long by the Australian for another six The right-armer, however, gathered himself, ran in and finally executed what he was looking to since the start over long-on and long-off for two sixes. Next ball, Cutting miscued an attempt-





#### **Meet Lt. Gen R S Reen from North** Kashmir's Baramulla District.

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Srinagar February 23 : Lt Gen RS Reen, Who took over as Director General at Headquarters in Delhi hails from Jammu & Kashmir's Baramulla district. Reen's Ancestral village is Gohan in Baramulla and he is first from the valley and from the community to rise to the rank of Lt Gen.The General Officer did early Education from his native District. He is an alumnus of St Joseph High School, Baramulla and graduated in Electrical Engineering from National Institute of Technology, Srinagar. His father (Late) Professor Sajan Singh was an alumnus as an officer in LIC at Delhi. Banaras Hindu University and did his post-graduation in Physics in late 50s. He was the first from his community to do PG in Physics. The General Officer's mother Smt Mahinder Pal Kour is an alumnus of Punjabi University, Patiala and has worked as Principal at various higher Secondary schools in the val-



ley and served a long academic career of nearly 40 years. The General Officer's wife, Smt Satbir Kour, is also from Baramulla and works

The General Officer is an alumnus of Indian Military Academy.Reen is a Subject Matter expert in the field of Quality Assurance. Prior to being Director General, he was Additional Director General at Delhi and has held various prestigious appointments in his Career Spanning over 37 years.



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