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Inaugurates 36th Inter-University Youth Festival 'Antarnaad' at **Jammu University**

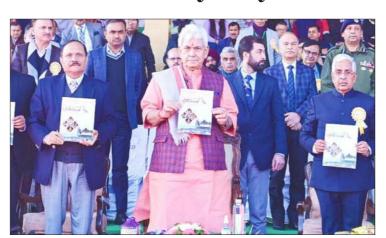
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JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated 36th Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival 'Antarnaad' at University of Jammu today.

The 5-day long Youth festival is being organized by University of Jammu under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities, New

The Lt Governor welcomed the participants from various Universities to J&K and underscored the need to provide more platforms like 'Antarnaad' to the youth to express themselves through art.

'Cultural and creative activities motivate students to achieve excellence, nurture the talents, ignite



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the minds and nourish the civilizational heritage for our future generations," said the Lt Governor. "Artistic disciplines are like

windows that open up to infinite universe of creativity for youth. Music, dance, fine arts, theatre & literature encourage students to sharpen their thoughts and expand

creative horizon," he added. The Lt Governor encouraged the youth to hone their artistic skills and inspire others with their cre-

intellectual inspiration. I want to see students transforming

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"Artistic expressions are source of

LG addresses seminar on J& K organized by **Mahamana Malaviya**

Mission at Lucknow

LUCKNOW,JANUARY 31: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed a seminar on Jammu Kashmir organized by Mahamana Malaviya Mission at Lucknow. Speaking on the occasion the Lt Governor said, "J&K's journey since August 2019 & robust and consistent growth has given new confidence and people are striving their utmost in pursuit of a common vision to build a bright future.

We have given greater thrust to infrastructure development, transforming rural landscape, best health care facilities, making governance responsive, transparent, easily accessible & reviving

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Zero tolerance for any sort of misconduct in police force: DGP Dilbagh Singh to Officers

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Srinagar, Jan 31: Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh while acting swiftly on the reports of misconduct by an police official Tuesday issued serious directions to all ranks and files in the police force to act seriously against any official found involved in any sorts of misconduct.

A senior police official told news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that the DGP has directed all Wing heads to take serious note of any kind of misconduct with the general public brought into their notice by any means. "He has directed the officers to sensitize and advise their subordinate officers/officials to be fair in their conduct," the official quouting DGP as having said

The official said that the DGP has directed that any act of misconduct must be taken with utmost seriousness to safeguard and improve the image of J&K police.

"PHQ has issued an advisory to all the Wing Heads of the J&K Police in this regard," he said.

"Let us have respect for the spirit of law while enforcing "Rule of Law", the DGP

The directions have come in view of a case



of misconduct by an SHO and other Police Station staff members in Ramban district with a doctor, the official said.

"The erring personnel have been suspended and a departmental enquiry has been initiated by the DIG, D-K-R range," he said. The DGP has said that "we are supposed to safeguard and protect against any wrong doings and injustice and have to be seen as Rakshak by the common people as has been said by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi"

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After digitization of services focus should be timely service delivery: CS

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JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today remarked that after successfully digitizing all the services, focus should be laid on timely delivery of services and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in managing the affairs of government departments.

Dr Mehta was speaking in the 14th Board of Governors (BoG) meeting of the Jammu & Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKe-GA) attended by other members including Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce; Commissioner Secretary, IT; Secretary, PD&MD: Secretary, GAD; DG Codes; SIO, NIC besides other concerned



officers

The Chief Secretary stressed on moving towards use of AI/ML and IoT based technologies for better coordination

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Anti-Encroachment Drive: J&K Admin likely to come up with formal order sparing poor, farmers

Met LG Sinha requested him to spare poor having State land upto 10 malars: Sunil Sharma leaders of J&K unit of the party,

have made personal requests about

protecting the poor and common

masses during the ongoing anti-en-

croachment drive going on across

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 31: Jammu and Kashmir administration led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is likely to come up with a formal order in a week's time ensuring protection for the poor and common masses during the ongoing anti-encroachment drive aimed at retrieving the land grabbed by the influential people in the past. Sources in the LG administration,

told news agency—senior BJP

"I met LG sahib in person and requested him to spare the people having grabbed or constructed homes on State land measuring 8 to 10 malras. I requested him to fix a nominal registration fee for them so that they are not rendered homeless," BJP General Secretary and party's Kashmir affairs incharge Sunil Sharma told news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

He said that during his conversation with the LG it was decided that 'influential won't be spared and the land grabbed by them in the past will be retrieved at any cost." "The LG told me that even though he has reiterated time and again that the poor won't be touched and the influential won't be spared, he would think on issuing a formal

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Weatherman predicts dry weather till Feb 4, no major snowfall for next 10 days

Srinagar, Jan 31 A day after moderate to heavy snowfall in Kashmir, the weather turns pleasant on Tuesday while as the weatherman here has predicted mostly dry weather till February 04. However, the University of Kashmir has postponed MBBS, LLB and BA LLB exams, scheduled for tomorrow (Wednesday).

Officials in the Meteorological department (MeT) told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the

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NEWS IN BRIEF Air Traffic, Train Services Resumes in Kashmir

Srinagar, Jan 31: Air traffic to and fro Srinagar international airport resumed on Tuesday, a day after poor visibility and continuous snowfall forced cancellation of all 68 scheduled

Director, Airport Authority of India (AAI), Srinagar Airport, Kuldeep Singh said that the visibility is good and the surface stands clear of snow for smooth arrival and departure of the flights.

Meanwhile the train services from Banihal to Baramulla and vice versa resumed this morning after a daylong suspension on Monday last due to snowfall.

KU postpones MBBS, LLB, BA LLB exams scheduled on today

Srinagar, Jan 31: The University of Kashmir on Tuesday postponed the examinations of MBBS, LLB and BA LLB which were scheduled to be held on February 1, 2023 (Wednesday). Controller of Examinations Dr Majid Zaman said students from snowbound areas of Kashmir requested for postponement citing inaccessibility

"Fresh dates for the deferred examinations will be notified separately later," he said

due to heavy snowfall.

Six drug peddlers arrested in Kashmir: Police

Srinagar, Jan 31: Jammu and Kash-

mir police on Tuesday claimed to have

arrested six drug peddlers in Baramulla, Kulgam, Budgam, Awantipora & Ganderbal and recovered contraband substances from their possession. In Baramulla, a police party under the supervision of SHO Police Station Uri during patrolling at Laghama-Garkote crossing Uri intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO). During the search, officers were able to recover 115grams of Charas like substance from his possession. He has been identified as Asif Ahmad Junjwa son of Mohd Nazir Junjwa resident of Machikrand Bandi Uri. He has been arrested and shifted to a police station where he remains in custody.

In Kulgam, a police party led by SHO Police Station DH Pora at a checkpoint established near Court Complex DH Pora intercepted a person identified as Gowhar Ahmad Laway son of Ghulam Mohd Laway resident of Danipora, Gugerpora. During checking, 65 grams of Charas and 1.7Kgs of Poppy Straw like substance concealed in two Polythene bags

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Government orders premature retirement of 03 officials of Prison Department

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JAMMU, JANUARY 31: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday ordered premature retirement of 03 officials of Prison Department for their involvement in corruption, underperformance and anti-social

In its endeavor to make the Administration more efficient and transparent, the govern-Prison Department on charges of their involvement in corruption and criminal activities.

These personnel conducted their duties in ways which were unbecoming of public servants and in violation of the established

code of conduct. The exercise was conducted as part of regular process of scrutiny of records of officials, who cross benchmarks of age/service period in terms of Article 226(2) of J&K CSRs. Out of these retirees, one was found involved in a serious criminal case and remained under custody for three years, besides, the official had gained a bad public reputation. Another official was found habitual of violating official channels of communication and has been found guilty of sending fake and frivolous complaints, misusing RTI Act and wasting time of High Court for which he was also fined with Rs.10,000/-by the Court. The official was imposed Major punishment in shape of withholding of three annual increments. Further, one official was found involved in

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CS for better synergy between departments and banks for streamlining access to credit

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JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today emphasised on developing better synergy between the indenting departments and financial institutions for enhanced access to credit in favour of individual beneficiaries under different government

He made these remarks while speaking in a meeting to review the micro-food processing enterprise

The meeting was attended by ACS, Agriculture Production Depart- of applications. He advised them to ment; Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department; Secretary in APD; Special Secretary, APD; MD, JKRLM; MD, HP&M; Director A g r i -CONTINUED ON » PAGE 07

culture, Jammu/Kashmir; Director Horticulture, Jammu/Kashmir, Director, Animal Husbandry, Jammu/Kashmir and many other concerned officers.

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to hold the DLC meetings regularly. He told them to hold deliberations over all issues faced by them in such meetings to iron out the differences between them. He asked them to be on the same page about the smooth implementation of the Pradhan Mantri formalization of scheme and meeting its objectives. He enjoined upon them to lessen the rejection of applications and work out for improving the quality make best out of such schemes as these offer opportunities for everyone including the financial institu-

tions to do the business. CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

NCC cadets of J&K, Ladakh secure 4th position at NCC RD camp 2023

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Srinagar, Jan 31: In a historic and unprecedented achievement, the NCC Cadets of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate clinched fourth position in the recently concluded Republic Day NCC camp 2023 at New Delhi.

tingents from all the 17 NCC directorates representing each and every state/UT of the country and comprises of several competitions which include Drill events like PM Rally, Guard of Honor to VVIPs and marching on the Kartavya Path, Cultural performances showcasing the rich culture of the region, as well as personal discipline and maintenance of cadets' living area, a statement issued to

the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reads.

The cadets trained and prepared hard for this most prestigious NCC camp for almost five weeks at Nagrota under a dedicated training team. The highly motivated contingent comprising 114 cadets from all three regions of Kashmir, The RD camp is attended by con- Ladakh and Jammu, developed excellent camaraderie and worked like a cohesive team, it added.

They were accompanied by three Associate NCC Offrs and supporting staff from NCC Battalions of the Directorate. The performance of the contingent in all the activities was appreciated by all the visiting dignitaries at the camp which included the RM, Chief Ministers of few states, CDS, Defence Secretary and the

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Late Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma gave life to my Santoor: Padma Shri elated **Ghulam Mohammad Zaz**

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Srinagar, Jan 31 (UNI) Kashmiri craftsman Ghulam Mohammad Zaz who was conferred with the highest civilian Padma Shri award



on the eve of Republic Day for his "Santoor" is highly grateful of Late Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma and Bhajan Sopore for taking the music of this instrument to the world.

The 80-vear-old Ghulam Mohammad Zaz is the lone survivor of the "Zaz dynasty" that is still making different musical instruments in Sirai Bazar of Srinagar's Zainakadal area. "Honesty and devotion towards my profession earned me the prestigious civilian award", he told UNI.

He said that the two maestros Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma and Bhajan Sopori tuned my Santoor and their renderings left every listener spellbound and thus both

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PROGRESSING JK

435 SHRI Schools to showcase components of NEP-2020, offer mentorship to other schools in J&K

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 31: Nearly, 435 SHRI Schools (Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India) in Jammu and Kashmir will showcase all components of the National Education Policy 2020 besides offering mentorship to other schools in their vicinity.

"These schools will act as exemplar schools with upgraded infrastructure, innovative pedagogy and technology' Pertinently, PM SHRI Schools

is a new scheme envisaging development of more than 14500 schools across the country by strengthening selected existing schools being managed by Union, State and UT Governments besides local bodies. These schools will provide leadership to other schools in their



mentorship.

The PM SHRI schools will deliver quality teaching for cognitive will strive to create and nurture

century skills. This ambitious scheme of PM

SHRI schools is to be impledevelopment of students and mented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a total project cost holistic and well-rounded indi- of Rs. 27360 crore which includ-

ed a central share of Rs. 18128 crore for the period of five years from year 2022-23 to 2026-27. The PM SHRI Schools will be developed as green schools incorporating

environment friendly aspects like solar panels and LED lights, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, plastic free, water conservation and harvesting, study of traditions/ practices related to protection of environment, climate change related hackathon and awareness generation to adopt sustainable lifestyle.Also, pedagogy to be adopted in these schools will be more experiential, holistic, integrated, play/toy-based (particularly, in the foundational years) inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discus-

sion-based, flexible and CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

Rahul, Priyanka Gandhi paid obeisance at Hazratbal Shrine, Kheer Bhawani temple

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Srinagar, Jan 31 (UNI) Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra visited two revered shrines of Kashmir on Tuesday.

The two were accompanied by leaders from the Jammu

and Kashmir Congress party. Officials said the two first visited Kheer Bhawani temple in Tulmulla in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district and later Hazratbal shrine in Srinagar which houses a relic

of Prophet Muhammad. Rahul Gandhi led the 135-day-long Bharat Jodo Yatra that started from Kanyakumari on September 7, 2022 on foot, culminating yesterday officially after the leader addressed a public rally at Sher-I-Kashmir Cricket Stadium here amid snowfall. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra visited two revered

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31: District Development Commissioner ri, Vikas Kundal, today chaired an officers' meeting here in the Conference Hall of DC Office to review the sector-wise performance under the Good Governance Index. Pawan Parihar; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ASP, Vivek Shekhar; CMO, Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar; DSEO, Sandeep Sharma and other district and sectoral Officers attended the meeting.At the outset, the DSEO informed that the Good Governance Index is a uniform tool to assess the status of Governance and the impact of various interventions of the Government on the ground level.He also apprised that the District Good Governance index is being monitored by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir for improving

the efficiency across the UT. The data furnished by all the concerned District/Sectoral was discussed in detail.

Speaking at the meeting. the DDC emphasised the importance of the index indicators for providing a framework to assess the performance of the district in specific sectors and collect useful information for formulating and implementing suitable strategies to improve ease-of-living and service delivery. He asked the officers to

put in added efforts for a prompt, smooth, and hassle-free public service delivery mechanism in the district and submit accurate data on time for onward uploading on the portal. The DDC also directed the concerned officers to ensure that necessary benefits under different schemes and programmes

Department. The PIG compromises of senior faculty members including Professor M A Ahanger

(NIT) Srinagar has been select-

ed for financial support of Rs

1.06 Crores. The proposal was

recommended in Level B Cate-

gory by Department of Science

and Technology (DST) based on

the recommendations of FIST

Under the project, the De-

partment of Civil Engineering

will get Rs 106 lakhs for Level

B under the FIST program to

strengthen the research facil-

ities in the department. The

duration of the grant is for a

The Project Implementation

Group (PIG) was constituted of

faculty members who will be

responsible and accountable

for the smooth implementation

of the DST FIST Project at the

period of 5 years.

Advisory Board (FISTAB).

Funds aimed to acquire state-of-art equipment, setting up laboratories for conducting research: Prof. SehgalL gineering Department of Na-Kaiser Bukhari (Chairman 2), tional Institute of Technology while Dr Majid Hussain and Dr

Khalid Muzamil Gani will be Coordinators. Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Sehgal said it is a proud movement for the institute that Civil Engineering Department has been selected for the prestigious grant of DST.

"The funds are aimed at acquiring state-of-the-art equipment and setting up of laboratories, and high-end testing facilities for conducting internationally recognized research," he said. Prof. Sehgal extended greet-

ings to Dr. Majid Hussain and Dr. Khalid Muzamil Gani for their hard work and dedication. Both of them defended their proposal positively and bagged a prestigious grant for the institution.

He said the grant amount will be utilized to strengthen the academic and physical infra-



structure in the department to achieve academic excellence in teaching and training.

NIT Srinagar's CE dept. gets DST-FIST grant of Rs 1.06 crores

Institute's Registrar, Syed Kaiser Bukhari, who is also Chairman of the project congratulated his junior colleagues Dr. Majid and Dr. Khalid from the Department for making the NIT Srinagar

proud. He said the FIST project will give a boost to ongoing research projects in the Department and will also provide excellent placement opportunities for the

"Students will get the oppor-

technology. The entire amount will be used to strengthen the research facilities and develop better academic facilities in the

department," he said. Prof. Bukhari said this grant support is recommended by DST, New Delhi on the basis of a proposal that was submitted by us (Prof. Bukhari, Dr. Majid. and Dr. Muzamil) from CE de-

partment of NIT Srinagar. He said the grant will benefit the institute immensely with the up-gradation of infrastructure and facilities and will encourage initiating start-ups in this novel area.

In his message Prof. (Dr.) A. Q. Dar, Head Civil Engineering Department congratulated Dr. Majid and Dr. Muzamil for bagging DST grant and stated that it will help to boost academics and research facilities in the department.

Handwara Police organises medical camp at Qalamabad under CAP

Handwara January 31): Handwara Police organised a free medical camp under the Civic Action Programme initiative at Qalamabad in association with District Hospital Handwara. A team of doctors Dr Azhar Magsoodi Physian Specialist, Dr Mehrajdin Malik

Psychiatric, Dr Rameez Dental Surgeon, Dr Sajid geelani ortho Pmr, Khursheed Ahamad Clinician Physcil-Shabeena Akhter Psychritic Nurse from different spe

cialities were deputed for the medical camp. This initiative was an effort to facilitate people in far

off areas and providing access to medical checkup and medicines by doctors.

More than Five hundred patients suffering from various ailments availed the facilities of the medical camp. Additionally, the visiting members of public were made aware about signs and symptoms of drug addiction so that they could identify early onset of addiction and appropriate intervention.

They were also made aware of Deaddiction facilities which could be life saving for severe addicts.

They were urged to spread awareness among their social groups that addiction was treatable with the right medical attention and that addicts and their families should not shy away from seeking medical help to get rid of their drug addiction.(KNS)

Handwara-Rajwar road blocked after massive landslide

Handwara, Jan 31: The Handwara-Rajwar road was blocked on Tuesday following a landslide triggered by incessant rains and snowfall in the area since vester day. Reports reaching Kashmir News Service (KNS) said that a massive landslide hit the road near Khek Daii Behnipora area in Handwara, blocking vehicle

The official said men and machinery were pressed into service to clear the debris, however, due to massive landslide the operation will take time to restore the traffic. The road from Handwara leads to dozens of Rajwar villages which are disconnected at the moment, official added. (KNS)

Traffic Police City Jammu Awares the Childrens of BalGaran/ Destitute Home at Channi.

Jammu 31 Jan 2023: Traffic awareness cum sensitization programme was held under the supervisions of Sh Raj Pal Singh, SP Traffic Police City Jammu led by Sh Bikram Kumar DySP city south Jammu and Inspr Rakesh Kumar DTI Satwari regarding Traffic Rules and Regulations at Balgaran Channi Rama Jammu.

During the sensitization drive, more than 70 students/ children's were taught to follow Traffic Rules and further asked to spread this message to ensure safety while moving on roads.

The aim of the drive was to educate/familiarize the students among their participants regarding traffic violations. As on spot awareness and visible traffic violations check was given to the students present at the spot by using interceptor vehicle, Traffic bike etc.

All the children's participated in the drive, were given on ground education to follow Traffic signal lights, zebra crossing, violations of stop line etc. The children's showed a positive response towards the awareness drive and expected more in near future.

Reasi Administration retrieves 1498 Kanal state Land in one day

REASI, JANUARY 30: In compliance with the directions of the Government, District Administration Reasi has charted out a detailed schedule for eviction of encroachers from the State Land. State land measuring 144613 Kanal and 13 Marlas have been evicted till date. To focus on restoration of prime state land, Deputy Commissioner Babila Rakwal has directed Tehsildars

1343 kanal state land retrieved across Kathua

KATHUA, JANUARY 31: The District Administration Kathua today recovered 1343 kanal 03 Marla State Land by conducting anti-encroachment drives in different tehsils of the district.

The revenue teams, well equipped with machinery, retrieved 1343 kanal and 03 marla state land including 709 Kanal-14 Marlas in Marheen, 165 Kanal-15 Marla in Dinga Amb, 123 Kanal, 1 Marla in Hiranagar, 78 Kanal, 19 Marla in Kathua, 75 kanal, 11 Marla in Bahsoli, 58 Kanal, 2 Marla in Nagri Parole, 41 Kanal, 28 Marla in Billawar, 33 Kanal, 04 Marla in Lohai Malhar and 12 Kanal, 19 Marla in Mahanpur Tehsils from the en-

The eviction also includes State land (Roshni) worth Rs 2.5 crore (approx) measuring 43 kanal 10 marlas in

village Kalyal, Tehsil Ramkote. A piece of 2 kanal kahcharie land was also retrieved in

Kathua Tehsil by the Revenue Department.

1687 Kanal state land retrieved, illegal structures demolished across Ramban district

RAMBAN, JANUARY 31: The District Administration Ramban today intensified anti-encroachment drives and retrieved more than 1687 Kanal State land across eight Tehsils of the district.

In a joint anti encroachment drive led by Tehsildar Ramban, Rafiq Ahmed, a revenue and police team retrieved 755 Kanal state land in Tehsil Ramban besides demolishing illegal structures, including illegal commercial structures construct ed on encroached land in Kanga, Parnote and Dhalwas area.

Similarly, a joint anti encroachment drive was conducted in tehsil Rajgarh under the supervision of Tehsildar. The Revenue team, assisted by Police, retrieved 436 Kanal state land in different parts of the Tehsil.

Likewise the joint teams of Revenue, Police and other concerned officers and officials demolished illegal structures build on state land and retrieved more than 1687 Kanal State land worth crores, including 141 Kanal in Pogal-Paristan, 145 Kanal in Banihal, 124 Kanal in Khari, 66 Kanal in Ramsoo and 18 Kanal in Batote.

Monitoring the efforts of Revenue officers and other team members, the Deputy Commissioner Ramban asked them to leave no stone unturned to evict the state land from the encroachers. The District Administration Ramban today intensified anti-encroachment drives and retrieved more than 1687 Kanal State land across eight Tehsils of the district.



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DC Kathua reviews progress of projects being executed by PWD (R&B), JKPCC

KATHUA, JANUARY 31: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey, today reviewed the progress of work on PMGSY sector projects at a meeting of the department functionaries held here in DC office Complex today.

It was given out in the meeting that 66 schemes, including 20 for Kathua and 46 for Billawar PMGSY divisions have been proposed for providing road connectivity to uncovered habitations. Taking appraisal of the progress

achieved by twin PMGSY divisions, the DC was informed that 35 schemes of the total 46 schemes sanctioned for Billawar , will be completed in the current fiscal. Similarly, XEN PMGSY Kathua ap-

prised the Deputy Commissioner that out of total 40 schemes under Phase I and II, 20 schemes will be completed before 31st March 2023 The DC directed both the XENs to pace up the speed to complete all works in a

time bound manner besides calling for

removing bottlenecks to achieve maximum target works within stipulated Regarding the pending works, the DC called upon the concerned officers to fix responsibility of the contractor to avoid

unnecessary delays on their part. The meeting was attended by CPO, Engineers of XEN, PMGSY Div Billawar,



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J&K Bank Management meets HNI Clients in Jammu We will keep supporting each other so as to grow and prosper together: MD & CEO

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Continuing with its reach-out program to clients with large credand suggestions regarding its recently set-up Large Credit Units (LCU), J&K Bank today it exposure for their feedback organised second Customer Meet with its High Net-worth Individual (HNI) clients from Jammu Division.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash chaired the interactive meet with Jammu Division's top HNI customers in presence of Bank's General Manager (Credit) Ashutosh Sareen, GM & Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar, DGM Nishikant Sharma, Zonal Head Rajesh Dubey and other senior officers.

Expressing his pleasure to the guests for gracing the occasion. MD & CEO Baldev Prakash said, "I feel happy to have you all here as our most valuable clients. As an institution with great legacy of empowerment. we have always been there for vou through thick and thin of times. And with a unique bond of time-tested relationship between us, we will keep supporting each other so as to grow and

"Having said that, we have effected some fundamental changes in the Bank's opera-tional structure and service culture during the last three quarters keeping betterment of our clients at the heart of such transformation. We have upgraded our technology system and aligned our procedures and policies while complying with the evolving regulatory frameworks across the industry. And I deeply appreciate your patience and the kind of support you have extended to us during the transition period that witnessed some teething issues. And let me assure you that all the changes are well thought out and we will live up to your expectations", he added.

He further said that the purpose of the interaction is to ascertain the impact of changes on the clients and get feedback to improve upon the areas of mutual understanding and progress

The participants thanked MD & CEO Baldev Prakash along with the management for conducting the meet and put forth



their tions.

"We are very thankful for your time and the thoughts that you have expressed here. We appreciate your empathetic hearing as we have a lot of expectations from our Bank, which continues to play an immense role in the economic growth and development of J&K. We feel such meetings with the business community should become a visible feature of our strong relationship", said the partici-

After listening patiently to the concerns and suggestions made by the HNI clients, MD Baldev Prakash asserted. "As partners in each other's growth and progress, we need to understand and empathise with each other. And I assure you that such interactions will be held more often in the future and we shall be inviting more participants.

Present on the occasion, General Manager (Credit) Ashutosh Sareen spoke about the conceptualization of the new structure in form of Large Credit Units 'In terms of importance, all customers are equal for us but we do understand that the level of attention provided to clients requires a certain sense of proportion with the quantum of his/her exposure. It is with this objective these LCUs were established to provide specialized yet highly personalized services to HNI customers under one roof. And we believe we need to take special care of our most valuable clients like you, he said. Earlier, Divisional Head (Jam-

mu) Sunit Kumar welcomed the HNI Clients and discussed the context of meeting in detail. "Being the flagship company of J&K, we have always believed in cordial and candid exchange of views with our customers. And today, I welcome you all to this meeting that has been organized to listen to your feedback regarding various recent initiatives taken by the bank to improve organisational functioning while making its services better for its clientele".

Over 326 Kanal land retrieved by **District Administration Jammu**

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: A team of reve nue officers, police and other concerned departments today retrieved more than 326 Kanal prime State-land worth crores of rupees during different eviction cum anti encroachment drives across Jammu

During an eviction drive in village Keran, prime state land measuring 98 Kanal 15 Marla was retrieved near IMC College. The land is worth crores of rupees as per stamp duty and is only 1.5 Km away from Bantalab Road.

Another eviction drive was conducted in village Badgal Kalan, Niabat Sohal where prime state land measuring 216 kanal, 07 Marla was retrieved from the

encroachers. Along with officials of Niabat Sohal and Lambardar and Chowkidar were present during the eviction drive. Further, a fresh FIR was also lodged against



encroachers. Similarly, in another anti-encroachment drive, state land measuring 10 Kanal in prime location of Village Sidhra, Tehsil Jammu Khas worth crores of rupees, was retrieved today by District Administration Jammu along with a team of revenue officers and po-

Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt P.G Women College organises "Plantation Drive"

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan Committee, in collaboration with IQAC of the Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt P.G Women College conducted "Plantation Drive" under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan here in the chemistry block of the college.

The drive aimed to spread a message against rising drug addiction among youth. There is always a hope for a new journey, a new life.

A total of 50 students participated with great fervor & enthusiasm in the event and raised slogans on Say no to Drugs, Say Yes to Life.

Prof.Rashmi Kumari convenor (Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan committee) coordinated the whole program and welcomed chief patron Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the college. Prof. Minu Mahajan (Principal) applauded the initiatives by the NMBA committee of the college. She highlighted the ill -effects of the drugs and motivated the students to spread the messages to their friends, peers and family members. Prof. Geetanjali Rana (Dean Arts), Prof.

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Illegal Encroachments of influential trio bulldozed at Dooru Peerzada Syed (JK Pradesh Congress), family of Farooq Andrabi (PDP), heirs of Mir Qasim face the wrath for trespassing State/Kahcharie lands

tinuing the onslaught against in- rooq Andrabi, former legislator fluential encroachers, the District from Dooru had encroached upon Administration Anantnag today held massive anti-encroachment drives against Peerzada Mohd Syed, former chief Jammu Kashmir Pradesh Congress and Ex. Minister Syed Farooq Andrabi, former legislator from Dooru and Ex. MoS and heirs of former chief minister Syed Mir Qasim. The drives were held in Dooru Anant-

At Ara Khoshipora, 1 kanal of Kahcharie land under the occupation of Peerzada Mohammad Sayeed was retrieved. The outer wall of his premises which had been constructed on Kahcharai land has been demolished. It is in place to mention that notices for voluntarily removing the encroachments had been issued to the ex. minister but he had failed to give air to the Government direction.

2 kanals and 7 marlas of Shamilat 4 land by way of orchards at Shistergam. The same lands have been retrieved and notice boards indicating the status of land have been installed on the site.

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DM Chairs 7th NCORD Committee meeting at Doda

Asks stakeholders to take war against drug abuse to logical end



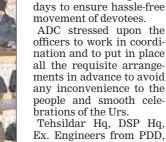
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KULGAM, JANUARY 31:

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PMGSY, Jal Shakti and MED,DFO, and other officers, members of local Augaf Committee attended the meeting. MED was asked to clear Snow from all main roads, link roads in the area and to keep men and machinery available and in ready mode to clear roads in case of Snowfall during these days to ensure hassle-free movement of devotees.

ADC stressed upon the officers to work in coordination and to put in place all the requisite arrange ments in advance to avoid any inconvenience.

District Magistrate Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan convened 7th Narco Coordination Committee meeting here

in the DC office Doda the other day and discussed the action taken by the designated members on the directions issued in previous meetings and to formulate the future course of action against the drug abuse in the district. SSP, Abdul Qayoom,

DODA, JANUARY 31:

(NCORD)

who is also the convener of the Committee, presented the latest report in the district regarding control on drug addiction and drug trafficking. He also presented the agenda of the meeting. SSP informed the Committee that 43 FIRs have been lodged against 52 persons involved in drug peddling/addiction. "Around 30 persons have

been taken into preventive detention, and 2 persons have been booked under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988. Four licenses of medical stores were cancelled in the district till date, and



all the medical shops are under surveillance" he said and added that "Out of the four drug addicts sent to the rehabilitation centre, three have recovered fully and returned home. He further informed that 256 mass level awareness camps were conducted in schools, and other public places in the district under Operation Pathshala and other IEC activities.

The DM emphasized on dedicating the year 2023 for eradication of drug abuse from the district. He emphasized on stakeholders to wage the war against drug abuse on a mission mode.

He asked the ACD to declare drug free pancha-

vats, blocks, and tehsils in consultation with PRIs and set the target of declaring 50% of the panchayats drug free by the end of March 2023.

It was decided that the farmers/ persons, involved in cultivation of Cannabis/ Opium or involved in Drugs peddling or drug addiction, shall be debarred from getting benefits from any of the government schemes, besides initiating legal action against them.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Planning Officer, ACP, DSWO, CMO, ETO, Principal DIET, District

Hazrat Syed Noor Shah Wali Bagdadi (RA) reviewed at Kulgam

Farooq Rather

The Additional Deputy



Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, Viqar Ahmed Giri today chaired a meeting, here to review annual Urs arrangements of sufi saint Hazrat Sved Noor Shah Saheb Wali Bagdadi (RA). It was informed that the Urs of the saint will commence from February 01 while it shall be observed with reverence at Kund shrine till February 09. The ADC directed the of-

sures besides healthcare facilities and security arrangements at Shrine during all these days. During the meeting, PDD

authorities were directed to ensure repairs of high mast lights and to augment the LT network in the area besides to keep DG sets available for power back up. MED was asked to clear

Snow from all main roads

2087 kms road length cleared in Kupwara district Ration, food grains dumped in border areas till April

KUPWARA, JANUARY 31: As many 2087 kms of road length have been cleared from snow till afternoon today across district Kupwara. As per the statement issued by District Administration Kupwara, Mechanical

Engineering department have cleared 461 km under Priority-I and 123 km under Priority 2nd and 3rd. likewise, R&B has cleared 1126 kms; PMGSY 193 kms; BRO 120 kms and ULB 64 kms.

Regarding status of power supply, all six 33 KV feeders are functional whileas, out of 93 11-KV feeders, 61 feeders are active whileas, work for restoration of other feeders

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ter supply schemes, 53 schemes are functional and work for restoration of 9 schemes is in prog-

statement also reads that food grains are dumped/stored in border areas like Karnah, Keran, Machil, Jumgund and Kumkadi which will cater the requirement

Meanwhile, on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dat-

of the people till ending

tatray, ADC Handwara, SDMs monitored the snow clearance operation in their respective areas.

It is also pertinent to mention that the Joint Control Room is functional at DC Office Kupwara with numbers $01955\text{-}253522/ \ \ 9419268121/$ 7780937892.

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Police accords warm send-off to retiring officers in Pulwama

Pulwama January 31: A farewell function was organized by Police in Pulwama to accord warm send-off to the officers who have superannuated from their active services at DPL Pulwama.

The superannuated officer include Sub-Inspector Ghulam Mohammad and Sub-Inspector Mangat Singh. ASP Pulwama, DySP Pulwama, SDPO Litter and other officers were also present on the occasion who acknowledged the contribution of the outgoing officers and conveyed their best wishes for post-retirement life.

Speaking on the occasion, ASP Pulwama appreciated the work and dedication of the officers towards their duties. He extended good wishes and healthy post retirement life to them. He also presented gifts to retiree officers as a token of love and respect for their exceptional services spanning over more than three decades

The retiring officers expressed gratitude towards overwhelming response of higher Officers. At the conclusion of function, the retiring officers thanked all their colleagues and officers in showing affection and respect

VC DDC inspects Snow clearance operation in **Lolab sub-division**

KUPWARA, JANUARY 31: Vice Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Kupwara, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir today visited various areas of Lolab sub division and personally monitored the Snow clearance operation

The areas visited by the VC DDC include Wavoora, Krusan, Tangcheck, Maidanpora, Gagal, Warnow

and several other locations.

During the visit, the VC DDC inspected NTPHC Maidanpora and checked the attendance of doctors and other hospital staff.

The Vice Chairman expressed his gratitude towards District Administration Kupwara for timely Snow clearance of major roads of the Lolab sub division and hoped for clearance of remaining inner links.

DLSA Kathua holds Mentoring & Monitoring Committee meet

KATHUA, JANUARY 31: Under the aegis of NAL-SA and as per the Action Plan issued by the J&K Legal Services Authority, the Mentoring & Monitoring Committee of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kathua met in the Conference Hall of District Court Complex, the other day.

The Committee has been set up to monitor the Court based Legal Services rendered and the progress of the cases in Legal Aided Matters and to guide and advise the Panel Lawyers.

The meeting of the Mentoring & Monitoring Committee was held under the guidance of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Kathua, Jaffer Hussain Beg (Principal District & Sessions Judge) and under the chairmanship of Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kathua. Secretary DLSA Kathua (member MMC) besides all the Panel Lawyers of DLSA Kathua attended the meeting.

The meeting discussed in detail the progress report of the Legal Aid Cases allotted to the Panel Lawyers along with other issues.

The Panel Lawyers were sensitized by the Committee to serve the poor, needy and marginalized sections of the society selflessly; ensure punctuality in attending the Legal Aid Cases pending in the Courts of District Kathua; to report the proceedings of the Legal Aid Cases at the Front office and to seek necessary guidance, if required, from the Committee. Vote of thanks was conveyed by Secretary, DLSA

Anantnag Man's Death: Accused arrested, further probe on, Say police

Anantnag, Jan 31 (KNS): The Anantnag police have arrested the accused chemist for allegedly giving giving high dose injection to a man leading to his death in Janlatmandi area of Anantnag district on Monday.In a statement, a spokesperson said Police Post Janglatmandi Anantnag had received an application on 27 January from Aadil Ahmad Bhat S/O Gh Nabi Bhat R/O Deva Colony Anantnag, stated that his brother namely Irfan Ahmad Bhat was feeling throat irritation."Accordingly, he approached a medical shop Rehmani Medical Chamber, who had injected him injections without test dose. He developed some complications and was brought to GMC Ananthnag where doctors declared him brought dead," reads the statement. It reads the death was caused by the negligence of medical shopkeeper namely Ubaid Ulla Rehmani S/O Ab Aziz Rehmani R/O Green Colony Janglatmandi Anantnag."On recieving this application, case FIR No. 44/2023 Under Relevant sections stands registered at P/S Anantnag and investigation was initiated," it reads.It further reads the Police team visited the scene of crime, seized the used injections for Forensic Analysis, got medico-legal formalities completed and has collected further evidence.

House Pahalgam by Ex. EO MC Pahalgam taken over ANANTNAG, JANUARY

Illegally raised Green Acker Guest

31: Revenue Authorities in Pahalgam led by Tehsildar Pahalgam Mohd Husain today took over a guest house named Green The guest house, an ille-

gal structure, located on a prime piece of land at Laripora Pahalgam was raised by Bashir Ahmad Dar, Ex EO MC Pahalgam and Manzoor Ahmad, Ex Secretary MC Pahalgam. Green Acker guest house is situated on Laripora main road on a piece of State land that is worth crores of rupees and the property was being used commercially for raking profits. It is in place to mention that the area has a large tourist footfall and is highly valued commer-

Tehsildar Pahalgam said ment drives in Pahalgam and has been taken.



have been successful in retrieving 1000s of kanals of land which can now be used for public purposes. He said the piece of land had been grabbed by the officials by abusing their position and has been taken over by the department and will be put to public use. He said that other such people are being identified and action will continue. He said the piece of land had been grabbed by the officials that the anti-encroach- by abusing their position

5th District NCORD meeting held at Anantnag 876 Teachers trained through CBPs for early identification of vulnerable students

order to curb drug menace in the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom today chaired the 5th District

Level NCORD meeting. During the meeting, the attendees apprised about the action taken report of previous meeting held. It was informed that various training programmes were held across the district to sensitise the people and victims about the ill effects of drug

menace. Chief Medical Officer apprised the chair that institutional capacity building / training programs were organized by Health department in which 876 teachers from Education department were sensitized and trained. They were imparted train-

vulnerable school children and ensuring close communication with

He said 16 Essay competitions were held to create awareness directly among students besides, 120 rallies were also held in the district in which students from across the district participated.

Dr Basharat directed the stakeholders to frame the schedule for awareness and rehabilitation programmes. He said that February month will be dedicated for eradication of this social evil besides the routine activities.

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WE NEED TO ACT NOW: Drug abuse at an Alarming Pace Eating into Vitals of our Society.

lthough the UT administration in collaboration with J&K Police seems to be on high alert over this all important issue of Drug Trafficking, however a lot more needs to be done to put this house in order. We celebrate world drug de-addiction day every year and remember this import-ant issue for a few weeks and then we go into a deep slumber.

Every day we get to read the news of drug peddlers being arrested and huge quantity worth crores being confiscated. Pertinent to mention here is the huge Narco-Terror module busted by Baramulla Police. Through a high profile press briefing they claimed to have busted a drug module. Just few days after this event the DIG North Kashmir Range tried to motivate the youth by citing the verses of Holy Quran and sayings of Holy Prophet (SAW) about this menace of drug abuse. The drug mafia has become such deep rooted that it has attained an alarming state. A sizable youth population across Kashmir, in a well planned manner has been thrown into this mash with a motive to destroy their future.

As we are aware of the fact that more than three decades of Sustained conflict in Kashmir valley has traumatized the people and this shows a dangerous fallout as tens of thousands of youth in Valley are involved in different kinds of drug abuse. Every day the police bulletins are a buzz with news of Notorious drug peddlers being nabbed and huge hauls of drugs being recovered from their possession. Although the majority of drug users are male and drug stores are the major suppliers to addicts, however the alarming trends surfacing are that a good number of female folk has been dragged into this menace through a well knit conspiracy. Experts have taken serious note and warn disaster if society doesn't act now. In Kashmir Valley alone the aftermath the of conflict is depressing as well as dangerous for the society. Mass destruction of life and property, and overwhelming fear and uncertainty during the past many years of disturbance has taken heavy psychological toll- being manifested in terms of rampant drug abuse among youth.

A recent study conducted by a local NGO in Srinagar revealed substantial increase in the number of patients diagnosed as drug abusers during last 10 years. Valley's leading psychiatrists giving the background of the menace are of the opinion that over the past decade Kashmiri youth are highly traumatised and to relieve of the stress they often take drugs .Psychological problems are in the back ground. The use of various drugs has increased tremendously during these years of traumatic violence. The Study shows that the society at large is in deep slumber and needs to wake up and every member has a role to play to put this mess in order otherwise it is bound to spell the disaster.

Sociologists warn that the abuse has assumed a kind of epidemic and it's consequences would be disastrous on the society. The problem needs to be handled immediately, otherwise it would be too late to act. Nobody as a member of society can be exempted from the responsibility. There is need to make awareness especially among youth about the hazards of drug abuse otherwise next generation would be doomed, Social scientist have warned and educated the family, teachers ,NGOs ,govt. agencies and media to play an important role if the menace is to be eradicated.

Another shocking revelations was made by a local and only de-addiction center in entire Valley through its recent survey carried out in different educational institutions and in the area believed to be vulnerable to the drug addiction . The authorities and law enforcing agencies silence on this lethal menace have further aggravated the condition . No accountability and restriction on the sale of these drugs in the market has made them easily accessible to abusers and addicts Abuse of drugs like codein and other medicinal opioids have reached epidemic proportions in the valley. There should be restriction on the sale of these drugs .J&K is the only state where drug Act hasn't been implemented yet .Govt. and society has to wake up otherwise it would be too late. The ongoing turbulence has given rise to gruesome and unrelenting situation in this conflict ridden state once known for its rich and civilized social ethos now grappling with moral degradation. Let the peace prevail in valley which is at the verge of moral death

KASHMIR THE PARADISE



RAYEES AHMAD KUMAR

Located in country's northernmost region, Enclosed by snow-clade mountains. Picturesque landscape of the valley, Due to abundance of gleaming lakes. Green pastures and vast meadows, Dominance of dense evergreen forests, Making it more splendid and adorable. Varied habitable pleasant seasons, Making it a model of paradise on planet. The gracefully magical spring season, Most charming welcomed by tulips, lotuses, Vibrant flowers, narcissus, hyacinths, Cherry, almond and peach blossoms, Rejuvenating fully human hearts and lives. The scorching heat during it's summer, The murmuring water of rivers and streams, Flowing due to snow melting of glaciers, Attract visitors of every corner of globe. The blazing amber leaves of Chinar, And dancing fall of dry-withered others, Harvesting of crops, fruits during Autumn, Makes the life more blissful and colourful. The hanging icicles and frozen Dal, Dancing snowflakes and white landscape, Skiing, snow-biking amid icy-cold winter, Makes it India's Switzerland on globe. An abode of peace and tranquillity, Kashmir thy name is heaven on earth.

Winter In Kashmir; Cold Hands Warm Heart

Kahlil Jibran a Lebanese-American writer, poet, and visual artist rightly said that "Kindness is like snow, It beautifies everything It covers".

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Aubaid Ahmad Akhoon

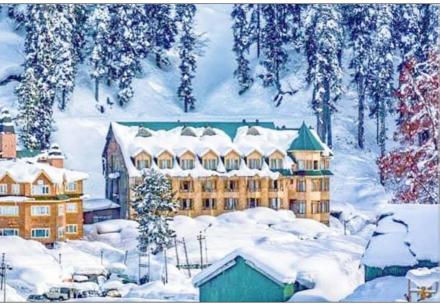
The quote "Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything It covers' compares the positive impact of kindness to that of snow. Just as snow can transform a dull and drab environment into a beautiful and sparkling winter wonderland, so too can acts of kindness have a transformative impact on the people and situations around us.

In the context of snow, this quote emphasizes that snow has the ability to make everything it touches look more attractive, and that kindness has a similar power to improve and beautify the lives of those around us. Just as snow can cover up blemishes and flaws in the landscape, so too can kindness cover over the flaws and negative aspects of life, leaving behind a sense of warmth and beauty in its place. Overall, the comparison between kindness and snow serves as a reminder that small acts of kindness can have a profound impact on the world around us, and can help to make our communities and relationships more beautiful, just as snow does with the environment

Kashmir is a popular tourism destination known for its picturesque landscapes, skiing opportunities, and traditional culture. The region is particularly famous for its ski resorts, such as Gulmarg and Pahalgam, which offer excellent skiing and snowboarding conditions. In addition, visitors to Kashmir can also enjoy activities such as ice-skating, ice-sledging, and snowmobiling. The region also offers a range of accommodation options, including luxury resorts and traditional house

and restaurants. However, it is important to check the current travel advice and security situation before planning a trip to Kashmir.

Snow and Kashmir.



Snow can enhance the beauty of a landscape, adding a picturesque and serene quality to natural and man-made environments. The stark white of snow can contrast beautifully with the colors of the surrounding landscape, such as green evergreens, the deep blue of a clear winter sky, or the warm hues of brick and stone buildings. Snow can also create a sense of peacefulness and tranquility, making it a popular destination for winter sports and activities, as well as for photography and sightseeing. It can also be used as a tool for landscape architecture and urban planning to create attractive and functional public spaces

However, it is important to note that too much snow or snow in the wrong place

ski resort and tourist destination known for its picturesque landscapes and skiing opportunities. It has the highest gondola lift in the world, which takes visitors to an altitude of 13.000 feet, offering panoramic views of the surrounding mountain ranges. The resort also offers a variety of other winter activities, including ice-skating and snowmobiling.

such as avalanches, traffic and infrastruc-

Gulmarg and Pahalgam are two famous

winter destinations in the Kashmir re-

gion of India. Gulmarg, also known as

the "Meadow of Flowers," is a popular

Betaab Valley

Betaab Valley, located in Pahalgam, is another popular winter destination in the Kashmir region. The valley is named after the Bollywood film "Betaab," which was shot in the area. The valley is known for its beautiful meadows, snow-capped mountains, and clear streams. Visitors can en-

boats, as well as a variety of local shops can also cause disruptions and hazards joy a variety of winter sports and activities, including skiing and snowboarding, as well as take in the picturesque views of the surrounding landscape. The valley is also home to the famous Amarnath Cave, which is visited by thousands of devotees during the annual Amarnath Yatra.

Bangus valley

Bangus Valley is a relatively unknown area in the northern part of the Kupwara district in Jammu and Kashmir. It is located at an altitude of around 10,000 ft above sea level, and is known for its unique ecological combination of mountain biome and grassland biome with flora at lower altitudes and Taiga or Coniferous forest. The valley, which occupies an estimated area of 300 sq.kms, is known for its linear elliptical bowl alignment along the eastwest axis, and is surrounded by several mountain ranges. The valley is known for its level green meadows, surrounded by low-lying mountains covered with dense Coniferous forests and a stream flowing through them. The valley has the potential to be a tourist destination.

"Embrace the magic of Kashmir this winter and discover the breathtaking beauty of its snow-capped mountains, frozen lakes, and warm hospitality. A visit to this paradise will leave a lasting impression in your heart and memories to cherish forev-

Note: Its is important to check the current travel advice before planning a trip to these destinations.

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Individual human rights ultimately find their econom-

ic basis in capitalism, because capitalism places special

emphasis on individual freedom and rights. Collective

rights, on the other hand, talks about the rights of all and

in this form its economic basis shows its closeness to so-

According to the great philosopher Rousseau, "Society is

made up of individuals, the individual gives some of his

rights to the society so that the society can protect the

It is clear that there is no inconsistency but complemen-

tarity between individual human rights and collective

rights. Balance is the main pillar of our Indian culture,

Also according to the preamble of the Declaration of Hu-

'All human beings are born free and have equal rights

and dignity. All are full of logic and discretion. So every-

These lines show the balance between the two. The deci-

sion given by the Supreme Court has also talked about

According to Kesavanand case, "Individual rights and

collective rights are two sides of the same coin. Balance

and harmony is necessary in both. In the absence of one,

the other is destroyed and in the absence of the other, the

Balance between materiality and spirituality etc.

destroys the rights of a person.

far-reaching rights of that individual.'

balance between enjoyment and yoga

one should be treated with brotherhood.

security and balance between the two.

Here everyone means society and person me

Are collective rights and individual human rights incompatible with each other?



Jaswinder pal

What is human dignity?

Which rights are fundamental to an open society? What are the limits of political power? All these questions are very important. Since ancient times, these thoughts have been provoking man and these series of thoughts gave rise to concepts, which made the life of man better. Human rights is one of these concepts.

As we know, there is lack of compatibility in different oncents due to which conflicting dividual human rights and collective rights are also two such concepts. Rights are an essential condition for the all round development of an individual. The basis of this right is very wide which includes legal rights, fundamental rights, civil rights etc. Human rights are also rooted in these concepts.

If we talk about human rights, then these are the rights that humans get because of being human. The rights that a human being needs for his personal development are called human rights. The rights which are used for the development of the individual are called individual human rights. On the other hand, when it comes to the human rights of all the individuals of the society, then all these rights come under the category of collective rights. After the end of World War II, in the year 1948, a group of 48 countries signed a charter explaining the fundamental rights of the entire human race. In this, it was agreed

upon that the human rights of the individual should be protected at all costs.

Human rights

Right to work and right to fair condition etc. Right to liberty and security in life. Right to equality before law.

Right to social security. Right to be treated as a person before the law. property rights.



Social protection rights of children.

Right to Education. and Prohibition of slave trade.

Looking at these rights, the question arises whether individual human rights and collective rights are incompatible with each other. If seen from one point of view, there are many points of inconsistency in it like-

The philosophical basis of individual human rights is considered to be liberty, while the basis of collective rights is equality. Under the first, meritocracy is key, while the second em-

phasizes a socialist society. Under the first concept, overuse leads to selfishness in a

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Optimism: The Power of Motivation

Rayees Ibn Mushtaq

o you see the glass as half full, not half empty? Do you always look on the bright side of life? If so, you may be surprised to learn that this trend may be good for your health. Numerous studies have shown that optimists enjoy higher levels of well-being, better sleep, less stress, and even better cardiovascular health and immune function. And now, a recent study shows that being optimistic is linked to longevity. To study them, researchers tracked nearly 160,000 women aged 50 to 79 over 26 years. At the start of the study, women completed a self-report measure of hope. Women with the highest scores on the measure were classified as optimists. Individuals with the lowest scores were considered pessimistic. Then, in 2019, the researchers followed the participants who were still alive. They also looked at the age of the participants who died. What they found was that people with high levels of hope were more likely to live longer. More importantly, optimists were also more likely than pessimists to live into their nineties. In what researchers call

"extraordinary longevity," the average life expectancy for women in developed countries is about 83 years. What makes these findings particularly impressive is that other factors that predict longevity, including education level and economic status, race, and whether a person suffers from depression or other chronic health conditions Yes, the results still stand.But given that the study only looked at women, it's uncertain if the same would hold for men. However, another study that looked at both men and women also found that the most optimistic people lived 11% to 15% longer than the least optimistic. So why is it that optimists live longer? At first glance, it seems that this may be related to their healthy lifestyle. For example, several studies have found that optimism is associated with eating a healthier diet, being physically active, and smoking less. These healthy behaviours are known to improve heart health and reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, a leading cause of death worldwide. Adopting a healthy lifestyle is also important to reduce the risk of other potentially fatal diseases such as diabetes and cancer. But a healthy lifestyle may be only part of the reason that optimists live longer than average. This latest study found that lifestyle accounted for only 24 per cent of the link between optimism and longevity. It turns out that many other factors affect the longevity of optimists.

Another possible reason may be due to the way optimists handle stress. When faced with a stressful situation, optimists cope. They use adaptive coping strategies that help them address the source of stress, or view the situation in a less stressful way. For example, optimists will solve problems and plan ways to cope with stress, call on others for help, or try to find a "silver lining" in a stressful situation.

All of these approaches are known to reduce feelings of stress as well as reduce biological reactions when we feel stressed. It's the biological reactions to stress - such as elevated cortisol (sometimes called the "stress hormone"), increased heart rate and blood pressure, and immune system dysfunction — that over time can damage health. Can deliver and add to it. Risk of developing life-threatening diseases, such as heart disease. In short, the way optimists cope with stress may help protect them to some extent from its harmful effects.

Optimism is generally viewed by researchers as a relatively stable personality trait that is determined by both genetics and early childhood influences (such as having a secure and warm relationship with your parents or caregivers).). . But if you're not naturally seeing the glass as half full, there are some ways you can increase your ability to be optimistic. Research shows that optimism can change over time, and can be fostered by engaging in simple exercises. For example, imagining and then writing down your "best possible self" (a future version of yourself that has met your goals) is a technique that studies have shown, at least tentatively, to Hope can increase significantly. But for best results, goals need to be positive and reasonable, rather than just wishful thinking. Similarly, thinking about positive future events can also be effective in increasing hope.

Meeting any expectations with a clear idea of what you can and cannot do is also critical to success. Optimism is strengthened when we experience positive outcomes that we expect, and when these outcomes are not what we want. Although more research is needed, it's possible that regularly envisioning yourself with the best possible outcomes, and taking realistic steps to achieve them, can help develop an optimistic mindset.

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Dr Samoon reviews functioning of J&K Skill **Development Mission**



JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, today chaired a meeting to review functioning of J&K Skill Development Mission at Civil Secretariat,

Threadbare discussion was held on various issues pertaining to Audit of PMKVY 2.0, SANKALP, payment of PMKYV 3.0 and covid warriors, clearance of work done liabilities under the scheme and utilization of USB under PMKVY 2.0 for Skill trainings under PMKVY 4.0. During the meeting, Principal Secretary was apprised of progress achieved under centrally sponsored PM-KVY and SANKALP schemes of Government of India. Principal Secretary also took stock of audit work un-

dergoing under PMKVY 2.0 and stressed on the officials to clear all pending work being done under the scheme. He also asked the officers to furnish utilisation certificates pertaining to these centrally sponsored schemes at the earliest.

Mission Director, J&K Skill Development Mission, Leena Padha; Director, Skill Development Depart-ment, Sudershan Kumar, MIssion Director NHM J&K, Special Secretary SDD, Joint Director Planning SDD, Principals Polytechnic for women Jammu/Kashmir, Audit and other senior officers of Skill Development Department besides representative of National Skill Development Corporation attended the meeting in per-

Bus turns on its side on Rajouri-Poonch highway, 25 passengers escape unhurt

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Jammu, Jan 31 (At-least 25 passengers escaped unhurt on Tuesday after a bus they were travelling in turned on its side on Rajouri-Poonch highway.

Official sources told HT that the bus bus (JKO-2BL-54570) skidded off the road and turned on its side alongside a mountain near ToTa Gali. As the accident happened, they said, the passengers onboard it raised hue and cry and were later evacuated by locals and army through window panes and through driver's seat as main door was blocked, facing the side of the moun-

Horticulture Directorate bids farewell to retiring official

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: An impressive farewell function was organized by the Department of Horticulture, Jammu to bid a warm send off to Sham Singh. Head Assistant, who attained superannuation today after rendering more than 39 years of service in the Horticulture Department.

The Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Sevak, Joint Director Horticulture Jammu and other staff members of the Horticulture Department wish the retiring employee a happy and prosperous post retirement life.

DC Doda reviews progress of work on NH244:

DODA, JANUARY 31: Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan yesterday reviewed the progress of work on NH 244 in district Doda through virtual mode. The DC directed the concerned Executing agency to stick to the timeline and ensure quality work throughout the alignment.

He also disbursed Rs 22.80 Lakh compensation to the owners of structures removed along the alignment of

PSPS Govt P.G. College for Women organises "Movie Screening" event for students



JAMMU, JANUARY 31: To provide a creative learning experience to the young students. Department of English, PSPS Govt P.G. College for Women, Gandhinagar, on Tuesday organised Screening of a Hindi film Guide - the all-time classic, here in the College auditorium. The activity was conceptualized as part of the innovative teaching-learning pedagogy for the B.A./B. Com Sem Ill course. While relaxing and rejuvenating the students from the methodical academic activity, the session developed in them the imperative competence of perseverance, rigor and resilience to handle the challenges of life.Prof Minu Mahajan, Principal, PSPS Govt P.G. College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu applauded the faculty of English Department for hosting the informative event. She reiterated the beautiful message of the film that those who deviate from human relationships get destroyed.Dr Jyoti Dutt, Head, Department of English, acted as Convener of the event. Prof Bindu Sharma, Dr Shakun Mahajan, Prof Neelam Thapa, Dr Chetna Mahajan, Dr Kiran Kalra, Dr Nidhi Choudhary, Prof Suman Bala, Dr Sheweta Magotra and Dr Fayaz Ahmed jointly put in their efforts to make the event a success. The faculty from various departments of the college also graced the occasion with their presence.

Administration to revive wool sector in J&K JK produces best quality wool, need to tap economic potential: Atal Dulloo

tional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to discuss roadmap for revamping wool sector in Jammu and Kashmir. The developments would be made with the support of Central Wool Development Board (CWDB), Rajasthan Rajasthan. GS Bhati represented CWDB

during the meeting. It was revealed that India is a major wool producing nation of the world. Much of its produce is of coarse nature. Regions like Jammu and Kashmir have a distinction of producing high quality, apparel grade wool and its potential is yet to be fully ex-

The Central Wool Development Board is expected to provide support in the form of skill training, human resource development, modern machinery besides other technical assis-

ploited.



Technical Officer, Dr Rizwan Qureshi, also presented vital statistics about wool production and highlighted that the local produce is of international

The UT administration has already approved plans and revolving funds for revival of the sector in J&K, informed the ACS. He said that the administration seeks support in

wool collection, procurement, marketing and human resource development.

The meeting also had discussion on felt and fur production. ACS said, that the infrastruc-

sary setup is already in place. He suggested setting up of Common Incubation Centers to provide training to individuals in the sector besides establishing Common Facility Centers.

Dulloo expressed expectations that the Central Wool Board would extend their support to the Horticulture Produce Marketing Corporation and contribute to the mission of reviving wool sector under various other

The aim, according to the ACS, is not to generate revenue for the government, but rather to revive the wool sector, which holds significant economic potential.

The meeting was also attended by Secretary in APD, Shabnam Kamili and Director Sheep Husbandry, Krishan Lal besides DG Sheep Husbandry Kashmir. Bashir Ahmad participated on-

Weather based insurance for crops; Atal Dulloo reviews implementation

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, chaired a meeting to review implementation of Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) in Jammu and Kashmir here today.

The meeting focused on the response from various insurance companies to the tender document.

During the meeting, discussion was held on several technical issues related to the implementation of the scheme including jurisdiction demarcation and crop identification.

ACS raised concerns of farmers and urged upon the insurance companies to understand the administration's goal of helping the farming community. He called for finalising the terms sheet as soon as possible so that the Request for Proposal (RFP) can be floated and the tenders issued in a short period of time, thereby benefiting farmers. He also emphasised the administration's aim to protect farmers from losses due to adverse weather conditions.

The participants discussed suggestions for different climatic conditions and geographical differences in the region. The insurance scheme aims to cover damages caused by unseasonal and excessive rainfall, abnormal temperature fluctuations, and hail storms.

The meeting also reviewed assessment methodologies for different crops to calculate damages, both for regular and



high-density plantations.

It was revealed in the meeting that the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-K) is working on developing an Internet of Things (IoT) system to monitor crop yield and damages due to climatic and other adverse conditions.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST K, Nazia Ahmad, Secretary APD, Shabnam Kamili, Mission Director PMFBY, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal besides representatives of insurance companies and other officers were present in the meeting. The meeting also reviewed assessment methodologies for different crops to calculate damages, both for regular and high-density plantations.

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DC Doda reviews performance of Revenue Department

DODA, JANUARY 31: Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan today chaired a virtual meeting of key Officials of the revenue department to review their performance under various priority indicators.

Reviewing the services to be provided under Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), Deputy Commissioner asked the officers to adhere to the timeline envisaged in the Act and any deviation in this regard shall be viewed seriously including imposition of Rs 5000 per day fine on the officer/ officials responsible for delay. Tehsildars were asked to conduct random inspection of Anganwadi Centres, Health and Educational institutions and report on their working. "Tehsildars shall also submit a proposal for new nomination of Lumberdars and Chowkidars to the Deputy Commissioner's office by today, so that the order in this regard is issued within



two days positively' he asked.

On the anti-encroachment drive, the Tehsildars were instructed to retrieve the encroached land from big land grabbers on priority.

Threadbare discussion was also held on other key indicators which included latest position of Reconstruction of Missing record/ Massives; Implementation of online services; Progress of delineation of Gair Mumkin Khads; Details of Revenue Court cases; Aap Ka Tehsildar Apkey Gaon Mai; Attestation of

pending Mutations; Details of Stone/Hot/ Wet Mix Plants operating in the district; Utilisation of funds under District Capex and identification of land for Revenue build-

The DC directed the Revenue Officers to remain available/ accessible to the public in office, on telephone/ Mobile and through Wattsapp and other means of social media, especially during winter months. He reiterated that public services and grievances redressal must be given foremost

Shiv Khori Mela arrangements finalised DC Reasi calls for Foolproof Security

Commissioner, Reasi Babila Rakwal today chaired a meeting to fi nalize the arrangements for smooth conduct of Maha Shivratri Mela 2023 at revered Shiv Khori shrine. The three day Congregation will begin from Feb 17 and culminate on Feb 19, 2023.

The DDC discussed various issues like facilities of drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, sanitation, repair of roads, medical facilities and the security arrange-

She directed the concerned departments to put in place requisite arrangements well in advance for the smooth conduct of Maha Shivratri

The Tehsildar Pouni was asked to issue Permission/identity cards for the Langer organizers and assure



that Langers were installed at already specified locations.

AD Tourism was asked to take up the matter with the Director Tourism for Sanitation/Cleanliness of Ransoo-Shivkhori area during the Mela. The SSP Amit Gupta informed that the police would set up four Camp, Ram Mandir Pony Stand and at Entrance of the holy caves for smooth regulation of Yatra. He briefed the DC about the security grid and traffic management plan.

The ARTO Reasi was asked to allow Heavy Vehicles upto Kanda and Teryath and provide 20 Matadors/Mini Buses for pick -up and drop service for Pilgrims from Kanda.Regarding medical facili-ties, the CMO said that sufficient number of medical staff along with essential medicines . oxygen cylinders, stretchers, ambulances etc would be put in place to deal with any untoward incident and medical emergency. The Deputy Commissioner asked PDD, PHE and PWD to deploy an adequate number of men, machinery and materials during yatra days

SARAS Fair provides platform to rural women to showcase and sell their products: Indu Chib JAMMU, JANUARY 31:

The upcoming SARAS AJEEVIKA Fair will provide a platform for women Self Help Groups (SHGs) from rural areas of India to showcase and subsequently sell their products. This was stated by Mission Director J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), Indu Kanwal Chib while in-teracting with Media at aquaplex crown Bagh- e -Bahu, Jammu.Aquaplex Crown Bagh-e-Bahu is the venue of the SARAS Mela, She said and briefed the media about the highlights of the fair to be held from February 4 to 14 2023 here. She said that income generated by rural women through such platforms

empower them socially economically.MD, who was also flanked by Additional Mission Director JKRLM, Mridhu Slathia, reiterated that in addition to income generation, JKRLM is also working on the holistic development of rural women through various programmes being run by it.The MD further said the fair is going to witness participation of women Self Help Groups from across the country and all 20 districts of the Union Territory of J&K will take part in this Fair. While detailing about the main attractions of the event to be hosted in Jammu for the first time, Indu Chib said this national

JKEDI organises one-day workshop on innovation and entrepreneurship for students in Jammu

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: In line with J&K Government's vision to create a sustainable start-up ecosystem, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute on Tuesday organized a one-day start-up, innovation, and entrepreneurship awareness workshop in Shikha Niketan Higher Secondary School..

The program was coordinated by Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Business Modelling (CIIBM), JKEDI. The program was part of the ongoing efforts of the Government to create an all inclusive entrepreneurship ecosystem in the UT.

Director JKEDI, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, was the chief guest on the occasion. In his interaction with students, he asserted that entrepreneurship not only



leaves a positive impact on the lives of entrepreneurs, but also creates wealth and jobs.

"To sensitize our voung minds towards entrepreneurship, we come to schools, colleges, and universities. There is no dearth of creativity, innovation, and determination in the youth of J&K. We at JKEDI are planning to start short-term courses in the field of entrepreneurship for students so that an optimal startup environment is built. Catching them young and inculcating the principles of entrepreneurship is a very critical job and we intend to do this

consistently without fail," said Director, JKEDI.

The Director informed that the Institute organises these events to provide significant insights

them to make better decisions about taking up entrepreneur-ship as a viable career option. Rameshwar Mengi, Principal, Shikha Niketan Higher Secondary School also spoke about the charms of entrepreneurship and motivated the students to opt for entrepreneurship as a

to young minds and enable

career option. Under the 'J&K Startup Policy 2018-2028', the UT administration aims to nurture and inspire the young and entrepreneurial brains of Jammu and Kashmir to pursue innovation and entrepreneurship by creating a

vibrant and conducive start-up

environment in the region. The Government is in the process of revising the guidelines of J&K Startup Policy in order to make it more startup-friendly. This will boost the startup ecosystem of the UT and will help the innovators and aspiring entrepreneurs in J&K. Technical sessions were also

organized during the event where senior faculty members of the Institute gave detailed presentations about the policies and initiatives of the Institute. They also gave an overview on enterprise creation and highlighted the aspects of the Startup policy. Hundreds of aspiring entrepreneurs and students participated in the event. Arif Ahmad Khan, Communication Officer, JKEDI; Sunil Kotwal, Accounts Officer, JKEDI;

30 New PPOs issued in January together

by EPFO Jammu, RO Srinagar

31: Pension is the most relevant form of "social security" for employees and their family members in times of need and eventualities. The EPFO Regional Office, Jammu has initiated the process of settlement of Pension claims from the offices of Jammu and Kashmir itself. In some of the cases pension is being disbursed to widow and family members of even such members in respect of whom Pension contribution equivalent to one month pension has been remitted by Employer.

Towards this, the Office has settled total 30 pension claims in Jammu with initial arrear amount of Rs. 20,58,357/in the month of January,

Pension claims were settled in r/o Late Mulkh Raj–Bachno Devi (Widow) with the monthly pension amount being Rs. 1722/-. Pension claims were settled in r/o Late Sat Pal Mehra -Sudha (Widow) with the monthly pension amount being Rs. 2051/-. Pension claims were settled in r/o Late Shanaz Akhter - Amina Begum (Dependent Parent Pension) with the monthly pension amount being Rs. 2071/- Pension



r/o Late Nitin Sharma-Bachno Ram Pal Verma (Dependent Parent Pension) with the monthly pension amount being Rs. 1681/- respectively. Pension claim has also been settled in respect of Sham Lal with the monthly pension amount being Rs. 3679 /-. Pension claim has also been settled in respect of Sunil Kumar Sahi with the monthly pension amount being Rs. 4129 /- who visited EPFO, Jammu today to collect the PPO. Another pension claim in respect of Late Anukush Kumar Mukherjee -Shumpa Mukherjee (widow), Rimpa (daughter) and Shub-

hodeep (son) with the

monthly pension amount

being Rs. 2076/-,Rs. 519/-

claims were settled in

ly. Pension claim has also been settled in respect of Santosh Kumar- Sarla Devi (Widow), Ratik Sharma(Son) and Natik Sharma with monthly pension amount being Rs.

2526/-,Rs. 632/- and Rs.

EPFO, Jammu also processed cases of retirement pension claim in respect of Fatima Begum with monthly pension being Rs. 3155/-, Romesh Chander with monthly pension being Rs. 3930/-, Dewan Chand with Rs. 4314/- and others.

Rizwan Uddin, Regional P.F. Commissioner (J&K and Ladakh), Harinder Singh (RPFC -II), Pritpal Singh (Assistant Section Officer) distributed the who visited Regional Office, Jammu.

Ghulam Mustafa bearing PPO No LDASR00028327, visited the office to update his Digital Life Certificate which was digitally updated by the Office.

In this context, it is per-

tinent to mention that the

monthly pension is available to members if they have ten or more years of service under Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 in one or more establishment(s). The eligible members may avail Superannuation Pension by applying online claim through their UAN Login after attainment of 58 years of age. Provision of monthly pension is also available to the family of EPS members in case of unfortunate demise of an EPS member while in service. The family member(s) may avail monthly pension by applying an offline claim through the employer of the deceased member.

All the Pensioners, who visited EPFO, Jammu expressed their pleasure and appreciated the efforts made to team EPFO, Jammu in disbursing their monthly pension and arrears before the close of the month -Janu-

HT - CLASSIFIED NATIONAL HEADLINES TODAY **SMVDU organises One Day Youth Festival**

Vaishno Devi University, Katra today organized a one day Youth Festival on the theme of Drug Abuse: Awareness Amongst the Youths.

The Youth festival was organized

in collaboration with the Excise and Taxation Department, J&K. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Padam Shree Prof. RK Sinha said that such events go a long way to educate the common masses about the drug abuse which has emerged as a menace to the young generation. He hailed the initiative of the Excise Department for collaborating with the University to spread awareness about the menace among the students. He stressed the need for a healthy lifestyle and

promotion of cultural values. RC Kotwal, Comdt 1st Battalion IRP, Reasi said that drug menace is badly affecting society and its pertinent to spread awareness among people, especially the youth. He insisted the students should contribute their bit in the fight against the drug menace. He gave a detailed presentation on various aspects of drug abuse. He called for greater youth engagement through sports and adventurous activities.

Speaking on occasion, Sukriti Sharma, Dy. Excise Commissioner Accounts expressed her concern over drug abuse, and said that drug abuse is corroding the foundations of society. Further, she stated that drug abuse has become a major social issue in UT of J&K. "The incidence of drug abuse among adolescents and youth is increasing at a higher rate. Adding to it the increasing economic stress and changing cultural values are some other reasons leading to initiation into drug abuse

Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Registrar said Drug abuse has societal, security and geo strategic aspects. "We need to inculcate a sense of discipline and healthy lifestyle among youth "he said. He thanked Deptt of Excise and J&K Police for sponsoring and supporting the anti-Drug event series. On the occasion video clips, reels created by students were displayed. Students performed dance items, skits, music, folk songs and dances reflecting the culture & traditions of the UT.

ETO, Udhampur Reasi Excise Range Rupali Vaid, also spoke on the occasion and said that menace of drug abuse is the challenge where Government alone cannot succeed unless there is community help, parental assistance and proactive role shown by all sections of society.

Finance Officer Neeraj Gupta Deans, faculty, staff members and large numbers of students were present during the programme. A cultural troupe provided by Jammu and Kashmir Academy for Art Culture and Languages JKAACL also enthralled the audience. Dr Kamni Pathania, vice-president Board of cultural activities thanked distinguished guests for spreading.



Agriculture Directorate Jammu organises Northern Regional meeting on price policy of Kharif crops 2023-24

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Directorate of Agriculture Jammu today

was to fix the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif Crops so



organized a regional meeting of Northern States on Price Policy for Kharif crops, 2023 -24 here at conference hall, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP); D. K. Pandey, Advisor, CACP; Dr. Naveen Parkash Singh, Member, CACP: Joint Director Agriculture Jammu, AS Reen; Joint Director Marketing PHMI & FM, Mahesh Verma: Director research, RBS College, Agra, Dr AR Sharma; Deputy Director Supplies, Department of Food & Civil Supplies, Jammu. Seema Parihar; representatives of Agriculture Department and Food Supplies from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand; Members of Kisan Advisory Board and other concerned officials attend the meeting.

The Chairman CACP informed the house that the aim of the meeting

that the farming community gets a reasonable price for their produce. He further said that the suggestions, recommendations and ideas come from the farmers/society and the kisan advisory board plays a key role in the fixation of price policy of crops.

Director Agriculture Jammu, K.K. Sharma apprised the house about the status, targets and achievements of the Agriculture Department. It was pointed out that the J&K UT stands at 3rd position in case of farmers' income as the Department worked tirelessly even during the COVID-19 to protect the interest of farmers and holistic development of the Agriculture Sec-

The Department has established 23 procurement Mandis to maintain a reasonable price for agriculture products and during the year 3.36 lakh quintal Paddy was procured covering 6549 farmers and crediting Rs 68.88 crore rupees in their accounts within 48 hours through

The objective of the Department is to provide quality seeds, protecting farmer's interest, maintaining a reasonable price for agricultural products and increasing agriculture production.

He further elaborated that Agriculture is the main stay of the population of J&K, 70% of the population depend on Agriculture & allied sectors and about 49% of the working population is engaged in it and the sector has been growing at an average of 2.02% (2011-12 prices) and contributes 18% to the GDP of J&K. J&K is essentially a mountainous region in which only about 18% of area is under cultivation.

Threadbare discussion was held on various aspects like Factors Affecting Agricultural Price Policy. Production costs, Input price changes. Price Parity Between Inputs and Outputs, Market Price Trends, Price Parity Between Crops, the Supply and Demand Situation, Impact on Industrial Cost Structure, General price level effects. Cost of living effects, etc.

The representatives made various suggestions and recommendations during the meeting. The Director Agriculture, Jammu called for keeping the provision of KCC loan for Beekeeping & Mushroom activities and insurance coverage to migratory beekeepers. "There is a need to invest more in the Agri-Infrastructure, Expand the ambit of MSP coverage to maintain agricultural product price stability" he

Rahul Gandhi should thank PM Modi for hoisting national flag at Lal Chowk: Chugh Akhnoor, Jan 31: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh to-

day unfurled the national flag here in memory of people who sacrifices their lives for the unity and integrity of the country.

Addressing a mammoth gathering of people Chugh paid rich tribute to Praja Parishad martyrs in Jaurian village here.

He said it has been a saga of sacrifices that has brought us to this stage where Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message of progress and development has started reverberating again.

He questioned why it took 70 years for the Congress and it's leaders like Rahul Gandhi to hoist Trianga at Lal Chowk. Chugh said Modi's zero tolerance for terrorism has made it possible for Rahul and his sister Priyanka to enjoy the snowfall in the valley.

Chugh was accompanied by former Dy. CM Dr. Nirmal Singh, J&K



BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma, BJP senior leader Devender Singh Rana, senior leader Daljit Singh Chib and other party leaders in presence of representatives of social organizations and prominent locals. While paying tributes to martyrs, Tarun Chugh said that the struggle to remove Articles 370 & 35a continued for 70 years. He said that Jammu and Kashmir

has a long history of struggle and movement. The pages of history are full of renunciation, austerity and sacrifice. When Sheikh Abdullah implemented the permit system to enter Jammu and Kashmir, the Praja Parishad raised the slogan, Desh mein do pradhan, do vidhan, do nishan: nahi chalenge, nahi chalenge. "On 11 January 1953, two days before the festival of Lohri, the police opened fire on a procession in which more than 5,000 people were participating. More than 200 rounds were fired in which two people were killed and more than 70 were injured. On 31 January 1953, a huge crowd of protesting farmers gathered in Jyodia village. The farmers came out in huge masses towards Jammu carrying the tricolor in their hands. The police opened fire on the agitators, in which 7 people were killed, to salute whose sacrifice and spirit we all have gath-

Reasi Admin intensifies anti-encroachment drive at various location

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 31: District Development Commissioner Kishtwar handed over the financial assistance Authority Letters to 22 beneficiaries under J&K Cancer treatment and management fund for poor (CTMFFP) here in his Office Cham-

On the occasion, the beneficiaries thanked the LG Jammu & Kashmir Govt for extending the financial assistance/ medical assistance to them at this

They said that J&K's health sector has gone through a sea change ensuring high-quality affordable. accessible healthcare for all.

They also extended gratitude to District Development Commissioner Kishtwar for taking concrete steps to extend the benefit of such beneficiary schemes to the needy and poor people of Kishtprompt manner.

Pertinent to mention that the government has approved a separate fund to bear the medical expenses of the cancer patients under J&K Cancer Treatment and Management Fund for Poor (CTMFFP) and J&K Medical Aid Trust (MAT).

The fund provides necessary financial assistance to the people who come for cancer treatment and management including surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy in gov-

Under Cancer Treatment and Management Fund for Poor (CTMFFP), only permanent residents of the UT whose family income doesn't exceed.

ernment hospitals.

VALLEY YOUTH VISIT JAK LI REGT CENTRE

Srinagar, 31 Jan 2023. 15 Youth along with two mentors from districts of Anantnag, Pulwama, Badgam, Kulgam, Chandoora, Shopian, and Srinagar visited the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regimental Centre on an educational & motivational excursion as a part of reach out activity on behalf of Chinar Corps. The visit started

with a movie on the history and background of the Regiment followed by visit to drill ground and training area, where young boys of the Regiment turn into soldiers. The youth also visited the Maqbool Sherwani Museum showcasing the history of J&K and Hall of Fame, which houses the memoirs and brave stories of the fallen heroes from the Regiment. The youth paid their tribute to the brave hearts of the Regiment at the War Memorial. Finally, they visited the MMGG (Mandir, Masjid, Gurudwara & Gompa) which exemplifies cultural & religious harmony of JAK LI Regiment and Indian Army. The visit also included interaction of youth with

Officers and men of the

Regiment to educate and motivate them towards better career avenues in the Armed Forces. During the said interaction, officers of the Centre appreciated their motivation and advised them to aspire for noble fields and contribute towards Nation building. The visit concluded with a sumptuous lunch and a group photo with Officers.

Salafia Educational Trust Andergam Pattan

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Salafia Educational Trust Andergam Pattan has constructed a managing body committee comprising of the following members. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed alteration may contact the office within 7 days from the date of publication of this

Member Name	Parentage/Spouse	Residence	Occupation	Designation	Qualification	Member
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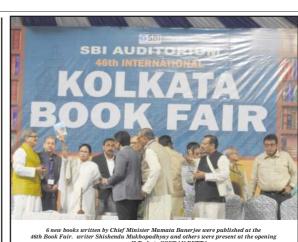
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LG

themselves as 'Triveni'- a confluence of knowledge, science & art, a balanced personality with a sense of inquisitiveness, serene, peaceful and dynamic," said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the significant role of the Universities in nurturing the talent of the younger generation.

"The path to the prosperity of the society passes through educational institutions. Antarnaad, means the inner voice. Artistic disciplines will give our youth new insight for innovation, new inventions," added the Lt Governor. Our cultural history, lifestyle, social settings are all integrated. If Knowledge and Science is the body, then Art is the mind. It is the perfect harmony between the two that forms the very foundation of development of any nation, observed the Lt Governor.

"The National Education Policy, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has redefined the entire education ecosystem. It fosters innovation & creativity and inspires students to participate in research & creative activities," the Lt Governor added. The Lt Governor also sought active participation of Uni-

versities from J&K and involvement of students in preparations for the ensuing G20 event in Jammu Kashmir. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, Jammu University and Dr. BS Sekhon, Joint Secretary (Youth Affairs & Sports), AIU briefed on the series of activities planned during the festival.

A souvenir of 'Antarnaad' was also released by the Lt

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sh Dilbag Singh, DGP; Sh Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Prof Bechan Lal, VC, Cluster University Jammu; Sh Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Higher Education; faculty members and students in large number attended the inaugural ceremony.

LUCKNOW

agriculture, industry & service sector for sustainable development, the Lt Governor observed.

Highlighting the performance of Jammu Kashmir in different sectors and achievements, the Lt Governor said the administration has taken several measures to ensure social equality so that all citizens enjoy equal economic opportunity and they are empowered to contribute to nation building.

Today, every citizen of J&K is contributing to UT's journey of progress. All sections of society, farmers, youths, women, tribals in J&K are feeling empowered for the first time in seven decades, the Lt Governor observed.

Sharing the historic journey of new J&K over the past three years, the Lt Governor said under the guidance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the city of Jammu has emerged as the centre of educational institutions. Tourism sector is scaling new height. The glorious era of film shooting has also returned to Jammu Kashmir.

"Following the ideals of Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, our endeavour is to enhance economic prosperity in rural areas and fulfill the resolution of AtmaNirbhar Jammu Kashmir," the Lt Governor said.

"The development and productive engagement of youth of Jammu Kashmir has been prioritized. Employment avenues in the government, corporate sector and opportunities are being provided to young boys and girls to become entrepreneurs. Since August 2019, financial assistance and requisite training has been provided to 6 lakh young boys and girls to start their business venture," the Lt Governor added.

Sh. Prabhu Narain Srivastava, President, Mahamana Malaviya Mission; Sh Devendra Swaroop Shukla, General Secretary; Dr A K Thakkar, Vice President, Mahamana Malaviya Mission; Sh Ajay Srivastav, Trustee, Narayan Seva Sansthan; office bearers and large number of people were present on the occasion.

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and monitoring purposes. He maintained that technology is panacea for many of the problems. It is also the most effective tool for ensuring transparency. He impressed upon the officers and scientists from IT and NIC respectively to work towards useof modern technologies towards obtaining desired results especially for the purposes of work estimation and their identification.

Dr Mehta directed for making good use of technologies by bridging the gap between the government and those governed. He made out that the power belongs to people and technology has empowered them in unprecedented manner. He told the officers to have virtual inspections of the offices and works on daily basis. He even suggested for taking feedback from public and PRI's about the quality of work being done in their areas or any grievances they have against any of the government departments.

The Chief Secretary also emphasized upon end to end use of digital platforms like e-office by all the government employees especially ground workers like Patwaris, JEs etc. He declared that the actual purpose of digitization would be served when it enhances ease of living. He asked for making the work of every office be it Police Stations, Tehsil Offices, Hospitals, Engineering Departments, ULBs, Block Offices fully online for efficient delivery and effective monitoring.

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order in this regard," he said.

Sharma said that he was hopeful that the LG administration may issue a formal order in this regard within a week's time. "The order may have a mention about the registration fee for the poor having possession of State land up to 10 malras." he said.

Another BJP leader, wishing not to be named, said that on behalf of the party, he too has urged the LG administration to spare the poor during the ongoing anti-encroachment drive. "Though it is up to the government to finalise whether they would keep 10 malras as the limit for having the State land for the poor lot who have constructed their homes or bring the number down to 5 malras or so. This is a matter of discussion and is being currently discussed by the Revenue officials and other officials of the LG led administration seriously," the leader said, adding that "we expect a formal order shortly in this

J&K BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur said several delegations of farmers and poor people from Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir came to BJP office in Srinagar with a request that they have constructed homes on just 5,8 and 10 malars of State land and if they would be evicted, where would they go.

"We have requested the LG Sir not to touch the poor but go hard against the politicians especially all 34 former ministers whose names have surfaced in the list of land grabbers," he said.

Congress party's J&K unit too had vociferously opposed the eviction drive of the LG led administration and sought a formal order mentioning protection for the poor and farmers. Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi also expressed his displeasure over the J&K administration's anti-eviction drive. In his press conference at Srinagar during Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY), Rahul said that "poor are being left homeless and farmer's land is being snatched during the eviction drive of the J&K administration." In the J&K's anti-encroachment drive, action has been taken against former ministers and officers. "The list of land

grabbers is so long that it will take years to retrieve the land. The drive is on as per the directions from the LG office," an official said, wishing not to be named—(KNO)

DIGITAL

The Chief Secretary encouraged the department to take the formalization of the important sector of food processing a notch higher by bringing in better practices for value addition and marketing of the products. He made out that this formalization should lead to the upscaling of both capital and employment generation in these units. The ACS, APD, Atal Dulloo gave a detailed overview of this scheme and the impediments faced during its implementation. He gave out that the same would aid in accomplishing the dream of self-reliant India by promoting local food based enterprises.

It was revealed that the scheme aims at providing smooth access to credit, integration with organised supply chain by giving support in branding & marketing, providing support for transition of existing enterprises into formal framework.

It also enables applicants to have access to common services like common processing facility, laboratories, storage, packaging, marketing and incubation services. Strengthening of institutions, research and training in food processing sector and increased access of enterprises to professional and technical support, as was added during the meeting.

Moreover credit linked grant @ 35% to individual, proprietorship firms, partnership firms, FPOs, NGO, SHGs, Co-operatives, Pvt. Ltd. companies with max. ceiling of Rs. 10 lakhs can be availed under it. A Seed Capital of Rs 40,000 per member to SHG Federation can be also be availed under it. Regarding marketing & branding a grant up to 50% to groups or an SPV for ODOP as well as Non ODOP products is also provided under this scheme. The meeting was further informed that the establishment of 3 Common Incubation Centres (CICs) at Narwal, Sopore and Anantnag have been completed in the UT under it for the products designated under ODOP for these districts. In addition 2 more are under pipeline for districts Budgam and Ramban.

The components for CICs includes infrastructure, plant & machinery, food testing laboratories and providing other accessories and amenities for the stakeholders, as was divulged in the meeting. Pertinent to mention here that GoI has approved an outlay of Rs 25.96 Cr for the year 2022-23 for the UT.

WEATHER

weather would remain mostly dry till February 04. They said that as per the forecast, there is no possibility

of any major snowfall for the next ten days in Kashmir. Pertinently, after the wet spell, the night temperature has increased in Kashmir parts with Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort, recording a low of minus 8.4 degree Celsius. Pahalgam in South Kashmir recorded a low of minus 4.7 degree Celsius while the mercury in Srinagar settled at 0.0 degree Celsius.

As per the data, the mercury in Kokernag and Kupwara settled at minus 0.8 degree Celsius while Qazigund recorded a low of minus 0.4 degree Celsius.

Moreover, the Srinagar-Jammu highway has been thrown open for the vehicular movement today for both sides.

"The highway was opened for the traffic on both sides after the road clearance work was completed," he said. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ramban, Mohita Sharma said that the intermittent shooting stones and slides are still occurring and advised people to drive cautiously.

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acclaimed popularity across the country. However, he said it was Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma

who took the Santoor to the world and Bollywood for his sensational way of playing the instrument with perfect tonal quality.

Ghulam Mohammad Zaz said "it was a great loss to the music lovers of Santoor that two legends left this world very early".

Ghulam Mohammad Zaz said his forefathers have been making the musical instruments for the past three centuries but the award came late, feels the craftsman. He said his forefathers also deserved awards long before but were ignored, he complained.

Ghulam Mohammad Zaz did not know the origin of the Santoor instrument but added that it came to limelight after 1953 and was being played by the music known in Kashmir valley. Some people believe that Mughals were also using these instruments but it is not evident from history

He said that the Santoor he made was perfect and with different toner quality that took it to a wider range of music lovers.

NCC

three Service Chiefs.

The contingent returned back safely to NCC Camping Ground Nagrota and has been invited to interact with Manoj Sinha the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir at Rajbhavan—(KNO)

SCHOOLS

enjoyable. Focus will be on learning outcomes of every child in every grade. Assessment at all levels will be based on conceptual understanding and application of knowledge to real life situations and will be competency-based.

Assessment of available resources and their effectiveness in terms of availability, adequacy, appropriateness, and utilization for each of the domains and their key performance indicators will be done and gaps will be filled in a systematic and planned manner. besides, linkage with Sector Skill Councils and local industry for enhancing employability and providing better employment opportunities will be explored through the scheme.

A School Quality Assessment Framework (SQAF) has been developed specifying the key performance indicators to measure outcomes. Quality evaluation of these schools at regular interval will be undertaken to ensure the desired standards.

The major interventions of the scheme are Quality and Innovation (Learning Enhancement Programme, Holistic Progress Card, Innovative Pedagogies, Bagless days, Internships with Local artisans, Capacity building etc.) besides Beneficiary oriented entitlements under RTE Act. besides, 100 per cent of PM SHRI Schools will receive Science and Math Kits. Assessment of available resources and their effectiveness in terms of availability, adequacy, appropriateness, and utilization for each of the domains and their key performance indicators will be done and gaps will be filled in a systematic and planned manner. besides, linkage with Sector Skill Councils and local industry for enhancing employability and providing better employment opportunities will be explored through the scheme.A School Quality Assessment Framework (SQAF) has been developed specifying the key performance indicators to measure outcomes. Quality evaluation of these schools at regular interval will be undertaken to ensure the desired standards

District-level NCORD Committee meeting held at Rajouri



RAJOURI, JANUARY 31, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, convened a meeting of the District Committee Constituted under NCORD to review implementation of the measures to tackle the growing drug menace in the district.

The DC reviewed the current situation and proposed several interventions to reduce the number of drug abusers. "Drug abuse and addiction is a serious issue that we must address with determination and resolve. We must take all necessary steps to ensure our citizens, both young and old, are provided with clean and healthy environments, free from drugs and their hazardous effects," said DC Rajouri. The DC also discussed the importance of raising awareness about and curbing the availability of drugs in the district. Various government and private initiatives for drug de-addiction and rehabilitation were also discussed.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need to identify drug users and peddlers in the district, and to do so in a mission-oriented manner. It was also decided that special inspections would be conducted by joint teams of Health, Police and Drug Control to check the availability of contraband drugs in medical stores.

The Chief Medical Officer was directed to issue a separate prescription book to doctors who prescribe contraband drugs to patients and to cross-check the prescriptions with drug stores.

Additionally, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri directed the Principals and Heads of institutions to form an Anti-Drug squad to monitor student activities in Colleges and schools.

The DC reiterated the commitment of district administration to take all necessary measures to ensure the safety and prosperity of citizens, particularly young citizens. He praised the work of police and other departments who are at the forefront of this fight.

Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri, Mohd Aslam, said that the police department is doing its utmost to combat the drug menace and sought the cooperation of all the stakeholders.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohd Aslam; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Behnal; ADC Nowshera, Kartar Singh, PO ICDS, Shoket Mali, DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhat and other Committee members.

KU VC inaugurates week-long professional development course for administrative staff

Srinagar, Jan 31: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan on Tuesday inaugurated a week-long professional development course for accounting and administrative staff of the University. The programme has been organised by the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) to impart training to 20 participants, in first phase, in a wide range of topics, including budget management, financial code, civil service (conduct) rules, GFR and GST, among others. Saying that administrative staff is a strong pillar of the university's governance system, Prof Nilofer said such professional capacity-development courses are important for the participants to stay updated on amendments and changes made from time to time in financial rules. budgeting, income tax and other domains of accounting. Such programmes will eventually boost the university's administrative efficiency and lead to further transparency, which is directly linked with the credibility and reputation of the institution," the Vice-Chancellor said, urging the HRDC to continue with such programmes, with regularity, for other administrative staff of the University Prof Nilo fersaid the University of Kashmir is gradually moved the professional contraction of the profession of the ping its daily administrative operations to e-office in a major move that aims to boost the governance system in a big way

GOVT

smuggling of contraband substances inside Sub-Jail Reasi.

According to the recommendations of the Review Committee, the performance of these employees was found unsatisfactory and their continuation in the government service was found against the public interest. During the recent past, as part of its zero tolerance policy towards corruption, various employees have been dismissed from service on account of official misconduct, after rigorously following departmental proceedings against them. Many cases are under scrutiny with the Empowered Committees constituted for consideration of cases under Article 226(2) of J&K CSRs. Further, many employees have also been terminated from service on account of anti-national activities.

Meanwhile, the government has also initiated several measures for human resource development of its employees in Jammu and Kashmir which includes online Human Resource Management System (eHRMS), induction of officers into the prestigious Indian Administrative/Police Service, timely DPCs for smooth career progression, updating recruitment rules, fast tracking the recruitment process through recruiting agencies and abolishing of interviews for most of the non-gazetted vacancies referred to the Services Selection Board.

DRUGS

were recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to a police station where he remains in custody.

Similarly in Ganderbal, a Police Party led by SHO PS Kangan under the supervision of SDPO Kangan Muzaffar Jan at a checkpoint established at Kijpora Kangan intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK16-2791 with two persons on board. During the search, Charas-like substance was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Irfan Ahmad Zargar son of Noor Mohd Zargar resident of Awantbhawan Soura and Gayas ud-din Sheikh son of Mohd Maqbool Sheikh resident of Gagangeer Gund. They have been arrested and shifted to a police station where they remain in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and further investigation has been initiated.

A Police Party led by Incharge Police Post Reshipora intercepted a suspicious person near Dogripora. During checking, officers were able to recover 150 grams of Charas like powder from his possession.

Superannuation ceremony warm sendoff to five officers of JKAP 6th Bn. at Bhera Mendhar.

M S Nazki



MENDHAR: On attaining the age of superannuation, officers/official of JKAP 6th Bn. were presented warm adieu by the officers and officials of JKAP 6th battalion. On the occasions simple but impressive farewell party was held at Battalion Headquarter Behra in district Poonch in favour of below mentioned officers/official on attaining the age of superannuation.

Mohd Farooq Khan-SP (Adjutant), Tazeem Ahmed – Sub-Inspector, Sh. Zulfkar Ali- Sub-Inspector, Sh. Khushal Hussain ASI, Sh. Mir Khan HC.

Sh. Suram Singh JKPS-SSP Commandant, Sh. Maqbool Hussain Gorsi-Dy.SP, Sh. Mohd Afzal-Dy.SP Sh. M S Nazki Bureau Chief Global News Service (GNS) / Special Defence Correspondent J &K (UT) other officers & jawans of JKAP 6th Bn as well as senior citizens & relatives of above said retiree officers/official congratulated, cheered together & appreciated the officers/official for rendering their selfless services in the police department. The honesty, sincerity and dedication of the superannuating officers/official was applauded who gave least priority of their personal interests before the services to Police department. They were complimented for maintaining unblemished record & services. All the officers & Jawans wished them a healthy and meaningful post retirement life. Retirees were presented with mementos as a token of memory and goodwill gesture by their colleagues as a symbol of affection and respect towards

Locals irked over bad condition of Sagra – Ghani road in Mendhar

M S Nazki



MENDHAR: Residents of Sagra and Ghani tehsil of Mankote in Poonch district are aggrieved over dilapidated Sagra to Ghani road, which is in deep shambles since long time thus causing great inconvenience to the locals while the Govt seems to be in deep slumber.

The road stretch from Sagra to Ghani and other adjoining areas is dotted with potholes, lack of proper drainage system and dust, which cause huge inconvenience to the commuters.

The 8–Km long Sagra – Ghani road has been in dilapidated condition since long but the successive Govts have shown a lackadaisical attitude to repair this road to facilitate vehicular movement. The road has developed ditches and pot holes at many places making the journey in vehicles treacherous and risky especially for patients and pregnant women. Due to pathetic condition of the road, students and employees face immense hardships to reach their respective destinations.

This road not only links Mendhar towns but also provides connectivity to over 1000 to 1500 population existing in several villages and hamlets in Sagra , Ghani Dabraj , it is 8-kms and from there ahead up to Mankote So bad is the condition of this road that even the Sumo/ Taxi or minibus operators hesitate to ply on this road. The public is worst affected. The vehicles take three times more time to cover a distance of 8 kms than the normal.

Several people of adjoining areas claimed that they had called on higher ups several times with a complaint but their requests met with deaf ears Social Worker Haji Zaman Ahmed Said the passenger vehicles too have suffered damages due to bad condition of the roads. "Our vehicles have suffered heavy damages due to dilapidated condition of the road," a Sumo driver said.

People appealed to the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to ensure immediate repair of this road and investigate the reasons of no blacktop on it till date.

Lambardars seek redressal of demands

Srinagar,CNS,31-Jan; We, The Lambardars serving nation selflessly/tirelessly before the reins of Maharaja Hari Singh of J&K have sought redressal of their demands.

In a statement issued to CNS, President Lambadars JK association, Bashir Ahmad Teli said that even in the most difficult period of 1990, hundreds of our colleagues were shot dead and put to eternal sleep, but despite all this, the lumberdars of Jammu and Kashmir did not disappoint the nation at any point. The sad thing is that like previous governments, this government has also made up its mind to target us with contempt instead of encouraging us and now it has decided to remove all of us from the responsibility of lumberdari on various pretexts and for this no one from the Deputy Commissioners to the Tehsildars is ready to listen us.

"In the harshest of circumstances, we decided to stand with our nation without any state cooperation and support",he said.

The statement further read that worst tale is that association had already approached the Jammu and Kashmir High Court to stop the temptations created by the previous governments and the High Court has issued a stay order on it but the authorities at the helm of affairs instead of implementing the orders passed by High Court have thrown the said order to dust and are adamant of not implementing the said order.

While warning the administration to immediately stop this biased campaign against the lambardars, they said that they are forced to file a contempt petition in the High Court against all these officers.

Meanwhile, they urged Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, to immediately focus on resolving our issue on priority basis because we are one of the oldest and most basic units of the administration of Jammu and Kashmir.

Bike Rally organised to spread awareness about India's G20 presidency

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, in collaboration with Divisional Administration on Tuesday organized a Bike Rally from Kala Kendra, Jammu to Akhnoor via Katra, Reasi and Bhamla as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' and with the aim of spreading awareness about G20 Summit which being soon organized in UT of J&K

As many as 100 bikers took part in the rally to spread awareness among residents about India's G20 presidency and to promote tourist destinations of Jammu region as Adventure hotspots. The rally was one of its kind as Baba Aghar Jitto, Bhimgarh Fort, Siard Baba etc. are being pitched as a must visit tourist spot which are located at a close proximity from the World renowned shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji, Katra.

The bike rally was flagged off by Director Tourism, Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, and Deputy Director Tourism Publicity & Adventure, Jammu, Abdul Jabbar. Addressing the media, the Director Tourism, Jammu gave a detailed overview of the Tourism sector with special focus on Adventure Tourism. He added that



the definition of Tourism is not restricted to pilgrimage trips only but Jammu has more potential in other fields like adven ture, leisure, heritage etc.

Speaking to the media, the Joint Director Tourism, Sunaina Sharma Meh-

event was to promote Adventure Tourism in Reasi and to divert the lakhs of pilgrims/ tourists visiting the shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Katra to other destinations around Katra. She said that this Bike Rally is linked with spreading the awareness of the G20 Summit and simultaneously encouraging Tourists across the nation to visit the Historical Bhimgarh Fort, Siard Baba, Baba Aghar Jitto and nearby tourist destinations of Reasi.

At Reasi the Bikers were warmly received by DDC Chairman Reasi Saraf Singh Nag. He Congratulated the Tourism Department for organizing this Bike Rally and promoting Reasi as a tourist destination beyond Katra.
At TRC Jammu the bikers were

received by DDT (Publicity & Adventure) Abdul Jabbar and DDT Jammu Dr. Umesh

Dr. Shan reiterated that the celebration of India's glorious 75 years of independence has been linked with this adventurous bike rally in order to imbibe a feeling of patriotism and simultaneously encourage tourists across the nation to visit both Reasi and Akhnoor. Speaking on the significance of Akhnoor town which is a treasure trove of history with its mythological Pracheen Pandav Gaufa, Historic Akhnoor Fort, Jia Potha Ghat, Parashuram Temple, remains of ancient Buddhist settlements at Ambaran, Gurdwara Sant Baba Sunder Singh Ji, etc situated in vicinity to each other.

Assam to host 71st **Senior National Volleyball Tournament**

New Delhi, Jan 31 (UNI) The 71st Senior National Volleyball Tournament will be held in Guwahati, Assam

Elite Sports India has been granted the official rights to broadcast this top-tier national tournament which will be available on the ESIlive YouTube handle.

"Volleyball has been one of our top priorities as a sport in India. When we began, we knew we didn't have many viewers and the journey is going to be long. But we believed we could make this work and here we are today" says Sunny Bhandarkar (CEO Elite Sports

"Ram Avatar Singh Jakhar, CEO, Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) and Prof Achyuta Samantha, president,VFI, have also been very supportive towards our association which has helped us push this sport to a

larger audience" added Mr Bhandarkar. Senior Indian team players and the new breed of young volleyball champs will all go guns blazing as they bring the storm while fighting for the ariel vol-

The live-action to all games will begin on the ESILive YouTube handle from February 2nd.

Fire still burning, Djokovic and GOAT debate move on to Paris



MELBOURNE: A triumphant Novak Djokovic paraded the Australian Open trophy around the gardens of Melbourne's Government House on Monday, his 10th title having added another notch in the plus column for those who argue he is the Greatest Of All Time (GOAT). That debate may never be settled but if it is to be decided purely in terms of major championship success, it now moves on to the French Open in the European spring with the Serbian and Rafael Nadal tied on 22 titles.While the blue courts of Melbourne Park are undoubtedly Djokovic's domain, the red clay courts of Roland Garros are the preserve of Spaniard Nadal, the other open-era GOAT contender along with 20-times Grand Slam champion Roger Federer. Federer is now retired and sent his congratulations to Djokovic on Instagram — "Incredible effort, again!" — but Nadal was back in Spain being treated for the latest in a series of injuries that have blighted his career.

Aussie all-rounder Cameron **Green still in the frame for India Test series opener**

SYDNEY: All-rounder Cameron Green has not been ruled out of facing India in the first of four Tests next month despite his finger injury, Australia coach Andrew McDonald said on Monday. Green broke his finger in the home South Africa series at the end of last vear and has not played a match since, raising questions over whether he would be fit for the start of the first Test in Nagpur on Feb. 9."He hasn't been ruled out," McDonald told ABC ahead of the team's departure on Tuesday. "We just want to make sure we set up all our players up for success and there isn't much time left from now to the four-week check-in around his finger to the start of that Test match."We'll see how he goes in the build-up and make that decision when we get on the ground in India."While Green has provided a welcome fast-bowling option for Australia, Mc-Donald has made it clear that he is valued foremost for his middle-order batting and could be selected on that basis alone.McDonald said left-arm quick Mitchell Starc was still in a splint because of his damaged finger and will definitely miss the first Test, as expected.

CREMATION

South Africa name strong 15-member squad for WomensT20 World Cup

Cape Town, Jan 31 (UNI)The Proteas have named a 15-player squad for the upcoming ICCWomen's T20 World Cup on home soil. Semi-finalists at the 2014 and 2020 T20 World Cups, South Africa were also in the final four atlast year's 50-over Cricket World Cup.One of the biggest questions surrounding the tournament hosts will be who walks out to open the batting with Laura Wolvaardt, with Lizelle Lee departing the international scene in July last year,

ICC reported. Tazmin Brits has shown her qualities with scores in recent action against the West Indies, while Anneke Bosch may be utilised in spite of low scores when given opportunities up the order in their build-up. The side boast power in the middle order through the work of Chloe Tryon and Marizanne Kapp, while skipper Sune Luus holds the batting lineup together with a mix of force and control.

With the trio all more than capable with ball in hand, the side boasts a bowling depth few teams can match. Kapp will likely take the new ball with spearhead Shabnim Ismail, as Ayabonga Khaka continues to prove her mettle on the international stage. Nonkululeko Mlaba's left-arm orthodox will prove vital in the campaign, as Luus, Tryon, and even Nadine de Klerk chime in with their spin.The side is still without the services of



talismanic all-rounder Dane van Niekerk. A semi-final appearance will be the minimum expectation for South Africa, though would likely have to overcome either New Zealand or Australia for a top two spot. South Africa open the tournament on February 10 against Sri Lanka in Cape Town. They then takeon New Zealand and Australia on February 13 and 18 respectively, before facing Bangladesh on February 21. South Africa squad: Annerie Dercksen, Marizanne Kapp, Lara Goodall, Ayabonga Khaka, Chloe Tryon, Nadine de Klerk, Shabnim Ismail, Tazmin Brits, Masabata Klaas, Laura Wolvaardt, Sinalo Jafta Nonkululeko Mlaba, Sune Luus (c), Anneke

Arthur to return to Pakistan setup as 'consultant', confirms Sethi

LAHORE: Former Pakistan head coach Mickey Arthur is set to return to the national team setup, but in a consultancy role, the country's cricket board's interim Management Committee chairman Najam Sethi told Dawn on Monday.

The negotiations are being finalised with Mickey Arthur to work as a consultant with the Pakistan team with his own handpicked support staff," said Sethi. "Currently Mickey Arthur is selecting his support staff which will comprise five

"While three officials have been picked and two are remaining, and as soon as he gives the names of his selected support staff we will move forward to hire their

Arthur's return as the Pakistan head coach has been on the cards since Sethi took control of the board, replacing former PCB chairman Ramiz Raja, who fell out of favour for Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, the board's patron last month.

Not long after, the PCB did confirm its correspondence with Arthur but also suggested talks with him had fallen apart due to the coach's contractual obligations with English county side Derbyshire.

The board in a statement said the option



to hire Arthur as either a coach or "as a consultant to the PCB on a time-sharing basis with Derbyshire" was "proving difficult to materialise for various reasons

But the chapter was reopened last week when Sethi said he was still in talks with the former Australia coach and that "90 per cent distance was covered" with a final decision subject to the hiring of the support staff.

During Arthur's tenure as the Pakistan coach between 2016 and 2019, Pakistan won the ICC Champions Trophy in 2017 and became the number one side in the Twenty20 international rankings.

Spinners on charge as duo close in on top T20I bowler ranking

Dubai, Jan 31 (UNI) The reign of England star Sophie Ecclestone as the top ranked T20I bowler is under threat as a pair of spinners from India and South Africa made big gains in the latest ICC T20I Player Rankings.

While Ecclestone holds on to a narrow lead at the top ahead of the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup, Deepti Sharma and Nonkululeko Mlaba have made significant ground on the England tweaker as a result of some strong performances during the ongoing tri-series between India, Deepti is the leading wicket-taker of the series with nine scalps and Mlaba isn't far behind with four, and the pair will be eyeing off Ecclestone's spot as the top-ranked T20I bowler if they continue this form ahead of the start of the Women's T20 World Cup on February 10. Ecclestone's lead is down to just 26 rating points following the latest rankings update made by the ICC on Tuesday, with second-placed Deepti (737) and thirdplaced Mlaba (732) both jumping a spot courtesy of their good recent form and closing in on the England star's total of 763 rating points.

ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup Team of the Tournament announced

Dubai, Jan 31 (UNI) The inaugural ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup is now complete, and India have been crowned as the first -ever champions after beating England in the final held in Potchefstroom on Sunday. Throughout the tournament, the 16 participating teams have provided incredible performances, led

by brilliant individual displays. The selection panel featured commentators and former international cricketers, Lydia Greenway, Stacy-Ann King and Julia Price as well as journalist, Kalyani Mangale and ICC Women's Cricket Manager. Snehal Pradhan, who led as

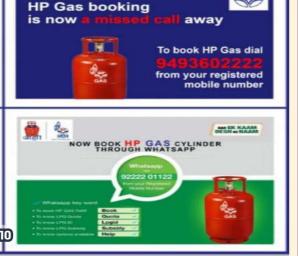
Convenor. The chosen squad will be led by England's Grace Scrivens, whose all-round skills and leadership qualities have been a feature in England's run to the final.Her destructive 93 against Ireland, as well as 56 against the West Indies, were her big highlights with the bat. With ball in hand, she was nerveless and there was no better example than the calm manner in which she closed out the semi-final against Australia.India's winning skipper, Shafali Verma, makes a more than capable inclusion into the team with her unflappable manner and composure at the crease. She offered control with

the ball but could also get on with it when she had to – as she proved with her unforgettable 45 not out from 16 balls against South Africa.

The top-order also sees India rock Shweta Sehrawat rewarded for a fortnight of fine batting. Her 92 against South Africa in their opener, as well as 61 not out in the semi-final against New Zealand underlined her class, but she was a constant source of runs and stability. New Zealand's Georgia Plimmer is also recognized in the top-order, after a series of sparkling knocks to propel her side to the last four Her 53 off 38 halls against Pakistan was a stand-out contribution...

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