

Good Governance Index: Sector wise performance reviewed in Rajouri

RAJOURI, JANUARY 31: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, 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. ADDC, 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 officers 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.

NIT Srinagar's CE dept. gets DST-FIST grant of Rs 1.06 crores Funds aimed to acquire state-of-art equipment, setting up laboratories for conducting research: Prof. Sehgal

Srinagar, Jan 31: The Civil Engineering Department of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar has been selected for financial support of Rs 1.06 Crores. The proposal was recommended in Level B Category by Department of Science and Technology (DST) based on the recommendations of FIST Advisory Board (FISTAB). Under the project, the Department of Civil Engineering will get Rs 106 lakhs for Level B under the FIST program to strengthen the research facilities in the department. The duration of the grant is for a period of 5 years. 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 Department. The PIG comprises of senior faculty members including Professor M A Ahanger

(Chairman 1), Professor Syed Kaiser Bukhari (Chairman 2), 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 greetings 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. Institute's Registrar, Prof. 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. "Students will get the oppor-

tunity to execute real-life projects in the emerging areas of 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 department 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 Maqsoodi Physican Specialist, Dr Mehrajdin Malik Psychiatric, Dr Rameez Dental Surgeon, Dr Sajid geelani ortho Pmr, Khursheed Ahamad Clinician Phycilologist, Shabeena Akhter Psychritic Nurse from different specialities 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 yesterday. Reports reaching Kashmir News Service (KNS) said that a massive landslide hit the road near Khek-Daji Behniopora area in Handwara, blocking vehicle movement. 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/ childrens 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 childrens participated in the drive, were given on ground education to follow Traffic signal lights, zebra crossing, violations of stop line etc. The childrens 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 14613 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 tehls 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 Tehsil from the encroachers. 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 kachharie 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 constructed 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), JKPC

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 apprised 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 time. 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,



Kathua and other concerned. 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 apprised 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 time.

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 credit exposure for their feedback and suggestions regarding its recently set-up Large Credit Units (LCU), J&K Bank today 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 you 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

prosper together." "Having said that, we have effected some fundamental changes in the Bank's operational 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 concerns and suggestions. "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-

pant clients in unison. 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 (Jammu) 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 revenue 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 district. 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 police.

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

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan Committee, in collaboration with IQAC of the Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt P.G Women College conducted "Plantation Drive" under Nasha Mukht 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 convener (Nasha Mukht 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. Sanjay Verma (Dean Sciences) Prof. Mamta Gupta (Dean Commerce) and Prof. Mala Bhasin (Staff Secretary) were present during the event. Dr. Yashpal Sharma Convener and Dr. Rupinder member (IQAC) were present on the occasion. Dr Suraj Mohani Samwal, Prof. Paramjeet Singh, Prof. Swarn Singh, Prof. Kusum and Prof. Sunita organised the event. Prof. Geetanjali Rana (Dean Arts), Prof. Sanjay Verma (Dean Sciences), Prof. Mamta Gupta (Dean Commerce) and Prof. Mala Bhasin (Staff Secretary) were present during the event. Dr. Yashpal Sharma Convener and Dr. Rupinder member (IQAC) were present on the occasion.

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

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 31: Continuing the onslaught against influential encroachers, the District 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 Anantnag.

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.

Similarly, the family of Syed Farooq Andrabi, former legislator from Dooru had encroached upon 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.

Another 15 Kanals of Shamilat lands which had been occupied by the heirs of Syed Mir Qasim, former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir have also been retrieved by a team led by Tehsildar Dooru. It is in place to mention that the encroachers had established an orchard at the site which was being used to earn income by utilizing public property.

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and anybody found encroaching on State/ Shamilat lands will be taken to task. He said that several such influential encroachers have been identified and the drive will continue. Another 15 Kanals of Shamilat lands which had been occupied by the heirs of Syed Mir Qasim, former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir have also been retrieved by a team led by Tehsildar Dooru. It is in place to mention that the encroachers had established an orchard at the site which was being used to earn income by utilizing public property.

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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 towards them.

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 NALSA 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) presided 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 Kathua.

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 Anantnag 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 receiving 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.

Arrangements for annual Urs of Hazrat Syed Noor Shah Wali Bagdadi (RA) reviewed at Kulgam

Farooq Rather

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ADC stressed upon the officers to work in coordination and to put in place all the requisite arrangements in advance to avoid any inconvenience to the people and smooth celebrations of the Urs.

Tehsildar Hq, DSP Hq, Ex. Engineers from PDD, PMGSY, Jal Shakti and MED, DFO, and other officers, members of local Auqaf 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.

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DM Chairs 7th NCORD Committee meeting at Doda

Asks stakeholders to take war against drug abuse to logical end

DODA, JANUARY 31: District Magistrate Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan convened 7th Narco Coordination (NCORD) 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 the previous meetings and to formulate the future course of action against the drug abuse in the district.

SSP, Abdul Qayoom, 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 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-

yats, 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 Agriculture Officer.

Illegally raised Green Acker Guest House Pahalgam by Ex. EO MC Pahalgam taken over

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 31: Revenue Authorities in Pahalgam led by Tehsildar Pahalgam Mohd Husain today took over a guest house named Green Acker.



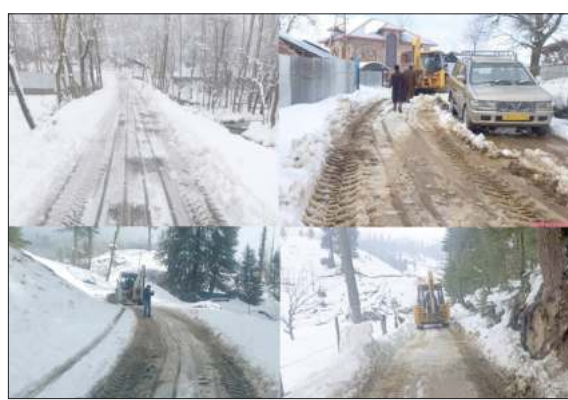
The guest house, an illegal structure, located on a prime piece of land at Laripora Pahalgam was raised by Bashir Ahmad Dar, Ex EO MC Pahalgam and Manzoor Ahmad, Ex Secretary MC Pahalgam. Green Acker guest house is situated on Laripora main road on a piece of State land that is worth crores of rupees 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 commercially. Tehsildar Pahalgam said that the anti-encroachment drives in Pahalgam

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 by abusing their position and has been taken.

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.



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The statement also reads that food grains are dumped/stored in border areas like Karnah,

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5th District NCORD meeting held at Anantnag

876 Teachers trained through CBPs for early identification of vulnerable students

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 31: In 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-

ing on identification, counselling of vulnerable school children and ensuring close communication with parents.

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HEADLINES TODAY**HT EDITORIAL****WE NEED TO ACT NOW :
Drug abuse at an Alarming Pace
Eating into Vitals of our Society.**

Although 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 important 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 of the 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 KUMHAR**

*Located in country's northernmost region,
Enclosed by snow-clad 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 Jibrán a Lebanese-American writer, poet, and visual artist rightly said that "Kindness is like snow, It beautifies everything It covers".

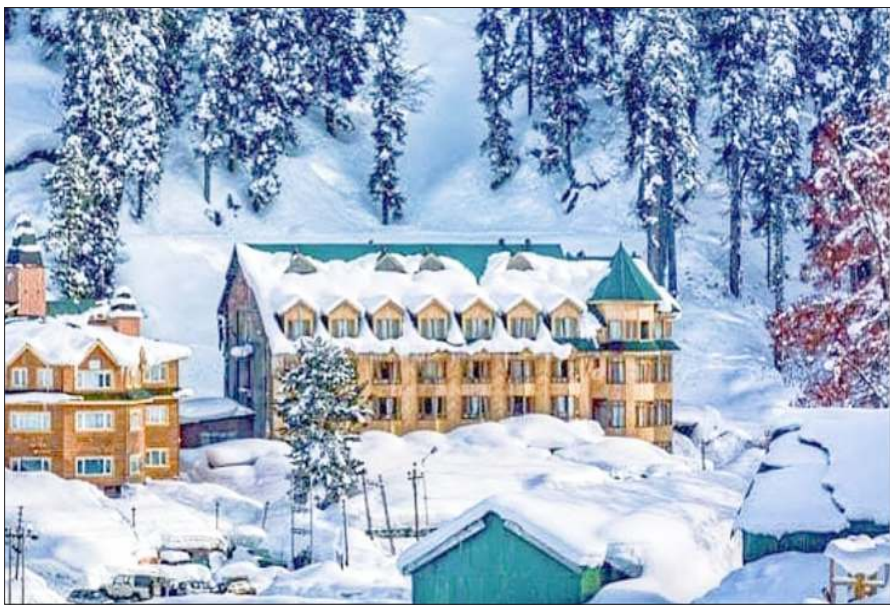
**Aubaid Ahmad Akhoo**

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-sledding, and snowmobiling. The region also offers a range of accommodation options, including luxury resorts and traditional house-

boats, as well as a variety of local shops 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

can also cause disruptions and hazards such as avalanches, traffic and infrastructure problems.

Gulmarg and Pahalgam are two famous winter destinations in the Kashmir region of India. Gulmarg, also known as the "Meadow of Flowers," is a popular

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 east-west 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 forever."

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

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

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.

Right to equal pay for equal work.

person, while according to the second concept, overuse destroys the rights of a person.

Individual human rights ultimately find their economic 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 socialism.

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 far-reaching rights of that individual."

It is clear that there is no inconsistency but complementarity between individual human rights and collective rights. Balance is the main pillar of our Indian culture, for example-

balance between enjoyment and yoga

Balance between materiality and spirituality etc.

Also according to the preamble of the Declaration of Human Rights-

"All human beings are born free and have equal rights and dignity. All are full of logic and discretion. So everyone should be treated with brotherhood.

Here everyone means society and person means a person. These lines show the balance between the two. The decision given by the Supreme Court has also talked about security and balance between the two.

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 first becomes crippled.

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**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 concepts due to which conflicting concepts are born. Individual 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

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 emphasizes a socialist society.

Under the first concept, overuse leads to selfishness in a

**Optimism: The Power of Motivation****Rayees Ibn Mushtaq**

Do 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 fac-

tors 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 help 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, Jammu.

Threadbare discussion was held on various issues pertaining to Audit of PMKVY 2.0, SANKALP, payment of PMKVY 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 PMKVY and SANKALP schemes of Government of India.

Principal Secretary also took stock of audit work undergoing 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 Department, 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 person and virtually.

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 (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 mountain.

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 the Highway.

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 III 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 Shweta 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

JAMMU, JANUARY 31: Additional 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 exploited.

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



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

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-

ture for establishing the necessary 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 schemes.

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 online.

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: Deputy 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 buildings.

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

Shiv Khori Mela arrangements finalised DC Reasi calls for Foolproof Security

REASI, JANUARY 31: Deputy Commissioner, Reasi Babila Rakwal today chaired a meeting to finalize 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 arrangements.

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

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

frisking points at Taxi Stand, Base 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 Mators/Mini Buses for pick-up and drop service for Pilgrims from Kanda. Regarding medical facilities, 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.

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 young 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 to young minds and enable them to make better decisions about taking up entrepreneurship 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 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 Start-up 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

JAMMU, JANUARY 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, 2023. Pension claims were settled in r/o Late Mulik 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 Shanz Akhter - Amina Begum (Dependent Parent Pension) with the monthly pension amount being Rs. 2071/- Pension

claims were settled in 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 Shubhodeep (son) with the monthly pension amount being Rs. 2076/-, Rs. 519/- respectively. 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. 632/-.

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 (RPPC -II), Pritpal Singh (Assistant Section Officer) distributed the PPO to the Pensioners

who visited Regional Office, Jammu.

Ghulam Mustafa bearing PPO No LDASR0028327, visited the office to update his Digital Life Certificate which was digital updated by the Office.

In this context, it is pertinent 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 establishments. The eligible members may avail Superannuation Pension by applying online claim through their UAN Log-in 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 -January, 2023.

SMVDU organises One Day Youth Festival

KATRA, JANUARY 31: Shri Mata 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, Udampur 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.

Rahul Gandhi should thank PM Modi for hoisting national flag at Lal Chowk: Chugh

Akhnoor, Jan 31: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh today unfurled the national flag here in memory of people who sacrificed 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 its 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 snow-fall 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 challenge, nahi challenge. “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 gathered here”, said Chugh.

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



covering 6549 farmers and crediting Rs 68.88 crore rupees in their accounts within 48 hours through DBT.

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

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 (CACPC); D. K. Pandey, Advisor, CACPC; Dr. Naveen Parkash Singh, Member, CACPC; 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.

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 Sector.

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

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 added.

VALLEY YOUTH VISIT JAK LI REGT CENTRE

Srinagar, 31 Jan 2023. 15 Youth along with two mentors from districts of Anantnag, Pulwama, Badgam, Kulgam, Chandora, 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 Chinara 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 & Gompas) 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.

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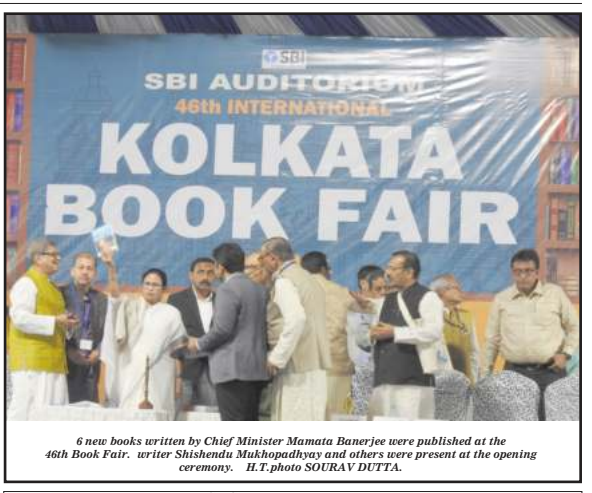
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8 new books written by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee were published at the 4th Book Fair. writer Sitashmita Mukhopadhyay and others were present at the opening ceremony. HT photo SOURAV DUTTA.

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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 notice.

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