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## Implementation of Property Tax to be Executed Only in Consultation with Common Masses : LG Manoj Sinha

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Jammu, Feb 25 (UNI) In the wake



of hullabaloo over imposition of Property Tax, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha on Saturday said that implementation shall be done in consultation with general public and common citizens' interests will be protected.

"Citizens' welfare is foremost priority of the government and property tax will ensure financial self-sustainability of cities and improvement of public amenities in the Union Territory," Sinha said in a statement.

The Lt Governor said: "Our cities must witness rapid development and emerge as engines of growth. For that financial self-sustainability of cities is necessary."

He further added, "Property Tax will be one of the lowest in the country and will be used for

improving public amenities in J&K." Notably, many political parties have expressed resentment on imposition of Property Tax in Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu Bar Association on Thursday abstained from work in all the courts in protest.

Many social organisations demanding rollback of the decision, have termed it as burden and inappropriate time as Jammu and Kashmir is still stabilizing its financial position post August 5, 2019 (Art 370 revocation) followed by COVID pandemic. Many social organisations demanding rollback of the decision, have termed it as burden and

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## Lt Governor hands over appointment letter to martyr civilian Suneel Pandith's wife



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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today handed over appointment letter to Smt Suneeta Pandith, wife of martyr Sh Suneel Pandith. Sh Suneel Pandith was killed by terrorists in Shopian. The Lt Governor assured all possible assistance from the UT

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## Property Tax to be Utilised for the Welfare of People : V K Bidhuri

Div Com says tax to be paid only once in a year; amount to remain in accounts of Municipal Corporation, committees

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Srinagar, Feb 25: The government on Saturday said that imposing property tax is aimed at ensuring better facilities for the people. Addressing a news conference today at TRC meeting hall here, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir V K Bidhuri, who was accompanied by SMC Commissioner, Athar Aamir Khan as per the news agency—clarified that 1/3rd of the population are already exempted from the property tax as their property area is less than 1000 square feet.



He added that the Jammu and Kashmir is last in the country where the property tax is being imposed. "Unlike other places, the property tax is very less. The property tax will be collected from those whose houses are built at more than 1500 square feet," he said. He also said that the tax to be paid only once in a year. He added that the collected amount will be used for the people and

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## Identify reasons behind students being out of school in JK: Govt to CEOs, DCPOs

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Srinagar, Feb 25: In order to ensure continuance of education of Out of School Children (OoSC), School Education Department Saturday asked District Education Officers and District Child Protection Officers to furnish the Action Taken Report as to what reasons were responsible for children being out of school. Divisional Nodal Officer at Directorate of School Education Kashmir said this in connection with the directions of Supreme Court given for ensuring the continuance of education of OoSC.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), DSEK while stating the directions of Supreme Court said that the District Education Officers (DEOs) of the district should do the mapping of such children who have been absent from his or her school for 10 consecutive working days and that

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## Globalisation of Traditional Medicine is the Need of the Hour : Dr Jitendra while inaugurating IE Congress

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Imphal, Feb 25 (UNI) Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister on Saturday virtually inaugurated i-Connect programme & SFE-Annual Award Ceremony during International Bioresource Conclave and Ethnopharmacology Congress (ISESSEC 2023) here.

Dr Singh also inaugurated centre for outreach activities and scientists and students hostel facility of IBSD. He said the conference focuses on globalization of traditional medicines which is being organized for the first time in the north east.



He said such an event where over 105 scientific lectures by eminent scientists were presented by over 700 delegates from 35 countries is a landmark develop-

ment in the region. The Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) organized the event in collaboration with Society for Ethnopharmacology, India and International Society for Ethnopharmacology, Switzerland. Rajesh S. Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India highlighted various activities of DBT for the development of Bioeconomy and promotion of ethnopharmacology in recent context. He said Prof. Pulok K Mukherjee, Director, IBSD and other officials of the Institute

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## Wet weather in store for J&K for nearly a week from Sunday

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Srinagar, Feb 25 (UNI) A generally cloudy to wet weather is in store for Jammu and Kashmir for nearly a week from Sunday. According to independent weather forecaster Faizan Arif, Jammu and Kashmir is expected to be affected by two Western Disturbances.

He said the first disturbance is expected on February 26, bringing a light to moderate spell of rain in some areas of Jammu and Kashmir, with the possibility of light snowfall in higher regions.

"However, nothing significant is expected on this day," he said. The independent weather forecaster whose predictions are based on scientific models and information said the second disturbance is forecasted to occur from Monday 27 evening until March 3 early morning.

"It is expected to bring moderate rainfall to most places in the plains, along with lightning, thunder, and gusty winds in some areas," he said. "However, no continuous rainfall is expected

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Rusted anti-tank mine found in bordering Samba

Jammu, Feb 25 (UNI) The patrolling party of Border Security Force recovered one rusted anti-tank mine in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir. Police said that late on Friday, BSF troops during patrolling, found one rusted mine in river Basantar near village Mawa.

"The mine was taken into custody and the bomb disposal squad was rushed to the spot for further action," they said.

#### GOC White Knight Corps visits LoC, reviews security

Jammu, Feb 25 (UNI) The General-officer-Commanding, White Knight Corps, Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain on Saturday visited the Line of Control in Naushera area of Rajouri Sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

The GOC 16 Corps, Lt Gen Sandeep Jain visited Line of Control in Naushera in Rajouri Sector to review the security situation along LoC, the official Twitter handle of White Knight Corps said.

It further said, "he complimented all ranks for maintaining high standards of professional excellence and Operational preparedness."

#### Five arrested for cheating people in Jammu

Jammu, Feb 25 (UNI) Police have arrested five persons for allegedly cheating people in Trikuta Nagar area here on Saturday. Police sources said that the arrested persons including four from Kashmir and one from Delhi, they use to lure people by promising to double their money. "As per initial investigation, the accused persons used to return the money by mixing dummy notes," they said.

Police said that Rs five lakhs (Indian Currency) and bundles of dummy notes were recovered from them.

All the accused persons are booked for cheating and under other relevant sections, they added.

#### Police arrests 05 gamblers in Kulgam; stake money seized

Kulgam February 25: Acting tough against social crimes, Police in Kulgam have arrested 05 gamblers and seized stake money from their possession.

Acting on specific information about gambling activities in Sopat, a police party of Police Station Devsar raided the specific spot and arrested 05 gamblers on the spot. They have been identified as Sabzar Ahmad Sheikh son of Bashir Ahmad Sheikh resident of YK Pora, Tariq Ahmad Khan son of Mohd Yousuf Khan resident of Shali Qazigund, Manzoor Ahmad Shah son of Mohd Rafiq Shah resident of

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#### Hajj 2023: MEA asks RPO Sgr to hold special camp for aspirants on issuance of passports

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Srinagar, Feb 25 (KNO): In a bid to assist the Hajj aspirants—2023, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India has accorded special approval to the Regional Passport Office in Srinagar to hold a day-long awareness and passport-related assistance camp, officials said on Saturday.

Regional Passport Officer Srinagar (RPO) Davinder Kumar told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that he applied with a request to the MEA to hold a day-long awareness cum passport-related information, and upon the approval of request, more than 400 applicants approached the office. "We witnessed a huge rush of Haj aspirants earlier this week, and we preponed their application dates for speedy process for issuance of passports after the completion of due legal formalities. However, a request was sent to MEA to grant approval for holding a day-long specialized camp regarding the issuance of passports, which was approved," he said.

#### Schools to reopen on March 5 in Gurez in view of snow forecast

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Gurez, Feb 25: The opening of the schools in Gurez area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district has been postponed till March 5 in view of fresh snowfall forecast.

According to an order issued by sub-divisional magistrate Gurez, a copy of which lies with the news agency—, the decision has been taken as a precautionary measure.

"In light of the recent snowfall forecast and avalanche warning, and in the interest of safety and as a precautionary measure, the opening of school educational institutions, which was scheduled to begin on March 1, 2023, is hereby postponed until March 5, 2023," read the order—

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## CS for developing an Amrit Sarovar in each panchayat J&K first to complete 75 Amrit Sarovars in each District; stands 2nd in the country

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today reiterated here that J&K is well on the path of developing an Amrit Sarovar in each Panchayat. He made out that these Water bodies are going to be the hub of activities in these panchayats besides being a vital asset to protect the fragile environment here.

He maintained that 'Jan Bhagidari' should be made the hallmark of this Mission with people's participation at all levels. He also maintained that the works should be carried out with



cooperation of general public. He asked them to involve fully the PRIs and locals in this development activity in consonance with the major aims of this flagship scheme.

Dr Mehta emphasised on participation of freedom fighters, Padma Awardees etc in the initiation and inauguration of these public projects. He observed that activities like flag hoisting

on important dates like 26th January and 15th August and other social, educational, recreational and environmental activities would be carried out round the year on these water bodies. He urged them to take benefit of all the Central flagship schemes like MGNREGA, PMKVY, XV Finance Commission Grants or similar schemes from the State/ Central government either individually or in combination for this purpose.

He also asked for developing these water bodies on modern lines besides plantation of trees and

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#### CRPF personnel save man's life with timely CPR in Anantnag

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Srinagar, Feb 25: A CRPF personnel breathed life into a man having a cardiac arrest by performing timely cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), an official from the federal police department said.

According to CRPF public relations officer (PRO), a Srinagar resident Wasim Raza Wani, who serves in the power department at Bijbehara in the south Kashmir district suffered cardiac arrest near Kandizal Jhelum Bridge on Saturday afternoon.

He said an alert Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel deployed on the national highway guard duty saved Wani's life by performing CPR on

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## National TB Elimination Programme

Srinagar District hits top position at National level for outstanding performance in TPT for at risk individuals

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SRINAGAR FEBRUARY 25: Marking a significant accomplishment the District Srinagar has bagged top position under Programmatic Management of Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment in India (P-MTPT) program for outstanding success with the highest Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment (TPT) completion at the National level.

The District Srinagar was conferred award during All India Quarterly review meeting for

Joint Efforts for Elimination of Tuberculosis for PMTPT implementation held at New Delhi from 7-9 February 2023.

Besides Jammu and Kashmir, the States including Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, UP, Haryana and UTs of Delhi and Ladakh were among the participants in the race.

The Srinagar District has been awarded under Project JEET being jointly implemented by William J. Clinton Foundation, Centre for Health Research & Innovation

(CHRI) and Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics.

The project JEET is aimed to set up effective and sustainable structures to strengthen existing systems and seamlessly extend quality TB care to patients in the Public and private sector funded by Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The project has also been meant to contract agencies at the District level to work closely with the patient and all patient touch points, including Chemists, Pharmacies,

Clinics, Providers, Hospitals, Laboratories and NTEP and engage with the NTEP network at National, State and District levels.

Speaking about the achievement, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad has lauded the efforts of the District TB Control Authority in leading Srinagar towards a TB free District.

The DC said that this is once again a pride moment for Srinagar District that has been

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## Lt Governor chairs high level meeting to review Road Safety in J&K UT

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today chaired a high-level meeting to review the Road Safety measures in J&K, at the Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh RK Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Sh Dilbag Singh, DGP; Sh H. Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Sh Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, besides senior officers from Traffic Police and UT administration person and through virtual



mode. During the meeting, the Lt Governor took an appraisal of the implementation of directions issued with regard to improving the Road Safety in the UT and steps taken since the previous meeting.

Sh G. Prasanna Ramaswamy, Administrative Secretary, Transport Department presented the

detailed Action-taken report on the status of major infrastructure projects (IDTR Kot Bhalwal & ICC, Samba); enforcement activities by Traffic & Motor Vehicle Department; working of District Road Safety Councils, action taken by road owning agencies for improving the safety of the roads, Installation

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## NHM releases ranking of Public Health facilities on JK e-Sahaj for January

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25 (KNS): National Health Mission J&K today released ranking of Public Health facilities on Hospital Management Information System (JK e-Sahaj) for the month of January 2023.

In first phase of implementation, about 578 facilities have been covered under this initiative and will be further extended to other facilities in a phased manner.

In the category of Associated Hospitals of Government Medical College, the first rank has been clinched by Psychiatric

Disease Hospital, Jammu, followed by Chest Disease Hospital Jammu, AH GMC Rajouri, Super Speciality Hospital Srinagar and Government Dental College Jammu. The bottom five in this category included Kashmir Nursing Home, Srinagar, AH GMC Doda, SMHS GMC Srinagar, Government Medical College, Jammu and Children Hospital Bemina, Srinagar.

In the category of District Hospitals, first rank has been bagged by DH Reasi followed by DH Bandipora, Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu; MCCCH Anantnag and DH Samba. The bottom five in this category included DH

Poonch, DH Ganderbal, DH Kishtwar, DH Pulwama and DH Udhampur.

In the category of Community Health Centres (CHCs), the first rank has been secured by CHC Pakherpora followed by CHC Ramgarh, CHC Zainpora, EH Vijaypur and CHC Sunderbani. The bottom five in this category included CHC Marwah, CHC Gandoh, CHC Chandoosa, CHC Ramnagar and CHC Surankote.

In the category of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and UPHCs, the first rank has been clinched by PHC Mattan followed by PHC Srigfwar, CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 07

## DARS Rangreth in collaboration with KVK Kupwara organized a day long programme for tribal farmers.

DR. AB QAYOOM

Kupwara, Feb. 25: Under All India Coordinated Research Project on Pulse/ Maize DARS Rangreth in collaboration with KVK Kupwara organized a day long programme for tribal farmers at head office of kvk located in Kupwara. The programme was attended by 30 farmers from different tribal areas. On this occasion Head KVK Kupwara Dr. Kasir Mohiuddin Malik presented the formal welcome address and Prof. Ajaz Ah Lone gave the overview of the event and spoke on the importance of maize and pulses. The programme was also attended by team of Scientists from DARS Rangreth and KVK Kupwara. Dr. Sabena Naseer (Scientist PBG), Dr. Latief Ahmed and Dr. Faisal ur Rasool (Agronomy), Dr. Rayees Ah and Others. They interacted with the farmers and gave replies to their day to day



problems in their farming practices. Scientists from DARS emphasized the participants to grow maize and pulses on scientific way. At the end of programme Vermicompost, NPK consortium and knapsack sprayers were distributed among the farmers. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Shahid Haqem SMS Soil Science. Beside this event International year of millets 2023 was also celebrated. Participants especially farmers send a loyal and vocal thankful message to VC, SKUAST-K and Director Extension for time and again support

# Director Law Enforcement J&K reviews working scenario of Agriculture Law Enforcement Agency in Kashmir

Carry out special inspection drives across Kashmir to ensure regulation of standard, genuine supplies: Iqbal Singh

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 25: The Director Law Enforcement J&K, Iqbal Singh today convened a meeting of law enforcement officers of all the districts of Kashmir to review the overall working of the law enforcement agency.

Addressing the meeting, Director Law Enforcement J&K said that the prime objective of the law enforcement Agency of the department of Agriculture is to ensure the availability of quality insecticides, pesticides and fertilizers to the farmers through proper sales outlets well in time. In this direction every effort must be put in place so that the farmer's interest could be secured. He further added.

Director Law Enforcement J&K impressed



upon the officers of the law enforcement agency to remain in close coordination at divisional and district levels to maintain transparency and accountability in the system in addition to smooth

distribution of quality pesticides, fertilizers and other inputs to the growers and farmers.

He asked the officers to submit weekly reports

on demand, distribution, seizures and other activities. He impressed upon the concerned to strictly follow and implement different provisions of insecticides act 1968 and fer-

tilizer control order 1985. Iqbal asked the officers to initiate strict action according to law against the retailers if found selling fertilizers, pesticides without following the proper procedure. He said any substandard/spurious material if found should be immediately seized and the warranted action as per law against the erring parties should be initiated.

He further said any dealer or retailer if found guilty of violating different provisions of insecticides act 1968 and fertilizer control order 1985 his license should be cancelled with immediate effect.

Director Law Enforcement exhorted upon the enforcement officers to carry out special inspection drives to ensure regulation of standard and genuine supplies.

ulation of standard and genuine supplies of insecticides, fertilizers to the farming community.

Assistant Director Law enforcement Feroz Ahmad Shapoo, Assistant Analyst Quality Control Javed Ahmad Shah, Enforcement officers of Kashmir division and other concerned officers were present in the meeting. He further said any dealer or retailer if found guilty of violating different provisions of insecticides act 1968 and fertilizer control order 1985 his license should be cancelled with immediate effect.

Director Law Enforcement exhorted upon the enforcement officers to carry out special inspection drives to ensure regulation of standard and genuine supplies.

## Police arrests 03 persons, seizes 05 vehicles in Budgam

Budgam February 25: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police have arrested 03 persons and seized 05 vehicles in Budgam.

Police Station Beerwah received an information that some persons were carrying out illegal extraction and transportation of minerals from Nallah Sukhnag at village Kanigund. Accordingly, a police party raided the specific location and seized 05 tractors and arrested 03 drivers on spot however, 02 drivers fled from the spot. The arrested drivers have been identified as Shahid Ahmad Shah son of Bashir Ahmad resident of Takiya Lalpora, Shabir Ahmad Lone son of Ghulam Ahmad and Hilal Ahmad Bhat son of Ghulam Ahmad, both residents of Mashun.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 28/2023 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Beerwah and investigation taken up.

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

## Police organizes workshop 'Learning disorders and management' for the Govt teachers of Budgam district

Budgam February 25: Police in Budgam have organized a one-day workshop titled 'Learning disorders and management' under the aegis of civic action programme (CAP) at DPO Budgam. The event was hosted by Ms. Insha Hassan (Incharge Drug De-addiction centre Budgam).

The workshop was presided by SSP Budgam Shri Tahir Gilani-JKPS along with other officers and was attended by 25 teachers from various Government schools of the district. The resource persons who participated in the workshop included Dr. Aijaz Suhaf Psychiatrist, Government Medical College Srinagar, Dr. Mudasir Hassan Faculty, Government Medical College Baramulla, Mr. Junaid Ghayas Psychologist, Health Services (J&K).

Dr. Aijaz during his lecture highlighted the various types of learning disorders, their identification and the treatments available. Dr. Mudasir gave a lecture on remedial measures and the role of all stakeholders especially teachers in handling such cases, while Dr. Junaid outlined the causes and needs of affected children and students.

SSP Budgam during his concluding remarks gave a thrust on the role of schools in helping pupil with learning disorders to prepare them for today's competitive world. On the occasion, certificates and mementos were also distributed among participants and speakers.

## Rs 5.45 lakhs penalty imposed on 07 erring FBOs at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, FEBRUARY 25: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anantnag, Dr. Sheikh Mohd Ashraf (Adjudicating Officer) today imposed a penalty of Rs 545000 on 07 Food Business Operators including some prominent Companies for contravention of the Food Safety And Standards Act.

The penalty has been imposed in exercise of the powers vested with the Additional Deputy Commissioner under section-68. The accused during the trial of the cases filed by the Food Safety Department were convicted as they were found violating the regulatory provisions of law on the subject. The statutory samples procured by the Food Safety Officers of the District on analysis at National Food Laboratory Ghaziabad and Food Laboratory Kashmir were declared as of Sub-Standard and Misbranded Quality. The ADC after considering the complaints filed by the Food Safety Department and the submissions made by the authorized counsels on behalf of the Accused came to the conclusion that the charges of contravention of aforementioned provisions of Food Safety and Standards act were substantiated and warranted imposition of penalty on the accused to the extent of the provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act.

## DE&CC Gbl organises Employment fair; over 500 Jobseekers attended fair

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 25: A Job/ Employment Fair was today organized by District Employment & Counseling Centre (DE&CC), Ganderbal at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School Duderhama, here. The purpose of the fair was to explore the Career opportunities within the district having various companies on board at one platform. In the fair 13 reputed National/ Domestic companies participated viz. LIC India, SBI Life, ARO Srinagar, Wizkid, RSETI Ganderbal, Natural Life Care Centre, Kids Cottage Education Institute, Wusnan Jankash Vehicleads, Tata Motors etc. About 530 job-seekers attended the Fair out of which 16 candidates were selected on spot including 04 specially abled aspirants by the Companies, 228 candidates were short-listed for further process of selection and 67 candidates were registered for training (skilling) by RSETI, Ganderbal, National Career Service Centre for Differently

## 2-day Asikni Bhaderkashi Utsav concludes in Bhaderwah

BHADERWAH, FEBRUARY 25: The Two-Day 'Asikni Bhaderkashi Utsav' concluded here today amid an exceptionally cheerful ambiance created by scenic suburbs of the venues and showcasing of the rich cultural heritage of the region.

The huge footfall of tourists and exploration of the ecstatic beauty of nature by them greatly contributed towards projecting Bhaderwah Valley as an all weather and round the year tourist destination on the tourism map of J&K.

The utsav witnessed footfall of visitors from all over the country, along with some foreign tourists.

First of its kind traditional fashion show, Snow Wrestling (Kushti), Snow Cricket, Snow football, Local Lathbazi lifted visitor's spirits and enthusiasm to the level of ecstasy amid snow clad mountains of Jai Valley. Mesmerizing performances of renowned singer Kabul Bukhari, local artists, Band of Bhaderwah, and others spellbound the audience. Voice of Chenab- a local talent hunt programme was also one of the main attractions of the two day carnival.

Rafting at Shibnotte, Paragliding, Hot air balloon at Jai Valley, Snow scooters, Snow Cycling, Snow Sledging, Snow Skiing, Snow trekking made the day of the tourists. The events also prove instrumental in highlighting the local culture



and traditions.

Prizes were distributed amongst the winners of different competitions including snow football, wrestling competition, Snow Cricket etc.

The winter festival has been celebrated every year in the Bhaderwah Valley for the last many years, and is one of the biggest annual events of the District's tourism calendar. This year the District Administration and Tourism Department had made special efforts to ensure that tourists coming here feel the experience never before in hospitality, facilities, and activities. Snow from all the roads going to tourist places was removed.

## DC Kishtwar tours far off Marwah Block

KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 25: To redress the grievances of people at their doorstep, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav (IAS) today conducted a day-long tour of far flung Marwah Block and listened to the grievances of people besides inspecting the developmental activities there. He was accompanied by SDM Marwah, Dr. Mohsin Raza; DFO Marwah Vijay Kumar; AD FSC&CA Shafiq Ali; Tehsildar Marwah/ Warwan Gandeep Kumar; Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Rajesh Kumar besides officers and officials of Police, Army and line Departments. Deputy Commissioner presided over the Block Diwas Programme at Dak Bungalow Marwah wherein scores of locals and PRIs members from the various panchayats of Marwah took part.

The locals highlighted their issues and grievances related to the up-gradation of local infrastructure and service deliverance. The DC Kishtwar, after patient hearing, assured the locals that their genuine issues will be redressed in a time bound manner.

He resolved many issues on the spot by passing necessary directions to concerned officers, besides distributing Wheelchairs and crutches among specially abled persons during the programme.



Meanwhile, DC Kishtwar inspected the special Medical camp for Physically Challenged persons which was conducted on the sidelines of block Diwas programme by specialist/ Orthopaedic Surgeon and team of doctors. As many as 40 Disability Certificate were issued on the spot to the beneficiaries.

During his visit, DC Kishtwar along with SDM Marwah and AD FSC&CA Kishtwar inspected ongoing developmental works under the Aspirational Block Development programme.

He directed the SDM Marwah to ensure the saturation of indicators/ parameters under ABDP on priority.

# Annual Day function of RMG International School Close teacher-parent synergy, good infrastructure imperative for shaping destiny of children: Rana

MATHWAR FEBRUARY 25 - Observing that close synergy between parents and teachers besides adequate infrastructural facilities were imperative for shaping the destiny of children, especially from early schools, Senior BJP leader Mr. Devender Singh Rana today lauded the huge role being played by private schools in supplementing the efforts in providing best possible education even in rural and remote areas.

"Schooling is not confined to classrooms only, it means overall growth of children by providing them good space for sports and extracurricular activities", Mr. Rana said while speaking at the annual day function of RMG International School at Jandyal, in Nagrota Assembly Constituency on the theme 'Sangharsh - the Journey of RMG'.

Calling for frequent teacher-parent interactions to mould young minds towards positive pursuits, Mr. Rana said much

of the onus lies on academia, which has to strive hard for motivating and preparing their students to achieve academic excellence and to excel in other fields like sports, debates and other extracurricular activities. He also referred to numerous challenges for harmonious growth of youngsters in this era of stress and strain and said these can be met by providing congenial academic environments. "This is the area where managements have to focus and create a wherewithal that helps in overall development of students", he said and expressed satisfaction that the RMG International School has risen to the occasion in recent years to have state-of-art infrastructure.

Exhorting the faculty to emphasise on the crucial aspect with a sense of devotion, Mr. Rana said that the teachers have to be role model for their taught. "Their role is not of immense importance only in making children academically



sound but in influencing their moral and social behaviour as well", he said adding that the students need lessons of life alongside guidance on the subject matter for becoming useful citizens of tomorrow.

He complimented, trustees Mr. & Mrs. Mohan Lal Gupta, Rohit Gupta, Chairman RMG International, Mrs. Mona Gupta, Director RMG, Mr. Anil Pathania, Principal, Mrs. Indu Kapoor Vice Principal and the whole management for organ-

ising important events like annual day in a befitting manner, saying it is heartening to note that 600 students participated in the function. He hoped that the management will maintain pace with modern trends in the field of education so that students find themselves in good stead to face the most competitive age with much more confidence and vigour. He also lauded the parents in discharging their parental responsibilities with a sense of commitment.

The management presented the annual report and highlighted distinctions achieved by students in various spheres.

Mr. Rana congratulated the young RGMites on presenting a spectacular show, saying that the confidence with which the children presented various programmes reassures that they were in safe hands.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Mr. Joginder Singh DDC Nagrota, Mr. Mohan Lal Bhagat SSP, Mr. K D Bhagat, Mr. Kuldeep Singh Langeh, Mr. Ravinder Singh Peter, Thakur Balbir Singh, Mr. Zorawar Singh, Pandit Suresh Sharma, Mr. Surinder Singh Gilli and others.

Mrs. Meenal Rathore, the Headmistress of the school set the stage ablaze and was the glue that held the entire event together with her impeccable anchoring skills. The way she seamlessly transitioned from one segment to the next and kept the momentum going.

## Director Employment reviews implementation of Employment Generation schemes in Bandipora

BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 25: The Director Employment Kashmir, Nisar Ahmad Wani on Saturday chaired a meeting to discuss the implementation of various employment generation schemes in Bandipora town.

During the meeting, Director Employment sought details about various schemes that are under execution for employment generation and entrepreneurship development.

CEO Wali Mohammad informed the chair about the ongoing schemes and discussed the success stories due to successful implementation of schemes. The meeting also discussed the cases they rejected and the reasons for rejection.

Director Employment asked the officers to inform the educated unemployed youth about every successful unit running owing to the implementation of job oriented schemes so that more youth avail benefit of these schemes. He also sought detail of each individual



case that has been rejected for handholding and asked officers to review each case and find reasons for rejection so as to recommend alternatives.

He said the schemes should not be for the sake of achieving targets but should be taken as a mission to empower the youth so that he is able to earn his livelihood.

## Ignited Minds' organize motivational interaction program for civil services aspirants

Srinagar, Feb 25, KNT: Ignited Minds Civil Service Academy Saturday organized a civil service orientation program where civil service aspirants interacted with successful candidates.

Candidates who qualified Jammu Kashmir Administrative Service examination recently addressed the civil service aspirants. These include Saqib Rashid Dar, Tahfeen Fridous, Rakshan Peerzada, Aquib Javid Mufti, Nazeeul Hussain and Shafiq Rabani.

The civil service aspirants got richly benefited by motivational talks and suggestions made by civil services examination achievers during the interaction program at parreypora Srinagar.

Toiba Reshi, who is part of the management of Ignited Minds told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that the interaction program was an effort to provide a platform to the civil services aspirants to interact with experienced and senior



civil servants and also to keep them motivated towards their goal in life.

Qualified candidates while appealing the aspirants not to confine themselves at state-level examinations, but also to try to crack the ones at the national level. [KNT]

# Dr. Asgar Samoon reviews developmental profile of Kupwara district

Holds review meeting with PRIs, District Officers, Visiting Officers of B2V4, gave directions to redress issues in time bound manner

KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 25 : Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon today had a day long visit of Kupwara district during which he carried series of activities and reviewed developmental profile of the district with PRIs and administration.

Dr. Asgar Samoon, who is also Mentor Secretary for Kupwara District, on reaching here convened a review meeting of PRIs, District Officers and Visiting Officers of B2V4 and reviewed the developmental progress on District capex, CSS, other schemes/sectors, B2V4, My town, My Pride-2 at meeting hall of District administrative Complex Kupwara.

Chairman District Development Council (DDC), Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Panditpori; Vice Chairman DDC, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir; Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray (IAS); Presidents of MC Kupwara, Handwara and Langate, DDC Members, BDC Chairpersons, besides, District and Sectoral officers attended the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara briefed the Principal Secretary about the developmental profile of the district including District CAPEX Budget, Central Sponsored Schemes, Back to Village, My Town My Pride programmes and other welfare schemes.

The meeting was in-



formed that out of District CAPEX Budget outlay of Rs. 1598 crore for 2022-23, Rs 432 crores have been released, of which Rs 317 crore, constituting 73% have been expended on the

execution of various developmental works and welfare programmes during the current financial year. During the meeting, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon received detailed feedback

about the developmental activities from the PRIs and sought responses from the concerned officers and gave directions to work out on the issues in time bound manner. Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray presented a detailed powerpoint presentation showcasing development progress in the district.

Dr. Samoon said that Kupwara district is marching towards the development and prosperity as various mega projects are under execution in the district. He said there is need to showcase the district including its tourism potential, Handicrafts and developmental avenues for dairy sector in the district.

He stressed the need to further upgrade the basic amenities of water supply, filtration plants, road connectivity, education and health sector.

He said the aim of his visit was to review the overall development scenario of the district and to redress the grievances of the public.

Responding the demands projected by PRIs regarding various issues, the Principal Secretary asked ACD Kupwara and Superintendent JKEDA to sort out the issue of Solar Lights and ensure that funds do not lapse. He directed concerned officers to make sure that timber is available in the district easily on the sale depots.

## Div Com Kashmir, Commissioner SMC hold meeting with Trade federations & various civil society bodies

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 25: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bihuri and Commissioner SMC, Athar Aamir Khan along with senior officials from Srinagar Municipal Corporation today held a detailed meeting and discussion with the representatives of various trade federations to discuss the proposed property tax within Srinagar Municipal limits.

The meeting was attended by Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Kashmir Hoteliers Association, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries, KCIF, KTMF, CCIC, Kashmir Economic Alliance and many other trade federations and civil society bodies.

During the meeting, Div Com and Commissioner SMC gave a detailed presentation to all stakeholders about the property tax. The process and method of property tax calculation was discussed with the members present.

It was impressed that the property tax adopted by J&K is a progressive model. The tax to be collected will go into the ac-



count of the local bodies only and will be used for the development of the respective city only. The Tax rates are among the lowest in the country, they informed. The members present calculated the model test cases of commercial as well as residential properties. The tax is to be paid annually not monthly and Residential properties up to 1000 sqft have been exempted from the tax so are the agricultural land as well as the religious places.

The tax slabs have been kept in a very progressive manner so that the distributive Justice is taken care of. The members present gave their valuable feed-

back and sought clarifications on a number issues related to the collection. The officials present replied to the queries raised. Meanwhile, the property tax will be effective from 1st April, 2023. The members present calculated the model test cases of commercial as well as residential properties. The tax is to be paid annually not monthly and Residential properties up to 1000 sqft have been exempted from the tax so are the agricultural land as well as the religious places.

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## DC Budgam holds Nagar Diwas at Chadoora & Beerwah

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 25: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today held Nagar Diwas at Town Hall Chadoora and Beerwah.

President Municipal Councils, Local ward members, representatives from trade unions and general public from Town areas participated in the programmes and gave their inputs regarding the plans.

The main purpose of the Nagar Diwas was to have detailed discussion with all stakeholders to finalize the "Town Beautification Plans". The ways and means to finance the said plans were also part of the agenda.

After a detailed discussion, the DC assured the people of the area that all suggestions projected by them will be incorporated on priority for their speedy execution. He also gave the spot directions to the concerned officers for time bound redressal of the public issues which emerged during the meeting.

At the outset, the DC stressed on beautification of town areas and proper maintenance of public parks, functioning of street lights and robust function-



ing of drainage networks in Town areas. He called for augmentation of drainage and sewerage network in towns, speedy work execution and repairs of lanes and bylanes, widening and macadamization of roads and timely work completion on all ongoing developmental works. Addressing the members, the DC said the District Administration has started the process of Nagar Diwas as a part of the "Jan Abhiyaan" plan wherein the general public is made an active part of plan formulation. These interactions make administration more close to the public, he added. Earlier, the DC inspected the market of Chadoora Town to take on spot assessment of availability of essential

commodities and implementation of official rates.

An official from the District administration said that the Town Beautification Plans are part of the overall strategy to enhance the tourism potential of the District. Addressing the members, the DC said the District Administration has started the process of Nagar Diwas as a part of the "Jan Abhiyaan" plan wherein the general public is made an active part of plan formulation.

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## Distt Admin Ganderbal conducts mega day-long sanitation drive in Block Safapora

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 25: The District Administration Ganderbal today launched a day long sanitation cum awareness drive across Bock Safapora. The drive was kick-started by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir. Apart from civil departments, PRI members of Safapora, NGOs viz. She Hope, Society for Rehabilitation of Destitute Girls and Victims of Violence Ganderbal, Voice For Peace & Justice, Civil Society Safapora, Municipal Council Ganderbal, students besides locals participated enthusiastically in the drive and cleaned the roads, lanes and drains and other identified locations of the block where heaps of garbage was dumped. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that all identified

locations where heaps of garbage was dumped have been cleaned during the drive. Besides, the aim of launching this mega sanitation drive is to spread the message of public involvement in sanitation and sensitize them about the importance of cleanliness, he added. He also urged the locals to play their role in maintaining cleanliness in villages adding that a multi-pronged approach by all is what ensured all-round cleanliness in the villages. During the drive locals were made aware about different aspects of cleanliness and convinced about the importance of source segregation. Presently block Safapora has been declared in Model Category in terms of sanitation and district Ganderbal is the only District in whole UT of J&K.

## Distt Admin Pulwama holds awareness programme to dispel misconceptions regarding newly-implemented Property Tax

PULWAMA, FEBRUARY 25: on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary, the District Administration Pulwama on Saturday held an awareness programme at Town Hall Awantipora to dispel and clarify the misconceptions regarding the newly-implemented Property Tax among the people under its jurisdiction.

The awareness programme was attended by the officers from various Departments, members of civil society and trade unions. During the programme, people were sensitized about the property tax and the benefits besides the misconceptions revolving around the property tax were also cleared. The officers also explained the Property Tax provisions in detail to the audiences. Speaking on the occasion, Officers said there is a lot of factually incorrect and misleading information circulating



in the media with regard to Property Tax. So it is important that the general public is made aware of the correct information and facts of the matter. The people were sensitized that the Property tax is progressive in nature with minimal implications to small households and businesses. The officers informed the gathering that houses and apartment's up to 1000 sqft and agricultural land are completely exempted from the tax. All places of worship, including temples, masjids, gurudwaras, churches, ziarats and cremation/

Burial grounds are also exempted, they added.

It was also informed that the tax levied would be a very meagre amount and hence will not be burdening common citizens.

Regarding the Property tax, Deputy Commissioner Pulwama earlier said that the Property tax will be levied by Municipalities to augment their resources for the development and improvement of infrastructure/ services in the town. Tax collected shall be deposited in the Bank Account of the concerned Municipality. The income collected from property

tax will remain one of the main revenue generation sources for Municipalities.

The DC assured the people that with the ULB development, their lives will be improved to a great extent besides the quality and level of services provided by the ULB. Tax to be added annually and not monthly, he added.

Further, the DC said that more awareness camps and seminars will be held across the District to sensitize the masses about the Property Tax. The DC assured the people that with the ULB development, their lives will be improved to a great extent besides the quality and level of services provided by the ULB. Tax to be added annually and not monthly, he added.

Further, the DC said that more awareness camps and seminars will be held across the District to sensitize the masses about the Property Tax.

## Police organises drug de-addiction awareness programme at Sopore

Sopore February 25: Police in Sopore organised an awareness programme on drug de-addiction followed by a public meeting under the aegis of civic action programme (CAP) at Rohama in the jurisdiction of Police Station Panzla, which was hosted by SDPO Rafiabab.

The programme/meeting was attended by the teachers and students from different schools, members of civil society Rohama, officials from health department, Traders federations, Transporters and other respectable citizens. Speaking on the occasion, SDPO Rafiabab highlighted the role of school management and parents in identification of substance abusers and their role in remedial measures thereof. Thrust was also given to the psychological and social aspects of addiction. During the meeting lectures were also delivered by many participants including students who were awarded by the trophies. The participants thanked Police for conducting such awareness programmes and building a bridge of trust between police and public. Later, sports kits were distributed among needy students of the area to enhance sports activities among youth.

## Police facilitated Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG) meeting in Kulgam

Farooq Rather

Kulgam February 25: In order to bridge the gap between police & public, Police in Kulgam facilitated a Police Community Partnership Group meeting (PCPG) at village Redwani, Qaimoh.

The meeting was chaired by SP Kulgam Shri Sahil Sarangal-IPS besides, DDC Frisal Shri Anaytullah Rather, ASP Kulgam Shri Shabir Ahmad and other Senior officers of Police were also present. The meeting was attended by respectable citizens including members of Auqaf Committees, Numberdars, Chowkidars, Traders Federation/Fruit Associations, Local Youth of nearby areas including Khudwani, Qaimoh, Redwani, Hawoora, & Mishipora.

During the interaction meeting, the participants raised various issues of public importance for their immediate redressal. Referring to the issues highlighted by the participants, the chairing officer assured that the genuine issues will be taken up with the concerned authorities for their immediate redressal besides issues related to Police will be resolved in shortest possible time. The participants were also stressed to co-operate with Police in identifying Anti-National and anti-social elements who always try to disrupt the peaceful environment.

Later on, SP Kulgam distributed sports kits among local youth and books/stationary items among the needy students. Addressing the gathering, SP Kulgam said that police is making all efforts to promote sports as these could play an important role in wiping out the curse of drug abuse. He also exhorted the participants to come forward and support the Police in making Kulgam a drug free district.

The participants in the meeting assured their full co-operation to Police in tackling social evils and also appreciated the efforts of Police in facilitating community interaction meets where participants express their opinions freely.

## War against Drugs: ill-gotten assets of 02 more drug traffickers frozen/ Seized at Shopian

SHOPIAN, FEBRUARY 25: Acting tough against drug traffickers, District Magistrate Shopian today ordered seizure/ freezing of illegally acquired properties of two more drug traffickers in the district. The action has been taken under the provisions of Chapter VA of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotic Substances Act, 1985. As per the orders issued today, the said properties shall not be transferred or any other use undertaken on it without the permission of the District Magistrate. The Competent Authority under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, Shopian, accorded a seal of approval to freezing of ill-gotten properties of two more drug peddlers who were given reasonable time period to prove credentials and produce the requisite documents that substantiate the property as legal. The frozen property includes illegally acquired buildings and land from the proceeds of narcotics trade. The properties were purchased from ill-gotten money of drug trafficking within the last six years in the name of accused persons as well as in the name of their kith and kin. The district administration has issued notices to several persons involved in the drug trafficking in the recent past and asked all of them to disclose the source of the acquisition of the properties and has in previous week frozen assets of 05 drug traffickers in the first instance.

## MD JKTDC visits PH Sangus, Kulgam

KULGAM, FEBRUARY 25: Prabhari Officer PH Sangus of Block Kulgam, Minga Sherpa, (Managing Director JKTDC) today visited Shangus Panchayat Halqa to review the developmental scenario in the Panchayat. Accompanying the Prabhari Officer were ACD Kulgam, BDO Kulgam and other officers and officials of the line departments.

During the visit, Shirpa also listened to the issues of people for redressal. The Prabhari Officer stressed upon the officers to ensure proper implementation of all schemes in the panchayat. ACD Kulgam also apprised the Prabhari Officer about the developmental works going on in the Panchayat halqa.

# B2V4 followup: DDC Shopian, Director JK visit Shadab Karewa

## Review progress of saturation of deliverables

SHOPIAN, FEBRUARY 25: The District Development Commissioner, (DDC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya and Director Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (Prabhari Officer, B2V4) today visited Shadab Karewa in Shopian district under the ongoing follow up stage of Back to Village-4 and took review of the development activities and other issues of public importance. The DDC interacted with the public and sought their feedback on the ongoing development works being executed across the sectors and listened to their issues.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC said that the aim of the Back to Village Programme is to reach out to the people living in villages at their doorsteps and chart out the develop-

mental trajectory of the Panchayats in partnership with them.

He emphasized upon the concerned officers and frontline workers to ensure that all their departmental deliverables shall be achieved during this phase itself.

He also stressed the people of the area to come forward and avail the benefits of various centrally sponsored and other welfare schemes meant for their well-being.

Earlier, Director JKEDI, Aijaz Ahmad Bhat interacted with frontline workers of the department at the panchayat and sought action plans from them regarding the development activities of the panchayat. He especially sought achievement of self employment saturation deliverables.

He also sought feedback from the general public on the effectiveness of welfare schemes as well other developmental activities being executed in their respective areas.

The local people in huge numbers participated in the programme and put forth their issues of public importance and expressed their views. Joint Director Planning, Khur-



sheed Ahmed Khatana; district officers, RDD officers, PRIs and other concerned were present on the occasion.

Elsewhere across the panchayats of several blocks, Prabhari officers visited their allotted panchayats and took review of the activities of the ambitious outreach programme, which will continue till 28 of this month. He also sought feedback from the general public on the effectiveness of welfare schemes as well other developmental activities being executed in their respective areas.

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## HEADLINES TODAY

## HT SUNDAY SALAD

## AL-ISRA WAL-MIRAJ: The Miraculous Experiences Bestowed by Allah Upon Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

As Muslim children, we are told about the significance of Makkah and Madina, we feel a sense of closeness to these two Holy Places. Yet the holiness of Masjid al-Aqsa doesn't always get a significant mention - which is why the 27th of Rajab is a date worth remembering! This date marks a journey that has no parallel in human history and portrays the power of Allah that is beyond the horizons of human comprehension.

Shab -E- Miraj, also known as Al-Isra Wal-Miraj and the Night of Miraj. These terms are used to portray one of the most miraculous experiences that Allah had bestowed upon Prophet Muhammad (saw). This incredible journey took place during a time when the Prophet (saw) was facing intense hardship and pain. His emotions were tested with the passing of two of the most beloved people in his life.

It all started when Angel Jibra'eel (as) woke the Prophet (saw) up and led him to a white beast named Buraq and commenced his journey to Masjid Al - Aqsa. During Al-Isra Wal-Miraj, Jibra'eel (as) stopped the Buraq and told our beloved Prophet (saw) to pray at several places to emphasise the importance of visiting the places in which Allah (swt) bestowed His bounties upon His pious people. From praying near the tree where Allah spoke to Musa, by praying on Mount Sinai, where Allah gave the revelation of the Torah, the grave of Musa (as) and at Bethlehem, where Isa (as) was born. When finally arriving in Masjid al-Aqsa, the Prophet (saw) was informed that the soul of every Prophet sent by Allah from the time of Adam to the time of Isa was brought to pray behind him, so that they would come to know the superiority, Prophet Muhammad (saw).

## THE SECOND PART OF THE NIGHT OF MIRAJ

During the second part of the Night of Miraj, Prophet Muhammad's rose to the heavens with Jibra'eel (as). During the ascension, he met eight prophets in the seven heavens. Each prophet greeted Prophet Muhammad (saw) with, "Welcome, O' pious Prophet and pious brother!" [Bukhari] When he finally reached the highest level in the heavens, he was brought into the divine presence of Allah, alone at Sidratul Muntaha (a boundary beyond which none may pass) - it was here that Allah gave this ummah the gift of compulsory Salah.

## REFLECTING ON THE LESSONS OF AL-ISRA WAL-MIRAJ

We need to commemorate this night by reflecting on the lessons of Shab - e - Miraj and maximising our worship and good deeds. Being charitable and providing for those in need is a fundamental value of being a good Muslim which is why we, as Muslims must give what we can to help. Many of us wait till Ramadan to give but have you ever thought of the rewards you would reap if you gave in Rajab - The Month of Allah. The Prophet (saw) said, 'Rajab is the month of Allah, Sha'ban is my month and Ramadan is the month of my Ummah'. [Suyuti]

## IN FRONT OF ME



Poet : MIRZA GHALIB

Translator : SHAHID SHAMSHAD

A sports ground is the World - in front of me  
Thus, featuring a game day night - in front of me

Don't ask me my condition behind you  
Look and see the colours - in front of me

While pulling me this KUFRA, it is my faith who support me!  
Behind me there is KABA and a CHURCH - in front of me  
I am a paramour of disloyal beloved and unfortunately it's  
my work

To MAJNU; Laila is saying, "you are bad - in front of me"

## Teacher's Misconduct and its Impact on Students and Society



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! The true measure of a society is how it protects its vulnerable members, and teachers play a vital role in that."

The recent incident of a teacher allegedly assaulting another teacher in pattan Baramulla, Kashmir has once again highlighted the issue of workplace violence and the need to create a culture of safety and respect in all professional settings. This incident is especially sensitive as it not only affects the victims but also has a significant impact on the moral development of students and the relationship between teachers and pupils.

The incident has been met with widespread criticism and condemnation from various quarters, with many calling for strict action against the perpetrator. Such incidents of violence are not only unacceptable but also detrimental to the reputation of

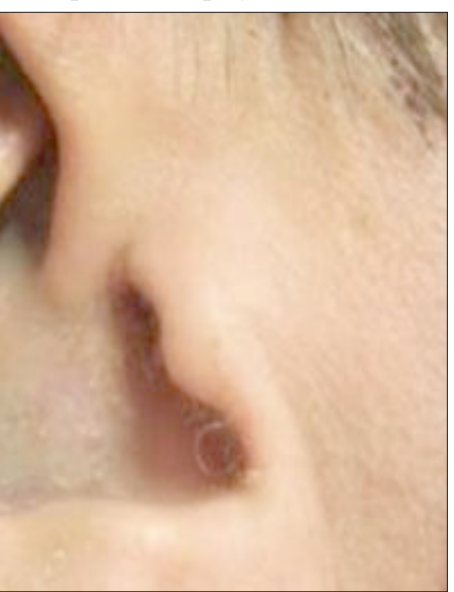
the teaching profession and the education system as a whole. The impact of such incidents on students cannot be overstated. Children look up to their teachers as role models and mentors, and any act of vio-



grow in a safe and supportive environment.

It is therefore essential to take measures to prevent workplace violence in all its forms. This includes creating a culture of safety and respect where individuals feel valued, heard,

and supported. Employers can take a proactive approach by implementing policies and procedures that promote zero tolerance for violence and harassment, providing training and resources for employees, and establishing a reporting system for incidents



of violence or harassment. Education and training are also crucial in preventing workplace violence. Seminars and workshops can be organized to address these issues and provide employees with the nec-

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At the same time I want to convey readers let us not allow isolated incidents of violence to overshadow the professionalism, hard work and dedication of the vast majority of educators who are committed to providing quality education to our youth.

"The impact of a teacher's actions can shape a student's life for years to come, making it all the more important for them to act with integrity and responsibility."

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## How Does an Individual come to Know He/She has the Talent



By Vijay Garg

Recent estimates predict that India is going to overtake China in population this year and will also become the world's third largest economy by 2030, overtaking Japan. But India is not as good at winning Olympic medals or capturing scientific patents like other societies.

Sweden - whose nine million people won 11 Olympic medals (in 2016), achieving a rate of more than one medal per million - also secures more than 300 scientific patents per million people. On the other hand, India with more than 100 times as many people, wins far fewer Olympic medals (two medals in 2016 at a rate of one medal per 500 million people) and many fewer patents (6.25 patent applications per million people). The question is - is India bereft of talent or are its talents not ferretted out as effectively?

In every society, the children of the super-rich get every opportunity. The question of ferreting out talent revolves on the children of the poor and on whether they are given opportunities. National performance as well as social justice hinge upon the same fundamental concept - equality of opportunity, i.e., equally hardworking and talented individuals should be able to rise as high, irrespective of their income, gender, caste and locality.

How deeply does India dig for its sports and its scientific talent? To what extent do people in different segments of Indian society have the opportunity to show their talents for sports and mathematics and painting and writing and other achievements? Little is known on the subject. Methodical studies are just beginning.

We contribute to this important and

growing body of knowledge in our recent working paper, asking 806 students (410 in rural Bihar, 103 in slums in Patna and 293 in slums in Delhi) between 12 and 14 years in age, enrolled in government schools, about their access to eight different activities including painting, athletics, singing, theatre, chess, coding and mental mathematics. We also asked



about these Class 7 and 8 students' career preferences and willingness to take part in talent-spotting events of different kinds and about a small number of socio-economic indicators.

To our dismay, we find that as many as 42% of the Bihar sample have the lowest participation score, zero points, meaning that they had no opportunity whatsoever, at school or outside, for taking part in any of the eight activities over all of the previous five years! A total of 80% took part in a painting event on one or two occasions, a few took part in singing once or twice - and that was it, over all of five years. The situation in Delhi is only marginally better. Among the sample from Delhi slums, 24% have the lowest participation score, zero points, while as many as 90% have scores of 10 points or fewer, indicating that the individual took part in one or two activities at the entry level once or twice over five

years - but had no chances of competing at any higher level nor even any regularity of training and competition.

The average participation scores for each activity are very, very low. Take for instance the score of access to athletics competition, the score for Bihar is 0.34, which means that at most 34% of sample had access once (and only once)

to entry-level competition while the remaining 66% did not have a single opportunity for all of the past five years. In Delhi, 59% had no access whatsoever to sporting competitions and 88% had no access to mental mathematics or chess. If there is a hidden talent - and there must be very many hidden talents in these large populations - how are these talents going to be discovered? Gender and caste gaps are significant, though given the very low level of participation overall, the difference is that between low and lower. The data reveals that girls have lower participation scores but in particular activities (singing and story writing) their low participation rates are less low than those of boys.

Hardly anyone takes part in multiple competitions. Those who participate more intensively at the entry level are unable to move up to a higher level of

competition. Even as schoolteachers would like to see their pupils' capacities grow, no child from any of these schools, whether in Bihar or Delhi, has moved up the ladder in the art world or in athletics or coding or any of the other lines.

Hundreds of thousands of talented individuals remain unaware of the talents within them. Simply because the mechanisms of talent identification and development are under-developed, the nation performs well below its true potential.

It is not a case of unwilling participants as much one of absence of opportunities. More than two-thirds of young respondents are eager to take part if such competitions were organised within reaching distance.

Absent opportunity, the value of talent plummets. Poverty persists, despite abundant capability. How does a boy come to know he has the talent to be a successful artist unless he has access to paints and to painting competitions? How does a girl know she can become a star athlete until she has the chance to show her worth at athletics meets at successively higher levels?

This is not the fault of any particular government, but probably more, a consequence of a long-held belief that there is only one proper way for an individual to advance - through academic studies. But this robs individuals of opportunities while making it harder for the nation to ferret out talent. It is time we got ourselves out of this conundrum. Research and practice both need to rise to the challenge. Talent is the resource a 21st-century India cannot afford to squander. What needs to be done can be learned from illustrative national and international examples.

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## Health Department Doda hosts Orientation Program on Registration of Births & Deaths on CRS Portal

DODA, FEBRUARY 25: The Health Department Doda organised a one day Training cum Orientation Programme on Registration of Births & Deaths on the Civil Registration System (CRS) Portal.

The training programme was held under the supervision of Chief Medical Officer, Dr. A H Zargar. During the programme, C.K Shan (DME&O NHM) gave a detailed presentation about the implementation on CRS portal and responsibilities of registration functionaries.

The programme was attended by concerned dealing assistants from each Medical Block of the District who were imparted hands-on training about CRS portal, registration process and its related aspects. MS SMGS Hospital Jammu, Dr Dara Singh and DIO Doda Dr Versha Sharma were also present during the training session.

## District Level Mock Exercise conducted at Bagh-e-Bahu

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25: A District level mock exercise (upscaling the modality) on Earthquake and landslide rescue was today conducted at Bagh-e-Bahu near aquarium in the presence of Manisha, Assistant Commissioner General Jammu; Rajiv Khajuria, SDM Marh; Ram Lal, SDM R.S. Pura; Anita Pawar, Dy. SP Civil Defence.

The stakeholders including SDRF, NDRF, Police, Civil Defence, Medical, Fire & Emergency Services, District Administration held a detailed discussion on the response plan during any eventuality.

Volunteers of Civil Defence and School Children also participated. Live exercise to respond in case of any eventuality was also conducted. The event was organised by 13 Bn. NDRF under the supervision of Assistant Commandant Parveen Singh, in coordination with SDRF, Department of Fisheries and District Administration.

## GDC Neeli Nallah organises Poster Making Competition on "Clean Water and Sanitation" under mission G20 awareness



UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 25: Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur today organised Poster Making Competition on "Clean Water and Sanitation" under the aegis of One Earth, One Planet and One Future Under the mission G20 awareness.

The competition was organised under the able guidance of Prof. Hans Raj, Principal of the college. A total of ten students participated in poster making competition and depicted their ideas about the causes of water pollution, ways of water harvesting and water management as a goal of sustainable development.

Roopali Rajput, Shruti Dogra and Sahil Sharma were judged 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. The competition was judged by Manisha Kanchru, Dr. Parul Chibber and Pratibha Heer.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of the college emphasized on the importance of Clean water and sanitation. He said a safely managed sanitation facility is one where excreta is safely disposed of in situ or treated off-site.

A basic hand washing facility is defined by a device to contain, transport or regulate the flow of water to facilitate handwashing with soap and water in the household. Safe drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene are crucial to human health and well-being. He congratulated the students for participating in the event and also appreciated the efforts of the organizing team.

Prof. Swati Dutt, Dr. Radha Rani and Prof. Shaista Yasmeen were the members of the organising committee. Other faculty members were also present.

## DC Udhampur reviews implementation of Tribal plan, APDP, district indicator and deliverables

UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 25: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna today convened a meeting of officers of stakeholder departments to review the implementation of Tribal Plan, Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP), District Indicator Framework (SDG) and deliverables of different sector. During the meeting, the DC stressed on judicious use of funds under the tribal plan and adhering to guidelines of the Tribal Department while executing development works.

The DC took sector wise review of different departments and stressed upon the concerned officers to work in coordination for achieving saturation under all the identified indicators. The DC impressed upon the departments to collect realistic and authentic data on identified indicators and make best possible efforts to complete the exercise at an earliest.

While taking the detailed review of deliverables allocated to each line department, the DC stressed on coordination among the functionaries. The DC emphasized on close monitoring and follow up to achieve 100 per cent goals by all departments.

The meeting was held under ADDC, Ghan Shyam Singh; ACR, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral; CPO, Mudassar Yaqoob Zargar and other district heads of various departments attended the meeting.

## Prabhari Officer reviews saturation of Self Employment schemes in MC Chenani

UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 25: Prabhari, My Town My Pride, Ashwani Khajuria, Administrator GMC Jammu & AH today visited MC Chenani and reviewed saturation of Self Employment schemes and execution of development plans adopted during MTMP.

All elected representatives of MC Chenani, SDM Chenani, Executive Officer and departments related to self employment schemes attended the meeting and apprised the progress of Self Employment schemes and saturation status before Ashwani Khajuria.

Further, IEC activity regarding property Tax was conducted and elected representatives along with the general Public were apprised about the benefits of the same.

# Atal Dulloo inaugurates Farmers' Field Functionaries Training Centre at Maralian

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, today inaugurated first of its kind Farmers' Field Functionaries Training Centre and Strawberry Show at Government Grape Farm Maralian, R.S Pura.

Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Sevak, Director Agriculture Jammu, K K Sharma, Secretary, J&K Kissan Advisory Board, Abdul Hamid Wani, Joint Director Horticulture, C.L Sharma, Chief Horticulture Officers of Jammu, Samba and Kathua, CCI Jammu, prominent members of Kissan Advisory Board, PRI members, Strawberry growers besides other officers and officials of the department were present on the occasion.

While addressing the participants, Atal Dulloo said that establishment of this Training Centre at Maralian will prove beneficial towards overall development of horticulture in the region. The training programmes to be conducted in the Center would acquaint the



farmers with latest technologies in cultivation of sub-tropical crops.

ACS also inspected strawberry show wherein strawberry growers from Jammu, Samba and Kathua participated with

their strawberry fruit exhibits. He appreciated the department and strawberry growers for adopting, promoting and popularizing this highly remunerative cash crop in Jammu division. He impressed upon

the participants to keep close liaison with the departmental functionaries to take maximum benefit from the newly introduced Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) developed by Dr. Mangla Rai

Committee. On the occasion, Atal Dulloo presented sanction orders to the farmers of Jammu, Samba and Kathua district for availing financial assistance available under different components of departmental schemes. During the programme, Director Horticulture Jammu informed that this Farmers' Field Functionaries Training Centre has been built with all requisite basic amenities. He also briefed about the progress made in adoption of cash crop in the region. On the occasion, Atal Dulloo presented sanction orders to the farmers of Jammu, Samba and Kathua district for availing financial assistance available under different components of departmental schemes. During the programme, Director Horticulture Jammu informed that this Farmers' Field Functionaries Training Centre has been built with all requisite basic amenities. He also briefed about the progress made in adoption of cash crop in the region.

## Prabhari officer reviews development scenario in MC Kalakote

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25: A review meeting of the Departments of Municipal Committee Kalakote, under My Town My Pride, Phase-2nd, was held here in the Conference Hall of the Dak Bungalow under the Chairmanship of the Prabhari/Visiting Officer of the Municipal Committee, S. Jatinder Singh, Director General, Floriculture Parks and Gardens, Jammu.

The President of the Municipal Committee, Vijay Suri and the Councilors attended the meeting. The Officers of the different Departments including, Revenue, Housing & Urban, Health and Medical Education, ICDS, Social Welfare, Agriculture, Floriculture, Forest, PWD (R&B), Jal Shakti, JPDCL, Education, FCS & CA, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Technical Education, Sericulture and Representative of JK Bank Kalakote were present in the meeting.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner Kalakote, Krishan Lal conducted the meeting and apprised about the achievements made by different Departments in reaching out to the general public in redressing their genuine issues. It was apprised that all the Departments have switched over to the online mode of services as per the directions of the government. It was also apprised that most of the Departments have achieved the saturation level on public service delivery. Achievement under Aadhar seeding is also above 95% in all the Departments. No Domicile Certificate/Category Cer-



tificate/Mutation is pending with the Revenue Authority of the Municipal Committee as reported by the Concerned Revenue Officer.

The BMO Kalakote said that 96% of the Golden Health Cards have been prepared in the Municipal Committee.

The President and the Councilors informed that there was shortage of drinking water problem in the town. The Officer of the Jal Shakti Department was directed to sort out the issues immediately. Under National Urban Livelihood Mission, the Bank authority and the EO Municipal Committee Kalakote reported that under Pt. Dean Dayal Upadhaya Awas Yojna, total No. of 16 persons applied for the assistance, out of which 13 cases have been sanctioned, two rejected as already availed and one case rejected as non-performing. The Prabhari/Visiting Officer of the Municipal Committee Kalakote advised the Officers present in the meeting to work with dedication for the benefit & welfare of the public.

## DC Rajouri chairs 8th NCORD meeting to review control measures against drug abuse

RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 25: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, on Saturday chaired the 8th meeting of the National Council for Reduction of Drug Demand (NCORD) to review the control measures initiated against drug abuse in the district.

The meeting held a detailed discussion on the issues raised in the previous meetings and ways to effectively tackle the problem.

It was informed that sub-divisional committees were holding regular meetings, anti-drug squads were being established in schools, and the Drug Control Department was conducting random inspections and suspending licences of medical shops for rule violations. The Deputy Commissioner urged the ACD to create Nasha Mukta Panchayats in the district and increase the intensity of inspections.



To ensure the proper prescribing of contrabands, the CMO was instructed to issue a circular stating that only psychiatrists can prescribe them, and the Drug Control Department would audit the prescriptions at medical stores. The Addiction Treatment Facility faculty were directed to start counseling drug addicts and make the rehabilitation center functional. The Senior Superintendent of Po-

lice also spoke and highlighted the need to collaborate with the administration to make the district drug-free. It was decided to form Anti-Drug squads in each police station, and the SSP promised his full support in this regard.

The Deputy Commissioner then said that drug abuse is a serious problem that not only affects individuals, but also families and communities. He stated that it is essential to tackle the issue from multiple perspectives, including prevention, treatment, and enforcement. Prevention initiatives can include educational campaigns in schools and communities, as well as encouraging healthy activities and hobbies to discourage drug use.

Treatment options can include rehabilitation programs and counseling services for individuals struggling with addiction.

## Disability cum Cancer Screening Camp held at Mahanpur

KATHUA, FEBRUARY 25: Chairman, District Development Council, Kathua Col Mahan Singh (Retd) on Saturday inaugurated a Disability cum Cancer Screening camp here at Trauma Hospital, Mahanpur of Basohli Sub Division.

A team of Doctors and paramedics examined the people who turned up to the hospital in large numbers for check up and assessment of percentage of medical disabilities. The camp was held under the overall supervision of Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Rakesh Mangotra.

On the occasion, the Cancer screening camp was also held in collaboration with NGO Laajwanti Trust for generating awareness and early detection of symptoms of the deadly disease.

A total of 172 disability cases were inspected by team of Doctors of which 132 people were given disability certificates and other 40 others were referred to Kathua district



hospital for more tests.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairman lauded the Health Department and NGO Laajwanti Trust (Shankus Medicity Cancer Hospitals) for organising the camp for the people of hilly block Mahanpur. He said more such camps shall be organised in rural areas to facilitate ruralites who otherwise have to cover long distances to avail the facilities. He appealed to people to stop alcohol consumption, give up tobacco and sedentary lifestyle which are the largest contributors in developing Cancer disease.

The CMO said that the objective of organising the camp was to provide multiple services like providing disability certificates, age certificates, NCD Screening etc to the locals in the nearest medical centre.

Later, 50 age proof certificates were also issued and NCD screening of 70 people was also done. During the camp, four suspected cases of Cancer were called to Jammu by the doctors of Shankus medicity after screening. BMO Basohli, Anuradha Kerni, Sarpanch Mahanpur and people in large numbers were also present.

## DC State Taxes chairs follow-up meeting of My Town My Pride programme at Banihal

RAMBAN, FEBRUARY 25: Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes Enforcement Wing, Kashmir, Shah Nawaz Shah (Prabhari officer MC Banihal) on Saturday reviewed the implementation of works and plans submitted during the My Town My Pride Programme in November last as he chaired a meeting of the Municipal Committee members and government officials held in the local Town hall. During the meeting, the development works of the Banihal Town were discussed by the DC State Tax. President Municipal Committee, Banihal, Prince Jahangir, Tehsildar Banihal, Imtiaz Ahmed, ward members and other concerned officers attended the meeting. The follow up meeting reviewed all those works and plans which were adopted in the My Town My Pride programme. Reviewing the progress on job oriented schemes of different sectors, the DC asked Bankers who were present in the meeting to approve and disburse the financial assistance to applicants as per guidelines. The Visiting Officer thoroughly discussed the status of projects with officials of concerned line departments. It also informed that various self-employment generating schemes of the central government were discussed and progress made by different departments in this regard was analysed.

# BJP Govt brought immense miseries to border dwellers by making hollow promises: Rattan Lal Gupta

RS PURA: J&K National Conference today accused the BJP Government of bringing immense miseries to the people residing on border areas by making hollow promises and doing nothing on ground.

Addressing a public meeting at Village Bagha Jana at border town RS Pura, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, Jammu, JKNC said that the Central Government/ UT govt have failed to fulfill the promises made with the border dwellers and the condition has become worse due to hollow policies of the BJP led government at the Centre/ UT. He said that the people here mostly belong to farming class and depend

wholly on power to satiate their irrigation needs but those sitting at helm have seldom taken care leading to this emergent situation where power cuts are the new norms and damage to transformers is a daily affair besides low lying power cables threatening lives of people and even livestock.

Rattan Lal said that the farmers have been the worst sufferers under the PM Modi's regime. He said that the farmers are facing a hell of complex problems including the huge shortage of seeds/ fertilizer. He also sought activation of tube-wells claiming that there is draught like situation as canals stand closed and farmers are suffering



in absence of water availability. He slammed the government for withdrawing almost all subsidies to the farmer community.

The senior NC leader further criticized the governments at the Centre and in J&K for ignoring the youth of border belt. He accused LG Administration

of adopting a discriminatory approach towards the border youth with no employment policy or any kind of development project. He said that the Central/UT government promised to raise the Border Battalion but as usual the corrupt government has cancelled the results

of 2 Border Battalions of Jammu and Kashmir Police Border Battalion termed an example of government's apathy. He said that finding their future bleak, these unemployed youth are passing through a phase of utter frustration and despair.

The Provincial President anguished over the incumbent government for its failure to fill the Sanctioned vacant posts lying in different government departments of Jammu and Kashmir. He sought protection of government jobs for locals in Jammu and Kashmir, saying unemployment had alarmingly grown manifold during the recent years. The government jobs must

be reserved for local youth only as the state has only limited avenues of employment.

Bashir Ahmed, Provincial Secretary NC, while speaking on the occasion, asserted that National Conference is the only secular political party in J&K and it is the only solution to end the miseries of the people thrust by the BJP Government.

Vijay Lochan, Provincial President SC Cell of National Conference, in his address, castigated the government for announcing 5th Phase of Back to Village programme, terming it as a futile exercise. He said government is wasting crores of rupees from the tax-payers'.

## IIM Jammu organises free eye, dental check-up camp in collaboration with SOS Children's Village Orphanage, GMCH Jammu, IGGDC

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25: IIM Jammu, as an initiative to provide quality and overall healthcare to underprivileged children, organized a free eye and dental check-up camp at its Canal Road Transit Campus, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director. The initiative was organized in partnership with SOS Children's Village Jammu Orphanage, Government Medical College Jammu, and Indira Gandhi Government Dental College Jammu. The entire event was overseen and coordinated by Emphyrean, Student Committee under the guidance of Student Affairs of IIM Jammu. Emphyrean is the annual



management and cultural fest of IIM Jammu. Spanning over three days, this extravaganza will be held in March at IIM Jammu and offer a plethora of events, ranging from dance competitions to singing contests to a fashion show and a battle of the bands. Ninety-five orphanage

children participated in this social initiative. Coming from socially and economically weaker backgrounds, the students at the institute ensured that the children were taken care of during their time at the campus. The faculty, students, and staff also contributed to the noble cause by donat-

ing, helping to manage the event, and spending quality time with the kids. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu lauded the efforts of the partners and the participation of the youth in this benevolent initiative. He spoke about the importance of sensitizing the young generation on their social responsibilities and how such campaigns contribute to society, and the nation, at large. Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu mentioned the relevance of regular health check-ups and how this noble initiative has been instrumental in contributing to the betterment.

## Director Estates Kmr reviews ongoing, renovation works on Govt Quarters in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 25: Director Estates Kashmir, Tariq Hussain Ganai, today reviewed status of ongoing renovation works on several government flats at various locations of Srinagar city. He was accompanied by Deputy Director Estates Kashmir, Executive Engineer Estates Department and other senior officers during his

visit. Tariq Ganai visited Government quarters at Lal Nagar, Chanapora, Bemina and Tulsibagh and took stock of construction works there. During his visit, he took an extensive tour of the premises and enquired about the works being executed at the sites. While interacting with the engi-

neers of executing agencies, Ganai impressed upon them to complete the remaining works within fixed timelines. Similarly, at New Phase Tuli Bagh, Director reviewed the ongoing works and enquired about the status of works nearing completion. "We got the demolition drive stopped in ten days. We don't speak in a vacuum. We claimed this when we had done the groundwork," Bukhari said. "In 2021 (a year after the formation of the party) we got an order passed that 88 percent agricultural land and 7 percent government land can't be purchased by outsiders. Means 95 percent land in J&K can't be purchased by outsiders. The remaining 5 percent of land can be provided to outsiders for industrial purposes for which a permission is required." Bukhari said his party has done hard work for this. He also hit out at the National Conference saying the party was responsible for the miseries of people of J&K. "The traditional political parties and their leaders, who have been at the helm of affairs in Jammu and Kashmir for years and decades by dint of your votes, have actually been deceiving you through emotional slogans and fake promises. All these years, they are misleading you on the name of things like the so-called 'plebiscite movement', 'autonomy', 'self-rule', and so on. Now, they are trying to allure you by saying that they will bring the abrogated Article 370 back. You must be alert and not allow these conventional politicians to exploit you anymore," he said. "The traditional political parties and their leaders, who have been at the helm of affairs in Jammu and Kashmir for years and decades by dint of your votes,

## CRPF gives first aid, saves life of Govt employee in Kashmir

Srinagar, Feb 25 (UNI) A quick first aid given by a CRPF jawan to a government employee on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway helped save his life on Saturday, officials said. An electricity department employee Wasim Raza Wani of Srinagar was on way to his office in Bijbehara Anantnag when he complained of chest pain. CRPF spokesman said Wani suffered sudden "cardiac arrest" at Kandizal Jhelum Bridge. "He was administered with medicines as part of the first aid and CPR," the spokesman said. "After saving a precious life, he was sent to hospital with a co-passenger."

## Joint route march-combing-search patrol carried out in Rajouri-Poonch

Jammu, Feb 25 (UNI) As a part of area wise combing-domination exercise in various vulnerable areas of bordering districts, a joint area search of the Dassa-Pullulian was organised by Rajouri and Poonch Range on Saturday. A joint route march was carried out under the command of DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Dr. Haseeb Mughal. The forces which took part in the route march were SOG Rajouri, CRPF 72nd BN CTT and IRP 2nd BN Fatehpur, Rajouri. The route march and domination patrol started from National Highway 44 near Workshop Bridge and culminated at Dassal Top. All the forces taking part in domination Patrol, route march showed proper discipline, coordination and synergy. The officers also interacted with the general public during the route march, who appreciated the role of the Jammu and Kashmir Police in maintaining peace and tranquility in the Border areas of district Rajouri.

## Deputy Commissioner Poonch inaugurates New Staff Quarters at HSS Boys Surankote

POONCH, FEBRUARY 25: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet, today inaugurated the staff quarters at Boys Higher Secondary School (HSS) Surankote. A seminar was also organized by the Department of Education and was attended by the school principal, teachers, and staff. The seminar began with the lighting of the traditional lamp followed by a welcome address by Mukhtar Manhas, Principal HSS Boys Surankote. The newly constructed staff quarters consist of 8 rooms built to provide comfortable and secure accommodation to the school staff. After the inauguration, Inder Jeet appreciated the efforts of the Education Department in providing adequate housing facilities to the staff, which would help to boost their morale and improve the overall quality of education in the school. Later, a seminar was organized on the theme "NEP 2020: Transforming



vision into action." The seminar aimed to discuss the various aspects of the National Education Policy 2020 and its implementation in the region. The Deputy Commissioner was the chief guest of the seminar, and delivered the keynote address. In his address, he emphasized the importance of the National Education Policy 2020 and its potential to transform the Indian education system. He also highlighted the need

for collaboration among all stakeholders, including teachers, parents, and the government, to ensure the successful implementation of the policy. The seminar was attended by a large number of Principals, Headmasters, teachers, educationists, and scholars, who shared their views on various aspects of the National Education Policy 2020. The discussions focused on the changes envisaged in the policy, such as the

promotion of vocational education, the use of technology in education, and the establishment of multidisciplinary institutions. Chief Education Officer Poonch in his address said, "I strongly believe that the National Education Policy 2020 has the potential to transform the Indian education system and provide a holistic and comprehensive approach to learning. It is imperative that we implement the policy in its true letter and spirit, to ensure that every child receives a quality education and is equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in today's globalized world. The NEP 2020 emphasizes the need for collaboration among all stakeholders, including teachers, parents, and the government, to ensure the successful implementation of the policy. He added, He further said, "It also promotes the use of technology in education, the establishment

## Director Handicrafts & Handloom Jammu inspects B2V4 works at Panchayat Diani of District Samba

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25: The Prabhari Officer, (Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu) Dr. Vikas Gupta today visited Panchayat Diani in District Samba to work proposed under Back Village Phase IV. PRI members and officers/officials of the line departments, beneficiaries and general public attended the Gram Sabha organized during the visit. Prominent citizens of the Panchayat also attended the sabha. Prabhari Officer enquired from Officer/Officials of the line departments regarding various schemes of their department which can provide employment to the people of Diani Panchayat. Representatives of the Horticulture Department, Social Welfare



Department, Animal Husbandry Department, Agriculture Department, ICDS, Fisheries Department, Handicrafts & Handloom Department and J&K Bank educated the PRIs and general public regarding different schemes of self employment like PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme), UMEED Scheme, PMMSY (Pradhan Mantri Matsya

Sampada Yojana), Fruit Preservation Scheme, Weaver Mudra Scheme, Credit Card Scheme for Artisans and Weavers. The Prabhari officer distributed Weaver/Artisan Registration cards, Loan Sanction letters (under Credit Card Scheme), Crop Insurance policy bonds, Cooperative registration cards and Bank pass books among the beneficiaries of the Pan-

chayat. Directions were given to the representatives of line departments to organize awareness camps in the Panchayat to inform the general public about self employment schemes to achieve saturation of demand for self employment. The Panchayat Secretary was asked to take up renovation of Panchayat Ghar and develop it as Model Panchayat Ghar with all modern facilities so that the General Public of Diani Panchayat get all the Government online services and different training in the Panchayat Ghar Diani. PRIs & local people thanked Prabhari Officer for actively/promptly solving problems faced by them.

## Property Tax: DC briefs Municipal Committee Surankote about provisions, exemptions

POONCH, FEBRUARY 25: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Poonch, Inder Jeet today chaired a meeting of elected ward members to discuss the provisions of "Property Tax" introduced by the Government of J&K UT here at Municipal Committee Surankote. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner briefed the elected body of the Municipal Committee about all the parameters of property tax for further awareness to the general public through them. The discussion focused on the implementation of the property tax, the procedures to be followed, the rate of tax to be levied and the facilities to be provided to the tax-pay-

ers. It was made clear that there would be no tax on any small house up to 1000 square feet. Moreover, there would be meager tax for those people who have houses beyond 1500 square meters. Likewise there would also be a meager calculation of tax on small business establishments. There will be no tax on religious institutions, the house was informed. It was also made clear that the tax amount would be used entirely for local area development in the same ward or area from which it is collected. All the stakeholders present in the meeting also spoke on the occasion and appreciated the administration for giving clear

information and facts regarding the property tax. Vice President municipal surankote, elected Ward Councillors of Municipal Committee and others also spoke on the occasion. The meeting concluded with the decision to implement the tax in a phased manner with the rate of tax to be decided upon after further discussions so that no section of the population feel aggrieved and burdened. The meeting was attended by the President of the Municipal Council Surankote, Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Council Poonch, Varinderpal Singh, Ward Councillors besides other concerned were present on the occasion.

## Public Notice

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

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## CORRIGENDUM

Sub.- Extension of dates.  
Ref:- 1. Fresh E-NIT No. 47/JJM/JSDS OF 02/2023, Dated:- 01-02-2023.  
2. This office 2nd extension issued under No. 10456-66, dt: 16-02-2023.  
Due to the nil response received, bid submission end date for the works tendered vide above mentioned E-NIT which was scheduled on 22-02-2023 is hereby extended up to 02-03-2023 up to (4:00PM) and shall be opened on 03-03-2023 at (1:30 PM).

DIPK-17886/22

Sd/  
Executive Engineer  
- Jal Shakti PHE Division  
Sopore

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir Executive Engineer, PHE. Division. Shopian.

## CORRIGENDUM NO:-02

Subject: E Nit 48/  
JSDS of 2022-23 issued  
vide No:-JSDS/5443-57  
Dt:10.02.2023.

Due to typographical error in the BOQ of e-Nit issued vide this office No. referred above, please read "L/F of pipes of GI pipes excl cost of pipes and pipe fittings" instead of "L/F of pipes of GI pipes incl cost of pipes and pipe fittings" at S.No 12 of BOQ. All other terms and conditions shall remain same

DIPK-17921/22

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
PHE. Divn. Shopian.

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

Sub: Correction in description of work and extension thereof.  
Ref: This office E-NIT No. PHE/MDNS/NIT/E-43, S. No. 01 of 2022-23, issued under No. PHE/MDNS/DB/6257-64, dated: 17-02-2023.  
Due to typographical error in item No. 03 of above referred work,

## Please read:

"Fabrication, fitting and erection of steel structure CGI shed, MS Gantry, MS platform over new constructed dug well out of above dismantled steel sections as per site requirement by Shifting of welding DG set, oxyacetylene gas plant with all allied tools at site by skilled welder with allied labor and providing and applying of red oxide primer and paint to whole steel structure. Approx. more than 6000 Kgs.)"

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Accordingly, the work is hereby extended as under:

S. No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Last date for online submission of bids	27-02-2023 (06:55 pm)
2.	Date of online opening of tender	28-02-2023 (02:00 pm)

All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

DIPK-17914/22  
Dated: 23-02-2022

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Sopore

## Public Notice

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D/O LATE ABDUL SAMAD LONE  
R/o. HARNOW KAWACHACK  
Tehsil .....TANGMARG  
Dist.....BARAMULLA

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## LG

of CCTVs along roads by NHAI and Police; status of Intelligent Traffic Management System in JMC and SMC, streamlining of Integrated Road Accident Database (IRDA).

While reviewing the enforcement activities being undertaken by the Traffic and Motor Vehicle Department, the Lt Governor directed for taking strict action against the violators who temper with speed limit devices installed in their Vehicles.

The Lt Governor also enquired about the completion of works related to identifying black spots along highways and utilisation of the road safety fund.

The chair was informed that 100 unauthorized cuts have been plugged, besides crash barriers along 98.65 Kms and 3104 speed limit signages have also been erected since April 2022.

Appreciating the efforts of all stakeholders for their commendable efforts towards improving road safety in UT, the Lt Governor asked them to develop a robust mechanism to check the health status of drivers.

The Lt Governor further asked the concerned departments to conduct causative analysis of road accidents for multi-pronged road safety strategy. He also issued directions to complete the works of crash barriers installation at the identified spots.

"All stakeholders to work towards the common goal of road safety & reducing road fatalities," the Lt Governor said.

Reviewing the process of installation of CCTVs along roads on National Highways, the Lt Governor asked the concerned agencies to complete the work well within the stipulated timeframe.

He further stressed on addressing the issues of old vehicles, if any, running on roads, checking overloading and unauthorised hoardings.

Directions were also issued for completing Inspection and Certification Centre (ICC), Samba, Institute of Driving, Training and Research (IDTR), Kot Bhalwal, Jammu and Intelligent Traffic Management Systems at JMC & SMC and making them functional at the earliest. The Lt Governor stressed upon active cooperation of all the stakeholders and effective measures for road safety and appropriate interventions to reduce road accidents.

## POLICE

Sursun, Batingoo, Wajood Ahmad Ganie son of Mohd Jabbar Ganie and Suhail Ahmad Ganie son of Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie, both residents of Banghall.

Officers have also seized stake money of 11000/-, 05 mobile phones and playing cards from the gamblers. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 13/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Devsar and further investigation has been initiated.

Persons found indulging in criminal activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with the local police units.

## JOB ORDER

Administration to the family of the martyred civilian. The family members of Sh Suneel Pandith were also present at the Raj Bhawan.

## DIV COM

the amount will remain in the account of corporation and municipal committees only.

Bidhuri further stated that there was no option other than imposing property tax, which would be acceptable to the people, for ensuring better facilities to them.

The SMC Commissioner, while interacting with media persons, said that the tax that would be collected from people from April will be used for better facilities to people. "At present SMC's revenue is just ten per cent compared to its requirement. This will help in ensuring better services and facilities to the people as the tax cannot be transferred to the central or state government and used for developmental purposes only," he said—(KNO)

## WEATHER

anywhere. In the higher regions, moderate to heavy snowfall is possible."

Meanwhile, the night temperatures continued to show an upward trend. Except Pahalgam, Gulmarg and Konibal weather stations in Kashmir, the night temperature was recorded above sub-zero level last night.

The Meteorological department said that Srinagar recorded a low of 1.6°C last night. The day temperature in Srinagar on Friday was 18.4°C, about 8.1 notches above normal.

The night temperature at Pahalgam resort in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir was recorded at minus 3.2°C last night. The day temperature on Friday was 15.3°C at the resort.

MeT said the night temperature at the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district was recorded minus 1°C, some 5 degrees above normal. The day temperature on Friday was 8.4°C, about seven degrees above normal.

Konibal in Pampore Pulwama recorded minus 1.6°C last night.

Qazigund, the gateway town to the Valley, recorded a low of 0.2°C Celsius, while the mercury in Kokernag settled at 2.5°C Celsius.

Kupwara in North Kashmir registered a low of 0.3°C Celsius.

Jammu recorded a low of 11°C last night. Banihal recorded a low of 6.4°C, Batote 8°C, Katra 11.6°C and Bhardwah 3.7°C

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 9°C and minus 12.4°C respectively, the MeT official said.

## NHM

PHC Aishmuqam, PHC Kakapora and PHC Larnoo. The bottom five in this category included UPHC Sangam, PHC Thakrakote, PHC Teetwal, PHC Massu and PHC Machil.

Pertinently, JK e-sahaj (Electronic System for Automation of Hospital Administration J&K) initiative was formally launched in the month of November 2022 as part of Jashn-e-Sehat, by the Lieutenant Governor for different types of facilities i.e. Tertiary care, District Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and some New Type PHCs. JK E-Sahaj has been integrated with Rapid Assessment System (RAS), 104 Centralised Health Helpline for outbound calling and RCH portal of MoHF, Government of India.

The ranking has been done on the basis of registration, conversion of EMR (Electronic Medical Record) and Patient feedback uploaded on the portal of JK e-Sahaj for the month of January 2023, on real time basis. The detailed list of facilities has been shared on NHM website.

## DIST SRINAGAR

achieved through collective efforts of Team Srinagar.

## CRPF

him. He also gave Wani first aid medicine by virtue of which he was stabilised.

After saving his life, the personnel sent Wani to a hospital for further treatment, the PRO added.—(PTI)

## CS

initiation of other recreational facilities around them. He highlighted that as per the Central Government guidelines the excavated soil/silt should be readily made available for infrastructure projects in the vicinity of the demarcated AmritSarovar sites.

The Chief Secretary also encouraged the public and CSR Bodies to contribute to the endeavor of rejuvenation of AmritSarovars across the UT. He made out that the Mission is boosting the rural livelihood as certain completed Sarovars have the potential to be used for purpose of different activities such as irrigation, fisheries etc. It was highlighted that the AmritSarovar is to be generally constructed on at least 1 acre of land with a water holding capacity of about 10,000 cubic meters. The Mission aims at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of celebration of Azadika Amrit Mahotsav.

It is noteworthy to mention here that J&K was the first among States/UTs in the country which completed construction of 75 Amrit Sarovars in each district. Further the UT has completed 2423 Amrit Sarovars all across the districts of the UT and is 2nd in the country only after the bigger state of UP in completion of Amrit Sarovars. It has also identified 4042 sites for development and already taken in hand work on 2674 sites all over J&K.

Pertinent to mention here that the Prime Minister launched Mission Amrit Sarovar on 24th April 2022, on the eve of National Panchayat Day with a view to conserve water for the future. Under this programme a total of about 50,000 Amrit Sarovar are to be constructed or rejuvenated in the country.

## DR JATINDRA

ethnopharmacology in recent context.

He said Prof. Pulok K Mukherjee, Director, IBSD and other officials of the Institute showcased the unique bioresources of Manipur and the region by organising the Congress.

Prof. Pulok K Mukherjee highlighted various sessions being organized during the congress mainly focussed on "Reimagine Ethnopharmacology: Globalization of Traditional Medicine".

Prof. Marco Leonti, Secretary, ISE highlighted various activities of the society which is working on the mission "Globalizing local knowledge and localizing global technologies".

During the Annual Award Ceremony of SFE, awards were given to Prof. Thomas Efferth, Prof. Satyajit D Sarker, Prof. Guruaribam Shantibala Devi, Prof. Alvaro M. Viljoen, Dr. Lal Hingorani, Dr. Caroline Sonja Weckerle, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. Nongmaithem Rajmuhon Singh for their excellence in their research areas.

During the congress a special panel discussion session "i-Connect program: Business meet" is being organized for the developing industry linkage with the entrepreneurs of this region. This congress will provide an environment for knowledge sharing among researchers, policymakers, industry persons, healthcare practitioners, and decision-makers interested in the promotion of bioresources, traditional medicines, ethnopharmacology and drug discovery.

## CEO

those children should be treated as dropout children.

"A child of 6-14 years of age should be considered out of school if he or she has never been enrolled in an elementary school or if after enrolment has been absent from school without prior intimation for a period of 30 days or more," it reads.

It also states that a child who has never been enrolled in school as per RTE Act, 2009 for formal education should also fall under the category of out of school.

"A child once enrolled into the formal system of education or school if does not complete 8 years of compulsory elementary education, should be treated as an out of school child," DSEK said.

Quoting the Supreme Court directions, DSEK also said that all the children above the age of 14 years, who do not fall under the purview of RTE Act, 2009 but have had to drop out of school due to financial constraints during the COVID pandemic shall be treated as out of school child.

"The District Education officers and District Child Protection Officers should identify various reasons responsible for children being out of school," it reads.

It also states that the children who have lost both or single parent or parents or guardians who have lost their livelihood can get their income certificate made through the district authorities.

"The District Child Protection Officers shall provide assistance to such children in procuring the income certificate. Based on the income certificate and the child's eligibility, the child shall constraints during the COVID pandemic shall be treated as an out of school child," DSEK said.

It further reads that the District Education officers and District Child Protection Officers should identify various reasons responsible for children being out of school. The officer in a communiqué to CEOs of Kashmir region said, "In view of the directions of the Supreme Court, you are requested to take the cognizance and furnish the Action Taken Report strictly in compliance to the Honorable Supreme Court Directions—(KNO)

## Three drug peddlers arrested across Kashmir: Police

Srinagar, Feb 25 (KNO): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested three drug peddlers in Baramulla, Budgam and Kulgam districts & recovered huge quantity of contraband substances and cash from their possession. In Baramulla, during the intervening night of 24th & 25th of February, Police received specific information regarding presence of narcotic substance at house of one person namely Maqsood Ahmad Bhatti son of Bhag Ali resident of Madiyan Kamalkote Uri. On receipt of this information, a police party led by Incharge Police Post Kamalkote PSI Shubham Seth under the overall supervision of SDPO Uri Shokat Ali, alongwith Executive Magistrate raided the said house, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO). During search of the house, cash amounting to Rupees Fourteen Lacs Seventy-Six Thousand & Eight Hundred Fifty (Rs 14,76,850/-) (believed to be proceeds of narcotic crime) and 850 grams of Brown Sugar like substance was recovered & seized in presence of Magistrate. "During preliminary investigation, it was learnt that under a well hatched conspiracy, Pakistan based handlers are pushing drugs inside Kashmir valley through such smugglers to spread drug addiction amongst youth of Kashmir. The drug peddler has been arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remains in custody."

## DPIIT imparts training to officers for the adoption of PMG portal in the UT



JAMMU/SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 25: Team of Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), GoI today imparted online training to the Nodal officers of all districts & departments of J&K for enabling the UT to monitor its Projects through the Project Monitoring Group (PMG) Portal.

Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring Department, Dr. Raghav Langer chaired the meeting aimed at strengthening of Project monitoring mechanism for UT sector projects.

Pertinent to mention that the Government has already constituted UT level Project Monitoring Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary for accelerating the pace of execution of key Infrastructure Projects in the UT, with an anticipated investment of Rs. 10 cr or more. UT PMG team has been mandated to help to expedite issues, resolution, regulatory bottlenecks & fast tracking of approvals/clearance of UT projects under various sectors. Secretary Planning, who is also the Member Secretary of the Committee apprised during the training session that various flagship/iconic projects of GoI are already being monitored on the Central PMG portal, which has been highly beneficial in timely resolution of issues esp those pertaining to different line agencies & where inter-departmental coordination is required.

Adoption of this portal for UT projects will provide a common interactive platform to various implementing agencies on real time basis for expediting completions. Dr Langer reiterated the importance of the tool and mentioned that supervisory authorities are able to keep track of project milestones to prevent time/cost overruns. Provision of dashboard alerts, auto pushing of emails etc are already integrated in the system; apart from self generated PERT/ Gantt charts to monitor project progress.

He said that Chief Secretary J&K has issued strict instructions to all departments/agencies to ensure timely execution of works.

Central PMG portal has been one of the key reasons for the turnaround in infrastructure sector and timely completions of projects of more than 500 cr, by the line agencies of GoI handling varied sectors like transport & highways, ports & shipping, power, urban development, health & family welfare, tourism, telecommunications & IT services etc. Presently 7155 issues pertaining to 2290 central projects are being monitored by Government of India on the PMG portal with a project value of more than Rs 66 lakh crores.

## 2-Day Multi Media Exhibition of CBC on 'AKAM' at Mendhar concludes

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On Day-2 of Multi-Media Exhibition on 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' being organized by Central Bureau of Communication, Poonch(J&K), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India at Govt. Degree College, Mendhar Dr. Mohd Azam Principal, Govt. Degree College, Mendhar attended the function as Chief guest and Sh. Aziz Ahmed CDPO Mendhar presided over the function along with faculty of College, Staff of CBC, Staff Schools, & Govt. ITI Mendhar.

Dr. Azam, Principal GDC, Mendhar appreciated the efforts of Central Bureau of Communication, J&K for organizing the event at GDC College. He said that CBC's ICOP initiatives are the best tool to achieve target of developed India till 2047. The valuable information disseminated through displays and Expert Lectures will help locals think about availing the benefits of various Centrally sponsored schemes and becoming entrepreneurs. He highlighted the role of teacher in students' life, Unity in diversity and role of responsible and aware citizens.

Sh. Vijay Mattoo, I/c CBC Poonch in his address said that Governments of India has various schemes for every individual which one can avail right from pre-natal stage to death. He expressed gratitude towards district Sub Division Administration and College Authorities for their cooperation and support. He advised the students to avail benefits of Govt. schemes and earn besides studies to become Atamnirbhar (self reliant). He urged the audience to spread the message about benefits of various CSS among common masses.

Prominent among others who spoke on the occasion were Dr. Sajid Ahmed, from Animal Husbandry Department, Dr. Jyoti Sharma from Health Department, Prof. Murtaza Ahmed, HoD, Political science GDC and Sh. Zahoor Ali Khan from ICDS Mendhar. All the resource persons gave a detailed overview of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes related to their respective departments whereas Prof. Murtaza spoke on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav giving brief account of contributions of freedom fighters.

The Exhibition showcased India's struggle for freedom through display panels. Major events of freedom struggle include, Revolt of 1857, Non-Cooperation Movement, Establishment of Home rule, Champaran Satyagraha, Kheda Satyagraha, Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, Khilafat Movement, Chauri-Chaura Incident, Dandi March or Namak Satyagraha, Azad Hind Fauj, Quit India Movement, partition of India. A special facet was also put up to highlight the contribution of freedom fighters belonging to J&K and Ladakh. Sh Ram Lal, Performer, CBC, Jammu conducted the programme and Sh. Vijay Mattoo, I/c CBC, Poonch conducted an open quiz on AKAM Mahotsav to engage the audience, Expert Lectures, theme based cultural programmes, signature campaign, etc. were the attractions for the youth. Winners of open quiz, Resource persons, Cultural Programme performers were honoured by CBC, Poonch on the spot. Sh Ram Lal, Performer, CBC, Jammu conducted the programme and Sh. Vijay Mattoo, I/c CBC, Poonch conducted an open quiz on AKAM Mahotsav to engage the audience, Expert Lectures, theme based cultural programmes, signature campaign, etc. were the attractions for the youth. Winners of open quiz, Resource persons, Cultural Programme performers.

## IUST's collaborative research to feature on the cover of the Physical Review Journal, USA

Awantipora, February 25: A collaborative research initiative on Microscopic aspects of softness in atomic nuclei will feature on the front cover of an internationally acclaimed Journal, Physical Review, published by the American Physical Society. The collaborating institutions are Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, University of Kashmir; Sri Pratap College, and the University of Notre Dame, USA. The paper demonstrates how the collective vibrational motion in nuclear many-body systems emerges from the microscopic dynamics of protons and neutrons elucidating the fascinating collective properties observed in physical systems in terms of the fundamental constituents of matter. The authors of the ground-breaking work are Nazira Nazir, S. Jehangir, S.P. Rouoof, G.H. Bhat, J.A. Sheikh, N.A. Rather and S. Fraundorfer; and the article can be accessed at <https://journals.aps.org/prc/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevC.107.L021303>.

## Eight lakh metric ton marble deposits good omen for people of Kupwara-Sheeban Ashai

Srinagar, 25th February: Expressing happiness over good news of massive deposits of minerals in Kupwara District; Jammu Kashmir People's Party Chief Sheeban Ashai today exhorted LG regime to use resources for upliftment of entire Kupwara District. Ashai in a statement issued to press said, "Ginormous deposits of minerals in Kupwara are a good omen for reviving industrial sector, providing employment opportunities in the District. As per data provided by Geology and Mining Department nine lakh metric ton of lignite could be used for thermal power generation. He advised administration to turn Nichahama and Hagnikkot areas into hub of thermal power generation. Govt must utilise all means of thermal power generation for bridging power deficit for Kupwara District. Similarly enormous marble resources of Awoora and Zirhama must be used to reinvigorate industrial sector in nearby areas. Ashai enunciated joy and optimism for people of Kupwara who have been unfortunately neglected over last four decades. Kupwara calls for widespread development, apart from last mile road and rail connectivity it should be the sustained endeavor of present regime to put to use its rich resources and develop Kupwara; other areas of North Kashmir on modern lines, bring them at par with other districts of J&K. Ashai advised govt to float tenders for mining as well as facilitate setting up of modern industries for bringing prosperity to the district. He impressed upon present government to ensure that local youth of North Kashmir; most particularly Kupwara District be given first preference whilst putting to use recently discovered resources. It is advisable that locals be first beneficiaries of resources of the area. Ashai expressed happiness over the development and prayed unearthing of humungous mineral deposits, facilitate in ensuring entire Kupwara district usher into an era of peace and prosperity".

## Brest wall, plinth of house, fully damaged, Compensation demanded.

Mukesh Parihar

Doda, February 25: A residential house of one Bipen Lal son of Sher Chand resident of Malwana Jagir village of tehsil Gundna in Doda district brest wall and plinth of his house was fully damaged yesterday.

Reports from Malwana revealed that the brest wall and plinth of house was completely damaged in the earthquakes and the affected family has taken shelter in their neighborhood.

Bipen Lal said due to continues earthquakes in the region has fallen their breast wall and cracks has been developed in his house. He require immediate help to cope with the situation and request the district administration to provide relief to them on humanitarian grounds.

That since the house was damaged in a natural calamity, we expected some help from the district Administration. Bipen Lal said that my entire family is in distress, and currently we are living in a shed in most pathetic and unhygienic conditions. The estimated loss to my property is around four lacks. I do not have the means to arrange this amount for renovating the house.

In the pressing circumstances, wish to approach you for help, which will relieve me and my entire family from distress. He look at you with high expectations and am sure, that you will order the concerned officials for ascertaining the facts and rendering me the much needed help Bipen Lal added.

## Delegation of All J&amp;K Sikh Coordination Committee calls on Lt Governor



JAMMU, FEBRUARY 25: An eleven member delegation representing various Sikh organisations, including elected Presidents of Gurdwara Parbandhak Committees led by S. Ajit Singh, Chairman, All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhavan here today.

The delegation of prominent Sikh community members put forth several issues pertaining to the community, including Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Board Elections in the light of recent directions issued by the High Court.

The delegation also expressed gratitude towards the Lt Governor for being sensitive towards the issues of Sikh community and making sincere efforts to solve them with alacrity.

The Lt Governor, while giving patient hearing to the members of the delegation, assured them that all the genuine issues projected during the interaction would be taken up with concerned quarters of UT administration for appropriate action.

## Unknown miscreants chop hundreds of apple trees in Bijbehera

Anantnag, CNS, 25-Feb : Unknown miscreants chopped down more than two thousand apple trees in the Moman danjipora area of Bijbehera South Kashmir's Anantnag District, causing distress among the local residents.

While speaking to CNS, locals said that the apple orchards are their only source of livelihood. "Dozens of families are dependent on these trees and the chopping down of the trees has created tremendous panic among the locals," they said. Locals appealed DC Anantnag Dr. Bashrat Qayoom, SDM Bijbehera Tanveer Ahmad and SHO Rashid Khan to take the said issue into consideration and trace the miscreants at an earliest. They demand the strict action to be taken against such persons so that in future such incidents can be prevented. (CNS).

# MS Dhoni, the only one who genuinely reached out to me : Virat Kohli

Bengaluru, Feb 25(UNI) The bond Virat Kohli shares with MS Dhoni is well-known for Indian cricket fans. But what makes the relationship tick, on and off the field?

While speaking on the RCB Podcast Season 2, Kohli shared some insights into the working points of his kinship with Dhoni. "I have experienced a different kind of phase in my career currently. It's been a while since I felt (this) free in the sense how I felt all these years of playing at any level of cricket," said Kohli.

Kohli has played 106 Tests, 271 ODIs and 115 T20Is for India in a career spanning 15 years scoring over 25000 international runs. "What is interesting is that throughout this phase apart from Anushka, who has been the biggest source of strength for me because she has been with me throughout this whole time and she has seen me very closely as how have I felt, things that I have gone through, the kind of things that have happened... the only person who, apart from my childhood coach and family... genuinely reached out to me has been MS Dhoni.

Kohli shared the dressing room with Dhoni for 11 years during their stint with



Team India between 2008 and 2019.

"He reached out to me and you can rarely get in touch with him. If I call him on any random day, 99 percent he will not pick up (the phone), because he just does not look at the phone. So, for him to reach out to me... twice it has happened now and one of the things that he'd mentioned in

the message while reaching out to me was that 'when you are expected to be strong and looked at as a strong individual people forget to ask how are you doing?' Virat Kohli's association with the Royal Challengers Bangalore started in 2008 and became the team's captain in 2011 until he stepped away from the role in 2021.

He further added, "So, it (Dhoni's words) hit home for me because I have always been looked at as someone who is very confident, mentally very strong, who can endure any circumstances and find a way and show us the way. Sometimes, what you realise is that at any given point of time in life as a human being you need to take a couple of steps backwards, understand how you are doing, how your well-being is placed. So, there are not many places, for the people who have played the game for a long period, as strong individuals, they can go and explain in a way that the other person can understand. That's why I mentioned this particular incident because MS Dhoni knows exactly what is going on, he understands it because he has been there himself. Kohli offers the reason for Dhoni reaching out to him while stressing on the point of them going through similar phases in life and career. "He has experienced what I have experienced right now. So, it is only out of experience, and feeling those feelings in that moment is the only way you can be truly compassionate and understanding towards another individual who is going through the same thing."

## Sri Lanka name Test squad for NZ tour



COLOMBO: Sri Lanka Friday named a 17-member squad, including two rookie players, for a two-match Test tour of New Zealand after more than four years. Dimuth Karunaratne's team will feature Nishan Madushka, 23, and Milan Rathnayake, 26, making their national Test squad debuts, Sri Lanka Cricket said in a statement.

The team will leave for New Zealand on Monday. Sri Lanka's last Test tour of New Zealand was in December 2018, when the hosts won the second game by 423 runs and the first match was a draw. New Zealand visited Sri Lanka for two Tests in August 2019 with both teams winning one each. Squad: Dimuth Karunaratne (capt), Oshada Fernando, Kusal Mendis, Angelo Mathews, Dhananjaya de Silva, Dinesh Chandimal, Kamindu Mendis, Niroshan Dickwella, Nishan Madushka, Ramesh Mendis, Prabath Jayasuriya, Chamika Karunaratne, Kasun Rajitha, Lahiru Kumara, Asitha Fernando, Vishwa Fernando and Milan Rathnayake.

## LGs Rolling Trophy: Anantnag enters Finale



Anantnag Feb 25: The Inaugural ceremony of LGs Rolling Trophies 1st Semi-Final was jointly Inaugurated by Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary Chief Executive Officer Mission Youth J&K along with Dr. Basharat Qayoom Deputy Commissioner Anantnag on Saturday at Govt. Higher Secondary School Bhibbehra here. Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Kashmir Bashir Ahmad, SDM Bhibbehra & District Youth Services & Sports Officer Anantnag Mushtaq Pampori, DYSSO Srinagar Balbir Singh and Sports officer Ganderbal Shiekh Shafqat were also present at this event.

In his Speech Chief Guest Dr Chaudhary appreciated the efforts of the Department in making this event successful. He said Mission Youth provides a platform to the youth of the Union territory to showcase their talent.

Dr. Basharat Qayoom also spoke on this occasion. He assured that every possible help would be provided by the district administration in channelizing the sports talent of the Anantnag youth.

He further stated that the district Administration is committed to develop the best in class sports infrastructure in the District so that the youth in large numbers are engaged in sports activities. He also appreciated the Department of Youth Services & Sports for achieving the highest sports participation in the Kashmir Division and for being the host of this prestigious event.

Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Kashmir in his welcome address, thanked the dignitaries for gracing the occasion which he said will encourage the field staff to work with zeal & zest. He also highlighted the achievements of the Department in respect of the participation. He praised District Anantnag for topping the table of participation in the Kashmir Division.

## Australia skipper Cummins pulls out of Indore Test to be with ailing mother

MELBOURNE: Australian cricket captain Pat Cummins on Friday pulled out of the third Test against India after flying home mid-tour to spend time with his seriously ill mother.

Former captain Steve Smith will lead the side in Indore, where the match begins on Wednesday, with Australia scrambling to save face following two heavy losses in a nightmare start to the four-Test series for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

The loss will deprive Australia of their leading pace bowler and is the latest blow to a side depleted by injuries. Cummins is currently ranked in third place on the International Cricket Council's Test bowling rankings. "I have decided against returning to India at this time," Cummins said in a statement, adding his mother was "ill and in palliative care".

"I feel I am best being here with my family. I appreciate the overwhelming support I have received from Cricket Australia and my teammates. Thanks for your under-



standing." Cummins returned to Australia earlier this week citing a "serious family illness", but was initially expected to return to India in time for the third Test.

While Australia are hoping Cummins will be back for the final Test in Ahmedabad from March 9, Smith could end up leading the side in both matches.

## Brits, Khaka lead stunning South Africa into Women's T20 World Cup final

CAPE TOWN: Tazmin Brits and Ayabonga Khaka inspired a shock six-run victory for South Africa against England in their Women's T20 World Cup semi-final at Newlands in Cape Town on Friday.

Brits hit 68 in a South African total of 164 for four, then held four catches, two of them exceptional, as England were restricted to 158 for eight. South Africa will meet defending champions and heavy favourites Australia in the final at the same venue on Sunday. Medium-pace bowler Khaka took three wickets in the 18th over to put the target just beyond England's reach.

"Khaka is a phenomenal bowler, one of the best in the world. She showed her class today," said South Africa skipper Sune Luus. England captain Heather Knight admitted it had been a "brilliant game of cricket". "We did well to take it close. They bowled straight lines and made it tough for us," said Knight whose team had made the semi-finals by winning all four group



games. Fast bowler Shabnim Ismail made the first two breakthroughs after England made a fast start, then bowled Knight in the final over to snuff out England's last hope. Laura Wolvaardt and Brits launched South Africa's best batting performance of the tournament. They followed up their unbeaten century opening stand in the last group match against Bangladesh by putting on 96 for the first wicket in 13.4 overs.

## PCB, Punjab govt fail to agree on security expenses for PSL

LAHORE: For now, the Pakistan Super League matches scheduled to be held in Lahore on Sunday and Monday will go ahead as planned. Beyond that, the fate of matches in Lahore and Rawalpindi remains undecided. But clarity on that matter is due on Saturday after Friday's meeting between Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Najam Sethi and a delegation of the caretaker Punjab government headed by provincial health minister Javed Akram here at the Gaddafi Stadium ended in a deadlock.

The sticking point remains the demand of the Punjab government asking for Rs450million from the PCB for making security arrangements in Lahore and Rawalpindi for the matches. Before meeting the government delegation, Sethi had held an emergent meeting with the owners of PSL franchises to decide the next steps and it was decided there that the glitzy T20 league wouldn't budge to the demands. "The owners refused to pay a penny more than the amount of Rs50million that has already been paid to the Punjab government for providing food to the security officials during the matches in Lahore and Rawalpindi," a source close to the situation told Dawn.

## Beating Barca takes United's Ten Hag transformation to another level

MANCHESTER: Erik ten Hag's transformation of Manchester United now has a European scalp to get excited about as Barcelona were vanquished on a night the Red Devils rolled back the years at Old Trafford. Robert Lewandowski sent Barca ahead with a penalty but second-half goals from Fred and Antony secured a memorable United win as the La Liga leaders were beaten 2-1 on the night and 4-3 on aggregate. The fact that United's reward is merely a place in the last 16 of the Europa League shows there remains a long way to go for the three-time European champions to rediscover their past glories on the continental stage. But momentum is building under the former Ajax boss with United still in the hunt for four trophies in Ten Hag's first season in charge. A six-year wait for silverware could come to an end when United face Newcastle United in



the League Cup final on Sunday. Without a league title in a decade, United are just five points adrift of Premier League leaders Arsenal and also into the FA Cup last 16, where they face West Ham United at home. For a long time since Alex Ferguson's departure in 2013, Old Trafford lost its aura as an intimidating destination for visiting sides. But no one is look-

ing forward to a trip to the Theatre of Dreams with United unbeaten in 18 games in all competitions at home. Embarrassing defeats to Brighton & Hove Albion and Brentford to begin Ten Hag's time in charge are now a distant memory. Barca joined the list of big names beaten on home soil in recent months, joining Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester City. "You need a strategy to build it but also results to get that strong belief," said Ten Hag on how he has lifted United out of the mire of a miserable 2021/22 season when they finished sixth in the Premier League. "That is another step because when you can beat Barcelona, your belief can be really strong because you are then able to beat anyone." Despite the Europa League's second tier status, this was almost certainly United's finest night in continental competition since eliminating.

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