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Union Budget 2023-24 : Rs 35581 Cr Central Assistance Proposed for J&K

Special fiscal support Rs 9486.13 for UT in ongoing FY to meet resource gap: Grants for Kiru, Rattle HEPs, JTRFP

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Srinagar, Feb 01: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Wednesday proposed an allocation of Rs 35581.44 crore central assistance for Jammu & Kashmir in the Union budget for 2023-24.

Out of the budgetary provision of 35581.44 crores for J&K, Rs 33923 crore has been proposed to meet the resource gap, the documents available with news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reveals.

According to the budget documents, Rs 279 crore grant has been proposed as contribution towards Union Territory Disaster Response Fund, Rs 130 crore grant towards equity contribution for 624 MW Kiru hydroelectric project and Rs 500 crore grant towards equity for Rattle 800-MW hydroelectric project.

As per budget announcements made by the FM, Rs 101.77 crore provision has been kept to meet the expenditure on account of the Jhelum-Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTRFP) in Jammu & Kashmir and Rs 171.23 crore funding resource gap for infrastructure projects.

As per revised estimates for the ongoing fiscal, a special fiscal support of Rs 9486.13 crore has been proposed for Jammu & Kashmir to meet resource gap of

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No Tax On Income Up To 7 Lakhs, Centre Says New Tax Regime "Attractive"

New Delhi: The central government today made a much-awaited mega announcement on increasing the income level up to which no income tax is payable: 7 lakh a year from the 2023-24 financial year. It was Rs 5 lakh so far. But there is a caveat: This change is only for those who choose the New Tax Regime. Introduced in 2020, this New regime has none of the usual exemptions on insurance premium, mutual funds and other

such investments. It did not gain traction as it resulted in higher tax burden in many cases. Those choosing the Old regime continue to get exemptions on investments, after which their final taxable income is calculated.

A five-slab structure will apply now under the New regime, also raising the no-tax slab by 50,000. Income between 0-3 lakh will have no tax; it was zero to

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Union Budget 2023: What's Cheaper, What's Costlier?

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today presented the last full-fledged Union Budget of the Modi government before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Ms. Sitharaman's budget speech outlined which items would be cheaper and which would be more expensive.

Here is a list of products that are set to get cheaper or more

DEARER	CHEAPER
Electric Kitchen Chimneys	Camera Lenses
Articles Made Of Gold, Plati	Mobile Phones
Silver Doors And Bars	TV Parts
Copper	Denatured Ethyl Alcohol
Compounded Rubber	Acid Grade Flourspar
Cigarettes	Domestic Manufacture of Shrimp
Clothes	

expensive: This year's Budget holds much significance as the country is scheduled to have the next Lok Sabha election in April-May 2024. The budget session of the Parliament began on Tuesday with the President's address, followed by tabling of the Economic Survey for 2022-23. The formal exercise to prepare the annual Budget for the

next financial year (2023-24) commenced on October 10.

The Economic Survey said India's GDP is expected to grow in the range of 6 to 6.8 per cent in the coming financial year 2023-24. This is in comparison to the estimated 7 per cent this fiscal and 8.7 per cent in 2021-22.

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First budget of 'Amrit Kaal' will put country on sustainable and more inclusive growth path: LG

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Jammu, Feb 1 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha expressing gratitude to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the first budget of 'Amrit Kaal' said that it will put the country on a faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth path to achieve the goal of 5 Trillion Dollar economy.



marginalised sections, middle class and infrastructure will put the economy to its optimum growth path," said Sinha in a statement.

The Lt Governor said, "The first budget of Amrit Kaal presented by the Finance Minister under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to ensure sustained, equitable and inclusive growth and to achieve the milestone of 5 Trillion Dollar economy and to transform India into a global powerhouse."

"Vision for Amrit Kaal-opportunities for citizens with focus on youth, growth and job creation, strong and stable macro-economic environment and priorities to farmers, women,

He said, "increased investment on infrastructure and employment generation, green growth, agriculture accelerator fund, targeted funding for animal husbandry and Atmanirbhar Bharat Horticulture Clean Plant Programme and tourism promotion will have a force multiplier impact on the economy."

"Rapid growth and welfare of Aam Aadmi is at the centre of Budget 2023-24. Grateful to the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and

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NEWS IN BRIEF

One-way traffic restored on Srinagar-Jammu highway

Srinagar, Feb 01 After remaining blocked for a day, one-way traffic movement on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway was restored on Wednesday evening, officials said here. An official told the news agency—that the highway had got blocked due to a massive landslide. He said stranded vehicles are plying towards their destinations on highway now after clearance of debris. The official said it took a major part of the day for road maintenance agencies to clear the landslides on the highway—

25 shops sealed for non-payment of rent in Sopore

Sopore, Feb 01: The authorities in Sopore town of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday sealed at least 25 shops for non-payment of rent. An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that, at least 25 shops were sealed over non-payment of rent towards Municipal Council for the last several years. He said that the shops area situated near Iqbal Park. "They were already informed through notices from time to time, however, they failed to pay the rent, which led to sealing of these shops," he said

Police arrests drug peddler in Baramulla

Srinagar, Feb 01: Jammu and Kashmir Police in Baramulla on Wednesday claimed to have arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession. "A police party under the supervision of SHO PS Sheeri Insp. Waseem Jahangir at a checkpoint established on NHW Gantamulla Colony, intercepted a suspicious person who on seeing police party tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully. During search, 15 grams of Brown Sugar was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Mohammad Altaf Chopan son of Mohammad Ahsan Chopan resident of Kanispora. He was shifted to police station where he remains in custody," a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

SDMA issues avalanche warning in Kashmir

Srinagar, Feb 1 (UNI) Authorities have issued an avalanche warning in four districts of Kashmir valley on Wednesday. The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) in a statement said an avalanche with "Low Danger" Level is likely to occur above 2400 to 2800 metres above sea level over Central Kashmir district of Ganderbal, and north Kashmir districts of Bandipora, Kupwara and Baramulla during the next 24 hours. "People living in these areas are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders", the statement said. Two Polish skiers died in a massive snow avalanche that hit the tourist resort of snow bound Gulmarg in Baramulla district. CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 07

Dry Weather to continue in Kashmir :Met

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Srinagar, Feb 1 (UNI) Dry weather to continue on Wednesday with the Meteorological forecast of isolated very light rain, snow during the next 24 hours in Jammu and Kashmir.

The minimum temperature shows a drop at a few places of Kashmir valley with the tourist hot spot of Pahalgam in south Kashmir recorded at minus 8.9 degree Celsius on Wednesday. It was 2.8 degrees below normal during this period of the season for the valley of shepherds.

Srinagar with partially cloudy sky had a low of 0.4 degree Celsius. It was 1.1 degree Celsius above normal during this period of the season for the summer capital.

Qazigund recorded 0.2 degree Celsius, Kokernag minus 0.5 while frontier Kashmir district of Kupwara had a low of minus 1.4 degree Celsius on Wednesday, MeT office said.

Rajouri IED Case: Police arrests 3 LeT associates

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Rajouri, Feb 01: Jammu and Kashmir Police Wednesday said that it has arrested three militant associates of Lashkar-e-Toiba outfit in connection with the investigations into the Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) cases reported in Rajouri district last month.

"As the police was investigating Dangri killing case, in the meantime the IED planting cases in the region were also reported which become a major challenge for the security forces," Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Rajouri-Poonch range, Dr Haseeb Mughal told reporters in a press conference as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer. "The intelligence grid was activated across district. Besides the local people also cooperated with forces in nabbing the culprits thus led the arresting of three

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Kashmir avalanche killed 2 Polish skiers, 21 rescued

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Baramulla, Feb 01: Two skiers from Poland died while 21 others were rescued after a massive snow avalanche hit Afarwat peak at ski-resort in Gulmarg on Wednesday.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Baramulla, Amod Ashok Nagpure confirmed to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that an avalanche struck near Afarwat Peak in the afternoon in which bodies of two foreign tourists were recovered. But 21 others who were trapped were rescued.

The deceased were identified as Krzysztof, 43, and Adam Grzech, 45, both from Poland. Nagpure said that the avalanche warning was already issued by the authorities and investigations are underway to see how tourists were allowed towards the site.

A police spokesperson said that 19 foreign nationals of Russia and Poland along with two local guides

were rescued by the Police along with the tourism department after they got trapped when a massive avalanche hit Hapatkhud Kongdori in Gulmarg.

On receiving the information, police said they mobilised joint rescue teams of police, Army and tourism department for rescue operation using all available equipment.

It said 19 foreign nationals and two local guides were safely rescued including Ekaterina, Maxim, Vladimir, Vasily, Engine, Leo, Nikita Mastryukov, Anna Chornyak, residents of Russia and Rafat Kaqmar, Narcin Wieklux, Eukasz Potaczewck, Tukasz Pasek, Katarzyna Filip, Marcin Raczky, Bartemie Szkop, Bartosz Domagata, Adrian Anirowsu, Macie Kowalczyk of Poland, a foreign guide Bartos from Poland and local guides namely Fayaz Ahmad Sheikh and Mushtaq Ahmad Mir from Tangmarg. Meanwhile, LG Manoj Sinha in a tweet said: "Saddened by the

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CS flags off Walkathon to raise public consciousness about paying taxes

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 01: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today flagged off a 'Walkathon' organised by the State Taxes Department under the theme 'Ek Kadam Vikas Ki Aur' for creating awareness about the importance of taxes in the development and progress of the nation.

Around 200 participants from the Finance Department along with students of IIT Jammu, IIM Jammu and University of Jammu walked in solidarity holding placards propagating the significance of billing, e-invoicing, digital payments & E-way bills.

The purpose of the 5 kms walk was to celebrate recent years in terms of revenue collection & compliance as well as to take every step from henceforth towards its accelerating growth. The participants emphasised the fact that this growth is not possible without all stakeholders being the partners in this process. Dr Mehta who was the Chief Guest



on the occasion acknowledged the sustained growth registered in revenue collection by the UT government during the past 3 years. He observed that the growth in collections is higher than the national average, which indicates responsible behaviour of all stakeholders.

The Chief Secretary maintained that those paying their taxes honestly on time are the real builders of the nation. Their contribution towards the growth and development of the nation is direct and well acknowledged. He reminded that these responsible citizens are the heroes

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Flood mitigation plan: Part of Phase-2 work worth Rs 340 Cr tendered out

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Srinagar, Feb 01: The project worth Rs 340 crore under phase-2 flood mitigation plan has been tendered out on which work is expected to start soon.

A top official of Irrigation and Flood Control department of Kashmir, wishing not to be named, told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that phase-1 of comprehensive flood mitigation plan has almost completed while work on phase 2 is expected to start soon.

"The main work in the phase 2 will be flood spill channel for re-sectioning so that if there



will be more water coming, then it will go through these channels," he said, adding that

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'Fiber Igloo', a wonderland experience for tourists in snow bound Gulmarg

By Qaisar Baba

Srinagar, Feb 1 (UNI) In order to provide a unique experience to the tourists, new Fiber Glass Igloo restaurants imported from Austria have come up in the middle of the snow-covered mountains of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Six Fiber Glass Igloo "domes", measuring 12 Sqft each, conceptualised of Finland, have been erected at the famous ski resort of Gulmarg-three near the hotel and three at the first phase of Gondola Cable car project on the snow slopes for the tourist's enjoyment, Waseem Shah the owner of Kohlahoi group of hotels told UNI.

Gulmarg, which is surrounded by snow-covered mountains presenting a fabulous view of



nature, tourists were seen enjoying their feast sitting in the Igloo in minus degree temperature while heating arrangements were also available.

"I had been to Finland over three years ago where I saw number of such glass Igloo

resorts made for the tourists for their stay with the facility of northern lights", Waseem Shah said and added "I make up my mind that we could also do similar in Gulmarg Kashmir and this year we put up six such Igloos here and tourist

are very excited about them".

He said every year he aims to offer something novel to the tourists as in the past he built Asia's largest snow Igloo followed by world's largest snow igloo which was a hit concept for the promotion of tourism in Kashmir valley.

"Our motive is that Kashmir should be recognized on the world map in the tourism sector and could compete with other foreign countries that are very forward in this field and providing such facilities for the tourists."

"Yes, the Igloo has all facilities in it," Waseem Shah said, adding that there are two options in this igloo, including a bigger one in which sleeping facilities are provided during night with an attached

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State Election Commission bids adieu to its 1st State Election Commissioner



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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 01: The State Election Commission today bid farewell to the State Election Commissioner, Sh. K.K.Sharma, who completed his tenure as 1st State Election Commissioner of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

It is pertinent to mention that K.K. Sharma was appointed as the 1st State Election Commissioner of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir in October 2020. Prior to that, he had been Advisor to the Governor, Satya Pal Malik and Lt. Governors, GC Murmu and Manoj Sinha. During his tenure as the State Election Commissioner, the elections were held to the first ever District Development Councils established under the new amendments of the Panchayati Raj Act by Government.

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DC Kulgam visits Liroo; takes stock of pace/ progress of construction on residential quarters

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, FEBRUARY 01: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today visited Liroo area of the district and took stock of the pace and progress made on the construction of Officers Residential quarters here.

The DC was informed that these 06 residential quarters are under execution of JKPC, involving a project cost of about 14.47 crore.

It was intimated that out of 06 blocks, work on 05 blocks is almost complete while the work on another 01 block is going on with full pace.

The DC directed the concerned executing agency to expedite the construction/ finishing work of the quarters so that these are immediately put to use.

The DC was accompa-

nied by Senior Superintendent of Police, Sahil Sarangal, ADC, ACR Dy. SP Hq. and other officers and officials. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today visited Liroo area of the district and took stock of the pace and progress made on the construction of Officers Residential quarters here.

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DC Srinagar holds Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Chanapora

Seeks support of civil society to combat drug menace

SRINAGAR FEBRUARY 01: In order to listen to the public issues, grievances at their door steps and to ensure on spot resolution of their developmental issues, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Wednesday held a Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Chanapora under weekly public outreach programme.

Besides local SMC Corporators, Civil Society members, the programme witnessed large participation of people from Chanapora, Lal Nagar, Gulshan Nagar, Natipora, Rambagh, Bagh-i-Mehtab and other adjoining areas of Chanapora Tehsil of Srinagar District. During the Grievance Redressal Camp, public repre-

sentatives, delegations and scores of individuals projected various developmental issues and demands before the Deputy Commissioner including augmentation of drainage network system in Gulshan Nagar, Pathan Colony and near Chanapora Gurudwara, installation of street lights, shifting of Tehsil Office to main Chanapora, maintenance of public parks, levelling and filling of playground, setting up of drinking water ROs and toilet facilities at important public places from Rambagh to Bagh-i-Mehtab, speeding up of ongoing work on alternate road at Natipora area and other issues.

After giving patient hearing to the grievances and demands of the public, the Deputy Commissioner sought on the spot re-



sponse from the concerned District Officers present during the Grievance Redressal Camp. He also assured the people of Chanapora Tehsil that all genuine demands and issues pro-

jected by them will be looked into on priority for their speedy redressal. The DC also gave on the spot directions to the concerned Officers for time bound redressal of the public issues.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner said the purpose of holding such grievance redressal Camps is to take appraisal of local issues from the general public for precise and on-ground assessment for time bound redressal. He said District Administration Srinagar is holding such public grievances redressal camps in urban areas besides rural and far flung areas in the District to address public issues at their doorsteps. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner sought public cooperation in eradication of drug menace from the society. He said persons affected from drug abuse are treated as victims and are being provided proper counselling and guidance for their rehabilitation.

Block Diwas: Public Outreach programme held at Block Nagri

KATHUA, FEBRUARY 01: As part of public outreach program, District Administration Kathua today organized Block Diwas at BDO Office Nagri where Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Pandey along with BDC Chairperson, Nagri Khazan Chand presided over the proceedings.

DDC Member Nagri, Sandeep Majotra, CPO Kathua, ACD Kathua, Chief Agriculture Officer, BDO Nagri, officers of various departments and PRI members were present on the occasion.

The people of Nagri and adjoining areas put forth demands seeking provision of better road connectivity, release of pending MGNREGA payments, hiring local labor for the development works, enhancing the rate of milk, release of pending payments of soakage pits, identification of state land for graveyard, non availability of construction material, organizing special camps for old age pension & widow pension, addressing the problem of stray animals, augmentation of drinking water supply, improving power supply scenario and other basic amenities.

After hearing the demands of the people, the DC passed on spot instructions to the concerned departments for time bound redress of all the issues.

He said that Block Diwas initiative was aimed at reaching out to the people and listening to their grievances and redressing them in an efficient and coordinated manner.

Appreciating the efforts of PRIs, the DC said that Block Diwas also offers an opportunity to highlight and appreciate the good initiatives of the PRI members so that others could also replicate their best practices so as to benefit the public at large.

The Deputy Commissioner called for active participation and cooperation of the general public so that development works could be completed smoothly without any hurdle.

2 vehicles seized for illegal mining in Doda

DODA, FEBRUARY 01: Acting tough against illegal mining, a team of police and Mining Department under the supervision of District Mineral Officer, Sunil Manhas, seized two vehicles involved in illegal mining near an old wooden suspension bridge at Pul Doda. The vehicles have been booked under the Mining Act. The team also destroyed the path used by the sand mafia for illegal sand extraction at Pul Doda near Old Bridge. As per the DMO action against illegal mining will be further intensified and anyone involved in illegal mining shall be booked under relevant sections of the law.

Ramban Administration retrieves 1137 Kanal state land, demolished illegal structures

RAMBAN, FEBRUARY 01: The district administration Ramban, in continuation of anti-encroachment drive, retrieved more than 1137 Kanal State land across eight Tehsils of the district.

In a joint anti encroachment drive, a revenue department and police team, led by Tehsildar, retrieved 301 Kanal state land in Tehsil Ramban besides demolishing illegal structures in Phalti and Chanderkote areas. Similarly, 450 Kanal state land was vacated during a joint anti encroachment drive in tehsil Rajgarh.

As per the Revenue Department, the joint teams also demolished illegal structures build on state land besides retrieving over 1137 Kanal State land worth crores from the encroachers including 120 Kanal in Pogal-Paristan, 52 Kanal in Banihal, 100 Kanal in Khari, 59 Kanal in Ramsoo, 25 Kanal in Batote and 30 Kanal in Gool.

Monitoring the efforts of Revenue officers and other team members, the Deputy Commissioner Ramban asked them to leave no stone unturned to evict the state land from the encroachers.

ADDC chairs meeting regarding visit of NLMs to Rajouri district

RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 01: Additional District Development Commissioner, Pawan Kumar today chaired a meeting regarding the visit of the National Level monitors for monitoring implementation of rural development programs in Rajouri district.

Speaking at the meeting, the Additional District Development Commissioner said that the National level monitors would inspect various rural development programs in the district.

He also said that the Ministry of rural development has empanelled National Level Monitors for monitoring the rural development programs of Ministry of rural development, drinking water, sanitation and Panchayat Raj. The Additional District Development Commissioner also reviewed various developmental activities being carried out in the district and asked the officers to work added zeal to meet the expectations of the general public. Officers present in the meeting were ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; ACD, Vijay Kumar; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; DO NRLM, Javed Ul Sofi and other concerned officers.

Distt Admin Ganderbal organizes Water Quality Workshop for Jal Shakti employees

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 01: As part of ongoing "Water Quality Assurance campaign" in the district, the PHE Rural Water Supply Division Ganderbal/ Srinagar today conducted a training workshop for all Water Treatment plant employees of district Ganderbal and Rural Srinagar in the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat, Ganderbal.

The program was presided over by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani along with Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Ganderbal, Samiullah Beigh.

The program was attended by all AEEs, JEs, Inspectors and nearly 300 permanent and Daily waged employees of RWS Ganderbal.

At the outset, the participants were made aware about the importance of conducting the program. They were acquainted with the disinfection methods and efficacy of bleaching powder, use of alum and its dosage, benefits and techniques of sedimentation and detention.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC said that clean drinking water, improved sanitation and hygiene leads to better public health, especially of children and women, who are more vulnerable to water borne diseases and urged the participants to strive relentlessly to provide quality potable tap water to every home.

Highlighting the importance of regular



water quality testing, the ADC stressed upon the participants to ensure treated water is supplied to the people as untreated water leads to various water borne diseases which is a criminal act and asked the Executive Engineer to fix the responsibility at all levels.

Meanwhile, a practical testing demo was given by the staff of the district lab of all physico-chemical parameters using Field Testing Kits.

Superintending Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Er. Irfan ul Islam discussed technical aspects of water purification and briefed the audiences about the application of latest techniques in water quality measures in J&K.

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti gave an overall water quality scenario in the district and areas of improvement.

JKTPO organizes GeM onboarding drive of ODOP-DEH products in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 01: As part of ongoing GeM onboarding drives, Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) today organised an onboarding drive of one district one product (ODOP) and District as Export Hub (DEH) Products of District Srinagar on Government e-Market place (GeM) for potential exporters, FPOs and societies of district Srinagar at Sanat Ghar, Bemina.

On the directions of Principal Secretary to the Government of J&K, Industries and Commerce Department, Shri Prashant Goyal, and under the overall supervision of Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPO, JKTPO is reaching out at District Level to aware the entrepreneurs/artisans regarding the benefits of selling products on Government e-Market place. The drives are planned to be held across the UT for onboarding of the ODOP and DEH products on the GeM platform. This is the 4th district level drive for onboarding of ODOP and DEH (District as Export Hub) products on GeM in a row after Ganderbal, Budgam and Kupwara.

Papier Machie has been selected as one of the products under District as Export Hub initiative from district Srinagar and has immense potential for exports. The District Administration is working in full swing with the Government and oth-



er export institutions to promote these products.

The drive was attended by more than 40 artisans, societies and exporters from district Srinagar and officers from Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir. The procedure and benefits of onboarding on Government e-Market place (GeM) was explained in detail and the working of the portal was also demonstrated.

The team of JKTPO also had a one-to-one awareness session with the participants who were on-boarded in this platform and has been actively promoting the e-commerce/export awareness in Jammu & Kashmir by organising different workshops at grass roots level.

The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is an online platform for public procurement in India.

Public Grievance Redressal camp held at village Nagbal of Pakherpora Block

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 01: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today chaired a public grievances redressal camp at remote Pan-chayat Halqa Nagbal in Block Pakherpora of the district.

The programme was held at Government High School, Nagbal where PRIs, respected elders and local youth delegations from villages Nagbal, Kandijan and other adjacent villages raised their demands with the DC.

The DC gave them patients hearing and assured all their genuine demands shall be addressed on priority.

DDC/ BDC members, CEO Yousmarg Development Authority, SDM Chadoora and all concerned officers, officials were present on the occasion.

At the outset, the DC instructed FCS&CA Budgam to ensure timely distribution of food grains including free supply among the deserving families.

He instructed concerned to conduct awareness camps



regarding self employment schemes and inform locals about their community rights and ensure their active involvement in tourism activities.

He called for prompt redressal of public issues particularly forest related and ensure better service delivery to local popula-

tion.

DC said that special focus is being given on promotion of Yousmarg destination and ensure local involvement in all developmental activities and soon issues related to cellular network shall also be addressed.

He said land has been identi-

fied for the construction of a tower.

Emphasizing on providing better educational and health facilities, the DC also directed concerned to ensure timely construction of boundary wall at High School Nagbal. Besides directed concerned to ensure

smooth functioning of computer lab facilities in all schools.

He instructed PDD authorities to ensure execution of improvement works and power supply connectivity at all required spots.

DC directed that a playground facility be also created for local youth.

He also took assessment of transport, healthcare and drinking water facilities and asserted that concerned citizens shall ensure improvement and better facilities to locals.

Stressing on awareness generation about government schemes, the DC also urged locals to register under different self-employment, welfare and amnesty schemes including PDD's amnesty scheme to take maximum benefits under these schemes.

The DC also took assessment of facilities related to Sheep and Animal husbandry, Agriculture and other allied sectors being provided to locals at these centres.

AHD Pulwama organises Mega Awareness programme

PULWAMA, FEBRUARY 01: Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) Pulwama on Wednesday organised a Mega Awareness camp under Information Dissemination and Promotional Activities programme at village Chakoora, Block Pulwama.

Large number of farmers/unemployed youth participated in the event.

On the occasion, the participants were given awareness regarding different beneficiary oriented schemes viz. IDDS/IPDP/ KCC/ NAIP/ Holistic Agriculture Development programme and health and management aspect of dairy and poultry farming.

The programme was attended by BVO Pulwama, CP Pulwama, VAS Chakoora, VAS Litter and T.O Pulwama along with their staff and the progressive dairy farmers.

Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Pulwa-

ma detailed the importance of the existing departmental schemes and their process of execution and implementation at the ground level. He also delivered a detailed lecture about IPDP and motivated the unemployed youth to take up the trade for self-employment.

The farmers were also introduced to the Holistic Agricultural Development programme. Some dairy farmers also shared their success stories with the rest of the gathering inspiring them to invest in the Dairy and Poultry sectors.

CAHO Pulwama invited the people of the District to be part of the Dairy and Poultry fraternity of Pulwama who are changing the future of these industries in the district.

Later, some useful literature and pamphlets were also distributed on spot among all participants.

Kathua Administration retrieves 1073 Kanal state Land in one day

KATHUA, FEBRUARY 01: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rahul Pandey, the teams of Revenue and Police department conducted a series of anti-encroachment drives at different locations of the district today to reclaim land from illegal encroachers. During the day-long eviction drive, the district administration reclaimed a total of 1073 Kanal, 16 Marlas of state land. The drive also exposed some government officials involved in encouraging encroachment.

The state land retrieved includes 635 Kanal 13 Marlas in Hiranagar, 136 Kanal, 07 Marlas in Marheen, 110 Kanal in Dinga Amb, 60 Kanal in Basohli, 29 Kanal, 29 Marlas in Lohai Malhar, 07 Kanal, 07 Marlas in Mahanpur and 05 Kanal in Nagri Parole. The retrieval includes 39 Kanal, 16 marlas prime land worth Rs 37 Cr 16 Lacs in Kathua tehsil, 26 Kanal, 14 marlas land in Jagatpur, 04 Kanal, 09 Marla in Changran, 04 Kanal in Chak Munsifdar, 04 Kanal in Muthi Rakwala, 14 marlas of land in Chak Sehzada and 10 marlas of land in Logate by the teams of district administration.

The high value chunk of 49 Kanal, 14 marlas State land worth Rs 1.28 Cr. was also retrieved in Ramkot during the day-long eviction drive. The district administration is continuing its efforts to take stern action against all the illegal occupants. The state land retrieved includes 635 Kanal 13 Marlas in Hiranagar, 136 Kanal, 07 marlas in Marheen, 110 Kanal in Dinga Amb, 60 Kanal in Basohli, 29 Kanal, 29 Marlas in Lohai Malhar, 07 Kanal, 07 Marlas in Mahanpur and 05 Kanal in Nagri Parole. The retrieval includes 39 Kanal, 16 marlas prime land worth Rs 37 Cr 16 Lacs in Kathua tehsil, 26 Kanal, 14 marlas land in Jagatpur, 04 Kanal, 09 Marla in Changran,

People/ PRI members to play active role in making district drug, garbage free: DC Anantnag

ANANTNAG, FEBRUARY 01: The weekly Block Diwas was today held at three locations in Anantnag viz. Khoveripora, Qazigund and Achabal. Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and other senior officials of the district presided over the events. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom presided over the Block Diwas at Khoveripora block. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the massive participation of people reinforces the belief of the people in grievance redressal mechanisms. He said that line departments should ensure an objective approach towards grievance redressal so that in the minimum duration, genuine issues of the people are resolved. He appealed to people to focus on genuine demands and works of community benefit while devising development plans to accelerate the rapid transformation of the

area. Dr Basharat appealed to people that they must be active collaborators in making the panchayats of Anantnag drug free and garbage free. He said that for achieving both these goals, the main contribution has to come from the people while the Government provides institutional support. He said a healthy and clean panchayat is the productive ground for young minds to prosper and become active contributors to nation building. He highlighted the role of PRIs, religious leaders, SHGs and public icons in mobilizing people against the menace of drugs. The locals from Khoveripora and adjacent villages had gathered in large numbers and shared several issues with the DC who gave a patient hearing to the people. The issues included functioning of street lights at Rambirpora, water supply for Rambirpora, driver for



allotted Ambulance at Rambirpora, desilting of Martand canal, blanket ban on bang and poppy cultivation etc. The sarpanch of Badigam and

Fohar raised the demands like upgradation of primary school Manzigam and construction of dispensary at Fohar, WSS for Ganispura Fohar. The DC solicited

answers from line departments on the spot and issued necessary directions.

The DC was accompanied by Joint Director Planning and other senior officials from line departments. BDC Khoveripora, BDO and other PRIs were also present on the occasion.

At Qazigund, ADDC Anantnag Bashir Ahmad Wani presided over the event and gave a patient hearing to the grievances raised by people. He stressed on a result oriented approach and appealed to people to take benefit of the various online services to increase the transparency and accountability in functioning of schemes.

At Achabal, Additional Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat chaired the block diwas. He gave a patient hearing to the demands of the people and issued directions for time bound redressal of grievances.

Stone Crushers on State/ Kahcharai lands face axe

ANANTNAG, FEBRUARY 01: In continuation to the widespread anti encroachment operations in the district, the District Administration Anantnag today conducted massive anti encroachment operations against various stone crushers operating from State/ Kahcharai lands. A senior officer said that several commercial establishments had been identified who were operating from encroached lands and raking in profits at the cost of resources of common people. He appealed to all such people to voluntarily stop operations and surrender the lands to the Government failing which similar legal action will follow.

Encroachment by 5 stone crusher units in Nipora Anantnag was retrieved by Tehsildar Anantnag. Sharing details, the officials confirmed that 5 crusher units, out of which three were completely operating from state land were put to notice a few days ago and today demolition drives were held as they failed to pay heed to the Government notices. A total of 50 kanals of land was retrieved which lies at a short distance from NH44 and is valued in excess of Rs 20 crores. Teams from the District Mineral Office were also present and the operation of crushers has been seized.

The officials said that the crushers have been given a week's time to remove the machinery from the spot failing which the machinery will also be seized. Demolition drives were also conducted at Panzath, Qazigund where another stone crusher was operating on state land. A total of 14 kanals of land was retrieved by the revenue team from Tehsil Qazigund. It is in place to mention that in widespread anti encroachment drives held in the district, more than 2700 kanals of State/ Kahcharai lands were retrieved in a single day.

DC Bandipora presides over Block Diwas at Arin

BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 01: The District Ad-

public. The locals and PRIs



ministration Bandipora on Wednesday organised Block Diwas under Jan Abhiyan for the Aspirational Block Arin at Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

The programme was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed and was attended by ADDC Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan; DDC Member Arin, Gh Mohiuddin; JD Planning, Imtiyaz Ahmad; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, BDO Arin, CEO, Executive Engineers of PHE, R&B, District officers, PRIs and General

present on the occasion flagged-off various developmental issues pertaining to their area and also highlighted efforts of District Administration in carrying out works of various developmental projects in the area.

The demands raised by PRIs include nayabat for Kudara and Surrender areas, accommodation for panchayats, opening of bank branches, receiving station, issues related to dispensaries, anganwadi centers, and transportation for students and general public. The locals also appreciated the coordina-

tion between elected representatives and District Administration which results in development of the area on various fronts.

The DC after patiently listening to the public issues passed on spot directions for redressal of various issues and also assured time bound redressal of left out issues.

Highlighting the motive of grassroots level democracy, The DC urged people to participate in Gram Sabhas and be part of planning for their respective areas. Dr. Owais said that Block Diwas initiative of LG administration provides an opportunity to the general public to be listened at their door steps.

He urged the PRIs to submit the estimates and plans up to 10th of this month for timely implementation and completion of various developmental works.

Dr. Owais also urged PRIs to prioritize the works related to education, health as per requirements of the area.

ADDC Ganderbal chairs grievance redressal camp at Wakura

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 01: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani today presided over a grievance redressal camp held at Administrative Complex block Wakura as part of weekly Block Diwas.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of people from Wakura and PRI members of various Panchayats of block Wakura wherein they apprised the ADDC about their grievances and sought early redressal.

The officers of all line departments including Chief Planning Officer, Irfan Giri; Assistant Commissioner Development, Dr. Bashir Ahmad; ACP, CMO, DFO, Sindh Forest Division, District Lead Bank Manager, Tehsildar Wakura, BDO Wakura were available to hear the public grievances.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC said that the purpose of organizing Block Diwas is to reach out to the people at their



doorsteps for listening to their grievances and assess the development needs of the people.

PRIs and locals sought better road connectivity, adequate health facilities, up gradation of Jal Shakti and PDD infrastructure, dredging of irrigation canals and other related issues concerning their respective areas.

The ADDC resolved several issues on the spot besides issuing instructions to the concerned departments to take measures to address the public issues. On the occasion, the ADDC appealed locals and PRI members to maintain cleanliness in all panchayats and carry

special drives in this regard besides people and shopkeepers should be encouraged to use dustbins for garbage and desist from littering on roads and waterbodies.

He also assured the PRIs that all their issues would be taken into consideration in a time bound manner and directed the officers of line departments to work in coordination with the PRIs so that equitable development of all panchayats is ensured in the district.

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Massive Anti-Encroachment Operations continues in Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 01: In continuation to the massive anti-encroachment operations in the district to evict Government Land from the illegal occupants, the District Administration Ganderbal today retrieved 495 kanals of State/ Kahcharai land in various tehsils of the district.

Special Anti-encroachment squads constituted by District Administration Ganderbal headed by Tehsildars conducted mass scale anti encroachment drives while taking assistance of Police and other departments.

In today's anti-encroachment drive, 298 kanals of government land was retrieved at block Ganderbal by an Anti-encroachment squad headed by Tehsildar Ganderbal and 53 Kanals were retrieved by Tehsildar Tullamula. Besides, 65 kanals of Kahcharai land was retrieved in Tehsil Lar.

Similarly, Anti-encroachment squads in Sub-division Kangan retrieved 74 Kanals of government land which include 24 kanals of state land in block Kangan and 50 kanals in block Gund.

The District Administration has so far retrieved 17627 kanals of government land which include 11672 kanals of state land and 5955 kanals of Kahcharai land during Anti-encroachment drives.

The District Administration has sought cooperation of the general public in retrieving the government land from land grabbers and also warned of action under relevant laws in matters of encroachment on State/ Kahcharai land. The District Administration has sought cooperation of the general public in retrieving the government land from land grabbers and also warned of action under relevant laws

Block Diwas camps held across Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, FEBRUARY 01: To take first hand appraisal of issues and grievances of people, the District Administration Kulgam today organized mega grievances redressal camps in three blocks of the district viz. Devsar, Kulgam and D. H. Pora. The programme was attended by PRIs and general public who highlighted issues and grievances confronting their areas for early redressal. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat remained available at Kulgam where issues and grievances of people were listened to for redressal.

Officers from District Administration who were present during the Block Diwas also responded to the grievances flagged-off by people.

People from Brazloo Jageer, Bolsoo, Narsingpora, Gudder, Mahipora and various other areas participated in the grievances redressal camp and put up various issues of public importance including developmental requirements of their areas. The DC gave a patient hearing to the public issues, and assured early redressal. Some of the issues were redressed on spot. During the Block Diwas, people were apprised



that Gram Sabhas are being conducted in all panchayats and were urged to proactively participate in these Gram Sabhas to prioritize the works/ developmental requirements of their areas. Earlier, ACD Mohammad Imran Khan briefed the DC about action taken on the grievances and issues raised by people during previous block diwas. Meanwhile, Block Diwas function was also held at Devsar and D. H. Pora where ADDC Showkat Ahmad Rather and SDM Noorabad

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Altaf Bukhari, Ghulam Hassan Mir grieved over the casualties caused by a massive avalanche at Gulmarg

Srinagar, Feb 1: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, and Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir expressed grief and sorrow over the death of two people who died after a massive avalanche hit Afarwat peak in the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday. "Both leaders have expressed profound grief and sorrow over the casualties caused by a massive avalanche that hit the Afarwat peak at Gulmarg. They have extended heartfelt condolences to the kith and kin of the deceased and prayed to the Almighty that those who are still missing or trapped are found alive and rescued as soon as possible," a press note said. (KNS)

DAP demands written order against land eviction, protests at Batote

Jammu, Feb 1: Democratic Azad Party on Wednesday continued the protests against the land eviction order and hundreds of its workers hit the streets in Batote. The party workers and leaders sought the written order by LG administration mentioning that no poor shall be touched and houses demolished by the authorities. "While the government on one side gives verbal assurances that no poor shall be touched, on the other hand the authorities are demolishing properties of poor and needy people," Vice Chairman G.M. Saroori said. He said the government shall clear the confusion and give a written order to all district authorities, directing them not to touch properties of the poor, especially shops and homes. Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami said that if the government is saying that poor will not be touched then why the notices are served to all. "Poor people have nowhere to go. Government.

ACS reviews status of Agriculture Apex Monitoring Dashboard Exhorts developers, officers to work in 'Mission Mode' for timely achievement

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 01: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review progress on Agriculture Apex Monitoring Dashboard for Agriculture-allied projects.

Enumerating benefits of the dashboard, Dulloo exhorted upon the developers and the departments to work in a 'Mission Mode' so that the module would be dedicated timely to the targeted beneficiaries associated with farming and other agriculture-allied sector activities.

ACS set timelines for developing the online reporting, monitoring and analysis dashboard for projects which were already cleared by the Apex Committee. He said

that the Agriculture Production Department is mulling to develop a skill plan under which Learning Management System (LMS) and of-line courses would be important elements.

Earlier, a presentation was delivered wherein the progress on the Dashboard was given.

Dulloo asked the concerned heads of the departments to clear all the queries flagged by the developers so that remaining projects would be finished in given timelines. He also suggested that the dashboard should be linked with banks as the interface with banks is must so that the beneficiary would know the status of his pending application of loan or any other purpose.



He reiterated that the monitoring dashboard would be one among the several unprecedented interventions of the government towards transforming agriculture and allied

sectors in J&K and these 29 projects are a part of that initiative. The meeting also deliberated upon several monitorable indicators of 29 projects envisaging transformation

of agriculture and allied sectors in J&K. These included development of seed and seed multiplication chain, promotion of niche crops in J&K, promotion of vegetables and

exotic vegetables under open and projected cultivation, strengthening of agriculture marketing, promotion of bee keeping and nutri cereals (Millets). Among others the meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Prerna Puri, Secretary in APD, Executive Officer, JKeGA, Director Sericulture J&K, Director Agriculture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Directory Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Managing Director JKHPMC, State Informatics Officer NIC, Technical Officers APD, representative from J&K Bank, Projects Leads of Technical Working Groups (TWGs), .

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Drug abuse at an Alarming Pace Eating into Vitals of our Society.

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

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

A sizable youth population across Kashmir, in a well planned manner has been thrown into this mash with a motive to destroy their future.

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

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

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

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

THESE NIGHT



SHAHID SHAMSHAD

These nights, seasons, the sea coast
 These nights, seasons, the sea coast
 And this flying wind
 The two hearts said that, once together
 They will never be apart
 What's going on in today's moonlight
 As we are lost in the song of love
 This shoulder on shoulder, flowing glances
 Look and see the taste of life
 These nights, seasons, the sea coast
 And this flying wind
 This association of stars is beckoning
 That the whole world is yours
 Love-ship should be young, this open sky sung
 Let a heart full fill a wish
 These nights, seasons, the sea coast
 And this flying wind
 Took Oath if you ever sulk to me
 Let's be together until we die
 I shared my heart, did promise
 That I will be yours forever
 These nights, seasons, the sea coast
 And this flying wind

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Our Existence : Omphalos of Our Attention



Abid Hussain Rather

One are the days when life used to run smoothly, little were our needs and every individual had enough time to take care of himself and focus on his development. Now, as we all know, we are living in the era of scientific revolution and materialistic progress of the world is going by leaps and bounds. The world is progressing quickly and to keep pace with this progressive change every individual has to keep himself busy in his daily schedule. When we look around, we find everyone busy and most people have hardly any leisure time to focus on themselves. In this hustle and bustle, almost every individual has lost his own existence. Hardly few people take heed of their existence and pay attention to themselves. It can not be denied that everyone among us is a social animal and we become an inseparable part of our society after our birth. Separating ourselves from our society is absolutely an absurd idea. So while living in a society, we have some duties unto our society (towards our family, friends, relatives, neighbours etc.) which inflates our responsibilities. But in no way it means that we should ignore our existence and defocus on our personal development. Our intellect hints that it is an oceanic blunder. Our existence demands balance of our thoughts and equipoise in our affairs and motives. We need to take consideration of our actions and set limits for our all activities, so that they may not trammel our personal development. Walker Percy, an American author has written an important mock self-help book 'Lost in the Cosmos' which was published in 1983. In this book Walker Percy states that we are all essentially unstable and looking for something to make us feel whole and balanced. We are looking for something to remind us that we are here, in the universe,

and that our individual personality matters. The main theme or central idea of this book is that since ancient times man has never given importance to his existence. We spend our entire life for others. In other words, we are always afraid of the opinions of other people. We are afraid about people's thoughts regarding our activities and we have a big concern whether we are righteous in other people's opinions instead of taking care about our own existence. We

Since his existence on planet earth, man has lived a life which has never been completely his own. He has always remained divided between his family, friends, colleagues and relatives. Despite his utmost attempts, he has never been absolutely his own. The burden of his responsibilities have never given him a chance to spend some lonely moments with himself; to think about himself and to give priorities to his own needs while de-escalating the burden of his responsibilities.

Speaking more precisely, we can live our lives at different levels. Firstly, we can live solely for ourselves without caring for others. All our actions will be self centred and it will ultimately lead to egotism. Secondly instead of being heedful for ourselves, we can exclusively spend our lives for our family and relatives. Thirdly, sacrificing ourselves for the service of our society. But the best way to live is to maintain a balance between these three levels without prioritizing one over another as overlooking any of the above mentioned three levels may lead to negative results. According to psychologists nobody in the world can live a sound life either by completely ignoring his existence or by detaching himself from society. Life is all about balance, temperance and moderation but unfortunately most of us live in extreme zones and ultimately this imbalance destroys our existence. Neither we should completely ignore our existence nor we should totally be self centred. Rather we should maintain a balance in all the spheres of life. Besides social responsibilities, we all have some duties towards our own existence. Unless and until we fulfil these duties comprehensively, we can't serve our society in a good way because getting acquainted with our own selves is first step towards serving others.

While writing the above paragraphs on the necessity of paying attention towards our own existence and its importance, I never meant that we should totally be self centred or egoistic, rather we should try to maintain a balance in our lives. As we all know that serving humanity is the best virtue and among best deeds. Life spent totally for oneself is a waste and of no value. But Almighty has also guided us to fulfil all duties towards our own existence besides fulfilling duties towards others. So maintaining a balance between these duties without ignoring either will ultimately lead to a successful life. As Diane Von Furstenberg has rightly said, "It is so important to take time for yourself and find clarity. The most important relationship is the one you have with yourself"

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become villains of ourselves while trying to be heroes for others. Ironically, we remain unaware about the fact that we are destroying our own existence while taking care of others' opinions.

Now a question arises why are we usually unconcerned about our own existence? Is it natural or our existence has no significance for us? While over-viewing our daily life routine we find that we are least concerned with many of our personal matters regarding our existence which demand our much attention. It is a harsh reality that besides being unconcerned, we altogether ignore our own existence. We often overlook our own existence in many social and economic issues. We put the significance of our existence in the back seat while choosing our priorities and ultimately we lose our own existence while giving preference to others. Walker Percy has beautifully discussed these points in his book and stated that ignoring our own existence is in no way beneficial for us.

But we should not forget that life is actually all about equipoise : a balance between our own existential needs and our responsibilities and duties unto our society. Neither we can live in isolation by segregating ourselves from our societies nor should we forget our own existence under the burden of our responsibilities. Both ways are harmful and have negative effects on us.

Our life becomes purposeful and beautiful when we discern and perceive all our affairs judiciously and maintain a balance in it by paying heed to our own existence and pamper others. Many people among us remain segregated from their societies and they remain confined only with their families. Over obsession of economic affairs over social affairs in our lives brings imbalance in it. Though it can't be denied that we have to give preference and priority to our families at many times and sometimes we have to completely submit ourselves for their service but by no means we should ignore the rest of the things.

The Role and Importance of Social Media in Today's Generation



Jaswinder pal

Social media plays a vital role in our generation's growth. It is an essential aspect of our daily lives today as people gain knowledge and skills that brighten their lives worldwide. Today so many activities, especially communication, have been taken to a better level through improved social media and social networking. The tremendous benefit has contributed a positive impact on the growth of our culture and business as well. Websites such as Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube are among the popular sites where people can interact easily and share new ideas freely without much expense. Social media can cause some challenges in people's lives when misused, limiting social interaction, but it plays a significant impact on our generation today.

The potential to access a large audience is among the huge impact of social media in our generation today. It opens the door for people to interact freely and share better ideas on improving their business by finding great ways to market their products and services. It has become the major source for the collaborative world to advertise their goods and

services. This is done either directly through websites or celebrities paid to market various types of products worldwide. Therefore, it offers more people a great opportunity to better their lives (Nielsen, R.K, 2014, pp.472-489). Celebrities, especially youth, can be hired by various organizations to promote their brands online. Also, people can earn a significant amount just by running logs and podcasts.

The media also offers a venue for more people in our generation to showcase their talents and use them to better their future by educating and entertaining others.

Apart from promoting business, education has been improved to a better level today. The media has contributed significantly to a better learning environment for both teachers and students. It is quite easy today for anyone to learn from other people who are professionals and experts in different disciplines through social media. Students can access various knowledgeable materials from different sites at a lower cost and enhance their knowledge in any field regardless of their educational background and location. Through media, awareness has been created, en-

abling people to develop innovative ideas that have contributed to our generation's growth to date. People from different generations have discovered new and innovative ideas of much impact on our generation. Activities such as communications, banking, and money transfer have been made easier and secure through social media.

The security and rights of people in any given nation have improved today. Through media use, the government and its agencies are in a better position to fight crime through spying and arresting criminals. Besides the great benefit of social media, it has also contributed to members' downfall in today's generation through cyberbullying, hacking of personal data, and addiction to immoral activities leading to loss of life.

Social media has both negative and positive impact on our generation today. There are great benefits people can gain by using social media like networking and partnership, advertising services to promote business, and creating viral content. One should develop a better decision to stop accessing media content or use it moderately to benefit their future.

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Perfumes and Body Care : Handy Tips from Shahnaz Hussain

Are you someone who loves to buy perfumes every now and then? Scents elicit emotions and offer a sense of comfort.

Entering a room with your signature fragrance is the best feeling. But how long will the new fragrance last? We like to smell nice all day long, but sometimes it can feel like your fragrance has faded away by lunchtime while you have spent a pretty penny on it.

It's all about knowing where and how to apply fragrance, so it retains its quality. If you know how to make the most out of your perfume, you won't waste as much as well.

Picking a scent for one occasion, another for that moment, or this perfume to commemorate this moment, having loads of them lined up for each day, the biggest problem that any perfume user faces is storing them properly. Perfume is a very delicate composition, which can be damaged, ultimately affecting the fragrance and its longevity.

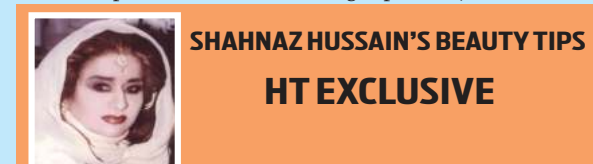
Perfumes not only dilute and lose their flavorful allure over time but discoloration and degradation can lead to bad-smelling perfume. If stored incorrectly, perfume can start to go bad after a few months. So, what are the best ways to store your fragrance and keep it fresh?

Most of us prefer vanity tables, bathrooms, or cars to keep our perfume bottles. But these are not ideal for storage and can significantly reduce the potency of your scent over time.

The best way to keep perfume fresh for as long as possible is to hide it away — seriously. Dark, dry places are the best go-to's for fragrance storage. The catacombs of a closet or a dark box are ideal for storing a brand-new bottle of perfume.

The way we store our perfumes has an impact on how long they last. It is said that a dark, cool, and dry place would be the best. However, very often, we keep our perfumes on our dressing table, or in the bathroom, so that they are convenient to use. Your fragrances should be kept away from direct sunlight, due to exposure to ultraviolet rays. Therefore, they are best kept in drawers, away from light. Excessive heat can also break down

the chemical bonds in perfumes. Therefore, in hot weather, you can even keep your colognes in your refrigerator. However, concentrated perfumes should not be kept in the fridge or in very hot places, as extremes of temperature can harm the delicate blends of perfumes. To select the right perfume, one needs to



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know a few facts. Body chemistry is important, as the effect may depend on individual body odour. That is why it is best to try out the perfume on one's own skin. The exact fragrance of a perfume is apparent only when it comes in contact with the skin.

Climate also plays a part in choosing the right perfume. In hot and humid conditions, it is better to go for light and fresh fragrances, rather than heavy ones. The effect of perfumes intensifies in hot and humid weather. A heavy perfume can be quite overpowering. In fact, some perfumes can even trigger off a headache in some individuals. In cold and dry weather, a heavier scent can be used. Lemon, rose, lavender or sandalwood are light and refreshing during hot weather. The time of day also matters. Go for light fragrances in the morning and heavier ones for the night.

Colognes and Toilet waters can be used during summer and be added to bath water. You can be generous with the use of colognes, even splashing them on. Colognes and Eau de Toilette constitute mainly of water, or a mixture of alcohol and water, with only 2 to 5 % perfume. They are lighter and the fragrance evaporates, leaving a light lingering fragrance. But, when it comes to perfumes, they should be used sparingly.

Apply just a drop or two of perfume on the pulse points. These are at the temple, the wrists, the crook of your arm (in front of the elbow), beneath the neck, behind the knees.

Apply perfumes before wearing your clothes, as they can linger on clothes and mix with other colognes or perfumes. If you have an oily skin, colognes are much more suitable.

Avoid using perfumes if you are going to be out in the sun for a long time. Some perfumes may be photosensitizing, leading to a reaction on the skin, like a rash, or blotches.

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Sparsh Leprosy awareness campaign launched in Doda



DODA, FEBRUARY 01: The Health Department Doda organised an awareness programme to mark the launch of leprosy eradication campaign, here at CMO Office.

The programme was presided over by Chief Medical Officer, Dr. M Y Mir in presence of all health staff. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. M Y Mir said that during the two week long awareness camps shall be held in all Medical Blocks.

He instructed the BMOs to ensure involvement of PRI representatives the programmes to benefit maximum of people. He further asked the Health Department officials to make this awareness programme part of Block diwas and Gram Sabhas, besides providing awareness on all platforms.

Dr Mir urged the participants to know about the Leprosy control measures and also threw light on NLEP. He said that highly effective treatment is available to cure leprosy adding that early detection and timely treatment and dosage are essential to eradicate the disease.

Anti encroachment drive launched

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MENDHAR, Local administration in Mendhar tehsil launched anti-encroachment drive, retrieved open land.

Official sources said that the SDM Mendher M J Khan SDPO Sheezan Bhat Tehasildar Gourav Sharma Naib Tehasildar Zakir Wani Sho Niaz Ahmed along with Police and CRPF were present on the spot and retrieved about three kanals open land and eight Illegal Structure demolished while retrieved in Mendhar area in worth crores.

SDM Mendher M J Khan said that they are focusing on prime Government lands right now, while list of Several structures is with us after issuance of notice and if people will not evict, action under law shall be taken to retrieve the lands and structures.

We are still identifying the Government lands and structures on them, while this drive will be continue in future also to vacate the State, Kacharai and Roshni lands,

Dulloo reviews progress on 'One Nation One Fertilizer' scheme



JAMMU, FEBRUARY 01: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review progress on Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendra-PM-KSK (One Nation One Fertilizer) here at Civil Secretariat.

Directors Agriculture, Jammu and Kashmir, Director Law Enforcement, DBT Coordinator and representatives of fertilizer companies including CCFCL, IFFCO, IPL and NFL attended the meeting in person and through virtual mode.

Additional Chief Secretary was briefed about progress on implementation of PM-KSK in Jammu and Kashmir. Dulloo took stock of present status of district and company wise list of PM-KSK besides seeking details about districts allotted to fertilizer companies for developing PM-KSK in J&K and Ladakh UTs.

He was informed that four PM-KSK are already functional in different districts while more PMKSKs would be made functional in other districts soon.

He impressed upon the fertilizer companies to ensure that the work on other PMKSKs would be started soon while ensuring completion within stipulated timelines. Dulloo asked the Fertilizer Companies to develop all the district HQ retailers as PM KSK as per guidelines given by the Department of Fertilizer, Government of India within the time frame ensuring all facilities at the outlets.

Anti-encroachment drive intensified in Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 01: In continuation to the anti-encroachment drive, District Administration Udhampur has decided to adopt a zero tolerance policy against encroachment on state, Kahcharai and Roshni land. "With the commitment to adopt zero tolerance against violations, a massive anti encroachment drive has been started across Udhampur and more than 93669 kanal state land, Kahcharai and Roshni land has been retrieved from the encroachers" said Deputy Commissioner, Krittika Jyotsna.

Giving Tehsil wise details, ACR, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral stated that 16290 kanal State, Kahcharai and Roshni land has been evicted in Tehsil Udhampur; 22496 Kanal in Tehsil Ramnagar; 19070 Kanal in Tehsil Chenani; 3758 kanal in Majalta; 11358 kanal in Tehsil Panchari; 5925 kanal Tehsil Latt- Marothi, 8187 in Tehsil Moungrai and 11676 kanal in Tehsil Basantgarh.

The district administration has activated men and machinery on mission mode to evict the illegal occupants from the state land, Kahcharai and Roshni Land. Appreciating the tireless efforts put in by Revenue officers, the DC asked the officers to leave no stone unturned to retrieve the state land from encroachers.

Weekly Block Diwas: DDC Rajouri listens to people's issues at Jamola Lower

RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 01: To redress the people's grievances at their doorstep, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a public grievances redressal camp at Lower Jamola as part of Weekly Block Diwas.

The public and their representatives raised a number of issues and demands, including macadamization of roads, shortage of electricity poles, the inclusion of eligible beneficiaries under PMAY-G, paucity of staff at PHC Jamola Lower, scarcity of water etc.

Officers of different departments also educated the public about the government schemes and programs being implemented in the district and motivated them to avail the benefits of the same. They also replied to the queries raised by the public during the event.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the issues and demands projected and directed the officers to take immediate corrective measures to resolve the public issues.



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He also asked the officers to educate the people about different welfare programs and schemes that are being implemented in the district and make sure that

the last beneficiary in the queue receives the benefits.

The Deputy Commissioner also asked the officers to maintain close coordination with PRI members so that public issues are addressed immediately to alleviate their sufferings.

He urged the unemployed Youth of the area to avail the benefits of Self-employment

schemes of Mission Youth, KVIB, and District Industries center. He assured to recommend a sheep center for Jamol and directed the concerned officer to initiate the paperwork for the same.

For the security and safety of the students of the High School Jamola, the DC assured to keep the provision of construction of

boundary wall of the school.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also inaugurated a 25 KVA transformer and inspected the Smart classroom at HSS Lower Jamola. The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the issues and demands projected and directed the officers to take immediate corrective measures to resolve the public issues.

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Div Com visits Tirupati Balaji Temple construction site at Village Majeen

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 01: Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar today visited the construction site of Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple, Tirupati Balaji Temple on Jammu outskirts in Majeen village and reviewed the provision of basic amenities being made for the upcoming Place of Worship.

The Div Com was accompanied by Senior Superintendent of police, Chandan Kohli; Chief Engineers of Jal Shakti, JPDCL, PWD, concerned Tehsildar, functionaries of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams and other concerned officers.

The Div Com inspected the pace of work on the construction of main Temple, accommodation and other allied works. It was informed that the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Board will establish a Gurukul/Veda Pathshala in the Temple premises to promote Sanskrit language and Vedic teachings and learning.

The Engineers of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) apprised the Div Com that the construction of main Temple has almost been completed and the finishing work was in progress. The Engineers also apprised the Div Com about the requirement of works to be done by JPDCL. Responding to the issue of shifting of transmission lines/ poles, the Div Com issued directions to the JPTCL to immediately start the shifting of transmission lines coming in the site.

The Div Com also directed JPDCL to



create required power infrastructure at the site for providing adequate power supply to the temple area.

Public Works Department was asked to construct approach road and also develop internal road network to provide easy access to the pilgrims, tourists.

Jal Shakti Department was instructed to provide uninterrupted water supply to the Temple.

The Div Com observed that the temple will become a major religious and pilgrimage destination attracting huge tourists, which will give boost to the religious and pilgrimage tourism in the region. Public Works Department was asked to construct approach road and also develop internal road network to provide easy access to the pilgrims, tourists.

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DM, SSP review law & order situation in Doda District

DODA, FEBRUARY 01: A virtual meeting of the Civil Administration and Police Department was held here the other day to review the Law and Order situation in Doda district.

The meeting was chaired by District Magistrate, Vishesh Paul Mahajan and attended by Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr Ravi Kumar Bhartil ADC Bhaderwah, Chowdhary Dil Mirl ACR, Sanjeev Kumar, SDMs, Dy. SPs, SDPOs, Tehsildars and other concerned officers and officials. The meeting discussed threadbare various issues with regard to law and order, measures to fight drug menace, prevention of bovine smuggling and maintaining communal harmony and peace in the district.

The meeting also underlined the need to adopt an effective strategy to ensure that the schemes reach the last man stand-



ing in the queue. Keeping a close check on illegal constructions, illegal mining and intensifying anti encroachment drives was also stressed upon. The necessity for de-radicalisation in the society was also felt. Speaking at the meeting, the SSP stressed on maintaining close coordination between police and civil administration for eradicating social evils and efficient tackling of law and order situation, including drug addiction and trafficking in the district. Emphasis was laid on maintaining record of all history-sheets, trou-

ble mongers and chronic antisocial elements by sharing of Intelligence inputs between the Civil and police administration. The officers of Civil and Police administration gave feedback to the DM and SSP about the basic concerns of the people in their respective jurisdictions. The DM said that Civil Administration as well as Police have common goal of working for the welfare of the people. " District Administration is a composite Team of Magistracy and Police and it is the endeavour of both to work together for public.

Cultural Wing DIPR organises Symposium in GWC Parade

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 01: A Symposium on Cultural Practices for Sustainable Environment cum Cultural program was today organised by Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) here in the Government College for Women (GCW) Parade.

As many as 12 students participated in the symposium competition. First prize was bagged by Navya, who express her views in English, second prize won by Anmol while third prize was won by Khushi.

The competition was ad-



judged by Professors of the College.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest S.P Sarswat, Principal of the College, shared his views on topic and also appreciated the students, staff members, Department of

Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful program to aware the future of the nation. Parul Khajuria Cultural Officer Cultural Wing Information Department Jammu was Guest of Honour.

In addition to symposium a scintillating cultural program was presented by artists of Cultural Unit Jammu which was enjoyed by the audience.

Convener, Dr. Shalni Sharma presented the vote of thanks and also informed the audience in detail regarding the topic.

Among others, College staff, students and officials of the Information Department were present on the occasion. The program was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer, Parul Khajuria.

DC Doda reviews implementation of JJM

DODA, FEBRUARY 01: District Development Commissioner, Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan today set March 31, 2023 as deadline for the completion of ongoing Jal Shakti Department schemes.

District Development Commissioner, who is also Chairman of District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) under Jal Jeevan Mission was reviewing the status of work on the under execution projects under JJM, 124 projects have been allotted, and work on 106 projects is under execution. Regarding the construction of Slow Sand Filtration plants, the meeting was informed that work out of 5 proposed projects, work on 2 has been started on the ground.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, SE Jal Shakti, DPO ICDS.

asked the JSD to resolve issues with the Forest department to ensure timely completion of prestigious JJM projects aimed at to provide safe tap water to all households as envisaged in the scheme. The meeting was informed that out of 185 tendered projects under JJM, 124 projects have been allotted, and work on 106 projects is under execution. Regarding the construction of Slow Sand Filtration plants, the meeting was informed that work out of 5 proposed projects, work on 2 has been started on the ground.

Weekly Block Diwas: DDC conducts public redressal grievances camp at Block Narsoo

UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 01: To address the grievances of the public, District Development Commissioner, Udhampur Krittika Jyotsna along with a team of District officers today conducted a public outreach cum grievances redress camp at Block Narsoo.

DC Councillor Narsoo, Subash Chander; BDC Chairman Narsoo, Sardara Begum; Sarpanches, Panches and local people of adjoining Panchayats projected several demands and problems being faced by them. They demanded augmentation of drinking water supply, renovation of road from Masjid to Madar, Establishment of Government High School, Provision of road crossing on NH, Renovation of old Bowlies,

Construction of passenger shed, meeting shortage of staff in educational institutions, Appointment of Chowkidar in new Panchayats, early completion of PMGSY roads, adequate Ration supply, Appointment of Urdu teacher in local government middle school, construction of foot bridge and installation of hand pump etc.

The DDC gave a patient hearing to the demands and problems of the people and directed the concerned officers to take necessary action under norms for their early redressal.

Responding to the issues raised by the public, the DDC asked the officers to visit people's doorstep and provide them with all the basic facilities. She said the main objective of hold-



ing the public grievances was to redress the genuine problems of the people within the stipulated time frame. The concerned officers were directed to resolve

the genuine demands on priority and submit the detailed report of pending issues, so that the same be projected to higher authorities for consideration.

After concluding the weekly public outreach camp, the DDC inaugurated a Solid Waste management segregation unit at Narsoo. Locals expressed gratitude to the district administration for resolving the long pending issue of Solid waste management segregation unit in the block. The DDC gave a patient hearing to the demands and problems of the people and directed the concerned officers to take necessary action under norms for their early redressal. Responding to the issues raised by the public, the DDC asked the officers to visit people's doorstep and provide them with all the basic facilities. She said the main objective of holding the public grievances was to redress the genuine problems.

Block Diwas: Baderwah to host 'Askini Utsav' in Feb last week: DC Doda

DODA, FEBRUARY 01: UT administration has taken multiple campaigns/ initiatives wherein administration reaches to the people at their doorsteps to assess the disparities in development, listen to the public aspirations and plan out a holistic programme to address their genuine issues and aspirations. Block Diwas program is one among them which is held at various designated locations every Wednesday in district Doda.



Block.SSP Doda, while speaking to the gathering, said that village surveillance communities have been established to strengthen the security system in the district, especially in the rural areas. He asked that everyone must feel his responsibility to report any abnormal activity or any suspicious person in his area to control and check any untoward incident. He also spoke about drug abuse, traffic violations and other like issues. The DC informed the gathering that the administration has planned to hold two day mega tourism activity "Askini Utsav" in the last week of this month in Baderwah Valley. "District Administration is opti-

mistic of having a huge footfall of tourists during Askini Utsav and tourism season this year, the DC said and urged the public to make all preparations before the tourist season to take maximum benefit. He stressed on protecting forests, wildlife, natural beauty and above all maintaining communal harmony in the area, 'as all of them contribute to the Tourism Sector and economy of the region.' He also highlighted the efforts of District Administration in bringing transparency, accountability and better public services delivery mechanism for its citizens in the district. During public interaction, PRIs and the public put forth a number of demands, including road

to Noorie Draman, widening of road in Sartingal Town, repair of irrigation canal, metadoor stand at Sartingal, completion of Basti Road, link road to Nalthi Village, Bumlakni villages and Sherekhi village, additional staff for schools and health care institutions, payment of land compensation, issuance of timber for construction of hosues under PMAY, etc. The DC issued on the spot instructions to the concerned authorities for the time-bound redressal of the grievances/ issues raised in the Block Diwas program here. People in large numbers attended the Block Diwas at other locations also and demanded up-gradation of local infrastructure in the Health

JKRETTF Zone Drugmulla Resolved to fight for the genuine demands like Old Pension Scheme OPS and other welfare schemes : T A Shah

In order to have appraisal of various issues of Ret Teachers and to strengthen the Zonal body a meeting of JKRETTF Zone Drugmulla was held today at GHS Drugmulla under the supervision of Mr Tariq Ali Shah Zonal President and Patron Mr B A Sofi sb



The meeting was attended by a good number of teachers of zone Drugmulla and it was resolved that every teacher will work to make the roots of forum stronger. it was also reiterated that Teachers will work as per the directions of District and Provincial body with regard to demand for restoration of OPS the following Portfolios were designated Zonal Body JKRETTF Zone Drugmulla Mr Bashir Ahmad Sofi (Patron) Mr Tariq Ali Shah (In-charge Zonal President)

Mr Javid Ahmad Makhdoomi (Zonal Vice Pr) Mr Javid Ahmad Lone. (Zonal Vice Pr II) Mr Zahir Abbas Khan (General Secretary) Mr Naseer Ahmad Magray (Dy Secretary) IMG 20230201_214511 *Chief Spokesperson* Mr Same ul haq Wani *Organizer* Mr Jahangeer Sultan *Dy Organiser* Mr Shabir Ahmad Mir

Finance Secretary Mr S. Ajaz Bashir *Finance cell members* Mr Arif Mohammad Teli Mr Bashir Ahmad Ganie *Publicity Secretary* Mr Same ul haq Wani Mr Bilal Ahmad Gojri *Advisor* Mr Javid Ahmad Bhat *Deputy Advisor* Mr Mohammad Ashraf Rather *Council secretary* Mr Mushtaq Ahmad Dar

Council secretary Mr Arshid Imtiyaz Shah *Coordinator* Mr Gh Ahmad Dar *Dy Coordinator* Mr Khursheed Ahmad Pir *District members* Mr Tariq Ali Shah Mr Hilal Ahmad Rather Mr Jahangeer Sultan Mr Ab Gani Bhat Mr Bashir Ahmad Ganie *Cluster Members* *Drugmulla* Mr Irshad Ahmad Pir *Waterkhani* Mr Mehraj din Pir *Anderhama* Mr Ab Rashid Shah *Muqam* Mr Ab Gani Bhat *Bramri* Mr Hilal Ahmad Rather *HATMULLA* Mr Showkat Ali Hajam *Nagri* Mr Mohammad Ashraf Rather *Radbugha* Mr Javid Ahmad Mir

Weekly Block Diwas: DC listens, redresses grievances of people at Nagseni

KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 01: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, at block headquarter Nagseni. The program witnessed Dr. Devansh Yadav today presided over weekly Block Diwas programme

active participation of people and PRIs from the panchayat Bagna, Kwar, Dool, Cherji, Piyas and other. The visiting delegations of public and the PRIs apprised the DC about developmental needs of their areas viz. Road connectivity, augmentation of water supply and repair of irrigation canals. Officers on the spot responded to the queries and demands of people pertaining to their departments. The DC, after giving patient hearing, addressed some of the immediate nature of grievances on the spot. He directed officers

to ensure prompt and speedy redressal of issues and demands of people. He stressed upon the Gram Panchayats to formulate the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) as per the local needs of the community. He asked gram panchayats to project the major works in Gram Plans which can be visible on ground and benefit maximum number of people. Terming education as the potent tool in the hands of the coming generation, he encouraged the ST parents to send Out of School Children.

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Rajouri Admin launches Massive Anti-encroachment drive Over 511 kanal state land worth Crores retrieved

RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 01: Rajouri Administration has intensified anti-encroachment drive at various locations, retrieving 511 kanal state land worth crores of rupees.



his team carried out a major anti-encroachment drive at villages Keri and Dharasanwala and retrieved 192 Kanal state-land from illegal possession. The District Administration has been working on mission mode to evict the illegal occupants from the state land, and a major chunk of it has already been retrieved. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal has passed strict directions to all Tehsildars to chalk out a comprehensive plan and intensify the eviction and demolition drives in collaboration with police to retrieve the remaining encroached land in a time bound manner.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, teams from the Revenue and Police Departments conducted a series of anti-encroachment drives at different locations of District Rajouri. During the drives, 1 kanal of Prime state land was retrieved from illegal occupants on the National Highway 144A, besides demolishing illegal structures raised on the state land in Tehsil Sunderba-

ni worth crores of rupees. The drive was carried by Tehsildar Sunderbani Kapil Kant Khajuria. Similarly, 10 Kanal state land was retrieved by the team of Tehsil Sunderbani at Village Devak, while

310 Kanal of state land was retrieved in Tehsil Teryath. Sign boards indicating the evicted land as state/government land were installed at these locations. Tehsildar Rajouri and

Demolition drive 's real purpose note from rich and vote from poor: Mehbooba

Surkhab Zehra Srinagar, Feb 1 Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday alleged that ongoing demolition drive's "real purpose is corruption" and the BJP wants to get notes from rich and votes from the poor. She asked the government to start the demolition first from Governor House and Badami Bagh Cantonment which were built on state land. "Tell me where the Governor house and BB cant.. If they (government) say that they will first demolish influential people then start from Governor House and the BB Cantonment. Why are they not doing it?" she asked. Mufti said the ongoing drive is part of corruption. "I want to say with great responsibility that this (anti encroachment

drive) is part of corruption. They want to take money from the rich and votes from the poor. They want to make the poor helpless so that they are called to the BJP office and asked to support the party. The rich are told to meet a specific official which is also part of corruption," Mufti told reporters in Srinagar at party headquarters.

The former chief minister of erst-while state alleged the anti encroachment is a new weapon being used by the BJP government to harass people here. "This is a new weapon of the BJP, like they have the UAPA, PSA, NIA, ED and other agencies, to hound the people of J&K and uproot them from homes," she said. She asked the government to first take 20,000 square kilometres of land that has been occupied by China. Mufti called upon the people of the J&K to unite in order to fight against this "onslaught". The authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have stepped up efforts to retrieve the encroached government land. The drive has created an uproar in UT.

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SHO Ramban, 2 Others Suspended Over Alleged 'Service Misconduct'

Srinagar, Feb 1 (GNS): Superintendent of Police Ramban put under suspension Station House Officer Ramban alongside two others over the trio's alleged involvement in 'service misconduct', even as a time-bound departmental enquiry also ordered into the matter. "As communicated by Deputy Inspector General of Police, DKR Range, Headquarters Batote vide letter No. Estt/Enqui-

ry/23/406-08 dated 28-01-2023, that a departmental action be taken against Inspector Sandeep Chark PID No. EXJ109566, SHO PS Ramban, PSI Mudassar Ahmed PID No. ARP-205789, of IRP-16Bn, presently deployed at PS Ramban on probation and Constable Mubeshar Ahmed No. 690/Rbn PID No. EXJ205465 for their alleged service misconduct", reads an order, a copy of

which lies with GNS. "It is ordered that Inspector Sandeep Chark PID No. EXJ109566, SHO PS Ramban, PSI Mudassar Ahmed PID No. ARP-205789, of IRP-16Bn, presently deployed at PS Ramban on probation and Constable Mubeshar Ahmed No. 690/Rbn PID No. EXJ205465 of PS Ramban are hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect and departmental enquiry im-

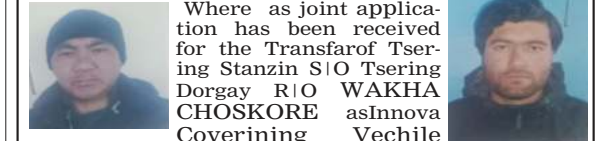
ited", the order reads. "They will report at DPL Ramban and deposit their uniform articles/ arms and ammunition in Store/Kot DPL Ramban. They will be entitled to draw substance allowances under rule. Sh. Nihar Ranjan, SDPO Gool, District Ramban will conduct departmental enquiry into the matter and will submit the finding/ recommendation to this office within a week's.

Salafia Educational Trust Andergam Pattan

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

Member Name	Parentage/Spouse	Residence	Occupation	Designation in MC	Qualification	Member Type
Aashiq Hussain Ahanger	Mohammad Yousuf Ahanger	Hanjiwera Bala Pattan	Teacher	Chairman	MPHIL	Teacher
Urfat Malik	Ahdul Rehman Malik	Doultpora	Housewife	Secretary	M.Sc.	Parent
Yasmeena Yousuf	Mohd Yousuf Dar	Yedipora Palhallan	Housewife	Member	BA	Other
Haseena Begum	Reyaz Ahmad Mir	Kreeri	Housewife	Member	12th	Parent
Javaid Hassan Paray	Gh Hassan Paray	Andergam	Teacher	Member	MPHIL	Principal
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Assistant Regional Transport Officer Kargil | Ladakh Date 31/01/2023 No Arto 321/23

Public Notice

My Name in my Driving Licence No JKO1 1999006030 has been wrongly entered as Mohd Altaf Ahangar instead of actual Name Altaf Ahmad Ahangar. Now I intend to make necessary correction accordingly in my Driving Licence. If any person having objection to it may please fill his/her objection before the RTO Srinagar within a period of seven days of publication of this notice falling which no any objection shall be entertained.

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Public Notice

I Mohammad Akbar Dar S/O Abdul Wahab Dar R/O Chewa Sumbal Bandipora applying for issuance of DEER Class Contract card At R&B Division Baramulla . Anybody have any objection in this regard.he/she may contact office of the Super Intending Engineer (R&B) Circle Baramulla /Kupwara within seven days from the publication of this notice ,after that no objection will be entertained.

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washroom.

He said, however, the big Igloo needs a space of 20 Sq Ft and the concept is still in his mind for that the modalities with the authorities are yet to be finalised.

“We are taking up this concept with the authorities, if they allow us we can provide night stay facilities with an attached washroom for the tourists which will become a resort altogether”, he said and added “We have already submitted the proposal to the secretary tourism and hopefully it would be finalised very soon”.

He said the Igloo “Dome” material is available in few foreign countries but the best quality is in Austria from where it has been imported.

He said the experts visited here to see the atmospheric topography of the area including wind speed, sunlight and temperature. After that fiberglass was procured which was suitable for this area.

He said the cost of the igloo is about seven to eight Lakh each including all import duties.

He said “the tourists.. what they will get in Finland they are enjoying here in Gulmarg with quality services and food at cheaper rates”.

Waseem Shah said in London there is a 100 pound entry fee for entering into such an Igloo. But the Kolahoi group of hotels are charging Rs 1000 for one Igloo where at least eight people can enjoy the sitting for 45 minutes.

Waseem also urged the authorities to promote the entrepreneurs so that the youth of the Kashmir valley who have exceptional talent could get employment.

Asked why the foreign tourism is not getting a boost in Kashmir, Waseem Shah said the Gulmarg skiing facilities are technologically far behind the countries where skiing is being done. “The facilities tourists get in Austria are not available here in Kashmir” he said.

He said in Austria the skiing starts in December itself and they are making snow slopes artificially which is not possible here. “Unless we have good facilities here in Gulmarg foreign tourists and ski lovers will elude the place”, he added.

He said last year “I made a proposal to the government of making a full village of snow Igloo to promote tourism here”. It was turned down on the pretext that the land comes into the control of various state agencies that makes the process very itchy”.

He said there should be a single window where a person could get facility.

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

Secretary, State Election Commission, Susheel Kumar, Additional Secretary, Chief Electoral Office Sandesh Kumar, Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Anil Salgotra, other senior Officers and officials of the Commission and Chief Electoral Officer were present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the State Election Commissioner underscored the role of an autonomous body for the conduct of the Municipal and Panchayati Raj Institution Elections in every State and Union Territory.

He said that with the establishment of State Election Commission in Jammu & Kashmir, as per the provisions of Constitution of India, elections to these bodies will be free, fair and transparent resulting in strengthening of democratic institutions of local governance both in urban and rural areas at the grass root levels for all the future.

The SEC briefly dwelt on the process of holding elections for the first District Development Councils which were held in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir after the three tier Panchayati Raj system was made fully functional. He said that with the DDCs functional for two years, the Panchayati Raj system has become dynamic and people centric at District levels in entire Jammu and Kashmir.

A compendium on the District Development Council Elections was released by the State Election Commissioner, which has in detail portrayed the elections, the process as well as the overwhelming response of the people in Kashmir as well as in Jammu region. Sharma also complemented the staff of the Commission for doing commendable work in spite of the fact that Commission was setup for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir.

Secretary, State Election Commission also spoke on the occasion and gave a brief overview of the work done during the tenure of the election commissioner. He said that important milestones have been achieved in establishing and deepening the functioning of the Commission in Jammu and Kashmir.

The compendium on DDC Elections would also be available on the official website of the State Election Commission (secjk.nic.in).

UNION BUDGET

the Union Territory.

In 2022-23 budget estimates, the Union Government had proposed Rs 35581 crore as central assistance for Jammu & Kashmir while the revised estimates show that the allocation has been increased to Rs 44538.13 crore for the UT.

It is worthwhile to mention that the Government of India is allocating central assistance for Jammu & Kashmir in the Union budget after it was downgraded to a Union Territory—(KNO)

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2.5 lakh earlier.

From then on: Income part from 3 lakh and 6 lakh will be taxed at 5 per cent;

Rs 6 lakh to 9 lakh, at 10 per cent;

Rs 9 lakh to 12 lakh, 15 per cent;

Rs 12 lakh to 15 lakh will attract a 20-per-cent tax; and The part of income going above 15 lakh will be taxed at 30 per cent.

The minister also brought down the highest applicable tax rate in India after surcharges, from 42.7 per cent to 39.

Rates and slabs under the Old Tax Regime remain unchanged.

After listing out the slabs, the minister also announced that the Old regime — which has higher tax rates but several exemptions — will only be available on request now, and the New regime will thus be considered the default system for everyone.

She did add a benefit to the New scheme: Now, salaried people with income of 15.5 lakh or more can subtract 52,500 as Standard Deduction while calculating their taxable income.

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Ms Sitharaman got to the tax bit near the very end of her

87-minute speech: “I have five major announcements to make... These primarily benefit our hard-working middle class.”

The first one was about rebate. “Currently, those with income up to 5 lakh do not pay any income tax in both Old and New tax regimes. I propose to increase the rebate limit to 7 lakh in the New tax regime,” she declared, as ruling alliance members thumped their desks and cheered her and PM Narendra Modi.

“The second proposal relates to middle-class individuals. I had introduced, in the year 2020, the new personal income tax regime with six income slabs starting from 2.5 lakh. I propose to change the tax structure in this regime by reducing the number of slabs to five and increasing the tax exemption limit to 3 lakh,” she added. She gave an example of how it will benefit: “An individual with an annual income of 9 lakh will be required to pay only 45,000.” This was 60,000 so far.

She then announced the benefit of Standard Deduction while calculating taxable income of salaried class and pensioners under the New regime: “Each salaried person with an income of 15.5 lakh or more will thus stand to benefit by 52,500.”

“Lastly, the limit of 3 lakh for tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement of non-government salaried employees was last fixed in the year 2002, when the highest basic pay in the government was 30,000 per month. In line with the increase in government salaries, I am proposing to increase this limit to 25 lakh,” she said.

COSTLIER:

year (2023-24) commenced on October 10.

The Economic Survey said India’s GDP is expected to grow in the range of 6 to 6.8 per cent in the coming financial year 2023-24. This is in comparison to the estimated 7 per cent this fiscal and 8.7 per cent in 2021-22.

The Economic Survey said that India’s economic recovery from the Covid pandemic is complete and the economy is expected to grow in the range of 6 per cent to 6.8 per cent in the coming financial year 2023-24. This is in comparison to 7 per cent this fiscal and 8.7 per cent in 2021-22.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi for accelerating the tempo of growth in Handloom and Handicraft sector through PM VIKAS. It will greatly benefit lakhs of Artisans of J&K UT,” the Lt Governor observed.

AVALANCHE KILLS

loss of lives due to an avalanche in Gulmarg. My thoughts are with the families of those who have lost their loved ones in this mishap. DC and Divisional Commissioner Office is providing all possible assistance to those affected.”—(KNO)

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who deserves accolades.

Dr Mehta encouraged the participants including the students to generate awareness among the public about taking authentic invoices and making digital payments. He asked them that the taxes paid by the people are proportionate to the welfare measures taken by the government for them. He also sensitized the businessmen about the link between the payment of taxes and easy access to credit from the financial institutions to them.

Commissioner State Taxes, Rashmi Singh appealed the general public as well as traders to cooperate in their efforts towards compliance with tax rules. She highlighted various short term and long term benefits it has for the citizens at large. She gave out that the Department is alive to the fact of facilitating those filing their taxes responsibly. She said that those resorting to dishonest practices can never be true patriots of the nation.

The officers who took part in this flagging off ceremony also includes Commissioner CGST, H.B Negi; Secretary in Finance, Nitu Gupta; DG Expenditure Finance, PK Bhat; Additional Commissioner (A&E), STD, Namrita Dogra; Additional Commissioner, (TPPAR), STD, Ankita Kar and many other senior officers of the department.

RAJOURI

Lashkar-e-Tobia Militant associates, the DIG said while addressing press conference here at Rajouri.

He said that on January 8, security forces had destroyed an IED that was found from a village in Budhal area of Rajouri following which another IED based on pressure mechanism and time device was found near GMC Rajouri where public movement remains jam packed so that more damage could occur but timely act of security forces led the detection of the IED and the plan of the militants was foiled. He said during the investigation it came to fore that these IEDs were sent from across border to disrupt peace here.

“As the future investigation was initiated in these cases, one suspected identified as Majid Dar of Khavra was picked up by the police for questioning,” the DIG said, adding that two more people including Zuhab Khan and Mohammad Jabbar were also arrested later.

During investigation it was found that Jabbar’s another brother (Mohammad Abrar) is already in judicial custody in a militancy related case since last one year. The DIG further said that Jabbar was in contact with handlers from across the border who were giving him directions regarding every plan to disturb peace here.

“IEDs consignment being sent from across border were received by him and had taken the same to several areas of Rajouri to disturb peace in the region,” he said, adding that their handlers from across the border don’t want to miss any opportunity to spoil the peaceful environment here.

FLOOD

He said that the gate at the Wular has 80 m width while Chanell there is just 30 m wide which has to be taken to 80 m.

He said that crate projection and other works on 21 major tributaries of Jhelum have been tendered out as well under 13 Irrigation divisions of Kashmir on which work is also expected to start soon.

He said that as tendering is in the last stage and they expect to start the work soon

“With the completion of phase 1 the capacity of river Jhelum will go to 60,000 cusecs, which has been already taken to 40,000 in the phase 1.

He said that the deadline to complete the phase 2 is three years and hopefully it will be completed in three years time.

Notably, Flood Management Plan was divided into two phases, phase 1 was funded under the Prime Minister’s Development Package with a budget of Rs 399 crore, which included spot dredging as per requirement to increase the capacity of river Jhelum so as to minimize the damage if there will be floods again.

Soon after floods in 2014, the government of India had constituted a committee to suggest measures to prevent such calamities in the future.

The committee in its report had recommended several long term measures including additional supplementary flood spill channel, creation of storage facilities on

HDFC Bank believes budget will role in driving investment

Srinagar, Feb 1,KNT:Budget CommentThe budget recognised that it would have to continue playing the lead role in driving investments in the economy given the rising global risks and only a nascent recovery in the private capex cycle. The capital outlay for 2023-24 was raised to INR 10 lakh cr, a rise of 33% year on year.

The budget also pays heed to the need for fiscal consolidation reducing its fiscal deficit target to 5.9% of GDP in 2023-24 from 6.4% in 2022-23. The resultant lower than expected market borrowing number is likely to bring some relief for the bond market. We see the 10-year bond yield to moderate towards 7-7.1% in FY24.The budget also announced adjustments in income tax slabs that is likely to boost consumption and savings in the economy, benefitting taxpayers particularly at the lower brackets of the income pyramid.

Police organises Cyber Crime awareness programmes in Sopore

Sopore February 01: In order to make the general public aware about Cyber Crime and to reach out to the public, Police in Sopore have organised Cyber Crime awareness programmes at PS Sopore, PS Tarzoo, PS Dangiwachha and PS Panzla. These awareness programmes were chaired by the Station House Officers at their respective Police Stations and were attended by respectable citizens, youths, and students of concerned areas. The main motive behind conducting such programmes is to provide awareness of cybercrime among the general Public particularly students. On these occasions, the chairing officers briefed participants about various types of cyber threats/crimes such as identity theft, credit card fraud, data stealing, cyber stalking, Pornography, OTP frauds etc. They advised the participants to adopt safe browsing habits, to avoid suspicious websites while surfing the Internet. They also appealed the participants to not share OTPs or Bank account details and passwords with anyone. Charing officers also explained the ways to adopt precautionary measures while conducting Internet Banking and online transactions. Participants were also cautioned against accepting friend requests from unknown persons or chatting with unauthenticated persons on social media. The Participants appreciated the efforts of Police for organising such awareness programmes and spreading awareness about various cybercrimes among the common masses.

ITI Students played role in Digitization of Land Revenue Records in Pattan

Baramulla,CNS,01-Feb : Unemployed Youths and Students of ITI Pattan area in District Baramulla have Saved a huge Budget of Government by their helping hand in digitisation of Land Record of Revenue Department for which their hard work have been highly recognised by Public & Govt officials.

As per reports to CNS,Several Students of ITI Pattan are now a days busy in massive digitization of Land Records (Maps) as the task was quite challenging as digitising of Maps required certain skillsets and the students of ITI Managed it exceptionally well. Meanwhile Superintendent of ITI Pattan and lab in charge also facilitated the process and provided their best Support to Students for the Digitization during the work the Students of ITI Pattan showed extra-ordinary skills and completed this massive exercise within a short span of time.

The whole process was going on under overall Supervision of Tehsildar Pattan, The task was quite challenging as digitizing the maps required certain skillsets and the students of ITI managed it exceptionally well.

“Formulation of 300 FPOs in J&K” programme held at Lalmandi

Srinagar,CNS,01-Feb; Divisional level training cum orientation programme on the “Formulation of 300 FPOs”(Farmers Producers Organization) was held at agriculture complex Lalmandi Srinagar. The programme was inaugurated by the Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal.

Addressing the Inaugural session of Divisional level training programme Director Agriculture highlighted the importance of FPOs for small farmers. He said that small holders constitute a vast majority of farmers in the UT of J&K, in addition small holders are especially vulnerable to climate change aggregated weather events, like untimely rain, severe drought and floods, hailstorm and pest infestation any of which could wipe out their crops, therefore the FPO’s farmers producer organization play an important role and enables farmers to get the benefit of economics of scale. FPO’s help farmers to get benefit from shared resources, get better access to the markets and latest technologies, he said. Director Agriculture asked the participants (officers of the allied departments) to work in coordination for the successful implementation of the projects under holistic development of agriculture and allied departments and allied sectors programme, he underlined the importance of collaborative approach for achieving the set targets under different projects.

The training programme was attended by the Joint Director (Inputs) Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Joint Director Agriculture and Mushroom Tabassum Naz, Professor Directorate of Research SKUAST-K Prof. Dr Naseer Ahmad Dar, Assistant Professor (S. Scale) Directorate of Extension SKUAST-K Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Bhat, Scientist KVK-Kupwara SKUAST-K Dr. Firdous Ahmad Raina, and officers of allied departments were present in the meeting.(CNS)

Last date for Admission in 6th class extended to February 8th at JNV Budgam

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 01: The Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Budgam, once again appealed to the students and the parents whose wards are desirous to seek admission for 6th class to apply online.

The Principal in his message said that the forms are available online and those willing can seek admission after clearance of entrance test as the last date for submission of online forms are extended up to February 08, 2023. Admission is open for all those school going children of Budgam district whose date of birth is in-between 01-05-2011 to 30-04-2013.

The students who are studying in class V in the academic session 2022-23 and completing the session from Government recognized school in the District Budgam.

The students can submit their online forms free of cost up to 8th of February 2023 on the website www.navodaya.gov.in or https://cbseitsms.rcil.gov.in/nvs/The Principal in his message said that the forms are available online and those willing can seek admission after clearance of entrance test as the last date for submission of online forms are extended up to February 08, 2023.

Three-day Multimedia Exhibition cum Outreach Program by CBC concludes in Awantipora



Awantipora, February 1, 2023The three-day multimedia exhibition of the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, organised at Government Polytechnic College, Awantipora concluded on Wednesday.

The exhibition cum outreach programme was organised under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) to sensitise the masses about the freedom struggle and the unsung heroes of the movement as well as to spread awareness about various public welfare schemes of the government.

The concluding day of the exhibition was dedicated to awareness about programmes in the field of Health and Family Welfare.

Community Health Officer and District ASHA Coordinator Pulwama, Sh. Nazir Ahmad highlighted the role of ASHA workers and apprised people about different schemes viz Ayushman Bharat, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, National Programme for Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke, National Programme for Control of Blindness, National Leprosy Eradication Programme and other related programs for the health and wellbeing of the people. While lauding the role of ASHAs and health officials in creating mass awareness about these programs, he appreciated the efforts of CBC to reach out to the people at the grassroots level.

Others present on the occasion were Dr. Aasima, Block Medical Officer, Pampore, Sh. Ishtiaq Ahmad, AEO, Tral and Sh Tahmeed Ajaz, Principal Government Polytechnic College, Awantipora. During the program, ASHAs and health workers also expressed their views in an interactive session. An open quiz was also organised by the bureau for them.

Various nodal departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Rural Development and ICDS used the platform over the three day period for public awareness and showcased their achievements.

On the concluding day registered cultural parties also sent out the message of peace, communal harmony and national integration through their performances apart from spreading awareness about different welfare schemes.

Field Publicity Officer, CBC, Shahid Mohammad Lone expressed gratitude to the district administration and nodal departments for making the outreach programme successful. He thanked the participants for their presence inspite of the inconveniences caused by heavy snowfall. He urged the participants to take the message to their respective areas and be part of a mission to empower the common man.

MAJ GEN GIRISH KALIA, TAKES OVER AS GOC VAJR DIVISION



Srinagar, 01 Feb 2023. Major General Girish Kalia took over the reins as General Officer Commanding of the elite Vajr Division from Major General Abhijit S Pendharkar. Maj Gen Girish Kalia was commissioned on 14 December 1991 from IMA, Dehradun into, the MADRAS Regiment. An alumnus of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, the General Officer has attended all important career courses at Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Army War College, Mhow and National Defence College, New Delhi. His higher qualification includes MSc & M Phil in Defence & Strategic Studies. The General Officer has vast operational experience having served in intense Counter Insurgency / Counter Terrorist operations in North East & Jammu and Kashmir.

For his distinguished service, he has been awarded GOC-in-C Northern Command Commendation Card in 2001, GOC-in-C Southern Command Commendation Card in 2009 and Vishist Seva Medal in 2020 while commanding a challenging brigade on the Line of Control.

The General Officer brings with him a rich experience of various Command, Staff and Instructional appointments including the command of an Infantry battalion as part of an Infantry Brigade and Strike Corps on the Line of Control, Defence Attache in Egypt. He was tenanted an important appointment at Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff prior to assuming the Command of the prestigious Vajr Division.

Police organises Cyber Crime awareness programmes in Tral

Tral February 01: In order to make the general public aware about Cyber Crime and to reach out to the public, Police in Awantipora organized Cyber Awareness Day cum Cyber Jagrukta programme at Takshila Institute Tral. The programme was chaired by SDPO Tral along with SHO PS Tral and Incharge PP Aripal.

The programme was attended by respectable citizens of concerned areas, teachers and students of various Institutions. The main motive behind conducting such programme was to provide awareness of cyber frauds among the General Public particularly students.

Speaking on the occasion, the chairing officer advised the participants to adopt safe browsing habits to avoid suspicious websites while surfing the internet. He also appealed to the participants to not share OTPs or bank account details and passwords and to adopt precautions while conducting internet banking and online transactions. Participants were also cautioned for accepting friend requests from unknown persons or chatting with unknown persons on social media. Participants were briefed about various types of cyber threats/crimes such as identity theft, credit card fraud, data stealing, cyber stalking, OTP frauds, online gaming fraud etc.

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Snow Ski Training Gets Underway at Yousmarg

Budgam Feb 01: The Department of Youth Services & Sports J&K started its annual training in the world-famous sport of snow skiing for the 1st batch of boys on the newly explored ski slopes of Yousmarg on Wednesday here.

The training course in the adventure sport was inaugurated by District Development Commissioner Budgam Syed Fakrudin Hamid in presence of Joint Director (Kashmir) of the Department Bashir Ahmad, District Youth Services & Sports Officer Budgam Gurmukh Singh Dutta and other senior officers and officials of the Department.

In his address, DC Budgam congratulated & encouraged the participants for their interest in the training of the sport. He stressed the young trainees to work hard during the course in order to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills of the sport.

DYSSO Budgam briefed the participants regarding such initiatives of the Department under which youth are being engaged in productive activities. He also highlighted the achievements of the YSS Department and instructed the trainers to show utmost dedication during the organisation of the course. He also instructed his colleagues to provide every possible facility to the



students during the entire course. He thanked the Administration of District Budgam for their support and cooper-

ation in making the course possible at the busiest tourist destination. Pertinently 60 boy students from vari-

ous Government schools of the Kashmir division are taking part in the 15 days long course. Such courses are a regular affair of the Department of Youth Services and Sports and are being run under the supervision of the Director of Youth Services & Sports J&K Subash C Chhibber in order to train aspiring students in the world-famous sport and in order to prepare and produce youth to take up this skill in a professional manner at national and international levels.

Besides others Olympian Gul Mustafa Dev, Shabir Ahmad Wani former Assistant Director of the Department of YSS were also present in the impressive inaugural ceremony of the camp. Pertinently 60 boy students from various Government schools of the Kashmir division are taking part in the 15 days long course. Such courses are a regular affair of the Department of Youth Services and Sports and are being run under the supervision of the Director of Youth Services & Sports J&K Subash C Chhibber in order to train aspiring students in the world-famous sport and in order to prepare and produce youth to take up this skill in a professional manner at national and international levels.

Sri Lanka name squad for 2023 ICC Women's T20 World Cup

Colombo, Feb 1 (UNI) Sri Lanka have named their 15-member squad for the forthcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa. The squad will be led by their regular skipper and star batter Chamari Athapaththu. They will kickstart their campaign with the tournament opener against hosts South Africa on February 10. Sri Lanka will be without the services of Hasini Perala, who has been ruled out of the tournament due to an injury. Sathya Sandeepani has been named as her replacement, the ICC reported. Squad: Chamari Athapaththu (c), Oshadi Ranasinghe, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Nilakshi de Silva, Kavisha Dilhari, Anushka Sanjeevani, Kaushini Nuthyanga, Malsha Shehani, Inoka Ranaweera, Sugandika Kumari, Achini Kulasuriya, Vishmi Gunaratne, Tharika Sewwandi, Ama Kanchana, Sathya Sandeepani.

Suryakumar Yadav registers career-high rating

Dubai, Feb 1 (UNI) The accolades continue to roll in for Suryakumar Yadav as the India dynamo and world's best T20I batter reached a new career-high rating on the updated ICC Men's T20I Batting Rankings. Suryakumar reached the rating of 910 points after he stroked a quickfire innings of 47 during the first match of India's ongoing series against New Zealand in Ranchi as the exciting right-hander maintained his healthy lead at the top of the T20I rankings for batters. While Suryakumar played a more composed knock of 26 not out in the second match of the series, the 32-year-old dropped back to a total of 908 rating points as a result. He will have an opportunity to improve on his record in the third and deciding match of the series in Ahmedabad on Wednesday. It also means Suryakumar remains within striking distance of England batter Dawid Malan in the race to hold the highest rating of all time for Men's T20I batters. Malan achieved a rating of 915 points in Cape Town back in 2020, but Suryakumar now holds the second highest rating of all time for T20I batters following his recent heroics with the willow. He claimed the top ranking for current batters while scoring a total of 239 runs from six matches at last year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup and only last month was deservedly named the ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year. While just how high Suryakumar can rise dominates much of the interest surrounding the latest set of T20I rankings, a host of New Zealand players have been the biggest movers on the updated charts for both batters and bowlers.

Sam Curran guilty of breaching ICC Code of Conduct

Dubai, Feb 1 (UNI) England fast bowler Sam Curran has been fined 15 per cent of his match fee for breaching Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct during the second ODI against South Africa in Bloemfontein on January 29. Curran was found to have breached Article 2.5 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to using any language, action or gesture towards a batter upon their dismissal which has the potential to provoke an aggressive reaction from the dismissed batter. In addition to this, one demerit point has been added to Curran's disciplinary record, for whom it was the first offence in a 24-month period. The incident occurred in the 28th over of South Africa's innings when, after dismissing Temba Bavuma, Curran excessively celebrated towards and in close proximity to the dismissed batter.

Former India International footballer Parimal Dey passes away

Kolkata, Feb 1 (UNI) Former India International footballer Parimal Dey breathed his last on Wednesday morning here. He was 81. Dey was suffering from old age disease for a long time. At the time of his death he left behind a son. He lost his wife 14 years ago. He played with power in two big clubs like East Bengal and Mohun Bagan. But his best time was in the red and yellow jersey. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) condoled the demise of former India International Parimal Dey. A highly skillful inside-left during his prime in the 1960s, Dey made five appearances for India, with his only goal for the country being the an all-important winner against the Republic of Korea in the Bronze Medal match of the 1966 Merdeka Cup in Kuala Lumpur, the only goal in the game. AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey said in his condolence message, "Former India star Parimal Dey's demise comes as a big loss for Indian Football. Jangla-da, as he was known to us, was one of the best schemers of the 1960s, and remains in the hearts and minds of the fans till date. My thoughts go out to his family." Secretary General, Dr Shaji Prabhakaran said, "The entire Indian Football fraternity is extremely shocked by the passing away of Parimal Dey. My condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace." At the



domestic level, Dey had the honour of winning the Santosh Trophy twice in 1962, 1969. Having played as a forward for East Bengal, he netted 84 goals and also captained the club in 1968. Dey holds the distinction of winning the Calcutta Football League and IFA Shield double thrice in 1966, 1970, and 1973, and has etched his name in Indian Football folklore by scoring in two IFA Shield finals against BNR (1966) and Iranian side PAS Club (1970), which still stands today as the fastest goal scored by a player after coming on as a substitute in the competition. The 1966 CFL was a marquee tournament for Dey as he scored in each of the first nine matches.

DC inaugurates Pir Panjal Kabaddi League in Doda

DODA, FEBRUARY 01: The Pir Panjal Kabaddi League, a three-day sports event was inaugurated today in Doda by Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan along with SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom and Army officers, here in the Sports Stadium

The event is being organized by the army (10RR) to engage the youth of the region and to promote the sports culture in Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Region. Eight teams from the districts of Doda, Kishtwar, Reasi, Rajouri, Ramban, and Poonch are participating in this event. The teams will compete against each other in a show of strength, ability, and teamwork.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement as the teams took to the field, eager to showcase their skills. The Army has been working towards promoting sports and fitness activities in the region and the Pir Panjal Kabaddi League is a testament to their efforts. The event is expected to bring together young people from different backgrounds, fostering a sense of unity and community. The Pir Panjal Kabaddi League is an opportunity for the youth of the region to showcase their talent and take part in a competitive yet friendly sporting event.



sporting event.

Indian Army, Doda has also incorporated Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council to select the potential players for representation at UT & National level. The initiative by the Indian Army is aimed to select talented players at state & national level. Selected players will further drive and inspire their peer group and local youth to achieve excellence in sports. Indian Army, Doda is sponsoring & conducting the event with all essential administrative and logistics support.




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