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News Brief

Dir. Information Akshay Labroo bereaved

JAMMU, MARCH 08: The officers and officials of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) have condoned the sad demise of maternal grandmother of Director Information, Akshay Labroo. A condolence meeting in this regard was chaired by Joint Director Information, Headquarter, Naresh Kumar in which all the officers and employees of department participated. The officers and officials during the meeting extended their deepest condolences with the Director Information and also prayed for eternal peace to departed soul.

Two killed after hit by ambulance in Srinagar

Srinagar, Mar 08, : Two persons were killed after being hit by an ambulance near Children hospital in Bemina area of summer capital Srinagar. An official told news agency Kashmir Dot Com that two persons identified as Ali Mohammad Dar, a resident of Nowpora, Baramulla, and Fayaz Ahmad Chopan, a resident of Hadipora, Rafiabab were critically injured after they were hit by a speedy ambulance near children hospital Bemina in wee hours on Wednesday. Both the injured were shifted to JVC hospital for treatment, where doctors declared them dead on arrival, he said. The driver of the ambulance has been arrested, while the vehicle was seized under relevant sections of law and further investigation of the incident is going on, he added. (KDC)

Police arrests drug peddler in Budgam

Ganderbal March 08) : Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested a drug peddler in Budgam and recovered contraband substance from his possession. A police party of Police Station Magam during naka checking at Badran Crossing intercepted a vehicle (Load Carrier) bearing registration number JK04G-3637 driven by one person identified as Farooq Ahmad Sheikh son of Ghulam Mohi-u-Din Sheikh resident of Badran. During search, officers were able to recover 250 grams of Charas like substance from the vehicle. The accused driver involved in the commission of crime was arrested on the spot and was shifted to police station where he remains in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of Crime has also been seized. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 30/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Magam and investigation has been taken up.

Div Com Kashmir chairs meeting on accommodation issues of PM Package Employees

SRINAGAR, MARCH 08: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a meeting of officers to address the accommodation issues of PM Package employees. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Director Estates Department Kashmir; Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) J&K Srinagar; Chief Engineer, PW (R&B) Department Kashmir and Sr. Superintendent of Police Security Kashmir. Addressing the officers, Div Com directed officers to explore the available hotel accommodation in secure areas so that the PM Package employees

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International Women's Day Women facing domestic violence have nowhere to go in absence of J&K Women's Commission

HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

Srinagar, Mar 08: Amid surge in domestic violence cases, women in Jammu and Kashmir are feeling deprived of avenues to get justice and other basic rights. Jammu & Kashmir State Commission for Protection of Women and Child Rights was scrapped soon after the Centre abrogated Article 370 on August 5, 2019 and since then there is no such panel for women where they can register their grievances. According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), experts, activists and NGOs working on gender issues believe that the commission was a substitute to police stations where women hesitate to file their complaints. They said authorities have given



approval for a special J&K-Ladakh cell at the National Commission for Women but it will have a very little impact as it would be a daunting task for victims to reach Delhi with their problems. "There are options available such as filing complaints online there but not all can register it. A few women's police station can't

handle all the cases. There is a need to restore women commission in J&K," they said, adding that even those women who had filed cases in the commission before August 5 have also been left vulnerable as they have nowhere to go. A pressure group based outside Kashmir who had reinstated the commission in Telangana after 30 months had already written to the Prime Minister demanding the restoration of the women commission in Jammu and Kashmir amid the rise in domestic violence cases across the erstwhile state. Danish Zahoor, head of the Women Matters in J&K told KNO that they have been pleading for the restoration of women commission as violence

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Govt forms panels for monitoring implementation of Bio-Medical Waste Rules in J&K

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Srinagar, Mar 8: The government on Wednesday constituted Union territory Level Committee and District Level Committees for monitoring the implementation of Bio-Medical Waste (BMW) Rules, 2016 in Jammu and Kashmir: The Union territory Level Committee comprises Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department as Chairman and its members include Director, Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing, J&K, Representative of Housing and Urban Development Department (not below the rank of Additional Secretary), Representative of DMRRR (not below the rank of Additional Secretary) and Secretary, J&K

Pollution Control Board. "The Member Secretary, J&K Pollution Control



Board shall act as Nodal agency for coordination and compliance," reads the order, a copy of which lies with GNS, adding, "The Committee shall be free to co-opt any other experts/agency for its assistance and shall meet within two weeks in the first instance and thereafter once in a month." Similarly, the district level committee (s) will be headed by Deputy Com-

missioners concerned and members include Principal, Government Medical College or other reputed Medical College in the area, Representative of SSP concerned, Chief Medical Officer and Regional Officer, J&K Pollution Control Board, the order reads. The Regional Officer, J&K Pollution Control Board shall act as Nodal agency for coordination and compliance. The Committees, it said, shall be free to co-opt any other experts/agency for its assistance. The Committees shall meet within two weeks in the first instance and thereafter once in a fortnight initially till the situation improves and at longer intervals thereafter as may be found necessary, the order added. (GNS)

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Govt grants 60 day 'Special Maternity Leave' on death of baby after birth or stillbirth

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Srinagar, Mar 08: The Jammu & Kashmir government has decided to grant a special maternity leave of 60 days to a woman employee in case of the death of a child soon after the birth or stillbirth with some conditions. According to a notification in this regard has been issued by Director General Codes, Finance Department, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the condition includes that "in case a maternity leave has already been availed by a woman employee and her leave continues till the date of expiry of (a) child soon after birth/stillbirth, the maternity leave already availed till death of the child may be converted into any other kind of leave available

in her leave account without insisting for a medical certificate". A Special Maternity Leave of 60 days may be granted from the date of expiry of a child soon after birth or stillbirth in case the maternity leave has not been availed by a woman employee, the notification reads, adding, "60 days of Special Maternity Leave may be granted from the date of expiry of (a) child soon after birth/stillbirth." As per the notification, the condition for the death of a child soon after birth may be defined as up to 28 days after birth. A baby born with no signs of life at or after 28 weeks of gestation may be defined as stillbirth and the benefit of Special Maternity Leave shall be admissible only to a woman employee with less

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Hajj aspirants to get passport from today

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Srinagar, Mar 08, : The Regional Passport Office Srinagar has decided to issue passports to the Hajj pilgrims from Thursday. Devender Kumar who joined recently as Regional Passport Officer (RPO) Kashmir, Lada-

kh told news agency Kashmir Dot Com that they have decided to issue passport details to intending Hajj pilgrims from Thursday on priority basis as Jammu and Kashmir police have cleared the verification process of over 300 hundred aspirants. The toll is unparalleled; it's for the first time

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10% smart meters installed in Kashmir: CE KPDCCL 'Electricity to be snapped in areas where people create hindrance in installation process'

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Srinagar, Mar 08: The government on Wednesday said that ten per cent of the smart meters have been installed so far and the rest will be completed by the next two years. Talking to the news agency, Chief Engineer, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCCL), Javed Yousuf Dar

said that the electricity will be snapped from the areas where the people will object and halt the smart meter installation. He said that the people should not halt the smart meter installation, adding that the government has already created awareness in this regard. The Chief Engineer further said that a total of

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Sgr admin organises Int'l Women's Day function at S P College Div Com Kashmir, DC Srinagar felicitate Women Achievers of the District

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Srinagar, Mar 08: To commemorate the International Women's Day, celebrated on 8th of March every year, an impressive function was organized by District Administration Srinagar here in the Auditorium of S P College under the theme 'Embrace Equity'. The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri was the Chief Guest on the oc-



casation, while Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad attended the function as Guest of Honour.

During the function various mesmerising programmes related to women empowerment were presented, besides women achievers of Srinagar were also felicitated by the District Administration. In his presidential address, Divisional Commissioner, Srinagar, said that the function was organized to mark the International Women's Day and to highlight the achievements of women in the district. He said that the government is committed to women empowerment and will continue to support women in various fields. He also mentioned that the function was a success and that the women achievers were well-represented. He concluded by saying that the government will continue to work towards the empowerment of women in the district.

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JKSSB to conduct CBT for various posts from 16th March to 5th April, 2023 in J&K

All arrangements in place to ensure fair, transparent exam process

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JAMMU, MARCH 8: The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) is conducting Computer Based Written Test (CBT) for various posts with effect from 16th March to 5th April, 2023 at various examination centers in Jammu and Kashmir. The examination has been scheduled to be conducted in multiple batches at different locations/venues setup in various districts of the UT, for which adequate security arrangements have been put in place at each examination centre.



The concerned District Magistrate will issue prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) around the examination centers during the timing of ex-

amination. A multi layered structure for supervision has also been established with one Centre Observer and Centre Magistrate for each examination center by the respective District Administration. Besides, senior officers shall also be deployed as General Observer by the General Administration Department and IT professionals shall be deployed by Information Technology Department for monitoring of the CBT examinations. The J&K Police shall deploy security personnel for frisking and maintenance of law and

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Job aspirants protest in J&K against Govt's decision to hire blacklisted recruiting agency

Jammu, Mar 08: Job aspirants in Jammu and Kashmir staged protest on Wednesday against government decision to hire a 'blacklisted' company by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) for conducting written examinations.

A large number of job aspirants were detained by police in Jammu's Dogra Chowk area after they tried to stage

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Mercury Rises In J&K Barring Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Kupwara

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Srinagar, March 8: Amid forecast for mainly dry weather, the minimum temperature recorded a rise in Jammu and Kashmir barring Pahalgam, Gulmarg and Kupwara on Wednesday, officials said.

An official of the meteorological department here told GNS Srinagar recorded a low of 3.5°C against 3.3°C on the previous night and it was 0.2°C above normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 2.4°C against 2.0°C on the previous night and it was 0.2°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of minus 1.7°C against minus 1.4°C on the previous night and it was 0.3°C below normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kokernag recorded a low of 4.1°C against 3.9°C on the previous night and it was 2.2°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 1.6°C against minus 0.8°C on the previous night and it was 1.9°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north

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Kashmiri MBA introduced foreign poultry breeds in the valley

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Srinagar, Mar 8 (UNI) 25-year-old Rahil Mushtaq with a Masters in Business Administration degree is credited with the introduction of foreign poultry breeds in Kashmir. Mushtaq's foreign chicken breeds are selling like hot cakes with some breeds even costing Rs 60,000 a pair. The young man completed his MBA from the Kashmir University in 2021 and he set up a poultry farm house on the city outskirts after Covid lock down had made



life come to a standstill. He said he imported a few flocks of chicken from America, China, Ireland,

Netherlands and Turkey during that period and his farm instantly became popular after exhibiting them

on social media. "I was very fond of animals since my childhood. My parents used to purchase chickens and I used to keep them as pets at home", Mushtaq told UNI. Mushtaq had also qualified for prelims of prestigious Kashmir Administrative Service (KAS) in 2021 but did not pursue it further. He chose poultry farming as his profession. "I initially spent Rs 15 lakh in the poultry farm," he said.

He said during the Covid-19 lock down he brought a few imported chicken breeds

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Time has come to give people of J&K their right to choose government: Bukhari

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Srinagar, Mar 8 (UNI) Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday said that the time has come to give people of Jammu and Kashmir their right to choose their government.

"We are waiting for the elections right from the time the Apni Party was formed and will continue to raise this issue", Bukhari told media persons on the sidelines of the party's third foundation day anniversary here.

He said in democratic set up the people have the right to choose their own government. "I think the time has come for giving people the right to exercise their franchise", he said. He said the third foundation day of the party has been dedicated to the restoration of statehood, elections and women empowerment.



The party marked the occasion with a pledge that it will fulfill its commitments, which it made to the masses on the day of its inception on March 8, 2020, including striving for the restoration of statehood to J&K, holding of immediate assembly elections, and women empowerment, a press note issued here said. Bukhari reiterated that if the Apni Party gets the mandate to form gov-

ernment in J&K, "it will reverse all the harsh laws and initiatives including property tax, anti-encroachment drive and so on that have been put into effect during the period of the LG administration". He said in democratic set up the people have the right to choose their own government. "I think the time has come for giving people the right to exercise their franchise", he said.

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Workshop on Export Awareness, Capacity building held at Kupwara,

40 traders, entrepreneurs registered for export oriented products

KUPWARA March 8: Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) organized an export awareness and Capacity building workshop in collaboration with District administration Kupwara and Directorate General of Foreign Trade, at Meeting hall of DC complex Kupwara today. Export Workshop was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray. On the onset of the workshop, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara welcomed the officers from JKPTPO, DGFT, Line departments, experts and entrepreneurs on behalf of the district administration Kupwara. While presenting his key note address Deputy Commissioner Kupwara said that Kupwara district is having vast potential and specialities in different export related products. Famous Red rice of Kupwara, walnut of Kupwara, Kupwara honey, and Handicrafts and Marble of Kupwara, is known

world-wide but question arises why dont we export these products. "If California walnut which is inferior to Kupwara walnut, reaches in every corner of the world, Why not Kupwara walnut? We have rice of Tamil Nadu, Punjab and other states. Why red rice of Kupwara is not known, marketed and exported despite it is having high quality, great flavour and aroma? Despite having numerous specialities, we are not able to sell our products world-over due to lack of awareness and will-power" DC said. "In Kupwara district traders simply buy walnut kernels from farmers and load them in trucks and send to big mandis of the country. This is not exporting or marketing. Actual export is smart packaging, adopting marketing strategies, Linking of products, online selling and value addition of products" DC said. DC asked entrepreneurs and



traders of Kupwara district to focus on value addition and packing of walnut kernels especially. "We can add different flavours to walnut based products to make it more sought over we

can add chocolate flavor to walnut kernels to add its value, flavour and aroma. DC directed all traders and entrepreneurs to redouble their efforts for proper development of Kupwara based export prod-

ucts so that these products become a brand in the world and Kupwara district becomes an export hub. On the occasion Deputy Commissioner said that trader and farmer is directly linked to each

other and depend on each other financially. Earnings from traders directly trickle down to farmer or grower. On the occasion experts imparted important knowledge about various export related government schemes. Detailed awareness regarding various financial assistance for exports, Target market, Insurance, and I.E.C activities in exports was given to participating growers, and traders. Experts deliberated on improving of packaging of products, improving of marketing of the scheduled products outside India, promotion and development of the export oriented products on modern lines. The workshop included detailed sessions on Benefits of exports, process of getting IEC code, awareness regarding India Business Portal and India Trade portal, credit linkages for exports and credit risk insurance facilities, e-commerce platforms, Logistics and potential of products of region in international market.

it was further added that JKPTPO regularly organizes and participates in various activities like Buyer-Seller Meets, Trade Fairs, Exhibitions, Conferences, Seminars, etc. at National and International level for registered members & women entrepreneurs. A K Bhushan, Deputy Director DGFT, Jammu briefed about various Government scheme for export and documentation required for IEC registration. The participants were given the detailed presentations of all the major aspects related to exports, checklist for documents required to get IEC Code, market linkages including e-commerce linkages and benefits. Many queries were resolved on the spot. On the occasion more than 40 traders and entrepreneurs of Kupwara district were registered with DGFT intending to export products like apple, walnut, spices, red rice, Honey, handloom and handicrafts.

IUST Celebrates International Women's Day



Awantipora, March 8: The Islamic University of Science and Technology celebrated International Women's Day, which witnessed wide participation of students, scholars, faculty, and staff. The function was presided over by Prof. Shakil Ahmed Romshoo (Vice-Chancellor, IUST). Prof. Parveena Pandit, (Consultant, Admissions and Academic Affairs, Central University of Kashmir), Prof. Deeba I Sarmad (Dean Cluster University of Srinagar), and Dr. Shabnam Bashir (Senior Consultant Breast, Colorectal, and Peritoneal Surface Malignancies) were special invitees on this occasion. In his address, Prof. Romshoo talked about the importance of this day and the need for dismantling the inherited biases plaguing our society against women. He emphasized the need of implementing a gender-favorable policy framework for uplifting women. Highlighting the role of educational institutions in furthering women empowerment, the Vice Chancellor stressed that education is an empowering tool that paves the way for inclusive and sustain-

able development. Referring to this year's Women's Day theme 'DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality', he said, that the use of technology helps in transcending the boundaries and breaking of glass-ceiling that traditionally undermined women. In her address, highlighting the challenges faced by women at professional and personal levels, Prof. Deeba Sarmad, said that programs like these play an instrumental role in spreading awareness and celebrating women's empowerment. She identified the initiatives that are needed to do away with gender disparity and achieve an equitable world. She also stressed that women need to overcome hesitancy in taking up higher responsibilities as they are second to none. Dr. Shabnam Bashir gave a detailed presentation highlighting the need of embracing equity to envision women a better society, free from gender discrimination and breaking traditional stereotypes that confine women to particular roles. She also talked about the problems encountered by women in accessing health.

DC Baramulla chairs Joint Meeting of MC Presidents, Officers; reviews implementation of CSS

BARAMULLA, MARCH 08: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar convened a joint meeting of the Municipal Council/ Committee Presidents and officers in the Meeting Hall of DC Office complex, here to review the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes including Housing for All, District Plan, UDS, IDMT, FC Grants and other allied schemes. President Municipal Council Baramulla Touseef Raina, MC Presidents of Sopore, Watergam, Uri, Kunzer and Pattan, Additional District Development Commissioner, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf; Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, Tariq Ahmad Reshi; Chief Education officer Baramulla, Balbir Singh Raina; Chief Medical officer, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Malik; Executive officers of MC, Baramulla, Sopore, Tangmarg, Pattan, Watergam, Kunzer and Uri besides Engineers from executing agencies were present in the meeting. At the outset, the DC took Tehsil wise and Ward wise review of all the schemes and progress made so far and enjoined upon the concerned officers to compile the data about the beneficiaries by checking all parameters as per the scheme guidelines



including title verification as per revenue records, proper Aadhaar seeding and geo-tagging of all the cases. She asked all the concerned officers to ensure not a single genuine beneficiary is left out of the coverage of the scheme. She said the District should be 100 percent saturated within the timeframe set by the Government. On the occasion, the chair was also in-

formed that work is in progress on construction of houses under PMAY-Urban during which the DC directed the concerned officers to ensure that the scheme guidelines are followed in letter and spirit so that all genuine eligible beneficiaries are covered under the said scheme in the district. Dr. Sehrish also reviewed District Plan, UDS, IDMT, FC Grants and other allied

schemes comprehensively and emphasised officers for maintaining close coordination with the public representatives so that public issues are addressed timely. She asked them to ensure synergized efforts for cent percent saturation of all government schemes and effective delivery of varied online services of the government on ground. Moreover, with regard to the car parking issues, the DC directed Executive Officer and CMO Baramulla to identify the suitable Car parking location for the ease of the public and submit the report within a week's period. She asked all the concerned officers to ensure not a single genuine beneficiary is left out of the coverage of the scheme. She said the District should be 100 percent saturated within the timeframe set by the Government. On the occasion, the chair was also informed that work is in progress on construction of houses under PMAY-Urban during which the DC directed the concerned officers to ensure that the scheme guidelines are followed in letter and spirit so that all genuine eligible beneficiaries are covered under the said scheme in the district.

District Administration Ganderbal conducts weekly Block Diwas at Sherpathri

GANDERBAL, MARCH 08: The District Administration Ganderbal today convened a Grievance Redressal Camp, as part of weekly Block Diwas programme at District Employment Office here for Block Sherpathri. The camp was presided over by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani. The camp witnessed overwhelming participation of Sarpanchs, Panchs and locals of block Sherpathri who apprised the ADDC about various issues pertaining to their areas and sought his intervention for timely redressal of the grievances.



On the occasion, the locals and PRI members raised various demands and issues like upgradation of water and power infrastructure, development of roads, better healthcare and

other issues of public importance. The ADDC gave a patient hearing to all issues and grievances raised and assured timely redressal of genuine issues. While replying to the demands, the ADDC said that District Administration is ensuring timely redressal of the genuine demands and a proper mechanism is adopted to ensure transparency and accountability at all levels and assured that all issues raised shall be redressed in a time bound manner. He also gave on spot instructions to the officers for ensuring timely redressal of genuine issues pertaining to their departments as per their competence.

Block Diwas aims to redress public grievances at their doorsteps; ensures accountability: DC Kulgam

Farooq Rather



KULGAM, MARCH 08: Continuing with its endeavour to provide effective and accessible grievance redressal platforms at the doorsteps of people, the District Administration Kulgam today organized Mega Block Diwas in various blocks of the district including at Kund, Kulgam and D.H Pora. Officers remained available at the venues and jotted down public demands, listened to their issues and grievances for early redressal. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat presided over a grievances redressal camp at Kulgam, where he listened to the issues and grievances of the people for early redressal. Public delegations from Brazloo, Koriel, Bohgund, Frisal, Pombay and other areas participated in this grievances redressal camp and apprised the DC about their issues and grievances besides projected various developmental requirements in their areas. All the grievances and issues of people were listened to by the DC patiently and some of the grievances of immediate nature were redressed on the spot. Officers and heads of departments also responded to the queries of the people pertaining to their departments. While addressing the participants, the DC said that Block Diwas aims to redress public grievances of immediate nature at an earliest and to provide the services to the masses at their door steps, besides ensuring accountability. Meanwhile Public outreach camps were also held at Block Kund and D. H. Pora, where concerned officers listened to public issues and concerns. Meanwhile Public outreach camps were also held at Block Kund and D. H. Pora, where concerned officers listened to public issues and concerns.

International Women's Day celebrated at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi

SRINAGAR, MARCH 08: The Department of Agriculture today organized a function to celebrate 'International Women's Day' at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi, here. Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal inaugurated the function. Speaking at the inaugural session, Director Agriculture said that the main aim and purpose to mark this day is to celebrate and acknowledge the crucial role that women play in ensuring the sustainability of the Agriculture sector. Director Agriculture said it is the fact that sound administration within the domestic field is impossible without a unified policy and the women are given due respect in this regard. He said that women empowerment can change the whole world and we should recognize the achievements of women in every



sphere of life. The Director said the Department is making all efforts for accelerating women equality and empowering women for greater responsibility, he further added today's women are self-reliant and are well aware of their strength and abilities. Joint Director Inputs, Joint Director Extension, Joint Director Apiculture and Mushroom, Deputy Director Central, Deputy Director Planning, Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar and Ganderbal and

other women participants also threw light on the topic. The Director said the Department is making all efforts for accelerating women equality and empowering women for greater responsibility, he further added today's women are self-reliant and are well aware of their strength and abilities. Joint Director Inputs, Joint Director Extension, Joint Director Apiculture and Mushroom, Deputy Director Central, Deputy Director Planning, Chief Agriculture Officer.

International Women's Day celebrated at Shopian

SHOPIAN, MARCH 08: The Chief Education Officer Shopian in collaboration with Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Shopian today organised a function at DIET to commemorate 'International Women's Day'. The function was attended by Chief Education Officer Shopian, Mohammad Mushtaq, Principal DIET Shopian Ab Majid, Principal Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Shopian, Afroza; District Cultural Coordinator Khurshid Ahmad and teaching, non teaching staff of the Education Department. The function was formally inaugurated by Chief Education Officer Shopian. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Education Officer said women have proven themselves in all the spheres of life and have excelled in every field, be



it science and technology, politics, Administration. He said woman is a wonderful creation of God and every other creature is dependent on her. Women as mother, sister and daughter always nurture the society with utmost love and care. Principal DIET Shopian, Ab Majid emphasized on women empowerment and strongly recommended elimination of gender inequality. Many other

teachers including Nuzhat Rehman, Asma Hassan, Maymoona Akhter threw light on multiple aspects of women empowerment and gender equality. The function concluded with the speech of Principal, Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Shopian who emphasized upon the role of the women and added that women are capable to achieve anything by their will power and determination.

Bandipora Admin targets to De-Worm 1.48 lac Children this year Administration gears up to achieve the target; preparatory meeting for National Deworming day discusses Plan

BANDIPORA, MARCH 08: The District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday reviewed the preparation for the upcoming National Deworming day besides reviewing the performance of the last year. Nodal officer Coordination, M A Hakak chaired the meeting to review preparations while Chief Medical Officer Bashir Ahmad Khan, Deputy Chief Education Officer Mohammad Rafiq and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

During the meeting, the officers informed that the first round of National Deworming Day (NDD) will be celebrated on March 13th which will be followed by Mop-up Day on March 20th instead of February as the schools were closed for winter vacations. CMO Bandipora informed that last year the district achieved 84 per cent target of providing de-worming tablets to the children with active support from edu-

cation department, Asha and Anganwari workers. He said more than 94k children were provided Albendazole tablets.

It was further given out that this year the district has set the target to provide de-worming tablets to 1.48 lac children across the district and the Albendazole tablets have already been received and disbursed to all blocks including snow-bound Gurez valley.

CMO Bandipora said in the first phase all schools, Anganwadi centres, and madrassas shall be covered and the Asha workers, anganwadi workers, teachers have been deputed to provide de-worming tablets while mop program shall be carried till March 26th so that no child is left out.

On the occasion M A Hakak stressed on the teachers and health officials to create awareness among the students regarding NDD, the benefits of cleanliness and ensure that cleanliness is maintained



in schools. He said that the education department has a vital role in awareness among the children about hygienic lifestyles.

He while highlighting the significance of the programme stressed for better coordination for the overall

success of the campaign and exhorted upon educating people at grassroots levels and said that other vulnerable sections should be included in the programme.

The Nodal Officer called for concerted efforts to

make the entire state free from Soil Transmitted Helminths, and to give emphasis on sanitation, cleanliness and for developing effective IEC strategies for community awareness and mobilization during National Deworming Day.

He stressed on the officials to give wide publicity to the program so that all parents ensure that their kids are provided this tablet at schools during this week-long campaign.

He appealed to the people to bring their children to the nearest health centre besides Anganwari centres and educational institutions to make the programme a success.

During the meeting, the officers discussed various issues that hinder the smooth conduct of the program. The chair asked them to work in coordination to ensure all bottlenecks are removed. He while highlighting the significance of the programme stressed for better coordination for the overall success of the campaign and exhorted upon educating people at grassroots levels and said that other vulnerable sections should be included in the programme. The Nodal Officer called for concerted efforts.

ARO Srinagar organises Awareness camp on Agniveer scheme for Army Recruitment at Kulgam

Farooq Rather



KULGAM, MARCH 08: In connection with Army Recruitment Rally, 2023 under Agniveer, the Army Recruitment Office (ARO) Srinagar today conducted a daylong awareness camp on Agniveer scheme at Rest house Chawalgam, here. Speaking on the occasion, Army Recruiting Officer, Colonel G. Suresh said that the aim of organising the camp is to raise awareness among the aspirants of the district about the benefits of recruitment in the Army and the procedure to apply. He interacted with the aspirants and students who came from various areas of the district and also heard their views and other questions. While briefing the participants about the age limit Colonel Suresh informed that aspirants in the age group of 17 to 21 years can get themselves registered on the website and get first hand appraisal of the process of applying through online mode. He said that students of 10+2, Graduates, Government ITIs, Private Institutions and Polytechnics can also apply online and register themselves for the said Army Requirement Rally 2023. Aspirants were given complete awareness through a powerpoint presentation about the registration process and other rules related to Army Recruitment Rally 2023. Tehsil Headquarter Kulgam and other officers besides aspirants from across Kulgam district participated in this awareness camp.

World Women's Day 2023 marked by News Kashmir



SRINAGAR, Prominent weekly Newspaper of Kashmir the News Kashmir today at Hotel Downtown Srinagar, Munwarabad organised the world women's day programme on the topic "Issues and Aspirations of women."

Noted people from different walks of life participated in the programme. It was stressed that realities with reference to women in Jammu and Kashmir are a mix bag, with domestic violence being biggest negative facet and women excelling in education and competitive exams is a positive development. Content editor News Kashmir Rameez Makhdoomi, Editor in Chief News Kashmir Farzana Mumtaz anchored the whole event. The event was sponsored by the PR Professionals also known as PRP, Premier PR company of India, Habart Foundation, Premier organization working on showcasing and promotion of arts in India, Rouble Nagi Art Foundation working for education of underprivileged children.

Grand Attire by Ambreen, Prominent cloth store sponsored the programme. Paras Hospital Srinagar also coordinated. Scholarly voice Mushtaq Ul Haq Sikander, Sufi Painter Badru Nisa, eminent Journalists Syed Rizwan Geelani, Bilal Bashir Bhat, Mir Sabeen Gulrez, Ajaz War, Aadil Salaam and Prominent women entrepreneurs Ambreen Nawaz, Sabah Imtiaz, Mehreen also attended the event. On the other hand, emerging lawyers Advocate Syed Mujtaba, Advocate Sana Shabir, Advocate Sharif Hussain, also including young and dynamic kids of Kashmir Saroosh Tanveer, Mahnoor Tanveer, Sulian participated in the event. It is worth mentioning that Shahid Yaseen Hakak, Director SR Pixels Private Limited along with Phoenix Home Tuition service Manzoor Sultan and tutor Asima Lateef.

Mega Block Diwas in Awantipora Tehsil of Pulwama

Block Diwas strengthening the foundation of local governance: DC Pulwama

PULWAMA, MARCH 08: The District Administration Pulwama today organized Mega Block Diwas in Awantipora Tehsil of the District to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

The programme witnessed overwhelming response from PRIs and general public especially from youth who participated to highlight issues and grievances confronting their areas for early redressal.

To take first hand appraisal of public grievances and demands, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary remained available at Awantipora where he listened to grievances and issues of people for redressal.

He was accompanied by

SSP Awantipora, Aijaz Zargar; ADC Awantipora, Zaffar Ahmad Shawl; Ex-Engineers of R&B, PHE and PDD, PRIs, BMO Pulwama, concerned BDO, and all other District Officers.

Thousands of people hailing from the Block attended the programme and put forth their issues relating to problems they are facing.

Locals and people from adjoining areas, led by Town Welfare Committee Awantipora, put forth their issues and demands regarding basic amenities and different services like construction of interior roads in the town, release of outstanding land compensation payments to landholders, SRTC bus service from Awantipora to Srinagar, providing of forest sale de-

pot in the area, drinking water issues in the area and relocation of filtration Pump, upgradation of High School to Higher secondary school, upgradation in health care facilities etc.

The DC gave patient hearing to the grievances raised and assured quality disposal of genuine issues in a time bound manner. He also gave on spot directions for redressal of many issues of urgent nature as per the competence of concerned departments and issues required to be redressed at higher level, were also noted.

The DC assured the delegations that all the genuine demands shall be resolved in the shortest possible time. He sought an action taken report on all the previous issues projected by

the local people and also passed directions for early redressal of their grievances.

On the occasion, the DC said that such programmes are proving to make the Planning processes/ development processes all over the District youth centric.

The DC further added that education is the only way that can contribute to the overall and inclusive development of the Awantipora town and the society. He also stressed to make the area drug free to make the future of the youth safe and secure.

The DC directed the concerned Officers to exert for completion of ongoing projects, Roads, & bridges. He also urged them to complete the works within the shortest possible time.

International Women's Day celebrated at Pulwama

SRINAGAR, MARCH 08: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Pulwama in collaboration with ICDS under the chairmanship of Naseer Ahmad Dar, Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)/ Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Pulwama and guidance of Rayaz Ahmad Choudhary, Secretary DLSA Pulwama today celebrated International Women's

Day at ICDS Centre Pulwama. The programme started with the introductory speech by Altaf Ahmad Shah, PLV DLSA Pulwama.

Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the main objectives of NALSA constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 i.e., Spreading Legal Awareness, Organizing Lok Adalats, Promoting

dispute settlements, Providing the victims of crime with compensation.

He also briefed about the National Commission for Women set up in 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 to review the constitutional and legal safeguards for women.

Advocate Ashiq Hussain and Adv. Waheeda Anjum delivered a lecture on

the topics Marriage & Divorce, Maintenance Laws, Women Right to Property, Domestic Violence, On the topics Dowry Death & Acid Attack, Outraging Modesty of Women, Kidnapping & Abduction and Rape, Sexual Assault & POCSO.

The programme was attended by Anganwadi Workers/ Helpers, Staff members of DLSA Pulwama and PLVs.

DLSA Srinagar observes 'International Women's Day'



SRINAGAR, MARCH 08: In a series of events organized by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar to commemorate International Women's Day, the Chairman DLSA Srinagar, Jawad Ahmad today inaugurated a Room exclusively for females at Ahata-e-Waqar, a recreational centre for Senior Citizens at Chanapora.

Further, a programme was organized by the Senior Citizens of Ahata-e-Waqar on the eve of International Women's Day, wherein various speakers spoke on the occasion.

Jawad Ahmad, Chairman DLSA Srinagar congratulated the Senior Citizens for their active participation in the activities and urged them to continue it for all the times to come.

Later, DLSA Srinagar in collaboration with an NGO White Globe, celebrated Women's Day at Degree

College Bemina, wherein various speakers spoke on the occasion, which was followed by an award ceremony for facilitating the women.

Subsequently, a walkathon was held on Bemina Road by the male students for females acknowledging the role of females on this day, which was followed by a street play performed by Drama Club of Students of Kashmir University.

The programme ended with a speech delivered by Fozia Paul, Secretary DLSA Srinagar, wherein she urged the people to appreciate the role of women and also urged all the females to support and uplift each other. Subsequently, a walkathon was held on Bemina Road by the male students for females acknowledging the role of females on this day, which was followed by a street play performed by Drama.

J&K-WDC organizes Loan Mela/ Awareness Camp to mark 'International Women's Day'

SRINAGAR, MARCH 08: To mark the celebration of International Women's Day, Jammu and Kashmir Women's Development Corporation (WDC) today organized a Loan Mela cum Awareness Camp sponsored by National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) New Delhi within the office premises at SDA Colony, Bemina.

The camp was inaugurated by the chief guest, Ulfat Jabeen, Managing Director WDC. Almost 400 women beneficiaries including Self Help Groups from the areas like, Bemina, Qamarwari, Batmaloo, Noorbagh, Palpora, Rambagh, Rajbagh, Rajourikadal etc participated in this function.

Speaking on the occasion, the MD WDC emphasised upon women in general and Self Help Groups in particular to come forward and work in unison for their rights and stand on their own feet and make their life prosperous. She further added that the Government has initiated numerous schemes for making women economically self-reliant and giving them their due place in the society.

While highlighting the activities undertaken by the WDC for women empowerment, she stated that under various loan schemes WDC has disbursed an amount of Rs. 280.80 crores and benefited 18,245 women beneficiaries by establishing their own income generating units like Cutting/ Tailoring cum fabric art, Sozni/Shawl Embroidery, Departmental Stores, Bak-



ery units, Milk and milk products for their economic empowerment.

Besides providing loans, She said WDC is also providing skill Development Training in various viable activities/trades like, Cutting/Tailoring/fabric art, Block Printing, Kani Shawls, Jute file folders etc.

The training is being provided for duration of 3-6 months and stipend @ 1000/- per trainee is given after formation of Self Help Group which is mandatory.

She informed that WDC has disbursed an amount of Rs.11.56 crores amongst 2995 Self Help Group members for establishing their own income generating units for their economic empowerment and for sustenance of the groups under Micro Finance Schemes of Govt. of India.

A small stall displayed is giving the idea of manufacturing of the products produced by the beneficiaries after availing loan from this Corporation.

Similarly, under the Educational Loan Scheme WDC has benefitted 712 beneficiaries by providing loans to the tune of Rs. 10.18 crores for pursuing education within and outside India.

Apart from loans, the mission of WDC is to provide marketing support to the beneficiaries/SHGs associated with WDC by conducting exhibitions or by participating in the national level exhibitions. WDC as on date has conducted 44 exhibitions within and outside the Union Territory besides participating in the national level exhibitions held at IITF, Surajkund, Dilli Haat, HunnarHaat etc.

The MD WDC disbursed sanction letters worth Rs. 22 lakhs amongst various women beneficiaries for establishing their own income generating units for their self-reliance and apart from sanction letters, she also distributed 20 course completion certificates amongst 20 women beneficiaries who attained 6 months training in Cutting/Tailoring and fabric art run at Alochi Bagh, Srinagar. Apart from loans, the mission of WDC is to provide marketing support to the beneficiaries/SHGs associated with WDC by conducting exhibitions or by participating in the national level exhibitions. WDC as on date has conducted 44 exhibitions within and outside the Union Territory besides participating in the national level exhibitions held at IITF, Surajkund, Dilli Haat.

'International Women's Day' celebrated at Amar Singh College, Srinagar

SRINAGAR, MARCH 08: Amar Singh College in collaboration with Vomedh today organized a programme to commemorate 'International Women's Day, 2023' themed 'Embrace Equity'.

At the outset, chief guest Prof. Bashir Ahmad Rather, guests-of-honor Prof. Neerja Matoo and Asif Padroo (Additional Advocate General) J&K High Court were felicitated by Convener Women Development Cell Prof. Sabreena Syed and President Vomedh, Rohit Bhat.

Principal Amar Singh

College, Prof. B.A Rather in his inaugural address highlighted the scope and importance of celebrating International Women's Day. Furthermore, he emphasized the goal of G20 in prioritizing the shift from women development to Women-led development.

Prof. Neerja Matoo presented an illuminating speech on the status and dignity of women in present society. Earlier, the dignitaries and guests were welcomed by President Vomedh Rohit Bhat. In his address he acknowledged the efforts of Principal

Amar Singh College and Convener Women Development Cell in organizing such an event. On the occasion, the President of the organisation announced his interest in conducting a theater workshop for the students of Amar Singh College so as to provide them with better career prospects. During the course of the program a felicitation ceremony was held in which women from different sectors (Arts, Journalism, Education and Social Welfare) were honored for their unflinching efforts and achievements.

Sakal Bhat (journalist) and Asif Padroo (Additional Advocate General) J&K High Court also spoke on the occasion. Apart from them the faculty of the college Prof. Kouser Parveen, Prof. Kauser Andrabi, Prof. Basharat Shamim and some of the students shared their views on various dimensions of women empowerment.

Vomedh group and the students of Amar Singh college presented a skit and some folk songs highlighting the role of women in contemporary era and the challenges faced thereof.

Distt Admin Bandipora celebrates International Women's Day-2023

BANDIPORA, MARCH 08: The District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday celebrated International Women's Day by organizing a seminar at Mini Secretariat, here.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora Ali Afsar Khan was the chief guest on the occasion, while DDC vice Chairperson Kousar Shafeeq was the special guest.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Waseem Raja, Joint Director Planning Imtiaz Ahmad, Nodal Officer Coordination M A Hakak, Deputy Chief Education Officer Bandipora Rafiq Ahmad and other senior officers besides a



mixed audience of men and women were present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, ADDC talked about the rights of women and highlighted the significance of International Women's Day.

He said that it is not the

day just to commemorate the achievements of women but to analyze and diagnose the reasons behind the helplessness of women in the society and asked for changing age old notions by bringing the social re-orientation in addition

to bringing their economic, social and political upliftment. While talking about violence and against women, ADDC urged the female folk to report violence so that such crimes are minimized. He said the laws are always there but not reporting the violence is the major reason that violence continues. He enumerated the achievements of the Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) that is functional in Mini-Secretariat Bandipora. He said MSK aims to empower rural women through community participation and to create an environment in which they realize their full potential. He urged the female audience to visit MSK.

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Alarming Rise in Suicides Across Kashmir Turning our Homeland into a Suicide Capital.

An alarming increase in the number of suicides across Kashmir Valley is an unprecedented Scenario in Kashmir valley and a matter of concern for one and all. It is a social evil and threat to mankind and humanity itself as a whole. Suicide estimates suggest fatalities worldwide could rise to 1.5 million by the year 2020, excluding Covid pandemic suicide is the second largest cause of death among people across the globe and it is believed that it will suppress and become the first in the next 10 years (2030) across the globe. Suicide is the slur on society and even UT of JK has not been left untouched by the menace of suicides. It is not unusual to see the reports of suicides in daily newspapers. According to reports of NCRB the erstwhile state recorded a total of 7000 cases between 1990 and 2021. Depression, anxiety, stress are some factors which leads to suicides. According to research 79% of the urban and rural population in the valley suffers from depression. Suicide is more common in teenagers and youngsters especially females because they are far more sensitive and emotionally weaker than men. They have less tolerance than men. The main question is what are the causes of these suicides, who is responsible for them. What are the factors that leads a person to depression and ultimately to suicide the growing unemployment, love failures, job instability, child sexual abuse, impulsive personality and even drugs abuse are the casual factors for suicides. Besides that the panic situation created by pandemic cannot be ignored, it creates stress among the people especially young boys and girls. schools were closed, people lost their jobs and drains the wealth as all sources of income were shutdown. It crushes the back of economy of country as well. People remain ideal in their houses and the growing peskiness leads to depression and ultimately to suicide. Experts also blame the eruption of the armed conflict in the valley which has taken heavy toll on lives. Adding that mental health issues can also be contributing factors. However suicides can be prevented d by proper intervention. Parents and teachers should fix the responsibilities on their children so as to prevent the suicides. People just need to do physical and mental exercise regularly and be more social and fulfill hobbies on priority basis, family members need to be more vigilant and try to understand the change in their members. The Govt should also take the steps to minimize the suicide rates. More employment opportunities should be provided to people. Govt organizations and NGO's should do seminars to motivate the people and should aware them about the negative impacts of depression. in short Govt should take every possible step to minimize this alarming suicidal rate.

TO LAILA



SHAHID SHAMSHAD KUMAR

Into the deep rainy forests, everything is serene
While my desert is crying aghast.
My heart is restless,
Searching for you in vain.

Streets are there to carry my pain
While the lamps are to heal.
I am still finding the monsoon rain
With withered flowers in my hands.

I am being assaulted by stones
Through the lanes of your modern city
Something in my heart croons
To conquer this atmosphere of gloom.

I want to meet you, but where are you?
My eyes are tired of watching your eyes.
Though, you are far from away from me.
Your Qais is waiting for you come.

Serum For Hair

Hair serum is a super quick and fun hair styling silicone-based liquid product that is used to coat the hair's surface to protect from all the nasties, like pollution, dust, dirt etc. Typically, hair serums contain silicone and active ingredients that nourish, strengthen and brighten your hair.

Silicone-based serums have a lower pH level to minimize hair damage. They help smoothen your hair, eliminate frizz, add shine, and act as a shield against harsh environmental aggressors. They are very easy to use and are typically applied after washing the hair and before styling it.

A variety of hair serums can solve different hair problems. Knowing which serum works best for a person's hair type and specific hair concern is beneficial.

Hair serum can benefit your hair in several different ways. Let's take a closer look at what hair serum can do for your locks

Reduce flyaway hair and frizz If your hair is weak and damaged, it may look frizzy or dry. You may also have flyaways, or hair that looks like it's standing on end. Flyaways and frizz are never enjoyable. However, using a hair serum can help in nourishing and controlling frizzy hair before going for the hair spray. Consider using hair serum as your first line of defence and conclude it with hair spray. To get freedom from flyaways, take a pump or two of hair serum to your palms, rub them together, and then smooth the palms over the length of your hair.

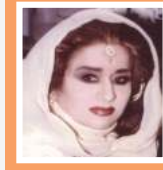
Add lustre

Hair serums can improve your hair's lustre. Use a shine-enhancing serum before shampooing to hydrate the hair or before styling, to manage the hair and polish the strands. It will also help in achieving velvety hair smoothness and a glossy shine.

Hair serums improve the natural structure and texture of the hair, resulting in sleeker, more defined hair, enhancing the hair's natural look.

Nurture Dry Hair

In addition to feeling scratchy, parched hair frequently seems dull and lifeless, which doesn't exactly give a boost to your confidence. The hair can benefit from an increase in hydration derived

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from a decent serum and created with nourishing components while also hiding evident indications

of dryness and damage, including frizz, breakage, and split ends.

Protection from Humidity

Your hair puffs up, the moment you step outside in humid weather when air moisture levels are high. While having thick or puffy hair is something you can't change, you have control over how it responds to environmental elements like artificial heat and humidity by using the appropriate hair serum.

Make Your Strands Softer

Damaged or dry hair seems fragile to the touch and may suffer breakage. By applying hair serum you can help revive your strands and make your tresses smoother and simpler to handle.

Damage Control

Damage can result from over-colouring or hot-tool styling of the hair. To overcome the deficiency of natural oils in your strands, using a hair serum is a terrific approach to replenish moisture and help seal the hair cuticle, which has been damaged. It works as a protective shield that nourishes the hair deeply and doesn't allow them to get greasy.

Help in Detangling

After washing your hair, trying to detangle it can be a real nuisance. However, a few drops of hair serum applied to towel-dried hair can facilitate detangling. Your fingers or brush will have an easier time gliding through your strands because of the serum.

The serum can make your hair healthy and manageable by improving its shine, smoothness, and hydration. It conditions the hair, strengthens each strand, and provides long-lasting styles. After shampooing, place 4 to 5 drops of the serum on your palm and gently massage it into your hair. Then, let your hair air dry as usual.

Thanks and Regards

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THE CHANGING FACE OF JOURNALISM



Vijay GarG

The pace of digital change has swept journalism up along the way. Dailies are in decline as social media takes on a news role. But how did we get from press being king to scrolling through apps for the day's events?

We all know that journalism is changing. Readership levels of newspapers are down and pretty much everyone gets the footie scores on Twitter. In fact, aside from my 86-year-old granddad, Cyril, I don't know many people who actually still buy a daily paper, every day.

However, this does not mean that people are no longer consuming news. This blog will be looking at the many new emerging forms of journalism that are allowing people worldwide to access stories at the touch of a button, on the go, and on a variety of platforms.

According to the National Readership Survey (NRS), via Mediatel, the circulation of Daily National Newspapers was down 4.13% in 2015. You can find countless articles online that present the falling number of readers within print journalism.

"It is simply a matter of time before it becomes unprofitable to continue publishing newspaper papers."

What seems to be taking print's place is mobile. I am going to be publishing a post devoted to the power of the app for news brands shortly, but what you need to know is that people are increasingly using their phones to access news stories. In fact, according

to some things who tweet and swipe and slide into DMs). Unlike the generations before us, we have grown up surrounded by technology.

This makes young people a perfect target for new media that can be consumed anywhere and at any time,



to the NRS, On average mobile adds a further 118% audience reach to individual newsbrand footprints.

Apps suit today's busy world. Quick to download, quick to open and quick to access. With lots of people commuting, apps also allow those travelling in and out of work a chance to scroll through often personalised news feeds.

The Digital Age

Today's society is full of "digital natives" (that's the young, hip, twen-

usually on your phone. Students in particular often don't have the time or money to purchase an actual paper, or sit down and watch the 6 o'clock news. Therefore, news outlets are getting digital savvy and creating content for the vast numbers of online users.

The importance of social media Without a doubt, the main way journalism is changing is the emergence of social media. I will be posting blog posts later which outline certain sites

and their impact on reporting the news, but the big ones include Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat.

Instagram is also handy and is used a lot by news outlets when reporting shocking celebrity images

So what is all the fuss about? Well let's look at Facebook. Pretty much everyone I know is on it, including my dad. Some stats from Facebook's "Company Info" page confirms this: 1.18 billion daily active users on average for September 2016

1.09 billion mobile daily active users on average for September 2016

1.79 billion monthly active users as of September 30, 2016

1.66 billion mobile monthly active users as of September 30, 2016

It is clear to see how influential a site like Facebook can be to report news worldwide to billions of users every day. Social media and mobile apps are changing the way audiences consume and find news. This blog will be looking a little deeper into emerging forms of journalism, and exploring why this shift is happening. The blog will touch on my own experiences with micro-blogging, image-sharing to tell stories and also the legal challenges facing journalists in today's digital news world.

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Overcoming Greed and Envy in Education: Guiding Students Towards a Path of Excellence



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Greed has been a part of human nature since the beginning of time. While it can motivate individuals to strive for success and prosperity, it can also lead to negative consequences if taken to the extreme. In today's world, we see many examples of greed and envy in various aspects of life, including education.

Students often feel pressured to take certain subjects or pursue particular career paths because of societal expectations and perceptions of status. Medical subjects, for example, are often seen as more prestigious and respected than arts subjects. This perception can lead

to students making decisions based on ego satisfaction rather than their actual interests and capabilities. It

cess. Students should be encouraged to explore their interests and capabilities without feeling pres-



can also create unnecessary competition and envy among students, which can be harmful to their mental health and overall well-being. It is the responsibility of educators and parents to guide students towards the path of excellence and not just the path of perceived suc-

sure from others. Teachers and parents should also educate students on the importance of respecting and valuing all subjects, regardless of societal perceptions. They should emphasize that success and respect come from hard work, dedication, and passion, not just the subject or

career path chosen.

In conclusion, greed and envy have become prevalent in our society, and education is not immune to these negative traits. However, it is the responsibility of educators and parents to instill values of excellence, respect, and passion in their students. By doing so, we can create a generation of individuals who pursue their interests and careers for the right reasons, and who understand that success and respect come from within, not from external perceptions.

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Ped Lagao Beti Ke Naam

Mass Plantation Program by Social Forestry Department and NHAI along Jammu Ring Road

JAMMU, MARCH 8: The department of Social Forestry today organized a special plantation drive along the National Highway Ring Road NH-44, at Chak Avtara Gram Panchayat to mark celebration of International Women's Day.

Over 300 participants including volunteers of women SHGs, girl students, representatives of PRIs, staff of Social Forestry and NHAI, Eco Club members, Van Mitras, womenfolk of adjoining villages and their children took part in the drive.

Also, the members of Indian Forest Service Officer's Wives Association (IFSOWA) participated in the plantation programme organized under the theme "Ped Lagao Beti Ke Naam", an initiative of J&K government to involve women and girls in afforestation, environmental conservation and awareness generation.

On the occasion, more than 1000 tree saplings of various species were planted. The locals rendered their valuable support and pledged to protect the plantation.

Principal Chief Conservator Forest and Director Social Forestry, Roshan Jaggi, was the chief guest



on the occasion.

While speaking on the occasion, PCCF appreciated the wholehearted support and participation of gram panchayat members and local women and other stakeholders in carrying out the plantation

event successfully. He stated that under Social Forestry's various initiatives, efforts are being made to scale up tree plantation on lands belonging to Gram Panchayats and also promote plantation on farmer's land. "Gram Panchayats

are playing proactive role in active engagement of local people to take up afforestation as a gainful farming enterprise to increase their income and enhance livelihood opportunities in rural areas", he added.

District Development Council member Bishnah, Dharminder Pal, Regional Director, National Highways Authority of India, Rohin Gupta, Ravi Kesar, Advisor NHAI and officers of Social Forestry and NHAI were also present. Regional Director NHAI said that as part of collaborative efforts of both organizations, a big initiative has been taken up in J&K to raise plantations along newly constructed Highways including Jammu-Udhampur, Qazigund - Srinagar and Jammu Ring road stretches. It is as per policy of Government of India to develop green highways to reduce pollution, sequester carbon and enhance the safety and experience of travelling.

As special attraction of the program, the women planted saplings on the name of their daughters and pledged to protect them and carry forward this initiative in other villages also.

JKRLM UMEED celebrates International Women's Day with members of SHGs

JAMMU, MARCH 08: Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission, UMEED, today celebrated International Women's Day at Panchayat Bhawan here.

Mission Director JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib; Additional Mission Director JKRLM Jammu, Mridhu Slathia; Director Social Audit, Shafia Naqashbandi, women from several Self Help Groups (SHGs) and other concerned participated in the event.

This year's theme, "Digit ALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality," highlights the role of innovative technology in promoting gender equality and meeting the health and developmental needs of women and girls. The event witnessed a session wherein members of different SHGs from Jammu division shared their stories their how they made their identity through UMEED programme of JKRLM.

While addressing the event, Mission Director JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib, impressed upon the SHGs to make innovation



and digital skills as their weapon as everything goes through digital process. She asked them to invest in them through digital gadgets and update themselves to remain in a race in this digital age.

She said through this, the women will be able to develop the necessary digital skills to engage in digital spaces which will increase their opportunities to pursue careers in different fields.

While speaking on the occasion, Director Social Audit said that the women's day would be celebrated

in real sense when women will be free to take her decision in all her fields.

Additional Mission Director JKRLM Jammu, Mridhu Slathia, said that JKRLM is already working on several digital innovations and digital skilling and UMEED is one scheme which is changing lives of rural women on ground. She added that by providing women with innovation and technology it would help to create more solutions besides promoting gender equality in the society.

Sh Faisal Qureshi SSP Traffic Jammu reviews functioning of Traffic Police City Jammu

JAMMU, 08 March 2023: Sh. Faisal Qureshi, Senior Superintendent of Police Traffic City Jammu, reviewed the functioning of traffic police in the city. The review meeting was attended by Raj Paul Singh Additional SP Traffic Jammu, Bikram Kumar DySP (T) City South, Satish Kumar DySP (T) City Rural and other police officials.

The performance of Officers/Officials was assessed and directions were imparted to all the concerned to make traffic of the city hassle free so that general public does not face any inconvenience. Moreover visible offences like driving without crash helmet, without seatbelt or driving license, mobile phone use while driving be strictly dealt with. SSP Traffic Jammu stressed that action should be taken against wrong parking which are cause of congestion in the



city. He stressed upon the officers to take all necessary measures to smoothen the flow of traffic at Parade, Indira Chowk, Dogra Chowk, Bus stand, Canal Road, Talab Tillo Road, Janipur, Ambphalla, Bakshi nagar, Bikram Chowk, Narwal, Wave Mail, Kunjwani, Satwari and main towns of Akhnour, Bishnah, RS Pura & Nagrota. SSP Traffic also appreciated the officers for their best performance in reg-

ulating traffic during the months. He directed that they should work hard for the safety of the people and while dealing with different violators, their conduct should be honest, transparent and firm but not harsh. He stressed that in view of forthcoming festivals like Baisakhi, Navratra's Rannavmi etc Officers/Officials should also stress on regulation of traffic to ensure congestion free traffic movement in the city.

International Women's Day 2023 celebrated at Reasi

REASI, MARCH 08: Like other parts of the country International women's day also celebrated today with great zeal and enthusiasm on the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality" in Reasi District.

The function was organised by District Social Welfare Officer Reasi under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal.

While Putting feather of enthusiasm on the occasion and with the dedicated lines on Jhansi ki Rani, Lakshmi Bai, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal congratulated all gathered women and emphasised on "Gender Equality" and multiple roles played by women. She shared her views on elevated status of woman in our society, and challenges faced by women in day to day life.

Vice Chairman, District Development Council Reasi, Shajra Kousler and Chairman Block Development Council Reasi, Parveen Begum while speaking on the occasion illustrated various ex-



amples of female warriors and the achievements of women in all sectors, whether in working places or in families or households.

Asserting that gender equality is not only a fundamental right, but a necessary foundation for a sustainable and prosperous society, Additional District Development Commissioner Reasi, Jyoti Rani Salathia, in her welcoming address, stressed upon the role and importance of women in every sec-

tor, to make all the services digitized and making the latter available to general masses at their doorsteps.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Geetanjali Gupta from SMVD Narayana, said that besides working in offices, all women should take care of their health; both mental and physical, as a woman is the creator of families. She laid stressed on menstrual hygiene and healthy diet.

Sharing her views, Principal JNV Reasi, Sangeeta Shonik laid focus on Right to Education for women, Gender Equality and celebrations of births of baby girls and share her views on importance of women in framing healthy society.

Meanwhile, Vijay Kumari, Sub Inspector, Jammu Kashmir Police enlightened the audience about the women in distress, the challenges faced by rural women and assistance provided by district Police in collaboration with Legal authorities and district OSC.

In continuation to the celebrations, Central Administrator Reasi, presented the working of District One Stop Center, District Hub for Empowerment of Women and Women Helpline (in collaboration). She also presented the basic women oriented schemes running in the district through PPT.

To celebrate International Women's Day, young artists of the district gave their performances in dance, poetry and song. Besides local ladies and youth from Bhomag Block also.

Commissioner Secretary SWD chairs International Women Day celebration

JAMMU, MARCH 08: Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda, today chaired celebration of International Women Day organized by Mission Shakti Department of Social Welfare her at Conventional Centre. During the program, various eminent women who have done excellent work in different spheres of life were felicitated by the Mission Shakti.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheetal Nanda said that violence against women has consistently been rising not only in our country but throughout world which is an alarming situation. To combat this menace from the society, sensitization of men as well as women is need of the hour, she added. She emphasized massive awareness regarding gender equality and rights of the women.

She further stated that



Mission Shakti through District Hub for empowerment of Women, Women Helpline and Sakhi Centres (OSC) are constantly working towards empowering and facilitating the women in distress.

During the program, various cultural programmes were presented by the participants besides sharing of success stories by the wom-

en participants. Secretary in Social Welfare Department, Rachna Sharma, Director General Social Welfare Department, Jammu, Vivek Sharma, Mission Director, Mission Shakti, Harvinder Kour and other female officers from various line departments, school children and dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Women development cell GDC conducts programme on International women's day under G-20 Activities

UDHAMPUR, MARCH 08: In the series of programs with respect to the Presidency of India of G20 Nations and taking on the Torch of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, the Women Development Cell (WDC) of the College in collaboration with Debate and Symposium Committee, AKAM Cell, and YSYB organized today a meaningful programme on the International Women's Day.

The entire programme was conducted under the guidance of patron and Principal, Prof. (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta who was also the chief guest in the programme. Whereas Prof. Seema Kotwal was the guest of honour and Prof. Babu Lal Thakur and Prof. Romesh Kumar Atri were the special guests.

Sharing his ideas about the event, the chief patron, Prof. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, congratulated the Women Development cell, Debates and Symposium Committee and AKAM Cell, for organising the Relevant programs during the deliberations on G20 Programmes as envisaged by the Department of Higher Education, JKUT.

He appreciated the presenters, the participants and the faculty about their deep understand-



ing of the Importance of the gender equality and place for women in the society and the world. He invoked all the members to be proactive against any kind of atrocities or violence against women in the society.

Prof. Seema Kotwal was of the view that she is noticing the change in the young males of the nation who are honestly coming forward for the cause of the women and the empowerment of the women is possible only this way, particularly when both the genders get a sense of equality in a natural manner.

Prior to this the Program started with the welcome address by Dr. Jasmeet Raina, a member

of WDC. After this the College Musical Band Devika Strings, comprising of Akashay, Anmol, Manish and Bhisam, under the guidance of Prof. Samosh Kumar, presented a motivating and soulful mash-up invoking the spirits for rising high. It was followed by an awe inspiring Short Play Choocha Hai Aasman by the members of Yuva Soch Yuva Bharat IKAI members including Antriksha, Prerna, Mohit, Binamtosh, Harsh, Rikhil Goswami, Sahil and Ritesh. The skit made all the people in the audience spell bound. The story was based on the struggle of a girl to achieve her goals against the odds of the society.

Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Coord. AKAM Cell, Co-Convenor Debates and Symposium Committee Co-ordinated the Various parts of the Programme and also presented an overall view about the various aspects of Gender sensitization for real empowerment of the women.

The Program was attended by Prof. Babu Lal Thakur, Dr. Sunil Kumar Bhat, Prof. Imtiaz Shahid, Prof. Sunita Kumari, Prof. Sarita Parihar, Dr. Kawaljeet Kour, Dr. Firdous Ittoo, Dr. Rozy Bamba, Dr. Ravinder Kumar.

ALC Ramban releases compensation of Rs. 28.88 lakh in favour of deceased construction workers

RAMBAN, MARCH 08: The Labour Department, Ramban gave Rs.28.88 lakh to the dependents of the deceased construction workers here today.

The beneficiaries included the family members of Raj Kumar who was awarded an amount of Rs.13.38 and Khalid Hussain who was awarded Rs 15.50 lakh.

While handing over the cheque to the dependents of the deceased, the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Ramban, Dr Sushant Mahajan, emphasized the importance of providing adequate support and guidance to dependents of the deceased construction workers in the construction sector. He also advised them to save the money and utilise it properly for their subsistence.

In addition, the Assistant Labour Commissioner also released an amount of Rs 7,44,500 in favour of the 93 registered construction workers as Lower Education Assistance for the education of their children under the J&K Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWBB). On the occasion, Dr Mahajan also highlighted the various initia-



tives taken by the government to ensure the welfare of workers in the construction sector, including the provision of health and safety measures at work sites and the establishment of a database of registered workers to ensure that they receive timely and adequate support.

The ALC stated that the Government is running several schemes for the welfare of Building and

other Construction workers with the objective of regulating employment and conditions of service and providing safety, health, and welfare measures for registered workers.

ALC appealed the left out construction workers to immediately apply for their registration under JKBOCWBB and avail the benefits of various welfare schemes of the government. The beneficia-

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Cultural programs, Skits, Felicitation of women achievers, Open discussion mark the celebration of IWD 2023 in Doda

DODA, MARCH 08: The International Women's Day (IWD) 2023 was celebrated with great enthusiasm and zeal at Community Hall Doda district here today.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, District Administration Doda in collaboration with Social Welfare department Doda, Mission Shakti Doda, Childline Doda and other Allied departments organised a program on this year theme, "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality," highlighting the role of innovative technology in promoting gender equality and meeting the health and developmental needs of women and girls. The event was attended by

women from all walks of life. Some of the women/ girls who are inspiration for others spoke of their experiences and their participation in the growth story of the County.

Cultural programmes, skits by the girls of Nari Niketan Doda highlighting women related issues, songs and speeches on gender discrimination, laws, and initiatives taken by Govt to empower women were main highlights of the programme.

DC Doda, while speaking on the occasion, and appreciating Social Welfare department for organizing the event, observed that the existence and perpetuation of mankind is because

of the existence of women. He urged the women to ensure their participation in all aspects of development of the nation. He added that as on date, he sees no field where women are behind the men, mentioning that atleast in UT of J&K, he knows large number of people who have provided level playing field to their sons and daughters. Therefore, the contribution and role of women in the development of the society has been appreciable in this part of the country.

Some Sanitary Pad Vending machines donated by Ankur Maitrika hospital Jammu and Foregen Healthcare Ltd were also distributed by DC Doda among government girls'.

IRP 15th (Ladies) Battalion, celebrates Int'l Women's Day

JAMMU, MARCH 08: International Women's Day was celebrated today at IRP 15th (Ladies) Battalion, Gulshan Ground, Jammu. The day long celebrations included debate, presentation of a colorful cultural programme by J&K Police Cultural Team & singing by officers etc. Nisha Nathyal, IPS, DIG Armed/IRP Jammu Range was Chief Guest on the occasion. Children of various women officials were specially invited to share the experience of their working mothers and how inspired they feel from the contribution of their mothers in their families. Manasvi Kotwal (age 7 years) Class 2nd D/O Sgt. Bindya Devi, Snahal Rajput (Age 11 years) class 6th D/O Sgt. Nirmal Devi, Yashika Bhagat (age 14 years) Class 10th D/O Surjeet Kumar, Dy.00.1R-15th Bn, Farishta Al Sana (age 19 years) BBA student Jammu University D/O HC Shahnaz Bano, Rubal Rathore (age 19 years) student of 3rd semester of Jammu University D/O HC Jyoti Parihar, Simran Thakur (age 11 years) Class 6th D/O Sgt. Neelan Thakur, Aakriti & Yashaswani Singh (age 19 & 09 years) D/O Insp. Pooja Parihar who spoke on the occasion very passionately highlighted the life and struggle of a woman, particularly the working women, who maintain their personal and professional life very delicately. A scintillating performance was



given by the J&K Police Cultural Team and many officers viz. Smt Shwetambri, DySP, Smt Usha Kher, DySP, S. Rishi Singh, DySP besides by Mrs. Madhu Bandral (Rtd. SP), who enthralled the audience with beautiful rendition of songs. Speaking on the occasion, Mubasir Latifi, Commandant IR-15th Bn, congratulated all the Women officers/officials on the occasion of International Women's Day and lauded the contribution of Women Police Personnel in various challenging assignments viz. maintenance of law and order, security of vital installations, VIP protection and other miscellaneous duties.

He also appreciated their dedication towards their families and exhibiting courage and resilience by overcoming all the odds. Nisha Nathyal, IPS, DIG Armed/IRP Range Jammu, Chief guest on the occasion, boosted the morale of Lady officials/officers and their children. In her address, she praised the Police-women for their professional duties, while at the same time also being the main force behind managing their families and household matters. The function was attended by Mrs. Rashmi Wazir, SSP (Commandant Ist Women Bn.), Anita Sharma, SSP, (Commandant IRP 14th Bn.), Dr. Nazia Rasool Latifi, Co-ordina-

tor EVS Cluster University, Jammu, Rashmi Arya, Senior Asstt. Professor, Govt. Degree College Bishnah and large number of lady officers posted in different wings of J&K Police. On the occasion, a media camp was organized by J&K Police Hospital Jammu in which various tests were conducted. Various stalls of different merchandise like, lady suits, Jewellery and Street food were also the main attraction on the occasion. While Inpr. Pooja Parihar conducted the proceedings of the function, welcome address was delivered by Shwetambri Sharma, DySP and vote of thanks was presented by Swati Sharma, DySP of the unit.

Int'l Women's Day celebrated across Ramban district

RAMBAN, MARCH 08: To mark the celebrations of International Women's Day the Government Degree College, Batote today organized a series of activities in the college. Speaking on the occasion the chief guest, Principal of the college, Prof. Nirlape Kour stressed the need to recognise the contributions of women in different facets of life, whether personal or professional. She said that women are the source of indomitable spirit, determination, dedication and inspiration for their families and our nation. She laid emphasis on equality between men and women thus the need to empower women. On the occasion Meenakshi Khajuria, a student of Semester 5th presented the welcome address. Many students and faculty members also presented their views on the occasion. A Painting competition and Slogan writing competition was also organized in which students participated very enthusiastically. In the Painting competition Mehwish Arif, Kajal Attri and Suhani Sharma were adjudged the 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. In the Slogan writing competition



Charanpreet, Afia Riaz and Nazia Banu stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Meanwhile the Department of Social Welfare Ramban today celebrated the International Women's day in coordination with Government Degree College Banihal. Mission Shakti, One Stop Centre staff under the banner of Social Welfare Department, organised the programme under the aegis of Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav wherein various speakers threw light on the topic. Meantime, the Sheep Hus-

bandry Department also organized a programme on food security for women in the village Nera of Ramban to celebrate the day. Various other departments also organised the programme on the occasion of International Women's day. On the occasion Meenakshi Khajuria, a student of Semester 5th presented the welcome address. Many students and faculty members also presented their views on the occasion. A Painting competition and Slogan writing competition was also organized.

Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare deptt Ramban organised Awareness cum Training programme

RAMBAN, MARCH 08: As part of the ongoing nationwide Azadi Ka Amri Mahotsav, the Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare organised an Awareness cum Training Camp for women under Agriculture Technology Mission Agency (ATMA) at Panchayat Ghar in Kenthi village here today. The programme was coordinated by a team of Agriculture Department officers led by Subject Matter Specialist, Sunil Gupta under the supervision of Chief Agriculture Officer, Dr. Ashwani Sharma. In the camp after registering 25 of these women to form their Self Help Group (SHG) these women were educated on various Centrally Sponsored Schemes meant for farmers' welfare and imparted training about Dhingri mushroom growing under the Food Security for Women programme by SMS, Sunil Gupta, AEO, Narinder Kumar and JAEO, Ravinder Singh. After the demonstration by officers these women also tried their hand in stuffing the bags with wet straw and mixing specified spawn in them and then packing them. According to Sunil Gupta, under the Food Security for Women programme this SHG



of women will be provided free material for Dhingri mushroom cultivation besides technical guidance to uplift their financial status and make them self reliant. "We are grateful to these officers who came to our doorstep here in our village to aware us about some useful government sponsored schemes for us and also forming our Self Help Group", a trainee added. Now after getting trained by them we are interested in mushroom cultivation. It is a very cheap and easy way of earning for women who can do it without requiring even land and consuming much time," said a trainee woman, Guddi Devi.

Vomedh organizes a grand International Women's Day Achievement Awards Ceremony at Amar Singh college Srinagar

Surkhhab Zehra

Srinagar, J&K - Vomedh, a leading theatre and cultural group in J&K, in collaboration with Amar Singh College organized an International Women's Day Achievement Awards ceremony on 8th March 2023 at Amar Singh College auditorium in Srinagar. The ceremony aimed to recognize and celebrate the achievements of women from different fields. The variety cultural event brought together women from different walks of life to celebrate their achievements and discuss issues related to women's rights. The event was graced by the presence of the chief guest, Prof Bashir Ahmad Rather, Principal Amar Singh College, and guest of honour Prof Neerja Matoo and Asifah Padroo, Additional Advocate General. The program commenced with a welcome speech by Rohit Bhat, President Vomedh, who highlighted the importance of women's empowerment and gender equality. He said this is an annual event in Vomedh's calendar and we are proud to come back with second edition of awards today.

The chief guest, Prof Bashir Ahmad Rather, in his keynote speech spoke on the importance of recognizing and empowering women in all fields of work. He applauded the efforts of Vomedh in organizing the event and acknowledged the achievements of the winners. He encouraged everyone to work towards creating a gender-equal society and congratulated all the winners for their outstanding contribution towards the same. The ceremony had a mix of speeches, cultural performances, and presentations. Prof Neerja Matoo and Asifah Padroo delivered speeches on legal aspects of women's rights, which were highly appreciated by



the audience. The program also included Kashmiri folk singing by Dr Vomedh and musical performances by students of Amar Singh College Srinagar. The musical performances mesmerized the audience. The skit by the students of the college portrayed the challenges faced by women in society and their resilience in overcoming them. The documentary highlighted the role of media in shaping public perception of women and their issues.

The presentations by faculty members Prof Basharat Shameen, Dr Kkounser Parveen and Dr Kaunser Andrabhi were thought provoking. They spoke about various facets of women empowerment. They were successful in highlighting the achievements of women from different fields, inspiring and motivating young women to achieve greater heights in their respective fields. The presentations by students Fahad Fayaz (PG 7th

Sem), Tasmeem Jan (UG 4th Sem) and Humaira Fayaz (UG 5th Sem) were also impressive. They also brought out relevant points in their presentations on the topic. The highlight of the ceremony was the announcement of the award winners. The winners were selected from different fields such as performing arts, education, social work, sports, literature, and childcare. The names of the winners are as follows: Prana Shangloo (Actress) - Performing Arts, Hasena Sofi (Actress) - Performing Arts, Shauguffa Rehman (Dance) - Performing Arts, Nusrat Bukhari - Educationist, Naziya Hurra - Social Work, Sanya Zehra - Advocate, Sakal Bhat - Media, Mrs Nighat Shafi Pandit - Child Care, Insha Wadoo - Sports, Naseem Shifai - Literature, Zahida Taranum - Singer, Prof. Neerja Matoo - Educationist, Prof. Kounsar Hassan - Educationist, Mrs. Shaheena - Educationist, Mrs. Saleema - Educationist. The winners expressed their gratitude for the recognition and urged the audience to continue supporting and encouraging women's achievements in all fields. The famous anchor Rashid Nizami started the proceedings and Prof Heena Amin moderated the second session of the program. The vote of thanks was presented by Prof Syed Umra Shah. The event was a great success, and Vomedh received appreciation from all quarters for organizing such an inspiring ceremony. Rakesh Roshan Bhat, mentor Vomedh expressed the groups commitment to continue working towards the empowerment of women and promoting gender equality.

Two vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

POONCH, MARCH 08: District Mining Officer Poonch, Javid Iqbal with the assistance of Police laid down nakas at various locations of the district. During the nakas, the District Mining Officer, and team of police department seized two vehicles including one JCB and one Tipper vehicles used in illegal mining, transportation of raw material illegally in Sana. After confiscating the vehicles, the DMO handed over the vehicles to

the police for safe custody. The DMO said that Mining department had been holding an extensive drive against the violators for the last many days in various areas of the district including Potha, Buzliaz, Drungali, Sukha Katha, Karmara, Madana, Sheedara etc. He also said that there is zero tolerance against illegal mining. He has appealed to everyone not to be a part of illegal mining and not to buy material from any mining blocks with-

out e-challan and to take legal action against anyone caught without e-challan. After confiscating the vehicles, the DMO handed over the vehicles to the police for safe custody. The DMO said that Mining department had been holding an extensive drive against the violators for the last many days in various areas of the district including Potha, Buzliaz, Drungali, Sukha Katha, Karmara, Madana, Sheedara etc.

International Women's Day celebrated at Anantnag Society must shed all gender bias & accept that women are as able as male counterparts: Dr Basharat

ANANTNAG, MARCH 08: The District Administration, ICDS and Social Welfare department today jointly organized an event to celebrate International Women's day themed 'DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality at Dak Bungalow Anantnag. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom was the chief guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that women have proven their mettle in every field. He said that the society must shed all gender bias and accept that women are as able as male counterparts and in many vocations and competitions women outperform men. He said that in the modern world, several opportunities have emerged which women can leverage to make this world a better place. He also appreciated the role played by women in Anantnag in the development of the district through their participation in plan formulation and implementation among other things. The DC and other senior officials planted tree saplings to mark the occasion. He also felicitated women from various fields including PRIs, journalists, lawyers, sports persons etc.



Many women speakers shared their experience on various topics on the occasion. Deputy District Election Officer Nazia Hassan, DD Planning (DSEO) Karishma Kudrat, BDO Vessu Arshi Rasool among others threw light on topics like role of democratic institutions in women empowerment, role of women in development, domestic violence, health and nutrition among women and legal rights of women. The event witnessed a massive gathering listening keen-

ly to the speakers. PO ICDS, ACR, Dy DEO, CEO, DSWO, CDPO HQ were among others present on the occasion. The District Administration, ICDS and Social Welfare department today jointly organized an event to celebrate International Women's day themed 'DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality at Dak Bungalow Anantnag. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom was the chief guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion,

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Block Diwas meetings observed across district Ramban

Moscow: Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said on Tuesday the capture of the eastern Ukrainian town of Bakhmut was key to launching a further offensive in the wider region. "This city is an important defensive hub for Ukrainian troops in Donbas," Mr Shoigu said of the industrial east of the country. "Capturing it will allow for further offensive operations deep into the defence lines of the Ukrainian armed forces," he told a televised meeting of military officials. The battle for Bakhmut is now the longest-running and bloodiest of Russia's year-long military intervention in Ukraine, and both sides have doubled down in the fight for its control. Bakhmut, an industrial town once known for its sparkling wine production and salt mines, had an estimated pre-war population of some 80,000 people. But Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk told regional media on Tuesday that fewer than 4,000 civilians now remain. "Approximately 38 children, as far as we know, remain in Bakhmut today," Ms Vereshchuk said. Both Moscow and Kyiv said on Tuesday that the fight was exacting a huge cost in military personnel on the opposing side. The Ukrainian military said Moscow's forces were launching attacks on Bakhmut and its outskirts "despite signif-



icant losses". Mr Shoigu meanwhile said there was a "significant increase in losses" among Ukrainian forces during recent fighting for Bakhmut. Neither side has published official tolls from fighting in the Donetsk region, which Moscow claimed to have annexed into Russia last year. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky announced this week that he had instructed the army to find forces to bolster the defence of Bakhmut. Analysts says that despite the massive resources being thrown by both sides at the battle, Bakhmut offers little strategic importance in the broader fight.

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DIV COM

are provided the same. He also directed concerned to frame the criteria for allotment of accommodation to married & unmarried employees. He asked Deputy Director Estates to hold talks with stakeholders about additional accommodation available for the employees. Meanwhile, the Div Com directed CE, R&B to pace up the progress of work of transit accommodation tenements.

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to start the business.

"I used to upload the stories on social media about the imported chickens and I got enormous encouragement from the people," he said.

"As the news of foreign chicken availability spread, people used to visit my farm house to know more about them. They would later purchase these chickens even at high cost without any hesitation for keeping them as pets," he added.

He cited the example of American Wyandotte breed chicken which costs Rs 50,000 to Rs 60,000 at his farm at Illahibagh Soura. He said the well off people purchase these flocks joyfully to keep them as their pets at home. Mushtaq said there are other international poultry breeds including Silver Partridge Brahma, American silky, Snow White Brahma, Malaysian Serama, Japanese Onagadori, Barbu Bantam and Buff Columbian Brahma available at his farm.

"Currently I have about 200 birds of 20 to 30 different breeds from various countries available at our farm," he said.

He said that after every two weeks he is changing the breeds on offer as he is importing fresh chickens with different origins to provide more choice for the customers.

Mushtaq said he is satisfied with his farm business. He said his parents have always encouraged him and his brothers are helping in operating the business.

He said the people from other districts of Kashmir valley including Anantnag, Baramulla and Bandipora are also purchasing chickens from his farm on wholesale rates and selling them in retail in their respective areas hence earning a livelihood.

Mushtaq urged the educated youth of the valley not to wait for the government job and those who have passion to start a particular job should go ahead without wasting time.

ALTAZ BUKHARI

a press note issued here said.

Bukhari reiterated that if the Apni Party gets the mandate to form government in J&K, "it will reverse all the harsh laws and initiatives including property tax, anti-encroachment drive and so on that have been put into effect during the period of the LG administration".

WOMEN DAY

against women is increasing with each passing day. "Women's commission is purely a social institute and has nothing to do with politics. They were doing a great job especially for underprivileged women facing different issues," he said.

According to Zahoor after the abrogation of the special status of J&K, women in the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been left in a lurch as they can't go to Delhi to solve their issues in the national women's commission.

He said that now authorities have given approval for a special J&K-Ladakh cell at the national commission for women but it will have a very little impact as it is not easy for the victims to reach Delhi with their problems. "Yes, there are options that you can register problems online there but uneducated women and women living in remote far flung areas won't be able to take up their issues to the commission," he said.

"We have fighting for its restoration but as of now there has been very little response from the government and in near future we are going to file a PIL in this regard," he said.

The National Family Health Survey (NFHS) in its recent survey conducted by the Union Ministry of Health revealed that domestic violence against married women and sexual violence against young women has seen an uptick in Jammu and Kashmir. The prevalence of spousal violence against women aged between 18 and 49 years has risen to 9.6 per cent in 2019-2020 from 9.4 per cent in year 2015-16.

As per the survey, the ratio of young women, aged between 18 and 29, who experienced sexual violence by age of 18, has also increased to 4 percent from 3.1 percent.

However, it said married women in the age group 18-49 years who have experienced physical violence during a pregnancy have decreased from 1.3 percent to 1.2 percent.

Only 14 percent of the women after experiencing any kind of violence have sought help, however, over 77 percent have neither disclosed nor sought help about the violence they experienced, it added—(KNO)

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than two surviving children, it reads.

The other rules as per order include that Special Maternity leave shall not be debited against the leave account and may be combined with any other kind of leave, and during the period of such leave, she shall be paid leave salary equal to pay drawn immediately before proceeding on leave, the notification mentions—(KNO)

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order at each venue/location.

In addition, the CBT shall be conducted under CCTV surveillance for maintaining transparency in the examination. Besides, low frequency Jammers are being installed in all the examination centres to prevent the use of unfair means including cheating using Bluetooth and wi-fi enabled electronic devices. In order to ensure that the examination process being adopted is completely secure and free from any kind of malpractice, a third party has been hired to review/audit the examination process of Computer Based Tests (CBT) conducted by JKSSB.

The aspiring candidates appearing in the aforesaid examination are hereby cautioned against the activities of vested interests and advised not to fall prey to the designs of touts and unscrupulous elements. If any candidate is approached by touts/unsurprulous elements in any matter pertaining to recruitments of JKSSB, they are advised to immediately report about such persons to the JKSSB. The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) will appreciate if specific information about such unscrupulous elements along with evidence is furnished to the Board, enabling it to take appropriate legal action. The identity of such candidates who will report about the unscrupulous elements shall be kept confidential. The JKSSB wishes best of luck to all the candidates taking the CBT examination. Moreover, candidates scheduled to appear in the examination are also warned to desist from indulging in any unfair means practice

like impersonation, carrying of prohibited items, communication devices, electronic equipments /gadgets or any other material with the intention of receiving assistance. The candidates found to be attempting/using any unfair means practice during the examination, shall be dealt with strictly as per the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (Conduct of Examinations) Regulations, 2022 including debarment of such candidates for appearing in future examinations. The candidates have been advised to visit official website of the Board <https://jkssb.nic.in> only for authentic/verified updates/information. They should also carefully read the instructions enclosed with the Admit Card.

JOB

massive march in violation of prohibitory orders.

The protesters assembled outside Dogra Chowk in the heart of the city and tried to take out a march but police swung into action and restored to lathi-charge and detained several youths, the officials said.

The protesters raised slogans against the JKSSB for hiring APTECH Limited, the company which had been blacklisted in 2019 for conduct of computer-based tests. Similar demonstrations were staged in Doda, Baderwah, Rajouri and other parts of Jammu besides a massive protest also reported in Srinagar's Press Enclave. A senior official of the JKSSB told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), there was no justification for the protest as the matter with regard to the hiring of APTECH Company is "sub-judice".

However, he said, the company was hired as per the central and J&K government guidelines as it has already completed the blacklisting period of three years in May last year.

"When we are selecting a company for conducting a written examination, we also employ checks and balances to ensure transparency, accountability and fairness in the selection. We are following a procedure which is matching the standards of major national level recruitment agencies," the official said.

Chanting slogans like "APTECH go back" and "we want justice", the protesters said they are concerned about their future as they are crossing the age limit due to the alleged failure of the administration to complete the recruitment process in time.

COLLAGES

highlighted the achievements of women in diverse fields of life. He also referred to various schemes of the Government launched for the welfare of women, especially those from underprivileged sections of the society.

The Div Com complimented the District Administration Srinagar, S.P College and Social Welfare Department for collaborating to celebrate the International Women's Day.

The Div Com called one and all to contribute in women empowerment for overall prosperity of the society.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, congratulated female faculty members and other female staff members working in S.P College for being part of the change in J&K's Higher Education Scenario.

The DC said even decades have passed since Lal Ded and Habab Khatoon were born in Kashmir, people of the valley have always given due respect to female folk. He expressed his happiness over learning that 40 percent of faculty members of SP College are Women folk. With regard to some unfortunate incidents which happened in the recent past in Srinagar, the DC lauded the courage of female students who took to social media to raise their voice. He also urged all stakeholders, particularly parents, to lay stress on inculcating moral values among their children so that such shocking incidents do not happen in future.

The DC also urged all participants to support the movement for gender equality and women's empowerment by advocating for policies, supporting women's businesses and mentoring and educating, challenging gender norms, and speaking out against violence to help the women in distress.

The DC encouraged female students to stand up against social evils like eve-teasing and domestic violence etc. He stressed that Technology provides a platform for women to raise their voices, share their experiences, advocate for their rights, and connect with like-minded women and at the same time lodge the complaints, if any, with the Administration or other concerned authorities. The DC also make a mention of various initiatives towards women emancipation ensuring their complete safety and protection and implementation of Mahila Shakti Kendra and One Stop Centres

Principal S P College Prof (Dr) Khurshid Ahamd Khan welcomed the dignitaries and guests, and also highlighted the achievement of the College. He said the college having 117 years of glorious history started with a zero percentage of females to grow up to 45 percent women staff members and 40 percent female students today. He said this journey towards women's empowerment in the college will continue.

DR FAROOQ

Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 0.2°C against 0.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.2°C above normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 14.6°C against 12.9°C on the previous night. It was 0.6°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of 4.7°C (above normal by 0.6°C), Batote 7.6°C (above normal by 1.7°C), Katra 11.8°C (0.3°C above normal) and Bhandarwah 4.1°C (1.0°C above normal). The Met department has forecast dry weather to continue till March 12. (GNS)

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that such formalities were completed in a very crisp time, he told KDC. Kumar said "I took the matter of Hajj aspirants personally with civil administration as well as Jammu and Kashmir Police for clearing the police verification report (PVR)" on priority. On February 25 over 500 aspirants participated in the special drive here. "We have received over 300 police verification reports (PVR) from CID so far, accordingly passports are being printed without any delay," he said, adding that his office staff is all out to help the Hajj aspirants and we will be issuing Passports or Passport details from tomorrow. The officer has urged all those aspirants who applied through a special drive to collect passport details from tomorrow and a list will be also sent to Hajj office Bemina, he said, adding that passports are under printing and details for which will be provided from Thursday so that the aspirants can fill the Hajj form. The last date for submitting a passport is on December 10 at Hajj office Srinagar. (KDC)

SMART METERS

80,000 smart meters have been installed so far and the rest are being installed. "The process to complete the smart meters installation will be completed by the next two years," he said. Pertinently, a few areas of Habba Kadal area reeling under darkness as the authorities have snapped the electricity after the people staged protest over the installation of smart meters in the locality—(KNO)

Industries & Commerce
Department calls public comments on Industrial policies

JAMMU, MARCH 08: After introducing one of the most lucrative Industrial Policies in India, so far, with high incentives, J&K Industries and Commerce Department has taken another ambitious step to onboard its stakeholders. In an effort to sync with the Industrial ecosystem of India, Department of Industries & Commerce, J&K, felt the necessity to step up its efforts to come at par with the vibrant and dynamic industrialisation at national level. It has initiated this process of amending and upgrading its J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30 and J&K Private Industrial Estate Development Policy 2021 and introduction of J&K Logistics policy.

The policies have been put in the public domain to invite feedback from the business community, industrialists, investors, trade bodies and other relevant stakeholders. These are available on www.jkindustriescommerce.nic.in in for a period of 21 days that is upto 28th March. The comments and suggestions can be sent on the mail principalsecretaryindustryjk@gmail.com.

International Women's Day
Observed in Government Degree
College Mendhar.

M S Nazki

MENDHAR: Women Development Cell in Collaboration with NSS Unit Government Degree College Mendhar observed International Women's Day under the theme "Digital: Innovation and technology for gender equality". The program was organized under the able guidance and Patronage of Dr. Mohammad Azam Principal Government Degree College Mahinder.

The Program was started with the speech of the Head of Women Development Cell Dr Rehfit Naz Kouser and she also welcomed all the guests to the function.

The Proceeding of the Program was conducted by Ayaz Ahmed. About eight students participated in the speech competition in which Rouzia Chaudhry and Abdul Qadeer won the third position in the competition.

Qamar Usman got the second position and Anees Ahmed got the first position from.

In the end, the program Professor Rizwan Ahmed thanked all the viewers who participated in the program. More than 100 students, Faculty Members and non teaching staff was also Presented.

IMPARD observes
International Women Day

SRINAGAR, MARCH 8: To commemorate celebration of International Women's Day, the Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD), Srinagar, organized a special lecture on International Women Day.

The day is being celebrated as a focal point in the women's rights movement, bringing attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women.

Dr. Jahan Ara Jabben, Director Trainings IMPA&RD, Kashmir, while speaking on the occasion, emphasized that it is necessary for young girls and women to break all the shackles impeding their progress and prosperity. "Fear is restrictive and hence it is imperative that women should rise above narrow mindedness and prove their abilities", she added.

She appreciated the hard work and determination of students who qualified NET and JRF, State Level and National Level exams besides lady officers and officials who worked hard to achieve positions in different government and private organizations. This is a reminder of progress we have made towards the gender equity and also a call to action to continue the work that still needs to be done to empower women and girls, she added.

"As government employee we have the responsibility to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. We must work towards creating policies and progress that support women's rights and ensure that they have access to the resources and opportunities they need to succeed. Let us commit ourselves to create a society where women are valued, respected and treated as equal", she maintained.

On the occasion, Nighat Amin, Course Coordinator Secretariat Assistant Training Course, also highlighted the role of women and thanked all the participants and officers for attending the function.

Several initiatives taken
for more transparency, citizen-friendly registration in J&K'

SRINAGAR, MARCH 8: Inspector General of Registration, J&K has reaffirmed that several have been taken or are in the pipeline for a more transparent and citizen-friendly registration. He was speaking during training and interactive sessions for its staff in collaboration with Software Development Unit (SDU), NIC Pune.

The training and interactive sessions were organized as part of the capacity building program for digital transformation in the Registration Department. IGR specifically stressed upon the participants to make use of this opportunity to clear all their doubts and misconceptions for a hassle-free, easy and efficient registration process. The participants were impressed upon to adhere to the checklist of documents prescribed for various Articles/instruments and the circular instructions on registration on the date of appointment.

Public Notice

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Farooq Ahmad
F / O Aamina Farooq
R / O Dawood Colony Anchar Soura

NEWS HEADLINES TODAY
Indian Army celebrated
international women's day
in Baffliaz

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Surankote On the Occasion of International Women's Day a medical camp was conducted With an aim of providing basic medical & veterinary facilities to the people and their cattle residing in remote areas of village Baffliaz, District Poonch. Army organized a free Medical and Veterinary camp on 08 Mar 2023 along with a lecture on 'Mentru-Health and Hygiene'.

Army doctors alongwith civ doctors from Surankote, civil health department were present to assist the patients. Free health checkup & medicines were provided to the patients. Veterinary doctor from animal husbandry, Baffliaz provided requisite consultation, vaccination and medicines for the livestock. A total strength of 200 females, 250 Males 30 children and 100 livestock were provided with the medical & veterinary treatment benefits.

The genuine efforts taken up by the Army to organize the medical & veterinary camp were appreciated by the population in the area. This endeavor by the Army to reach out to the population residing in remote areas, where civil administration has limited accessibility will go a long way in developing and strengthening of trust between Jawan and awam

Sarpanch Baffliaz B Tahira Tabassum delivered lectures on the topics "International Women's Day", "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao", "Women's Safety" and "Women's Empowerment". The lectures were well received by keen audience

No One can snatch the land
and property of the people
of Jammu: Ch. Lal Singh

JAN SAMPARAK ABHIYAAN of DSSP reaches panchayat Karroh of kathua North constituency on second day of Samparak. People from all walks of life profusely participated in the program. The rally passed through Jandore, Maha, Bhati, Jagatpur, Tarda, kharote and finally reached at Janglote of Kathua. Ch. Lal Singh gave a clarion call to the people to unite one and all to counter the onslaught of the government and assured if you stand with the movement of DSSP, they will never be successful to snatch your land and property. He reminded the people of his early warning about the deletion of their Girdawaris but it was not taken seriously and now it has resulted into such a disaster when the government now started snatching lands on ground and people are being duped of their rightful share. Dr. Hari Dutt Shishu General Secretary, while addressing huge gathering at Jagatpur village of Kathua castigated the so called leadership of Jammu, which not only ditched the people but misused their mandate against them. Ex.MLA Kanta Andotra extended greetings to the rural women on International women Day. Municipal Council Kathua president Rajinder Singh Bubby, DSSP District President Jatinder papu, Sarpanch Bachan Singh Papa, Ashok Sharma Councilor, Balbir Singh Azad Vice president, Raju Palwal and many prominent leaders participated in the program.

Rising deaths due to medical
negligence matter of grave
concern- Sheeban Ashai

Srinagar, 8th February: Excoriating recent case of death of unborn baby at Lal Ded Hospital; Jammu Kashmir People's Party Chief Sheeban Ashai demanded a high level enquiry into alleged case of medical negligence. Ashai in a statement said, "Horrendous death of unborn baby girl at Lal Ded Hospital brings to fore underbelly of decades old neglected medical sector of Jammu And Kashmir. How disgraceful is the fact that pregnant mother was kept in labour room for two days allegedly; where she wasn't attended by any of the senior doctors as per the family. Later on night of second day she went into labour her family haplessly ran from pillar to post for a senior doctor only later to find out by means of a CTG that her daughter was dead in the womb. All this happened in LD; despite family informing doctors in advance about patient's history of miscarriage. Later allegedly for hours even after the baby was declared dead in womb; for a C-Section patient's husband Showkat had to beg doctors and it took hours before the patient mother was operated upon again. Ashai expressed resentment over such treatment of patients at a tertiary care facility like Lal Ded. He blamed age old criminal nonchalance and cold hearted administrative approach for current mess of medical health care in Kashmir. Ashai asked Govt to immediately improve doctor to patient ratio and ensure all lacuna in staff strength are bridged at the earliest. He asked administration to come clean on questions pertaining thirty hour long shifts of on duty doctors. Ashai lambasted present regime and advised rather than tom-tomming and self advertising present Govt lead by LG must take stock of what is happening on ground in J&K. Worst thing about medical sector in Kashmir are the shocking number of infant deaths. In 2020 alone erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir registered 1345 infant deaths. Jammu Kashmir People's Party on behalf of aggrieved family complained to the Administrative Secretary Health and demanded a scrupulous probe in the particular case". Ashai added that such cases are heart wrenching and demanded that present LG administration must immediately bridge the patient to doctor ratio; upgrade medical infrastructure across Jammu & Kashmir so that such incidents are not repeated in future.

Carry forward struggle
for women's rights, dignity:
Tarigami

Srinagar, CNS, 08-Mar: As the International Women's Day is being observed, Tarigami said that at a time when basic human rights of women continue to be under attack. Rape, killings, torture, child abuse, trafficking are on rise. Women in this era continue to have subordinate status and face gender based oppression and exploitation. Denying women their right to self-choice, increasing caste arrogance and politics of hatred towards marginalised sections of our society has led to an increase in assaults on the fundamental rights of women.

"Enforcing dress code, what to wear, and what not is an assault on the very basic and fundamental rights of women and must be opposed tooth and nail". The democratic forces must pledge to fight for values like equality, democracy, human dignity and women's liberation.

Sports Council to revive Lawn Tennis in J&K

SRINAGAR, MARCH 08: Sports Council is all set to revive the Lawn Tennis sport in J&K through the respective game's association. Embarking on a mission, the Lawn Tennis Association under the guidance of J&K Sports Council is determined to take this sport to the nook and corner of all 20 districts and in this regard, extensive tennis activities are in pipeline. The JKLTA has already conducted a week-long coaching camp at Srinagar in the month of October last year followed by one more camp in Jammu under the guidance of the All-India Tennis Association (AITA) coach. Both camps were received well by tennis lovers, who pitched for frequent camps of similar nature. Speaking on the sidelines, Secretary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gull said that though Lawn Tennis Association of J&K has made a useful contribution to the promotion of Tennis by playing a ma-



major role in the successful conduct of the All-India Police Officers Tennis Championship, and North Zone Women Tennis Championship besides facilitating players in participating in various tour-

Honorary General Secretary J&K Lawn Tennis Association, Captain Murti Gupta added that the role of Secretary all through has been very encouraging and the special impetus given to the sports sector across the Union Territory can be gauged from the changing landscape of the sports sector, clubbed with the performance of athletes at both national and international platforms. Captain Murti said that the association has prepared a calendar of activities for the coming months and efforts are on to form district bodies and take the game to the grassroots. Speaking about the registration of aspiring tennis players, he said more than 50 children have been registered so far including a six-year-old kid. The association is running free coaching classes at Jammu on a regular basis to groom the young turks, Captain Murti added and camps in other districts shall follow soon.

Buttler sees room for improvement ahead of World Cup defence

CHITTAGONG: Captain Jos Buttler warned his England side they have "areas to improve" ahead of their ODI World Cup defence after failing to seal a series clean sweep in Bangladesh. England lost the third and final ODI against Bangladesh in Chittagong on Monday by 50 runs, although the tourists had already secured the series. With an eye on the World Cup later this year in India — where conditions will be similar to Bangladesh — Buttler changed his England side for the final match. The game was England's last scheduled 50-over match until Sept 8. "I think we played some really good cricket throughout the series and I've spoken a lot about these being great conditions for us to challenge ourselves in,"



Buttler said. "These are probably the conditions that we would find the hardest as a team. "Now there's plenty to learn — things that we've done well and areas that we can also improve," the captain added. England were set 247 to win in Chittagong but folded for 196 and Buttler said that "we needed someone to go on and really take ownership of that chase". But he had no regrets

about experimenting with his line-up. "We changed a few things today and gave opportunity to people in different ways, but I thought the intensity was there," he said. England have some difficult decisions on the make-up of their World Cup squad. Senior players Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow are both likely to return, while Test skipper Ben Stokes has hinted that he could come out of ODI retirement for England's title defence. "I think the schedule is hugely challenging to all ways get your best XI on the field," Buttler said. "Looking back to the T20 World Cup, we probably went into that World Cup having never played our perceived best XI.

PCB to stick to stance on India at ICC, ACC meetings



LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board will stick with its stance of not travelling to India for the World Cup if the Board of Cricket Control in India doesn't send its team to Pakistan for the Asia Cup during the forthcoming meetings of the International Cricket Council and the Asian Cricket Council. A three-member delegation of the PCB led by interim management committee chairman Nizam Sethi will travel to Dubai for the said meet-

ings on March 20 and 21 respectively with BCCI secretary Jay Shah, who is the president of the ACC, having stated that the Indian team would not travel to Pakistan for the Asia Cup as it wasn't being permitted by the Indian government. Last month's ACC meetings in Bahrain ended with the PCB reiterating their stance with clashes between the arch-rivals generating huge revenue for both the ICC and the ACC. Reports suggest that the ICC.

Today is 7th March 2023. It is the 66th. birth day of our literary Quaid Late Prof. (Dr.) Aziz Hajini.

On this day we all nears, dears and lovers especially the people of Hajin town remember this great son of soil with love and affection for the legend. Salute to late Prof. (Dr.) Aziz Hajini an Icon of Kashmiri Language and Literature. Brief Profile. Prof. (Dr.) Aziz Hajini was born at Hajin on 7th. March 1957 in a land lord family. Dr. Aziz Hajini possessed an innate potential for creativity and intelligence which enabled him to progress and excel from his childhood in the field of Poetry, Writing, Theatre, Broad-Casting, Film making, Administration and Teaching. Dr. Aziz Hajini obtained his School education in his native town Hajin. Dr. Aziz Hajini after graduating from Government College Bemina Srinagar emerged as the first Gold medalist in Kashmiri in 1979 from the University of Kashmir.



After serving as Teacher for a few years, he got appointed as Lecturer (Kashmiri) through JKPSC. Under the patronage of Dr. Aziz Hajini the department of SED established the Cultural Education Wing (CEW) in DSEK (Srinagar). Dr. Aziz Hajini was posted in JKBOSE as Academic officer and later on took over as Dy. Director Academics. Dr. Aziz Hajini served as Co-ordinator in Shaik-ul-Aalam chair in the University of Kashmir and also as Assistant Professor in the Centre for Shaik-ul-Aalam Studies. Dr. Aziz Hajini was also appointed as Secretary JKAACL. Dr. Aziz Hajini was thrice elected as president of the oldest and largest federation of literary organisations of Kashmir AMK (Adbee Markz Kamraz presently headed by Literary Icon Ameen Bhat-A house hold name in JK). Under the patronage of Dr. Aziz Hajini AMK attained name and fame at all levels in the country. Dr. Aziz Hajini Sahib published 20 books in Kashmiri, Urdu and English and received many National and State level Awards and honours. Dr. Aziz Hajini was immensely loved by his fellow writers, students and civil society members for his simplicity, humanity and down to earth approach in life. Dr. Aziz Hajini carried the Kashmiri voice across the mountains to the farflung areas of Jammu division like Poonch, Rajouri, Kishtwar, Doda, Blesha, Bhaderwah, Ramban, Banihal and even up to Delhi in addition to propagating the Kashmiri voice from established platforms like Sahitya Akademy, All India Radio Srinagar and Doordarshan. Dr. Aziz Hajini-The Legend, A public Intellectual, A literally Hero, A Great Son Of Hajin town who gave an identity to Hajin and Hajinis passed away on 12th. September 2021 at his Srinagar Residence (Hajini House-Kursoo Padshahi Bagh). We Hajinis are proud of this Great Son of Soil who lives in our Blood and Flesh. **May ! His his soul rest in heaven and patience to all his nears, dears and lovers (Ameen). Please pray for his eternal peace.**

Sheikh Gh Muhammad.
(Younger brother of Dr. Aziz Hajini).
Hajin Town.
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