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## News Brief

### Body of Budgam man fished out after 23 days from Jehlum

Srinagar, Mar 9 : The dead body of a man who allegedly jumped into the river Jehlum in Srinagar was retrieved after 23 days in the Safakadal area of the old city.

Police sources told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that a man from Central Kashmir's Budgam district had jumped into the Jehlum river on 15 February last month. They said today his body was retrieved by the River Police.

The deceased has been identified as Hilal Ahmed Bhat, a resident of Khag Budga.

### Man absconding for over three years held in Poonch: police

Poonch, Mar 9 : Jammu and Kashmir police has arrested a person who was absconding in a case filed in Mandi police station in Poonch, police said. A police statement said that an absconder wanted in a case registered in police station Mandi has been arrested by police team headed by SHO Mandi, Mukhtar Ali and S I Iftikar Ahmed after 3/4 years. "The absconder namely Shabir Ahmed son of Sanaullah resident of Kalani Teh Haveli has been nabbed," the statement said. The accused wanted in case FIR No. 07/2023 U/S 341/323/427/504/506 IPC Act and was absconding, whereas a general warrant of arrest U/S 512 CrPc was issued against him by Special Mobile Magistrate, Poonch. The accused has been produced in the Court of law for further course of action.

### Wife allegedly stabs man in Srinagar uptown

Srinagar, Mar 9 : A non-local man was seriously injured after his wife allegedly stabbed him with a knife in the Jawahar Nagar area of Srinagar uptown. The man identified as Rakesh Kumar son of Ashok Kumar, a resident of Amritsar Punjab, presently staying in a rented house with his wife at Jawahar Nagar is undergoing treatment at SMHS Hospital and his condition is stated to be critical.

Medicos at the hospital confirmed to the news agency Kashmir News Trust that the victim has received multiple injuries in his chest due to knife attack and his condition is critical.

Reports said that the argument between the couple took an ugly shape and the wife allegedly stabbed the victim. Police have taken cognizance of the incident and started an investigation. [KNT]

### Govt; attaches additional SP Bandipora

Srinagar, Mar 9 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Government on Thursday ordered attachment of Additional Superintendent of Police Bandipora with immediate effect, officials said. "In the interest of administration, Shri Ashiq Hussain Tak, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Bandipora, is hereby attached with the Police Headquarters, J&K, with immediate effect", reads an order issued by the Home department of the government. The government has not revealed the reason for the attachment. The fresh attachment comes hours later after another cop, of DySP rank, was attached over "some allegations of professional misconduct" against him on Wednesday.

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### Stones Replaced with Cricket Bat, Hockey Stick, Badminton Racket in the hands of Kashmiri Youth : LG Manoj Sinha

Says 3 years ago, PM's pledge to remove all hurdles in J&K bearing fruit

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Srinagar, Feb 09 Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday said that large number of Kashmiri youth are scripting their future in the field of sports and the Valley youth have replaced stones with cricket bat, hockey and badminton. "The misguided youth who would pick up stones are today holding cricket bat, hockey, badminton and tennis rackets in their hands. This is the outcome of the pledge taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi three years ago that removed hurdles and resolved all issues in J&K," the LG said, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), while addressing the closing ceremony of LG's Rolling Trophy that saw the participation of 42000 participants, in Jammu. He said that Covid dampened



the sports spirit for some time. "But a large number of youth are scripting the new history in the field of sports. They are the real champions and making J&K proud," the LG said. He said that in October 2020, the government took steps to provide

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### Take Action Against Harbours, OGWs to Dismantle Terror Ecosystem Across J&K : DGP Dilbag Singh

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Jammu, Mar 9 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh on Thursday stressed on dealing with the UAPA cases more efficiently and professionally and assured that all required support shall be provided.

"The State Investigating Units (SIUs) have been created to pace up result oriented investigation in UAPA cases and assist the overall efforts of district police to dismantle the terror ecosystem," the DGP said chairing the meeting of Kashmir Zone officers here at Police Headquarters to review the progress of under investigation cases besides taking stock of cases under trial.



The DGP said that the main objective of the meeting is to re-examine and discuss the directions already issued by the Police Headquarters regarding investigation of UAPA cases. Stressing for taking the investigation more seriously and execution of plan of action in each case, DGP directed for efficient investigation and timely presentation of chargesheet. He said that neutralizing

a terrorist is not enough unless all those involved in harbouring and amity him are identified and brought to justice.

The DGP directed that stringent action is to be taken against the OGWs and support network providing any kind of support to terrorists and added, "property of accused to be seized under law and absconding accused to be declared as 'proclaimed offender' besides initiating action under law." He enjoined upon all supervisory officers to analyze all the UAPA and NDPS cases and subsequently start the investigation taking into account their sensitivity. He directed the District SSSs to supervise

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### DC Srinagar reviews progress of City Action Plan under NCAP

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Srinagar, Mar 09: A meeting of District Level Implementation Committee on National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) was held on Thursday under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex. Besides, Regional Director, Pollution Control Board, Kashmir, Rafi Ahmad Bhat, SP Traffic, Tariq Ahmad and Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, the meeting was attended by DFO Urban, Chief Sanitation Officer, DFO City Forests, District Floriculture Officer, District Officer Pollution Control Board, ARTO and other Engineers & Officers from SMC, FCS&CA.

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### Allotment of MBBS Seats In Pakistan: ED raids 3 locations in Kashmir

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Srinagar, Mar 09: The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday raided three places including houses of Hurriyat leader Qazi Yasir and Jammu and Kashmir Salvation Movement chairman Zaffar Bhat in a case linked to allotment of MBBS seats in Pakistan, sources said here. Sources told the news that the central

probe agency along with local police today morning raided the house of Mohammad Akbar Bhat alias Zaffar Bhat, who is the chairman of J&K Salvation Movement, in Bagh-e-Mehtab area of Srinagar. They said another team of the central probe agency also raided the house of Hurriyat leader Qazi Yasir in Qazi Mohalla area of Anantnag today morning.

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### People suffer due to pen-down strike by patwaris, urge govt to fulfill their demands

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Srinagar, Mar 09: The work related to land revenue and other services has come to a standstill in this central Kashmir's Ganderbal district due to the UT-wide pen-down strike by the Jammu and Kashmir Patwar Association. The association has been protesting for their demands which include an increase in grade

pay, the creation of patwar halqas, girdawar circles and other issues. The patwaris have also threatened to intensify their agitation if their demands are not fulfilled at the earliest. While the authorities have assured the association that its demands will be looked into, no concrete steps have been taken yet. The protesting patwaris have urged the

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### Passport issuance subject to police clearance, says RPO Srinagar

'Will take militant relative(s) issue with concerned authorities, 700 passports handed over to Haj aspirants'

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Srinagar, Mar 09: The Regional Passport Officer Srinagar on Thursday said they will take up the issue with the concerned wing of the Jammu & Kashmir Police on the "verification clearance" for issuing the passport to those who have or had any relative involved in any militancy case.

Regional Passport Officer Srinagar (RPO) Divinder Kumar told the news agency—that the

condition of issuing the passport lies on the clearance of verification from the CID of J&K Police. "Passport department has a limitation that no passport can be issued without clearance from police authorities and there are special instructions from the government on that," he said. Kumar said his office is going to take up the issue soon with the concerned police wings of J&K Police but said that currently, they are issuing the passports after clearance from the concerned

police authorities. "Whatever the issues connected to it, we will try to resolve with all available and possible options to facilitate the applicants," RPO Srinagar added. RPO Srinagar made these comments on the sidelines of a special camp where he handed over passports to over 700 Haj aspirants. Earlier, RPO for Kashmir and Ladakh, had sought permission from the Central government

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### Man Dead During Scuffle In Budgam

Budgam, Mar 09: A man died after Scuffle broke out between two persons over some argument in central Kashmir's Budgam district, reports and officials said. Reports reaching GNS said that an argument ensued between two people over some dispute at Kuzweera Budgam, which soon after turned ugly and one of the party attacked the other leaving him grievously injured. Before the injured could be evacuated to a nearby hospital, he succumbed in the meanwhile. The deceased has been identified as one Kaisar

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### Div Com Kashmir takes late night tour of City

Reviews night shift work/ pace on the ongoing works under Smart City Project

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 09: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri accompanied by Commissioner SMC/CEO Smart City, Athar Amir Khan Wednesday late night took a tour of the city to review the night shift work on the ongoing works under Smart City Project throughout the city.

The Div Com carried out on the spot review of various works being executed in city parts in the night shifts. Srinagar Smart City has made it mandatory that work is conducted both during the day and in night shifts to ensure speedy completion of works. He also took a detailed review of works at Northern Foreshore, Shalimar Canal, Nishat Precinct, Boulevard Walkway, Chuntkul, Chinar Bagh, Residency Road, M.A Road, Ghanta Ghar, Batama



loo, Qamarwari Mominabad, and Rajbagh Riverfront. The Div Com impressed upon the concerned officials to ensure the timely execution of all the works being carried out in Srinagar under Smart City Project. The Div Com was accompanied by officials from R&B, SMC, Smart City and other allied departments. The Div Com was accompanied by officials from R&B, SMC, Smart City and other allied departments.

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### Tulip Garden to be thrown open for public on March 19

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Srinagar, March 09: Asia's largest Tulip Garden in Srinagar is all set to be thrown open for public on March 19, officials informed here on Thursday. An official told that the garden will be thrown open on March 19 during a grand opening ceremony. He said this year over 16 lakh tulips of different varieties will bloom in the Asia's largest Tulip garden as against 15 lakh tulips last year. The official said all preparations have been done and the concerned department is now giving final touches for grand opening of the garden.

Meanwhile, commissioner secretary Floriculture departmentn Sheikh Fayaz confirmed to that the garden will be thrown open to public on March 19. He said this year over 16 lakh tulips of different varieties will bloom and give a festive look to the garden. "We hope for a massive footfall of tourists at the Asia's largest Tulip garden this year," he added. He also said this year they have built a water channel and moving fountains inside the garden, which will add to its beauty. Tulip Garden in Srinagar has become one of the major tourist attractions of the valley since its opening.

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### Rohit Kansal censures SIDCO for 'misleading' Govt on completion status of NIFT Srinagar

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Srinagar, Mar 09: Additional Secretary in Ministry of Textiles GoI, Rohit Kansal on Thursday censured SIDCO for giving wrong information on completion status of the new campus of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Srinagar. Kansal, who is also the Director General of NIFT, arrived on Thursday at NIFT Srinagar to review the functioning of NIFT Srinagar at its new campus, Ompora in Budgam district. The officials of SIDCO, which is the executing agency for construction of buildings for the new campus of NIFT Srinagar, were also present at the occasion. According to the news agency while taking a review of the construction of buildings, Kansal was informed that around 90 percent of the buildings were completed. However, Kansal censured the SIDCO officials for producing wrong information to the Government of India. "Given the actual status of the construction, you have not even completed 85 percent of

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## PROGRESSING JK

### UT witnessing sweet revolution with Rs 46.65 cr Beekeeping promotion project

1,43,000 new bee colonies to be set up enhancing honey production to 66100 quintal

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 9: Jammu and Kashmir government has embarked upon multi-pronged strategies to increase number of bee colonies through cluster formation, encouraging bee-preneurship and bee-startups besides developing infrastructure for post harvest management, value addition and marketing. Beekeeping or Apiculture has been one of the age old

traditions in Jammu and Kashmir, which is now



turning into a lucrative business with governments' progressive policies and initiatives. The UT administration, through its Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of

SKUAST-J and SKUAST-K and Department of Agriculture, beekeepers are processing crude honey in government facilities for free. For standardization, small-time keepers are also being offered the service of honey testing and logo stamping for better returns in the market. These processing units are a one-stop-solution towards reducing the moisture of honey, filter and bottle it. To increase their earnings manifold, new-age agri-preneurs are making value addition to honey by making products such as soaps, candles,

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### Advisor Bhatnagar addresses mega meet of All India Transporters at SKICC

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 09: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today addressed the first ever mega meet of All India Transporters at SKICC here. Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted that there is a need for collaboration and innovation in order to keep up with the changing demands of transportation industry. He urged upon the attendees to embrace new technologies and work together towards creating more efficient, sustainable and safe transportation system and be a significant stakeholder in new J&Ks development story. "The challenges facing the transportation industry are significant, but so too are the opportunities," Advisor said. He added that by working together and adopting latest technologies, we can create a more resilient



and sustainable transportation system that benefits every citizen of our country. Divulging on different initiatives launched by the LG led administration in Jammu and Kashmir for transport sector, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the UT government is very responsive towards the concerns of transporters and has been extending various relief measures and schemes for them from time to time. During the meet, the Advisor also

interacted with the transporters and delegates from other states and UTs of the country and applauded them for development of transport industry across the country. He apprised the gathering of vast investments in road and traffic infrastructure. Advisor, on the occasion, also interacted with transporters of Jammu and Kashmir and gave patient hearing to their issues and grievances. While interacting with them, Advisor Bhatnagar assured them that their genuine issues and problems will be resolved on priority. He also assured them that the good practices and transport policies of other states will be considered for the betterment of transport sector in Jammu and Kashmir. Delegates and representatives of All India Auto Taxi Bus Transporters Federation, members of

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# Women must identify their Strengths for their Empowerment: Dr Sehrish International Women's Day celebrated at Delina North Campus

BARAMULLA, MARCH 09: Celebrating International Women's Day for economic and social empowerment of women, an overwhelming participation was witnessed at Government Degree College (GDC) Sopore where Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar presided as the chief guest. The present era marked the biggest social change due to removal of inequality among genders which gave due recognition to women of our country. Women must identify their strengths in order to work upon them for socio-economic empowerment of the women folk. The DC made these remarks while addressing a large gathering of womenfolk on the occasion of International Women's Day celebration held at North Campus Kashmir University under the banner of 'Nayi Soch'. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sehrish said that the world is changing and women are taking up every field and making

their contribution at all levels and the government has initiated several schemes for women empowerment. She also threw light on the rights of women and discussed various centrally sponsored women centric welfare schemes that are aimed at providing hand-holding to the women to make them self-reliant and urged the female folk to avail benefit of these schemes. Other speakers while highlighting the significant role played by women in social, economic, political, educational and judicial fronts said that mass awareness about the rights of women and to acknowledge their achievements is the need of the hour. During the function, a variety of colorful performances including a skit were performed to highlight the rights of the women which got a quiet applause from the audience. Earlier, the DC laid a foundation stone of an additional accommodation building at Government Girls Higher Sec-

ondary School Sopore and also participated in a plantation drive at Government Degree College Sopore as a part of activities on International Women's Day. Meanwhile, a felicitation ceremony was organized during which the DC felicitated and honored the best performing women and meritorious girl child who have shown exemplary services in different fields. President Municipal Council Sopore, Masarat Kar; President Municipal Council Baramulla, Touseef Raina; Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, Tariq Ahmad Reshi; Principal Government Degree College Sopore, Students, citizens and



others were present on the occasion. The present era marked the biggest social change due to removal of inequality among genders which gave due recognition to women of our country. Women must identify their strengths in order to work upon them for socio-economic empowerment of the women folk. The DC made these remarks while addressing a large gathering of womenfolk on the occasion of International Women's Day celebration held at North Campus Kashmir University under the banner of 'Nayi Soch'. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sehrish said that the world is changing and women are taking up every field and making

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## Distt Admin Ganderbal sanctions relief of Rs 9.59 lakh to victims of landslides at Tehsil Gund

GANDERBAL, MARCH 09: The District Administration Ganderbal today sanctioned relief/financial assistance to a tune of Rs. 9,59,400 among the 18 victims/sufferers of Gund. The relief/financial assistance was provided to the victims whose residential houses, Structures, Land, Livestock, including crops had been damaged due to recent landslides which occurred on 22 February, 2023 in areas of Rezin, Porjat and Gagangeer. Besides, Rs. 1.15 lakh has been distributed among the three victims/sufferers whose livestock have been damaged due to heavy snowfall/ heavy rains on 21 June, 2022 in the area of

Mahlis, Tehsil Kangan. The District Administration had constituted the committee under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah to finalize the damage caused due to the landslides in block Gund. The designated committee after examining the reports relevant documents received from concerned departments including Tehsildar Gund, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer and Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal recommended the relief/financial assistance in favour of victims.

## DLSA Ganderbal organizes Legal Awareness programme on Acid Attack & J&K Victim Compensation scheme, 2019

GANDERBAL, MARCH 09: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal today organised a legal awareness programme on the topic "NALSA (Legal Services to Victims of acid attack) Scheme, 2016, prevention of acid attack, rights of victims of acid attack and J&K Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019, at Block Training Centre, NRLM Ganderbal. The programme was conducted under the supervision of Chairman DLSA Ganderbal, Ritesh Kumar Dubey and guidance of Secretary DLSA Ganderbal, Shurat Ali Hakak. Adv. Snehat Ali Mohammad Musthseen, threw light on the topic and shared his valuable knowledge on the subject with the participants. The gathering was provided with firsthand knowledge on the provisions of the NALSA scheme for Acid Attack Victims. The Resource Per-

son discussed all the provisions of the Scheme and explained them in a very lucid manner. He said Education is critical in prevention of acid attacks and other forms of violence against women and girls. Prevention should start early in life, by educating and working with young boys and girls promoting respectful relationships and gender equality. He added, the Constitution of India guarantees the right to life and liberty of every individual under Article 21. This has been interpreted to include the right to live with dignity and would encompass the right to live with dignity of all including victims of acid attacks. He said, a victim or the dependent as the case may be, shall be eligible for grant of compensation under this scheme. However, the compensation received by them in the other.

## Director Horticulture Kashmir kick-starts plantation drive at Directorate of Horticulture Rajbagh

SRINAGAR, MARCH 09: The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G.R. Mir kick-started the plantation drive by planting a fruit plant at Directorate of Horticulture Rajbagh, Srinagar. The event was attended by officers and officials of the Directorate of Horticulture, Rajbagh.

Addressing the gathering, the Director of Horticulture Kashmir emphasized the importance of planting trees and urged the officers and field staff to actively participate in the plantation drive. The Director of Horticulture also visited the Pesticide Testing Laboratory (PTL), Rajbagh and took stock of its functioning. Later, the Director Horticulture visited district Budgam, where he participated in a series of events.

At the outset, he participated in an awareness camp at Chief Horticulture Officer's office Budgam. The camp was attended by Chief Horticulture Officer Budgam, District Horticulture Officer and other officers of the department besides representatives of PRIs and a good number of farmers. On spot awareness was given about the beneficiary oriented and self-employment



schemes of the Horticulture Department. The Director Horticulture stressed on the field functionaries to remain in close

touch with the farmers for resolution of the issues confronting them with regard to management of their orchards. He assured

the farmers of providing them all possible assistance as per the norms prescribed under various departmental schemes.

The Director on the occasion visited village Shoolipora, Budgam where he initiated plantation drive under the departmental scheme Area Expansion (Medium-Density). He also visited the village Jawalpora, where he inspected the newly established High-Density orchard established under the scheme Revised Modified High-Density Plantation Scheme. He interacted with the orchardists and patiently listened to their demands and assured them of all possible support. The Director instructed the field functionaries of the Department to provide all technical knowhow to the orchardists' right from pruning to harvesting including thinning, fertigation, nutrient management, pest/disease management etc. with respect to the high-density orchards. The Director instructed the field functionaries of the Department to provide all technical knowhow to the orchardists' right from pruning to harvesting including thinning, fertigation, nutrient management, pest/disease management etc. with respect to the high-density orchards.

## SAKHI- OSC Bandipora celebrates 'International Womens Day'

BANDIPORA, MARCH 09: SAKHI - One Stop Centre, Bandipora in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday organised a daylong function to celebrate International Women Day to sensitize masses regarding the importance of women and women rights at Conference Hall, District De-Addiction Centre (DDAC) Bandipora.

The programme was organised by Mission Shakti, SAKHI - One Stop Centre, Bandipora & District Hub for Empowerment of Women Bandipora and was attended by Officials from various departments including Education, Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya, POSHAN, DHEW, OSC, CWC, CCI, ICDS etc, Members of Women's Committee, Members of JKSWM, BBBP, Girl students from various educational institutions of the district, female employees and local women of the district. On the occasion, Malik Tabinda,

Protection Officer, DCPU, Bandipora said that the female folk must realise their importance and role in society.



ety. She said the women who have achieved success in various fields of life must act as ambassadors to guide other women to utilise their potential in a proper way. She presented detailed information about various rights of women and laws enacted by the government. Sumaya Muzaffar, Gender Specialist, DHEW Bandipora while highlighting the importance of International

Women's Day said girls and women are important stakeholders of society and it is our collective responsibility to take care of girl child for the empowerment of women.

Sumaya informed the audience about various women centric schemes being implemented by the government. Jawahar Ahmad, Supervisor, DDAC Bandipora highlighted the objectives of the programme and said we must encourage girls and women for socio-economic and political development of society.

Afshana Hassan, Psycho-Social Counselor, One Stop Centre, Bandipora; Ishrat Ayoub, Centre Administrator, OSC Bandipora; Jameela Akhter, Case Worker OSC and many other speakers enumerated different topics related to International Women's Day. Later, baby kits were distributed among various lactating women of the district.

## 5 employees including a Doctor found absent at PHC Unisoo Langate

KUPWARA, MARCH 9 - Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray today conducted surprise inspection of Primary Health Centre Unisoo of Langate. While scrutinizing the attendance roll, the DC found five employees absent and taking serious note of this casual attitude of the employees, he directed the CMO Kupwara to take strict action against them. Absent employees included a doctor, three pharmacists, and an FMPHW. Deputy Commissioner, also asked CMO Kupwara to conduct surprise visits at all the health institutions so that essential public services could be provided to people in an efficient manner.

## Urs of Baba Gaffar Sahib to be held on March 11 at Bandipora

BANDIPORA, MARCH 09: The Urs of sufi saint Baba Gaffar Sahib is going to be held on 11th of March at the residence of his disciple Peer Ghulam Qadir Ganie at Kanoosa Guzarbal. On the occasion, several programmes will be held during the day-long function. Several singers will enthral the audience by presenting Sufi poetry of the Saint. Special prayers will also be held on the occasion. All the disciples have been invited to attend the Urs.

## Awareness regarding Army Recruitment Rally, 2023 held at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, MARCH 09: An awareness camp regarding Army Recruitment Rally, 2023 was today held at Dak Bungalow Khanabal, here.

The event was presided over by Army Recruiting Officer, Srinagar Colonel Suresh. The event aimed to provide detailed information about the Agniveer recruitment process.

Colonel Suresh briefed the attendees on the recruitment procedure, which began on February 16 and will end on March 15. He said the first step is for the aspirants to register online and the registered candidates will have to undergo Computer-based CEE (Common Entrance Examination), which will commence on April 17. Qualified candidates will then have to participate in recruitment rallies and medical tests.

Sharing details of the improvised process, the Colonel said the website has been linked with DigiLocker so that candidates can easily access their documents. Further, a 50% subsidy in registration fees is being provided so that aspirants will only have to pay Rs 250. Underlining the reduction time in recruitment, he informed the aspirants that a written exam will precede the medical and physical fitness tests.

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## DC Baramulla distributes Emergency Response Kits among Aapda Mitra volunteers

BARAMULLA, MARCH 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, who is also chairperson of District Disaster Management Authority, distributed Emergency Response Kits among Aapda Mitra volunteers of the district at Dakbanglow Baramulla. These volunteers have completed 12 days Disaster Management training at SDRF Ist Battalion Srinagar. The Volunteers have been acquainted with the knowledge and skills to deal with any kind of disaster.

The upskilling of Aapda Mitra will go a long way in conducting the rescue operations during the disaster. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that upskilling of Aapda Mitra Volunteers with disaster management rescue techniques focuses on creating specialized rescue teams to respond and deal with the eventualities during any disaster. The DC further outlined the scope and mandate of the trained volunteers who shall be in a state of readiness to tackle and rescue the people during any disaster. Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla Aijaz Abdullah Saraf, DYSP Traffic Rural, Mujahad Nazir, Tehsildar HQ and other concerned officers and officials were present on the occasion. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baram-



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## Fisheries Deptt organizes daylong Demonstration programme under ATMA

KULGAM, MARCH, 09: A daylong training cum demonstration programme was today organized by Department of Fisheries, Kulgam at Trout Fish Farm Chancer under Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA).

The programme was attended by fish farmers of the district and a good number of unemployed youth. Assistant Director Fisheries informed that the programme was aimed to disseminate the information regarding latest technological interventions being adopted in Fisheries sector like Recirculatory Aquaculture system (RAS), Biofloc etc and the farmers were advised to transform their fish farming units on modern scientific lines to achieve higher yields from their units with optimal input costs. During the programme, participating farmers were made aware of the formation of Fish



Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) for harnessing benefits on cluster mode.

On the occasion, the progressive farmers also shared their success stories and advised the unemployed youth to adopt fish farming and other related activities to earn their livelihood with dignity and honour. Practical demonstrations of fish farming activities viz. Hatchery management, Brood stock

management, feeding and grading etc were also conducted.

During the feedback session, the farmers raised the importance of insurance cover for fish live stocks, upon which Assistant Director Fisheries assured them that it is under active consideration of the Department and Director Fisheries has already taken up the matter with reputed Insurance companies for the needful.

## JKTPO organise Export Awareness workshops at Kupwara, Baramulla; GeM onboarding Drive for district Ramban

**BARAMULLA/ KUPWARA/ RAMBAN, MARCH 09:** The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) and District Administrations of Kupwara and Baramulla organised Export promotion workshops under the District as Exports Hub (DEH) & One District One Product (ODOP) in collaboration with DGFT, APEDA, FIEO, India Post, ECGC and other expert agencies working in the field of Exports.

To make each District as Export Hub and to improve overall trade and export ecosystem of UT of J&K, the series of the workshops are being organised on the directions of Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Prashant Goyal and under overall supervision of Managing Director, JKTPO, Khalid Jahangir at district level.

**AT KUPWARA:** Deputy Commissioner, Doifode Sagar Dattatray while inaugurating the workshop and addressing the forum appreciated the JKTPO's initiative of reaching out

to district of J&K for export promotion and also said that the District Kupwara has a great potential of exports in Walnut, Handloom & Handicraft products and red rice (Mushkbadij).

He also directed all traders and entrepreneurs to redouble their efforts for proper development of Kupwara based export products so that these products become a brand in the world and Kupwara district becomes an export hub. He also requested JKTPO to conduct few more capacity building workshops especially for packaging and marketing of walnuts from Kupwara.

**AT BARAMULLA:** The Export Workshop in Baramulla was presided over by Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar who in her opening remarks said Apple has been selected as ODOP (One District One Product) from district Baramulla with immense potential for exports and other allied derivatives.

She also briefed the participants about the benefits of having Import export code



and requested the participants to take advantages of such awareness workshops conducted by JKTPO. District Administration is working in full swing with Government and other export institutions to boost exports and make district Baramulla as a hub of exports for its potential products under District as Export Hub Initiative, she added.

The detailed sessions were conducted by the experts on the benefits of exports, the process of getting an Import/Export code, en-

dorsing local products to an international market, credit linkages for exports and credit risk insurance facilities. The participants were also given an opportunity to interact one on one with the experts and all the queries related to exports were resolved. Special focus was given on ODOP products and other focus products of the Kupwara and Baramulla districts including Walnut, red rice, apples and carpets. Onspot Import/Export codes (IEC) registration was done in these drives.

A.K. Bhushan, Deputy DGFT, during his address, apprised the participants of the role of DGFT in international trade. He reflected upon the kind of documentation and procedures necessary for entering the international business/IEC registration and other related issues.

Debi Prasad, Executive Officer, ECGC Srinagar gave details about Credit Risk Insurance and related services for exports and gave a detailed insight on how exporters can safeguard their shipments and money for exports.

Sehreen Maqbool, Business Development Manager, APEDA, Kashmir gave introduction about APEDA and with a focus to take local Horticulture and allied products of Kupwara to a global market.

Gaurav Gupta, Dy. Director, FIEO explained about the benefits of registration on Indian Business Portal, Free Online Business, Easy and Affordable Credit Rating and Compliance with the Government.

Yonus Gul from India

Post, Kashmir Region, shared the attributes of portal Dhak Ghar Niryat Kendras which act as facilitation center for E-Commerce exports.

These workshops were attended by District officers of Industries & Commerce department, Agriculture & Horticulture, Horticulture marketing and Planning and Handicraft and Handloom along with 250+ potential exporters, growers, FPO's, artisans unit holders and also from District Kupwara and Baramulla.

**AT RAMBAN:** GeM onboarding Drive for ODOP-DEH (Honey) of Ramban District on Government eMarketplace (GeM) for potential exporters, providing direct access to all the Government departments was also organised by the JKTPO in collaboration with District Administration Ramban and Invest India, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce.

These onboarding drives are held all across UT to onboard the ODOP & DEH products on the GeM platform.

## Surprise inspection of govt. offices held at Bandipora

Ensure Aadhaar based biometric attendance in all offices, provide quality service delivery: ADC

**BANDIPORA, MARCH 09:** On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Waseem Raja on Thursday conducted a surprise inspection of offices housed in Mini-Secretariat, here.

The ADC on the occasion inspected attendance and other records of offices. He said that the surprise inspection was carried out to maintain punctuality and discipline in offices. He said that indiscipline of any kind, lack of punctuality and absenteeism will not be tolerated.

Subsequent to the inspection, action was initiated against the officers and employees who were found absent from duty including late comers.

While interacting with officers and officials, the ADC said that providing quality public service delivery is the priority of administration and no lackadaisical approach of any kind shall be tolerated in this regard.

He also stressed on maintaining cleanliness and proper maintenance of assets and records.

The ADC on the occasion laid stress on biometric attendance in the offices and directed the heads of all departments to ensure Aadhaar based biometric attendance of all employees besides maintaining tour and leave records.

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## DC Kulgam chairs Distt level Zoonosis Committee meet

Farooq Rather



**KULGAM, MARCH 09:** A meeting of District Level Zoonosis Committee was today held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at mini-secretariat, here.

During the meeting, the DC instructed the concerned to formulate a comprehensive plan besides to work on data collection on zoonosis in the district.

He also instructed to formulate Block level Zoonosis Committees and launch an awareness campaign to inform people about the preventive measures from the diseases.

It was informed that zoonosis is a disease that jumps from a non-human animal to humans.

It was also shared that Zoonotic pathogens may be bacterial, viral or parasitic, or may involve unconventional agents and can spread to humans through direct contact or through food, water or the environment.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Showkat Ahmad Rather, ADC Vigar Ahmed Giri, JD-Planning, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Medical Officer, BMOs and other concerned officers. It was also shared that Zoonotic pathogens may be bacterial, viral or parasitic, or may involve unconventional agents and can spread to humans through direct contact or through food, water or the environment. The meeting was attended by ADDC Showkat Ahmad Rather, ADC Vigar Ahmed Giri, JD-Planning, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Medical Officer, BMOs and other concerned officers.

## Div Com Kashmir visits Kupwara; reviews developmental profile

**KUPWARA, MARCH 09:** The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today visited frontier Kupwara district and carried out a series of activities besides reviewing developmental profile of the district.

The Div Com accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray inspected under execution Transit Accommodation at Kulnagam. It was informed that the Transit Accommodation comprising 288 flats in 18 blocks, is coming up at a cost of Rs. 34.56 crore.

The Div Com gave instant directions to the executing agency (R&B) to make all facilities including bound-



ary wall, power and water supply available and gave a timeline of April 15 for its completion.

On the occasion, the DC briefed the Div Com about

lakh and Amrit Sarovar Waterfront at Goose, costing Rs 15 lakh under Convergence. He gave various suggestions to further upgrade the projects.

The DC also briefed the Div Com about the prospects of the waterfront and informed that in coming days there will be beautiful and attractive spots in Kupwara town.

The Div Com convened a meeting of district and sectoral officers at Administrative Complex Kupwara and reviewed the developmental profile of the district. Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, ADDC, Altaf Ahmad, ADC, Ghulam Nabi Bhat were present in the meeting.

## DC Anantnag reviews status of employment generation schemes

**ANANTNAG, MARCH 09:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today held a multi departmental review of various employment generation schemes in vogue. Reviewing the engagement of youth in various self employment schemes, the DC called for a two pronged strategy of creating awareness about the schemes among the target group and ensuring

hassle free registration and disbursement process for interested youth. He said that entrepreneurs who have benefitted from the schemes and have set up viable livelihood generation projects should be engaged to motivate other youth to follow suit. He said display of scheme related information at conspicuous places and on social media platforms will also add in generating awareness. Dr

Basharat also stressed that interested youth must be hand helded at every step including processing of loans and subsidies as well as by providing technical knowledge necessary to set up viable businesses. He said that informative workshops on marketing and increasing scale of operations must also be encouraged. The departmental heads presented the progress achieved till now by their

respective departments. CHO said the department is supporting horticulturists and orchardists by providing seedlings, machinery support and promoting mechanization. Similarly, through PMDP and MIDH, Agriculture has benefited 1037 beneficiaries. JKEDI has provided training to 835 persons under start up India policy. While 91 beneficiaries have benefitted through the schemes.

## DC presides over orientation programme on School Safety at GBHS Baramulla

Also inspects Various Examination Centers; interacts with Students

**BARAMULLA, MARCH 09:** Education Department Baramulla today organised a two days training programme of Master Trainers and Key Resource Persons on School Safety at Government Boys High School (GBHS) Baramulla.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar participated as chief guest at the valedictory function. On the occasion, a variety of deliberations were held during which it was expressed that children are highly vulnerable to disaster impacts and climate change, especially those who are living in hazard prone environments and the need of the hour is to provide a safe environment for the children. Dr. Sehrish while speaking on the occasion presented a detailed account of School Safety and security guidelines and emphasised on co-creating the environment for ensuring safety and security of children in schools.



She stressed that School Safety is of paramount importance in a region like Jammu & Kashmir which is a high-risk Union Territory especially with regard to various natural calamities which impacts the education of children the most.

Addressing the gathering, the DC said that School

Safety and School Security go hand in hand as an integral aspect of education sector planning. Therefore, Child Protection plays an important role in ensuring the safety and security of children, whether at home or in schools, she said adding that Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) devastates a victim for lifetime. Meanwhile, the concerned

Master Trainers and Key Resource Persons were also sensitized on accountability framework, whole school safety approach and multi sectoral linkages as enshrined in the comprehensive school safety guidelines of Govt. of India.

Later, the DC accompanied by Chief Education Officer Baramulla, Balbir Singh Raina today inspected various examination centers in Baramulla to take stock of facilities and arrangements put in place for smooth and transparent conduct of 12th class examinations.

The DC directed the Magistrates and Superintendents to ensure better coordination for fair and smooth conduct of the examination in the district.

She also interacted with the aspirants and enquired from them about the facilities and arrangements and the aspirants expressed great satisfaction.

## Sprawling Badamwari Garden dazzling in Bloom

**SRINAGAR, MARCH 09:** Located in the Shehr-i-Khaas area of Srinagar, Badam Wari garden has become one of the important spring tourist attractions of Kashmir. The garden is spread over an area of more than 300 kanals and is dotted with thousands of Almond Trees which bloom en-masse, providing a soothing experience to the visitors.

Speaking about the garden, Director Floriculture Kashmir said that the almond tree is one of the earliest blooming trees whose bloom is magnificent and attracts both local and national tourists and visitors equally. He further added that the bloom percentage in the garden is almost 30% and in weeks' time peak bloom is expected. He further added that the garden

is the only garden in old Srinagar city which is a good source of recreation for the local population.

Director Floriculture informed that the developmental works to preserve and upgrade the garden are in progress and every care shall be taken to cater the requirements of visitors.

It is important to mention here that the garden was

visited by more than 03 lac visitors last year and it is expected that a good number of visitors shall also visit this year.

Director Floriculture further informed that the garden is nicely spruced and the Department welcomes all to visit the garden and enjoy the mesmerizing almond bloom. People should come and enjoy the beauty of Kashmir.

## VC- DDC Kounsar Shafeeq inaugurates Training programme for Orchardists at Bandipora

**BANDIPORA, MARCH 09:** The Horticulture department on Thursday organised a day-long awareness cum training programme on 'Scientific pruning of High density Apple plants' at KVK Patushai, here.

The programme was held under the ATMA scheme in collaboration with KVK Bandipora and SKUAST-Kashmir. Vice-Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Bandipora, Kounsar Shafeeq inaugurated the programme. A large number of progressive orchardists from across the district actively participated in the programme. DDC Vice-Chairperson during her inaugural speech stressed upon orchardists to take full advantage of expert staff at the department of horticulture and KVK is a blessing and orchardists should get benefitted from them. Earlier, Chief Horticulture Officer Bandipora, Farooq Ahmad Tantary highlighted the importance of conducting such skill



techniques in farming to improve their production. She said availability of expert staff at the department of horticulture and KVK is a blessing and orchardists should get benefitted from them. Earlier, Chief Horticulture Officer Bandipora, Farooq Ahmad Tantary highlighted the importance of conducting such skill

oriented programmes and informed that scientific training and pruning is prerequisite for obtaining quality apple production.

Programme coordinator Dr. Tariq Sultan and HDO Horticulture Zone Bandipora and Aloosa Dr. Mehraj Ud Din Sheikh gave practical demonstration of the activity for carrying out

## CUK VC flags off tour for DTS students to Rajasthan

**Ganderbal, Mar 9:** Central University of Kashmir (CUK), Vice Chancellor, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah Thursday flagged off the ten-days tourism destination tour for the students of Department of Tourism Studies (DTS) to Rajasthan. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Farooq Shah said the students should make the best out of this opportunity and come up with viable recommendations for the development of tourism. He stressed on exploring the niche tourist circuits of Rajasthan to give a novel perspective into the Tour-



ism products of the region. He asked the students to interact with the locals

and gather insights into their culture and traditions. Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar, hailed the department for organising the tour and highlighted the importance of such events in professional courses like Tourism. He wished the students a safe journey and expressed hope that the tour will enrich the students and will provide necessary practical field exposure to them. He further stated that the tour shall enable the students to develop various faculties required in the discipline of tourism.

# HEADLINES TODAY

## HT FRIDAY FOCUS

### Woman in the Light of the Qur'an

Who can question the vital role played by the mother in a family? From the moment of conception to birth and to rearing, it is the mother who spends most of her time with and carries most of the burden of the baby. The child's early development is shaped primarily by the mother. To acknowledge the mothers' fundamental role in building the worldwide community of the faithful, the Qur'an uses the word Ummah, a derivative of word Umm meaning mother. And the Prophet (PBUH) is reported to have said that heaven lies under the feet of the mother. The women are honored in the Qur'an by having chapter Al-Nisa (The Women) after them. But misunderstandings and misconceptions about women are abound. Here are a few of them:

Did the product of a crooked rib cause man's fall from paradise?

The Qur'an does not support the story that woman was created from man's rib.

O MANKIND! Be conscious of your Sustainer, who has created you out of one living entity, and out of it created its mate, and out of the two spread abroad a multitude of men and women. (4:1) [Asad]

Contrary to the popular belief woman was not responsible for man's first act of disobedience and his subsequent expulsion from the paradise:

But Satan caused them both to stumble therein, and thus brought about the loss of their erstwhile state. (2:36) [Asad, emphasis added]

Equality of man and woman

As a whole, the Qur'an treats man and woman on an equal basis. But the roles assigned to each of them is not the same but rather complementary.

Allah has made one of them to excel the other. (4:34) [Khan & Al-Hilali]

The reality and significance of the above verse has yet to sink in the minds of those men who habitually and traditionally assign an inferior status to women. Based on research we know that men surpass women in mechanical skill and women surpass men in linguistic ability.

How could this be clearer than the following verse of the Qur'an:

Lo! men who surrender unto Allah, and women who surrender, and men who believe and women who believe, and men who obey and women who obey, and men who speak the truth and women who speak the truth, and men who persevere (in righteousness) and women who persevere, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their modesty and women who guard (their modesty), and men who remember Allah much and women who remember - Allah hath prepared for them forgiveness and a vast reward. (33:35) [Pickthall]

And according to the Qur'an, the opportunity for good deeds and their reward exists equally for both men and women:

If any do deeds of righteousness, - be they male or female - and have faith, they will enter Heaven, and not the least injustice will be done to them. (4:124) [Yusuf Ali]

And on the subject of ownership rights:

To men is allotted what they earn, and to women what they earn. (4:32) [Yusuf Ali]

The Qur'an also tells that women are equal participants in enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong (Amr bil M'aruf-and-Nahya 'Anil Munkar). Obviously, this implies women's right to participate in public life. AND [as for] the believers, both men and women they are close unto one another: they [all] enjoin the doing of what is right and forbid the doing of what is wrong (9:71) [Asad]

Polygamy

Only one verse (4:3) in the Qur'an allows polygamy, but that too, in special circumstance when there are a large number of widows and orphans left after war. The context of the verse is to address this situation. The verse is very explicit in that a man may marry more than one from among the orphans/widows (fil-yatama) only on the condition that justice is done among all (up to a total of four) wives. If not, then only one wife is allowed. Thus polygamy is permitted but only under very strict conditions and is more like a sacrifice on the part of both men and women to address a societal issue in a dignified manner. It is not a license for men to marry more women to satisfy their lust and/or to have more children. For this the fault lies with us as interpreters and not with the Qur'an.

Woman as a witness

Another prevailing misconception is that, in Islam, two women's witnesses are equal to one man's witness. This is related to verse (2:282) which says that in matters of contracting a loan if one cannot find two men as witnesses then one can bring one man and two women. The Qur'an itself has given the reason for this that if the woman who is giving witness forgets or gets confused (tadilla) then the other woman may remind her. That is, only one woman gives witness. The other woman is just for moral support.

Conclusion

In light of all of the above, do we still need to believe that woman is inferior to man; that she cannot lead, govern, or decide critical matters in an Islamic government as the proponents of man-made Shariah would have us believe?

During the early period of Islam, men and women enjoyed equal rights in all respects of their lives. Caliph Umar ibn al-Khattab (R) proudly proclaimed that an old woman taught him the meaning of word Khilafah. But unfortunately the Khilafat was turned into a hereditary kingship by Umayyads and Abbasids who treated women more like objects of pleasure than human beings. As a consequence, women lost their position of dignity and self-respect. For the sorry state that continues to the present day, Muslims alone are responsible, not Islam.

The truth is men and women are like the two wheels of a cart. Each wheel is called Zauj of the other in Arabic. If one wheel dominates the other, the cart will not move properly. This cart of life will move smoothly along the straight path (Sirat al-mustaqim) only if the two wheels are equal and balanced and one wheel does not try to dominate the other, which means there can be no real Islam until women (constituting half of humanity) regain their God-given human rights of dignity, self-respect, and equality with men in all walks of life.



Faiza Farooq

Education is a fundamental right of every individual, and it plays a crucial role in shaping one's future. Teachers are considered the backbone of the education system, and they hold the responsibility of nurturing the young minds to become responsible citizens. However, it is disheartening to know that some teachers favoritism in their classrooms, which can destroy the future of deserving students.

One of the common forms of favoritism that takes place in classrooms is when teachers give papers early to their favorite female students. It not only hampers the learning experience of other students but also sends out the wrong message that favoritism is acceptable in the educational system. This unethical practice is not only unfair but also deprives deserving students of the opportunity to excel.

Such practices can lead to a demotivating environment for students, which can affect their academic performance and overall growth. Students who work hard to achieve good grades and academic excellence can feel demotivated and discouraged when they see that their efforts are not valued. This can also lead to a lack of interest in academics, which can harm their future prospects.

Steps should be taken to stop such unethical practices in the education system. Firstly, it is essential to raise awareness about the negative impact of favoritism on students. Teachers should be trained to recognize and avoid such practices, and strict policies should be implemented to prevent it.

Secondly, there should be a fair and transparent evaluation system that ensures equal opportunities for all students. Teachers should be monitored to ensure that they follow the guidelines and do not engage in any form of favoritism.

Lastly, it is crucial to create a safe and supportive learning environment for students. Teachers should encourage healthy competition and provide support to struggling students. They should also appreciate the hard work and dedication of deserving students, which can motivate them to excel.

In conclusion, favoritism in the education

system is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. It not only harms the future prospects of deserving students but also sends out the wrong message about the importance of fairness and transparency. Therefore, steps should be taken to create a fair and supportive learning environment for all students, which can help them

to excel and reach their full potential. Teachers are entrusted with the responsibility of providing education to students and guiding them towards a successful future. However, when teachers engage in relationships with their students, they not only violate their professional boundaries but also harm the education system as a whole.



Firstly, teacher-student relationships create an uneven power dynamic, where the teacher has more influence and control over the student. This power imbalance can be exploited by the teacher, leading to favoritism, bias, and unfair treatment of other students. This can create a hostile learning environment, where students feel demotivated and disengaged from their studies.

Secondly, teacher-student relationships can lead to conflicts of interest, which can harm the educational process. For instance, if a teacher is in a relationship with a student, they may be biased towards that student's academic performance, leading to unfair grading and evaluation. Such practices can create a negative perception of the educational system, leading to a lack of trust among students and parents.

Thirdly, teacher-student relationships can have serious legal implications. Depending on the age of the student and the nature of the relationship, it may be considered illegal and can result in the teacher facing criminal charges. This can create a negative reputation for the educational institution and harm the credibility of the entire education system. Therefore, it is crucial to create strict policies and guidelines to prevent teacher-student relationships. Educational institutions should have clear rules and regulations that prohibit such relationships, and there should be strict consequences for those who violate them. Teachers should also be trained to recognize and avoid situations that could lead to such relationships, and they should be encouraged to maintain professional boundaries with their students.

Cluster University Srinagar's student has raised concerns about favoritism in the educational system. In a conversation, the student stated that teachers should be more honest and aware of their role as role models for students. The student believes that favoritism is like a serpent that is poisoning the whole educational system.

While talking to the student of cluster University Srinagar she stated i wish teachers would have been more honest as they were supposed to be, And i wish they had an idea that they are role model for students and their actions will have a great impact on their lives. Favoritism is like a serpent which is poisoning the whole educational system. What I personally think is that We should first educate those teachers who are biased towards their so called favourites it doesn't matter how many degrees they've got their mindsets still are illiterate.

I have experienced this unfortunate thing from the very first semester that no matter how many efforts you're going to put into certain things there are always teacher's pet who would get more grades than you, even after sometimes without studying they will take your place. Such favoritism can have a negative impact on students leads to demotivation which can destroy students overall career.

The student further opined that biased teachers should be educated about the negative impact of favoritism, as their mindsets are still illiterate despite having degrees. The student expressed disappointment in experiencing favoritism since the very first semester, where some undeserving students were given higher grades than those who put in more effort. The student highlighted that such favoritism can lead to demotivation and adversely affect a student's career. The student's concerns are legitimate and call for an urgent need to promote a fair and impartial educational environment, where students can thrive based on their merit and hard work.

Education goes beyond academic achievements and plays a critical role in shaping students' values, attitudes, and beliefs. Teachers' actions and attitudes can have a profound impact on students' personal growth and development. Therefore, it is imperative to promote a culture of honesty, integrity, and fairness in the education system.

In conclusion, the student's concerns about favoritism in the educational system are valid and call for urgent attention. Educational institutions must take necessary measures to promote a fair and impartial educational environment that enables students to realize their full potential, regardless of their background or social status.

In conclusion, teacher-student relationships can have serious negative consequences for the education system. It is essential to take steps to prevent such relationships and create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. By doing so, we can ensure that the educational system remains credible and provides equal opportunities for all students to excel.

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## Same life same death, Then why not live satisfied



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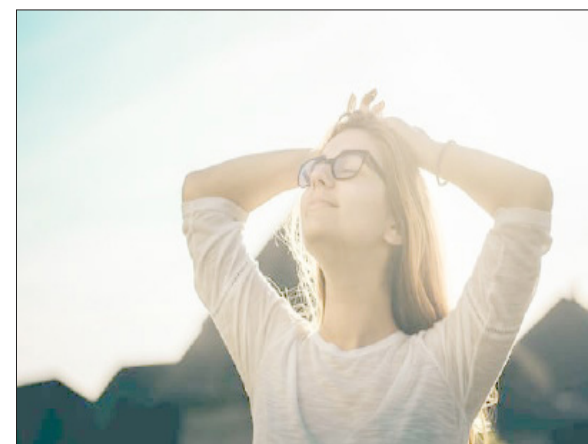
Same life, same death - a simple phrase that holds a deep meaning. It reminds us that no matter who we are, where we come from, or what we do, we all have one thing in common: our mortality. No matter how different our lives may seem, we will all eventually face the same fate.

This realization can be both humbling and empowering. On one hand, it reminds us that we are all equal in the face of death. No matter how rich, successful, or powerful we may be, we cannot escape the inevitability of our own mortality. On the other hand, it can inspire us to make the most of the time we have and live our lives to the fullest.

\*But why is it that so many of us struggle to live satisfied lives?\*

We live in a world that often tells us that we need to constantly strive for more - more money, more success, more possessions - in order to be happy. We are bombarded

with messages that tell us we are never enough and that we need to keep pushing ourselves to achieve more. However, this constant striving can often leave us feeling empty and unfulfilled. We may achieve our goals, but find that they do not bring us the happiness or satisfaction we thought they would. We may feel like we are on a never-



ending treadmill, always chasing the next big thing but never really enjoying the present moment.

\*So how can we break free from this cycle and live a more satisfied life?\*

One approach is to embrace the idea of same life, same death. When we recognize that our time on this earth is limited, we can start to prioritize the things that truly

matter to us. We can focus on building meaningful relationships, pursuing our passions, and finding joy in the present moment.

This does not mean that we should abandon our goals and aspirations entirely. It is still important to have a sense of purpose and direction in life. But we can approach our goals in a more mindful and balanced way. Instead of obsessing over them to the point of burnout, we can take a step back and ask ourselves why these goals are important to us, and whether they align with our values and priorities.

In addition, we can practice gratitude for the things we already have in our lives. This can help us cultivate a sense of contentment and appreciation for the present moment, rather than always looking towards the future. We can also take time to reflect on our lives and what we want to prioritize moving forward. By doing so, we can create a more intentional and fulfilling life for ourselves. In conclusion, the concept of same life, same death can be a powerful reminder to live a more satisfied life. By recognizing our mortality and embracing the things that truly matter to us, we can find greater joy and meaning in our lives. So why not start living satisfied today?

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## Due to the changing lifestyle, the temperature of the earth has increased unexpectedly in the last two decades.



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The discrepancy is that people have considered artificial facilities as real happiness. Due to this increasing temperature, the death toll due to heat has increased in the continent of Asia in the last few years. One of the major reasons for this is that the new generation does not want to adopt the traditional methods of preserving life. The Meteorological Department fears that hot winds will start blowing in March itself and this year the heat will break all records. At the root of this suspicion The summer figures are those recorded in the month of February. It was a warm spring day in many cities. Many cities in western and central India experienced the hottest February in the last fifty years. In view of the apprehension of the Meteorological Department, the Government of India has also issued a warning to the states to deal with diseases arising due to heat. This preparation reminds of the warning issued by an international organization in the past that by the year 2030, the temperature in many countries of the world

will rise so much that it will be unbearable for humans. It will be difficult. This warning is not unfounded. Last year, many countries of Europe had to face the havoc of rising heat. In Britain, the structure of the London Bridge had to be covered with a heat-resistant sheet so that it would not melt in the heat. Due to the heat in France, train services had to be stopped. In many European cities, in view of the heat, citizens were advised to leave the house only when necessary. Incidents of smoldering forests from America to Brazil have also troubled a large section of the population for a long time. Climate is getting hotter, because we are not sensitive to the environment. Researchers believe that in the period from 1850 to 1900, many such habits were included in our lifestyle, which gradually became a big challenge for the entire environment. The increase in temperature on the surface of the earth also started from that time. Especially the race for industrialization and the intention of maximum exploitation of natural resources have made the situation uncontrollable. Use of fossil fuels, cutting of forests and emission of toxic gases in the name of development has made such a situation that for a long time the news of the continuous weakening of the ozone layer is coming to the fore and still we are not avoiding the use of the factors due to which the emitted gases are increasing the erosion

of the ozone layer. Due to the cutting of forests, not only the green house effect, but the temperature of the earth is also increasing. An international group formed to study climate change has reported that thirty percent of the emissions of carbon dioxide, one of the gases responsible for increasing the temperature of the world, Responsible forests have to be cut. Due to the cutting of a large number of forests, a major source of oxygen production has ended. On the other hand, from factories to the increasing number of vehicles on the road, the carbon emissions in the urban areas have reached such an extent that all the countries of the world are forced to consider reducing the amount of carbon emissions at their minimum acceptable rate. For the last few years, global conferences are being held continuously to formulate policies regarding the control of carbon emissions. All the big countries of the world And agree that the minimum rate of carbon emissions should be achieved by 2030, but how will this happen, the interests of different sectors are not allowing the expected results on this issue. Developed countries are hesitating to provide promised funds to poor countries, while developing countries and underdeveloped countries are retreating from desired policies saying that the environmental balance has been disturbed by developed countries through their various schemes. Now if they

don't get proper compensation, why should they pay for someone else's development? felling of trees Apart from this, unscientific town planning, increasing population, increasing number of asphalt roads, increasing use of plants like computers, air conditioners and fridges are also the factors of increasing mercury in our environment. It is being said that due to the increasing construction in the cities, the wind speed has decreased and it does not produce the expected cooling effect. According to the Indian Meteorological Department, how the growing forest of buildings in the cities is helping to increase the temperature, it can be understood with an example. There is now a very dense settlement between Mumbai and Pune. Initiative-Sea breeze used to reach Pune from Mumbai without any hindrance and people did not feel the need of fan even in summer. But now it is not so, because high-rise buildings have started blocking the sea winds. In states like Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, people used to sleep comfortably on their roofs during summer vacations. But now it is becoming difficult to sleep on the roofs in summer.

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# Kathua admin to host Mega Governance cum Youth Awareness Camp

DC Calls for revitalisation of Youth Clubs through active participation in Governance process

KATHUA, MARCH 09: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today chaired a meeting to discuss the revitalization of Youth Clubs in the district, here at Conference Hall of DC Office complex. The meeting was attended by ADDC Ankur Mahajan, CPO Kathua Uttam Singh, ACD Kathua and other officers including the CMO, CEO, District Youth Services & Sports Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, AD DECC and other concerned.

The primary objective of the meeting was to brainstorm ideas on how to strengthen the Youth Clubs and engage the youth in governance.

During the meeting, DC Kathua emphasized the importance of involving the youth in the development process. He stressed that the youth are the future of the nation and their active participation in governance is crucial for the overall growth and progress of the district.

It was decided in the meeting that district administration will hold a Mega Youth awareness camp during the forthcoming event of



LG's Special Governance camp for DPs of PoJK as part of its hand holding efforts for the youth of the district.

The meeting also discussed modalities for the organization of

Special Governance Cum Youth Awareness Camp scheduled to be held on 19th of March 2023 which aims to create awareness among the youth about the functioning of the government, various wel-

fare schemes and their rights and responsibilities as citizens. The camp will provide a platform for the youth to interact with the officials and learn about the government's policies and initiatives. The DC also directed the Nodal Officer for Youth Clubs to make a calendar for organising awareness activities in rural and urban areas through PRIs and respective heads of ULBs.

DC directed the officers to identify the potential members for the Youth Clubs and provide them with training and support to organize various activities and events to engage the youth. He also urged the officials to ensure that the Special Governance Cum Youth Awareness Camp is conducted efficiently and effectively. DC directed the officers to identify the potential members for the Youth Clubs and provide them with training and support to organize various activities and events to engage the youth. He also urged the officials to ensure that the Special Governance Cum Youth Awareness Camp is conducted efficiently and effectively.

## Secretary Health inaugurates Eye Block, upgraded ICU, High Dependency Unit at DH Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, MARCH 9: Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, who is on two day tour to Kishtwar to review the status of medical facilities and infrastructure development in the district, today inaugurated various medical facilities including Eye Block, upgraded Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and High Dependency Unit (for Critical Gynaec patients) here at District Hospital.

Director Health Services, Jammu, Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman, District Development Commissioner, Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, Director Ayush, Dr. Mohan Singh, ADDC Kishtwar Sham Lal and other senior officers were present on the occasion. Pertinently, the Eye Block houses an eye ward and operating theatre constructed under National Blindness Control Programme (NBCP).

Secretary interacted with the CMO and DH authorities and enquired about the patient care facilities being provided in the hospital. Bhupinder directed the concerned authorities to



ensure that all the patients are covered under Ayushman Bharat scheme. He urged upon them to process the case regarding introduction of DNB course in the DH. He also asked the concerned to follow up the process for procurement of Critical Care Ambulance for the DH.

Later, Secretary convened a review meeting with the district administration and President and EO Municipal Council Kishtwar besides other council ward members.

During the meeting, Bhupinder reviewed physical and financial status of mega projects and schemes

under execution in the Municipal Limits of Kishtwar town.

He stressed upon the executing agencies to speed up the pace of these development works to ensure timely completion.

While taking stock of follow up of previous review meeting, Bhupinder appreciated the district administration and MC Kishtwar for notable improvement in their overall performance.

Secretary asked for implementation of digital collection of revenue across the MC Kishtwar to ensure transparency and accountability.

## JSCL conducts workshop cum orientation programme

JAMMU, MARCH 09: Jammu Smart City Ltd conducted a workshop cum orientation programme on "Save Food, Share Food Campaign" in alignment with one of the Sustainable development goals of the Nation under theme "To End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and improved Nutrition" under the Eat Right Initiatives, Jammu Smart City Ltd (JSCL) has targeted to collect leftover food on various occasions from Food Business Operators, Religious Places and distribute it to the needy and hungry people in hygienic condition to cater their food and nutrition requirements. In this context, a workshop cum orientation programme was organized for the hoteliers, restaurants, caterers, dhabawallas, NGOs and reputed food business opera-

tors from various parts of Jammu City at Country Inn Suites, Bahu Plaza Jammu, where Chief Guest, Mayor Jammu, Ravinder Sharma launched and flag off the "Save Food, Share Food and Share Joy" Campaign. Speaking on the occasion, the Mayor said that this is such a noble cause which also aligning with the vision of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi to achieve 'zero hunger' by minimizing food waste and curbing hunger amongst the poor and needy in the country. Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Billawaria who was the guest of honour on the occasion appreciated the initiative and further said that JMC will provide full support in the initiative as much as possible to identify the spots where leftover food can be distributed. The programme was orga-

nized under the guidelines of Rahul Yadav, CEO Jammu Smart City and Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Additional CEO, JSCL enlightened the audience about Jammu Smart City's role in pursuing such activities and shared his vision to carry forward this mission. Kulbhushan Khajuria, Joint Commissioner (Health and Sanitation), JMC and Dr. Divya Sharma, Veterinary Officer, JMC were also present. Dr. Parvesh Kumar, Eat Right Initiative Programme coordinator from JSCL along with Satish Kumar (Mavis Food Tech, New Delhi) presented a detailed presentation on this initiative and highlighted the plan of action to implement in Jammu City. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, Nodal Officer.

## Director JKEDI inaugurates a 10-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme under Mission Youth's Tejaswani Livelihood Scheme

JAMMU, MARCH 09: Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Ajaz Ahmad Bhat inaugurated a 10 day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) under Mission Youth's Tejaswani livelihood scheme.

The training program was organized by JKEDI's Centre for Women Entrepreneurship (CENWENT) and coincided with the ongoing celebrations of International Women's Day.

The EDP was attended by female candidates from across the Jammu district and they will undergo a training program with a focus on self-development, basic business skills, business and marketing plan formulation, account management, sector-specific technical inputs, and will be appraised of all the formalities involved in setting up an enterprise. The aim of the program was to help candidates to be self-reliant and facilitate capacity building.

Director JKEDI congratulated the



women present at the program and said that there is a lot to celebrate about women's achievements. He added that there is much more to do in that direction and we need to embrace equality and build a better world for women.

The scheme is a special initiative of Mission Youth J&K, aimed at providing financial assistance

to young women for setting up gainful self-employment ventures suited to their skills, aptitude, and local conditions. It will empower and encourage women to set up income-generating units through manufacturing, services, or trading activities.

Upon successful completion of the training program, these registered

female candidates will receive assistance in establishing or expanding their business ventures. Their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) will also be prepared by JKEDI.

Dr. Mehraj Din Bhat, Incharge Trainings, Vishal Ray, Incharge CIIBM, Divya Sharma, In-Charge Centre for Women Entrepreneurship, Jammu among others were present on the occasion. The scheme is a special initiative of Mission Youth J&K, aimed at providing financial assistance to young women for setting up gainful self-employment ventures suited to their skills, aptitude, and local conditions. It will empower and encourage women to set up income-generating units through manufacturing, services, or trading activities.

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## Doda Admin finalises activities/ arrangements for 'Youthon 2023'

DODA, MARCH 09: The Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan took a meeting of key officials and finalised the activities under "Youthon 23" and fixed the responsibilities for the successful conduct of the event.

District Administration Doda has scheduled a first of its kind Youthon 2023 to be held on 18th of March at Sports Stadium Doda.

Youth Club formation is UT Government's special initiative for effective youth engagement efforts, and outreach in Jammu & Kashmir under the aegis of Youth Volunteer Program. More than 237 Youth Clubs have been constituted, at least one in each panchayat of the district here. These young volunteers are actively engaged in various community-oriented activities to actualize the objectives of the Youth Volunteer Program



in J&K. In furtherance of youth engagement efforts, specific programs have been scheduled across J&K with effect from 20th Feb 2023 to 21st March 2023.

Under the programme 'Youthon' Youth from across the district shall participate in sports/ athletic activities, cultural programmes, discussions, interactions, and other activities. A mega Employment/Job fair shall be held

on the day. Motivational speakers and Counsellors shall motivate the youth for different livelihood pursuits. Activities/ Skits/ Dramas on Nasha Mukht Abhiyaan, Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan and other social issues shall be taken up during the day long Youthon. ADDC Doda, Pran Singh has been made overall incharge of the event while Deputy Director Employment Doda.

## Chairman DDC Reasi inaugurates Kisan Mela cum exhibition at Sirah, Panthal

REASI, MARCH 09: Chairman DDC, Reasi, Saraf Singh Nag today inaugurated one day Kisan mela cum exhibition in presence of District Development Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal under Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (ATMA) at Sirah, Panthal. Chairman BDC Panthal, Chander Mohan Singh, DDC Panthal, Rajinder Mengi, Member Kisan Advisory Board, Tilak Raj Sarpanches and other PRI members were also present on the occasion. The DDC Chairman inspected different stalls of Agriculture and allied sectors viz. Animal Husbandry, Sericulture, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and KVK besides stalls of Women Self Help Groups and private players dealing with agriculture inputs, farm machinery and organic products also layed out during the event. The stalls displayed and highlighted various farmers' welfare schemes and programmes.

A store room under strengthening of Lemon grass distillation unit at Sirah constructed under CAPEX with assistance of Rs.2 lakh by Agriculture Department was also inaugurat-



ed by chief guest on the occasion. Chairman DDC speaking on the occasion said that such melas provide a suitable platform for the farmers to interact with agri experts, learn about the new innovations to ultimately achieve the goal of raising the farm income. Farmers must take advantage of different Farmers welfare schemes launched by the government, he said. He also advised the farmers to adopt agriculture on commercial scale to get lucrative remuneration.

The DDC outlined such initiatives serve as effective tool for transfer of technology to the field and urged the farmers to learn and adopt latest technological interventions in the field of Farm Macadamization, organic farming, lemongrass cultivation as part of Integrated farming.

Chief Agriculture officer, Reasi, Harbans Singh presented overall view of Agriculture in the District and progress made under various centrally sponsored schemes. He shared the main objectives of the Holistic Agriculture Department Plan for enhancing the farm income.

Progressive farmers, Self Help Groups were felicitated on the occasion for exceptional work in the field of Agriculture.

Meanwhile, different wings and sections of Agriculture Department like Apiculture, Mushroom, Plant Health Clinic, Soil Testing Lab showcased their activities and achievements in the exhibition. Various live samples of wheat, vegetable crops brought by farmers were also displayed during the Mela.

## GDC Kathua hosts 2-day workshop to mark International Women's Day

KATHUA, MARCH 09: Centre for Women Studies of Government Degree College Kathua, organized a two days workshop on the eve of International women's day in the college campus.

Tehsildar Headquarters, Surinderjeet Kour was the chief guest while Coordinator Mission Shakti, Madam Itika Gupta was the guest of honour on the occasion.

On the first day of the event, a lecture was organized to commemorate Women's Day and on the 2nd day Poster making competition was organized. Coordinator, CWS, Dr. Rachna Devi, in her welcome address said that International Women's Day is celebrated every year to take an opportunity and encourage all to actively celebrate women's achievement, generate awareness about women issues and raise voice for their greater equality. She said that it is very important to strengthen women's role by enhancing the frequency of various sensitization programs at regular intervals. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest ex-



plained that with the improved access to education and employment, millions of women are joining the Army, Air force and even anti terror operations but still they are facing harassment at work as well as public places. HOD, English, Dr. Seema Malpotra said that intimidation, bullying or coercion also comes under gender discrimination which is becoming common day by day and deliberated on

choosing best practical strategies and right action plans to deal with any type of harassment.

As many as 100 students participated in this workshop.

Chief Guest in the Poster making competition was Prof. Anirudh Sharma, Incharge Principal GDC Kathua. He congratulated the students on the eve of Women's day and appreciated the working of CWS for organizing such aware-

ness programs in the college from time to time. 30 students participated in a poster making competition. Theme of the poster making was Role of Women in society.

HOD EVS r. Deepshikha, Dr. Chetna Gupta and Prof. Surbhi Gupta were the judges of the event.

Dr. Romila Guleria, HOD Chemistry Prof Rakesh Singh were also present in the function. Centre for Women Studies of Government Degree College Kathua, organized a two days workshop on the eve of International women's day in the college campus.

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## DC Rajouri reviews progress on SCA to TSS works of PWD (R&B) sector

RAJOURI, MARCH 09: The Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting to review the progress of SCA to TSS works under the PWD (R&B) sector, here today.

The meeting was attended by CPO Mohammad Khurshid, SE PWD (R&B) Kamal Kishore Gupta, ExEn PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain, and ExEn PWD (R&B) Nowshera, Bikram Singh besides other concerned.

SE PWD informed the meeting that out of the 43 works under SCA to TSS, 10 have been completed while the rest are in different phases of execution.

The Deputy Commissioner discussed the status of the remaining works with the officers of the concerned



department and asked them to ensure their timely completion. DC emphasized the importance of completing all the works within the stipulated time frame and adhering to the quality standards as laid down in the guidelines.

He directed the officers to coordinate with all stakeholders to ensure smooth execution of the works under SCA to TSS and to pre-

vent any delays during the execution. He instructed the officers to ensure that the allocated funds under SCA to TSS are utilized for the intended purpose and closely monitored to achieve maximum benefit. The officers were also directed to maintain transparency in the process and keep the public informed about the progress of the works.

## Director Horticulture Kashmir led JIT conducts inspect of CA Store & FPU at Zainakote, Konmoh

SRINAGAR, MARCH 09: The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G.R. MIR today led a Joint Inspection Team (JIT) to inspect 01CA Stores and 01 Food Processing unit at Zainakote and Konmoh areas of Srinagar. On the occasion, the Director emphasized the Department's unwavering commitment to strengthening the post-harvest infrastructure in the valley. He further added that the department is currently investigating every possible opportunity to develop infrastructure such as CA stores and

processing units throughout the region, aiming to provide the farming community with outstanding services. He urged entrepreneurs to step forward and invest in the establishment of CA Stores and other post-harvest units, thereby contributing to the creation of a robust post-harvest management chain. The Director was accompanied by Chief Canning Instructor Srinagar, Chief Horticulture Officer Srinagar, Ex. Engineer Mechanical, Anantnag Ex. Engineer Horticulture Planning and

Marketing, representative from SKUAST-K besides others. Later, the Director made a visit to the Bandipora district, where he attended an awareness camp at the village Markunadal, Hajin. The camp was attended by Chief Horticulture Officer Bandipora, other officers/officials of the Department besides, members of the PRIs and a large number of farmers. During the camp attendees were provided with immediate information about the beneficiary-oriented

and self-employment schemes offered by the Horticulture Department. During his address, the Director of Horticulture stressed the need for field functionaries to maintain close contact with farmers, in order to help resolve any issues regarding orchard management. Afterward, the Director paid a visit to the village Shilyat in Sumbal, where he launched a plantation drive under the Area Expansion Scheme (Medium-Density) of the department.

## Atal Dulloo advocates meticulous planning for effective implementation of CSSs

JAMMU, MARCH 9: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, today advocated the need for evolving meticulous planning for effective implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) relating agriculture in Jammu and Kashmir.



ACS was chairing a meeting held to approve and recommend the Annual Action Plan for the year 2023-24. The plan encompasses various Centrally Sponsored Schemes that are currently operational in the Agriculture Production Department. The meeting presented an annual action plan regarding various schemes including Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme, Digital Agriculture Mission, Krishonati Yojana and National e-Governance Plan in Agriculture among others. The proposed plan is expected to promote niche crops, exotic vegetables and hi-tech protected cultivation, farm mechanization and automation, promotion of oilseeds, development of rain-

fed areas and development of seed and seed multiplication chains, among others. ACS emphasized meticulous planning and reasonable requirements of funds for maximum productivity. He asked the officers to ensure that the proposed components must be admissible under respective guidelines besides preparing detailed DPRs for each and every project before execution. The outcomes of these proposed schemes are expected to include a reduction of cultivation costs by at least 10 percent, an increase of production/productivity by at least 12-15 percent, a reduction of drudgery by 12 percent and an increase of farmers' income. In addition, the Per Drop More Crop initiative is expected to result in inclusion of

land under drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation, improved irrigation facilities and an overall saving of water by 70-90 percent. During the meeting, lengthy discussions were held on budgetary estimates under various schemes and their respective components that are to be completed by various departments. The expenditures during the past financial year were reviewed and the revised figures for the new financial year were discussed. Those present in the meeting included Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Dr Mohit Gera, Secretary in Jai Shakti Department, Deepika Sharma, DG Command Area Development, Directors of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry.

## DDC Ramban chairs District Health Society meeting

RAMBAN, MARCH 09: District Development Commissioner Ramban, Musarrat Islam, who is also Chairman District Health Society today reviewed the achievements and performance of the Department of Health especially under the National Health Mission (NHM). Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal, CMO, Dr. Kamal Zadoo, Executive Engineers of PWD, JPCL, MS DH, DIO, BMOs and various other members of the District Health Society attended the meeting. The DDC also reviewed the working of the Dialysis Unit at District Hospital, functioning of Sub District Hospital, Banihal, CHC Batote, Ukhral and Gool, staff



strength, equipment and infrastructure available with the department across the district. CMO informed that 2393 wom-

en were given incentives under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) with an amount of Rs. 33.45 lakh till February 2023. He informed that under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) 80173 beneficiaries under 0-18 years have been screened till February 2023. He further informed that 11437 pregnant women were provided free diagnosis and treatment under JSSK in the district. The DDC directed the CMO and all BMOs to conduct awareness camps and saturate all health department schemes. He further asked to ensure daily basis roster duty especially for night duties of doctors and paramedical staff and display in prominent places for the convenience of the general public. He also directed the concerned officers to continue conducting Drugs De-addiction campaign across the district.

## JKAACL organises cultural/literary festival 'DHANAK' in Doda

DODA, MARCH 09: One day Cultural and Literary Festival under the title DHANAK was organised today by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages (JKAACL) sub office Doda, here at community hall under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan along with SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, inaugurated the colorful event of art and culture. Various cultural and literary items were the main attractions of the program. The opening item of program was a Dogri song with beautiful Dogri folk dance performed by the female artists from Baderwah. The main attraction of the program was also the famous folk dance of Kashmir Band Pathar, presented by Kashmiri artists who mesmerised by their beautiful acting and dance. The other attractions were the Baderwahi Kud and Sirazi Decu dance present by the local youth. A beautiful musharria in Urdu language



also mesmerised the audience. Many young Urdu poets delivered their best lines of Urdu shairye in the programme. President Municipal Council Doda, Ved Prakash Gupta, SHO Doda, Officers from various departments, Cultural Officer Doda, Media Persons and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

## DDC Chairman Udhampur reviews extension of mobile connectivity to uncovered areas

Also reviews forest clearance cases, functioning of post offices

UDHAMPUR, MARCH 09: District Development Council Chairman, Udhampur, Lal Chand today convened a meeting of BDCs, DDCs and other senior officers of various departments to review the extension of mobile services in uncovered areas, functioning of post offices and forest land diversion cases in the district. PCCF J&K, Dr Mohit Gera, DDC Vice Chairperson, Jui Manhas Pathania, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Kritika Jyotsna, APCCF, Jammu B.M Sharma, CF East, B Mohan Das, PGM BSNL J&K, A K Angural, ADDC Ghan Shyam Singh, ADC, Mohammad Syed Khan, CPO, Mudassir Yaqoob Zargar, DFO, Rushal Garg, BDCs and DDCs attended the meeting.



Threadbare discussion were held on various aspects related to improvement in mobile connectivity, extension of mobile services in uncovered areas, functioning of post

offices and forest land diversion cases related to roads, Jal Jeevan Mission scheme in Udhampur district etc were discussed in detail. While addressing the meeting,

Chairperson DDC sought status of forest land clearance cases in the District and directed the concerned to immediate disposal of pending cases. He added that the main objective of the meeting was to address the PRIs grievances regarding removal of bottlenecks in execution works of different schemes in the district. Chairperson also enquired about the latest status of pending Forest Clearance cases and called for making collective efforts to remove the bottlenecks and other hindrances to ensure that development projects be completed in a time bound manner. He directed concerned officers to submit cases on fast track basis in a time bound manner so that these projects.

## One day Farmers Awareness camp on PMFME held in Batote

RAMBAN, MARCH 09: A one day Farmers' awareness camp under PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PM FME) was today organized to educate the farmers and youth of the area regarding benefits of PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME-ODOP) Scheme at Thopal in Batote. Pertinently, the PM FME is aimed at establishing Micro Food Processing Industries at Micro/Village level through individuals, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Cooperatives and Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) Chairman Block Development Council Batote, Rajeshwar Kumar was the chief guest whereas BDO, Batote Sandeep Kumar, Sarpanch, Thopal, Sutish Kumar, other PRIs, officers of JK Bank, representatives from Agriculture and Horticulture also participated in the camp.

## JDI Jammu condoles demise of Director Information's maternal grandmother

JAMMU, MARCH 09: Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta today condoled the demise of maternal grandmother of Director Information, Akshay Labroo. A condolence meeting was held in the office chamber of the Joint Director Information Jammu, in which the officers and officials extended their deepest condolences to the Director Information on the demise of his maternal grandmother. They also prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family. Deputy Director Information (PR), Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Field Publicity Officer, Mukesh Kumar besides other officials were present at the condolence meeting.

## Dhanantar Singh inaugurates upgradation of road from Dansal to Assar via Lalhote

DODA, MARCH 09: DDC Chairman Doda, Dhanantar Singh Kotwal in presence of Former Minister Shakti Raj Parihar, DDC Assar Rekha Devi and Executive Engineer PMGSY Saleem Ahmed inaugurated upgradation of road from Dansal to Assar via Lalhote, Bulandur, Chirota at Dhansal. The work on 30.2 km length road is being executed by PMGSY Division Doda at an estimated cost of Rs. 39 crore.

DDC Chairman congratulated people of Assar for this prestigious project which is the major project in the entire district. He assured the people that their demand of Higher Secondary will be projected to concerned authorities.

Chairman thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh for sanctioning this prestigious project.

Among others, Sarpanches, officials of PMGSY division Doda and others were present on the occasion.

## DLSA to hold Special Lok Adalat for MACT cases on March 15th

KATHUA, MARCH 09: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Kathua, as per the Action Plan for the month of April, 2023 issued by JK Legal Services Authority and also under the guidance of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (also Principal District & Sessions Judge), Kathua Jaffer Hussain Beg, is organizing a Special Lok Adalat for MACT cases in District Court Complex Kathua on 15th March 2023.

As per the press release issued by DLSA Kathua, litigants interested to settle their MACT case amicably through Conciliation and Mediation can approach the concerned court and get their case fixed in the said Special Lok Adalat.

The special lok adalat is being organised in line with the directions of J&K Legal Services Authority to reduce the pendency of MACT cases. District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Kathua, as per the Action Plan for the month of April, 2023 issued by JK Legal Services Authority and also under the guidance of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (also Principal District & Sessions Judge), Kathua Jaffer Hussain Beg, is organizing a Special Lok Adalat for MACT cases in District Court Complex Kathua on 15th March 2023.

## DDC Chairman Samba inaugurates Mega Programme at KVK Samba

SAMBA, MARCH 09: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu today organised Mega Programme under SCSP Project. The programme was conducted to distribute agriculture inputs to the SC farmers of district Samba under the dynamic leadership of Professor. N.A. Ganai, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, under the directions of Dr. S.K. Gupta Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu and directed supervision of Dr. Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist & Head KVK Samba. The programme was attended by more than 150

farmers from different villages of district Samba. At the outset, Prof. Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist & Head KVK Samba, welcomed all the dignitaries as well as farmers/farm women of the district. He throws a detail light on the various initiatives of KVK Samba in increasing the livelihood security of the farming community in the district. He also disclosed that various new initiatives will also be taken very soon for the betterment of the society and farmers particularly women from rural area. He also highlighted the importance of millets and the new area to be covered under millets during this year in order to boost the millet production in the district.

On this occasion, Keshav Dutt Sharma, Chairman District Development Council Samba was the Chief Guest whereas Sh. Balwan Singh Vice-Chairman DDC Samba and Sh. Rajinder Singh, ADDC Samba were the Guest of Honours. Speaking on the occasion, Keshav Dutt Sharma appreciated the efforts of KVK Samba led by Prof. Sanjay Khajuria and his team for conducting such a Mega event for the farmers from S.C. community of the district. He urged upon the farming community to remain in touch with the KVK Samba for any technical help in order to boost their agriculture economy. Balwan Singh, Vice-Chairman DDC Samba applauded

the contributions of KVK Samba and their efforts for the welfare of the farmers and highlighted that they are the ones who put your heart and soul into the soil to give life and food to all of us. Rajinder Singh, ADDC Samba highlighted the achievements of the KVK Samba in uplifting the marginalised sections of the society. He assured every type of help to KVK Samba as well as to the farming community of the district. Pritam Chand, Sarpanch Samlah exhorted the farmers to avail the benefits of the various initiatives of the GOI for their economic upliftment. He advised them to remain in touch with scientific community of KVK Samba.

## Sub-Divisional Agriculture Office organises programme to celebrate International Year of Millets at Paddar

KISHTWAR, MARCH 09: In the series of ongoing "One day training programme within the District", under Sub-Mission of Agriculture Extension, a day long programme was today held at Sub-Divisional Agriculture Office Paddar. Sub divisional Agriculture Officer Paddar Sahil Gandotra, Officer and Officials along with farmers were present on the occasion. The programme was organised under SMAE (ATMA) and attended by more than 25 number progressive farmers of Paddar Block. The farmers were made aware about the International Years of Millets, now the Millets are called as (Swaran Aana). In the training, brief lectures were delivered about the importance of Millets,



its nutritional importance, scope and cultivation in the Block Paddar. Other central schemes were also discussed in the training which were implemented for development and uplifting of the farming community and to achieve the vision of the Prime Minister to double the Income of

Farmers. The farmers are already being benefited by various centrally sponsored schemes like SMAM which enables the farmers to obtain government assistance to upgrade their farm machinery Inputs, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, KCC, PMDP, ATMA, NFSM,

PMKSY etc under which the willing farmers can obtain assistance for various modernized systems which helps in strengthening farming community of the area. Sahil Gandotra (SDAO Paddar), in his address, stressed on the integrated farming system in which Mushroom cultivation, Bee keeping, Cultivation of Aromatic plants. On the occasion, farming community was informed that of how the community strengthens and contributes to the GDP of this great nation and why our young generation should adopt farming as their profession to make the the whole community prosperous. The camp was attended by Sarpanchs and PRI members of the Block Paddar.

## Public Notice

I have Changed the Name of my daughter from Tabish to Aamina Farooq Tiploo. D/O Farooq Ahmad Tiploo Now I want to change the said name from Tabish to Aamina Farooq Tiploo. If any body have any objection he /she may contact concerned Department within a period of seven days After That no Objection will not be entertained.

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I Abdul Rashid Kabuli S/o Sanaullah Kabuli R/o 168, Housing Colony Sanat Nagar Rawalpura am the original allottee/transferee of Plot No. 168 Sector No ..... in Housing Colony Rawalpura and have applied for transfer of leasehold rights to free hold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any may be conveyed to the Managing Director J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. However, No objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

Abdul Rashid Kabuli  
S/o Sanaullah Kabuli  
R/o 168, Housing Colony  
Sanat Nagar Rawalpura  
Habitat centre Bemina SRINAGAR

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## HONEY

cosmetics, Ayurvedic medicines, etcetera which are in high demand in the Indian market. As a result, consumers have been switching to non-toxic, organic products, free from health hazards, presenting a big opportunity for the youth to start a profitable venture in the sector. Notably, Jammu and Kashmir government has launched a Rs 46.65 crore 'Promotion of Beekeeping' project to increase the annual honey production to 66100 quintal in the UT.

According to an official spokesperson, the population of bees will be enhanced by 333 percent under the 'Promotion of beekeeping' project which will give a big push to honey production in the region.

The current system of rearing is less productive with no mechanism for quality improvement. So, strengthening and distribution of bee colonies through clusters, Self Help Groups and Farmer Producer Organizations are being focused upon. Besides, 1,43,000 new bee colonies will be set up which will bring the honey production to 66100 quintal.

The official added that advanced two apitherapy centers and GI labs will be established to increase the production of high quality honey. Besides, monitoring and traceability will be done through GI labs and 20 Custom Hiring centers (CHCs) will also be established for extending pollination facilities.

After implementation of the project, Jammu and Kashmir will have a full fledged center of excellence for constancy, capacity building and post-harvest management. Under the project, the value addition of honey is also being envisioned coupled with efficient growth of bee sector using native honey bees.

"Generation of additional Rs 475 crore income by the sale of by-products has been targeted under the project. The value addition will be possible by harnessing the potential of by-products," the official informed.

He added that 86 enterprises will be set up in the coming five years under the project. "The potential of apiculture has not been tapped fully in Jammu and Kashmir. So, under this project latest interventions are being brought to produce good quality honey in huge quantity to uplift our beekeepers," said the official.

## TULIP

Situated at an altitude of 5,600 feet, the Garden came as a shot in the arm for the Tourism Department.

## ADVISOR

Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, other transport union representatives and stakeholders associated with transport sector were present during the meet.

## MAN KILLED

Yousaf Zargar son of Mohammad Yousuf Zargar. A senior police officer confirming the incident told GNS that a team has been dispatched to the scene to verify the facts. (GNS)

## LG

sports kits to youth in every Panchayat after seeing their enthusiasm. "We had assured the jubilant youth that they will get best possible sports infrastructure. Talent is being traced at Panchayat level and sportsmen are being provided best guidance to prove their skills," the LG said.

The LG said that that the players with their skill and endurance on playing field have inspired youth generation, renewed the essential spirit of sports and made this tournament truly memorable.

He said that Youth and Sports department, mission youth and Sports Council is visiting village to village to trace the talent and provide them a proper platform. "Special focus is being given to build a quality sports infrastructure at village level," the LG said—

## DGP

each and every case personally besides involving prosecution officers to mitigate legal and technical lacuna, if any and directed for conducting regular review meetings at different levels to analyze the cases under investigation besides for taking additional measures to improve conviction rate.

Stressing for speedy investigation process and improvement in the conviction rate, DGP emphasized upon the officers to ensure that the investigation of UAPA cases are foolproof, taking into account every evidence and contemplating trial of cases in order to achieve the desired results.

'Pairvi' Cells have been created at different levels to supplement the investigation process and trail of the cases and directed Range DIsG and district SSp to supervise the 'Pairvi' cells to ensure improvement in conviction rate, said DGP adding, "the range DIsG of Kashmir Zone briefed the DGP regarding the progress of each under investigation UAPA cases through detailed powerpoint presentations."

## DC SRINAGAR

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner sought first hand appraisal about Implementation Status of City Action Plan under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) being executed in Srinagar aimed at 25% reduction in PM10 levels by 2025 to improve Air Quality Index in the district.

During the meeting other aspects under NCAP were also discussed threadbare including Annual Action Plan with Micro Detailing for 2022-23, Development of Green spaces, Source Apportionment and Emission inventory studies, progress on Hot Spot Action Plan, Data updation on PRANA Portal and Expediting Utilization of Funds under the project etc.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner was apprised that Annual Action Plan with Micro Detailing for 2022-23 has been completed and Draft Action Plan(Part-2) of Rs 8.95 crores stands submitted, in addition to Tentative Financial Plan for Rs 33 Crores under NCAP for FY 2022-23. The DC was also informed that the process regarding updation of Data on PRANA Portal has been completed.

While reviewing the progress on the Action Plan for Hot Spots, the DC was informed that 5 locations have been identified in different parts of the City including Jehangir Chowk, Batamalo, Soura near SKIMS, TRC Crossing Dalgate and Panthachowk. It was given out that matter with regard to Source Apportionment and Emission inventory studies taken up with the Member Secretary of J&K PCC.

Regarding Development of Green spaces, the DC was informed that DPR has been prepared by SMC for Road side fencing along Bye-pass Road.

The DC was also informed that Rs 3.8 crore have been expended so far against the total Rs 24.35 crore funds released under NCAP in the District.

While reviewing the progress on installation of fountains at important heavy traffic volume intersections

to reduce the environmental pollution, the DC was informed that over 90 percent of works has been completed on installation of fountains at Sonwar, Hzratbal, Batmalo, Bemina and near SMHS Hospital.

The DC was also given a detailed brief about financial implication of activities under NCAP for FY 2022-23 including creating green zones with mass plantation/ mountain plantation, Roadside Plantation in medians or adjacent to roads, paving of Earthen shoulders along the Urban roads, IEC activities to promote awareness regarding Air Pollution Control in Srinagar City, procurement of 2 Mechanical Road Sweepers with O&M for 2 years, installation of C&D plant (60 TPD) Plantation of Vertical Planters at Piers of bridges/flyovers.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner asked all line Departments to take proactive actions in implementing the City Action Plan and providing any information/data related to filling of details on PRANA Portal of MoEF&CC/CPCB for Compliance under NCAP. The DC urged the Officers to lay special thrust on IEC activities and asked them to ensure active involvement of Eco Clubs in the awareness campaign on mass scale to sensitize the people about ill effects of air pollution. He also stressed on effective implementation of an action plan for control & abatement of air pollution.

The DC also emphasized on proactive actions and proper coordination among the line Departments in better implementation of the City Action Plan under NCAP. He asked all the line Departments to work in unison to prepare a concrete Action plan for the year 2023-24 at the earliest.

With regard to launching of plantation drive in City to increase green cover to attain better Air Quality Index in years ahead, the DC stressed on undertaking plantation in Zewan and Khonmoh areas particularly in stone quarry/mining affected areas and barren patches so that green cover is increased to these affected areas with visible impact.

The DC also asked the SMC authorities to make recently procured Sweeping Machines Operational in the City parts to improve the Air quality in the District.

During the meeting, the DC also directed for the constitution of sub Committees for effective implementation and monitoring of different components under NCAP. Earlier, Scientist B, CPCB gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) and Stakeholder wise key action points were elaborated—(KNO)

## PATWARIS

government to take prompt action in this regard.

The patwaris told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO): "Our strike is peaceful. We have been sitting on a dharna outside the Deputy Commissioner's office and tehsil office, and we will not go back till our demands are met."

"We were appointed as patwaris in 2012 with a grade pay of 2800. After some time, due to unknown reasons, our grade pay was demoted to 2400. We are requesting the administration to restore our grade pay," one of the patwaris outside the DC office Ganderbal, wishing anonymity, said.

"We have protested earlier, and the government has made promises to us, but till now, nothing has been done," he added.

Another patwari said, "Our prime demand is the enhancement of grade pay, and our second demand is the creation of patwar halqa and girdawar circle. The patwar halqa of 1876, when Sir Walter Lawrence was the Regional Director, continue till now. As you can see, there were three districts – Srinagar, Baramulla, and Anantnag. Many others have come into existence since then, but the patwar halqa has remained the same. Our sole demand is to increase these patwar halqas."

Abdul Rahman, a local resident, while expressing his frustration said, "I came here for some work related to land revenue, but the office is closed."

Naseema Begum, a nearby shopkeeper, said she supports patwaris in their demands. "They play an important role in land revenue and other related services. The government should fulfill their demands as soon as possible," she said.

Riyaz Ahmad, a farmer, said the strike is affecting the work of the general public. The government needs to take quick action and resolve this issue. We cannot afford to wait for too long, he said.

"The patwaris have been working tirelessly for years, and they deserve better pay and working conditions," Ghulam Nabi, a local businessman, said—(KNO)

## HAJJ ASPIRANTS

to hold a special camp for Hajj aspirants.

Many aspirants who had come from different parts of the valley to attend the camp regarding their passports thanked the Haj Committee and the office of RPO for holding the workshop—(KNO)

## MBBS

"A team also is carrying out raids at the house of one Syed Khalid Geelani in Baghat area of Srinagar," he said. He said the raids at both places were going on and further details will be shared accordingly.

The official said raids are being conducted in connection with the case of allotting MBBS seats to J&K residents in different colleges in Pakistan—(KNO)

## ROHIT KANSAL

the construction. Earlier, in a meeting held in Jammu, you submitted in writing that 90 percent work has been completed, which on ground has proven wrong," Kansal told SIDCO officials. "You are misleading the government," he said.

Aghast with the wrong information produced over completion of construction works, Kansal convened a closed door meeting at NIFT Srinagar. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Director NIFT and officials from SIDCO.

During the meeting, Kansal has directed the SIDCO officers to complete all the ongoing constructions by March 31 of this year so that the formal inauguration of the campus will be done in near future.

Later while interacting with the staff members of NIFT Srinagar, Kansal said NIFT Srinagar was one of the most beautiful campuses and well laid out campuses in the entire country.

"It is my earnest desire that it gets completed as quickly as possible so that we can get it formally inaugurated," Kansal said.

"This is the one of the youngest campuses among all the 18 campuses and it has a scope to grow as the best institute. All the campuses are close to me but the youngest ones are more dear," he said—(KNO) "It is my earnest desire that it gets completed as quickly as possible so that we can get it formally inaugurated," Kansal said.

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## "SKIMS Observes World Kidney Day"

Srinagar 09 March, 2023: The Department of Nephrology Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) observed World Kidney Day today to raise awareness on kidney health with focus on this year's theme "Kidney Health For All: Preparing for the unexpected, Supporting the Vulnerable"

Director SKIMS & EOSG Prof. Parvaiz A Koul in his address congratulated the department for being the frontrunner in Kidney healthcare delivery services in and outside UT of J&K.

He said the department is providing excellent nephrology services and appreciated the department for conducting such programs in sensitizing participants / stakeholders and raising awareness about kidney health. The department is also contributing significantly in academic and research, he added.

Prof. Rubbani, Principal Medical College SKIMS while speaking on the occasion lauded department of the Nephrology for their services, besides creating lot of social support system for vulnerable through many initiatives. Dean Medical Faculty Prof. Bashir A. Laway in his address emphasized on curtailment of unregulated use of medicine. He also congratulated department of Nephrology for organising these awareness programs to educate people about kidney diseases.

Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Bhat HOD Nephrology & Organising chairman of the event in his welcome address highlighted the functioning of the department and underscored the importance of the World Kidney Day to raise awareness and educate people about kidney diseases affecting millions of the people worldwide. Medical Superintendent SKIMS Dr. Farooq A. Jan also spoke on the occasion.

During the program a series of lectures on significant topics were delivered by experts which included Overview of the World Kidney Day, Sugar & Kidney, Save Your Kidney. Also a panel discussion which was chaired by senior faculty members was conducted. The program was concluded with vote of thanks.

## PRIs Among Several Join People's Democratic Party At Bhadarwah

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, March 09: Leadership of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) at Bhadarwah today said that idea of change is getting strengthened in Chenab Valley region like other parts of the Union Territory because large number of people are joining PDP to become part of the movement for equitable development of all sections of the society. Addressing a function which was organised to welcome new entrants in the party folds here today, speakers said that anti-people policies of the governments of India and Union territory of J&K have made the life of common man deplorable. As a result, people want a change in the overall governance. Panchayat members along with several others from different areas of additional district Bhadarwah joined PDP while expressing confidence in the leadership of Mehbooba Mufti. The speakers on this occasion observed that workers from even the ruling party BJP were joining PDP which was a clear indication that there was a strong resentment against the present dispensation which has miserably failed to address grievances of the people. They said that it was result of the people's disillusionment with the present regime at the center and Lt Governor's bureaucratically pampered dispensation in Jammu and Kashmir that they are coming forward to join PDP to become part of the movement for change. They exhorted the party workers to channelize power of the common masses to bring change in the coming Parliamentary elections, Assembly elections, elections for Panchayats and local bodies. "There is a need to elect credible and tested representatives in the coming elections", said Zaffar Hussain Wani Youth Vice President District Doda. He said it was result of the good governance of the previous PDP led coalition that there was realization among all sections of the society about bringing a change on the ground. "Only PDP has the vision and commitment to address aspirations of common man and within short span of its formation, the PDP had earned faith and credibility of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he observed. It was further reminded that PDP during its tenure had proved its capability of changing life of the common masses by treating all individuals equally and providing equal opportunities to all sections of the society. "The PDP led regime during its tenure had generated governance consciousness among the people who had a taste of good governance and pro-people administration", Riaz Ahmed Khan District Vice president claimed. "Having experienced a phase of good governance during the tenure of PDP, the citizens look forward for a people friendly governance in Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

## Weeklong workshop for non teaching staff on Carrier Development begins at GDC Mendhār

M S Nazki

Mendhār Department of Computer Application in collaboration with IQAC SCS Govt. Degree College Mendhār under the guidance of Dr. Mohammed Azam, Principal of the College and Dr. Mohd Shafiq, IQAC Coordinator organized the inaugural function of Seven-Day Workshop for non-teaching staff on "Career Development for non-teaching staff: Tools and Techniques for Effective Performance" today on 09th of March 2023. The aim of this seven day workshop (9th of March 2023 to 15th of March 2023) is to build a learning environment in college which can be characterized by inclusiveness and keeping in mind the growing digitization in every field. It also aims to empower the staff digitally in the domain of technology.

In the inaugural session the chief guest was Mr. Jahangeer Ahmed Khan (KAS) SDM Mendhār and guest of honour was Mr. Naveel Hamdani (KAS) Treasury Officer Mendhār and Prof. Sarshad Hussain Former IQAC Coordinator GDC Surankote. The programme started with the introduction and purpose of workshop by Prof. Mohd Akram Coordinator of the workshop and welcome note by Prof. Murtaza Ahmed. Worthy SDM appreciates the efforts of organizers and briefed his views on the workshop. Dr. Ajaz Ahmed presented the vote of thanks for this inaugural session. After the inaugural session there were two technical sessions in which experts were Mr. Naveel Hamdani (KAS) and Prof. Sarshad Hussain. The first session was conducted by Mr. Naveel Hamdani (KAS).

## "International women Week" celebrated in GDC Mendhār

M S Nazki



Mendhār Today on the direction of National Legal services authority (NALSA), under the able guidance of JKL-SA and supervision of Chairman DLSA, Sh. Ashok Kumar Shavan and Secretary DLSA Sh. Wajahat Hussain Kazmi, international women's week was celebrated at GDC College Mendhār. In this programme about 90 women along with the Staff members participated. This programme was organised with the collaboration National Commission for Woman. Mr. Jhanger Khan SDM Mendhār was the Chief guest of this programme whereas CDPO Mendhār was the guest of honour. Both of the dignitaries spoke on the occasion of International Women's Week. The guest of honour laid stress on brining gender equality in our society. She also laid stress on education of the girl child which is the only method to remove gender inequality from the society. In this programme Adv. Bhanu Partap and Adv. Alyas Khan who were the resource persons also spoke on the occasion and highlighted various laws schemes and other enactments launched by Govt. of India to bring gender equality in our country. Some speakers from participants also spoke on the occasion.

All the participants were also given tea and light refreshments. Staff of Tehsil Legal Services Committee along with Para legal volunteers of TLSC were also present in the function.

## SSP REASI DISTRIBUTED STUDY MATERIAL AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN

JUnder Civic Action Programme of J&K Police, Sh Amit Gupta SSP Reasi distributed study material among students of five schools in remotest area of Arnas in Reasi district. The function was held at High School Kainthi Arnas and attended by Sh Prithpal Singh SDPO Arnas, Jeet Singh SHO P/S Arnas, Abdul Majid Headmaster High School Kainthi, prominent persons, sarpanches, panchs and other public representatives of the area. While speaking on the occasion, SSP Reasi exhorted upon the students to set goals in their life and work hard to achieve those goals. He further informed that J&K Police will provide all possible assistance and guidance to students of remote areas with regard to career counselling so as to achieve the desired results.

On the occasion Thana diwas was also held by SSP Reasi at Kainthi Arnas and listened to the grievances of people with regard to police and administration and assured them of early redressal in genuine cases..

## Srinagar: E-rickshaws go off roads, commuters hit

Srinagar, Mar 09, : Commuters had a harrowing time reaching their destination on Wednesday as E-rickshaw service on Lal-Chowk-Bohri Kadal remained off the roads due to the strike by the E-rickshaw association.

Dozens of commuters told news agency Current News Service (CNS) that since the launch of e-rickshaw services along the route through the interiors, the local populace heaved a sigh of relief. However, to utter surprise they are off on roads causing huge inconvenience to daily passengers here in the summer capital.

"We had got respite from the hefty fare as we found these e-rickshaws more convenient to reach the destination, "Instead of 15rs I had to pay 90rs to reach my workplace in Lal Chowk", said one of the female commuters.

Meanwhile, e-rickshaw drivers held a protest outside RTO office demanding officials to allow plying of the battery-operated vehicles on the allotted routes. The drivers said that they have been plying on the Lal Chowk-Bohri Kadal route for the last six months. However, they said the authorities are not allowing them to ply on the route anymore due to reasons better known to them only.

"We have purchased these e rickshaws on heavy loans, some of us have even sold jewellery of our spouses and we are poor people"

## Army installs tallest Iconic National Flag in Doda

Srinagar, Mar 09, Army installed the tallest 'Iconic National Flag' in the hilly Doda district today. The tricolour which has been installed on a 100 feet-high pole, the highest Tricolour in the Doda district, was unfurled by GOC Delta Force, Maj Gen Ajay Kumar along with Commander 9 sector RMR Brig. Samir K Palande, DC Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan, and SSP Abdul Qayoom. During the ceremony, GOC said the Flag is a tribute to the countless soldiers of the Chenab Region who have made the ultimate sacrifice while safeguarding the unity and integrity of the nation. On this occasion, he also honoured the next of kin of martyred soldiers. The hundred feet high mast national flag, the first of its kind in the Doda district is not only a proud moment for the Army only but for all the residents of the hilly district. Locals especially students and Veer Naris (war widows) who had gathered in large numbers to witness the historic event and expressed gratitude to the Army for making them part of the historical moment. Notably, Doda district of Jammu Division was once a hotbed of militants. But the situation has altogether changed with people working closely with security agencies and Government in maintaining peace and ensuring the development of the Chenab region. (CNS)

## DLSA Ganderbal celebrates International Women's Day

GANDERBAL, MARCH 09: To mark the celebration of International Women's Day, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal in collaboration with ICDS Ganderbal and ELFA International (NGO) celebrated International Women's Day at Anganwadi Centre Gutlibagh. The event was held under the chairmanship of Ritesh Kumar Dubey, Chairman DLSA Ganderbal and under the guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Ganderbal. The programme started with the "LADISHA" activity presented by Syed Areej Zaffar who joined the programme virtually. The programme was attended by Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Ganderbal; Shahzada Akhter, CDPO Ganderbal; Mehran Khan, CEO ELFA International (NGO); Naureen, BPM NRLM Wakoora; PLVs of District Ganderbal, Aganwadi Workers & Helpers, Member of Self Help Groups, Local Women/Girls and Students of Reyan Public School Babawayil. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary DLSA said that the main objective of organizing this event is to make women in general aware of their rights under law and other entitlements under various enactments being provided to them. She expressed concern over the growing violence against women in the society and stressed on creating.

## PM Modi And Australian PM Anthony Albanese Mark Their Presence During 4th Test

Ahmedabad, Mar 9 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart are in attendance at the gigantic Narendra Modi Stadium to watch the first hour of the fourth Test against Australia here on Thursday.

Australian captain Steve Smith won the toss and opted to bat first. Australia is playing the same Test which they won against India at Indore, while hosts made one change. They brought back Mohammad Shami in place of Mohammad Siraj.

Earlier, PM Modi welcomed PM Albanese at Narendra Modi Stadium. BCCI President Roger Binny felicitated PM Albanese, while BCCI Secretary Jay Shah felicitated PM Modi.

PM Modi then presented the Test cap to Rohit Sharma, while PM Albanese presented the baggy green to Smith.

The two PMs then had a lap of



honour across the ground to celebrate 75 years of friendship between India and Australia.

After the lap of honour, Ravi Shastri had a conversation with

both the prime ministers as they went through a few memorable moments between India and Australia. He explained to them the pictures of some significant

contests played between the two teams.

Minutes ahead of the match, both prime ministers were introduced to their respective teams by Rohit and Albanese.

Both dignitaries then settled down to watch the first hour of play.

Australian High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell said, "One of the things that binds both countries is Cricket and it will be great to see the leaders of India and Australia on day one of the match in Ahmedabad."

PM Albanese is on an official visit to India till March 11. He had arrived at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport in the city yesterday and was welcomed by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. PM Albanese also visited Sabarmati Ashram, the former home of Mahatma Gandhi which also served as one of the main centres of India's freedom struggle.

## Afghanistan to host Pakistan for T20 series in Sharjah from March 25

KABUL: Afghanistan announced on Tuesday it will host Pakistan for three Twenty20 Internationals in Sharjah later this month, the first bilateral series between the neighbours. Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) said their home season will start with the series against Pakistan. "Afghanistan's international home season 2023-24 will begin with a three-match T20I home series against Pakistan to be played in Sharjah on March 25, 27 and 29," said a ACB release.

Afghanistan was due to start its season with a One-day International series against Australia in March this year but Cricket Australia (CA) refused to play in protest at the treatment of women in



the war-torn country. CA had also refused to host Afghanistan for a Test match in November 2021 for the same reason. ACB chairman Mirwais Ashraf welcomed Pakistan's decision to play his team. "We appreciate Pakistan Cricket Board's willingness to play Afghanistan in March. This is a sig-

nificant accomplishment for the two neighbouring countries," Ashraf said in the statement. Afghanistan have played Pakistan in three T20 Internationals and four ODIs in multi-national events — without any win so far — but this will be the first bilateral series between the two countries.

## Khawaja cracks 14th Test ton as Aus gain upper hand

Ahmedabad, Mar 9 (UNI) Usman Khawaja's patient hundred-plus and quickfire unbeaten 49 by Cameron Green propelled Australia to reach 255/4 at stumps on Day 1 of the fourth Test of Border-Gavaskar Trophy at Narendra Modi Stadium here on Thursday.

Khawaja put on crucial partnerships with Steve Smith and Cameron Green to help Australia get hold on to the match.

When the stumps were drawn, Khawaja was batting on 104 runs which came off 251 balls with 15 hits to the fence, and Green's knock came in just 64 balls after smashing eight beautifully-timed boundaries.

Khawaja was an epitome of endurance and hard work on a batting pitch as



was quite the opposite of Khawaja. He batted in a positive frame of mind, and the duo stitched a crucial unbroken 85 runs partnership for the fifth wicket.

Australia could be a happier team going into stumps, while India might be disappointed with their performance with the second new ball. They conceded 56 runs in 10 overs in the last hour of the day's play.

Travis Head started off on an aggressive note and got a chance as well but fell to Ravichandran Ashwin in the first session.

Marnus Labuschagne continued to falter and was bowled for 3. Steve Smith and Khawaja stitched a fine partnership of 79 runs for third wicket before Ravindra Jadeja managed to get rid of the former.

## Bayern edge PSG to progress into Champions League quarters

Berlin, Mar 9 (UNI) Bayern Munich advanced into the UEFA Champions League quarterfinals after seeing off Paris Saint-Germain 2-0 (3-0 on aggregate) thanks to second-half goals from Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting and Serge Gnabry in the second leg of the last 16 on Wednesday. Paris Saint-Germain made a bright start as Kylian Mbappe raced down the left wing before testing Bayern goalkeeper Yann Sommer with an attempt from a tight angle following a fast break with only two minutes played.

Both teams looked afraid to concede and focused on defence, with goalscoring opportunities remaining at premium.

Bayern created their first clear-cut chance with 15 minutes gone when Leon Goretzka's low shot from distance called PSG goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma into action. The visitors had their biggest opportunity to restore parity in the 38th minute but Matthijs de Ligt blocked Vitinha's shot after Sommer was dispossessed in his own box. The Bavarians came out with their guns blazing after the restart and thought they had broken the deadlock, but Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting's 54th-minute strike was flagged off-



side. The Bayern striker remained in the thick of things and got his name on the scoreboard moments later after Marco Verratti lost the ball to Goretzka, whose square pass allowed Choupo-Moting to break the deadlock. The visitors responded well and had a promising chance three minutes later, as Sommer's diving save neutralized Sergio Ramos' dangerous header. PSG needed two goals to progress and increased the pressure, whereas Bayern had plenty of room to counterattack. Leroy Sane wasted a golden chance to put the result beyond doubt in the 70th minute as his final pass wasn't strong enough to give Kingsley Coman.

## Star Sports unveils its Tata IPL 2023 campaign featuring star cricketers

Mumbai, Mar 9 (UNI) Star Sports, the official television broadcaster of the Tata IPL 2023 on Thursday launched its campaign - 'TATA IPL, Shor on, Game on!' featuring super stars Rohit Sharma, Hardik Pandya and KL Rahul.

The first campaign film, created and conceptualised by the in-house team of Disney Star, encapsulates how the passion, excitement and togetherness of fans watching IPL fuel the cricketers to achieve incredible moments during the tournament. The campaign creatively highlights three different screenings in Mumbai, Lucknow, and Gujarat where neighbourhoods gather to celebrate the IPL festival. 'TATA IPL, Shor on, Game on!' embodies to-

getherness as IPL is BEST enjoyed together with fans cheering their favourite teams and players on big screens. The film showcases how among the frenzy and cacophony of these huddles, there are cut-outs of Rohit, Hardik and Rahul that come to life hearing the massive cheer of their fans, who have gathered around the television sets for what is going to be the start of another grand festival of cricket! Star Sports Spokesperson, said, "As the biggest sporting league returns to the TV screen, the theme of 'community' binding cricket fans who love to celebrate together comes alive during IPL. Our 'Shor on, Game on!' campaign is a tribute to fans who fuel the game and breathe.

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