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Nari Shakti is Playing a Pivotal Role in Speeding up the Scale of Country's Progress : PM Narendra Modi

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New Delhi, March 10 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the country is moving ahead with the vision of women led development. He said, with the continuous focus on women empowerment, the country has moved from the approach of women development to women-led development in the past nine years. While virtually addressing the post-budget webinar on Economic Empowerment of Women today, Modi said, Nari Shakti is playing a pivotal role in increasing the speed and scale of the country's progress. He said, women's participation is increasing in every field and now they are leading in several sectors. Talking about the steps taken by the government in this year's budget for women, the Prime Minister said,



this year's budget will further boost the efforts taken in this direction of women-led development. He said, 80 thousand crore rupees have been allocated for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in this year's budget. He said, so far three crore houses have been built under the

scheme and most of the houses are in the name of women. He said, PM Awas Yojana has given women a new voice in economic decisions of the household. He mentioned that women will get 7.5 percent interest rate under the Mahila Samman Saving Certificate Scheme. Stressing on the need for skill development of women, the Prime Minister said, Vishwakarma Scheme will play a major role in this direction and its opportunities need to be leveraged for women empowerment. Highlighting the growing women participation in the self help groups, Modi said, seven crore women have joined the self help groups in the last nine years. He said, in these years, women self-help groups have taken loans worth more than six lakh crore rupees. On the role of women self help groups in promotion

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Lt Governor honours Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar Awardees

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JAMMU, MARCH 10: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha honoured Ms. Arushi Kotwal and S. Harmanjot Singh, awardees of Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar for the year 2022 and 2021 respectively, at the Raj Bhavan today. The Lt Governor assured every possible support & assistance from the UT administration in their future endeavours. While interacting with the awardees, the Lt Governor said their exceptional achievements in innovation & sports have inspired many other young children to strive for excellence. S. Harmanjot Singh, a young innovator, had developed a Women Safety app - 'Raksha' and won various Olympiads & competitions, while Ms. Arushi Kotwal who aspires to be a Grand Master has brought glory to UT and the country at many National & International Chess Championships. The family members of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardees were present on the occasion. Lt Governor assured every possible support & assistance from the UT administration in their future endeavours. While interacting with the awardees, the Lt Governor said their exceptional achievements in innovation & sports have inspired many other young children to strive for excellence. S. Harmanjot Singh, a young innovator, had developed a Women Safety app



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News Brief

Last date for submission of HAFs for (Haj-2023) extended to March-20

SRINAGAR, MARCH 10: The J&K Haj Committee has extended the last date for submission of online Haj Application Forms (HAFs) for Haj - 2023 up to 5:00 P.M of 20th March, 2023. As per an official communiqué, the J&K Haj Committee has informed that applicants possessing machine readable valid Indian International Passports issued on or before 20th March, 2023 and valid upto 3rd February, 2024 will be eligible to apply for Haj - 2023. Besides, those intending pilgrims who have already submitted their Haj Application Forms online but have NOT received their Cover Numbers through SMS till date, are requested to approach/contact J&K Haj Committee, Haj House Bemina, Srinagar during office hours either personally or through following telephone numbers so that their Cover Numbers are generated well before the last date i.e., 20th March, 2023.

Leh resident hangs self to death in Srinagar

Srinagar, Mar 10, : A man from Leh allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself to death at a local hotel in summer capital Srinagar on Friday.. An official told news agency Kashmir Dot Com that a man identified as Youtan Kunskyap son of Rinchan Nurboo, a resident of Benzom house Sakti in Leh UT allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself to death at a local hotel here. The body was shifted to SMHS hospital where medico legal formalities are being conducted, he said. The reason behind his action could not be ascertained immediately, the official said adding, that proceedings have been launched in this regard.(KDC)

7 shops gutted in Maisuma blaze

Srinagar, Mar 10, : At least seven shops were gutted in a fire incident in Maisuma area of summer capital Srinagar on Friday morning incurring massive losses to the shopkeepers. An official told news agency Kashmir Dot Com that a fire broke out

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Police arrest 5 drug peddlers in Kashmir

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Srinagar, March 10 (UNI) Police on Friday claimed to have arrested five drug peddlers in Kulgam and Baramulla districts of Kashmir valley and recovered contraband substances from them. A police party at Behibagh during checking at Noonmai arrested a drug peddler identified as Bashir Ahmad Khan a resident of Matipora and recovered 5 Kgs of poppy straw concealed in a polythene bag from him. The accused has been arrested and shifted to a police station where he remains in custody, Police said. Acting on a specific information regarding the presence of narcotics at a suspected location in the jurisdiction of Police Post Mirbazar, a police team raided at Nippora

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Engagement of APTECH firm ...

DB requests single bench to hear and decide case afresh; Interim directions to remain in force till then

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Srinagar, Mar 10: A division bench of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court on Friday requested the single bench to hear and decide afresh petition challenging engagement of Mumbai-based APTECH firm by Jammu & Kashmir administration for conducting job tests. It set aside the single bench order cancelling allotment of contract to the firm and maintained its interim directions shall remain in force. The division comprising Justice Tabi Rabistan and Justice M.A Choudhary today remitted



the writ petition back to the writ court for deciding the matter afresh.

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Blacklisting period of APTECH over in May 2022: JKSSB Chairman

Assures job aspirants there will be no compromise on transparency, merit

Srinagar, March 10: Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) chairman Rajesh Sharma on Friday assured the youth that there will be no compromise on transparency and merit while



the blacklisting period of APTECH recruitment

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Chief Secretary chairs 33rd UTLCC meeting

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JAMMU, MARCH 10: Reserve Bank of India today convened the 33rd meeting of the Union Territory Level Coordination Committee (UTLCC) at Civil Secretariat, here. The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta to discuss issues related to unauthorised deposits, fraudulent activities of unregulated entities and the sharing of Market Intelligence among stakeholders. Chief Secretary reviewed the progress made in pending fraud cases and called for concrete



preventive and mitigative action to safeguard public money. He suggested all stakeholders to come up with a comprehensive and convergent plan of action to spread awareness among public

about such fraudulent activities and also called for stronger efforts to make the implementation of BUDS Act more effective. Action against fraudulent

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Amid prevailing influenza, doctors say no need to panic Suggests people to avoid crowded places, maintain hygiene

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Srinagar, Mar 10: Doctors on Friday said there is no need to panic regarding Influenza A H3N2 variant virus infection in Kashmir and asked people to take precautions. They said that spread of infection can be prevented through measures such as maintaining hygiene and avoiding crowds. Medical Superintendent, Chest Disease hospital (CD), Saleem Tak told news

agency—that for the last two months cases of Influenza are being reported at CD hospital. He said that around 50 cases of H1N1 of which H3N2 is a variant were reported in the last two months at the hospital. Such patients have Covid-19 like symptoms but their results are being found negative Covid-19, however, they are being found positive for influenza H1N1, he said. Patients have usually

Covid-19 symptoms besides fever, mild cough and running nose and few positive patients are currently admitted at the hospital, he said. He said that there is no need to panic but people must take precautions such as wearing masks and preventing crowding. Officials from SKIMS from four cases of H3N2 have been reported so far at the hospital while an epidemiologist from Directorate

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Pen down strike of Patwaris likely to end soon as fresh round of negotiations begin

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Srinagar, Mar 10: As the pen-down strike of Patwaris across Jammu and Kashmir continued on day 10, the stir is likely to end soon as a fresh round of negotiations has started, sources said on Friday. Sources within the J&K's Patwari Association told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that a fresh round of negotiations has started with the administration and that they are hopeful to hear a positive response to their demands soon. "A series of discussions was held today with

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Former Legislator, Sculptor call on Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha

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JAMMU, MARCH 10: Sh Devender Singh Rana, former Legislator and Senior BJP leader called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today at the Raj Bhavan. Sh Devender Rana expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for infrastructural & industrial development in the UT, and the initiatives taken for involving the common man in decision making. He also appreciated the fast track recruitment process by the Public Service Commission. Sh Rana discussed welfare issues of various sections of the society including



youth, PoJK displaced families, West Pakistani refugees and custodian

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Altaf Bukhari elected president of Apni Party unopposed for second term

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Srinagar, Mar 10 (UNI) Altaf Bukhari has been declared elected president of Apni Party unopposed for the second consecutive term on Friday. Bukhari, who is also the party's founder, will be holding the second term as party president for another three years, a press statement issued here said. The Apni Party's presidential elections were held today and no other eligible



contestant has filed papers for the highest post of the party. The Convener of Apni Party's Election Board Vijay Bakaya on Friday declared Altaf Bukhari unopposed winner

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PROGRESSING JK

PMKVY producing skilled champions in J&K

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 10: Jammu and Kashmir government is making skill development more demand driven and decentralized in its approach with focus on digital technology and industry under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). Pertinently, PMKVY is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) being implemented by National Skill Development Corporation. The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in

securing a better livelihood. The training imparted at



PMKVY Training Centres (TCs) is aimed to benefit candidates either semi-skilled/unskilled or unemployed above 14 years of age. The training programs are certified and imparted

as per the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF). Besides, hard

between 150 and 600 hours and candidates are provided placement assistance by Training Partners (TPs) upon successful completion of their training courses. Notably, Skill Hub Initiative' programme was launched in J&K in 40 schools who have been identified and designated as 'skill hubs' in the Union Territory but initially the programme was launched in nine government schools as a pilot project. The 'Skill Hub Initiative' was part of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) 3.0 and was launched across the country and executed through the National Skill

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DC Srinagar reviews formulation of Skill Development Action Plan

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SRINAGAR MARCH 10:- To discuss the modalities for finalizing the Skill Development Action Plan (SDAP) for conducting Short Term Courses and Placement Drive under SANKALP (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) Scheme, a meeting of the District Skill Committee (DSC) was today held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner asked the Officers of all line Departments to prepare a comprehensive Action Plan for Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness of Youth of the District under SANKALP initiative to provide op-



portunities to skilled human resource to earn sustainable livelihood. The DC held a detailed discussion with all the stakeholder Departments and stressed that the objective of the plan should be to upgrade the skill set of the youth by imparting quality and market relevant training to them, strengthen the institutional mechanism with modern technological trends for skill development

thereby ensuring timely placement to create ample opportunities of employment for the unemployed youth of the District.

The meeting discussed the various aspects related to the District Skill Plan and also held a detailed deliberation with regard to the initiatives being taken for the socio economic upliftment of Artisans of Srinagar District and rejuvenation of the traditional and heritage craft by providing Market interventions. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner called for involving all line Departments in the process for gap analysis and emphasised on the need to capacitate more people with skill of varied trades in Technical Institutions to meet the technical human resources, besides generating ample opportunities of employment

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Tawi Barrage to boost tourism of Jammu city by providing modern means of recreational activities: Dr. Mehta

Reviews progress of works on prestigious project; Directs for commencement of pondage by June

JAMMU, MARCH 10: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired a high level meeting to review the progress of ongoing works on prestigious Tawi Barrage project at Civil Secretariat here. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took a comprehensive review of all the ongoing works and directed the concerned executing agencies to complete them within the given timeline. Highlighting that the Tawi Barrage is the prestigious artificial lake project of the government, Dr. Mehta observed that the project will boost the tourism of Jammu city as modern and advanced means of recreational activities will be established in city with the completion of this project. He delved upon the officers to mobilise men and machinery so that the pondage as well as diaphragm walls of the project are completed before the onset of monsoons.

Taking strong note of sewage disposal of Nallahs and Canals into the Tawi river, the Chief Secretary directed the Chief Engineer UEED to devise a concrete plan in consultation with other stakeholders so that no untreated sewage is disposed off into the river especially in the upstream of Tawi Barrage. He impressed upon them to work in tandem so that desired results are achieved on the ground. Calling upon the officers to study sewage disposal plans of other states and UTs, Dr Mehta impressed upon the UEED officers to establish plastic trash mechanism on all canals flowing towards Tawi so that the plastic disposal towards river is stopped altogether. He asked them to devise a concrete plan to mitigate the diversion of untreated sewage from the canals towards the Tawi river. The Chief further called upon the officers of Jal Shakti department to desilt all the major

canals of Jammu city before the onset of monsoons. He advised them to look into the ways and means of cleanliness of these canals to enhance the aesthetic beauty of Jammu City. Among others, the meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra; Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dheeraj Gupta; Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, H Rajesh Prasad; Commissioner Secretary, RDD, Mandeep Kaur; Divisional



Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, AvnyLavasa; Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; Director Tourism Jammu, Chief Engineers of UEED, RTIC and I&FC, Director Fisheries, J&K and other senior officers of

Jal Shakti, Jammu Smart City Limited and concerned departments. Dr Mehta today chaired a high level meeting to review the progress of ongoing works on prestigious Tawi Barrage project at Civil Secretariat here. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took a comprehensive review of all the ongoing works and directed the concerned executing agencies to complete them within the given timeline. Highlighting that the Tawi Barrage is the prestigious artificial lake project of the government, Dr. Mehta observed that the project will boost the tourism of Jammu city as modern and advanced means of recreational activities will be established in city with the completion of this project. He delved upon the officers to mobilise men and machinery so that the pondage as well as diaphragm walls of the project are completed before the onset of monsoons. Taking strong note of sewage disposal of Nallahs

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DC Shopian conducts surprise visit of DH Shopian, PHC Tukroo



SHOPIAN, MARCH 10: To assess the provision of health services being provided to the public, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today conducted surprise visits of various healthcare centres of the district, including District Hospital Shopian. During the visit, the DC toured various sections of the District Hospital and took stock of the medical facilities being provided to

the patients there. He visited different sections and wards including OPD, Registration counter, USG centre, CT scan room, wards and other sections of the hospital and enquired about the functioning of USG and CT scan machine. He was apprised about the clinical and non clinical services being given to the patients, attendants and general public visiting the hospital.

'Mission LiFe': Awareness programme on water conservation held at KU

Srinagar, Mar 10: A day-long awareness programme on water conservation was held at the University of Kashmir on Friday as part of a national mission on conservation of water resources in the Himalayan region. Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan chaired the inaugural session of the programme, organised by JK Chapter of Himalayan Knowledge Network, an initiative coordinated by G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Uttarakhand, with the support from National Mission on Himalayan Studies, under the aegis of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. In her presidential remarks, Prof Nilofer said the national missions like

'Mission LiFe' enable the University to get connected with the community on environment conservation and understand its needs and requirements. Saying that youth have a strong power to get connected with society and lead environment conservation campaigns with great impact, the Vice-Chancellor said Universities have a role beyond academics and research to raise awareness on pressing issues like water conservation. She complimented the Department of Botany and JK Chapter of HKN for organising the programme. Prof Zafar A Reshi, Dean School of Biological Sciences and Nodal Person for JK HKN, said HKN platform is a bridge between academia and government to help policy formulation.

KVK Bandipora organises orientation programme regarding integrated farming

BANDIPORA, MARCH 10: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Bandipora on Friday organised an orientation cum training programme regarding adoption and promotion of integrated farming system. Director Extension SKUAST Kashmir, Prof Dil Mohammad Makhdoomi was the chief guest on the occasion. He visited Krishi Vigyaan Kendra Patushai Bandipora to review the functioning of the Kendra and interacted with staff and the trainees. Professor Makhdoomi addressed trainees of Integrated Farming System. He said that Integrated Farming System (IFS) is an eco-friendly approach in which waste of one enterprise becomes the input of another thus making more efficient use of resources from the farm. He said while recycling of wastes being built in the system helps to reduce dependence on external high-energy inputs thus conserving natural and scarce resources, the farming system provides a flow of money to the farmer round the year by way of disposal of eggs, edible mushroom, milk, honey, silkworm cocoons, etc. "This will help a resource-poor farmer to get out of the clutches of money lenders/agencies". During the programme, two power point presentations were delivered by Dr. Nazir Ahmad Mir Scientist KVK Bandipora

and Dr. Shahid Hassan Mir VAS Ajas on Integrated Farming System. Programme Coordinator KVK Bandipora Dr Tariq Sultan, Incharge Head KVK Gurez Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bhat, Chief Agriculture officer Bandipora Mujtaba Yahya, Deputy Director Animal Husbandry Dr. Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Bandipora Dr. Gh Ahmad Lone, Chief Horticulture Officer Bandipora Farooq Ahmad, District Subject Matter Specialist, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, KVK Scientists besides Field officers of Department of Agriculture participated in the training programme. Professor Makhdoomi addressed trainees of Integrated Farming System. He said that Integrated Farming System (IFS) is an eco-friendly approach in which waste of one enterprise becomes the input of another thus making more efficient use of resources from the farm. He said while recycling of wastes being built in the system helps to reduce dependence on external high-energy inputs thus conserving natural and scarce resources, the farming system provides a flow of money to the farmer round the year by way of disposal of eggs, edible mushroom, milk, honey, silkworm cocoons, etc. "This will help a resource-poor farmer to get out of the clutches of money lenders/agencies".

Budgam fast emerging as business friendly destination, set to be gateway of investments in UT: DC

Invites industrialists, business houses for investment in the district

BUDGAM, MARCH 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today said that District Budgam has great potential to become number one destination in business sector.

The DC said this, while presiding over the first of its kind session "District Level Workshop regarding Ease of Doing Business and Single Window System" held at National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) campus, Budgam. The event was organised by District Administration Budgam in collaboration with District Industries Centre Budgam. Giving open invitation to all industrialists and business houses for investment in the district, the DC emphasised that District Budgam has all propitious conditions like railway and air connectivity and is getting better road connectivity through the ongoing Ring Road project, thus, showing enhanced growth prospects for investment and private capital. Extending full support to business sector, the DC said that it is the endeavour of district administration to ensure hassle-



free handholding of investors across the district. He said the workshop is aimed at bringing both investors and administration under one roof and making the stakeholders aware of the Single Window System established for investors/ entrepreneurs regarding ease of doing business and giving boost to the economic sector in the district. The DC further said that similar events including an Investors Summit shall be held soon in the district to attract our youth towards the business sector and open the doors for employment creation for unemployed youth. He said district administration has established a "District Investment Cell" to enable inter-departmental coordination to facilitate investors.

Speaking on the occasion, General Manager DIC Budgam, Irshad Ahmad said that the workshop is aimed to attract investment and provide better facilities to the entrepreneurs in the district. GM DIC said that under various schemes, adequate financial assistance is provided to the entrepreneurs for their start ups and establishment of their business units in Budgam. He added that Rs 23 crores investment has been generated during the current financial year by formally registering the industrial units. He said similarly three new industrial estates are being established including at Banderpora, Khag and Narbal to provide land and other facilities to the businessmen to establish their units. Through a power point presentation, the participants were sensitized about how J&K revamped user friendly single windows system and its features. Among others, Director NIFT, Javed Ahmad Wani, CEOs YDA, DDA, SDMs ACD, ACP, CMO, Tehsildars and other district officers were also present on the occasion.

Employment Survey to start on pilot scale at Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, MARCH 10: A meeting to finalize the modalities to start the Employment Survey on pilot scale in District Ganderbal was today held here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir.

The survey has been proposed to start on pilot scale in Sonamarg B Panchayat initially. In the pilot survey, District Skill Committee shall note down all the obstacles which may be faced, drawbacks of the proposed data points before scaling it up to all Panchayats of the district.

The DC took assessment of the Youth Clubs members who will be responsible to conduct the survey in the district. The youth club members of Sonamarg B panchayat were acquainted to each and every data point that need to be collected in the survey and directions were passed to District Skill Committee to modify the



survey form so that every member can easily understand the questionnaire and quality data is collected. The DC directed planning sub-committee of District Skill Committee to translate the questionnaire into Urdu also and start the survey as soon as possible. Shyambir maintained that by Em-

ployment Survey, District Skill Committee aims to estimate the accurate employment rate so as to prepare the District Skill development Plan and District Employment Plan as per the requirement. By this survey District also aims to identify the targets and set the priority based targets for self-employment and skill development schemes, he added.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Development Ganderbal, District Statistical and Evaluation Officer, Members of District Skill Committee, Block Development Officer, Gund, Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Sonamarg-B and Youth Club members of Gram Panchayat Sonamarg- B. The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Development Ganderbal, District Statistical and Evaluation Officer, Members of District Skill Committee, Block Development Officer.

Awareness programme for AGNIVEER recruitment to be held on March 13 at Town Hall Kupwara

KUPWARA, MARCH 10: According to Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, an Army recruitment rally of AGNIVEER under AGNIPATH scheme will be held at Government High School ground Anantnag for eligible unmarried male candidates. The candidates should be born between 01.10.2002 to 01.04.2006 having requisite educational qualification. In this connection an awareness programme will be conducted at Town Hall Kupwara on 13.03.2023 for the candidates who are desirous to participate in the said recruitment rally.

Floriculture Deptt Kashmir to celebrate Chinar Plantation Drive-2023 on 15th March

SRINAGAR, MARCH 10: The Department of Floriculture, Kashmir is celebrating Chinar Plantation Drive-2023 on 15th March, 2023. In this connection, Chinar saplings are available with District Floriculture Officers of this Department and shall be provided free of cost. Therefore, all the Educational Institutions, NGOs other Government Departments/PSUs/General Public are requested to send their requisitions to respective District Floriculture Officers of the Department and collect Chinar Saplings, as per their requirement. For any information please contact Mr. Tariq Habib, Chinar Development Officer, Cell No. 7006080364, 9469199612.

Consumers of Gbl & rural Srinagar asked to pay Water tax Bills via J&K Bank's m-Pay App

SRINAGAR, MARCH 10: All registered consumers of District Ganderbal and Rural Srinagar are hereby informed that RWS Division Ganderbal/ Srinagar has uploaded Consumer Water tax Bills on m-Pay application of J&K Bank Ltd.

Accordingly, all Registered Consumers of this division can pay their bills through m-Pay application of J&K Bank against 13-digit consumer ID (newly assigned) or at any branch of J&K Bank against hard copy of consumer Bill having 13-digit consumer ID. The consumer ID's can be obtained from the e-Billing Section of JS-PHE Rural Water Supply Division Ganderbal or Telephonically on following Mobile No.'s 9797232087, 9596981147. Accordingly, all Registered Consumers of this division can pay their bills through m-Pay application of J&K Bank against 13-digit consumer ID (newly assigned) or at any branch of J&K Bank against hard copy of consumer Bill having 13-digit consumer ID. The consumer ID's can be obtained from the e-Billing Section of JS-PHE Rural Water Supply Division Ganderbal or Telephonically on following Mobile No.'s 9797232087, 9596981147. Accordingly, all Registered Consumers of this division can pay their bills through m-Pay application of J&K Bank against 13-digit consumer ID (newly assigned) or at any branch of J&K Bank.

DDC Kulgam reviews arrangements for celebrations of International Day for Forests-2023

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KULGAM, MARCH 10: In order to review arrangements and preparations made by the Department of Forest in the district for celebration of International Day for Forests-2023, a meeting of officers from Forest Department was held today under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at mini-secretariat, here.

During the meeting, the DC directed the officers to ensure full participation of all stakeholders for successful celebration of International Day of Forests (IDF) 2023 which will be observed with the theme "Forests and Health" this year. He also stressed to chalk out the program from 15th to 30th March 2023 and set target to Department for planting more than one lakh saplings in Kulgam to mark the celebration of International Day of Forests 2023.

The meeting was attended DFO Kulgam Syed Waseem and representatives from Social Forestry Kulgam and other stakeholders. In order to review arrangements and preparations made by the Department of Forest in the district for celebration of International Day for Forests-2023, a meeting of officers from Forest Department was held today under the chairmanship



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Deputy Commissioner Kupwara felicitates 20 Women achievers of Kupwara district

KUPWARA, March 9: Around 20 Women achievers of frontier Kupwara district were felicitated in an impressive function held at Town hall Kupwara today.

The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Event was organised by "Kashmir Servers Foundation" in collaboration with District administration Kupwara to felicitate extraordinary women of Kupwara district for their achievements and excellence in the respective fields. During the function various mesmerising programmes related to women empowerment were presented, besides women achievers of Kupwara district were honoured and felicitated.

In his presidential address, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray highlighted the achievements of women in diverse fields

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

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner complimented the role of women in society, in a family, and in nation building.

"Women play a pivotal role in developing and cultivating a peaceful society. Women comprise half of the work force in the country. When there are more hands there are more brains. It is better to channelise the services of women for betterment of society" DC said.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara said that women are playing a praiseworthy and commendable role in every filed in this modern era. "Women are in space. Women are in administration, politics and are holding highest offices".

While referring to President of the republic of India, Droupadi Murmu,



Deputy Commissioner Kupwara said

"President Droupadi Murmu Ji is the first President of India who is belonging to the tribal community and also the second woman after Pratibha Patil to hold the highest office in India".

Deputy Commissioner interacted with women achiev-

ers and wished them good luck and more courage to shine in life.

Principal Boys Degree College Kupwara, Prof. Mohd Shafi, Dr. Shazia a renowned environmentalist, Mr. Shadab Mehboob, cluster head J&K Bank Kupwara district, Dr. Shugufta Qazi, Gynecologist, Chairperson Kashmir Servers

Foundation spoke about the role and contribution of women. Moments were presented as token of gratitude to distinguished guests and dignitaries.

20 women achievers of Kupwara district who were felicitated with "Women Achievers Award" included Fareeda Bano of Diver

Lolab who inspite of being 100 percent specially-abled didn't surrendered, and is running a fashion designing boutique at Diver Lolab in Kupwara district. Specially abled woman is not only supporting her aged parents but has trained more than 50 women of far-flung Diver village in cutting, tailoring and Fashion designing.

Other awardees who were honoured included Rifat wani who has been delivering social and volunteer service to the under-privileged people of far flung areas from past 13 years.

Mymona Begum, Mumtaza Bano, Zahida Zareen, Harisa Farooq, Syed Ruhaida, Rubena Bashir, Mehnaza Rashid, Dr. Shugufta Qazi, Nusrat Nabi, Saheela Sahil, Gulshan Bano, Rubena Bano, and Pakeeza Akhtar included the women achievers who received women achievers award from the hands of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara and other distinguished guests.

Huge quantity of subsidized urea seized from Plywood Industry at Lassipora Pulwama

SRINAGAR, MARCH 10: A joint team of law enforcement agency of Agriculture department and the officers of District Agriculture Pulwama today seized a huge quantity of fertilizer (Urea) (inside the premises of allied plywood industry) reportedly being used for industrial purposes during a surprise inspection at Lassipora Pulwama.

The inspection was led by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal and was conducted after credible inputs with an aim to curb the black marketing, use of subsidized fertilizers for industrial purposes and unauthorized sale of fertilizers.

About 300 to 400 bags (23 tons) of urea were seized during the inspection.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Agriculture said that today a team of enforcement wing of the department raided the premises of allied plywood industry and found that the huge quantity of subsidized urea fertilizer was being used by some people (in violation of insecticides act 1968 and rules 1971 thereof) for industrial purposes.

Iqbal said that the department is vigorously working and pursuing an endeavor to ensure that the subsidized fertilizers meant for the agriculture purposes reaches the consumer (farmer) and to ensure that it may not be used for industrial or some other purposes.

He said the department has constituted district wise law enforcement teams for strict implementation of insecticides act 1968 and rules 1971 thereof. People can register their grievances with these officers for immediate action, he added. He assured the farmers of the valley that strict action according to law shall be initiated against such people found involved in the use of subsidized fertilizers for non agriculture purposes. The inspection team comprised Deputy Director Law enforcement, Chief Agriculture Officer Pulwama, District Agriculture Officer, Assistant Director Law enforcement, District Law enforcement Officer, District Law enforcement Inspector, Fertilizer Inspector and other concerned officers.

DSWO Kulgam celebrates International Womens Day

Farooq Rather



KULGAM, MARCH 10: To celebrate International Women's day, the District Social Welfare Office (DSWO) Kulgam through its wing District Hub for District Empowerment of Women (DHEW) today organized a grand event at Dak Bungalow Chawalgam, here.

The event was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat. ACR Mir Imtiaz ul Aziz, DSWO Snober Altaf, Professors from different colleges along with students, DMC DHEW, officials from OSC, Labour department, DECC, CCI attended the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC highlighted the contribution of women towards the development of society and said that women are contributing in every field and have proven their mettle in all spheres of life including in administration, social, economic, political, educational and judicial fronts.

He also added that the role of women is pivotal in the development of society.

District Social Welfare Officer on the occasion briefed participants about several women centric schemes. She also highlighted endeavors of administration which have been taken to promote Women Empowerment.

Later, a felicitation function was held during which women from different walks of life were felicitated for their exemplary performance and immense contribution in different fields.

NIT Srinagar celebrates International Women's Day Women are multitasking and no one in the globe can replace their contribution: Prof. Srabani

Srinagar, Mar 10: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Friday celebrated 'International Women's Day' on the campus in which speakers acknowledged the vital contribution of women to society.

The event was organized by the PG Department of Physics and the theme for this year's Women's Day was "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality". It emphasized on importance of technology in bringing gender issues to light.

The event was presided over by Director NIT Srinagar Prof. Rakesh Sehgal and Prof. Srabani Taraphder (Dept. of Chemistry,



IIT Kharagpur). Institute's Registrar Prof. Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari and Prof. Anju Sehgal (Ex. Principal, GDC Hamirpur HP) was Guest of Honor on the occasion.

Prof. Seemin Rubab from

nagar, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal expressed his gratitude to event coordinator Prof. Seemin Rubab for organizing the women's day celebrations on the campus.

"Empowering women means creating an environment where women can exercise their rights, make choices, and participate fully in all spheres of life without fear of discrimination or violence," he said.

Prof. Sehgal also highlighted various schemes for empowering women and the most well known amongst them all is the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign which focuses on reducing female infanticide and providing the girl child with education.

The Physics department was coordinator of the event. Head Department of Physics, Prof. MA Shah and other esteemed guests were also present at the event. In his presidential address, Director NIT Sri-

Food Safety Department conducts Market Checking at Baramulla

BARAMULLA, MARCH 10: The Food Safety Department Baramulla today issued a compound of Rs 20k on 13 food business operators at Baramulla Main town, Near Govt Medical College Baramulla, Khawaja Bagh and Kanispora for violation of food safety regulations-2011 and insanitary conditions. The action against the guilty was taken during a mas-

sive market checking at various locations of the district by a team, led by Assistant Commissioner Food Safety ICLC Kashmir and concerned functionaries of food safety Department Baramulla. The team conducted rigorous market checking of various restaurants, fast foods outlets, tea stalls and ethnic street food makers. The orders for the compound were issued

after Food safety officer Baramulla filed the complaint against these erring FBO's. On the occasion, the team warned the erring food business operators not to indulge in violations of food safety regulations and insanitary conditions which are against public health failing which a hefty compound will be imposed upon them in future. The Assistant Commissioner

stressed on sale of safe and quality food items and said the drive is being carried out to ensure all Food Safety Standards are practiced in letter and spirit. Meanwhile, the authorities have also sought cooperation from the general masses and have asked for feedback regarding the supply of substandard consumable goods so that requisite action under the law.

ZSWB celebrates International Women's Day at Baramulla

BARAMULLA, MARCH 10: Zila Sainik Welfare Board (ZSWB) Baramulla in collaboration with District Administration celebrated International Women's day at Sainik Welfare Office, Baramulla.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad was the chief guest on the occasion while as Zila Sainik Welfare Officer Commander (Retd) Girdhari Lal was the guest of honour.

Large number of Veer Naris (War widows), Widows and dependent Girl children of veterans i.e. Ex-servicemen from Army, Navy and Air force were present in the event.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue addressed the gathering and touched upon the aspects of women empowerment, rights and gender equality. He



assured the women present about the resolution of all issues of Veer Naris (War widows), Widows and their dependents on priority.

Sainik Welfare Officer briefed the women about the history of the day and

theme for the year 2023 i.e. "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality". He covered the organizational role and area of responsibility of the Sainik Board, Baramulla. The Veer Naris (War wid-

ows), widows and their dependents were also apprised about the commencement of the construction work for the Hostel for wards of Ex-servicemen/Martyrs at Peer Bagh, Srinagar which is likely to be completed in one and half year. Girdhari Lal also informed the gathering that the case for allotment of and for construction of Permanent Office cum Sainik Bhawan at Kanispora, Baramulla for the Sainik Board is presently under consideration with the Secretariat. The issues of Veer naris and Widows pertaining to documentation, pension, Identity cards, police and property were noted for early resolution.

Later, a felicitation ceremony was organized during which the ACR felicitated and honored Veer Naris (War Widows).

3 Days Workshop on Drug Demand Reduction under NMBA concludes iat Bandipora

BANDIPORA, MARCH 10: The three days workshop cum training programme about Early Detection of Drug Abuse and Post Detection Management and to educate the masses regarding the ill effects of drug abuse and its mitigation concluded today at District De-Addiction Centre (DDAC) Bandipora.

The programme was organized by DDAC as part of Action Plan-2023 for Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora and under the banner of District Social Welfare Office Bandipora.

The programme was or-

ganised on the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed under the guidance of District Social Welfare Officer, Ubaid-Ul-Khazir.

The training was attended by teachers, health workers, police personnel, ICDS Workers, ASHA Workers, DDAC Staff members, Social Welfare officials, JK-SWM members, youth, volunteers and other frontline workers of the district.

The main objective of the program was to sensitize and aware the common masses about the ill effects of drugs to eradicate it from society. Many training sessions and presentations on

the occasion threw light on the topic that drug abuse is evil and the need of the hour is to give more awareness so that people will remain away from the deadly menace.

Vice Chairperson, DDC Bandipora, Kousar Shafeeq was the chief guest. In her speech, she talked about strategies and the need to address this issue which has become an epidemic to the society and is more dangerous than COVID-19.

Resource Persons from ATF, District Hospital Bandipora gave detailed information to the audience about the early detection of

drug abuse and post detection management of drug de-addiction.

Dr. Umair Quyoom, Medical Officer, ATF, Bandipora, resource person from ATF, delivered detailed information to the vulnerability of drug menace, its medical aspects, treatment and rehabilitation processes at ATF and DDAC.

Another resource person, Junaid Gayyas, Counselor, ATF Bandipora delivered a brief summary and history of the drug abuse, its ill effects, causes and remedial measures available with the government to address this menace.

Dir Tourism flags off cycle rally at Badamwari

SRINAGAR, MARCH 10: To mark the beginning of spring season in Kashmir, Directorate of Tourism Kashmir organised a cycling expedition from Badamwari, Srinagar.

Cyclists from different walks of life participated in the event. The cycle expedition was flagged off by Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Fazlul Haseeb. The rally passed through Rainawari, Dalgate, Boulevard, Hazratbal, Nigeen to reach back Badamwari. Later, the Director Tourism Kashmir distributed prizes among the participants. Addressing the gathering, the Director Tourism said the event was held to mark the beginning of spring season and Badamwari being an iconic heritage site was chosen for this. The Direc-



tor Tourism said the Department has positioned adventure tourism particularly cycling as a priority tourism product and due to these efforts it stands fairly popularized among the youth. Mr. Haseeb said

of civil society and many adventure lovers were present on the occasion. The cycle expedition was flagged off by Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Fazlul Haseeb.

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Police celebrates 'International Women's Week' in Baramulla

BARAMULLA, March 10: Police in collaboration with 'Special Cell for Women's & Children' organised an event to celebrate International Women's Week at Women's Police Station Baramulla in which women folk from district Baramulla largely participated. The event was attended by SSP Baramulla Shri Amod Ashok Nagpure-IPS, ASP Baramulla, DySP DAR Baramulla, DySP Prob Ms Kubra Nazir, SHO PS Boniyar, Incharge Special Cell for Women & Children Baramulla, Coordinator Human Welfare Voluntary Organization Baramulla, Central Administrator One Stop Centre Baramulla and Chairman Elite Welfare Research Organization Bara-



mulla. SSP Baramulla while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the role of women in the society. He said that International Women's Day is celebrated every year with great enthusiasm around the world to celebrate

the achievements of women in social, political, economic and other fields of life. Today, women rule almost every field of life and work at par with men. SSP said that women's day is particularly observed to acknowledge the achievements of women in various aspects of life. SSP Baramulla also said that International Women's Day is being celebrated to put forward & express an idea to the world that each gender deserves to be treated equally. Besides, to create changes in the mindset of the world.

Other dignitaries also highlighted the role of women in the society and shared their ideas with the participants during their speeches.

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Reservations Continue to mar the merit... How Long ???

Issue of Reservation continue to be debated with heated arguments, however all the time these movements cool down in one way or the other, amid the heat of Political interests. Pertinent to start with the Supreme Court's landmark judgement last time which sought to know during the Maratha quota case hearing, that for how many generations would reservations in jobs and education continue. SC also raised concerns over "resultant inequality" in case the overall 50 per cent limit was to be removed.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan was vehemently told by senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Maharashtra, that the Mandal judgement on capping the quota needed a relook in changed circumstances.

He said the courts should leave it to states to fix reservation quotas in view of the changed circumstances and the Mandal judgement was premised on census of 1931. Arguing in favour of the Maharashtra law granting quota to Marathas, Rohatgi referred to various aspects of the Mandal judgement, also known as Indra Sawhney case, and said the Centre's decision to grant 10 per cent quota to people from economically weaker section also breached the 50 per cent cap.

"If there is no 50 per cent or no limit, as you are suggesting, what is the concept of equality then. We will ultimately have to deal with it. What is your reflection on that... What about the resultant inequality. How many generations will you continue," observed the bench, which also comprised Justices L Nageswara Rao, S Abdul Nazeer, Hemant Gupta and S Ravindra Bhat. Rohatgi said there were many reasons for the re-look of the Mandal judgment which was premised on the census of 1931 and moreover, the population has increased many fold and reached to 135 crore.

The bench said 70 years have passed since independence and the states have been carrying on so many beneficial schemes and "can we accept that no development has taken place, that no backward caste has moved forward".

It also observed that the purpose of reviewing the Mandal judgement was that those who have come out from backwardness must be eliminated.

"Yes, we have moved forward. But it is not that backward classes have gone down from 50 to 20 per cent. We still have starvation deaths in this country... I am not trying to say that Indra Sawhney is completely wrong, throw it in the dustbin. I am raising issues that 30 years have gone by, the law has changed, the population has grown, backward persons may also have increased," Rohatgi said.

He referred to amendments made in the Constitution and said they are the indicators that the country has not reached "anywhere near the emancipation" it required for its backwards classes.

"The fact of the matter is Parliament should know what is going on in the country. If Parliament knows it is more than 50 per cent and has given 10 per cent to a class of economically backward section, no warrant from court should say it cannot go over 50 per cent," he argued.

When a number of states have reservations exceeding 50 per cent and in this situation, it cannot be said that this is not "a burning issue" and does not require a relook after 30 years, he said. The arguments in the case remained inconclusive and would resume on Monday. On Thursday, Attorney General K K Venugopal had told the apex court that the 102nd amendment to the Constitution does not deprive state legislatures to enact law determining the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) and conferring benefits on them. The 102nd Constitution amendment Act of 2018 inserted Articles 338B, which deals with the structure, duties and powers of the National Commission for Backward Class (NCBC), and 342A dealing with power of the President to notify a particular caste as SEBC as also of Parliament to change the list. On Wednesday, the top court was told that Marathas have been dominant "socially and politically" as almost 40 per cent of MPs and MLAs of Maharashtra are from this community and the entire hypothesis that they have been left behind, faced historical injustice is completely flawed. The top court has been hearing a clutch of cases challenging the Bombay High Court verdict which upheld the grant of quota to Marathas in admissions and government jobs in the state.

HOW TO WELCOME THE BLESSED GUEST "RAMADHAN" IN THE LGHT OF SUNNAH?



Faheem ul Islam

The Arabic word Ramdh , which meaning "intensely hot" or "burning," is where the name "Ramadhan" originates. For three reasons, the month of Ramadhan is known as such:

- Fasters get hot because they are thirsty.
- This month's worship and dedication burns away all signs of sin.
- This month's devotion helps a person develop the necessary warmth of love for both his Creator and his fellow humans. Ramadhan was selected as the month of fasting and spiritual development because of its near resemblance to the Holy Qur'an's revelation. As per the Holy Qur'an, The Qur'an was revealed to mankind as a source of guidance and discrimination throughout the month of Ramadhan, according to this statement.

The first week of Shaban is when thoughts of Ramadhan are most prevalent. Making plans far in advance will pay dividends, as with any significant undertaking. In fact, the exercise has been compared to the preparations undertaken in advance of an important guest's visit. There would be particulars to consider, such as cleaning and meal preparation, ideas for making the most of the time spent together, and care in making a good first impression on that special guest. In a similar vein, if Allah grants us the chance, we can make plans for the start of this wonderful month. Think first about the rewards that are promised for this endeavour before deciding how to practically handle the work that has to be done. "Whoever observes fasts during the month of Ramadhan out of real faith and in the hope of receiving Allah's bounties, then all his past sins would be forgiven," said the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him (Bukhari).

The Prophet's (pbuh) perspective would undoubtedly stand out due to His level of intelligence, understanding, and faith if we were to analyse his observations on the character of the month before Ramadhan. His personality is enhanced by this distinction. He carefully plans every move he makes, striking the right balance between his requirements as a soul and those of his body. Hazrat Aisha, may God be pleased with her, reported that the Prophet of God "used to fast until we say he does not break his fast and breaks his fast until we say he does not fast, and I never saw the Messenger of God complete the fasting of a month except Ramadan, and I never saw him more fasting in any month than it in Sha'ban." Al-Bukhari and Muslim both narrate that "He used to fast." He used to fast for the entirety of Shaban, with the exception of a little period.

Ibn al-Mubarak and other academics among a group of scholars claimed that the Prophet, may God's blessings and peace be upon him, may not have kept the entire Shaban fast but may have just kept part of it. He said: "It is a month in which people overlook it, between Rajab and Ramadan, and it is a month in which acts are raised to the Lord of the worlds, and I enjoy that my work is raised while I am fasting," on the authority of Usama bin Zaid, may God be pleased with them. The Prophet's (pbuh) wisdom tells us that Sha'ban is sandwiched between two significant months, the holy month of Rajab and the fasting month of Ramadan, and that people frequently focus on those two months and overlook Sha'ban. The ability to think like other people while maintaining awareness of and not ignoring things in the same way that other people do is what sets smart individuals apart.

And in his comments, may God bless him and give him peace, he made it clear that not all very noble deeds that are tied to certain ages, places, or persons will always be commended. From his saying, it is also clear that it is important to make use of the moments when people tend to overlook the most while doing acts of worship. This might be attributed to the predecessors' actions, who would engage in voluntary prayer in the time between two evening prayers and would declare it to be a negligent hour.

Why did the Prophet—peace and blessings of God be upon him—prefer to use the idle time during Sha'ban for acts of worship?

1. Because fasting is a private act between the servant and his Master, worship during this time is more covert, and voluntary deeds that are covered are preferable. Because of this, it was claimed that there was no eye service present. Ibn Masoud, may God be pleased with



him, was quoted as saying: "Whenever you fast, doing yourself" in an effort to disguise it. 2. Doing good things when we are careless is harder on our souls, which is one of the reasons why some Ibadah are preferred to others. It is well recognised that the act in which many people take part becomes simple, while the act in which most people fail to engage is more difficult for the group of individuals who make an effort to observe it. It is for this reason that the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: "The recompense of worship conducted at a time of tribulation is equal in value to an emigration to me." The purpose of the Prophet's Sha'ban fasting: Several scholars draw certain conclusions from his regular fasting, may God bless him and give him peace in the month of Sha'ban, including:

1 - The Prophet (pbuh) could not follow the three-day monthly fast because he was constantly involved in other tasks, such as travel or other things. Sha'ban would be used by him to make them up. 2. He used to fast because it was rumoured that his women used to make up their Ramadan fasts in Sha'ban. In addition, if he needed to fast the remaining portions of his voluntary fasts before the start of Ramadhan, he would do so in Sha'ban, just as he would make up for any missed voluntary prayers or night prayers.

3 - Avoiding the tension that comes with Ramadan days of fasting without adequate preparation by fasting in Sha'ban is like training for Ramadan. To enter Ramadan strong and energised, he would practise fasting and make it a habit. Sha'ban also has elements of Ramadhan, such as fasting, reading the Qur'an, and charitable giving, since it serves as the month's introduction. It is well known that the month of Sha'ban is the month of the reciters, according to Salamah bin Suhail. Sha'ban is the month of the reciters, Habib bin Abi Thabit would declare as it began. Amr bin Qais al-Mula'i claimed that if Sha'ban arrived, he would shut down his company and devote himself to reading the Qur'an. He also reportedly used the expression "Happy is he who transformed himself before Ramadhan" during this time. The ideal volunteering is that which is close to Ramadhan before and after it, and its standing in fasting is like the voluntary prayers that are related with the obligatory prayers before and after it, according to Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, may God have mercy on him. The absences from necessary obligations and the fasting before and after Ramadhan are complemented by them. Fasting before and after Ramadhan is preferable to other types of fasting, just as these related Sunnah are better than completely optional prayers. So finally, "Fasting is not just about being hungry and thirsty; experience is required to understand its actuality and effects. Human nature dictates that the less food a person consumes, the more his spirit is cleaned and the greater his ability for [spiritual] visions. God's plan is to make more of one type of food while lessening of another. A person on a fast should be aware that he is not necessary to always feel hungry. Instead, he needs to keep thinking about God so that he can sever his links to earthly desires and amusements and be totally devoted to God. Thus, the significance of fasting is limited to the fact that man forgoes food that solely sustains the body in favour of food that is a source of solace and fulfilment for the spirit."

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Book Review "The Cuckoo's Voice" by Shafkat Aziz



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Shafkat Aziz is a young, wonderful children's poet who writes his poems not only in local and national platforms but also in international journals and magazines. He is associated with the teaching job for past many years also. His poems are well taken by his readers especially by youth and literary circles. His most poems are well crafted and skillfully composed which please the readers. "The Cuckoo's Voice" is his debut poetry collection published by Wullar Publishing House, Sangam Anantnag. It is a 83 page book comprising of 70 beautifully written poems having different themes and central ideas. It is well designed and it's cover is eye catching. Hailing from North Kashmir's border district of Kupwara, Shafkat Aziz is a peace lover, having affinity for nature and understands children's emotions and aspirations as is reflected in his poems while we go through this beautiful collection. The foreword of this compilation is written by Zakir Malik a young columnist, poet, reviewer and critic. On it's page 6 Zakir Malik writes "Shafkat Aziz has a strong grip over his diction, especially when it comes to children's literature, it requires a lot of practice, time & endeavours to deliver the rhyme scheme, keeping in mind the lucidity of language. Every poem seems fit for children repeat in mind and to remember them". Dr Farhat Raza a doctorate scholar from Kashmir University's English department writes about the book on page 9 "While going through the children's poetry book by Shafkat Aziz, I felt that the poems are lucid and easy to digest". Farooq Shaheen secretary Adbi Markaz Kamraz writes about the author in this book on page 10 "When someone is deprived of something special in his childhood, it pains him a lot and this pain accompanies him until his last breathe. But someone with his knack presents his pain beautifully before the world and

compels the world to think about him. The story of the writer Shafkat Aziz is the same". The preface of the book is written by the author himself on page 12 as he writes "The book 'The Cuckoo's Voice' written by me, is a book of poetry for children whom I have always loved and whose company I have always enjoyed in the schools where I have taught". The opening poem of this book is "Had I Wings" on page 13 written in a comprehensive style to be easily understood by children - 'Had I Wings, I Would Fly, Away from the earth to the sky To be free from the earthly wars'. On page 14 Shafkat has written another poem "My land is beautiful" wherein he compliments his homeland and its natural environment. 'My land is beautiful Everything is cheerful. Birds chirp far and near, Colourful flowers are everywhere'. In order to shape the better personality of innocent children and to develop their morale, literary material in the form of poems can do wonders for them as they are fond of poems, rhymes and lullabies. Shafkat Aziz is doing the same for little buds as is evident from this one on page 16 'Always tell the truth, Never a lie. Always talk in a low voice, Never high. Always do right, Never wrong'. The concept of oneness of Allah can better be infused in children if right literary material is taught in their early years of childhood. Shafkat has written this one on page 17 'Allah is one We all know Before him We should bow'. To be a Muslim by name is easy but to be a practising Muslim is the crux of our religion. Qualities of a true Muslim can very well be taught to children through poems as has been tried by Shafkat on page 26 'True Muslims read the Holy Quran.

True Muslims rush to Masjid On listening to Azaan'. This one on page 30 depicts the rhyming style of Shafkat-Be brave enough to break The walls of hatred that people make. Be brave enough to speak Against those who oppress the weak'. Racial discrimination is highly discouraged in civilized societies. This concept is also engraved in the book on page 32 'Whether your colour is black or white, You are humans, don't fight. You breathe in the same air everywhere. You need the same water to put out a fire'. Author aspires for a peaceful world wherein he wishes to dwell. It is evident from this on page 38 'I love the world Where people are Always at peace, never at war. I love the world Where people do Good even to their foe'. Good children have some special qualities for which exceptional for their parents. Shafkat has written a poem about certain such qualities on page 46- 'I am a good child, I am not wild. I am pure at heart, I am careful and smart'. While going through the pages of the book readers come to the conclusion that Shafkat has a strong grip on poetry and he knows how to craft an adorable poem containing a message or a fact. He plays well with the English words as can be felt by this one on page 46 'Some people do good, some do bad Some are happy, some are sad Some people laugh, some cry Some tell the truth, some tell a lie Some people are coward, some are bold Some wear rags, some wear gold Some people feel ill, some feel well This is a true story I tell. When humans do crimes and fiddle with the natural laws, ultimately they face the wrath of Allah in many forms. Shafkat has written the same in the form

of a poem on page 57 'O Man do you know Why there is a storm? Everywhere on the earth You commit a crime'. Suicide cases are increasingly witnessed due to varied reasons presently. It is prohibited in Islam and every attempt at governmental level is made to check it. Shafkat has highlighted the same on page 61 'Don't end your life. There is no gain. Gather your courage To face every pain'. On page 66 Shafkat has written another poem " Mother" depicting her love for her children. Infact mother is the unique gift from Allah for us. 'My mother is so nice, She tells me about thrice, Interesting stories on Sundays, Of her happy past days'. Author's love and strong bond for birds can be felt while reading these lines on page 71 'BEAUTIFUL BIRDS O little beautiful birds! Come very soon, In my garden flowers have grown. Come and enjoy Their beauty and fragrance, Come and sing for me Come at once'. Inculcating good habits and better manners among our children is our primary duty. They are our future citizens. Shafkat has performed that duty by compiling this beautiful one on page 77 'Before you enter, always knock, While someone talks, don't talk. Greet everyone you meet, Don't talk while you eat'. Every person on this planet is endowed with some special powers and skills. That is why they perform different duties or tasks as per their cognitive abilities. Shafkat Aziz has beautifully tried to make the children understand the same through this poem on page 80 'Everyone can't fly a plane, Everyone can't cure one's pain, Everyone can't go to the space,

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"The Two-Way Process of Sacrifice: The Relationship between Parents and Children



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Sacrifice is a vital part of any relationship, and the relationship between parents and children is no exception. While it is commonly understood that parents make sacrifices for the sake of their children, it is essential to recognize that children also make sacrifices for their parents. One significant way in which children may sacrifice their own aspirations is by choosing a path in life that aligns with their parents' expectations, rather than their own passions and interests. There are several reasons why children may choose to make this sacrifice. Cultural or familial pressure is a common factor, where children may feel obligated to fulfill their parents' expectations and continue a family tradition or legacy. Financial considerations may also play a role, where children may opt for a career that is financially stable, even if it does not align with their passions. Lastly, a desire to make their parents proud is also a significant motivator for children to sacrifice their own aspirations. However, this sacrifice can come at a significant cost to



the child's mental and emotional well-being. When children are forced to give up their dreams and aspirations, they may struggle with feelings of resentment, disappointment, and unfulfillment. This can create tension and conflict within the parent-child relationship, which can be detrimental in the long term. Therefore, it is crucial for parents to acknowledge and appreciate their children's efforts and support them in achieving their goals. Parents should recognize that their children may have their own passions and desires, and

encourage them to pursue them, even if they differ from their own expectations. By doing so, parents can help their children lead a more fulfilling and satisfying life. Communication is also a key factor in building a healthy relationship between parents and children. It is essential for children to communicate their dreams and aspirations to their parents openly. This can help parents understand their children's motivations, and work together to find a way to balance everyone's needs and expectations. By listening to their children's desires and goals, parents can provide the necessary support and guidance to help them achieve their dreams.

In conclusion, the relationship between parents and children is one of mutual love, support, and sacrifice. Children may make sacrifices for their parents by choosing a path that aligns with their expectations, but parents should appreciate their children's efforts and support them in achieving their goals. Communication and understanding are key in building a strong and healthy relationship between parents and children. By working together, parents and children can find a way to balance everyone's needs and expectations, and build a strong and supportive relationship.

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Secretary Revenue reviews functioning of Registration Department

JAMMU, MARCH 10: Appreciating the digital interventions made by the Registration Department in promoting citizen-centric and hassle-free registrations, Secretary Revenue, Dr Piyush Singla, has asked the department to adopt best practices from other States/UTs to ensure assured service delivery to the citizens with minimum human interface.

Speaking at the maiden review meeting of Registration Department, Secretary stressed upon the importance of putting in place a robust technical support system of professionals at central level for attending to development, capacity and enhancement issues of NGDRS application besides its implementation, maintenance and sustainability. He called for roping in DIOs of NIC at the district headquarters in consultation with SDU, NIC Pune who could be instrumental in addressing the local issues of Sub-Registrars at district headquarters/ Sub Divisional level as per requirement. Dr Singla took a comprehensive review of registration scenario and the new initiatives being implemented by the Registration Department. IGR J&K, AIGRK/J. Officers of Revenue Department,



District Registrars and Sub Registrars attended the meeting both in person and virtually. The meeting deliberated on various aspects of document registration from slot booking to the acceptance of the document on the NGDRS portal. The meeting was informed that registration of documents is conducted online through the NGDRS portal in all the 86 Sub-Registrar offices. The slew of reforms introduced in the department viz. online booking of slot, document submission/ uploading, online payment of stamp duty and registration fee,

linking of checklist of documents with Articles/Instruments, PAN verification, SMS alerts, Rapid Assessment System etc. have not only promoted transparency in document registration but also eliminated the waiting period, frivolous bookings and scope of discretion in registration. This has also resulted in sturdy increase in registration and revenue collection. IGR J&K and his team of officers gave a detailed presentation on the registration and revenue collections, potential of the department, initiatives undertaken, facilities available in the Sub Registrar of-

fices in the form of equipment, machinery.

A separate presentation was given on NGDRS portal, its existing work flow and linkages with various portals like SHCIL, LRIS, RAS, e-GRAS, JK Bank, PAN, Digi-Locker etc and further improvements/interventions required. Dr Singla asked the department to put an institutional arrangement in place wherein final copy of the registered document could be made available to the citizen on his login on the NGDRS portal to enable him to download the document from any location without any encumbrances and without having to visit the Sub Registrar office twice. For this purpose, the department will also explore the possibility of use of e-sign of parties and digital signatures of the Registering Officers. Secretary Revenue also highlighted the importance of dedicated helpline/call centre exclusively of the Registration Department to address the grievances of the public and respond to queries of officers/officials. He desired that a chatbot be positioned in the departmental website to respond to the queries of the general public.

Div Com reviews progress on mega development projects in Jammu division

JAMMU, MARCH 10: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar held a meeting with concerned officers to review the progress on various mega development projects being executed in the districts of Jammu division. The projects under review included Power, Health and Medical Education, Higher Education, Infrastructure (Roads and Buildings), Smart City Projects, Jal Jeevan Mission, PMGSY roads, among others. The Div Com was given a detailed progress report on all the executed projects, which revealed that work was currently in progress on all of them. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioners of the respective districts also briefed the Div Com on the progress of the development works being executed in their areas. They provided information on the status of completed projects and those that were nearing completion. The Div Com also took a detailed review of the projects for laying of Foundation stones. The Divisional Commissioner emphasised the



need for adherence to quality specifications and timely completion of the projects. He directed the concerned departments to work in synergy and ensure regular monitoring of the work. He also stressed the importance of maintaining inter-department coordination, which is vital for expediting the pace of developmental works. The Div Com urged the concerned officers to remove bottlenecks and expedite the pace of work on all executed projects to ensure their timely completion. Div Com asked the DCs to submit a list of completed

projects and those near completion in their respective districts. The meeting was attended by senior officials from various departments such as MD NHM, Director Tourism, Commissioner JMC, VC JDA, Director Industries and Commerce, Chief Engineers of PWD, Jal Shakti, JPDCL, PMGSY, Health, Education, Mubarak Mandi Heritage Society and other concerned departments. The Deputy Commissioners of Jammu division attended the meeting through video conferencing.

Vet Fest-2k23 inaugurated at SKUAST Jammu

JAMMU, MARCH 10: The Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, SKUAST-Jammu, organised a three-day annual college fest called 'Vet Fest-2k23.' The event was inaugurated by Managing Director, JK Agro Industries Development Corporation, Dr Arun Kumar Manhas and SP HQ Jammu, Dr Ramnish Gupta, along with other esteemed statutory officers of the university. The fest was organised under the guidance of Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu. The inauguration started with a cultural procession, after which the dignitaries released pigeons in the sports stadium. Dignitaries unveiled the Mascot 'Dr Kenzo' of Vet Fest 2K23 (LITRUMPUS 2023), specially designed VetFest



2K23 T-shirt and declared the VetFest 2K23 open by lighting the 'Sports Torch' and also inspected the fine arts and other events. Dr Manhas emphasised the role of such events in rejuvenating the mind and spirits of students and faculty. Dr Ramnish Gupta expressed his appreciation for showcasing the amazing talent of the students and their commitment towards preserving rich

cultural heritage. Prof. MS Bhadwal, Patron of the Organising Committee and Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, said that VetFest-2k23 is the fifth in the series of VetFests that started in 2016. The event contributes to instilling values such as leadership and team-building among students. The festival includes literary events, cultural events.

DC Kathua inaugurates career guidance workshop organised by NYK Kathua

KATHUA, MARCH 10: Nehru Yuva Kendra Kathua organised a workshop on career guidance called "Employment & Skilling" for unemployed youth in the region at Prajapati Mandir in Kathua today. Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Pandey, inaugurated the workshop as the chief guest.

The workshop aimed to provide guidance to unemployed youth and equip them with the necessary skills to find employment opportunities. It featured sessions on resume building, job search strategies and interview techniques. Youth hailing from different parts of the Kathua district participated in the event. Experienced professionals from various fields conducted the sessions and provided valuable insights into the job market and the skills required to succeed in different industries. In his address, DC Kathua said that the main purpose of the work-



shop was to provide exposure to the youth by giving them an opportunity to interact with officers and officials from diverse backgrounds and learn from their experiences. The program aimed to help the youth identify their career goals, set education milestones and have

a clear path to achieve their goals. He encouraged the participants to take advantage of the resources available and emphasised the importance of acquiring skills and knowledge to build successful careers and contribute to the nation's growth.

Speaking on the occasion, DD NYK Kathua, Som Dutt Zard, said that the objective of the event was to provide students with comprehensive information about the diverse career paths available to them and assist them in making informed decisions about their future. Nehru Yuva Kendra plans to organise similar workshops in the future to continue supporting the youth in the region and empower them with the tools they need to succeed. In his address, DC Kathua said that the main purpose of the workshop was to provide exposure to the youth by giving them an opportunity to interact with officers and officials from diverse backgrounds and learn from their experiences. The program aimed to help the youth identify their career goals, set education milestones and have a clear path to achieve their goals.

DC Doda inspects Amrit Sarovars, MRF, other ongoing works; Reviews developmental scenario in Bhandarwah

BHANDARWAH, MARCH 10: Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, along



with ADC Bhandarwah, Chowdhary Dil Mir; ACD, Doda Phulail Singh and other officials, inspected ongoing developmental works in Bhandarwah sub-district recently. The DC held a review meeting with key officials to assess the progress of the developmental works in

Additional District Bhandarwah. During the inspection, DC reviewed the

work to make it an alternate tourist destination. The DC also urged the agencies to double their efforts to complete all the work taken up by the end of the financial year 2022-23. During the review meeting, the officials were instructed to focus on Swachhata and improve infrastructure as the tourist season is expected to have a huge footfall this year. They were instructed to keep an eye on illegal encroachment, particularly along the roadsides. During his visit to Bhandarwah, DC also met with BDC Chairperson Bhandarwah Omi Chand, various public delegations, PRIs and local people. He listened to their grievances and asked the concerned authorities to resolve the genuine issues in the shortest possible time.

progress of Amrit Sarovar Butia, Material Recovery Facility (MRF), MGNREGA works, Cluster Model Villages works and other departmental works under Capex and other schemes. He instructed the executing agencies to complete the work on time while maintaining the quality of

DDC Chairman Rajouri chairs Mega Kisan Mela under SMAE- ATMA

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 laid 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 inaugurated



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.

Kathua DC reviews progress of CAPEX 2022-23 works

KATHUA, MARCH 10: Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Pandey, reviewed the physical and financial progress of development departments under District Capex Budget 2022-23 at the Conference Hall of the DC office complex today.

During the review, the DC went through each sector and received feedback regarding the present status of developmental as well as non-construction works. The DC directed the concerned executing agencies to prioritise the completion of pending projects within stipulated timelines. The DC stressed upon the concerned officers to ensure the financial completion of physically completed works and completion of ongoing works within



set timelines, while taking a review of the new works taken up under this year district and UT CAPEX, BDC, DDC and PRI grants. Additionally, the DC requested all the concerned officers and executing agencies to furnish reports regarding progress achieved on a daily basis for monitoring and follow-up. The DC emphasised

that the role of all the departments is important and that all development projects taken up under CAPEX require concerted efforts from the concerned departments and special attention at the ground level by way of timely completion of target works. The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Chief Education Officer,

JAMMU, MARCH 10: The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) collaborated with several organizations, including the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), District Administration Reasi, Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO), Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd (ECGC), Micro Small & Medium Enterprises and State Bank of India (SBI) to organise an export awareness workshop in Jammu today. The aim of the workshop was to fulfill the vision of increasing exports from every district of Jammu and Kashmir, making each district a potential export hub and increase exports by three times in the next five years. The workshop covered various sessions, including the benefits of exports, the process of obtaining an IEC code, awareness regarding India Business Portal and India Trade portal, credit linkages for exports, credit risk insurance facilities, e-commerce platforms, logistics and the potential of regional products in the international mar-



ket. During the opening speech, Additional District Development Commissioner Reasi, Jyoti Salathia, emphasised the importance of exports for products of Reasi, particularly for ODOP-DEH products of the district, such as aromatic plants, lemongrass, spices, etc. She also highlighted self-employment among women and the various schemes available to them without the need for middlemen. The JKTPO team welcomed and briefed the audience about the

organisation's mandate and various trade and export promotion initiatives. The team informed the attendees that JKTPO regularly organises and participates in various activities, including buyer-seller meets, trade fairs, exhibitions, conferences, seminars, etc., at the national and international level. The workshop had several presentations, including one from AK Bhushan, Deputy Director DGFT, Jammu, who briefed the

participants about various government schemes for export promotion and the documentation required for IEC registration. Dr. Kausar Fatima, APEDA, informed the participants about the rules, regulations and guidelines for exporters on various products as per the concerned country for export. Devender Kumar Tyagi and Rajesh Tyagi, Assistant Directors, MSME DFO Jammu, highlighted the importance of various MSME schemes run by the Government of India, how an enterprise can apply for Udyam registration and the benefits of various subsidies under each scheme that can be availed. Debi Prashad, ECGC, gave a presentation on the importance of insurance cover for exporters and emphasised that ECGC provides a range of credit risk insurance covers to exporters against loss in export of goods and services. Chirag, Manager (Regional Treasury Marketing Unit), State Bank of India, informed the attendees about credit facilities, hedging benefits and trading by the customer on FX-Retail Platform.

DC Doda reviews arrangements for Ramadan, Navratra, Ramnavmi & Eid ul Fitr

Calls for intensive market checking to curb overcharging, adulteration

DODA, MARCH 10: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan along with SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, convened a meeting of all the stakeholders to review the arrangements for Ramadan, Navratra, Ramnavmi & Eid-ul-Fitr today in the Conference hall of DC office complex Doda here.

The meeting was attended by functionaries of service providing departments including Power Development Department, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Municipal Committee, Sheep Husbandry, Poultry, Legal Metrology, and Police. Besides, President Beopar Mandal and Mutton and Chicken Seller Association also participated in the meeting. The DC asked the concerned to ensure availability of all requisite and essential commodities, especially eatable items, Vegetables and milk on approved rates during the Holy Month of Ramadan, Navratras, Ramnavmi, and other religious festivities.

Ensuring availability of electricity, and water supply during the festivities, directions have been passed to maintain the regular supply especially during morning and evening hours. AEEs of Jal Shakti department and JPDCL have been made nodal officers to ensure the supply of water and electricity, besides, first contact persons for the public in case of unscheduled



disruption of the supply. He also directed the Ex En PHE Doda to ensure regular water supply to the slaughter house either through pipeline or through water tanker facility.

He directed the officers of all departments to work in a synergized manner to avoid inconvenience to the people. EOs of all the MCs and

venience during the Holy days. The DC constituted checking squads for all the three MCs comprising officials of enforcement departments to ensure adequate supply of the essential items in the market on the approved rates of the government, besides to check adulteration of the food commodities.

The DC directed the AD Civil supplies to ensure availability of sufficient ration and LPG stock in the district. The meeting was attended by functionaries of service providing departments including Power Development Department, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Municipal Committee, Sheep Husbandry, Poultry, Legal Metrology, and Police. Besides, President Beopar Mandal and Mutton and Chicken Seller Association also participated in the meeting.

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BDOs shall maintain cleanliness in the district. He further instructed EOs of MCs to ensure cleanliness in the Municipal area on a daily basis and with special focus on religious places. Religious heads have been asked not to give Public Address System in the hands of irresponsible persons, to avoid nuisance and incon-

DC Udhampur chairs District level committee of Narco coordination centre meet



UDHAMPUR, MARCH 10: To review the different steps taken to curb drug abuse in the District, District Level Committee of Narco Coordination Centre (NCC) was held today under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Kritika Jyotsna at Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur. Senior Superintendent of Police, Dr Vinod Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Syed Khan, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, District Social Welfare Officer, Kanika Gupta and other officer attended the meeting. During the meeting, it was informed by Senior Superintendent of Police Udhampur that 06 cases under NDPS Act have been registered during the Year 2023 upto 31/1/2023. The DC appreciated the effort and stressed upon strengthen-

ing of nakas and keep strict vigil to arrest any such attempt which is hazardous for the society in general and youth in particular. The DC advised to ensure that investigations under NDPS Act are conducted in a most professional manner and track the cases of drug addiction in the district and share details for ensuring de-addiction and rehabilitation. CMO informed that 05 bedded De-addiction centre is working in the District Hospital Udhampur. DC directed CMO to put hoardings to popularize the helpline number 14416, so that more and more affected peoples are aware of the helpline.

DC stressed upon vigorous tracking of such cases of drug abuse & directed all the stakeholders to furnish the data about traffickers and those who are affected by Drug Menace, to the Dis-

trict Administration. The ACR informed that the Revenue papers of State land measuring 04 Kanal identified at Village Jhakar, Tehsil and District Udhampur for drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centre at District level has been submitted. In this regard, ACR was directed to process the case for allotment.

The DC directed the concerned for identification of victims of Drug Abuse and the hotspot areas of drug addiction so that special drives will be launched in the hotspot and grey areas. DC stressed upon the Officers of all the line Departments including Enforcement agencies to ensure better coordination. Principals of Colleges and Chief Education officer Udhampur were directed for designating Nodal officers in each educational institution.

Mega Gram Sabhas held under PMAAGY at twin ST villages Tangmarg & Kutamarg

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, MARCH 10: On the directions of the District Development Commissioner Kulgam, Mega Gram sabhas under Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Grameen Yojna (PMAAGY) were conducted in two Villages Kutamarg and Tangmarg of Kulgam.

PRI members and people in large number participated in these Gram Sabhas. ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; DDC Member Manzgam, Jameela Chowdhary; ACD, Mohammad Imran Khan; ACP, Shurjeel Ali; BDOs also participated and witnessed the proceedings of these Gram Sabhas. During these gram sabhas



people prioritized developmental requirements of their villages under PMAAGY plan and formulated plans of 40 lacs for each ST village.

People generally prioritized health, education, RDD and Animal Husbandry sectors to augment infrastructure and facilities of these sectors.

Sheetal Nanda inaugurates Smart Classrooms in Govt Schools of Samba

SAMBA, MARCH 10: Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda, today inaugurated Smart Classrooms in Government Educational Institutions of Samba district established under established under Adarsh Gram Yojana of Pradhanmantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PMAAJAY). These smart classrooms have been established at Government Middle School Kairanwali, Government Middle School Chhamni Manhasan and Government Middle School Nanga in district Samba. The main inaugural function was held at Government Middle School, Kairanwali. These three smart classrooms have been fully equipped with technologically advance infrastructure in which the students from the said schools would attain



computer education. On the occasion, Director General Social Welfare, Vivek Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Samba, An-

uradha Gupta, PRI representatives from the concerning panchayat and parents of students were present during the inaugural function.

Sheetal Nanda emphasized on creating awareness among children about digital literacy through latest technology driven smart classes. She said that under PM-Adarsh Gram Yojana focus is being laid on strengthening basic infrastructure in J&K. "With multipurpose and interactive learning through technology based equipments students and teachers can avail benefit through this initiative", added Commissioner Secretary.

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Doda administration launches DOST, an online help desk for digital services



DODA, MARCH 10: Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan and ADC Doda Dr RK Bharti, along with other officers, launched a Help Desk called Doda Online Services Terminal (DOST) for online services. This was done to follow the Government of J&K's directive to completely switch to digital service delivery. The launch happened through the ADBHUT Doda portal as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

DOST will provide assistance and training to the applicants/general public. A fully trained team will be available on all working days from 8 am to 2 pm at the DC office Complex in Doda to help with applying for online services, which include all kinds of services provided by government offices/departments in the district. The Deputy Commissioner said that the Help Desk would handhold and assist service seekers/applicants in applying online and availing services. The Help Desk will also serve as a training platform for individuals who want to serve in rural areas by applying on behalf of the applicants in lieu of fees defined by the government for every service. The team will also help applicants check the online status of their applications.

The launch event was attended by ACR Doda, ACP Doda, SE JPDCL, SE PWD, SE JSD, CPO Doda, CMO Doda and other officials.

Kashmir Theatre Fest Concludes

Srinagar, 10 March, 2023: The 8- Day long Kashmir Theatre Festival, which began here on 2nd March concluded today at the Tagore Hall with the staging of 'Nam The Maaz'. Organised by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, the Vice Chancellor, Cluster University, Srinagar Prof. Qayoom Hussain was the Chief Guest on the concluding function. Others who were present on the occasion included Dean Cluster University, Prof. Deeba Sarmad and Principal Govt. Hr. Secondary School Chadoora, Hina M

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SDM Noorabad reviews pace, progress of developmental works, stresses for timely completion of all works

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KULGAM, MARCH, 10: Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Noorabad, Bashir ul Hassan today chaired a meeting of officers to review pace and progress of developmental work projects in the Sub Division D.H.Pora Noorabad. During the meeting he took detailed review of progress recorded in work projects which are under execution of different executing agencies including RD-D.R&B, PHE, PMGSY and other executing agencies. SDM stressed on all executing agencies to expedite pace of work and complete works well in time. During the meeting chair was also apprised that NT-PHC Khull and PHC K.B

Pora will be completed within two months. Tehsildar, BMO, BDOs, ZEO, AEEs from PHE, R&B, PDD, Irrigation and Flood Control besides others concerned officers attended the meeting. During the meeting he took detailed review of progress recorded in work projects which are under execution of different executing agencies including RD-D.R&B, PHE, PMGSY and other executing agencies. SDM stressed on all executing agencies to expedite pace of work and complete works well in time. During the meeting chair was also apprised that NT-PHC Khull and PHC K.B

Member Rajya Sabha Er Ghulam Ahmed Khatana visits district Rajouri

RAJOURI, MARCH 10: Member of the Rajya Sabha, Er Ghulam Ali Khatana, visited Rajouri to take a comprehensive review of the progress in the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes today. The visit was aimed at evaluating the effectiveness of the schemes and identifying the gaps that need to be addressed to ensure their successful implementation.

During the visit, Er Ghulam Ahmed Khatana met with officials from various departments and reviewed the progress of schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

He also reviewed the progress on PMGSY, agricultural schemes, PWD projects, education sector and other departments and asked the concerned officers to work with added zeal to meet the developmental expectations of the general public. Er Khatana discussed the Tribal Sub Plan in the district and advised for



rational distribution of the funds. He also directed PHE officers to ensure proper drinking water facilities to the rural as well as urban populations.

While taking note of the child labourers working in the district, the ALC was directed to conduct survey of the child labour in the district so that effective measures can be taken to curb the exploitation of children and tackle the growing incidence of child labour.

The MP revealed that the purpose of his visit was to evaluate the progress of different schemes and to make sure that the intended beneficiaries were benefiting from them. He expressed satisfaction that

numerous schemes were being effectively implemented in Rajouri, which were proving to be beneficial for the people.

He urged the officials to ensure that the schemes are implemented efficiently and transparently and the benefits reach the last mile. The MP Rajya Sabha also emphasised the need for close coordination between various departments to ensure the smooth implementation of the schemes. He stressed the importance of creating awareness about the schemes among the people and urged the officials to conduct regular monitoring and evaluation to identify the gaps and address them promptly.

Er Ghulam Ahmed Khatana

also assured the people of Rajouri that he would work closely with the central and state governments to ensure that the benefits of these schemes reach the intended beneficiaries. He urged the people to take advantage of these schemes and contribute to the development of the region.

The MP also appreciated the efforts of District Administration Rajouri in facilitating the physically challenged in providing the UDID cards which is requisite for availing pension.

Moreover, he discussed about the menace of drugs in the society and urged all the stakeholders to work in tandem to eradicate this menace from the society.

41 Employees served show-cause for unauthorized absence from duties at Budgam

BUDGAM, MARCH 10: As many as 41 employees were served show-cause notice for their un-authorized absence from duties in Budgam today.

Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Budgam, an inspection team led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Budgam, Dr Nasir Ahmad conducted surprise inspections of various office at DC

Office, KPDCL and other offices and 41 employees were found un-authorizedly absent from their duties. While checking the attendance (Bio-Metric), 41 employees of various categories have been found absent and served show-cause notice as to why action as warranted under rules shall not be initiated against them. Meanwhile, DC Budgam

S F Hamid said that these employees were found unauthorisedly absent from their duties which is complete dereliction and lackadaisical approach towards legitimate duties and warrants disciplinary action under rules. The absentees have been directed to explain their position within stipulated timeframe, failing which action as warrant-

ed under rules will be initiated against them. He said that the government has adopted zero tolerance against the dereliction of duties by employees. He further directed employees to perform their duties regularly in letter and spirit and ensure prompt services delivery to the general public.

Public Notice

I have lost Number Plate of my motor cycle bearing registration no JK05D 2464. Now I am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He//She may contact ARTO Sopore within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

AJAZ AHMAD KHAN
S//O MOHD MAQBOL KHAN
R/O DOLIPORA KREERI

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PMKVY

Development Corporation (NSDC). The scheme, envisioned by the Union ministries of education, and skill development and entrepreneurship, aims to provide NSDC certified skill courses for out of school children and youth and dropouts.

It also aims at preparing them for placements as well as self-entrepreneurship, an official said. One of the beneficiary of PMKVY, Sameer Ahmed Najar from Bandipora, J&K says a PMKK centre at Bandipora helped him to become hairstylist.

“This training has changed my personality, as I learnt more about interpersonal as well as grooming skills during the sessions. My outlook towards life changed dramatically. The trainers were very good at training and I learnt various hair styling techniques from them making my business more profitable,” he said.

He added that the training helped him to earn Rs. 15,000 per month. “Through this training programme, the lives of my family have improved and we are now financially independent. I look forward to a secured future,” he said and thanked the Government of India for launching this initiative which helped him to become independent.

DRUGS

and recovered 4 Kgs of poppy straw, 1 digital weighing machine and 1 mixer from the residential house of Nisar Ahmad Khanday.

Subsequently, the owner of the house along with his associate identified as Pawan Sharma a resident of R S Pora at present Nippora have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

A police party of Police Station Uri at a checkpoint established at Bandi Uri arrested two drug peddlers identified as Syed Mubeen Hussain a resident of Niloosa and Mohd Arif Khan of Bagna Noorkhah.

During the search, 86 grams of Charas was recovered from their possession. Both the accused were arrested. Cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigations have been initiated, police added.

SHOP

in a shopping complex owned by Khurshid Ahmed Dar in which six shops were gutted completely while one shop suffered partial damage. One of the affected shopkeepers told that the fire broke out at 3:30 AM that was put out by firefighters with the help of police and locals. Four shops were gutted on the first floor while the rest of the 3 shops were damaged on the 3rd floor of the complex, he said. “The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained,” however, no loss of life or injury was reported in the incident, the official said.

ALTAZ BUKHARI

of the presidential contest.

“The details from both election sub offices —Srinagar and Jammu — certify that Altaf Bukhari wins the party’s presidential election unopposed. Thus, he is declared the party president for the 2nd tenure. Since the process of election is completed, as per the requirements of the constitution of Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party, it comes to an end with immediate effect”, Vijay Bakaya added. Altaf Bukhari completed his first tenure as party president on March 8, 2023. His second term will end on March 8, 2026 accordingly.

LG MEETS

property holders. He also highlighted the issue of pending payments under MGNREGA. The Lt Governor assured the former Legislator that the genuine issues raised by him would be examined earnestly. Later, Sh Ravinder Singh Jamwal, famous Sculptor, accompanied by Ms Veena Jamwal, Sarpanch Birpur informed the Lt Governor on his upcoming initiatives for the promotion of art-related activities.

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apps/websites, activities of Nidhi companies in J&K, sensitization programmes for J&K police officials by RBI among other issues were also discussed during the meeting.

From the Reserve Bank of India, K.P.Patnaik, Regional Director discussed various steps that can be taken to tackle the rise of such fraudulent activities in cyber space and called for collaborative approach among all stakeholders.

The meeting was attended by R.K.Goyal, ACS, Home; R.R.Swain, Special DGP(CID); A.K Choudhary, Special DGP Crime; Achal Sethi, Law Secretary; Akshay Labroo, Director Information and other senior officials of UT government.

Top officials of regulatory bodies in J&K including Neeraj Kumar, GM RBI, Akbar Wani, RCS, Haamid Bukhari, RoC, officers of Market Intelligence Unit, RBI and representatives from SEBI and ICAI also attended the meeting.

APTECH

we, without discussing the merits of the case, deem it proper to dispose of the appeals and remit the writ petition back to the Writ Court for deciding the matter afresh. Ordered accordingly. Accordingly, the order and judgment impugned is hereby set aside, the writ petition is restored to its original number and the writ petition is remitted back to the learned Single Judge with a request to decide the matter afresh. Writ respondents through their learned counsel are directed to file objections/counter to the writ petition within two weeks from today, thereafter, rejoiner, if any, to be filed within next one week. Registry is directed to list the writ petition before the learned Single Judge on 5th of April, 2023, when the learned Single Judge is requested to finally decide the writ petition. Till then interim direction dated 09.12.2022 shall remain in force,” reads the order, a copy of which is in possession of news agency—In its interim directions on December 09, the DB had directed that Services Selection Board shall proceed with the selection process of Junior Engineer (Jal Shakti Department) and Sub-Inspector (Home Department), however, the result of the same shall await further orders from this Court—

JKSSB

agency is over.

Addressing the press conference here at Jammu, he said the blacklisting period is for three years and this company’s period got over in May 2022 while recruitment is being done in a free and fair manner. He also said the particular agency is already conducting exams across the country and at the Centre.

He further said that the present protests seem to be motivated to derail the functioning of the board. There are certain elements spreading distortion and misinformation on the issue, he added.

“We are very much aware of your concerns and all ef-

orts will be made to conduct exams in a fair, transparent and secure manner. Do not pay heed to rumour mongers and those with ulterior motives, who are only here to disrupt the processes,” Sharma assured aspirants.

He further said that justice will be ensured while the ability and merit of youth will be respected and strict action will be taken against all those elements who are trying to harm the future of meritorious aspirants.

On allegation against the recruitment agency, he said that the matter is sub-judice and the high court will take a decision in the matter. “The issue will be settled by the law and not by sloganeering. The instant protests seem to be an attempt to influence the high court,” he added.

MODI

contributing not only as small entrepreneurs but also as capable resource persons.

Talking about the role of women in the cooperative sector, Modi said, more than two lakh multi-purpose cooperatives, dairy cooperatives and fisheries cooperatives are to be formed in the coming years.

He said, a target has been set to connect one crore farmers with natural farming and women farmers can play a big role in this initiative.

The Prime Minister reiterated that the country is moving with the spirit of ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas.

He said, India can move forward only by raising the levels of respect towards women and the bringing the sense of equality. He said, when women join armed forces and fly Rafale, it brings a change in the mindset of people about them.

He expressed happiness over the election of two women MLAs in Nagaland. Referring to an article written by President Droupadi Murmu on the occasion of Women’s Day on 8th of this month, Modi said, the President has written a very passionate article on women empowerment and everyone should understand the spirit with which the President has written this article.

He urged the people to move forward with the determination to remove every obstacle coming in the way of girls and women.

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–‘Raksha’ and won various Olympiads & competitions, while Ms. Arushi Kotwal who aspires to be a Grand Master has brought glory to UT and the country at many National & International Chess Championships. The family members of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardees were present on the occasion.

DOCTORS

of Health Services Kashmir said that no such case has been reported in hospitals working under DHSK.

However, doctors from different hospitals of Kashmir told KNO that several patients are coming to hospitals with flu symptoms.

There is no need to panic but people must take precautions to avoid influenza virus.

They said that elderly people, people with comorbidities and children are more prone to flu and they must take precautions like avoid unnecessary gathering and follow proper hygiene.

Many people are taking antibiotics on their own, they said adding that it is not right to take medicine without doctor’s advice and to take antibiotics unnecessarily as medicines need to be given based on symptoms. The Indian Medical Association (IMA) recently has advised against indiscriminate use of antibiotics amid rising cases of cough, cold and nausea.

The fever will last five to seven days, it said.

The fever goes away at the end of three days but the cough can persist for up to three weeks, the IMA’s Standing Committee for Anti-Microbial Resistance said.

Viral cases have also surged due to air pollution, it said, adding that it mostly occurs in people aged below 15 and above 50 and causes upper respiratory infections along with fever.

The association also asked doctors to prescribe only symptomatic treatment and not antibiotics—(KNO)

STRIKE

the administrative authorities where both parties had their say. Negotiations on timing on fulfilling of our demands are going on, but as of now we haven’t received anything in writing,” said a source.

He also confirmed that they are hopeful of a positive breakthrough soon on their demands, stating that ‘the ice will break’ and that they may end their strike soon as well.

According to a statement issued by the All J&K Patwar Association, its representatives led by its President Abdul Majeed Malla called on Commissioner Secretary Revenue Piyush Singla, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar, and Assistant Central Srinagar Adil Fareed in Srinagar in which some government officials participated via video conference.

Notably, following the strike by Patwaris across Jammu and Kashmir for more than a week now, people seeking revenue extracts and reports are suffering and experiencing enormous issues.

While AJKPA are stating that they are forced to take this extreme step as they were given a written assurance in the shape of an agreement last year on their demands which has not been fulfilled till now, saying the government has adopted the dilly-dallying tactics—(KNO)

DC SRINAGAR

for the local youth. The DC asked the Departments of Horticulture and Agriculture Departments to submit the detailed lists of 20 youth each to KVK so that they are imparted short term training courses under SANKALP.

Similarly, the District Social Welfare Officer was also asked to provide a list of 20 specially abled persons to encourage them through training under SANKALP to make them able to earn their day to day livelihood with dignity. The Assistant Director, Handicrafts was also instructed to identify 20 Artisans who will be given training to enhance their skill set as per the current market needs.

While interacting with the Copperware Artisans of the District on the occasion, the DC stressed them to adopt modern technological interventions in order to upgrade their skill set of traditional Copperware Craft with innovative design techniques in sync with changing market demands and widening the ambit of market linkage to uplift their socio-economic conditions.

The DC stress on launching awareness among the Artisans including traditional copperware manufacturing & designing craftsmen regarding different Government schemes and directed the concerned Departments to reach out to the target population of the District so that they are benefited from such schemes. In this regard, DC asked for holding a joint awareness camp for the Copperware Artisans by DIC, Handicrafts, Banks and other concerned Departments at the earliest.

Earlier, the Director Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, Principal Institute of Hotel Management and Principal IITI, Bagh-i-Dilawar Khan briefed the DC about different measures undertaken by them and targets achieved under SANKALP scheme in Srinagar District.

DAK seeks immediate release of GMC employees salary

Srinagar, Mar 10: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Friday has sought immediate release of salary of Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar employees.

“It is unfortunate that the employees of GMC Srinagar are without salary for the last five months,” said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said due to the non-payment of wages, employees and their families face immense hardships.

“They are not able to pay school fee of their children and can’t even buy their daily medicines. The employees are having a difficult time to even a daily bread,” he said.

The DAK President said the wages of employees have been withheld on the pretext that the employees have not uploaded one of their promotion orders on JKRM portal.

“The verification and updating of service records on portal is the responsibility of college authorities,” he said.

“Employees are working round the clock in hospitals and they should get their salaries. You can’t deny wages of hospital employees who put in their blood and sweat under difficult conditions to save sick and wounded,” said Dr Nisar.

“It is difficult for employees to work without salary and without wages they can’t deliver their services efficiently which adversely affects patient care,” he said.

Dr Arshad Ali General Secretary DAK said GMC employees are agitating for the last two days demanding the release of their salary.

“Government should redress their genuine demand immediately so that patient care doesn’t suffer,” he said.

Army organized Cultural Fest at Manjakote

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Rajouri In continuation with Manjakote cultural fest, Jashan e bahara was organised by India Army toat Govt HSS Dehri Ralyot on constant demand from locals to revive the culture of bygone era in Manjakote area which has witnessed prolonged terrorism. The event gave much required filip to the local youth and talent, to help them gain confidence and showcase their skills. The programme was organised by Indian Army in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art & Culture (Min of Culture) under Op Sadbhavana.

Approximately 500 students, teachers, Sarpanches, and number of civilians gathered to cheer and motivate the participants during the event. Dogri Gojri, Kashmiri, Pahari and Punjabi dances and songs were performed by artists from different parts of the state. Some elders from nearby villages also performed local folk songs.

At the culmination of the event Principal Govt HS School Dehri Relyot People’s thanked Indian Army and requested to organize such events frequently in future.

DC Bandipora takes tour of town areas

BANDIPORA, MARCH 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Friday conducted an extensive tour of Bandipora town to review the developmental activities besides getting feedback about the services being provided by the government in different sectors. Dr. Owais inspected the ongoing works at Children’s Park Kaloosa and was briefed about the status of works. He directed the officer to expedite the works so that it can be thrown open for the public as early as possible.

Later, the DC also visited the Auditorium being constructed in the premises of Nadim Memorial Govt Boys Higher Secondary Kaloosa. Dr. Owais asked the executing agency to ensure that the auditorium is the state of the art asset in the town with all necessary facilities available. He said the town is lacking a dedicated space where it can hold conferences, seminars, debates, and other literary, educational, and social activities, and this auditorium shall fulfill the need to a larger extent. The DC along with the team of officers walked on foot along the Bandipora market and interacted with the shopkeepers and pedestrians. They apprised the officers about various issues being faced by them, including the availability of pure drinking water and other basic amenities. Later, the DC halted at Gulshan Chowk where traders had assembled to meet him.

Traders informed the officers about various issues and grievances, including non availability of water ATMs in the town, washrooms, drains, lack of staff in district hospitals, and other issues regarding the town.

The DC while addressing the traders assured them that all their grievances shall be looked into in a phased manner.

He said the district administration this year will focus on the augmentation of drainage systems and footpaths. He said that during the last two years, the administration macadamized almost all the town roads and streets besides laying concrete and tiles along lanes and bylanes.

He also assured that this year, a slaughterhouse and parking complex will also be completed.

The DC was accompanied by SSP Bandipora, Lakshay Sharma; President MC Bandipora, Basharat Hussain; Joint Director Planning, Imtiyaz Ahmad; Nodal officer coordination, M A Hakak; Tehsildar Bandipora, Dy CEO, Exen R&B, and other senior officials of the district.

CUK holds sensitisation prog on ‘Cyber Crimes Against Women and Measures Thereof’

Ganderbal, Mar 10: The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and Institutional Innovation Council (IIC), of the Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Friday organised a one-day sensitisation programme on “Cyber Crimes Against Women and Measures Thereof,” to commemorate the International Women’s Day.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah, Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar, Dean School of Life Sciences, Prof. Muhammad Yousuf, expert Assistant Prof, KU, Dr. Faheem Syed Masoodi, faculty members, scholars and students were also present at the event, held under the auspices of G20 presidency of India.

Addressing the participants, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah, said the internet and social media platforms have made the women across the globe vulnerable and more susceptible to cybercrimes including stalking, morphing, phoney profiling, cyberbullying, sending annoying messages and online trolling. “The objective of holding this programme is to aware the girl students and female staff members to take proactive measures to counter and stop the online harassment,”

IUST hosts One-day capacity building workshop on implementation of NEP-2020



Awantipora, March 10: Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) organized One-day capacity building workshop on implementation of NEP-2020 in Polytechnic Colleges of J&K which was attended by faculty members, including HODs from different polytechnics representing their engineering departments (Civil/Electrical/Mechanical/Computer Engineering/Architecture). The objective of the workshop was to discuss the various steps needed to make polytechnics in J&K compliant with NEP-2020 and was sponsored by the Department of Skill Development J&K. Speaking on the occasion Dean Research IUST, Prof. A.H Moon emphasized the importance of the workshop and highlighted the recommendations of the expert committee set up by the Government of J&K, chaired by Prof. Shakil Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST, to recommend the transfer of academic credits from Polytechnics to Engineering colleges in the UT. Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Malik IUST, Registrar IUST, Prof. Naseer Iqbal, Deans of the Schools, HODs, Directors of various centers and other officials of the University also attended the programme. Prof. A.H Moon shared the roadmap about restructuring of polytechnic curriculum in light of the model course curriculum of AICTE and recommendations of NEP-2020 with regard to vocationalization and skilling programs, setting up of ABC and transfer of credits. Prof. Manzoor Malik highlighted the role of acquiring skills suitable for new age industry. Prof. Naseer Iqbal remarked that IUST has already taken a number of steps to make the University NEP-2020 ready. The HODs of various engineering departments at IUST made presentations on mapping of curriculum at diploma and pointed out that more than 50% of core engineering courses taught at the diploma engineering level have more than 90% of mapping with each other in terms of content.

NSD’s theatre workshop to begin today

Srinagar, March 10, 2023 The National School of Drama (NSD) is organising a 12-day workshop for theatre artistes in Srinagar to hone their acting and direction skills.

The initiative of the NSD’s Theatre in Education Centre in Srinagar in collaboration with the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages is aimed at giving exposure to theatre artistes in the Kashmir Valley to industry standards on acting and direction skills. The officials of the said workshop would help the artistes to get breakthrough roles on different stages and platforms. During the workshop, senior faculty of National School of Drama viz, Prof. Santanu Bose, Dipankar Paul, Yeshraj Jhadav, and Sandeep Bhattacharya will be imparting skills of theatre methodology, acting and direction etc to the participating artists and students.

NC extends full support to ‘Jammu Bandh’ call

LG dispensation has no mandate to impose property tax: Rattan Lal Gupta

JAMMU, MAR 10: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu today announced full support of J&K National Conference to ‘Jammu Bandh’ call given by the Chamber of Commerce and Industries Jammu against the imposition of Property Tax by the Lt Governor led Administration. Asserting that the present dispensation has plunged the J&K UT into mess and chaos he said that the only solution to end these problems is to hold elections to J&K Assembly at the earliest. In a statement issued to media here today, the senior National Conference leader stated that imposition of property tax in absence of a duly elected Govt is illegal and against the spirit of democracy. He said that the Lt Governor’s dispensation has absolutely no mandate to impose taxes on the people without their mandate given by them to their duly elected representatives. Elaborating further, Rattan Lal Gupta said that property tax comes within the jurisdiction of the local bodies as per the constitutional mandate but it is an irony that even the elected representatives in the local bodies including the Municipalities, Municipal councils and Municipal Corporations were not consulted before issuing the order of imposition of property tax. In fact ignoring the aforesaid duly elected members on the significant issue of property tax has totally exposed the BJP’s proxy government’s real intentions of giving the democratic institutions a damn.

Questioning the Union Govt on failing to implement the much parroted ‘One Nation One Tax’ policy, the NC leader stated that this was promised by the Govt when GST was implemented then why instead of abolishing all other taxes the government is coming up with new taxes every other day thus harassing the common people of the nation and J&K.

If Rahul Gandhi is threat to India’s Unity, why he is not booked up under UAPA like Kashmiris... AIP.

Srinagar Mar 10: Reacting to charges of BJP leaders over Rahul Gandhi’s series of speeches and comments in London over various issues, AIP has asked BJP government at centre when it will book Rahul Gandhi under UAPA as BJP has been calling Rahul Gandhi’s statements as threat to India’s security. Party spokesperson Firdous Baba in a statement has said. “When come vice President BJP Jagdeep Dhankar and Law Minister Keran Rijju have openly claimed that Rahul Gandhi’s speeches and remarks were dangerous for India’s Unity, AIP and ever body else without going into merits of what Rahul Gandhi said, have a right to ask BJP government why is it not booking Rahul Gandhi till now under UAPA. It is worth to say that Indian Law Minister Keran Rijju in his tweet has called Rahul Gandhi’s speeches in London dangerous for India’s Unity and integrity. People of Jammu and Kashmir have the right to know if UAPA is meant for Kashmiris only and rest are the exception. If Central Government can book the voice of Kashmir Er Rasheed under UAPA only for raising peaceful voice for protecting human and other legitimate rights of people of Jammu and Kashmir and BJP government deems his speeches dangerous for Unity of country, why is not BJP taking similar action against Rahul Gandhi as not only the BJP leaders but voice president Jagdeep Dhankar and Law Minister Keran Rijju have termed his speeches a threat to India’s Unity.” Firdous Baba asked New Delhi to give up double standards and release Er Rasheed and other political prisoners without delay and further victimization. Firdous Baba asked New Delhi to give up double standards and release Er Rasheed and other political prisoners without delay and further victimization.

Anurag Thakur kicks off 'Khelo India Dus ka Dum' event

New Delhi, March 10 (UNI) Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur on Friday launched the Khelo India Dus ka Dum event at a mega opening ceremony at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here.

The tournament, organized as a part of the International Women's Day 2023 celebrations, kicked off simultaneously in over 50 cities of the country on Friday. Riding on the success of the multiple Khelo India women's leagues happening across the country since several months, the Dus ka Dum initiative will provide even more exposure to thousands of women across the nation. There will be close to 15000 athletes participating in the tournament in more than 50 cities located across 26 states of India from March 10 to



31 in a total of 10 sports. A total of Rs 1 crore has been sanctioned by the Central Government for this event. Also present at the grand launch of the event on Friday morning were Sandip Pradhan, Director General, Sports Authority as well as other dignitaries from the Union Sports Ministry and SAI. The opening ceremony

was also attended at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium by almost 2000 women athletes, comprising Khelo India Dus ka Dum participants as well as campers. "Hai dum to Badhao kadam is the tagline of the Khelo India Dus ka Dum event and it is another major step we have taken to empower women through sports," men-

tioned Thakur. "SAI's endeavour to organize Women's Leagues across 14 sports all over the country since many months has given opportunity to 20,000 strong women athletes to get the exposure and empowerment they need. I am also happy to state that these leagues have found profound success," the Union Minister added. Citing examples of elite athletes like Mary Kom and PV Sindhu, Thakur said, "From Mary Kom to Lovlina to Nikhat and PV Sindhu to Saina Nehwal, these girls have given their all to bring glory to India time and again. Now tournaments like these will give rise to more such superstars. We are doing everything to provide the best of tournaments and playfields, now it's time for all the women to show their mettle."

Jammu drubs Anantnag to lift historic LG's Rolling Cricket Trophy title

JAMMU : Getting the better of District Anantnag by a margin of 26 runs in the summit clash, District Jammu lifted the title of the LG's Rolling Cricket Trophy, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports at MAM Stadium, here. Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Sh Manoj Sinha was the chief guest on the closing ceremony, while ADGP Mukesh Singh, Secretary to Government Youth Services and Sports Department Sarnad Hafeez, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa, Director Youth Services and Sports J&K Subash C Chibber and Secretary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul were present on the occasion. Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, Jammu scored a good total of 143 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process. Rishav and Ankush scored 40 runs each, while Rohit Singh contributed 24 runs to the total. For Anantnag, Omis Mohi ud din bagged 3 wickets, while Owais Rashid claimed 2. In reply, Anantnag managed to score 117 runs in 20 overs, losing 7 wickets in the



process, thus lost the match by 26 runs. Wahid Teli top scored with 35 runs, while Bilal Ahmed contributed 29 runs. For Jammu, Abhay Sharma and Abhishek took 2 wickets each, while Shanker claimed one wicket. For his superb bowling display, Ankush was adjudged as the man of the tournament for his superb batting display who was presented trophy by Lieutenant Governor. LG also honoured the winners with a cash prize of Rs 1,00,000 and a glittering Rolling Trophy, while the runners-up team was awarded with a cash prize of Rs 75,000.

Bayern hoping CL success spills over to Bundesliga

MUNICH: Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich have hardly had the start they had wanted in 2023 but are hoping Wednesday's Champions League win over Paris St Germain proves a pivotal moment that gives them the boost they are looking for in the domestic league. The Bavarians, who beat star-studded PSG 2-0 for a 3-0 aggregate win over two legs and a spot in the last eight, are in the top spot on goal difference from Borussia Dortmund, also on 49 points, but have seen their lead from the winter break evaporate after winning only half of their eight league matches this year. Dortmund, meanwhile, have racked up a perfect eight-game winning run to close in on Bayern, who are still aim-



ing for a record-extending 11th straight league title. Dortmund's last Bundesliga title dates back to 2012 under then coach Juergen Klopp. Bayern Munich manager Julian Nagelsmann said the win over PSG showed his side's potential if they remember to bring the necessary "emotion and greed". MUNICH: Bayern Munich's Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting (R) scores past Paris St-Germain goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma during

their Champions League round-of-16 second-leg at the Allianz Arena.—AFP With former Stoke City striker Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting up front, an ageing Thomas Mueller pulling the strings and a Yann Sommer, bought to stand in for the injured Manuel Neuer, in goal, Nagelsmann may not have the tools of previous Bayern sides at his disposal. But the manager said his side could "achieve anything", even matching the trophy hauls of the great Bayern sides of 2013 and 2020, if they could find the right blend of quality, passion and hunger. Bayern's victory in Munich, thanks to second-half goals from Choupo-Moting and Serge Gnabry, continued their stunning run in the Champions League this season.

Bangladesh stun world champions England in T20 series opener

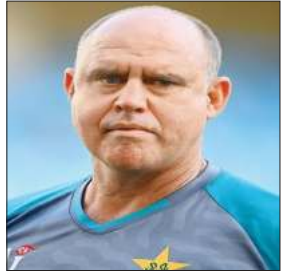
CHITTAGONG: Bangladesh's Najmul Hossain Shanto scored a half-century before all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan got the hosts over the line for a six-wicket win against T20 world champions England in Chattogram on Thursday to kick off their three-match series. Put in to bat, England looked to be in control when openers Jos Buttler (67) and Phil Salt stitched together an 80-run partnership, but Buttler received little support after Salt was dismissed on 38 and the visitors were restricted to 156-6. "Bangladesh finished the innings really well. We were in a position to really kick on and launch at the end, but we couldn't manage to get away," said Buttler. "We were probably 20 short with our score and we had to chase a little bit in the field." Hasan Mahmud was the pick of the bowlers for Bangladesh as he took two wickets, while four of his teammates claimed a wicket apiece. After a brief opening stand between Litton Das and Rony Talukdar, Shanto (51) combined with debutant Towhid Hridoy for 65 runs to give Bangladesh some momentum, but the pair were then dismissed in consecutive overs as the chase looked in danger of being derailed.



Shakib, who was the hero in Bangladesh's One-day International win over England earlier this week, came to their rescue once again, scoring 34 off 24 in a calm knock under pressure to secure his side's first-ever T20I win over England. "The way we approached the game was fantastic, under the pump in the first ten overs but no one panicked. Stuck to the plans," Shakib said. "In T20, when you don't think too much you tend to play well. Hopefully, we can keep this in the dressing room. This is a great start for the World Cup in 2024 in West Indies."

Finish of legacy of MS Dhoni will be special: Hayden

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 incredulous 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 togetherness as IPL is BEST enjoyed together with fans cheering their favourite teams and players on big screens. The film showcases how among the frenzy screenings in Mumbai, Lucknow, and Gujarat there are cut-outs of Rohit.

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An unidentified male dead body was Recovered near Sempora bridge River Jhelum on Date 3rd March 2023. SHO Pantha Chowk is appealing the general Public to identify this dead person. Please help Police Station Pantha Chowk in identifying an unknown male dead body lying at mortuary of SMHS Hospital. The person has slipped into river Jhelum few days back. Please call on 9596770660, 9596000060 SHO Police Station Pantha Chowk. Photographs of the deceased are attached herewith this Report. Issued in larger Public Interest by daily Headlines Today on the request of the concerned SHO. This communication has been received on official whatsapp number of daily Headlines Today



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