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News Brief

Teenage boy found hanging at his house in Bandipora

Bandipora, Mar 14. : A teenage boy was allegedly found hanging at his house in North Kashmir's Bathipora district. Local sources said that family members found a 15-year-old boy (name withheld) hanging from ceiling in a room. He was taken to hospital where doctors declared him dead. The incident occurred in Bathipora Naikdhai village of Bandipora.

Police arrests 3 drug peddlers in Baramulla, Kulgam

Baramulla March 14: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested 3 drug peddlers in Baramulla and Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession. In Baramulla, a police party of Police Station Tangmarg under the supervision of SDPO Tnagmarg Shir Javaid Ahmad-JKPS during naka checking at Ferozpora crossing Tangmarg arrested two drug peddlers identified as Arif Ahmad Khan son of Ghulam Nabi Khan resident of Hoom Tangmarg and Ishfaq Ahmad Mir son of Abdul Hameed Mir resident of Hariwatnoo Tangmarg and recovered 52 grams of Charas like substance from their possession. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody. In Kulgam, a police party led by Incharge Police Post Frisal during naka checking near Kharpora Playground intercepted a suspicious person. During search, 1.1Kg of Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Raqeeb Ahmad Ganie @Rahi son of Abdul Salam Ganie resident of Hassanpora Taveela, Bijbehara. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Sinthan top road to open for LMVs today

Srinagar, Mar 14 : Sinthan top road will open for Light moter vehicles that are in good condition from 15/03/2023 from 09:00AM onwards to 12:00 noon daily. An official said that keeping in view the request of the people in general and to promote tourism sector, it is hereby ordered that LMVs in good condition shall be allowed to move on this road till Top form 15/03/2023 from 09:AM onwards to 12:00 noon daily. "Whereas, on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, the road up to Sinthan Top was cleared on 22nd February 2023, by Kokernag Administration through NHIDCL (PMU Kishtwar); and whereas, the undersigned has been approached by many public delegations requesting that traffic be allowed till top especially in light of the fact that several tourists are showing interest in visiting Sinthan Top which could boost tourism in the entire area;

Govt Hospital, AIIMS, New Delhi jointly launch ICMR Project in Jammu

Jammu, Mar 14 (UNI) The ICMR Project on Pain and Palliative Care has been launched at Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu in collaboration with AIIMS, New Delhi along with nine other Premier Medical Institutions of Northern India. This project was launched under the guidance of Secretary, Health and Medical education, Bhopinder

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LG Manoj Sinha to inaugurate Chancellor's Trophy today, nearly 550 athletes to participate

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Jammu, Mar 14 (UNI) Around 550 athletes in different disciplines to take part in three days Chancellor's Trophy to be inaugurated by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday at University of Jammu.

"We are hosting a three-day Chancellor's Trophy from tomorrow to be inaugurated by LG Manoj Sinha, who is also Chancellor of the institution" Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu here told reporters at a press conference.

He said that sports inculcate discipline and develop mental health, adding, "idea behind hosting this event is to unite youth and that is the



reason, the event has been named as 'Sauhard' means brotherhood."

The Vice Chancellor was flanked by Registrar, Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Prof Neelu Rohmetra, Director, Directorate of Distance and Open Learning, Director, DIQA, Prof Meenakshi Kilam, Ranjeet Kalra, Teaching Faculty, HRDC, Dr Daud Iqbal, Direc-

tor, Directorate of Physical Education, Vinay Thusoo, Official Spokesperson and Dr Imran Farooq, Nodal Officer, Amritkaal Initiatives.

Sharing the details of the event, Dr Iqbal said that six disciplines are to be hosted during the competition in which around 550 athletes from eight Universities are expected to take part.

Dr Iqbal further said that it is for the first time in decades, the students from Directorate of Online Learning will also be participating.

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J&K received record investment of Rs 1547.87 crore during current fiscal year: Centre

MoS Home says govt expects investments to further increase in next 5 years

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Srinagar, Mar 14: The Centre on Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir receive a record investment of Rs 1547.87 crore during the current fiscal year, stating that this is the highest ever compared to any previous financial years.

Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer informed the Lok Sabha that as per the information provided by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the investments during the last five years and the current year include 840.55 Cr in 2017-18, 590.97 Cr 2018-19, 296.64 Cr 2019-20, 412.74 Cr 2020 to 21

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1164 cases of J&K registered with NHRC post reorganization of erstwhile state: Centre

Srinagar, Mar 14: As many as 1164 cases from Jammu & Kashmir were registered with National Human Rights Commission after disbanding of the State Human Rights Commission in 2019. In a written reply, a copy of which is in possession of news

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Militant arrested with arms and ammunition in Sopore

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Srinagar, Mar 14 (UNI) Security forces on Wednesday arrested an active militant and recovered arms and ammunition from him in Sopore Township of north Kashmir, officials said.

Police said based on specific input regarding the presence of terrorists in Madina Bagh Moh, Dangerpora area, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by the Sopore police and Army's 22 RR.

"As the initial cordon was being laid, a terrorist was spotted trying to run away and attempting to break the cordon, taking cover of narrow lanes and by-lanes and the congested area", police said and added "the movement was passed to all the troops and depending

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AC gives nod for amendment of Pharmacy Act

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JAMMU, MARCH 14(KNB): The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, gives its assent for amendment in Section 32-C of Pharmacy Act, 1948 (Central Act)-Introduction of draft Bill.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Ku-

mar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The decision aims for amendment in Section 32-C, inserted in Pharmacy Act, 1948 (Central Act) through an Adaptation Order under S.O No: 3465(E), Dated 5th of October, 2020.

The instant proposal is for amendment in the existing Section 32-C of

the Pharmacy Act, 1948 (Central Act) to the effect that notwithstanding anything contained in Section 32, any person whose name has been entered in the register of Pharmacists maintained under the Jammu and Kashmir Pharmacy Act, 2011 (1955 AD) or possesses qualification Medical Assistant prescribed under the said Act shall be deemed to have been entered in

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NIA carries out raids in Kashmir against militants

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Srinagar, Mar 14 (UNI) The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at multiple locations across Kashmir during the probe into a case related to militant activities, officials said. The searches were conducted in Srinagar and south Kashmir's districts of Anantnag, Pulwama and Kulgam, they said.

"Searches were conducted in a case registered last year by NIA in Jammu," they said. The case pertains to the criminal conspiracy for carrying out terrorists and subversive activities hatched by the cadres and OGWs of various proscribed organizations and their affiliates and offshoots, operating under various pseudo names, at the behest of their Pakistani handlers.

Advisor Bhatnagar chairs 64th BoDs meeting of JKHPMC

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JAMMU, MARCH 14: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today chaired the 64th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation (JKHPMC) at Civil Secretariat, here.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary,



Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo; Managing Director, JKHPMC Imam Din, Di-

rector General Codes, Director General Planning & Monitoring, Director Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Horticulture P&M, Deputy Director NHH, representative of SKUAST-(J), and other concerned officers. During the meeting, the BoDs held detailed deliberation on various development projects of the Corporation both under execution as well as the ones being implemented during the

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Concern: J&K's liabilities swell over Rs 1 lakh crore

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Srinagar, Mar 14: Jammu & Kashmir government's liabilities have swelled over Rs one lakh crore, showing an increasing loan burden on the Union Territory's finances.

With Central assistance and Union Territory's own resources—both tax and non-tax revenue— not adequate to meet its annual budgetary requirements,

the UT government generally goes for borrowings. According to J&K's budget documents tabled in the Parliament on Monday, the debt stock at the end of the financial year 2021-22 was at Rs 1,014,162 crore.

The break-up of liabilities shows that the total public debt against the J&K government is Rs 62395 crore. Of which Rs 61212 crore is internal debt and Rs 1183 crore are loans and advanc-

es from the Central government, the documents lying with news agency—lay bare.

The remaining liabilities include Rs insurance and pension funds (Rs 1191 crore), provident funds (Rs 26521 crore) and other liabilities (Rs 11335 crore).

The growing debt is a matter of concern and highlights the fact that revenue generation continues

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Srinagar to host first World Apple Conference from June 24

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Pune March 14 (UNI) The first World Apple Conference will be held in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu & Kashmir, from June 24 to 26, the organisers said here on Tuesday.

A Pune-based non-government organisation (NGO) 'Sarhad'is and Sopore Apple Farmer Producer Company are the moving spirits behind the event.

The conference aims to empower and strengthen the apple growers of Jammu and Kashmir who have been facing huge losses due to unprecedented and untimely fall in prices of their produce over the

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Court quashes detention of 2 South Kashmir youth under Public Safety Act

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Srinagar, Mar 14. : The High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh has quashed the detention of two persons from South Kashmir's Anantnag district lodged in Central Jail Kot Balwal Jammu under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

The detainees - Muhammad Abbas Khan son of Nazir Ahmed Khan and Hadayat Ullah Kuttay son of Abdul Razak Kuttay, both residents of Liver Sri Gufwara Anantnag had been arrested in April last year and subsequently, shifted to Kot Balwal Jail

under Public Safety Act.

The detention orders under PSA were issued by District Magistrate Anantnag vide numbers 07 and 08/DMA/PSA/DET/2022 dated 08.04.2022.

The duo was accused of being militant sympathizers.

The counsel for both the petitioners' Advocate Bashir Ahmed Tak challenged the impugned order on the grounds that the allegations made on the grounds of detention are vague and non-existent and that there

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Saras Aajeevika fair to begin in Srinagar today

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Srinagar, March 14 (UNI) Kashmir is set to host its maiden 11-day rural women oriented national level Saras Aajeevika fair in Srinagar from Wednesday, officials said.

Indu Kawal Chib, Mission Director, Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) said that the first of its kind rural women fair will commence

from March 15 to March 25 at Boulevard road on the banks of Dal Lake in which all women participants of 17 states and Union Territories will sell their products.

"Besides handlooms and handicrafts of different states would be on display and sale, food stalls recreational of rural women would also be part of the fair," she told reporters ahead of the fair.

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PROGRESSING JK

Govt launches pathbreaking interventions towards transforming education profile in J&K

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 14: The pathbreaking interventions and concrete efforts by the government are transforming the educational scenario of Jammu and Kashmir.

The School Education Department has taken up several initiatives like reducing dropout ratio, increasing enrolment rate and others.

The whole nation is witnessing significant transformation in the education system with implementation of new National Education Policy. The policy has put special emphasis on engagement and in-



volvement in both classroom as well as field study. Notably, Mentorship Programme: Student Teacher Engagement for Educational Reinforcement (STEER) will revolutionize the school education system by

identifying learning gaps and understanding the constraints being faced by the children, their capabilities besides providing the teachers an opportunity to bring changes in their teaching methods.

Under this mentorship program, more than 21,000 schools have been covered and five lakh students have been mapped. Moreover, 40,000 teachers have been trained to mentor the students in 1:10 ratio.

Further, efforts are being made to improve the quality of school education and employment-oriented higher education through the National Education Policy. Necessary changes have been made in the education system to cater to the human resource requirement of the fourth industrial revolution and digital economy of the twenty-first century.

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School teacher, with 6 PG degrees, becomes first A-licenced football coach from Ganderbal

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Ganderbal, Mar 14): Muzamil Mahmood, a young footballer and school teacher from Ganderbal, has made history by becoming the first A-licenced coach in this central Kashmir district.

Muzamil, from Gogjigund, Ganderbal, recently passed the Asian Football Confederation licence diploma, a coveted accreditation for coaches in the Indian football fraternity. His achievement is even more impressive given his background as a school teacher with six postgraduate degrees in various fields. He has also won the Best Coach award for the promotion of football in Jammu & Kashmir, showcasing his dedication and passion for the sport.

"I am very happy about it. This was my dream since childhood," Muzamil told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).



He said the course was a very fruitful experience where he not only got to know about the finer nuances of coaching but it also helped him understand how different coaching is from playing. "Besides playing, coaching was my passion," he said. Mahmood's success is a testament to

the growing popularity of football in Jammu & Kashmir, which has seen a surge in recent years. The region has produced several talented footballers who played for top clubs in the country.

With his impressive qualifications and experience, he is sure to make a significant contribution to the development of football in the Union Territory.

The locals of Gogjigund have expressed happiness over Muzamil becoming an A-licenced coach, saying his success is an inspiration to aspiring coaches and football enthusiasts in the region and beyond.

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DC Srinagar visits District Hub for Empowerment of women at Bemina ;takes stock of services being extended to women in distress

SRINAGAR MARCH 14:- The Deputy Commissioner(DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today visited One Stop Centre for Women(OSC) and District Hub for Empowerment of women(DHEW) here at Bemina and took stock of the functioning of both the services and measures being taken to further strengthen the facilities to ensure their effective functioning. Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, District Social Welfare Officer, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, Staff members of DHEW, OSC and other concerned were present on the occasion.

The One Stop Centre for women (OSC) has been established to provide assistance to women facing physical violence, sexual, physiological, or emotional abuse in private and public spaces, while DHEW has been established with the objective to facilitate intersectoral convergence of schemes and programmes meant for women (women centric Schemes) with the mandate to create an environment in which women realise their full potential.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner took first hand appraisal about the functioning of the Centres and enquired about the facilities being given to the women in distress. He was informed of a range of integrated services under one roof including police facilitation, medical aid, legal aid and counselling, psycho-social counselling and temporary shelter to women affected by violence or in distress.

While interacting with the incharge and other staff and victims of violence, the DC stressed them to work with added zeal and commitment towards their duties. He stressed them to treat victims in a compassionate way and ensure their issues are resolved in a time bound manner.

On the occasion, the DC was informed that as many as 380 females have benefitted during the current year through DHEW Srinagar and 17 cases of domestic violence are in process at different stages at OSC Bemina.

With regard to the upgradation of infrastructure, the DC



asked the concerned to prepare a proposal for integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home for women in various difficult situations, in order to facilitate the needy.

The DC also asked for mea-

sures for Fencing of the premises to ensure a safe and secure environment for Staff and visiting females.

The DC stressed that the services of DHEW should be utilized for skilling of Women

under PMKVY and asked the concerned to take necessary measures in this regard.

Pertinent to mention that the District Hub for Empowerment of Women has already been established/ working in District

Srinagar since June 2019 and the designated officials are assisting the women through various women Centric Schemes pertaining to different departments of the district. The Deputy Commissioner(DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today visited One Stop Centre for Women(OSC) and District Hub for Empowerment of women(DHEW) here at Bemina and took stock of the functioning of both the services and measures being taken to further strengthen the facilities to ensure their effective functioning. Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, District Social Welfare Officer, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, Staff members of DHEW, OSC and other concerned were present on the occasion. The One Stop Centre for women (OSC) has been established to provide assistance to women facing physical violence, sexual, physiological, or emotional abuse in private and public spaces, while DHEW has been established with the objective to facilitate intersectoral convergence of schemes and programmes meant for women

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DC Ganderbal inspects work progress on Transit Accommodation Wandhama

GANDERBAL, MARCH 14: To have firsthand appraisal about the work progress on Transit Accommodation Wandhama, the Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir today visited project site at Wandhama and assessed the progress of work there. During visit, the DC was accompanied by SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar, Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani, Executive Engineers of R&B, Jal Shakti, ACD, Tehsildar Lar and other concerned. During his visit to the site the DC was briefed by all the concerned officers of various departments regarding the progress of works pertaining to their departments including

electrification, Water Supply and other additional works. Ex.En R&B informed that 3 blocks are already completed having 48 flats besides, 4th block will be completed within the week.

On the occasion, the DC gave necessary instructions to the concerned departments for timely completion of allied works including internal pathways, parking, drainage work, lighting and landscaping.

All line departments were directed to ensure the completion of all the formalities for the activities proposed and shall expedite the work without compromising with quality and quantity parameters so that the prestigious project gets completed on time.

NYK Anantnag organizes District level Youth Parliament at GDC Kulgam

KULGAM, MARCH 14: Nehru Yuva Kendra Anantnag in collaboration with District Administration Kulgam today organized the District Level Neighborhood Youth Parliament Programme under National Young Leadership (NYLP) Scheme for 'Celebration of India's G20 presidency with the theme of, Vasudeva Kutumbakam and one Earth, One Family, One Future here at Government degree college Kulgam. District Development Council, Chairperson Kulgam was the Chief Guest on the occasion and DDC member Kulgam Ghulam Mohiud Din and Dr. Manzoor Ahmad lone Principal Government Degree College Kulgam were the Guest of Honour.

The organizers of the programme said that the objective of the programme is to develop leadership qualities among youth so as to enable them to realize their full potential and contribute in the National building process.

It also aims to motivate youth to strive for excellence in their respective fields and bring them to the forefront of the developmental process and seeks to harness the immense youth energy for national-building.

While speaking on the occasion, DDC Chairperson highlighted the importance and celebration of G20 presidency. He appreciated NYK Anantnag for organizing such programmes for youth engagement in the district.

DC Baramulla Inaugurates National Apprenticeship Awareness Workshop at Dak Bungalow

BARAMULLA, MARCH 14: In a bid to create awareness among youth about the Apprenticeship Scheme and to promote apprenticeship training among them, the Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today inaugurated National Apprenticeship Awareness Workshop" at Dak Bungalow here.

The Workshop was organized by Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, J&K, (GoI) in collaboration with District Administration Baramulla.

At the outset, Dr Sehrish Asgar highlighted the objective of the training and said that the workshop aims to create awareness among establishments on apprenticeship training, benefits under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). She hailed for organizing the workshop and advised to conduct more such orientation programs to encourage skill up-gradation to meet the requirement of a qualified workforce for Industries.

Elaborating further, the DC said that the industry provides training to the beneficiaries under the said scheme and recognize their skills by providing certificate recognized at National and International-



ly level thereby enabling the youth to get a job at any organization. She urged the dropout school students in

general and the unemployed youth in particular to get themselves registered with the industry and avail the benefits under

the scheme. The Apprenticeship Scheme aims to provide a mechanism that will ensure availability of qualified skilled workers based on industry requirements and also can address the unemployment issue among educated youth" Dr Sehrish Asgar added. The DC welcomed the support provided by the Government of India to the Industries. Meanwhile, the senior functionaries of Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the benefits of apprenticeship schemes and opportunities by the Govt. of India. They said that the workshop focuses on the registration of establishments in the J&K UT and advised the representatives of industries to accommodate ITI pass-outs /trainees under the Apprenticeship Act. Meanwhile, the senior functionaries of Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the benefits of apprenticeship schemes and opportunities by the Govt. of India. They said that the workshop focuses on the registration of establishments in the J&K UT and advised the representatives of industries to accommodate ITI pass-outs.

Women proving their mettle in the field of entrepreneurship in J&K: Director JKEDI

SRINAGAR, MARCH 14: Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Ajaz Ahmad Bhat interacted with aspiring women entrepreneurs and students of the Government Degree College for Women at JKEDI's Centre for Women Entrepreneurship (CWE). In an effort to attract more women to choose entrepreneurship as a career choice and encourage enterprising women entrepreneurs, he also felicitated three successful women entrepreneurs with a commendation certificate. The felicitated entrepreneurs include Anam Siraj, owner of a renowned fashion label in Srinagar called Closet Cloud, Sumai-



ra Shafi, a preschool owner from Budgam district, and Maisara Maqbool, owner of a distribution agency from Ganderbal district. These entrepreneurs have been supported by JKEDI under various schemes. The visit to the Centre is a part of the ongoing efforts

of the Director, JKEDI to reach out to women and inspire them to take up entrepreneurship as a career choice. The Director also informed the audience that such programs will continue and will be organized in all the districts of J&K. During the past few

months, the Director has held interactions with youth across the length and breadth of the Union Territory of J&K. These interactions are also significant because the Institute is planning to come up with various programs and initiatives for the youth of UT. The Department of Industries and Commerce is in the process of revising the Startup Policy 2018. It intends to make it more inclusive and friendly for startups from J&K and create 3000 startups within five years. "I am always eager to meet youth who are interested in taking up entrepreneurship as a career option. It is a known fact that women have proven to be successful.

Gandhi Memorial College conducts Cleanliness Drive under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

SRINAGAR, MARCH 14: The Eco-club in collaboration with NSS Wing, Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar organised a mega Cleanliness Drive under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in the college campus in which members of eco-club and Twenty NSS Volunteers participated.

The main objective of the cleanliness drive was to sensitize the students on the importance of hygiene and public sanitation. It was also aimed at creating awareness towards cleanliness inside the college campus.

The cleanliness drive started with the interactive session of student Volunteers with Principal, Prof (Dr) G M Lone.

On the occasion, Principal Lone stressed on the importance of cleanliness at personal as well as collective level. The interactive session was followed by cleanliness drive in which volunteers cleaned and cleared the girls park, boys park and Botanical Garden of the plastic, polythene items and waste papers.

The cleanliness drive was conducted under the supervision of Prof Fatima, Coordinator Eco-club, Prof Abida Manzoor, NSS officer-Unit 1 and NSS officer-Unit II.

31 examination centers setup for class 10th board exams in Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, MARCH 14: J&K Board of School Education District Office Ganderbal has established 31 examination centers for 3078 candidates for smooth conduct of class 10th board exams in the district.

To have firsthand appraisal of the facilities made available for students appearing in 10th class board exams, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah today inspected various examination centers setup in the district. The ADC on the occasion enquired about the facilities made available for the students like seating, cleanliness, drinking water, electricity and other related arrangements in examination halls. The ADC directed the concerned officers to ensure availability of all basic amenities to the students so that they may not face any inconvenience during exams. He also directed them to ensure conduct of examination in a fair and transparent manner.

One-day workshop on Intellectual Property Rights held at GDC Kupwara

KUPWARA, MARCH 14: The one-day workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) was held today March at the Govt Degree College Kupwara in collaboration with the Controller General of Patents, Design & Trademarks, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India. The workshop was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Research Development Cell, and Innovation Incubation Centre of the college. The workshop began with a welcome address from Prof. Irfan Ali, Assistant Professor and Education Coordinator IQAC. He welcomed the participants and provided a brief background on the workshop's purpose and objectives. The Principal of Govt Degree College Kupwara, Prof. Mohammad Shafi Lone, presented the special inaugural address. He emphasized on the importance of IPRs in promoting innovation, creativity, and economic growth. He also highlighted the significance of the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission.

CUK's WEC holds prog on 'Digital Empowerment and Women's Dev'

Ganderbal, Mar 14: Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Vice Chancellor, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah Tuesday said that imparting digital literacy among women and girls across the world, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir has become imperative for their holistic growth, development and total empowerment.



"There is a vast digital divide between men and women which needs to be addressed immediately by providing state-of-the-art electronic gadgets and smart phones to the women," he said while emphasizing on "digital empowerment" of women and girls during his inaugural speech on the event, "Digital Empowerment and Women's Development," organised by the Women Empowerment Committee of the varsity to commemorate the International Women's Day, under the auspices of G20 presidency of India. CUK Vice Chancellor said, the complete empowerment of women would be a distant dream, if the women are kept away from the advancements in information technology.

Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar, Dean School of Life Sciences, Prof. Muhammad Yousuf, experts, Prof. Asifa Jan, from University of Kashmir, Dr. Asifa, Dean Students Welfare IUST, Director Center

for West Himalayan (IUST), Prof. Pirzada Ameen, WEC, Chairperson Prof Parveen Pandit, other Committee members, faculty, scholars and students were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar, underscored the need for providing easy digital access and availability to the women and girls in order to give them a level playing field to compete with their male counterparts. "In this digital age wherein the technological advancements and smartphones are simplifying things in every sphere and sector of life, the women, should be allowed to access the gadgets and use the social media platforms, to get benefit from the digital revolution and share their hidden talent," Prof. Zargar said.

DC Ganderbal chairs Vidyalaya Management Committee meeting at JNV Hatbura

GANDERBAL, MARCH 14: Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired Vidyalaya Management Committee (VMC) meeting of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Hatbura here at School Campus Ganderbal.

The meeting was attended by Principal JNV Hatbura, Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal, BMO Ganderbal and other committee members.

At the outset the Principal JNV, Hatbura gave a detailed overview about the functioning of GNV, Hatbura which has intake capacity of 441 candidates. He informed that 563 candidates have been registered for JNVST 2023 and JNV selection test for class 6th is scheduled to be conducted on 29 April, 2023 at various centers viz Ganderbal, Tullamula, Hariganwan and Kangan blocks of the district. The Deputy Commissioner stressed upon the school management to work for overall development of the students and laid emphasis to motivate the students to take part in extracurricular activities for physical and mental wellness. The meeting also discussed other issues included construction of internal approach road, upgradation of play field, raising of boundary wall, installing of dust bins in campus, open gym and other issues of infrastructure development. The DC advised the school



authorities to submit proposal complete in all respects and assures all possible support from district administration for the development of the school. He also gave necessary direction to the concerned agencies for timely redressal of those issues which needs immediate attention. Later, the DC took a round of school Campus and also interacted with students and enquired about their preparations for the upcoming exams and urged them to give their best to in their academics. Later, the DC took a round of school Campus and also interacted with students and enquired about their preparations for the upcoming exams and urged them to give their best to in their academics.

National workshop on design component under MSME innovative scheme concludes in Srinagar

Youth of J&K should avail opportunity to take benefits of MSME schemes: Prof Sehgal

Srinagar, Mar 14: The two day national workshop on Design Component under MSME innovative scheme aimed to generate new knowledge, build infrastructure and educate entrepreneurs concluded on Tuesday at SKICC Srinagar.

The workshop was organised by the Union MSME Ministry through Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IIEDC), National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar and Br MSME DFO Srinagar at SKICC here.

The valedictory function was presided over by Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr) Rakesh Sehgal. The function was also attended by Dean Research and Consultancy (R&C) NIT Srinagar, Prof. M F Wani, Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari.

Other dignitaries include Assistant Director MSME, Saheel Alaqband IEDS, Head, IIED Centre, Dr. Saad Parvez, Dr. Noor Zaman Khan, Incubation

Incharge, IIEDC and Dr. Dinesh Kumar R., Program Coordinator MSME Design Scheme.

In his key address, Prof. Sehgal said organizing such workshops are the need of the hour. I hope that all participants would have high end ideas during the workshop, he said.

"Small scale industries are one of the best sources of employment generation in India and youth of J&K should avail opportunity to avail benefits of MSME schemes launched by Government of India," Prof. Sehgal he said.

He said employment generation is one of the most important factors that determine the growth of a nation. On the occasion, Dean R&C Prof. MF Wani said MSMEs have an integral role to play in the economic development of any nation. These enterprises are critical drivers of innovation, job creation, and economic growth, he said.



"They play a crucial role in fostering innovation and competition. They are more agile and responsive to changes in the market and innovative products and services," Prof. Wani said.

Registrar NIT Srinagar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said that MSMEs are an essential part of the economic landscape and have a significant impact on job creation, innovation, and economic growth.

"The NIT administration will continue to support young and budding innovators and they can use the institution's labs and other facilities to foster their ideas," he said.

Prof. Bukhari said there is no dearth of talent among the youth of Kashmir but there is a need for proper guidance, counseling to enhance and encourage their capabilities.

Asst. Director, Br. MSME DFO Srinagar, Saheel

Alaqaqband IEDS presented his presentation on Design Components under MSME Innovative Scheme, Other Schemes of Ministry of MSME.

In his lecture, he highlighted the various schemes of the Ministry of MSME. The business scenario is changing and today innovation and businesses move forward together. It is very difficult to grow unless you have innovation in business," he said.

Mr. Alaqaqband IEDS also ensured all possible help to young and budding entrepreneurs of the region from his office at Sanatnagar Srinagar.

In his concluding remarks, Head IIEDC, NIT Srinagar, Prof Saad Parvez said the aim is that the manufacturers, MSMEs should benefit from the MSME ministry schemes.

He said the workshop provides a platform to MSMEs for design intervention by NIT faculty, top institutions across the country and top designers by re-thinking and redesigning products to help them grow in the market, he said.

Prof. Saad said such workshops boost and encourage local entrepreneurs to come forward and avail benefits of such schemes.

Earlier Prof. Inderdeep Singh, IIT Roorkee delivered his lecture on Design for Excellence, it was followed by another lecture by Dr. Saad Parvez, NIT Srinagar on 'Innovations'.

J&K Bank inks agreement with LIC of India



SRINAGAR, MARCH 14: With a view to provide its customers a wider range of life-insurance products and services, Jammu and Kashmir Bank today entered into an agreement with the country's insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India.

General Manager (Cross Selling Vertical) Narjay Gupta signed the agreement on behalf of J&K Bank, while as, Regional Manager (MBAC) P K Saxena put in his signatures representing LIC India in presence of Bank's Executive Director Sudhir Gupta, General Manager Syed Rais Maqbool, LIC of India's Senior Divisional Manager Dinesh Tanania besides senior officials of J&K Bank and LIC of India at Bank's corporate headquarters. The agreement will be effective from April 1, 2023.

Terming the agreement a milestone set to benefit Bank's growing clientele, Executive Director Sudhir Gupta said on the occasion, "With customer welfare at the heart of Bank's policies, the tie-up with LIC of India - a premier insurance company in the country - will provide our customers an access to wider range of products that LIC offers while adding to Bank's non-interest income. This association will surely be beneficial to both the organisations."

Pleased with the tie-up P K Saxena hoped that association between two leaders in their own operational domains will script a new chapter of success in serving the people.

One day Training cum Exposure visit of farmers to CITH Rangreth held

SRINAGAR, MARCH 14: The Department of Horticulture District Srinagar today organized One day Training-cum-exposure visit of farmers within the State under ATMA scheme to Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture (CITH) Rangreth Srinagar.

The programme was flagged off by Director Horticulture Kashmir Ghulam Rasool Mir in presence of Chief Horticulture Officer, Srinagar V.K Gupta and District Horticulture Officer Srinagar Sheikh Itikhar Hussain.

The orchardists were accompanied by DL-SMS Srinagar Saïma Hameed and Horticulture Development Officer Zakura Mohammad Maqbool Pandith.

Department of Agriculture distributed 20 mushroom units among NRLM members in Kulgam

Farooq RATHER

KULGAM, MARCH 14: For Promotion of round the year mushroom cultivation in the district Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department today distributed twenty Mushroom units among the members of NRLM-Kulgam who were trained in cultivation of mushroom by the Department of Agriculture in collaboration with JKB RSETI.

These units were distributed among the beneficiaries by ADDC Kulgam Showkat Ahmad Rather here at Laroo Kulgam. Chief Agriculture Officer Sartaj Ahmad and other officers from the Agriculture department were also present on the occasion. ADDC stressed upon the Chief Agriculture Officer to provide technical assistance to farmers to make mushroom cultivation more profitable.

At the outset, the Chief Agriculture Officer highlighted the importance and scope of mushroom cultivation for sustainability and profitability to enhance the livelihood of small and marginal farmers, landless laborers, and women in the rural areas. He emphasized and appealed to the unemployed youth of the district to come forward and adopt mushroom cultivation as a source of livelihood and become entrepreneurs.

Div Com Kashmir reviews arrangements for Ramzan ul Mubarak, Navratra

SRINAGAR, MARCH 14: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a meeting of officers to make arrangements for the forthcoming Holy Month of Ramzan and Navratra.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners; Divisional and District officers of PDD, R&B, PHE, Transport, FCS&CA departments besides officers from Traffic Police.

While taking the stock of availability of essential items, Div Com instructed the Director Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) to ensure that sufficient quantity of food grains, LPG Gas, Kerosene and muton is available to the general public during the month of fasting. To keep prices of essential items including vegetables and fruits under control and to curb overcharging by traders, Div Com directed Deputy Commissioners and Director FCS&CA to double the number of joint market checking teams to intensify drive against erring traders. Besides, Div Com directed Chief Engineer PDD to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity at priority hours during Sehri & Iftar times to facilitate the public in the Holy Month of Ramzan ul Mubarak. Also, directions were issued for ensuring constant supply of drinking water and availability of transport till late hours at the evening time.

He also directed concerned officers to conduct sanitation drive of Mosques & Shrines besides decoration of shrines to create an environment of festivity. While reviewing arrangements for celebration of Navratra, Div Com also directed all the concerned officers to conduct san-



itation at various temples including Shankaracharya, Hariparbat, Kheer Bhawani and other temples in valley

besides directed for ensuring power and water supply at these temples for devotees.

Opening of Tulip Garden: Div Com Kashmir chairs a meeting

SRINAGAR, MARCH 14: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today chaired a meeting regarding opening of Tulip Garden and the arrangements to streamline vehicular movement for hassle-free movement of visitors.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner, SMC Srinagar; Director Floriculture, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, SSP traffic & Chief Engineer R&B. The meeting deliberated over regulation of movement of vehicles to ensure hassle-free movement of vehicles.

The meeting was informed that only one way traffic shall be allowed during the first three days on Boulevard Road from Dalgaite side towards the Garden to avoid prolonged traffic jamming. The meeting was informed that the Tulip Garden shall be thrown open on March 19 evening and shall be open for public & visitors from March 20, 2023. It was also informed that only ten percent of tulips have bloomed at present. Visitors have to book their time slots to visit Tulip Garden through online mode. The Garden shall open at 7:00 AM.

Regional Director S&LR organises awareness programme on issuance of unique ID for land parcels



GANDERBAL, MARCH 14: Regional Director Survey & Land Records (S&LR) J&K today organised an outstandingly impressive programme on issuance of a 14-digit alpha numeric geo spatial unique identification number for land parcels at Government Degree College Kangan. The programme was organized in collaboration with the Revenue Department under the supervision of SDM Kangan.

The issuance of a 14-digit alpha numeric geo spatial unique identification number, which can be touted as Bhu - AADHAR will be issued for every land parcel of the UT of J&K.

Among large gathering representatives of PRI's, Lumberdars, Patwaris and general public participated with great enthusiasm and great fervour in the said programme.

While speaking on the occasion, Regional Director Survey & Land Records (S&LR) J&K, Kwaja Nazir Ahmad Qureshi talked about the historicity of updation of land records and various initiatives of the Govt. to make digital land a reality.

Talking about a unique card to be allotted to the Farmers/ landowners, other participants viz SDM Kangan, Project Manager RmTech, Technical expert and Tehsildar Kangan highlighted the importance of this card and requested every participant to make use of digital literacy in an efficient manner.

An interactive session was also organised with landowners by Regional Director Survey & Land Records J&K and the people in general were happy with the awareness programme.

DC Baramulla takes holistic review of RDD Works, other Sponsored Schemes

BARAMULLA, MARCH 14: The Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired a meeting with the functionaries of Rural Development Department Baramulla to take a holistic review about the physical and financial progress of works under different schemes and sponsored programmes.

Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf, Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Yousof Rather, Assistant Commissioner Development, Shabir Ahmad Hakak, ACP, Gulzar Ahmad Khan, Chief Education officer Baramulla Balbir Singh Raina, besides other concerned Officers were present in the meeting. On the occasion, Assistant Commissioner Develop-



ment Baramulla briefed the meeting about the current pace and position of works taken under 14th FCA, MGNREGA, ADP among others. He also informed the meeting about the status of different sponsored schemes which includes SBM (G), PMAYG among others.

Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Baramulla also appraised the meeting about the current status with regard to the implementation of SBM-G in the district wherein he gave a brief sketch about the construction of IHHL units and Community Sanitary Complex (CSC) under the said

scheme.

After taking a comprehensive review, Dr Syed Sehrish directed the concerned functionaries to work with added zeal and synergy so that all the ongoing works are completed well within the fixed timeline. She further emphasized to achieve saturation in all the designated indicators and exhorted to work in coordination and cohesion.

The DC also directed to conduct routine field inspection so that constant surveillance is maintained adding that quality of work shall never be compromised.

Furthermore, the DC issued on the spot instructions to officers of concerned departments to strictly adhere to quality specifications and ensure close monitoring for quality of works.

Bandipora admin hosts awareness programme on Agniveer scheme

BANDIPORA, MARCH 14: Army Recruitment Office (ARO), Srinagar on Tuesday conducted an Awareness Camp on Agniveer scheme at Mini Secretariat Bandipora for the upcoming Army Recruitment Rally in June 2023.

Director Recruitment, ARO Colonel G. Suresh was the chief guest on the occasion while Additional Deputy Commissioner Waseem Raja, District Information Officer Jahangir Akhoun, Deputy CEO Rafiq Ahmad, and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

The awareness programme witnessed huge response

from agniveer aspirants especially students from different schools and colleges.

Day-long awareness programme was aimed to provide detailed information about the Agniveer recruitment process to the aspirant agniveers.

Colonel G. Suresh presented a detailed Power-Point Presentation regarding the new recruitment process and the procedure to be followed. He said that the aim of organising the camp is to aware the aspirants of the Bandipora district about the benefits of recruitment in the Army and the new procedure to

apply so that they prepare during this period for the recruitment.

He interacted with the aspirants and students who came from various areas of the district and also heard their views and other questions put forth by the aspirants.

Colonel Suresh further stated that aspirants of age group of 17 to 21 years can get themselves registered on the website and get first hand appraisal of the process of applying through online mode.

He said that students of 10+2, Graduates, Government ITIs, Private Institutions and Polytechnics can

also apply online and register themselves for the said Army Requirement Rally 2023 for Agniveer General duty, Agniveer technical, Agniveer Clerk/store keeper Technical, and Agniveer Tradesman.

While giving the details, ARO said that there is a good opportunity for ITI and polytechnic qualified candidates to join the Indian army.

Aspirants were given complete awareness through a powerpoint presentation about the registration process and other rules related to Army Recruitment Rally 2023.

Member, Niti Aayog Dr VK Saraswat visits EMRS Salia Says Gol committed to ensure everyone has access to quality education

ANANTNAG MARCH 14: Dr. VK Saraswat, a member of Niti Aayog and a renowned Indian Scientist, visited the Eklavya Model Residential School in Anantnag, today.

Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Dr. Basharat Qayoom, Director Tribal Affairs, Musheer Ahmad, and Deputy Director Tribal Affairs Abdul Khabir; Dr. Saraswat inspected the school's state-of-the-art facilities, including smart classrooms, laboratories, library, and hostel for students, particularly those belonging to the ST community.

Established in 1997-98, EMRS aims to provide quality education to ST children in remote areas,



enabling them to pursue higher education and employment opportunities. EMRSs are set up in States/UTs with grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India. During his visit, Dr. Saraswat

congratulated the District Administration for setting up such a well-equipped school and making it functional in a short duration. He urged the students and staff to ensure that every child without access to

education is given the opportunity to study at the school. He emphasized that the Government of India is committed to ensuring that every child in the country has access to excellent education. Dr. Saraswat's impressive background includes serving as the Director General of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Chief Scientific Advisor to the Indian Minister of Defence. He is a key scientist in the development of the Prithvi missile and its induction in the Indian armed forces. He is also a recipient of the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan from the Government of India. In addition to his visit to EMRS.

Ring Road Project : Nodal Officer Coordination Bandipora reviews revenue matters of Ring Road Phase-II

BANDIPORA, MARCH 14: Nodal Officer Coordination Bandipora Mohammad Ashraf Hakaak on Tuesday chaired a meeting to discuss issues with regard to acquisition of land for the second phase of Ring Road. The meeting was attended by ACR Parvaiz Rahim, SDM Sumbal, Tehsildar Sumbal, Project Director NHAI, Executive Engineer R&B Sumbal and other senior officers of the district. The meeting discussed the revenue

matters with regard to acquisition of land for Ring Road Phase - 2 and discussed the bottlenecks that hinder the progress of work. During the meeting the DCO directed the officers about issuance of 3A Gazette Notification for the land measuring 13.929 Hectors tentatively. He also briefed the team about disposal of various objections filed by various land owners under Section 3C.

The NHAI officials submitted that some dropped out

survey Nos, which were not included in the earlier 3A. The chair reviewed the progress of issuance of additional 3A notification and asked the officers that after a lapse of 21 days, 3D shall be issued for the total land involved for the project.

Hakaak also received the update regarding preparation of the revenue extracts as per Revenue Record. He asked the revenue officers of the administration and NHAI to work in close coordination to ensure has-

le free land acquisition for the prestigious project. During the meeting the DCO directed the officers about issuance of 3A Gazette Notification for the land measuring 13.929 Hectors tentatively. He also briefed the team about disposal of various objections filed by various land owners under Section 3C.

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E-Rikshaw : Srinagar Braces up for Eco-friendly mode of transportation.

Introduction of e-rickshaws in Srinagar is going to be a prospective game-changer for the city's transportation system. Just today 25 new routes have been designated by the UT administration for promotion of this environment friendly mode of transportation. These electric rickshaws are set to become a popular mode of transportation for the people of Srinagar as they are quickly replacing the already existing mode of transportation like Matadors, mini buses and auto-rickshaws. The introduction of e-rickshaws in Srinagar has been a much-needed breath of fresh air for the city's public transportation system. E-rickshaws are a relatively new form of transportation that is both eco-friendly and cost-efficient, making them an excellent alternative to the traditional cycle rickshaws that have been prevalent in the city for decades. The cost of operating an e-rickshaw is much lower than that of a traditional rickshaw, as they do not require fuel and have lower maintenance costs. This has made it possible for more people to afford transportation and has improved access to transportation for those who previously could not afford it. The city is as well struggling with high levels of pollution caused by the exhaust fumes of the traditional rickshaws. The eco-friendly e-rickshaws run on electricity, which means they do not produce any harmful emissions. This might help in the contribution of improving the air quality in the city. Moreover, the e-rickshaws have also provided employment opportunities for many people which has created jobs for many locals in Srinagar.

The e-rickshaws are also contributing to reducing traffic congestion in Srinagar. The city's narrow and congested roads were always a challenge for the traditional rickshaws, which had to navigate through the traffic to reach their destinations. The e-rickshaws, on the other hand, are smaller and more nimble, which makes them ideal for navigating through the city's narrow lanes and alleys. This has helped to reduce traffic congestion in the city and has also made commuting more efficient.

E-rickshaws have emerged as a game-changer in Srinagar's public transportation system, providing a much-needed eco-friendly and efficient mode of transportation for the city's residents.

While the introduction of e-rickshaws in Srinagar has been a significant step forward, there are also some challenges that need to be addressed. One of the biggest challenges and con is the lack of infrastructure to support the e-rickshaws. The charging stations for the e-rickshaws are limited, and this has created a bottleneck in the system. The authorities need to address this issue by setting up more charging stations across the city to ensure that the e-rickshaws can operate efficiently.

With proper planning and execution, the e-rickshaws have the potential to transform the transportation system in Srinagar and provide a better quality of life for the city's residents.

And It's Spring



Qurat ul Ain

And It's Spring,

When the jack frost is locked anew,

And when the hiemal kits are sealed for a long,

When the birds beat the bars and tweet as prayer,

And the aroma of the blossoms rejuvenates the vigour,

The burble of the waterfalls refills the locale with glee,

And the murmur of the rivers sets the mind at calm,

The rain splashes liberally, making everything showered,

fresh and fragrant

The commotion towards the fields enriches the spirit of

affinity

The sun bakes the skin and the street cries of the vendors

echo till dark

The hullabaloo of the kids whilst unwrapping their stuff

The souvenir of 136 different kinds of weather within 24

hours

This rhythm of joy when heard is felt as Spring!

Sim Swap Fraud: How Hackers Steal Bank Balances and What You Can Do to Protect Yourself



Irfan Attari Kashmiri

Sim swap fraud is a type of identity theft that has become increasingly common in recent years. The scam involves a fraudster tricking a mobile phone provider into transferring a victim's phone number to a new SIM card that they control, allowing them to gain access to the victim's online accounts and sensitive information.

How sim swap fraud works

Sim swap fraudsters typically start by gathering as much information as possible about their intended victim. This can include personal details such as the victim's name, address, date of birth, and other sensitive information such as their bank account details and passwords.

With this information, the fraudster then contacts the victim's mobile phone provider and convinces them to transfer the victim's phone number to a new SIM card that they control. This is usually done by pretending to be the victim and claiming that they have lost their phone or SIM card.

Once the fraudster has control of the victim's phone number, they can use it to gain access to the victim's online accounts, including email, social media, and banking. This is because many online services use phone numbers as a means of verifying identity, and will send verification codes via SMS to the phone number associated with the account.

The consequences of sim swap fraud

The consequences of sim swap fraud can be devastating for victims. Not only can fraudsters gain access to personal and sensitive information, they can also use the victim's phone number to carry out other types of fraud, such as making unauthorized purchases or transferring funds from bank accounts.

In some cases, sim swap fraud has also been used to carry out more serious crimes, such as stealing cryptocurrency from digital wallets or even impersonating the victim to gain access to secure buildings or systems.

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How to protect yourself from sim swap fraud

There are several steps that individuals can take to protect themselves from sim swap fraud:

Be careful about sharing personal infor-



mation online, and be cautious about unsolicited phone calls or emails.

Use strong, unique passwords for all online accounts, and enable two-factor authentication wherever possible.

Keep track of your mobile phone's SIM card and make sure it is always in your possession. If you lose your phone or SIM card, report it to your mobile provider immediately.

Consider using a virtual private network (VPN) when accessing the internet on your phone, as this can help protect your online activities from prying eyes.

Finally, if you suspect that you have been a victim of sim swap fraud, contact your mobile phone provider and all relevant financial institutions immediately to report the incident and take steps to secure your accounts.

Conclusion

Sim swap fraud is a serious threat that can have devastating consequences for victims. By taking steps to protect your personal information and being vigilant about online security, you can reduce the risk of falling victim to this type of fraud. If you do become a victim, it is important to act quickly to minimize the damage and prevent further fraud from occurring.

Hackers use a variety of tactics to carry out sim swap fraud and steal bank balances. Here are the steps they typically follow: Gathering information: Hackers will typically start by gathering personal information about their target, such as their name, address, phone number, and date of birth. They may do this through phishing

emails, social engineering tactics, or by purchasing stolen data on the dark web. Contacting the mobile provider: Once they have enough information, the hacker will then contact the victim's mobile provider and claim to be the victim. They will often use social engineering tactics to convince the provider to transfer the victim's phone number to a new SIM card, which the hacker controls.

Gaining access to accounts: With control of the victim's phone number, the hacker can then gain access to the victim's online accounts. Many online services use phone numbers as a means of verifying identity, so the hacker can request password resets and other sensitive information to gain access to accounts.

Stealing money: Once they have access to the victim's accounts, the hacker can then transfer funds or make unauthorized purchases using the victim's bank balance. There are several ways that individuals can protect themselves from sim swap fraud and prevent hackers from stealing their bank balance:

Use strong passwords: Use strong, unique passwords for all online accounts and enable two-factor authentication wherever possible. This will make it harder for

hackers to gain access to accounts even if they do manage to carry out a sim swap. Be cautious with personal information: Be careful about sharing personal information online, and be cautious about unsolicited phone calls or emails. Keep track of SIM card: Keep track of your mobile phone's SIM card and make sure it is always in your possession. If you lose your phone or SIM card, report it to your mobile provider immediately.

Monitor bank accounts: Regularly monitor bank accounts and credit reports for suspicious activity, and report any unauthorized transactions to your bank immediately. Contact your provider: If you suspect that you have been a victim of sim swap fraud, contact your mobile phone provider and all relevant financial institutions immediately to report the incident and take steps to secure your accounts.

Overall, it's important to be vigilant and take steps to protect yourself from sim swap fraud to prevent hackers from stealing your bank balance and causing financial harm.

Sim swap fraud is a growing threat that can have devastating consequences for victims, including the theft of their bank balances. Hackers typically carry out sim swap fraud by gathering personal information, contacting the victim's mobile provider, gaining access to accounts, and then stealing money. To protect yourself, it's important to use strong passwords, be cautious with personal information, keep track of your SIM card, monitor bank accounts, and contact your provider immediately if you suspect you have been a victim of sim swap fraud. By taking these steps, you can reduce the risk of falling victim to this type of fraud and prevent hackers from stealing your hard-earned money.

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Would cutting overall wage rate reduce unemployment?



By Ebrahim Nazir

A.C. Pigou, an American economist, was of the view that wages are flexible. He said that if we cut overall wages during a recession unemployment rate decreases because by reducing the overall wage-rate

and the consumption of time producing that output would be less to a certain point after the economy will go further into the recessionary period. Let's understand this.

We were producing 200 kg by employing 10 labourers and the wage rate was 1000 rupees and time consumption was high. By reducing the wage rate we are now in a position to employ some more labour, say reducing the wage rate from Rs 1000 to Rs 500. By this, we can now employ 20



cost of production falls which leads to falling in price level and due to this income increases which will further lead to an increase in aggregate demand and by this national income and employment would also increase. Keynes's viewpoint was that reducing the overall wage rate would cause a reduction in the overall income of consumers, which leads to a decrease in aggregate demand, which further leads to a fall in national income and an increase in unemployment.

My viewpoint
Suppose the maximum capacity of the land to produce output is 500 kg wheat, but we are producing only 200 kg by employing 10 labourers and giving them a wage rate equal to 1000 rupees per labour. If we reduce the wage rate considering it flexible, still output and employment would increase for a very short period,

labourers and they can produce 400 kg of wheat out of maximum capacity which is 500 kg. Now this time consumption would be less than before, and if we further decrease the wage rate, the employment and output will also increase to a certain point.

The main thing is that once we got our maximum output which is 500 kg. After that decreasing the wage rate will not cause employment and output to rise but inversely it will cause the type of unemployment which is commonly known as "disguised unemployment" this means if we can attain the total output by employing say 10 labourers but still, we are employing more than 10 labourers say 15 extra 5 labourers we are employing are disguisedly unemployed. This disguised unemployment would cause the marginal productivity of labour to decrease according to the "law of diminishing returns" which says that if we go on increasing the variable factor over the fixed factor its margin-

al product will firstly increase and for some time it will remain constant after that it will start to decrease. So the number of labourers which we are employing by cutting the overall wage rate beyond the point of maximum output is just causing unemployment and output to fall which in recession could lead us to further recession. So here we can see that there is a positive relationship between wage cuts and unemployment to a certain point, decreasing the wage rate will also decrease unemployment but only to a certain point. And also we can understand from this that there is a negative relationship between the number of labourers and the time for production to a certain point. If we increase the number of labourers, the time for production will decrease and if we decrease the number of labourers the time for production will increase but this negative relationship is only valid up to a certain period of time.

This was the relationship between wage cuts and unemployment if wages according to Pigou are flexible. But even though in the real world they are rigid. There are various theories of wage rigidity - Staggered wage contracts theory, Implicit contract theory, Sticky nominal wages, etc.

Summing up

Cutting the wage rate will initially increase output and employment for a very short period. Once we attain the point where output is maximum beyond that cutting wage rate would only and only cause diminishing marginal product of labour and also disguised unemployment that would lead us to further recession.

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A tribute to the legendary Wushu champion



By Hilal Bukhari

Death keeps no calendar. It has separated numerous great legends from their great missions. However, death may kill the persons it cannot murder the missions they leave behind for others to



follow. Everyone in our Tangmarg area was shocked when the fateful news about the death of a great Wushu champion Jabeena Akhter reached the masses. Every death saddens us but the death of legendary personalities has more lasting effects. Particularly the death of those who live for the great causes in this world causes more remorse and grief. The same is the case with the death of this popular martial art figure whose chief aim was to make the Wushu martial art popular in our Valley. She was the first woman in Kashmir to have mastered the sport. Coming from a middle-class conservative family, Jabeena Akhter made a marvelous career in martial art and kept working hard for nurturing and developing the talent in the valley for which her life is an inspiration for many young girls particularly. She showed her great skill in the sport when she won the bronze medal in the International Wushu Championship held in Armenia in 2017. Taking her aim more seriously she ran her own academy for training the youth in Wushu martial arts. She had trained thousands of youth, particularly the girls in this self-defense martial art before her unfortunate death a few days ago. Jabeena Akhter's life is, no doubt, an inspiration for many youths whose aims are to realise the dreams that kick their souls. Her social activism and her tireless work for a number of welfare organisations were beneficial not only for her own area but the whole country. Her coaching skill in Wushu martial arts has been a blessing for many youths. She left the world after a brief but deadly illness and we have to pray for her peaceful afterlife. But her mission of making the self-defending art of Wushu more popular among the girls particularly must not end with her. That shall be our real tribute to this legendary personality.

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DC Kishtwar finalises arrangement for Holy month of Ramadan

KISHTWAR, MARCH 14: To finalise the arrangements for ensuring Holy month of Ramadan, the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today chaired a meeting of concerned officers of service delivery Departments, Iman Jamia Masjid (Majlis-e-Shourah) besides religious representatives, here in his Office Chamber.

ADC Kishori Lal Sharma, ASP, Rajinder Singh, ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak, CAHO Dr. Sanjay Sen, AD FCS&CA, Shafqat Keen, Tehsildar, Muneeb Umar, AEEs of Jal Shakti besides other concerned officers attended the meeting. The representatives of religious, social organizations requested for uninterrupted water and power supply, security arrangements, sanitation and check on quality and rates of essential commodities during the Holy month.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the officers of all concerned departments to work in a synergized manner for the convenience of the common people.

Stressing on the need of uninterrupted power and water supply particularly in the morning and night hours across the district, DC



directed AEE JPDCL and EXEN Jal Shakti to take adequate measures in this regard. Jal Shakti Department was instructed to complete the desilting in all the water reservoirs by week's time and ensure the leakage of pipelines is repaired.

He further directed the concerned heads of public service departments to ensure availability of essential commodities on prescribed rates.

AD, FCS&CA was directed to en-

sure adequate availability of food stock and LPG in the district so that the public may not face any shortage during the holy month. Emphasizing the cleanliness/sanitation, the DC instructed the Executive Officer, Municipality Kishtwar and all BDOs to launch cleanliness drives around religious places in the town and rural areas. DC directed Tehsildar Kishtwar, SHO, TSO, Legal Metrology to constitute joint teams and checking squads and intensify market

checking and take strict action against the hoarders and black marketers.

ACR and his team were directed to conduct meeting and fix the rates of Mutton, Chicken, fruits and Vegetables.

DC further impressed upon the officers of Police and Traffic Department to ensure the effective traffic Management in the township.

All the Rhedis and unauthorised stalls to be removed by Tehsildar Kishtwar within next 3 days, the DC directed. ADC Kishori Lal Sharma, ASP, Rajinder Singh, ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak, CAHO Dr. Sanjay Sen, AD FCS&CA, Shafqat Keen, Tehsildar, Muneeb Umar, AEEs of Jal Shakti besides other concerned officers attended the meeting.

The representatives of religious, social organizations requested for uninterrupted water and power supply, security arrangements, sanitation and check on quality and rates of essential commodities during the Holy month.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the officers of all concerned departments to work in a synergized manner for the convenience of the common people.

Div Com visits Transport Nagar to inspect ongoing upgradation works

JAMMU, MARCH 14: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar, conducted a tour of Transport Nagar and Narwal to inspect the ongoing up-gradation works executed under Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Authority.

The Div Com was accompanied by Vice Chariman JDA, Pankaj Magotra; Chief Engineer PHE, (Jal Shakti), Superintendent Engineer, JPDCL, Architect JMRDA, Davinder Gupta; and other concerned officers. The Div Com inspected various ongoing works, including drainage systems, road improvements, construction of roads, internal lanes and dividers. The VC JDA and JMRDA officers apprised the Div Com of the project's components and status of ongoing works.

The Div Com instructed executing agencies to expedite the pace of all the ongoing works while maintaining quality parameters. He suggested corrective measures for the overall development of the busy business hub (Transport Nagar) and directed con-



cerned officers to ensure that the works are completed within fixed timelines. He also instructed the executing agencies to maintain interdepartmental coordination for any utility shifting works.

During his interaction with the traders and shopkeepers at Transport Nagar, they raised their concerns and requested strict action against encroachers who have encroached roads and dividers. They expressed gratitude to the government for executing improvement of infrastructure works in the area. The Div Com assured them that all their genuine issues would be redressed at the earliest and advised them to cooperate with the

executing agencies to ensure timely completion of works.

The Div Com also conducted a Jammu city tour and inspected the ongoing pathways/footpath and rotaries improvement projects executed under Jammu Smart City Mission. He inspected the progress of work at various locations, including Gandhi Nagar, Panama Chowk, University Road and Bahu Fort area.

The concerned officers apprised the Div Com of the present status of work and future work plan. The Div Com directed the executing agencies to expedite the pace of work on all the executed works and complete the same in a time-bound manner.

Udhampur: KVIB organises awareness camp on PMEGP

UDHAMPUR, MARCH-14: The Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) in Udhampur organised a one-day awareness camp on the flagship Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and Jammu & Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) at Khoon. The camp was attended by Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur Juhli Manhas Pathania as the chief guest. Pathania appreciated KVIB's efforts in organizing such awareness camps and described PMEGP and JKREGP as beneficial schemes for



rural unemployed youth. She added that such camps help guide youth towards earning income through self-employment ventures under various schemes. The aim of the camp was to create general awareness about KVIB schemes with a special focus on benefits

under PMEGP. Pathania said that the government is committed to extending support for the development of the micro-industrial sector in Jammu & Kashmir. She urged educated youths to come forward and benefit from the scheme.

Sarpanchs Ramesh Chander Gupta, Mohan Lal Sharma, Raman Khajuria, Chain Singh; Naib Sarpanchs, Kewal Kumar, Namrata Bali; and Ex-Sarpanch Kuldeep Singh besides officials from KVIB and Handloom Department were present on the occasion.

DC Rajouri inaugurates Bank of Maharashtra Branch in Jawahar Nagar

RAJOURI, MARCH 14: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal graced the inauguration of the latest Bank of Maharashtra branch in Jawahar Nagar, Rajouri. The event was attended by bank officials and local dignitaries. Deputy Commissioner lauded the efforts of Bank of Maharashtra in expanding its reach in Rajouri. He emphasized the significance of financial inclusion and access to banking services for the overall development of the district.

The new branch will offer a range of banking services to the residents of Jawahar Nagar and nearby areas, including savings accounts, current accounts, loans and other financial services.

Bank of Maharashtra officials expressed gratitude for the support provided by the district administration



and pledged to continue their efforts in providing quality banking services to the people of Rajouri.

The inauguration ceremony was followed by a brief tour of the new branch where Deputy Commissioner and bank officials interacted with the customers and staff.

The opening of this new

Bank of Maharashtra branch is expected to contribute to the growth of the local economy and improve the financial well-being of the people of Jawahar Nagar and surrounding areas. It is a significant step towards achieving financial inclusion and promoting economic development in the region.

Agriculture Department organises Kissan Ghoshti

UDHAMPUR, MARCH 14: Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare under the stern instructions of Director Agriculture Jammu K.K. Sharma and able guidance of Chief Agriculture Officer Udhampur Sanjay Anand creating mass awareness regarding the self employment schemes of the line departments under Holistic Development of Agriculture and Allied Sectors, which is going to start from April 2023. Which will be the game changer for the farming community.

A Kissan Ghoshti under ATMA organised at village Dalsar Zone Bari Sub Division Ramnagar in the supervision of SDAO Ramnagar, Kuldeep Singh. While highlighting various achievements and activities of the Department, he appealed farmers to contact officials of the department for assistance.

Surinder Gupta SMS urged the farmers to come forward so that their income can be enhanced by gener-



ating a sense of business while farming so that they could make better use of resources available and more can be added under different farmer's friendly schemes. Farmers having large land holdings also invited to come forward so that by farming in modern ways, employment can be generated to check further migration as hundreds of people have been migrated to nearby States for employment.

They were advised to do things in community ways

to strengthen their store, create employment and capacity of bargain best rate for their produce.

Jyoti Parkash SMS gave a lecture regarding profitable crops of their area. Benefits of schemes Under PMFME, AIF, NHB, PMKSY, SMAM also discussed.

As many as 100 farmers participated in the program. Unas Ameen I/c AEO, Surinder Gupta AEA and Rakesh Gupta were also present.

2-Day Pashu Mandi thrown open at Lakhanpur DC Kathua, Director AHD jointly kick-off the event

KATHUA, MARCH 14: A two-day exhibition of livestock and animal products called Pashu Mandi was inaugurated at the Rinderpest Check Post in Lakhanpur by Deputy Commissioner Rahul Pandey and Director Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) Jammu Shubhra Sharma. The event aims to promote the trade of livestock and animal products in the region. Director AHD emphasised the importance of the livestock sector for the rural economy and expressed hope that the event would facilitate farmers in getting quality livestock at a one-stop platform within Jammu and Kashmir. She said that Pashu Mandi would also promote the dairy sector and generate employment opportunities for local people.

She highlighted initiatives taken by AHD to promote healthy animal rearing and ensure their welfare. She urged farmers to adopt modern animal husbandry practices to enhance productivity. Sharma said that Pashu Mandi at Lakhanpur will be a regular monthly affair to provide quality livestock within Jammu and Kashmir, saving time and money for farmers who otherwise have to venture out to other states. The ultimate aim is to provide new avenues for farmers so that their income can be



doubled. The inauguration of Pashu Mandi was attended by senior officials from the Animal Husbandry Department, representatives from various farmer organisations and members of the local community.

Pashu Mandi is a sequel to earlier editions of Pashudhan Vyapar Mela and aims to promote the livestock sector in the region and generate awareness about animal welfare and modern animal husbandry practices. A two-day exhibition of livestock and animal products

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DC Doda flags off awareness march on water conservation

DODA, MARCH 14: The Implementation Support Agency (ISA) under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) held a Prachar Rath Yatra in Doda town and its adjoining areas to raise community awareness on water conservation. The Yatra was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan.

ADC Doda, Dr RK Bharti, ACR Sanjeev Kumar, CPO Suresh Kumar, Ex En JSD Subash Gupta and other officers from the district headquarters were also present at the occasion.

A special vehicle designed by ISA-DPMU unit Doda will make the public aware of water conservation, grey water management, water testing and the importance of safe drinking water. Community awareness programs are also being conducted at various loca-



tions/blocks by ISAs with active participation from Panchayati Raj Institution members and other stakeholders. DC Vishesh Mahajan informed media persons that JJM

is a flagship program to create water supply infrastructure so that every household has a Functional Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024. IEC activities are being conducted

across the district to sensitize people about water conservation and its judicious use to ensure future generations have access to it. The Implementation Support Agency (ISA) under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) held a Prachar Rath Yatra in Doda town and its adjoining areas to raise community awareness on water conservation. The Yatra was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan. ADC Doda, Dr RK Bharti, ACR Sanjeev Kumar, CPO Suresh Kumar, Ex En JSD Subash Gupta and other officers from the district headquarters were also present at the occasion. A special vehicle designed by ISA-DPMU unit Doda will make the public aware of water conservation, grey water management, water testing and the importance of safe drinking water.

J&K Budget disappointed people of J&K: Rattan Lal Imposition of Suo-moto property tax in J&K is undemocratic

JAMMU, MAR 13: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu has said that the J&K Budget-2023-24 has disappointed the people of Jammu and Kashmir as it has nothing new for J&K and is not in any way upto the expectations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir that is witnessing its worst phase under the incumbent BJP Govt at the Centre. He stated this while addressing a meeting of the National Conference workers of Block Bishnah at Mehmoopur here today. The meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Sh Sham Lal Sadhotra, Block President Bishnah and under the supervision of Naresh Bittu, District President Jammu Rural B.

The senior NC leader stated that the people of Jammu and Kashmir had a lot of expectations from the Govt on appropriation of funds to this Union Territory and more than that they were waiting for some novel schemes and measures that would address the burning is-



suess pertaining to unemployment, tourism, trade, education, industries sector, agriculture and other crucial civic issues of J&K but it turned out to be a big flop show leaving them in utter disappointment.

Terming the J&K Budget 2023-24 as cruel joke, Rattan Lal said it is a fine blend of jugglery of words so that it seems to be a good budget

to the common people. "To sum it all in one sentence the budget allocation to Jammu and Kashmir ensures that the poor become poorer and the rich become richer. This is an irony of the J&K people," he lamented.

Meanwhile, the Provincial President led the Administration for not following the constitutional mandate in

imposing property tax without consultation with elected public representatives of Local Bodies in Jammu and Kashmir. Imposition of Suo-moto property tax in J&K is the domain of ULB and one feels compelled to ponder whether democracy is alive in J&K?

Rattan Lal also castigated the J&K Administration for having failed to address the burning issues of the people of border belt in Bishnah area.

Babu Rampal, Central Zone President of Jammu, Samba and Kathua, said NC is the only option for J&K people and they must ensure to bring it to power when Assembly elections are held.

Others who spoke in the meeting included: Vijay Lochan Provincial President SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Provincial President OBC Cell, Th. Yashvardhan Singh Additional spokesperson Jammu, Rakesh Singh Raka, Surjeet Singh Sasan Vice Presidents Central Zone, Dr. Vikas, Rachpal, Gurdarshan Singh, Thoru Ram, Garu Ram Panch and others.

Hundreds of farmers getting attracted toward fish farming as Kupwara district is having excellent fish potential

Over 10744 Quintals of fish production recorded in Kupwara district during financial year 2022-23

KUPWARA, MARCH 14: Fish farming is quickly becoming a prospective carrier option for young farmers in frontier Kupwara district as large number of youth are turning to fish farming in order to support themselves financially and provide work for others. The fish farmers in the private sector have increased manifold with hundreds of people getting attracted towards this fish farming in Kupwara district.

"Kupwara district is having excellent fish farming potential with the presence of scores of water bodies, Nallahs and cold water streams across the district" this was told by Assistant Director, Fisheries Sajad Hussain Dar today while addressing a training programme for private fish farmers at Fisheries office Complex Kupwara under Agricultural technology Management Agency (ATMA) 2022-23. Day-long training programme was conducted to provide modern technical know-how to the newly covered beneficiaries for development of aquaculture in Trout and Carp fish farming.

On the occasion, Assistant Director Fisheries said that during financial year 2022-23, 10744 Quintal of fish production was recorded



which included 400 Quintals of trout fish production, which is double to last financial years total production.

In the awareness programme it was told that there is full fledged and functional Fish Sale centre in the premises of Fisheries complex Kupwara with the facilities of Deep freezers. For the benefit of

Assistant Director Fisheries, said that the government has strengthened the fisheries sector to make it a useful instrument of economic growth, especially in district Kupwara under Holistic development of Agriculture and allied sectors. He said a number of developmental and welfare schemes have been launched for providing assistance to rural unemployed youth for taking up fish culture. Fish farming especially of trout with improvised technology applications is proving to be a successful economic indicator besides supplementing protein in the diet.

The fisheries department is extending technical know-how in this regard so that they can produce good quality and good quantity fish and get remunerative prices and the fish growers all over the district are employing the latest technical knowledge in fish culture.

On the occasion experts elaborated on seed, and feed, cleanliness, types of water suitable for fish and marketing avenues available for fish farmers. Experts interacted with the fish growers who had come from far-off areas like Tangdar, Chowkibal, Marsari, Sogam, Mawar, Handwara and Kalaroos.

Dr Sehrish Asgar Flags off Vehicles for Distribution of Educational Equipments under Aspirational District Programme

BARAMULLA, MARCH 14: With an aim to equip Government schools with latest technology and improving teaching-learning experience especially in far flung areas of the district, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today said that the district administration is committed to establish smart class rooms for Kindergarten and other schools which will be provided with smart boards, ICD Tools and furniture under Aspirational District Programme.

The Deputy Commissioner said this while presiding a function at Government Boys High School Deewanbagh. During the programme, the DC flagged off vehicles for distribution of Vending machines, Smart boards & Tabs Electronic gadgets to Kinder Gartens & other schools of Baramulla under Aspirational District Programme.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner informed that administration's constant endeavour to equip, upgrade and modernise Government schools is aimed at providing outcome-based quality education and instilling community ownership of educational institutions.



With regard to adopting hygienic practices for girls in schools, the DC said that the Vending and Automatic Sanitary Incinerator Machines have already been inaugurated in schools which will help in spreading awareness on the benefits of adopting hygienic practices and overcoming problems of availability and affordability of sanitary napkins for the girl students. Moreover, the DC remarked that the initiatives are being taken to saturate all schools across the district with the same facilities in a phased manner under Aspirational District Programme.

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PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar organises symposium under G 20 awareness

JAMMU, MARCH 14: The G 20 club of P.S.P.S. Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar in collaboration with the Department of Geography, Department of Economics and Department of Environmental Sciences organised a symposium on "Why Sustainable Development?" under the patronage of Principal of the College, Prof. Minu Mahajan. Prof. Kamlesh Salathia, HoD, Geography welcomed the speakers and the audience for the event. As many as 15 speakers participated in the event and shared their opinion and insights on the topic. The aim of the symposium was to make the students aware of sustainable development at local, national and global scale. Fifteen students deliberated upon this topic. Sustainable development as envisaged by the United Nations is a fundamental requirement for a sustainable global ecosystem which can only be achieved by the judicious and justified use of available natural resources. Participants also discussed the importance of 17 Sustainable Development Goals to attain



sustainability. The event was successfully conducted under the guidance of Prof. S. S. Parihar, convener, G 20 club. Prof. Rajni Kumari, (HoD, Economics), Prof. Geetika Goswami, Prof. Sandeep Kour, Dr. Ravinder Kumar and Prof. Shamim ensured the smooth conduct of the event. Prof. Mala Bhasin, staff secretary also graced the occasion with her valuable presence. The formal vote of thanks was presented by HoD, Environmental Sciences.

DC Doda chairs DLRC meeting; ask Banks for handholding of Innovative Entrepreneurs

DODA, MARCH 14: District Level Review Committee/District Consultative Committee (DLRC/DCC) meeting was held today under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Vishesh Mahajan here in the Mini Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex Doda, to review the performance of the Banks and other Financial Institutions.

Underlining the demand of bank branches in the Tehsil Headquarters and other areas of the district, DC has urged the RBI officials and Bank authorities to rationalise the bank branches in accordance with the population and distance, rather than concentrating in the towns.

Chairman/ DC urged banks and sponsoring agencies to encourage and handhold innovative entrepreneurs and give them all the permissible help in setting up their business units. While emphasising the need for penetration of social security schemes in society, the Chairman has asked all the DDOs to get their employees (eligible and willing) registered for PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY. Besides, directions have



been made to enrol eligible/ willing beneficiaries of MGNREGA, Social Welfare schemes and other such beneficiaries for the said social security schemes, so that they can get the financial security by spending a meager amount of Rs 20 per annum as premium. DC has called the lists of all the NPAs/ defaulters from the banks, so that recovery process

can be initiated against them. During the meeting DC held threadbare discussion with regard to the lending in priority, non priority, agro sector, number of cases sponsored by the intending departments, the cases sanctioned, cases disbursed, pending for disbursement.

Besides, the committee also reviewed the implementation of Mumkin scheme, Tejaswani, PMEGP, MUDRA, NULM, NPAs, and progress of ADHAR linkage.

The Deputy Commissioner Doda took a sector wise performance review of the Banks in implementation of different Government initiatives with respect to employment generation etc. He also reviewed the achievements of Banks in lending to priority/non priority sectors under Annual Credit Plan.

Disbursement of pending cases of loan in Agro, Handloom, and other allied sectors were also reviewed by the Chairman DLRC and banks were asked to focus on lending in priority sectors including Education and Agro based sectors.

Office of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Kargil | Ladakh

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Assistant Regional Transport Officer Kargil | Ladakh

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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

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Atal Dulloo inaugurates staff accommodation at Sheep Husbandry Complex

JAMMU, MARCH 14: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, today inaugurated staff accommodation at Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Complex, Jammu.

Director, Sheep Husbandry Jammu, Krishan Lal and other senior officers were present on the occasion. ACS also had a brief feedback about the targets and achievements under various schemes like CAPEX and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). He enquired about the Artificial Insemination programme being initiated by the department.

Director apprised the Additional Chief Secretary of the achievements recorded by the department besides highlighting the farm activities.

Secretary visits Government Press, inspects functioning

SRINAGAR, MARCH 14: Secretary (Technical) ARI and Trainings Department, Dr. Abdul Kabir Dar, today conducted maiden inspection at Government Press, Srinagar (Sempora). Secretary had an extensive tour of different sections of the press complex where he inspected ongoing works. He interacted with employees of the press enquiring them about the functioning of their respective units. He directed the General Manager, Government Press, to ensure total safety in terms of fire safety and security. Dr. Kabir Dar also visited newly established building within the government press complex and inaugurated recently installed passenger cum goods lift. He appreciated the management of the government press from switching over to digital printing process to cope up work load of various departments as per their demands. Secretary also took stock of issues and concerns of the employees like service related matters, shortage of staff. He appreciated the management of the government press from switching over to digital printing process to cope up work load of various departments as per their demands. Secretary also took stock of issues and concerns of the employees like service related matters, shortage of staff.

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The Electricity connection with Consumer ID No 0206050000358 is Registered as Mohd Qasim Dar R/o: Gund HassiBhat Srinagar is to be transferred in the favour of Ghulam Mohammad Dar S/o Mohd Qasim Dar R/o: R/o: Gund HassiBhat Srinagar.

Anybody having any objection in this Regard, May Contact Assistant Executive Engineer Electric Sub Division Narbal within a period of 7 days. After that no objection will be entertained in any case.

Ghulam Mohammad Dar
S/o Mohd Qasim Dar
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District Level training programme on "Rainfed Area Development & Alternative Agriculture System" held in Reasi

REASI, MARCH 14: District Level Training cum Orientation Programme on "Rainfed Area Development & Alternative Agriculture System" was held today, here at Conference Hall, D. C. Office, Reasi.

The programme was inaugurated by Chief Agriculture Officer, Reasi, Harbans Singh.

CAO Reasi while speaking on the occasion said that stress was being laid on developing climate resilient and nutritionally smart crop varieties to deal with constraints faced in Rainfed Agriculture. With regard to the alternate agriculture system, J&K has huge potential for organic farming as it improves soil structure, low input cost, premium quality of products besides be-



ing eco friendly, he added. He also informed that 60% of the area in the district is by default organic. DAO, Extension, Rajesh Verma deliberated on objectives, approaches to follow while implementing Rainfed Area Development Project besides its outcome. He also highlighted various adaptive measures to mitigate the ill effects of climate change.

Head KVK Reasi, Dr. Banarasi Lal explained in detail the vision, goal, strategy, action and likely achievements of the organic farming system. Topics like Certification of organic products (PGSsystem), branding, marketing were also covered during the session. Chief Animal Husbandry officer Reasi, Abdul Majid, District Sheep Husbandry

Officer Reasi, P.P Sajotra, District Agriculture Officer, Ravinder Tripathi, SMS DL, Amit Sharma, ASCO, Varinder Dogra and Sub division Agriculture Officer Dharmari, Rupinder Pal Singh Bedi, SMS, AEOs and field functionaries of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry Department participated in the training.

KISCE for Fencing shortlists candidates for residential coaching in Jammu

JAMMU, MARCH 14: The Khelo India Centre of Excellence (KISCE) for Fencing shortlisted candidates for residential coaching in its Jammu Centre.

The candidates were selected after a battery of tests held in five phases across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir under the supervision of the

selection committee comprising Coaches, Manager and Physiotherapist from the related centre. The selection trials were monitored by the team of officers from J&K Sports Council and Sports Authority of India headed by Joint Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Bashir Ahmad Bhat.

Following the selection, the shortlisted candidates have been directed to complete all the formalities including submission of original testimonials upto 25th March 2023 in the office of Divisional Sports Officers either in Jammu or Kashmir divisions. The selected candidates have been directed to submit the

DOB certificate, Domicile certificate, Achievement/participation certificate, Parent consent form and Medical Fitness certificate to complete the admission formalities. Pertinently, the centre is not charging any fee for the admission and training in the centre for all the selected candidates.

Mining Department seizes 6 vehicles involved in illegal mining in Kathua

KATHUA, MARCH 14: A team of Geology and Mining Department led by District Mineral Officer Kathua Rajinder Singh paid surprise visit at different locations early morning, here today. During the visit, a total of 06 vehicles involved in illegal mining and illegal transportation were seized which include 02 at Ghatti,

01 each at Barnoti, Kalibari, Taraf Tajwal and Ujh areas. District Mineral Officer informed that the action has been initiated as per the MMDR Act of 1957 and SRO-105 of 2016 wherein powers have been delegated to officers for taking action against illegal transportation and illegal mining activities.

DMO further informed that Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey has already instructed the Geology and Mining Department to take stern action against the violators for illegally lifting raw and finished mineral from the Khads and Nallahs. "All the vehicles after seizure were handed over to Police till the realization

of penalty by the Geology and Mining Department", he added. DMO further informed that Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey has already instructed the Geology and Mining Department to take stern action against the violators for illegally lifting raw and finished mineral from the Khads and Nallahs.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

EDUCATION

Under the policy, Higher Education Council will ensure that colleges and universities become hub of research and innovation and contribute in developing a highly skilled national human capital.

An innovative education system is being developed through a uniform academic calendar, updated curriculum, robust research ecosystem, institutional restructuring, implementation of a three tier feedback mechanism and digital initiatives like e-Samarth. As per official data, 4841 students have been registered for general degree and professional courses under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for the current financial year and after three decades of stagnation, schools were made operational for 200 days last year, reflecting seriousness of government to transform education sector.

Moreover, 70,000 children have joined classrooms through the "Aao School Chalein" campaign and recorded a 17.87 per cent increase in enrollment in the year 2022 through special focus on early child care and education.

APPLE

past 5-6 seasons. The conference has been organised to inspire them to overcome their losses, said Dr Shailesh Pagariya, the director of the conference

"This year, the prices of apples fell below expectation which led to losses for the farmers all over the state. Therefore, the conference will be organised to explore possible avenues to extend help to mitigate the effect of crop and financial losses to apple farmers because of unforeseen difficulties such as natural disasters, low crop yield, weak market, and storage issues, Pagariya added.

The conference will educate the farmers on crop insurance, value addition, cold storage, logistics and supply chain management and integration, which will be the core focus of the event," he said

"Moreover, another major issue faced by the farmers is the wastage of crops, both premature and post-harvest. Premature wastage happens owing to fruit drop, which means fruits falling off trees before ripening which is due to various reasons such as pests, adverse weather and climatic conditions. Post-harvest wastage can happen when the crop is not sold as the prices go down and evidently waste. Even when the produce does not reach the markets on time and turns rotten due to unfavorable transport, storage and warehousing facilities", said Pagariya.

One of the best solutions to these issues is to construct good quality highways and strengthen transportation. Adequate cold storage facilities could also buy more time for the produce to reach the markets, said Adil Malik, the Chairman of Sopore Apple Farmer producers company.

The well-known, prominent researchers and academics in the relevant fields would be a part of the event and contribute to solutions for the major issues being faced by the apple industry as a whole, said Sanjay Nahar, founder president of Sarhad.

The conference will be held at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre. UNI SP SSP.

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"This will set an example for women empowerment led by the women only", JKRLM mission director said. She said that the rural women will showcase the goods made by them and will also sell and prepare food and serve to the visitors themselves.

The Director said that rural women should decide whether she wants to increase the income of her home with these schemes.

"The moment she takes the decision we are there", she said.

A total of 70 stalls shall be put on display in the Mela. That includes around 15 food stalls serving regional cuisines from different parts of the country.

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on information the mission leader re-organised the inner cordon".

Police said, assessing the situation the vigilant troops displayed awareness, extreme restraint and exceptional fire control in not opening fire. The alert troops of the joint team managed to nab the terrorist alive thereby displaying great synergy.

The militant has been identified as Owais Ahmad Mir, a resident of War Mohalla Gund Brat.

During the search incriminating material including a 9mm pistol, 8 (9mm) rounds, a Pistol Magazine and a Chinese Grenade were recovered.

Police said "by the apprehension of the terrorist, police and security forces have averted a major tragedy and prevented planned target killing in the area".

"The nefarious designs of Pakistan terrorist handlers who are always hellbent on disrupting peace in the valley has also thereby been foiled", police added. UNI QAB

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the register of Pharmacists prepared and maintained under Chapter IV of this Act, subject to an application to be made in this behalf within a period of one year commencing from the date of re-notification and payment of such fee as may be prescribed by the Administration of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The move is going to benefit hundreds of qualified persons and Medical Assistant trained persons for safeguarding their future and providing them the better career prospects in the field of medicine.(KNB)

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has been non-application of mind on the part of the detaining authority.

Advocate Bashir Ahmed Tak argued that the detaining authority has not attributed any specific allegation against the detainees. He contended that the detainees were arrested in old cases and on frivolous charges.

The court of Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul accordingly quashed the detention of both persons and ordered their release from the Kot Balwal Jail.

The court in its judgment said that detaining authority is directed to set the detenus at liberty forthwith provided they are not required in any other case [KNT]

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Kumar who had assessed Palliative Care health services in district hospitals in September 2022.

As per official communiqué, through constant efforts of the Director Health Services, Jammu Dr Saleem-Ur-Rehman, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu is the only District Hospital to be selected amongst the nine other premier hospitals of North India like AIIMS Rishikesh, AIIMS Jodhpur, Banaras Hindu University, DMC Ludhiana etc.

The project is for capacity building of Palliative Care services in 10 Premier institutes of North India to re-

duce suffering in patients with chronic debilitating conditions and will focus on upliftment of Palliative Care services in 10 district hospitals of Jammu division by capacity building and training of manpower.

The project will be applicable for three years and will be headed by Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar, Chief of National Cancer Institute and HOD, Palliative Care, AIIMS, New Delhi.

Dr. Rohit Lahori Pain and Palliative Care specialist and incharge of Palliative Care at Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar will be the Project Incharge under supervision of Dr. Parveen Yograj, Medical Superintendent Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar.

Notably, Palliative and Geriatric services were inaugurated by Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha on March 31 last year in all districts of Jammu and Physical inauguration of Palliative Care ward at Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

In context to this, 20 Medical Officers and 20 Staff Nurses have been trained in CCEPC- Certified Course in Essentials of Palliative Care through Indian Association of Palliative Care.

The Palliative care staff at Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar is trained from AIIMS New Delhi, in collaboration with APHN, Singapore and LIEN, UK.

A virtual meeting was also held, kick-starting the most awaited ICMR research project in Palliative Care, chaired by Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar and attended by Institution Incharge and Incharge of Palliative Care "Centres of Excellence" of 10 institutions.

These Centres of Excellence for Palliative Care services were already identified in the year 2022 and ground work was already started in these centres.

The hand holding of Palliative Care in J&K has been done by Indian Association of Palliative Care.

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they are highly talented," said the Director. Meanwhile the Vice Chancellor further stated that sports and culture are included in the curriculum of the Jammu University academics for which various initiatives are being taken by the institution.

He however, added that exclusive 'Sports Policy' of Jammu University is also in the pipeline and will soon be in public domain, adding Prof Rai said, "a special thrust is being laid on sports infrastructure and facilities. Rs 40 crore sports complex is also coming up at Kathua Campus of Jammu University while Rs 5 crore is also sanctioned in the CAPEX budget for augmenting sports structure."

Prof Neelu Rohmetra, Director, Directorate of Distance and Online Education (DD & OE) expressing gratitude to the institution stated that it is indeed a welcome decision that the aspirants of Distance Education will also be taking part in such a prestigious event for the first time.

"It is appreciable on part of the Jammu University authorities that they decided to include students to showcase their talent in the field of sports," said Prof Rohmetra.

However, the Vice Chancellor also disclosed that engagement of corporate sector in the sports sector is also under consideration through various mediums in future to encourage youth and nurture talent.

An official dress code (jersey) for the event was also launched on the occasion.

Thusoo earlier presented welcome address whereas Ranjeet Kalra presented vote of thanks with highlights of the event.

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, 376.76 2021-22 and 1547.87 Cr from 2022 upto Jan, 2023. The minister said during the year 2022-23, till January 2023, a record investment of Rs. 1547.87 crore has been received by the Union Territory.

"The investment during the current financial year is the highest ever compared to any of the previous financial years," he said.

He also said that the government expects investments to further increase in the next five years in various important sectors like manufacturing, service sector, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, agro based industry, tourism (including film & medical tourism) etc.

"In this connection, the government of Jammu and Kashmir has already received investment proposals worth Rs. 64,058 crore. The Centre has notified the new Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on 19.02.2021," he said.

He added various policy initiatives have been taken by the government of Jammu and Kashmir, which include J&K Industrial Policy 2021-30, J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30, J&K Private Industrial Estate Development Policy 2021-30, J&K Wool Processing, Handicrafts and Handloom Policy 2020.

"In addition, various other measures have been taken to improve the business environment through ease of doing business, economic package, operation of night flights from Jammu and Srinagar, etc," he said—(KNO)

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agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Ministry of Home Affairs on Tuesday informed the Parliament that a total 1164 cases pertaining to the State of Jammu and Kashmir have been registered with the NHRC from October, 1, 2019 to December, 2022, as per the information provided by the rights body. "Out of those, 111 have been considered and closed by the Commission, 368 have been disposed of with direction, 484 have been dismissed in limbo, compensation has been recommended in one case and 200 cases are pending for consideration of the Commission," the MHA said.

The MHA further said that jurisdiction regarding human rights cases of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir vests in the NHRC by virtue of a notification issued by it in 2020. "As per the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of Central Laws) Order, 2020, notified on 18.03.2020, the functions relating to human rights in case of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir shall be dealt with by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). By virtue of the aforesaid notification, the jurisdiction regarding human rights cases of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir vests in the NHRC," the MHA said. The MHA said that State Human Rights Commission functioning in the erstwhile state of J&K was wound up by the virtue of Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act-2019.

Delegation of Jammu Kashmir Shree Kashi Vidvat Parishad, Jammu meets Lt Governor



JAMMU, MARCH 14: A delegation of Jammu Kashmir Shree Kashi Vidvat Parishad, Jammu met Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here.

The members of the delegation led by Chairperson of the organisation Padma Shri Prof. Vishwa Murti Shastri apprised the Lt Governor about the efforts of the organisation to promote and preserve "Samskaar, Sanskriti & Sanskrit". They discussed the establishment of vedic schools, library and granting scholarships to students through the organisation. The members of the delegation also submitted a proposal for the establishment of Shri Sharda Peetha International University in J&K UT.

The Lt Governor appreciated the tireless efforts of the members for the promotion of the ancient vedic culture, teachings & tradition and assured all support from the UT administration in furthering their noble work for the welfare of society.

ADC Jammu reviews arrangements for Navratri festival

JAMMU, MARCH 14: Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sandeep Seonetra today convened a joint meeting of officers of various departments to review the arrangements for smooth celebration of Navratri festival here today at DC Office complex.

Threadbare discussions were held on various issues including sanitation, uninterrupted electricity, ensuring of regular and safe drinking water, security arrangements, traffic management, decoration of temples, adequate stocks of ration and fire wood check on the rates and quality of food items. ADC emphasized on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in and around the temples and decoration of important temples and directed the concerned departments to promote social message on sanitation. He asked the Police authorities to provide adequate security arrangements at temples.

The ADC called for interdepartmental coordination and impressed upon functionaries of concerned departments to put in place all necessary arrangement well in time for the smooth celebration of the festival.

He asked the PHE Department to ensure uninterrupted water supply and also instructed Power Department to ensure proper lighting arrangements in addition to uninterrupted power supply throughout the festival.

ADC directed the Traffic authorities to ensure proper management of traffic wherever required during the event and place proper signboards for the convenience of the devotees. He asked the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs authorities to keep check on the rates and quality of food items being sold during the festival.

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ACG Manisha, Deputy Director Information, Dr. Vikas Sharma, senior officers from Police, Security Traffic PHE, PDD, JMC besides representatives of religious organisations were present in the meeting. ADC directed the Traffic authorities to ensure proper management of traffic wherever required during the event and place proper signboards for the convenience of the devotees. He asked the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs authorities to keep check on the rates and quality of food items being sold during the festival.

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to remain a problem. It also raises questions on how the J&K government will be able to liquidate its debt of Rs one lakh crore.

In 2010-11, the total liabilities against the J&K government were Rs 29972 crore.

During the next financial year, the J&K government plans to raise Rs 10128 crore from market borrowings while it is estimated to spend Rs 8099 crore for repayment of debt—(KNO)

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Santosh Trophy team and his management of the FC Kolhapur City Club in the Indian Women's League, which is the top-tier league of women's football in India, further highlights his commitment and passion for the sport—(KNO)

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current financial year under CAPEX Budget.

The Board also reviewed the Corporation's financial and operational performance during the previous year and took stock of progress made on the ongoing projects and initiatives.

Speaking during the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar impressed upon the management of the Corporation to optimise its operations and use of assets besides exploring new areas to maximize its potential. He also delved on them to bring technological diversification in the Corporation so that it can compete with present industries of food sector.

The Board also discussed the proposed setting up of PMU that could help the Corporation in rolling out its various ongoing projects and day to day operations.

MD, JKHPMC, while making a presentation on various post-harvest infrastructure projects undertaken by the Corporation, explained that its Cardboard Carton Unit at Mazbugh, Sopore has been Commissioned and outsourced for Operations and Maintenance. He further added three fruit and vegetable processing units are under execution one each at Dobgh, Jablipora and Marh Akhnoor. Two CA stores projects one at Behrampora, Baramulla 5000 MT and one at Mazbugh, Sopore 2500 MT have been finalized and are to be executed. He further informed that the work on a 2000 MT Cold Store, at Narwal, Jammu is going on.

The MD also informed the meeting that JKHPMC has also set up three Common Incubation Centres, one each at Doabgh, Sopore – (Apple), Acchabal, Anantnag – (Fish) and Narwal, Jammu – (Dairy/Bakery) with the financial assistance from the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, which have been outsourced for commercialization and capacity building for FPOs, SHGs and Cooperatives besides other connected stakeholders.

He added that the Corporation also proposes to set up Common Infrastructure Centers one each at Chadoora (for Fruits & Vegetable Processing) and Ramban (for Honey Processing) in the coming Financial Year.

Online Registration for AGNIVEER Recruitment Rally-2023 for J&K, Ladakh extended

Srinagar, 14-Mar.; Online registration for enrolment to Indian Army as AGNIVEER for Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh commenced on 16 Feb 2023 as widely reported by several news agencies and presently the registration is underway. The last date for online registration was 15 March 2023. In a statement issued, PRO (Defence) Srinagar said that defence Services have intimated that due to high enthusiasm and heavy demand from prospective candidates, online registration period has been extended upto 20 Mar 2023 to benefit maximum youth from the UT of J & K and UT of Ladakh to benefit from the scheme. The recruitment rally for recruitment as AGNIVEERS under the AGNIPATH scheme by Army Recruitment Office, Srinagar is tentatively scheduled to be conducted in June 2023 at Anantnag High Ground, South Kashmir. All eligible unmarried male candidates born between 01 Oct 2002 to 01 Apr 2006 (both dates inclusive) with requisite educational qualifications from UT of J&K belonging to Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla, Pulwama, Badgam, Kupwara, Shopian, Ganderbal, Bandipura and Kulgam districts and UT of Ladakh belonging to Leh and Kargil districts can apply for enrolment under categories of AGNIVEER General Duty, AGNIVEER Technical, AGNIVEER Clerk/Store Keeper Technical and AGNIVEER Tradesmen. Candidates are advised to register online at website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in at the earliest. Indian Army further amplified that this would be the first recruitment under the new procedure introduced with the written examination being scheduled before the physical and medical test. Army Recruiting Office, Srinagar has advised that recruitment is a free service and selection is fair and purely based on merit. No money is required to be paid to anyone. Further, details can be obtained on Email ID - arosrinagar123@gmail.com and Landline Nos 0194-2311282 and 0194-2310164.(CNS)

BJP in JK welcomes union budget, says every sector taken care off

Srinagar, 14-Mar. : BJP JK's chief spokesman Sunil Shetty Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir received a record budget during the current fiscal in the budget, adding that this is the highest ever compared to any previous financial years that caters to all important sectors including tourism.

Shetty while addressing a presser in Srinagar, said that during the important sectors like service sector, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, agro based industry, tourism (including film & medical tourism) have been duly taken care of in the budget. He said huge focus on smart cities and women folk are the steps hailed by one and all.

He said that under the budget, new push has been given to women folk which includes introducing of pink taxis etc. "In addition, various other measures have been taken to improve the business environment through ease of doing business, economic package, operation of night flights from Jammu and Srinagar, etc," he said.

Funds Given under Finance Commission, not any Charity but lawful right of the PRIs: AJKPC



Budgam, 14/March/2023: In its third program under block wise series of programs of All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC), the rural local body today held Panchayat Interactive session here in district Budgam of Kashmir wherein a large number of elected Panchayat members attended the program under the chairmanship of its president Anil Sharma. Soon after the welcome address by the local Panchayat members, while addressing the gathering Anil Sharma appealed the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to direct the rural development department to not tinker with the grants available with the Panchayats under 14th Finance commission and let them use it for making payment to complete ongoing works.

He also demanded that the installments due under the 15th Finance Commission be also released to rural local bodies in Jammu and Kashmir union territory as the installments have been released to other states of India from 2021. Sharma said withholding the installments of 15th Finance Commission of J & K Panchayats is not only unjust but also illegal as amount given under finance commissions is neither charity nor any discretionary grant but a lawful right of the Panchayati Raj Institutions of Jammu and Kashmir which should be released in time bound manner without imposing any special conditions.

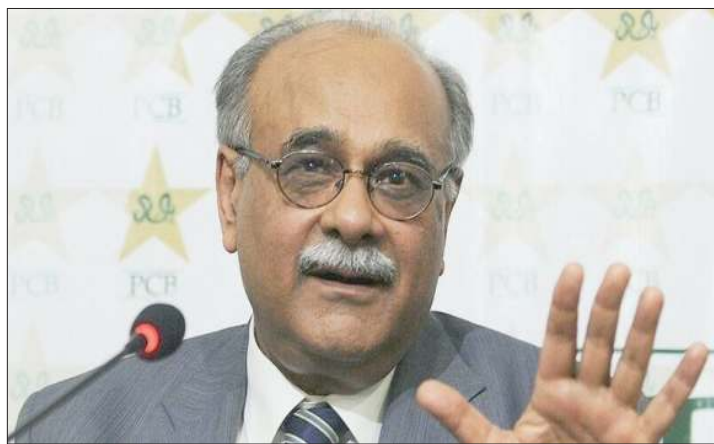
He also cautioned the Officers to remain careful in dealing with the funds of the Panchayati Raj Institutions and hinted to adopt legal recourse against them if they continue to cow down and undermine the authority and autonomy of rural local bodies. The prominent people who addressed the gathering include BDC Chairman AK Pandita and Sarpanches Mohed Safi Parry, Imtyaz Ahmed lone, Imtyaz Hussain Mir, Abdul Latif dar, muzaffer Ahamed parry, Mukhtar Ahamed bhat, Shawaz wahied, Sayed Azaiz, Abdul Rashid Mir, Farooq Ahamed Malla .

Muttahida Majlis-e-Ulema strongly condemns brutal, inhuman killing of girl in Budgam

Srinagar, March 14: Muttahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU) Jammu & Kashmir has strongly condemned the brutal and inhuman killing of a girl in the Mohandpura area of central Kashmir's Budgam district. The MMU in a statement expressed serious concern over the fact that the Kashmir Valley, which has been the land of saints, rishis and sages for centuries, and here our illustrious forefathers had made all their efforts for the protection and promotion of Islamic, human and moral values in every era; the ever-increasing graph of barbaric crimes and new social evils in this land is a matter of concern and introspection for all of us. The Majlis-e-Ulema said this incident has shamed humanity and is extremely sad. It expressed condolence and solidarity with the bereaved family members and demanded exemplary punishment for those involved in this heinous crime so that in the future, nobody will have the courage to do such an inhumane and un-Islamic act. The Muttahida Majlis-e-Ulema includes Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar, Darul Uloom Rahimiya Bandipora, Mufti Azam's Muslim Personal Law Board, Anjuman Shari'an Shi'a, Jamiat Ahle Hadith, Jamaat-e-Islami, Karwaan-e-Islami, Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen, Anjuman Himayat-ul-Islam, Anjuman Tabligh-e-Islam, Jamiat Hamdaniyyah, Anjuman Ulama-e-Ahnaq, Darul Uloom Qasmiya, Darul Uloom Bilaliya, Anjuman Nusrat-ul-Islam, Anjuman Mazharul Haq, Jamiat Aima Wal Ulema, Anjuman Aima Wa Mashaikh Kashmir, Darul Uloom Naqshbandiyya, Darul Uloom Rashidiyyah, AhlBayt Foundation.

Govt to decide if Pakistan travels to India for World Cup, says Sethi

LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board interim management committee chairman Najam Sethi on Monday said that the government will take a final decision on whether the national team travels to India for this year's World Cup. Sethi reiterated that the PCB will deal on a reciprocal basis with the Board of Cricket Control in India, which has said that it will not send its team to Pakistan to feature in the Asia Cup ahead of the World Cup. Pakistan is also due to host the ICC Champions Trophy in 2025 and clarity on what happens is due to come during meetings of the International Cricket Council and the Asian Cricket Council in the United Arab Emirates on March 20. "Our stance is that if the BCCI continues to take a stand against



Pakistan, we will think about visiting India," Sethi told reporters at a news conference. "It is an unsolved matter. We have to speak with the ACC and ICC and take a

position. I have asked for the government's stance in this regard. "India says that there are security issues in Pakistan whilst teams from the entire world have no issues with it. If I says that we also have security threats in India due to communal environment there, it carries weight. It's a complex issue and we have to keep in front the input of the government and our security agencies." Answering a question regarding the resumption of departmental cricket, Sethi informed that by the end of March, the representatives of the regional bodies and departments would have been elected to form the Board of Governors. He said some departments had responded for the re-affiliation to the PCB and the first four departments, who would decide to restore their teams, would be included in the BoG. He said some departments had responded for the re-affiliation to the PCB and the first four departments.

JK RAW Powerlifting Team Wins 5 Medals, Bashir Create National Record.

Srinagar J&K 100% RAW Powerlifting team won Five medals in the recently concluded 5th National Powerlifting Single Lift Bench press Deadlift & Strick Curl Championship at Karnal in Haryana from 10th to 12th March 2023. The team was honoured by Jagpreet Singh Chairman/President RAW Powerlifting Federation of India. The officials of the J&K RAW Powerlifting Association namely Anees Ahmad Chowdhary (Chairman) lauded the efforts of the medal winners for this achievement. Bashir Ahmad Sheikh 82.5 kg Catogary won Gold medal in Deadlift and Create National Record. While as Saima Majeed 67.5 kg Catogary Secured Gold in Benchpress, Bilal Ahmad Rah 100Kg Catogary won



Silver in Strick Curl event while as Rabia Gulzar 75 kg won Silver in Deadlift and Ishfaq Ahmad Khan 82 kg got Silver in Bench press. Bashir Ahmad Sheikh of Srinagar working in Education Department Kashmir also created history and set a new record in the recently concluded 5th National RAW Powerlifting Championship. "I have participated in the Local Championships and then National Championship. My aim now is to represent India in the World Championship," Bashir said. The State team participated in the championship under the banner J&K RAW Powerlifting Association. Medal Winners was selected for the forthcoming RAW Powerlifting world Championship.

Buttler defends England selections after BD series loss

DHAKA: Skipper Jos Buttler has defended England's experimental selections after the world champions lost the Twenty20 series in Bangladesh with a match to spare. The hosts won the first T20 by six wickets and followed it up on Sunday with victory by four wickets in Dhaka. It was a wake-up call for England's usually ruthless white-ball unit with the 50-over World Cup on similarly tricky low-bounce pitches later this year in India. Buttler's side defeated Bangladesh in the preceding one-day series but lost batsman Will Jacks to injury and did not call up a replacement. T20 World Cup-winners Ben Stokes and Harry Brook were absent after



Test duties. "It's a different balance and it's a different kind of feel to the team," said Buttler, after his side was bowled out for 117 in a low-scoring match on Sunday. "I think we need to give exposure to guys, especially who, in these conditions, also will probably play a part in the 50-over World Cup. "Felt like a

India beat Germany 6-3 to register their second consecutive win

Rourkela, March 13 (UNI) Indian Men's Hockey Team continued their winning ways in the ongoing FIH Hockey Pro League with a scintillating 6-3 win against reigning World Champions Germany here at the world's largest-seated Birs Munda Hockey Stadium on Monday night. Jugraj Singh (21'), Abhishek (22', 51'), Selvan Karthi (24', 46'), and Harmanpreet Singh (26') scored for India, while Germany's goals came from Tom Grambusch (3'), Gonzalo Peillat (23'), and Malte Hellwig (31'). Going into the match as World No.4 after their previous two wins against reigning World Champions Germany (3-2) and World No.4 Australia (5-4) elevated them from World No.6 in the FIH World Ranking that was updated on March 12th, India rode on their attacking skills to hand Germany their second loss on the trot. However, at the start of the game, Germany was in command. The visitors took the lead with a goal in the third minute of the game. Tom Grambusch scored off a penalty corner awarded after India's infringement in the circle. Though the early setback slowed India's pace, they



maintained a good structure to come back in the following quarter. Only five minutes into the second quarter, Vishnukant helped India win their first PC of the match. A good injection by Abhishek and a perfect stop by Vivek Sagar Prasad was picked up powerfully by Jugraj Singh, who made his India debut last year during the FIH Hockey Pro League. He kept the ball low aiming the centre board of the post.

Raphinha strikes again as Barca snatch win Bilbao

BILBAO: Barcelona winger Raphinha secured a 1-0 win in La Liga for the second straight week this time at Athletic Bilbao as his side tightened their grip on top spot ahead of a potentially season-defining week in which they host second-placed Real Madrid. Repeating the combination of provider and scorer from last week's 1-0 win at Valencia, Raphinha netted a thunderous strike right on halftime after a brilliant pass by midfielder Sergio Busquets who spotted the Brazilian ghosting behind the defence. But Raphinha's goal was one of only two Barca shots on target in the match as they survived a frantic affair in which the hosts were the better side for large parts of the contest. Athletic saw two shots hit the bar and an Inaki Wil-



liams effort in the last few minutes of the game ruled out for a controversial handball in the build-up. Barcelona have 65 points, nine clear of second-placed Real who face a must-win game at Camp Nou next Sunday to keep their slim chances of retaining the title alive. Athletic are ninth on 33 points. "It's the same thing once again. We have to play and attack better," coach Barca Xavi Hernandez told DAZN. "We went 1-0 in a difficult stadium and end up suffering. It is a golden victory, but we keep thinking about improving offensively."

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