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News Brief

LeT militant associate arrested in Baramulla

Srinagar, Mar 15 (UNI) Security forces arrested a suspected militant associate of Lashkar-e-Taiba in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday Police said joint forces of Bara mulla Police, Army's 29 RR and 2 Bn SSB apprehended a suspect during Naka checking at Singhpora Pattan."A person wearing Pheran (gown) coming from Matipora side on seeing the naka party tried to flee from the spot but the alert party chased him and was apprehended tactfully," police said. "During his personal search, 71 live rounds of AK-47 were recovered, and he was taken into custody immediately.""During questioning, he revealed his name as Ali Mohammad Bhat of Bonichakal Arampora Pattan and is working as a terrorist associate with banned terrorist organisation LeT outfit," police said.A case under sections of Arms and ULA (P) Act was registered in Police station Pattan and investigation set into motion, they said

Sarpanch among 4 drug peddlers arrested in Baramulla

Srinagar, Mar 15 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested four drug peddlers including a Sarpanch and recovered banned drugs from them in Baramulla district, officials said. The drug Peddlers have been identified as Majid Ahmad Sheikh, a resident Muqaam Rajwara Handwara, Farooq Ahmad Malik (Sarpanch Singhpora) of Singhpora Pattan, Sajad Ahmad Sheikh of Raipora Palhallan Pattan and Faisal Ahmad Wani of Wani Mohalla Pattan, police said.

Police said all the four were travelling in a vehicle (Scorpio) from Srinagar towards Baramulla and were intercepted at check point Hyundai Showroom Rawathpora Delina.During their personal search 40 syrups of Codeine Phosphate (Torvirex) were recovered from them and they were taken into custody immediately.All the four drug Peddlers were taken into custody immediately and the vehicle was also seized.

A case under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (NDPS) Act was registered in Police Station Baramulla and investigations set in motion, police added.

5 CRPF personnel including 4 officers injured in Udhampur road accident

Udhampur, Mar 15,: The collision between a truck and a CRPF vehicle on Wednesday left 5 Para-military personnel including 4 officers injured on the Jammu-Udhampur Official sources highway. told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that there was a head-on collision between a speeding private truck (PB06B-7355) and CRPF vehicle (JK02BN-6560) near Mand Takri area of Udhampur district of Jammu region in which 4 CRPF Sub-Inspec tors and a trooper sustained The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. Official source es identified the 4 injured Assistant Sub Inspectors as Brij Lal, Raj Kumar, Ramesh Kumar and Govind Raj and Selection Grade Constable Ashok Kumar. Both the vehicles suffered damages; however, the truck driver was unhurt. Police seized the truck and arrested the driver for alleged rash driving. [KNT]

J&K gets 20 more DNB seats in GMCs, DHs

Jammu, Mar 15: As a step towards strengthening Diplomate of National Board (DNB) in Jammu and Kashmir, 20 more seats have been sanctioned by National Board of Examinations in Medical Science (NBEMS) under DNB for the institutions of J&K during the start of the Session

2023. CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

Security indeed a primary concern, taken care of in J&K Budget: LG Manoj Sinha

Says Tourism, Youth Empowerment, Education, Industrial investment, Agriculture sector top priorities

47 employees dismissed from services so far for militancy links

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Mar 15 (: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha he was thankful to Centre for releasing a compact budget for the J&K which is aimed at building 'Naya J&K' under which special focus will indeed remain on security. He said that Tourism, Youth Empowerment, Education, Industrial investment will be top priorities in the years ahead.

Talking to reporters on the side-lines of a function in Jammu, the LG as per agency—Kashmir



News Observer said that security indeed is a primary concern which has been duly taken care off in the J&K Budget announced by the Centre. "But Tourism, Youth Empowerment, Education and Industrial investment will be the top priorities that have been addressed in the Budget," he said. The LG said that

He said that the computer CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

ulation is dependent on

Agriculture and its allied

sectors. "This is our top priority and the budget

allocation for Agriculture

and its allied sectors have

been addressed through

huge allocation," he said.

based examinations

LG inaugurates Chancellor's trophy at Jammu University

Jammu, Mar 15: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated Chancellor's trophy at University of Jammu on Wednesday. More than 550 sportspersons from various universities are participating in the three-day mega sports event 'Sauhard'.

The Lt Governor called upon the Higher Education institutions to promote sports as a core subject. Sports is a powerful medium to ensure physical-emotional health, enhances learning efficiency & helps in character building, he

added.

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Media, Judiciary key pillars of

TRF among 4 outfits notified as Militant outfits under UAPA: Govt in Rajya Sabha

Says 54 Militants and 44 terrorist organizations notified till February 2023

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Srinagar, Mar 15: Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said on Wednesday that four organizations have been notified as terrorist organizations under the UAPA in 2023 so far and their names have been added in the First Schedule of the Act.

He said that so far 54 terrorists and 44 terrorist organizations have been listed under the Fourth Schedule and the First Schedule of the UAPA respectively till February 2023.

As per news agency-, a written reply to Rajya Sabha, he said that four organizations have been notified as terrorist organizations under the UAPA in the year 2023 so far and their names have been added in the First Schedule of the



Act. These organizations include The Resistance Front (TRF), Peoples Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF), Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF) and Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF). They have been involved in terrorism and have committed and participated in various acts of terrorism in India.

He said that the Resistance Front (TRF is a proxy outfit of the terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba and came into existence in 2019. "It has been involved in the planning of killings of security force personnel and in- CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 07

nocent civilians of Jammu and Kashmir, co-ordinating and transporting weapons to support proscribed terrorist organisations, recruitment of terrorists, infiltration of terrorists and smuggling of weapons and narcotics from across the border in major cities in India," said.

He also said that the terrorist organization Peoples Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF) is a proxy outfit of terrorist organization Jaish-E-Mohammed and came into existence in 2019.

"It has been involved in the radicalization of youth for the purpose of recruitment and training in handling guns, ammunition and explosives, issuing threats to Indian security forces, political leaders and civilians working in Jammu and Kashmir from other parts

Will bring laws that secures the jobs and land for the locals: Azad

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Mar 15 (UNI) Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday said he will bring laws that secures the jobs and land for the locals, if voted to power. He was speaking at a pub-

lic gathering in Jammu and Kashmir's Sopore sub district. Azad said he would never cheat the people of Jammu and Kashmir with deceit and lies and would work day and night to

ensure every person here

reaps the dividends of peace and development. "I won't cheat my own people with deceit and lies unlike successive regimes did in the past. My priority is to restore security of people, ensure overall development takes place



and in whole UT is pro socio-economgressing the former Congress leader said.

Azad said that if his party is elected to power, he will bring laws that secures the jobs and land for the locals."Article 35 A was taken away. There were two main rights for the people of J&K because under that we have to restore land and job rights. But, that can be done only through an assembly, by passing a law in the assembly so that outsiders cannot get employment

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democracy: Justice Kotiswar Singh HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, Mar 15 (UNI) The Chief Justice of the High

Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Justice N. Kotiswar Singh on Wednesday said that the media is a vital organ and has since independence played an extremely crucial role in sustaining and strengthening democracy.

"Despite hardships and challenges, including attempts by a neighbouring country to foment violence in J&K, it was appreciable that journalists continue to perform their role in a stellar manner. They have continued to speak truth to power," said Justice Singh speaking at the Awards for Journalism function organised by Prof R K Chhibber Memorial Trust in collaboration with Press Club of

The Indian Express bureau



chief of Himachal Pradesh Ashwani Sharma, Senior Correspondent of Dainik Jagran, Satnam Singh and Correspondent of The Print website Amogh Rohmetra were presented the awards with a cheque for Rs 25,000 each and a momento. Justice Singh congratulated

the winners and applauded the Prof R K Chhibber Memorial Trust for recognising the hard work of the iournalists and for establishing the awards. He said the duty of the Press

was not only dissemination of news but also of ideas, to put forth the problems of the society.

He said since he hailed from a state that was in many ways similar to the erstwhile state of J&K, he understood the issues faced by the people here.

"I can fully understand and appreciate the problems faced by the people here. It has always been my understanding that the judiciary has to fulfil its constitutional obligation to give speedy justice to the poor and the marginalised," Chief Justice Singh said.

He said it doesn't need to be stressed that journalists must remain detached, objective and, above all, free from political biases while writing on sensitive issues and matters of public importance."In these times when fake news and CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

J&K, Punjab in militancy case Kashmir, including Sri-

NIA raids 6 locations across

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Mar 15: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday carried out fresh multiple raids at 6 locations in Jam- conspiracy hatched by Pamu and Kashmir including Punjab in connection with a militancy-related case. searches These

were carried out in Srinagar, Bara-mula, Pulwama, Anantnag, Budgam and Kathua in a case pertaining to "to terror conspiracy hatched by Pakistan based commanders of proscribed militant organisations to radicalize youth of J&K and target members of minority com-

munities, security person-

nel and religious events and

Situation completely under control on Kashmir

In follow up operations in 2022, searches were conducted at 14 locations in 6 districts of Jammu and

activities

nagar, Baramula, Pulwa-Anantnag, Budgam and Kathua, NIA send in a statement. "The case relates to terror

kistan based commanders of proscribed militant organi-

sations to radicalize youth of J&K and target J&K and target members of minority commupersonnel and religious events and

activities. The accused were also found involved in spreading terror in J&K over cyber-space." ment said adding during investigations, 12 suspects were identified who were in touch with different Pakistan based handlers.

'Searches were conducted at 11 locations belonging to the suspects in

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Kashmir's famed Gulmarg Gondola earns record Rs 100 Cr this season

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Srinagar, Mar 15 (UNI) World's second-longest and second highest cable car project Gulmarg Gondola in north Kashmir's Baramulla district has earned a record Rs 100 Crore during the period April 2022 to ending March 2023, officials

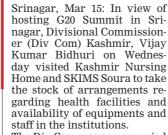
Gulmarg's famed cable car, Gondola, which covers an aerial distance of five kms is a major tourist attraction in the resort and every day hundreds of visitors ride the lift which travels up above the conifers trees dotting its way upto the Affarwat height, at an altitude of 13,400 ft. The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in the Parliament on Monday that Gulmarg Gondola Cable Car

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G20 Summit: Div Com visits SKIMS Soura, Kashmir Nursing Home

Reviews infrastructural, face-lift requirements of institutions

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The Div Com was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad; Commissioner, SMC & CEO Smart City Srinagar, Athar Amir; Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr Mushtaq Ah Rather; Chief Engineer, R&B and other officers of line depart-

During his visit to Kashmir Nursing Home, Bidhuri issued a slew of instructions to the officers to facelift the outer boundary wall & entrance gate



of the institute. He directed for replacement of existing iron gate and display board with new ones and instructed for installation of signages.

Div Com impressed the administration of the Kashmir Nursing Home to pace up the ongoing developmental and upgradation works of wards and theaters including tiling, painting of walls, installation of equipment, replacement of damaged windows and impressed for completion of the same before 31st March. He also instructed CE R&B for

black topping of interior CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

borders: Additional DG BSF PV Rama Sastry HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Mar 15 (UNI) A top officer of the Border Se-

curity Force on Wednesday said they have been successful in stopping infiltration and the border has been made impossible to pass through. Additional DG BSF (Western Command), P V Rama

Sastry, Chandigarh, was speaking to reporters after a passing out parade of fresh recruits at the BSF's **Subsidiary Training Centre** (STC) in Srinagar outskirts. He was the chief guest at the parade.

The senior BSF officer said border guarding is a very important role for any country's internal security and the force has been playing this role very successfully. "If there is any attempt to infiltrate to this side, we will take lawful action

ACS reviews plan for procurement,



against the infiltrators. We have definitely been successful in stopping infiltration from the ground and also to prevent any misadventure, any attempt, to use underground mechanisms also. We have controlled the situation," Sastry said. "We have made the borders impenetrable so that the forces which are fighting the militancy, their hands are strengthened."

Sastry said the BSF which guards borders is alert 24/7 and will foil any misadventure against the country. "Guarding the borders is

one of the important tasks to provide internal security to a country and particularly for the BSF who are guarding the nation's borders from 1965," he said Additional DG BSF claimed that there has been a de-

cline in drone activity along the border. The drones have been used to smuggle weapons and narcotics from across."For the last threefour years, they have been using drones. But, we have achieved good successes in tackling drones.. ... There has been a decline in such incidents, and I think, in the future, we will be successful in totally controlling it," the BSF officer said.

Earlier a passing out parade and attestation ceremony of Constable (Tradesmen) was held at Subsidiary Training Centre, BSF, Humhama, in which 119 recruits passed out to join BSF

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Generic Drugs: Prescriptions go for a toss as Doctor-Pharma industry nexus at peak

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Mar 15): Nexus between doctors and pharma companies is not encouraging use of generic drugs in Kashmir, Doctors Association of Kashmir said on Wednesday. President Doctors Associa-

tion of Kashmir and influenza expert Dr Nissar ul Hasan told news agency— Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that doctors and rug mafia nexus are sabotaging the generic drug use in J&K and keeping it away from poor people who can't afford to buy branded nedicine

Ranging from cars to family trips to household items, pharma companies proto prescribe their branded



drugs, he added. "Even the chemists get huge margins for selling branded drugs,' Dr Nisar said.

He explained that a generic drug is a medication created to be the same as an already marketed brandname drug in dosage form, safety, strength, route of administration, quality, performance characteris tics and intended use.

vide doctors with freebies "Generic drugs are copycat versions of branded drugs and cost 80 to 90% less than branded medicines as manufacturers do not have to spend on development and promotion of the drug," he

For instance, Lyrica, the drug used for nerve problems, costs Rs 842 for a strip of 14 tablets whereas its generic version costs a meager Rs 70. Similarly Glivec, the branded drug, used for treating blood cancer is sold at a monthly cost of Rs 1.2 lakh while its generic version is sold at Rs 8000 only, he said. Medical According to

Council of India (MCI), the statutory body CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

distribution of seeds for Kharif crops 2023 HT NEWS NETWORK JAMMU, MARCH 15: Additional Chief

Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review plan for procurement and distribution of seeds for Kharif crops in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir at Civil Secretar-

The meeting was attended by Secretary, APD; Director General Planning, APD; Director Agriculture Jammu; Director Agriculture Kashmir; Joint Director Jammu, APD and other concerned officials while Kashmir based officers participated online.

ACS exhorted upon the concerned officers to ensure that procurement of seeds for kharif season is completed expeditiously so that the quality and certified seeds are provided to the farmers

Dulloo asked the officers to prepare

detailed report regarding zone wise requirement of every crop seed so that the seeds are distributed among the farmers accordingly. He directed them to submit a report every alternative day regarding the status of seed availability and distribution percentage for all crops like Paddy, Maize, Vegetables, Millet and potatoes to concerned departmental wings. He also asked them to ensure that the seeds are supplied to the farmers in time.

Earlier, a PowerPoint Presentation was presented in the meeting which highlighted the status of seeds procurement and distribution among the farmers. Later, ACS convened another meeting to review progress made with respect to Seed Chain Portal in the UT of J&K. It was informed in the meeting that the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has envisioned and created a centralized online system called "SATHI"

Cop Allegedly **Shoots Himself Dead in Anantnag**

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, March 15 A policeman allegedly ended his life by shooting himself dead with his service rifle in Hiller area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said on Wednesday. A police officer told GNS, the selection grade constable of IRP 18 Battallion namely Umer Farooq of Poonch district took the extreme step at Hillar camp this evening. He was immediately shifted to GMC Anantnag hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. The reason behind him taking such a step couldn't be immediately confirmed and investigation have been launched, the officer added.(GNS)

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DC Bandipora conducts marathon tour of Sumbal; presides over Block Diwas at Shilvath

Inspects ongoing JJM & other developmental works; also visits Transit Accommodation coming up at Odina

Continuing with Block Diwas initiative of Lt. Governor's Administration, special public grievance redressal camps were held across Bandipora district on Wednesday to get the first hand appraisal of the

issues faced by the public. The public interaction programme witnessed huge participation of locals, especially women who were enthusiastic about presenting the issues of the area before the District Administration teams.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad attended the Block Diwas at Government School Shilvat in Sumbal Sub Division of the district and gave patient hearing to all issues put forth and took on spot decisions for speedy re-

He was accompanied by SDM Sumbal. Executive Engineers of PDD, Irrigation and Flood

other senior officers of the dis-

On the occasion, locals including members of Panchayat Rai Institutions (PRIs) highlighted issues of public importance and sought early redressal of their grievances.

Apart from other issues people raised the issues of excess power tariff, stressed on ensuring regular power supply, availability of pure drinking water and ration, Solid Waste management in Panchayats, renovation of water bodies, macadamization of left out roads and maintaining Student Teacher ratio in schools.

The DC gave patient hearing to all the delegations and assured them that their grievances will be taken up on priority. He urged the people to actively participate in Gram Sabhas to decide about utilization of funds on their own and become

BANDIPORA, MARCH 15: Control, PHE, BDO Sumbal and part of the governance at grass roots level. He asked concerned officers to ensure participation of people in Gram Sabhas so that they become part of the decision making.

> Dr Owais said funds allocated to DDCs and other PRIs are meant to ensure development as per local needs. He said PRIs helped to change the attitude of top down governance model and instead now the developmental plans come from grass roots level.

> Later, the DC visited Odina, Sumbal to inspect the ongoing works on the Transit Accommodation.

> During his visit to the site, the DC assessed the progress on ongoing works there.

SDM Sumbal and concerned engineers from executing departments briefed the DC about progress of work on the project. accommodation is coming up blocks. They said each block is Officers at Transit Accommodation informed that transit



at the cost of Rs 57.60 crores four-storied with four flats in comprising 480 flats in 30 each storey, totaling 16 flats in

each block.The concerned executing department informed that 14 blocks are near completion and will be ready to use by the end of this month. It was further apprised that work on other blocks is in full swing and shall be completed within the set deadlines.Earlier, the DC inspected several ongoing works being executed under the Rural Development Department including construction of Stone-made Gate at Shilvat under DDC grants. The DC also inspected ongoing works on retrofitting of Water Supply Scheme Shilvath being constructed under Jal Jeevan Mission at the cost of Rs 7.34 Cr.Dr Owais directed the officers to expedite the work to complete it at an earliest. He said the scheme will benefit at least 5000 souls by providing pure drinking water as per the aim of the JJM.Similar public Redressal camps were also held in other

blocks of the district and were attended by a handsome population to raise issues of public interest. The concerned executing department informed that 14 blocks are near completion and will be ready to use by the end of this month. It was further apprised that work on other blocks is in full swing and shall be completed within the set deadlines. Earlier, the DC inspected several ongoing works being executed under the Rural Development Department including construction of Stone-made Gate at Shilvat under DDC grants. The DC also inspected ongoing works on retrofitting of Water Supply Scheme Shilvath being constructed under Jal Jeevan Mission at the cost of Rs 7.34 Cr.Dr Owais directed the officers to expedite the work to complete it at an earliest. He said the scheme will benefit at least 5000 souls by providing pure drinking.

HDFC Bank and Flipkart Wholesale launch industry-first co-branded credit card

Srinagar, Mar 15, KNT: sustainable Bank and Flip-Wholesale today launched an industry-first co-branded credit card exclusively for Flipkart Wholesale members. The credit card will run on the Diners Club International® network, part of the and can be used in more than 200 countries around the world where Diners Club cards are accepted.

Koteshwar L N, Business said. "At Flipkart Wholetransforming the Kirana retail ecosystem by leveraging the power of technology and innovation. As Bank and Flipkart Wholepart of this vision, we focus on enabling easy and right able offering to small and credit options for small medium-sized businesses retailers that are aimed in India and extend the at solving their financial benefits and challenges. Through the ties Diners Club offers in launch of these credit the market," said Annie cards, we will help small- Zhang, Managing Direcer retailers manage their tor, Asia Pacific, at Dincash flows better while ers Club International ensuring that the benefits power them to build a more service.

business." "SMEs are the backbone of the Indian economy. As the country's leading card issuer, it is our endeavor to provide customized solutions for this vital segment. Through this partnership with Flipkart Wholesale, we hope to support even Discover Global Network more Kirana stores and small merchants, and help them to optimize their transactions, streamline their operations and deliver a rewarding expe-Head of Flipkart Wholesale rience," said Parag Rao, Country Head, Payments sale, we are committed to and Consumer Finance Technology and Digital Banking, HDFC Bank.

Banking, "Working with HDFC sale will provide a valu-

Members can apply for of digitization trickle into the card directly at Flipthe entire B2B ecosystem. kart Wholesale stores as We are delighted to join well as through its Best forces with HDFC bank Price Flipkart Wholesale to enable finance for our App. HDFC Bank will also members and offer an in-dustry-highest cashback inside Flipkart Wholesale of 5% on online spends, stores to process applicathat will accelerate their tions for credit cards and growth trajectory and em- provide related customer

DC Samba holds block divas at **Purmandal Panchayat**

uradha Gupta, accompaweekly Block Divas meet-Panchayat.DDC ACD Sidharath. Dhiman, tehsildar, CEO, CHO, CAO, Deon

SAMBA, March 15: Deputy Ex. Engineers of PWD, Commissioner Samba, An- PHE, PDD, BDO and several other district officers, nied by district officers of block level officers and PRI various departments held members attended block divas. The locals raised the ing, here at remote Pur- issues of augmentation of power scenario, macad-Member Purmandal, Avtar amization of rural roads, ADDC Rajinder soil erosion, completion Singh, ADC Rakesh Dubey, of pending development works, water shortage in

Srinagar Admin organises awareness programmes under 'Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyaan through Nukad Nataks/Cultural programmes

SRINAGAR MARCH 15:- In order to reach out to the youth and spread awareness about ill effects of substance abuse, the District Social Welfare Office, Srinagar today organised series of activities under 'Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyaan' at Amar Singh College, Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial College Bemina and Govt College for Women M.A Road to highlight the issues and sensitise the masses particularly youngsters against this menace.

The programmes were held on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad with an aim to address the problem of drug abuse especially among youth and deliver the message to common masses about the hazards of drug abuse. Speaking on the occasion, the speakers appealed to the participants to be a part of 'Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyaan' campaign and play a key role in eradication of drug abuse from society. They also urged the participants to work religiously in eradication of this evil from society. Principals of Amar Singh College, Gogjibagh, Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial College Bemina and Govt College for Women M.A Road District Mission Coordinator DHEW Mission Shakti, Gender Special-



the occasion. Speaking about the events, the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar said that the objective of organizing the programme was to aware society in general and youth in particular about destructive role of drugs and encourage them to come

Stop Centre for Women were present on drugs with the slogan-SAY NO TO DRUGS under 'Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyaan'. The DC said District Administration has

adopted a zero tolerance policy against the drug abuse and its peddling and focused attention is being given on higher educational Institutions and schools, besides its forward with a positive mind for younger hotspots. He said measures for providing generations and also eradicate habits of counselling and treatment facilities in

hospitals and rehabilitation centres are in place besides reaching out to the community and identifying the dependent popu-

The DC said the District Administration is committed to provide all possible support to the victims and encourage the people to stay away from the drugs and lead a healthy and drug free Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion, the speakers appealed to the participants to be a part of 'Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyaan' campaign and play a key role in eradication of drug abuse from society. They also urged the participants to work religiously in eradication of this evil from society.Principals of Amar Singh College, Gogjibagh, Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial College Bemina and Govt College for Women M.A Road District Mission Coordinator DHEW Mission Shakti, Gender Specialists DHEW and other Officials from One Stop Centre for Women were present on the occasion. Speaking about the events, the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar said that the objective of organizing the programme was to aware society in general and youth in particular about destructive role of drugs and encourage them to come forward with a positive mind for younger generations.

J&K Bank hands over branded barricades to Traffic Department

MARCH 15: Collaborating with Traffic Department for better traffic management in twin cities of Srinagar and Jammu, J&K Bank handed over 200 branded barricades. each in Jammu and Srinagar to the Traffic depart-

In Jammu, General Manager and Divisional Head J&K Bank, Sunit Kumar handed over branded barricades to SSP Traffic Jammu City, Faisal Qureshi in presence of Zonal Head Jammu, Rajesh Dubev besides senior officials from Bank and Traffic department.

In Kashmir, J&K Bank Zonal Head, Srinagar,



Shabir Ahmad and Deputy General Manager Ashok Gupta handed over these barricades to SSP Traffic Srinagar City, Muzaffar Ahmad Shah in presence

of Cluster Head Srinagar. Revaz Ahmad Wani and senior officials from both the organisations.

Speaking on the occasion,

cial institution, J&K Bank feels pleased to collaborate with an organisation that remains committed to efficient management of public-traffic across the UT. And towards achieving greater common good, we shall continue to extend our support to institutions for initiatives aimed at

public welfare. Both SSP Muzaffar Ahmad Shah and SSP Faisal Qureshi thanked the Bank for branded barricades. which they said will add to peoples' awareness about both the organisations besides enhancing aesthetics of barricade-points.

DC kick-starts Chinar plantation drive at Kulgam

Gardens and parks today started the Chinar Plantation drive in Kulgam. The drive was kick started by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat from Mini-Secretariat by planting Chinar saplings in the lawns of Mini-Secretariat.

Officers from the department of Floriculture, Gardens and Parks informed that this year the department will plant Chinar saplings in various parks and community

Later, the DC also planted Chinar saplings at Gurwatan Aharbal.

SSP Kulgam, Sahil Sarangal; ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather, ACR Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz; SDM Noorabad, Bashir Ul Hassan; DFO Syed Waseem and other officers also participated in this Chinar plantation drive.

J&K Forest Department celebrates 'Chinar Day' at College for Women, MA **Road Srinagar**

SRINAGAR, MARCH 15: On the eve of Chinar Day, celebrated every year on 15th of March, the J&K Forest Department today organised an event at College for Women, MA Road Srinagar, here.On the occasion, Zubair Ahmad Shah, Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle; Divisional Forest Officer, Urban Forestry Division, Srinagar, Vice Principal of the College, HOD Botany and Nazir Be Nazir (Chairman NGO) and students planted Chinar saplings within the campus.

The Conservator of Forests advised the students to identify themselves with the Chinars for their care and up-

It is important to mention that Chinar - Oriental Plane is the State tree of Jammu & Kashmir and the Women's College campus is home to some majestic Chinars which need to be conserved.

The Forest Department has been assigned the responsibility to augment the efforts of the Floriculture Department, throughout the UT OF J&K, in this regard, by the

ADDC Bandipora chairs meeting of **Concurrent Audit Team**

BANDIPORA, MARCH 15: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan, who is also chairman of the Audit team today, chaired a meeting of the Concurrent Audit team to review the progress of languishing projects.

The meeting was attended by officers of Public Health Engineering (PHE), Roads & Buildings (R&B), Power Development Department (PDD), and representative of District Self Employment Officer (DSEO) besides other members of the concurrent team.

The members were briefed about the mandate of the Concurrent Audit team and the details of languishing projects presently under execution and completed ones at Bandipora. During the meeting, the members were given a detailed presentation on the languishing projects presently under execution and completed in the district. The officials from PHE, R&B, PDD, and DSEO gave a brief overview of the ongoing projects and highlighted the issues and challenges faced in their implementation.

Community involvement priority of the Administration: DC Budgam

BUDGAM, MARCH 15: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today chaired the Block Diwas programme at Panchayat Halga Waterhail in Block Waterhail.Chairman DDC Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan, DDC Member Parneva were also present on the occasion.

Local PRIs, respected elders and local youth delegations from villages Waterhail, Muqam, Hardwail, Brail, Jawalapora and other adjacent villages raised their demands with the DC.

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

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that Jan Baghidari is the guiding principle of District Administration to ensure overall development of the people

While taking assessment of road development, drainage network and facilities related to drinking water, health, Sheep and Animal husbandry, Agriculture and other allied sectors, the DC emphasized on speedy work completion of all ongoing developmental works.

Stressing on the robust development of the area, the DC directed concerned to expedite work besides ensuring early execution of developmental works.



In order to ensure better public service delivery, the DC said that a joint awareness camp shall be conducted at Waterhail village on March- 18, for on spot redressal of public issues and awareness generation about different schemes among locals including self-employment schemes among the local unemployed youth.

He urged local unemployed youth to register under different self- employment schemes to open their own business ven

The DC said that work on different schemes under JJM is going on full swing across the district and all households shall get potable drinking water connection by June- 2023.

Residents of Nichhama Rajwar in sub District Handwara living in Miserable Conditions, Without basic facilities.

DR.AB QAYOOM

Handwara, Mar, 15: in 21th Century Large Population of village Nichhama in Sub District Handwara of District Kupwara are living in a miserable conditions due to non of basic facilities Including Health Centre, Drinking water & Roads which forced Local residents to Protest against District Administration Kupwara Particularly against the R&B,PHE,PDD and Health Department.As per the ground report of HEADLINES TODAY is concern A large no of villagers from Nichhama Rajwar in sub District Handwara protest against non availability of basic facilities in the area, protesters alleged that sub district administration Handwara has completely failed to provide them basic rights including health Centre, drinking water in the village, they alleges that they are being treated like animals & PHE, R&B & CMO Kupwara did not bother about the problems of Villagers.Protesters while talking to HEADLINES TODAY told that we are living here in a very miserable conditions since long neither we have Roads Basic facilities no body is ready to mar-



ry with our Sons & Daughters.Locals Demands that administration should establish at least health Sub Centre in the Village for general Public as we are living 4 kilometers away from Zachaldara rain road. Besides electric poles, water pipes,i Roads in the said Village not Drinking Water, due to lacking of are in Pathetic Condition which needs Imidiate attention they said.

Chinar Day observed in Baramulla Dheeraj Gupta launches mega plantation drive

cipal Secretary Forest, Environ ment and Ecology, Dheeraj Gupta, today visited Baramulla and launched mega plantation drive at Fatehgarh Sheeri

The plantation drive marked the celebration of Chinar Day which was organized by the Forest department in collaboration with district administration, Baramu-

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Dr Mohit Gira and other officers of the department were also present on the occasion.

Principal Secretary planted Chinar sapling in Panchayat Ghar Fatehgarh Sheeri and distributed Chinar saplings among the people to commemorate the celebration of Chinar Day.

While addressing the gathering, Dheeraj Gupta said that the Chinar trees have huge environmental and cultural significance which is embedded in our heritage and culture. It enjoys special status in our lives, therefore, we must accord primacy to its preservation by carrying out its propagation on a large scale.

On the occasion, Principal Secretary was briefed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests



that the department has launched Chinar promotion and conservation programme in which Chinar saplings are being raised in nurseries and distributed and planted on available land. He was also informed that Forest Research Institute has initiated geo-tagging of Chinars in Kashmir Valley in which Chinars are marked, geo-

tagged, characterized and allotted unique IDs.

On the occasion, Principal Secre tary released 'Chinar Brochure' prepared by the Forest Research Institute. He also distributed seed balls and fruit trees among the beneficiaries of 'one beat guard one village' programme and distributed solar lights among members of Village Forest Committees

of Uri and Boniyar. It was informed that the plantation drive was launched on 50 hectare of degraded forest land with participation of CRPF, Forest Protection Force, students and

Principal Secretary emphasized

Green J&K drive during the current financial year.

Earlier, Principal chaired a coordination meeting of forest department and district administration to address the forest matters of Baramulla

Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, highlighted forest related issues and said that the pendency of forest clearance cases would be expedited so that the works under Jal Jeevan Mission may be timely

Principal Secretary directed the concerned to expedite forest clearances of JJM cases, remove forest encroachments in a time bound manner, complete boundary consolidation in two years and remove pendency of FRA

The meeting was attended by Asaf Mehmood, Director Forest Research Institute, T Rabi Kumar, Additional Chief Conserof Forests Kashmir, Irfan Rasool, Conservator of Forests North, Pervaiz Wani, DFO JV Forest Division Baramulla and other officers of the department.

Mega Block Diwas held at Kulgam; DC resolves various issues/grievances on spot

Farooq Rather



KULGAM, MARCH 15: Continuing the Block Divas initiative of Lt. Governor's Administration, special public grievance redressal camps were today held across 3 blocks viz. Devsar, D.K.Marg and Kulgam of the district to get first hand appraisal of the public issues.On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat held a Public Darbar at Kulgam and gave patient hearing to all issues put forth by the people. During the proceedings, a large number of deputations, individuals from different areas flagged-off their issues, grievances and demands.Delegations from Ashthal, Manzgam, Sangas, Aakhran, Gund Tankipora, Manzgam, Aadigatnoo, Liasoo and other areas participated in grievances redressal camp and apprised the DC about their issues and grievances for

PRI members, who participated in the programme, also apprised the DC about various issues of their areas. Officers from concerned departments responded to the

queries and grievances of people that pertained to their

Block Diwas held at Keller, Shopian **Block Diwas ensures effective** planning & implementation of developmental goals: DDC Shopian



SHOPIAN, MARCH 15: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today presided over Weekly Block Diwas at Keller Shopian.

People from various areas of the tehsil flagged-off developmental issues, grievances pertaining to adequate drinking water availability, uninterrupted power supply, road connectivity and other rural development works and public welfare measures before the DDC.

The DDC listened to all public issues and demands and issued directions to the concerned officers for resolving and meeting the demands on priority basis. Certain issues of emergent nature were redressed on the spot.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC highlighted the importance of the Weekly Outreach programme and said that the conduct of Block Diwas aims at reaching out to the people at their doorsteps, listening to their grievances and redressing them within the shortest possible time

It leads to a better connection between the administration and people and ensures effective planning and implementation of developmental goals through vibrant participation of stakeholders, added DDC.

He stressed upon the officers to prioritize the demands and redress them within the stipulated timelines.

The DDC exhorted upon the departments and PRIs to work in tandem in order to benefit the common masses of

Among others, Joint Director Planning, Khursheed Ahmed Khatana, Tehsildar, Keller, BDO, officers and offi-

DC Kupwara distributes Emergency Response Kits, Certificates and Identity Cards among 200 trained AAPDA Mitra Volunteers of Kupwara

KUPWARA, MARCH 15: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, who is also Chairman District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Kupwara today distributed Emergency Response Kits, Certificates and Identity Cards among 200 trained AAPDA Mitra Volunteers of Kupwara district, here at a distribution ceremony for Emergency Response under Upscaling of AAPDA Mitra Scheme

The SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas, ADC Kupwara Ghulam Nabi Bhat, DIO Kupwara Mohammad Yousuf Mir, Tehsildar Kupwara, AO DC Office, other officers of Administration and a large number of AAPDA Volunteers attended the function.

Addressing at the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner congratulated Volunteers for successfully completing 12 days training course from SDRF and JKDMA. He said after get ting training, Volunteers can save the precious lives during disastrous like earth quick, snow avalanche, floods, fire incidents, road accidents etc.

The DC said the actual work of Volunteers should start before the disastrous as prevented measures are very important for mitigation of risks. He said Kupwara Administration did tremendous work during winter season as about 400 snow avalanches took place at higher reaches of Kupwara district without any loss of life and property. He said, this was done because of prevented measures was taken by Administration and concerned stakeholders

Deputy Commissioner said



Administration has already kept available Rescue Trunks in every Panchayat of the district and now with the training of Volunteers all Panchayats would get trained Volunteers. DC hoped that all Volunteers would work as first respondents and before swinging into any rescue action, they should inform concerned SHO and Tehsildar to connect with institutions and administration for

SSP Kupwara in his address advised the trained Volunteers to further disseminate the knowledge about the training they have received from

ADC Kupwara also spoke at the occasion and asked Volunteers to work with utmost willingness and bravery.

On the occasion various Volunteers gave their feedback about

15 Days Skill Training programme on Profitable Poultry Rearing concludes at KVK Budgam



BUDGAM, MARCH 15: Valedictory function of 15 days Skill Development Programme on Profitable Poultry Rearing was organized on Wednesday at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Budgam. About 48 farmers from Aspirational Blocks of Surasyar and Pakherpora of district Budgam participated in a programme conducted under Aspirational Block Development programme 2022-23 by Krishi Vigyan Kendra Budgam in collaboration with Animal Husbandry Department Budgam.

The training programme was aimed to build entrepreneurial mindset among the youth and develop their skills so that they can launch their own business ventures.Sr. Scientist & Head KVK Budgam Dr. Bilal Ahmad Lone stressed on the need of skill development in self employment generation. He further emphasized on the need of using scientific practices in improving the livelihood of farmers. During the valedictory programme, Dr. Mir Nadeem Hassan (Course Coordinator) presented an overview of the training.On the occasion, participation certificates and poultry birds were also distributed among the trainees.The programme was also attended by Scientists of the Kendra, officials of Animal Husbandry department Budgam. During the valedictory programme, Dr. Mir Nadeem Hassan (Course Coordinator) presented an overview of the training. On the occasion, partic ipation certificates and poultry birds were also dis-

Legal Service Committee Kangan observes 'World Consumer Day'

GANDERBAL, 15: On the directions of Secretary District Legal Service Authority Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak and under the guidance of Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Committee Kangan, Essar-Ul-Nabi, the Tehsil Legal Services Committee

Kangan today observed 'World Consumer Day' at Government Middle School Chattergul Kangan.

Speaking on the occasion. Resource Person Advocate Mudasir Ahmad said that World Consumer Day is observed every year on 15th of March with an aim to

raise awareness about consumer Rights and promote Consumer protection.

He said this day provided an opportunity to highlight the importance of protecting consumers, promoting their rights and ensuring that they have access to safe and affordable prod-

Ahmad also said that the day serves as a reminder that consumers have the right to be protected from unfair business practices and to have access to safe, quality goods and ser-

DC Pulwama kick-starts Chinar plantation drive on Chinar Day

PULWAMA, MARCH 15: The Deputy Commission-er (DC) Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary today kick-started Chinar plantation drive by planting Chinar saplings at GDC Boys Pulwama, here.

The Chinar plantation drive was organized by the Floriculture Department, Pulwama. Speaking on the occasion,

the DC said that the purpose of the drive is to enhance the green cover in the district and to create an eco-friendly environment. He said that Chinar being the heritage tree, around 250 Chinars shall be planted during the drive in the district.

The DC advised the students to participate in the Chinar plantation drive across the district to keep the legacy of Chinar trees alive forever.

Planting new Chinar trees in the district will further enhance the scenic beauty and environment, and would also become a reason to attract more tourists and local visitors, at the same time uplifting the socio-eco-



nomic condition of the local population, Choudhary

Realizing the importance of Chinar trees, he stressed the involvement of every section of the society in Chinar plantation and also called for involvement in their conservation. He further added that choosing the Degree College for the Plantation drive will inculcate the love for trees among the students who shall carry it forward to

next generations. Present on the occasion, Principal GDC Pulwama

and students also planted Chinar trees in the college. Many students also spoke about the importance of the Chinar trees and pledged to

plant many more. Principal GDC Boys Pulwama, District Floriculture Officer, Students, officers/ officials from many other departments were present on the occasion.

Further, the DC also planted Chinar trees in the DC Office Complex and Public Park Pulwama. The Chinar plantation drive was organized by the Floriculture Department, Pulwama.

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DC Anantnag conducts extensive tour of Industrial Estates

ANANTNAG, 15: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today conducted a comprehensive tour of various industrial estates in Anantnag to assess their development and address any issues. The DC visited DIC Anant-

nag, Industrial Estate Anchidora, Industrial Estate Bijbehara and Industrial Estate at Vessu.

During the tour, the DC discussed various issues, including safety for industrial workers, quality control of products, power supply, disposal of waste produced, marketability of the products and access to local and domestic markets in other states besides opportunities for increasscale.Dr Basharat



emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of hygiene and investing in further development of units. He also encouraged the employment of qualified youth passing

out of ITIs to increase scale and profits while generating livelihoods for others. He also highlighted the potential for collaboration between units and the administration for the de-

Additionally, he issued directions for a fire audit of various units.
During the tour, the DC inspected several units, including Palka Foods, Arfat, Royal Steel, Diamond Power, Kashmir Electri-

velopment of the district

under the CSR initiative.

cals, Kashmir Harvest, Hi Fi Furniture, Al-Sehat, and Zenith Cardboard. The unit holders also had the opportunity to put forth their issues, and the DC assured them of time-bound redressal of grievances.

The DC was accompanied by ADC Anantnag Dr. SM Ashraf; JD Planning, Mohd Ashraf Mir; SDM Dooru, Functional Manager DIC, General Manager SICOP, Tehsildar Qazigund and

Revitalization of Youth Clubs: DC Kulgam inaugurates 4 days Training programme for Volunteers

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, MARCH 15: The District Administration Kulgam in collaboration with RDD has started a four days training cum awareness programme for volunteers of youth clubs at Mini-Secretariat, here. The training programme was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal-Mohi-Ud Din Bhat.

Addressing the occasion, the DC said that these youth clubs and volunteers volunteers are a resource will work as leaders and and urged them to take change-makers and will advantage of the training be a source of generating session. He also impressed awareness about various upon them to work proacschemes among youth and tively for elimination of drug menace which has

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eration badly.During the training cum awareness Resource persons from various departments briefed the participants about various self employment schemes and beneficiary oriented

ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; ADC, Viqar Ahmed Giri; ACR, Mir İmtiyaz Ul Aziz; ACD, Mohammad Imran Khan and other officers were present on the occasion. Addressing the occasion, the DC said that these youth clubs and volunteers will work as leaders and change-makers and will be a source of generating awareness about various schemes among youth and masses. The DC stated that these volunteers are a resource and urged them to take advantage of the training session. He also impressed upon them to work proactively for elimination of drug menace which has victimized the young generation badly.

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Surge in Crime Rate across Kashmir : LAMHAI-E-FIKREYA

The recent rise in sexual assault cases mostly against minors in Kashmir is a grave concern for society. It is a matter of shame that the region with multi-dimensional complexities is now grappling with such heinous crimes on a routine basis. According to some official reports, there has been a significant increase in the number of cases of sexual assault against minors in the Valley over the past few years. This is a cause of serious concern and requires immediate attention and action. Sexual assault is a heinous crime and a violation of human rights. It is a threat to the safety and well-being of society and the perpetrators must be brought to justice. In the case of minors, the effects of sexual assault can be more severe, as they are vulnerable and unable to defend themselves against such crimes. There are many reasons for the increase in sexual assault cases against minors in Kashmir. One of the reasons is the lack of awareness about sexual assault and its consequences. Many people in the region are not aware of the laws related to sexual assault, and this lack of knowledge makes it easier for perpetrators to do such crimes. Another reason is the lack of strict punishment for sexual assault cases. In many cases, the perpetrators are not punished severely, and this sends a wrong message to society. It encourages others to continue doing such crimes, knowing that they can get away with it. It is also important to note that sexual assault cases are often not reported in the region. Many victims and their families choose to remain silent, fearing social stigma and retaliation. This further emboldens the perpetrators, who feel that they can continue to do so without having to face consequences. There is a need for awareness campaigns about sexual assault and its consequences. This can be done through schools, colleges, and community centers. These campaigns should focus on educating people about the laws related to sexual assault, and the importance of reporting such cases. There is also a need for stricter punishment for sexual assault cases. The government should ensure that the perpetrators are punished severely, and there is no leniency in such cases. This will send a strong message that such crimes will not be tolerated at any cost, and will act as a deterrent to potential perpetrators. Moreover, there is a need for a supportive environment for victims of sexual assault. This can be achieved through counseling services and support groups. Victims and their families should be encouraged to come forward and report such crimes, and they should be provided with the necessary support and assistance without having to disclose their identity and expose family's apprehensions. Media also need to take a better approach in reporting such sensitive issues. Addressing sexual assault in Kashmir would require a comprehensive approach that tackles the underlying structural and cultural factors contributing to the problem including Stigma and shame, patriarchal attitudes, and inadequate legal protections. There is a need to increase education and awareness, strengthen legal protections, and promote women's rights equally. It is only through such measures that we can ensure a safe and secure society for our

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children.



SHAHID SHAMSHAD KUMAR

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

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

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

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

"Arifa Jaan's Tragic Demise: A Wake-Up Call for Protecting the Dignity and Rights of Women"



Aubaid Ahmad Akhoon

"We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." - Elie Wiesel

he heinous act of Arifa Jaan's murder has left a deep scar on our conscience, shattering our faith in humanity and ethics. The pain and restlessness that we feel in our hearts and souls are a testimony to the magnitude of this tragedy. Shabir, the perpetrator of this heinous crime, has exposed the fact that our society harbors criminals who have no regard for human life and dignity. As we mourn the loss of Arifa, we must also take responsibility for ensuring the safety and protection of our daughters. It is time for us to speak out against this injustice, to unite our voices and actions, and to demand justice for Arifa and for all the other daughters who may fall victim to such brutality.

We must empower our daughters to stand up against such atrocities and to fight for their rights to education, freedom, and dignity. We must encourage them to purIn the wake of Arifa Jaan's tragic murder, be done through education and aware-



it is important to reflect on the larger societal issues that contribute to such heinous crimes. One such issue is the prevalence of toxic masculinity, which encourages men to exert power and dominance over women, often resorting to violence to assert their control.

This toxic mindset is reinforced by patriarchal structures that prioritize men's interests over women's and limit women's access to education, employment, and other opportunities. Such structures also perpetuate harmful gender stereotypes, such as the notion that women are weak and submissive, and that violence against them is acceptable.

To tackle this issue, it is essential to prosue their dreams and aspirations without mote gender equality and challenge these

ness-raising initiatives that encourage men and women to work together towards creating a more just and equitable society. Additionally, stronger laws and policies are needed to hold perpetrators of violence against women accountable for their actions. This includes measures such as harsher penalties for offenders, improved access to justice for victims, and greater support for survivors of violence.

It is time for us to awaken the youth of our nation and to instill in them a sense of responsibility and accountability. We must inspire them to become agents of change and to take practical steps towards creating a safer and more just society for all. Let us not be discouraged by the nar-

harmful beliefs and attitudes. This can stead rise above the negativity and work towards a brighter future for our daughters. Let us strive towards creating a society where every sister and daughter can live without fear and where justice pre-

The tale of Prophet Saleh recounts the killing of a miraculous she-camel granted to him by Allah, which sustained the people of Thamud. Despite the fact that only four individuals physically committed the crime, the entire community was held accountable by Allah. This was due to the collective guilt of the people who remained silent and did not condemn the act.

Bottom line: it is up to all members of society to take a stand against gender-based violence and work towards creating a world where women can live free from fear and oppression. By speaking out against injustice and working towards change, we can honor Arifa Jaan's memory and ensure that her death was not in vain.

"A person who lacks empathy and compassion is not a human being. They are a monster with a human face.

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Transforming weakness into strength



By Khursheed Ahmed Rather

ife is a journey that involves navigating through ups and downs, and learning how to transform our weak-

ferent stages of life, and during isolated and alienated, leading to adolescence, we experience significant changes that impact our sexual, emotional, social, and vocational life. This period is often referred to as a "period of storm and stress," and it is crucial to have support and encouragement from caretakers and peers. If we succeed, we develop a sense of self-identity; if not, we may suffer from identity confusion.



to our growth and success. Facing challenges and overcoming fears is critical to achieving our goals and living a fulfilling life. Life is full of obstacles, and when we find ourselves in unfavorable situations, it is essential to handle them with grace and resil-

As we mature, we encounter dif-

where we take on new responsibilities, including holding a job, bal-based columnist and contributing to society, and caring for a family. These responsibilities can create tension and frustration, and developing an intimate relationship with famigate this period. However, if we fail to find support, we may feel

negative impacts on our personalities.

Several factors can lead to developing negative habits, including excessive use of smartphones, wasting time on meaningless activities, and overthinking, causing stress and anxiety. It is crucial to create a friendly environment in the family and provide proper education, care, love, and encouragement to our children. Parents must understand their child's aspirations and help them find their way in life. To live a fulfilling life, we must create specific goals and follow rules and regulations while keeping things simple. It is also essential to cultivate a positive mindset by reminding ourselves that something better is waiting for us and that we are capable of achieving whatever we want. By transforming our weaknesses into strengths, we can overcome any obstacles that come our way and achieve our goals.

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POVERTY



Yasmin Kousar



bout 16.4% of India's population live under poverty and 4.2% live in an extreme poverty. ▶Poverty can be defined in which aperson or a group of people don't have enough money or thebasic things they need for sustainability, they live under limitedfinancial conditions but if we see in a broader sense povertyisn't lack of money but it's the lack or bright hope , lack of opportunities, lack of choices , bound in the compulsions . Poorpeople are not able to live life for them life is as burden as theyonly live under unfulfilled neccassities and are bound to the compulsions . and poverty leads to the unhygienic atmosphereas the poor people are not able to maintain their healthconditions, clothing and food that indirectly affects theeconomy of our country. According to the world bank group in 2020, more than 40% of the poor live in conflict affectedcountries. There could be multiple causes for the Uprising of poverty the

basic or we can say the root causes of the poverty are ,lack ofeducation; because of poverty people couldn't afford the basiceducation for their children resulting in the increasement ofilliteracy rate in our country. Overpopulation is again the majorcause that leads poverty, due to the limited availability ofresources its nit possible to fulfil each section of the population.

Unemployment can be categorized as the root cause of the poverty when there is increasing rate in unemployment than the poverty index would rise by itself. As poverty leads toeconomic inequalities. hunger and starvation and people are compelled to be the part of such hilarious and violating activitycalled as child labouring ,as people are not able to fulfil theirbasic necessities and are compelled to send their childrenoutside for the work and earn. No doubt the government is trying its level best to eradicatethe poverty and is putting forward number of different policiesand programs for poverty alleviation, such as Electrification inrural areas or housing first policies in urban areas Theinternational policy frame works for poverty alleviation established by the United Nations In 2015, are summarized insustainable development Goal 1: "No Poverty" but due to themajor population and major section involved in it these stepsare not proving

Some steps are very necessary to take for the upliftment of thecountry and reducing poverty such as speeding up economicgrowth ,more provisions for free education, trying level best toreduce unemployment rate, and speeding up the humanresource development. By working on such steps we maybeable to reduce poverty to some extent.

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Property Tax Is People-Friendly



By Mohd Amin Mir

t last, the government decided to ⊾impose a tax on property in Jammu & Kashmir. Property tax is a kind of fee like a power tariff. Common people are afraid of it because they have the least knowledge about finances. They are not mation.

In developed countries, people pay taxes for each thing either directly or indirectly. They pay these taxes happily and feel happy that by this way they support have achieved the tag of prosperous countries. cannot make a nation develop unless its people support it in one way The Lieutenant Gover-

or the other.

Here in India, people in that the amount col- suggests Rs 6,000 and many states are paying lected from receiving when it is announced



and it is visible on the ground that these states are more progressive than ours. Paying tax also implies that we have a responsibility in making the country progressive and when one the government and pays tax he or she finds a place where there is development all around. The government alone The government alone cannot go ahead unless we support it.

nor has made it clear 5,000 while another one

aware of the budget for- taxes to the government property taxes will be spent on development works, which means the amount collected will be received back by the people that too in a progressive way. This Record Room DC Ofis a good step taken by the government and it is for the welfare of the The Openion / Views common people. Is not it a fact that when we have to decide the pay Headlines Today doesn't of an imam of a mosque there is a hue and cry as somebody suggests Rs

to pay Rs 100 per month, people become furious. Even one commented it is a huge amount and cannot be paid easily but they are not becoming furious when one's child spends Rs 100 per day on purchasing different junk food items that are harmful to health. In all families, it is not the topic of discussion how much children of that family spend in a day but when the government decides that people have to pay property tax, there is a hue and cry.

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Weekly Block Diwas DC Kathua visits Duggain block, presides over Public Outreach programme

KATHUA, MARCH 15: As part of weekly Block Diwas initiative of the government, a Public Outreach Programme presided over by Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Pandey was held in the premises of Panchayat Ghar, Bhatodi in remote Block Duggain today.

BDC Chairperson Duggain Dharam Singh, BDC Chairperson Lohai Malhar Kamal Kishore, ADC Billawar Vinay Khosla, other district officers and officials besides a large number of people attended the programme.

The programme witnessed scores of individuals and deputations including PRI members projecting demands and appraising the DC about the problems being faced by the inhabitants of their respective

On the occasion locals sought early resolution of their issues including uninterrupted power supply in the area, road connectivity in remote areas, mobile connectivity, drinking water shortage and shortage of school staff etc

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dress them on priority basis.

The DC disclosed that district administration has already submitted a proposal to BSNL authorities to saturate the uncovered pockets of the district including hilly, far off areas including border belt to provide better mobile network connectivity. On the occasion, the DC gave away the Hybrid seeds among the local farmers, Similarly, Block Diwas proceeding was also held at Basohli sub division. On the occa-

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DC Rajouri encourages Quality Education, **Nature Conservation on World Chinar Day**

RAJOURI, MARCH 15: Deputy Commissioner, Vi-kas Kundal today presided over the inauguration of a new teachers' quarter at HSS Derylaote in Manjakote block.

The quarter was constructed by Samagra Shiksha at a cost of 86 lakh rupees and includes eight rooms and necessary amenities for teaching staff.

During the inauguration event, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the staff and enquired about the quality of education being provided at the institution. He urged the faculty to improve the quality of education and provide good learning to the students. Meanwhile, on the occasion of World Chinar Day,

DC Rajouri planted a Chinar plant in the premises to spread awareness about the importance of trees and conservation of nature. The inauguration of the teacher's quarter is a positive step towards providing

better infrastructure and amenities to the teaching staff. The local community hailed the inaugura- event, the Deputy Commis- staff.



thanked Deputy Commissioner Rajouri for his inspiring efforts.

The event was attended by Vice Chairperson DDC, Shabir Khan; BDC Manjakote, Shamshad Begum; PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmood Malik; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt, and other district and sectoral officers. The quarter was constructed by Samagra Shiksha at a cost of 86 lakh rupees and includes eight rooms and necessary amenities for teaching staff. During the inauguration

staff and enquired about the quality of education being provided at the institution. He urged the faculty to improve the quality of education and provide good learning to the students.

Meanwhile, on the occasion of World Chinar Day, DC Rajouri planted a Chinar plant in the premises to spread awareness about the importance of trees and conservation of nature.

The inauguration of the teacher's quarter is a positive step towards providing better infrastructure and amenities to the teaching

DC Doda Chairs District RAC meeting **Approves 15, defers 11 Rent Assessment Cases**

District Rent Assessment Committee (RAC), which met under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, approved 15 rent cases out of the 26 submitted cases, before committee. 11 cases were deferred due to some deficiencies of required documents. Intending departments were asked to present required documents before the committee on the next date.

The rent cases which were discussed in the committee and approved were pertaining to various Govern-

Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, FS&CA, Geology and Mining, Agriculture, RDD, NYK, Handloom and Handicrafts departments. The Committee discussed the fixation of rent of var-

ious structures in which

various government offices

are functioning across the

district tending departments to submit the case with the rent agreement duly issued Magistrates only.

The meeting was attended by SSP Doda Abdul Qament Departments which yoom, SE PWD, CPO Doda, and approved we include Police, Social CMO Doda, CAO, DSWO, taining to various Welfare, Education, ISM, ADMO ISM, CAHO Doda, ment Departments.

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Block Diwas program held at 4 locations in Doda

Doda today held public outreach programmes under the aegis of Block Diwas and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the district at four different

UT administration has taken multiple campaigns/ initiatives wherein administration reaches to the people at their doorsteps to assess the disparities in development, listen to the public aspirations and plan out a holistic programme to address their genuine issues and aspirations. Block Diwas program is one among them which is held at various designated locations every Wednesday in district Doda. This week, the Block Diwas program was held at four different locations in the district. The locations include, High School Puneja, Tehsil and Block Chiralla, Sub Division Thathri; Panchayat Ghar Chill, Sub Division Assar; Sub Divisional Headquarter, Sub Division Gandoh; and Village Masri, Panchayat Pranoo, Block Bhalla, Sub District Bhaderwah.

People in large numbers attended the Block Diwas at all four locations and demanded up-gradation of local infrastructure in the Health, Education sector besides extension of road connectivity, water and power facilities in the area. During the programme, demands regarding macadamisation of roads, execution of works under MGNREGA, upgradation of electric poles, among others were raised by the pertaining to their departments and resolve



been instrumental in bridging the gap between people and the administration.

During the day long Block Diwas proceedings, Public and PRIs put forth a range of issues/ demands. The Presiding officers of the Block Diwas gave patient hearing to the issues and demands and directed the concerned officers to prepare a list of issues/grievances raised

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Dr Samoon reviews pending court cases of Skill Development Department

MARCH Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr Asgar Samoon, today chaired a meeting to review the status of pending Court cases/contempt cases pertaining to Skill Development Department. The meeting was attended by Mission Director, Skill Development Mission, Leena Padha; Director SDD, Secretary, SDD, M Ashraf take immediate necessary SDD; Joint Directors, ITI, Con-Jammu/Kashmir; cerned Additional Advocate Generals/Deputy Advocate General High Court, Jammu besides other concerned officers of both the divisions participated

held on various pending nic, court cases.



resolved at an earliest. Principal Secretary was

nated as Nodal Officers in Tabassum Geelani, structed both the HoDs as Nodal Officers in Poly- Affairs

Sudershan Kumar; Special to ensure coordination to technics sector in both the divisions for immediate Bhat; Senior Law Officer, steps for speedy disposal of coordination and support the court cases so that the to the legal section of the bottlenecks, if any, can be Directorate. The legal section, comprising Deputy Director trainings as Nodinformed that the Joint al Officer with Associate Directors of respective Law Officer and MTS staff divisions have been nomias members, has been entrusted with the task of ITI Sector besides Shafqat immediate filing of objec-Threadbare discussion was Ara, Principal, Polytech- tions in all the pending Women, Srinagar court cases after vetting from Department of Law, Principal Secretary in- have been also nominated Justice and Parliamentary

Local Deputation calls on DDC Chairperson Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, MARCH 15: A deputation from Chari Swail area called on Chairperson District Development Council Udhampur, Lal Chand in his office chamber regarding implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Chari Swail,

The deputation submitted a representation to the Chairperson District Development Council addressing some issues with the execution of the aforementioned project and laying of the pipeline as it is close to the Railway's property. Chairperson DDC issued instructions to the Superintending Engineer Jal Shakti to visit the location and resolve the issue amicably in consultation with the Railway au-



PSPS GCW Gandhinagar organises workshop on

and general public. and resolve the issue amicably in consultation with the Railway authorities, public representatives

Superintending Engineer, Jal ed at an earliest. He apprised the Chairperson DDC about the Jal Jethorities, public representatives

Chairperson DDC that the work evan Mission's development in the

for the said project shall be start-

He informed the chair that till September 2022, Rs. 34.5 crore had been allocated for 21 works and as of now, upto February 2023, Rs. 356 crore have been allocated for 102

efforts of the officer for accelerate ing the process for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in District Udhampur and expressed the expectation that no household would go without tap water in the ensuing years. Moreover, instructions are also issued to the Revenue authorities to resolve all land-related problems associated with the implementation of JJM in Udhampur, including carrying out the nishan dehi of all disputed sites.

Orientation Programme on 'Non-Communicable Diseases' held at Doda

DODA, MARCH 15: A day long orientation programme on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Universal Screening of NCD for the MLHPS and FMPHWs of the District was held at the District Training Centre, Trauma Hospital Khellani in Doda District, here today.

The workshop was organized by District Health Society Doda under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, CVD & Stroke (NP-CDCS) and other health schemes, which aims to enhance the basic skill and knowledge of the health professionals about various components of health

Medical Officer (CMO) Doda, Dr Ab Hamid to do the NCD reporting Zargar presided over the programme as the chief guest on the occasion.

During the orientation treatment of NCDs is a programme, the resource persons imparted training government, it is thereto participants to conduct fore important that mass enlightened about how to public health delivery sys-



collect information and date about the status of such diseases by using the tablet devices.

the participants to perform and empathy and directed with precision on a daily basis.He emphasized that management, control and high priority area for the

tem, CMO added.

Meanwhile, orientation on IHIP (IDSP) was also given to the participants on CMO Doda stressed upon the occasion wherein they were educated about their their duty with dedication role in disease surveillance in their areas in proper implementation of IHIP at

gross root level. The workshop was attended by Umar Anayat (Epidemiologist), Mohd Faheem Butt (FLC NCD), Dr Manjeet Singh besides paramedical staff including surveys about the non-screening, early treatment MLHPs/FMPHWs from Ascommunicable diseases in and continuous follow up sar, Bhaderwah, Gandoh, their areas. They were also is made a integral part of Ghat and Thathri medical

preparation for Competitive Examination JAMMU, MARCH 15: Department Department of Sociology is or-of Sociology, PSPS GCW, Gandhi-ganising series of such events for preparation of the various exams, nagar in collaboration with IQAC students in future also. This workunder the able guidance of Princi-

shop on the theme "How to prepare for Competitive Examinations". While speaking on the occasion, the HoD Sociology, Dr. Suraj Mohani Jamwal stressed on the importance of preparation for the

pal of the College, Prof. Minu Mahajan organised a one day work-

shop was also the part of ongoing

Principal applauded the efforts of stressed upon the need to manage life which would be only possible through time management.

Vivek Chib, Director, Essence Incompetitive exams for students stitute was the resource person of these days. She informed that the the event. He made a detailed elab-

preparation of the various exams, the mistakes which students often ignore and how to succeed with a positive outlook. Prof. B.D. Sehgal (H.O.D, Physics) also advised the the department in organising such students to avoid procrastination events of utmost importance. She in day to day life and to always adopt a positive attitude in spite of any situation.

The resource person also satisfied the various queries of the students. The event was witnessed by around 250 students. Other

dignitaries present were Dr. Renu Anand, Dr. Rupinder Kaur, Prof. Neetu Raina,, Dr. Pooja Charak, Prof. Paramjeet, Prof. Abhinav, Prof. Shivani Sawhney, Prof. Vijender Sharma, Dr. Bhagwati, Prof. Poonam Verma, Prof. Fayaz and Prof. Ishfaq Ahmad Dar. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Shelly Sabharwal (Sociology). The proceedings of the event were conducted by Ashpreet Kaur (B.A 3rd semester).

Secretary Health reviews Pre-Conception, Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994

Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, today reviewed Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (prohibition of sex selection) Act, 1994.Directorates of Health Services Jammu and Kashmir gave brief presentation on district wise status of implementation of provisions of PCPNDT Act..Secretary emphasized that the gender bias and sex determination is a critical public health concern which can be regulated through effective implementation of PCPNDT Act for which

JAMMU, MARCH 15: Secretary comprehensive action strategy needs to be devised and monitored. He instructed the Directorates to conduct an assessment of all the registered ultrasound clinics for its conformity to the PCPNDT Act. It must be ensured that all the provisions of PCPNDT Act should be strictly implemented in letter and spirit, he added.

He also asked the Chief Medical Officers to consider cancellation of those entities which are found deficient in terms of any provision of the Act. Further, Director Health Services and CMOs were asked



for district wise trend analysis of

sex ratio at birth. They were also asked to introspect and come up with micro plan to improve Sex Ratio.Director Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir were asked to furnish comprehensive proposal to the Administrative Department in consultation with Mission Director, National Health Mission with regard to constitution of Appropriate Authority and Appellate Authority as per PCPNDT Act. Secretary also directed the concerned to ensure that Unique iden-

tification AB-HFR and AB-HPR is

created for all the Ultrasound.

DC Kupwara chairs NCORD meeting

Asks to intensify IEC activities, prepare database of drug addicts for proper rehabilitation, treatment

the different steps taken to curb the drug abuse in Kupwara district a District Level Narco Coordination committee (NCORD) meeting was held today under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Dr.Doifode Sagar Dattatray here at Mini-Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed measures undertaken to break the chain of drug peddling and its consumption in the District to save youth from the ill-effects of the drug menace.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara has given 15 day timeline to Health department Kupwara to identify the drug addicts so that a data base at district level is prepared for rehabilitation and treatment of drug addicts.

He further $\bar{\text{d}}$ irected to fully utilise the services of all ASHA workers of the district.

Deputy Commisioner gave a deadline of 7 days to Programe Manager Mental Health Kupwara for proper classification, grading of drug addict persons on the basis of usage, and symptoms so that drug addicts are rehabilitated as per their classification and usage of types of drugs they consume.

Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned to intensify their efforts to reach-out to the drug affected persons for their smooth recovery. Deputy commissioner asked the concerned to upscale the Counselling, awareness and IEC activities



Drug controller Handawara and Kupwara were directed to get the CCTV camera installed at all medical shops and drug stores on priority basis and initiate action against the owners who fail in installing CCTV cameras.

Deputy commissioner directed the drug controllers to check the licence of medical practitioners in villages,towns and peripheries of

On the occasion, it was told that 145 patients are registerd for drug Deputy Commisioner asked to

de-addiction at SDH Kupwara and DH Handwara who are undergoing rehabilitation

It was told in the review meeting that in the last one week 32 Drug sale establishments were inspected in the district and in 6 drug sale establishments violations were detected against which action is being initiated. 3000 stickers for IEC are being distributed among the drivers for fixing them on their

to conduct a meeting of all head of institutions to scrutinize and sensitize students who are using drugs so that proper counselling and rehabilitation against drugs is disseminated among students.

Deputy Commissioner asked the Officers of all the line Departments including Enforcement agencies to ensure better coordination in enforcing greater deterrence to combat dangerous trade of drug-trafficking. He said that efforts with Cooperation, Coordination and Collaboration are vital to contain the drug peddling and break the supply chain.

The Deputy Commisioner said in order to combat this rising societal problem, multi-pronged Rehabilitation, Counselling and Guidance policy is indispensable to be implemented on ground to monitor drug

The Deputy Commisioner said the drug menace is a major threat to the socio-economic structure and it has become imperative for the entire society to come together to uproot this menace and work as strong entity to make Kupwara district a healthy and drug free District.

SSP Kupwara Yougal Manhas and SP Handwara Sheema Nabi, ADC Kupwara Gh. Nabi Bhat, CMO Kupwara, DSWO, Tehsildar Kupwara, Drug controller Kupwara, Handwara, ARTO Kupwara and other concerned officersattended

Dr. GN Itoo reviews projects under JJM

meeting to review the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission in District Samba, was held here today at conference hall DC office Samba.

The meeting was chaired jointly by Mission Director, Dr. GN Itoo and District Development Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta and threadbare discussion on progress of ongoing works of JJM. Chief Engineer Jal shak-

ti Department Jammu, Hamesh Manchanda, Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Jammu- Er. Vivek Kohli, Executive Engineer PHE Div. Samba Er. Brij Moham, Executive Engineer Ground water Division Jammu, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE division Samba, Technical Officer PHE Div. Samba Pawandeep Singh Soni and DIO Samba . Besides, all AEEs Of Samba PHE Division Samba, DPMU JJM District Samba Rakesh Gupta and other line departments were present in meeting.

During the meeting, Dr Itoo said that JJM being a national flagship program needs more dedication and follow-up for the completion of all projects with the involvement of District administrations and PRIs. He stressed out-come based

efforts and ensuring strict completion of work as per timeline. During the meet-



monitoring of water quality at the grossroot level by way of capacity building of the local community. He laid stress on using techniques like Critical Path Method (CPM) and Resource Management System for better control and understanding of the priority areas and discerning the way forward to complete each work on time. He discussed component wise works and stressed on the speedy completion of the schemes.

The meeting was formed that out of 112 JJM schemes, 81 have been allotted and work on 75 schemes was in progress and three schemes have been completed and another six schemes will be completed by end of this month. The remaining ongoing schemes will be completed in the next three

maining 31 schemes is un-The meeting was informed

that Tap Water Connections to Public Institutions in Rural areas are 1539. which includes Anganwadi Health Institutions and Gram Panchayat Building and Water Quality Testing Progress total Number of tests conducted till date

(during the year 2022-23)

DC directed concerned officials to enhance the transparency and effectiveness in monitoring of the works including functioning of NGOs empanelled as Implementation Support Agencies (ISAs). These ISAs are going to work across villages and help in capacity building of Gram panchayats, PaniSamities and perform other support

Principal Secretary I&C chairs Investor Facilitation Meet

JAMMU, MARCH 15: Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) today organised a J&K Investor Facilitation Meet for Investors, Industrial Associations and trade bodies of J&K under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce (I&C), Prashant Goyal.Principal Secretary, while addressing the meet, appreciated JKTPO for hosting such sessions where all Investors, trade bodies, industrial associations and other officials share the same platform to have a threadbare discussion on the issues faced by industrialists.He said "Government wants to work in sync with the investors in their journey and guide them in every possible way to resolve their grievances. He also highlighted various steps being taken up by the Industry and Commerce Department to improve the business ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir such as fully operational Single Window System, upgradation and amendments of J&K Industrial

ecosystem policies.Principal Secretary assured that such meetings will be regularly scheduled in both the divisions to facilitate investors as per the directions of Lieutenant Governor, J&K.Secretary, Revenue Department, Dr Puyush Singla, briefed the gathering about the e-services and the ICT interventions adopted by the revenue department. He assured special attention to the matters related to industrialists such as change of land use, registration of private industrial estates and timely monitoring of disposing the cases in a time bound manner. The Investors were briefed about the BRAP reforms and services completed which are active on Single window system. The system has been incorporated with all the incentive calculators, SOP's and guide flow for applying for any service. The session had one to one discussion with investors, industrial associations and trade bodies regarding the issues faced by them in different verticals such as land, power.

DC Rajouri urges citizens to protect their consumer rights on World Consumer Rights Day

RAJOURI, MARCH 14: World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) is celebrated every year on March 15th across the nation with great enthusiasm and vigor. The day serves as a reminder of our rights as consumers and how we can protect ourselves from unfair trade practices and exploitation.

The theme of World Consumer Rights Day 2023 is "Empowering Consumers Through Clean Energy Transitions." This year's theme aims to raise awareness of consumer empowerment and their role in promoting a faster transition to clean energy.

On the occasion of World Consumer Rights Day, a mega program was organized in the Conference Hall of the PWD Dakbunglow, where the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal was the chief guest.

During the event, students spoke about the need for greater consumer protection, improved access to information and a fairer marketplace, highlighting the importance of advocating for the rights of consumers across the world and the need to ensure they are protected



from unscrupulous business practices. The students encouraged citizens to be informed and active in demanding their rights as consumers and to push for a global economy that works for everyone. The District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Rajouri-Poonch (Retired district and Session Judge). Ali Khan, addressed the public on consumer rights and the importance of consumer protection. He stated that the main aim of the event was to generate fair access to goods and services.

awareness among the public about their rights and responsibilities as consumers, as well as to spread information on consumer-related issues. He also highlighted the various consumer protection laws and the role of consumer forums in protecting the rights of consumers. He appealed to the public to make full use of their rights and to be informed about the various provisions under these laws. Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of everyone being aware of their rights and duties so they could be properly protected against any unfair practices by companies or traders. He emphasized the need for strict implementation and enforcement of consumer rights. He also urged everyone to take responsibility and protect their rights as consumers. The Deputy Commissioner also enlightened the audience about the various initiatives taken by the government to empower consumers in their rights and to create an environment where consumers get what they deserve. He stated that the government is striving hard to ensure that consumers have

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> **Assistant Reginal** Transport Officer Kargil | Ladakh

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Nowshera Forest Division organises Trekking to celebrate Chinar Day

RAJOURI, MARCH 15: Trekking on trek route from city forest Nowshera to Tain Top organised for public by Nowshera Forest Division on the occasion of Chinar

The Trekking was flagged off by Narinder Sharma, Chairman MC Nowshera in the presence of Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest Officer, Nowshera and Dr. Taran Singh, Chairman Shaheed Azam Bhagar Singh Foundation Jammu. The trek route passed through lush green forest spanning a distance of more than 2 km.

A trekking group of 30 persons comprising of school children, general public, PRI members, members of Shaheed Azam Bhagat Singh foundation alognwith forest officials participated in the trekking.

The participants lauded the efforts of forest department for developing such trek route in the middles of the forest for developing connection of mankind to nature so that sense of responsibility for protection and conservation of natural forest develops in present generation. A chinar sapling was also planted in the premises of

Nowshera Forest Division by DFO Nowshera to mark the celebration of Chinar Day.

Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Skits, Nukad Nataks held across Doda town

Abhivan' and under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav various activities including Skit, Nukad Natak etc were held today at Old Bus Stand Doda.

The artists roam around the markets and mohallas in the Doda Town to generate awareness on the drugs menace. A colourful skit depicting Yamrai dragging a drug addict prepared by Social Welfare Depart-

DC Udhampur presides over weekly **Block Diwas at Lalli**

UDHAMPUR, MARCH 15: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Krittika Jyotsna today visited Block Moungri and listened scores public issues during weekly Block Diwas programme held at Lalli of District Udhampur.BDC Chairman, Bimla Devi, DDC Councillor, Jasvir Singh, ADDC, Ghan Shyam Singh, SE PMGSY, Sarpanches, Panches besides large number of public hailing from adjoining panchayats attended the Block Diwas programme. Several demands and issues like shortage of staff in Health and Educational institutions, Establishment of Degree College, Construction/ Black topping of circular roads, uninterrupted power supply, electrification of un-electrified area, weak mobile network etc were putforth by the public. The DC listened to the demands of the public and assured them that all their issues and demands would be addressed in a time bound manner. She directed the officers to work with missionary zeal so that the people of area may not deprive off getting

DODA, MARCH 15: As a ment and Academy of Art Mohd Ashraf Wani, DSWO programme aimed to mopart of 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Culture and Languages Doda, Tariq Qazi, DYSSO tivate drug addicts to de-Sub office Doda, roaming around the markets and Mohallas catched the sight of audience.DC Doda upto Old Bus Stand Doda about the adverse effects Vishesh Mahajan along with ADDC Doda, Pran Singh, ADC Doda, Dr R K Bharti, ACR Doda Sanjeev Kumar, CPO Doda Suresh

Doda, Jaffar Sheikh and nounce the addiction and Cultural Officer Salauddin to disseminate awareness accompanied the artists among the common masses where a Nukad Natak of drugs. The skit was runwas presented by girls of Nari Neketan Doda under to spread information the supervision of Sanya about the deadly effect of Khan, Gender Specialist, drugs on person and on so-

through market and streets Kumar, DIO DIPR Doda, Mission Shakhti Doda. The ciety and the importance.

Public Notice

In my Adhaar Card under no,6524 2235 5857 my name and D.O.B is wrongly entered as Ishrat Fatima D|O Zaheer Hussain Shah and D.O.B O1|O1|1991 insted of Saika Fatima, DIO Zaheer Hussain Shah O1|O2|2OO5 while in actual Name and D.O.B is Saika atima, D|O Zaheer Hussain Shah O1|O2|2OO5 d.Now i am applying for its correction if anybody have any objection in this regard he may contact Concerned Department within 7 days. After that no objection shall

Zaheer Hussain Shah F/o: Saika Fatima MothersName: Shahzadi Fatima F/o Gundi Seydan Karna Kupwara

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.

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Notice

Dated: 15 /03/2023

Applications in the below format are invited from the desirous candidates in the age group of 18-40 years of district kupwara for participating in the following seven days STRY training programmes .The selection of the participants shall be made on first come first serve basis.

S.No.	Name of the training programme	Intake capacity	Date
1	Scientific Sheep farming for doubling farm income.	28	23-03-2023 To
2	Management of dairy farming on scientific lines .	28	29-03-2023
3	Pre and Post harvest management of Walnut.	28	

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Sr.Scientist & Head

S/O -Ab Rashid Malik RIO.Budhgair Ali Kadal Srinagar

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"Sports nurtures both mind & body and enables students to become well-rounded across disciplines. National Education Policy has given us an opportunity to promote Sports through multidisciplinary system and end fragmentation in education system," said the Lt Governor.

Citing various reports and studies on the impact of sports on the mind of an individual, the Lt Governor said the researchers considered Sports as a miracle for the brain. It is important that sports should be a part of our curriculum, he noted.

Highlighting the initiatives taken for holistic development of youth, the Lt Governor said, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the National Education Policy is creating a progressive ecosystem for the students to translate their dreams into reality.

"Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision for FIT India, Khelo India, National Education Policy, start-up opportunities, is building a strong foundation for India's future," said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also pointed out that Sports was deeply rooted in the ancient education system.

Our Currievels had complexized using Sports as a tool to on

Our Gurukuls had emphasized using Sports as a tool to enable socio-economic change, he said.

The Lt Governor encouraged the youth to follow in the footsteps of prominent personalities who achieved excellence in both academics and sports.

"Nothing is Impossible. You can achieve excellence in any field with your hard-work, dedication, right guidance and can build your future with your individuality and independent thinking," said the Lt Governor.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the administration to providing all necessary facilities to sportspersons and making J&K a sporting powerhouse.

Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, Jammu University said that the University of Jammu, being one of the partners for hosting the Pre-Summit of G-20 Group of Countries, has taken an initiative to organise an inter-University Sports Competition for the Chancellor's Trophy-2023 to promote brotherhood among students and scholars of the various Universities and to build trust and social harmony.

From the ensuing academic session, students can pursue two academic programmes simultaneously as per the UGC guidelines, he added.

Chancellor's Trophy is being held under the initiative "My Youth My Pride" to promote the concept of NEP 2020 which envisages sports as part of the curriculum and lays emphasis on sports-integrated learning and as a skill for a quality life, it was informed.

Participants will compete in various sports disciplines like Basketball, Cricket, Kabaddi, Volleyball and Table

Vice Chancellors of various Universities; HoDs, faculty members and students in large numbers were present on the occasion—(KNO)

AZAD

or land here," he said . "If our party emerges victorious in the upcoming elections, the jobs and land shall be secured through legislation."

Azad said he and his party colleagues do not fear anyone and will rid J&K of the currently prevalent system.

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"We do not fear anyone, we do not fear any raids, we are not afraid of being jailed. We have not done anything in our life to fear either the central government or the state government," he added.

Azad also questioned why the authorities are allowing blacklisted agencies to conduct exams in Jammu and Kashmir

NIA

Kulgam, Shopian, Pulwama, Anantnag and 1 location in Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab in case RC-05/2022/NIA/JMU. Digital devices and incriminating material were seized from these locations yesterday. Further investigations in the case are in progress, statement added.(KNB)

GANDOLA

project in Kashmir valley has earned Rs 100 Crore during the fiscal year. This she revealed during the presentation of Jammu and Kashmir fiscal budget in the Parliament. "..Feeling elated for getting recognition at highest national

level," Managing Director JK Cable Car Corporation Jeelani Zargar said.

A senior officer at Gulmarg said they have earned Rs 100

crore revenue during one season from the Gondola cable car and the collections have surpassed all the previous records which is a great achievement.

"The sales have surpassed all previous records." he said.

The officer said an average 4000 people use this cable car every day.

The officer said a lot of effort has been made to achieve the

milestone.

"It was a big challenge to achieve this sales target as the tourists who visit Gulmarg need good accommodation, hospitality and a good infrastructure," the officer added.

The government has also made an on-line ticketing pro-

cess that has helped to increase the revenue and has also

reduced the hassles of tourists acquiring the ticket for tak-

BSF

as brave Seema Prahari. The trainees hail from all over

the Country.
While addressing the newly 119 recruits Sastry said that the force men played a pivotal role in eliminating the militancy from Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab with valour.

SECURITY

that were deferred yesterday will be conducted once Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board will be fully satisfied and that exams will be held soon.

He said that the transparency is a top priority for them and if there is any iota of doubt that will be addressed. The LG said that the recruitments will be done based on merit and transparency is the top priority for them and there will be no compromise on it.Replying to a question, Sinha said 47 employees have been dismissed from their services as they were having militancy links.

"The statement I made a day before about jobs were given to militants was based on facts as action has already been taken against many people," he said—

DIV COM

lanes and parking space at KNH besides he asked for land-scape development of the lawn.

To enhance the aesthetics of ambience, he directed colour coating of rusted roofs of adjoining buildings.

While visiting SKIMS Soura, Div Com inspected Administrative Block, Exclusive Burn Theater, Intensive Cardiac Care Unit, Disaster Ward, Infectious Disease Block and Helipad.

On the occasion, he was briefed about the status of infrastructure and State of Art facilities in place at the institution including equipment, staff, beds besides washroom

and bathroom facilities. He was informed that the institution is ready to provide best services besides the capacity is further being enhanced.

Div Com instructed Director SKIMS to beautify the parks, entrance gate and colour iron grills besides ensure cleanliness and sanitation around the hospital—(KNO)

2 SEATS

These seats shall be in addition to the earlier granted DNB seats.

As per official data Government Medical College Srinagar received approval for 2 seats in FNB Paediatric Anesthesia, JLNM Hospital, Srinagar received 3 Post MBBS DNB seats in General Surgery, DH Udhampur received sanction of 5 seats under Pediatrics, General Medicine and Orthopedics DH Poonch received 2 seats in General Medicine DH Ganderbal got sanction for 2 seats each in DNB General Medicine and Diploma Pediatrics, DH Kulgam received 2 seats in Family Medicine while CHC Kupwara got 2 seats in Diploma Pediatrics.

Mission Director, NHM, J&K, Ayushi Sudan, while giving details about the development said that implementation of the DNB courses at the District Level in J&K has been termed as a best practice in the Country. Under DNB programme in the UT, a total of 250 seats were granted to the accredited departments during Session 2022 consequent to the concerted efforts and hard work of the administrative department H&ME J&K, NHM J&K and the team of health institutions being monitored by Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar.

"All the efforts are being made to scale up the DNB courses in all the District Hospitals and potential CHCs of J&K. During upcoming session, J&K is planning to submit more than 30 applications including almost all District Hospitals", she added.

Pertinent to mention that the DNB courses have been introduced in the District Hospitals and new Government Medical Colleges besides old GMCs and SKIMS in order to strengthen the institutions, decongest the GMCs and to address the shortage of specialists in the UT of J&K.

to address the shortage of specialists in the UT of J&K. Implementation of DNB courses has led to an equitable distribution of health care services and manpower especially in far flung and hard to reach areas. This has also proved beneficial for the population who have very meagre access to health care services in their areas, leading to low referrals from DNB institutions to Tertiary care institutions thereby further decreasing the Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) of patients—(KNO)

RS

of the country, conspiring pro-actively physically and in social media to undertake violent terrorist acts in Jammu and Kashmir and other major cities in India," he said.

"J&K Ghaznavi Force (JKGF) surfaced in 2020 as a terrorist outfit and draws its cadres from various proscribed terrorist organizations, such as Lashkar-E-Taiba, Jaish-E-Mohammed, Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen, Harkat-ul-Jihad-E-Islami, etc," he said, adding that it has been involved in infiltration bids, narcotics and weapon smuggling and carrying out terror attacks in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The minister also said that it has been issuing threats to security forces and inciting people in Jammu and Kashmir to join terrorist outfits against India.

He said Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) came into existence in the year 2011 as an offshoot of Babbar Khalsa International, a proscribed terrorist organization under the UAPA. "It promotes acts of terrorism and its cadres have been receiving financial and logistics support including sophisticated weaponry from their foreign-based handlers and has been found involved in various terrorist cases, including targeted killings," he said—(KNO)

CJK

disinformation abound, Journalists must always remember that, whatever be the reason, truth can't ever be allowed to become a casualty when they perform their duty. There are no short-cuts to good journalism," he said.

He said while the electronic and the social media are grow-

ing, the print media has played a more responsible role in chronicling the Indian development story, especially since it couldn't afford to go wrong on facts.

Advocate Ved Bhushan Gupta, Secretary of the Prof R.K. Chhibber Memorial Trust, said the best tribute to Prof Chhibber would be to do our respective jobs with honesty and sincerity.

In his address, Maneesh Chhibber said as a judge, Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh enjoys a stellar reputation of somebody who is a firm believer in the majesty of the laws, one who is very pro-poor and has been known to go the

Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, he said, couldn't have got a better person to head the legal system.

got a better person to head the legal system. Advocate Anshuja Sharma-Tak was the master of the ceremony

Besides, Justice Vinod Chatterji-Koul, Justice Rahul Bharti and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, J&K Advocate General D C Raina, Deputy Solicitor General Vishal Sharma, J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu, president, Vikram Sharma, senior advocate M K Bhardwaj, Press Club of Jammu President Sanjeev Pargal, former Presidents of the Press Club of Jammu Manu Srivatsa and Ashwani Kumar, former J&K Chief Secretary BR Sharma and several others were present and leaders from different political parties were also present on the occasion.

DRUGS

that registers doctors to ensure proper standards of medical practice on September 2016 amended Clause 1.5 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, etiquette and ethics), Regulations 2002 mandating doctors to prescribe generic medicines, the DAK president said.

He said that MCI has repeatedly reiterated its directive asking doctors to prescribe generic drugs failing which strict disciplinary action must be taken against those violating the code.

Dr Nisar said that there is a need for a law to make generic drug prescribing mandatory and to ensure doctors prescribe cheaper generic drugs instead of costly branded medicines.

The DAK President said the law would make drugs affordable and accessible to poor patients who are not able to buy expensive brand-name drugs.

He said that around 25 per cent population in jammu and kashmir do not have access to medicines due to lack of purchasing power but making generic drug prescription mandatory will help poor patients to purchase drugs and save thousands of lives

Generic drugs, he said, have the efficacy as branded drugs, however, the "nexus" is misleading people about generic drugs that is preventing these drugs from getting popular. "Unless a mass awareness about generic drugs along legal framework won't take place, the push for generic medicines will remain an idea without implementation," Dr Nisar said.

"While generic drugs account for 88% of prescriptions in the United States, in JK, unnecessary expensive therapies are used when less costly, equally effective options are available," he added. More education for both doctors and patients would in-

crease the prescriptions and use of generic medications, he added.

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quality and efficacy and costs 80 to 90% less than a branded drug, he said.

A pharma company that develops a branded drug gets pat-

A pharma company that develops a branded drug gets patent protection that prohibits other manufacturers from producing the drug for a period of 20 years.

DIG CKR Srinagar reviews security scenario in Budgam

Budgam, 15-Mar,: Deputy Inspector General of Police CKR Srinagar Sujit Kumar-IPS today visited district Budgam and chaired a review meeting regarding security scenario, anti-militancy operations, law and order, anti-drug drive and other issues related to day-to-day policing at DPO

During the meeting, he also took stock of the overall security situation. DIG CKR held a threadbare discussion regarding the recent murder case and expressed his satisfaction on the investigation of the case. He directed for successful culmination of the case on merits.

He directed all the officers to complete investigation of all pending cases on priority. He also laid stress on strengthening the police-public relations; service oriented policing which will help in gaining the confidence and trust of general public. He emphasised upon the officers to adopt professional approach while dealing with counter insurgency operations and law and order situations.(CNS)

Farming machinery distributed among progressive farmers at Tangdar



KUPWARA, MARCH 15: Agriculture department organized a function at Mini Secretriat Tangdar today to distribute different farming machinery among the beneficiaries. The function was presided over by SDM Karnah, Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Rather. Sub Divisional Agriculture officer and AEO Tangdar was present at the occasion.

On the occasion, 3 power weeders, 2 power tillers and 1 tractor were handed over to the progressive farmer beneficiaries from Karnah sub division by the SDM.

It was informed that during the current financial year 2022-23, as many as 16 power weeders, 3 power tiller and 4 tractors were distributed among various farmers of Karnah sub division. The machinery was distributed under CAPEX and Centrally Sponsored Schemes and the subsidy amounting to Rs.13.95 lakh have been released in favour of the beneficiaries through DBT mode.

Meanwhile, the SDM appreciated the officers for distributing the machinery among the farmers and urged upon them to ensure such benefits reach to all areas of the border and far flung Karnah sub division.

DIC Jammu organises workshop on 'Ease of Doing Business & J&K Single Window System'

JAMMU, MARCH 15: A one day District Level workshop / sensitization on Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and J&K Single window system was organized by District Industries Centre Jammu in Conference Hall, Udyog Bhawan, Jammu. The workshop was inaugurated by the Director General, Industries and Commerce, Jammu, Anoo Malhotra in presence of Virender Kumar Manayal, General Manager, DIC Jammu, Meenakshi Vaid, Joint Director Industries (Development) Jammu, Surinder Pal Sharma, Joint Director Industries (M&P)/ Jammu.

The DG Industries highlighted the importance of Ease of Doing Business and J&K Single Window Clearance System. She further noted that E&Y team should set up facilitation centres in each district of Jammu division for handholding of Industrialists/ General public.

Various Industrial Associations of Jammu, Industrialists/Entrepreneurs amongst senior officers of different departments also participated in the workshop, Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Jammu, Jal Shakti Department, Jammu, Jammu Power Development Corporation, State Pollution Control Board, Geology & Mining, Excise and Taxation, State Taxes department, District Industries Centre Jammu, IT Team from J&K SICOP and Labour Department. A detailed Power Point Presentation was given by the technical team of E&Y on the subject.

Later, the queries of the Industrialists/ Entrepreneurs and participants were also addressed by them.

General Manager, District Industries Centre Jammu presented vote of thanks.

CAO Reasi flags off Exposure visit of Mushroom Growers to Jammu

REASI, MARCH 15: One day exposure visit of the Mushroom growers of District Reasi was organised today to Directorate of Agriculture Jammu under skill development programme which was sponsored by the District Administration Reasi.

The tour program was flagged off by District Agriculture Officer Reasi, Ravinder Tripathi and SDAO Reasi, Vinod Khajuria.

Mushroom growers paid visit to Spawn Production Lab, Mushroom demonstration and training centre, compost pasteurisation centre, Agronomist section and Apiculture section of the department and were overwhelmed with the outcome of the visit.

The visitors were provided the technical knowhow of Mushroom and other schemes of the Department and detailed lectures were given by JD Inputs S. Arvinder Singh Reen, Agronomist Specialist, J C Raina, MDO, Sanjay Dhar, SPO, Krishan Kant, SMS, Kamal Jeet.

The touring growers were accompanied by District SMS,

Amit Sharma, SMS SDL, Kewal Krishan, incharge DCTC Reasi, Gaurav Sharma and Sohan Bali, AEA.

DLSA Samba celebrates World Consumer Rights Day

SAMBA, MARCH 15: Under the insightful directions of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority and also under the radiant guidance and overall supervision of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Samba (also Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Samba), District Legal Services Authority Samba today observed World Consumer Rights Day with a theme (2023) "Empowering Consumers Through Clean Energy Transitions" at Village Channi Manhasa Tehsil-Ramgarh District Samba.

Hitesh Sharma, Panel Advocate, District Legal Services

Authority Samba and Rakesh Kumar, Tehsil Supply Officer, Department of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Samba acted as a resource persons.

Panel advocate, Hitesh Sharma threw light on the provisions of the Protection of Consumer Rights Act ,1986 whereas Rakesh Kumar spoke on the 2023 theme of the World Consumer Rights Day and also on general rights of the Consumers and the issues surrounding Consumer rights and needs in the program.

The objective of organizing the program was to raise awareness of Consumer Rights, Consumer Protection and Empowerment from unfair treatment or market exploitation that could compromise their rights.

Aryans College of Law celebrates World Consumer Rights Day

LLB & BA LLB students organized an Awareness Rally



Srinagar, March 15thOn this year's theme "Empowering Consumers through Clean Energy Transitions", the World Consumer Rights Day was celebrated by Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh. Adv. Varun Bansal, Book of World Record Holder and Advocate at District Courts Bathinda was the keynote Speaker of the event & addressed Aryans LLB & BA LLB students. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group presided over the event. Bansal while addressing mentioned that this day signifies celebration and solidarity in the international consumer movement, demanding that, consumer rights are to be respected and protected. Each consumer has the right to have information about the quality, potency, quantity, purity, price and standard of goods or services, he explained. Bansal further said that the rights given to Consumers under The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 are Right to Protection, Right of Information, Right of Choice, Right of Hearing & Right of Redressal. The Consumer has the right to choose the product, be protected from hazardous goods, be informed about the performance and quality of all products, to be heard in all decision-making processes related to Consumer interests, to seek redressal, he elaborated.

On the occasion, Aryans students organized an Awareness rally. It is to be mentioned that every year, World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated on March 15 to acknowledge and recognize the rights of consumers. The day raises global awareness about consumer rights, consumer protection and empowerment.

AJKPC Holds Peace March in Srinagar, Demands Justice for Guards, Gardeners

Srinagar,15/March/2023: All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference(AJKPC), a registered organization working for strengthening the grass root level democracy in J & K today held a peace march in Srinagar seeking justice for the temporary guards and gardeners of the rural development department who had been associated with the department for decades together but not recognized as regular daily wagers by the government.

Anil Sharma, President of the AJKPC leading the march

Ann Sharma, Freshell of the AJKPC leading the march from Partap Park to press Colony Srinagar along with other elected Panchayat members and senior functionaries of the organization raised slogans demanding justice for these poor temporary Maali, Chowkidars and urged the J & K government to formulate a policy for these people. While interacting with the media persons during the

March, Sharma informed that many of these temporary workers are over aged now and they had given the precious years of their youth for the government and now at this age they are no more fit for any other job thus the government must show magnanimity and absorb them in regular employment in phased manner.

It was also informed by the other Panchayat members

present in the march that many temporary guards and gardeners have also given their land to the government for raising different infrastructure and buildings; with assurance of regular jobs this promise was never fulfilled.

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They said several memorandums and repeated reminders have been submitted with the officers of Rural Development Department regarding this important issue but no one paid any heed to this genuine demand.

The AJKPC resolved that it shall continue holding such protest till the justice is done with these poor workers.

Training Program on Revival of Dying Craft: Paper Machie Designing held at IUST.



Awantipora, March 15: Three-day training program on Revival of the Dying Craft: Paper Machie Designing coordinated by the Department of Management Studies, IUST concludes. The Programme was attended by about 100 participants from different educational institutions in the

Multiple sessions were held focussing on different aspects including Incredible history of Paper Machie in Kashmir, Origin of Paper Machie, Introduction to basic traditional designs, Innovations in Paper Machie, Making of Paper Machie Pulp, Supply Chain and Marketing of Paper Machie. Besides, heads-on training on pulp-making and Paper Machie design makings were also held.

Professor Vasanthi Rajendran, Head Centre for Training, Orientation and Capacity Building, RGNIYD, chief Guest on the inaugural function of the event, applauded the department for organizing such programmes and sensitizing the students on the need for efforts towards revival of traditional crafts. Dr Asif Iqbal Fazili, Dean, School of Business Studies IUST said that the department is focused on research and training for the revival of the dying arts and crafts of Kashmir.

NEP Age Criteria: Parents of Tyndale Biscoe & Mallinson School students protest

Srinagar, 15-Mar,: Scores of parents on Wednesday staged a protest against Tyndale Biscoe & Mallinson School for flouting the norms of New Education Policy (NEP) while demanding that students of Lower Primary Division i:e, KG students in these schools should be promoted to Class 1st. The parents said that the DSEK in a letter dated March 11, 2023 directed the management of Tyndale Biscoe and Mallison higher secondary school Srinagar to promote kids to next classes prospectively rather than retrospectively. However, a day after the letter was issued; the school came up with fresh notification on preschool age criteria by giving retrospective effect to the NEP-2020 killing the spirit of this new education policy and not following the orders from Directorate of School Education. "Tyndale Biscoe & Mallinson School is not complying with any of the directions from DSEK. Age-appropriated promotion of previous (non-NEP) batches led to their retention in the same class for another year (after re-captioning this class as UKG); means students have to be in the same class for over 2 years implying that they are badly affecting earlier batches, unlike any other school in Jammu and Kashmir

India to monitor players' workload in IPL ahead of WTC final

BENGALURU: India will monitor the workload of their play ers in the build-up to the World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia, with some of them set to play key roles with their teams in the Indian Premier League, captain Rohit Sharma

Rohit, whose side sealed a 2-1 homes series victory over the same opponents to qualify for the WTC title clash, will also explore the possibility of sending some players to Britain earlier than scheduled to prepare for the match. The IPL kicks off on March 31 and the final is scheduled for May 28, while the WTC decider begins at The Oval on

"I think it's quite critical for us," Rohit said. "We're going to keep in constant touch with all our players who are going to be part India pacers Mohammed Siraj



of that final and to monitor their workload and what's happening

(Royal Challengers Bangalore), Mohammed Shami (Gujarat Titans) and Umesh Yadav (Kolkata Knight Riders) are among those

expected to be heavily involved in the domestic Twenty20 compe-

Rohit said India would make sure the trio were ready for the WTC final. "We're sending some (red) Duke balls to all fast bowlers as well," Rohit said. "I believe in preparation and it's again going to be key for us. Around May 21, there will be six teams who will possibly be out of the IPL playoffs, so whichever players are available, we'll try get them to the UK as early as possible."

India's success against Australia came on turning tracks but Rohit expects a different ball game at a neutral venue. "Both teams have played lot of cricket in that part of the world and I won't say it'll be alien conditions," Rohit said. "I'm sure both teams will prepare

Latham to lead New Zealand in Sri Lanka ODIs as regulars jet off to IPL

WELLINGTON: Tom Latham will lead New Zealand's One-day Onternational team in the three-match series against Sri Lanka later this month with a host of Black Caps stars released to their Indian Premier League clubs.

Latham will be skipper for the whiteball matches at Auckland's Eden Park on March 25, Christchurch three days later and Hamilton on March 31, the same day the 2023 IPL season kicks off.

Kane Williamson (Gujarat Titans), Tim Southee (Kolkata Knight Riders), Devon Conway and Mitchell Santner (both Chennai Super Kings) will be released early after the current Test series against Sri Lanka, New Zealand Cricket said. Williamson steered New Zealand to a

thrilling last-ball win over Sri Lanka in the first Test on Monday on a rain-disrupted final day in Christchurch. The second Test starts in Wellington on Fri-

Meanwhile, Finn Allen (Royal Challengers Bangalore), Lockie Ferguson (Kolkata Knight Riders) and Glenn Phillips (Sunrisers Hyderabad) will leave the squad after the first ODI.



Tom Blundell and Will Young are back in the squad while uncapped players Chad Bowes and Ben Lister have also been called up. Lister, Mark Chapman and Henry Nicholls will join the squad ahead of the second ODI.

Lister made his Twenty20 debut in India last month while this is the first time South African-born batter Bowes has been selected for the Black Caps.

'Chad has been impressive for a number of seasons at the top of the order for Canterbury as well as being an excellent fielder," coach Gary Stead said in a state-

British Deputy High Commission felicitated East Bengal women football team

Kolkata, March 15 (UNI) The British Deputy High Commission Kolkata felicitated the women football team of East Bengal Club at Sister Nivedita University (SNU), New Town on Wednesday. This was part of our programme to commemorate the International Women's Day this year. Peter Cook, Acting British Deputy High Commissioner to Kolkata said, "Empowering women is akey part of UK's new gender strategy! I was so glad to join with Sister Nivedita University in Kolkata today to pay full honour to the women in our society. I also had the pleasure to meet the East Bengal Women's football team and enjoyed hearing so many stories of gender leadership and gender campaigns. I am delighted to add my voice in support of so many women in the struggle for full equality."Prof. (Dr). Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Vice Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University said, "Men and women are two forms of the same energy which has created this planet. Hence I feel if we can remove the discriminations and spread this eternal truth among people, the world would be a much better place to live. We should eliminate the need to celebrate Women or Men's Day and ratherfocus on cele-



brating a Day for the entire Humanity." During the programme, Debasmita Associate Director, Accenture gave a talk on 'Gender Equality through financial and digital empowerment of Women'. Peter Cook, Acting British Deputy High Commissioner to Kolkata said, "Empowering women is akey part of UK's new gender strategy! I was so glad to join with Sister Nivedita University in Kolkata today to pay full honour to the women in our society. I also had the pleasure to meet the East Bengal Women's football team and enjoyed hearing so many stories of gender leadership and gender campaigns. I am delighted to add my voice in support of so many women.

FIFA says 2026 World Cup will have record 104 matches

KIGALI: The 2026 World Cup will have 104 matches instead of the traditional 64 games due to the expanded format with 48 teams taking part, global football governing body FIFA said on Tuesday after its Council meeting in the Rwandan capital Kigali.The 2026 edition, which will be co-hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico, will be the first edition of the quadrennial tournament where 48 teams are taking part. The final will be held on July 19. The new format will also stick to drawing four teams in a group after a proposal for a three-team group was shot down over fears of collusion. However, the number of groups will increase from 12 to 16. The original plan for the 2026 edition had a total of 80 matches but the decision to increase the number of games to 104 was approved by FIFA's council.Traditionally the top two teams from each group advance to the last 16 but the 2026 edition will also have the eight best third-placed teams moving Council unanimously approved the pro-Cup 2026 competition format" FIFA said.



"The revised format mitigates the risk of collusion and ensures that all the teams play a minimum of three matches, while providing balanced rest time between competing teams."The decision comes after a dramatic group stage at the tournament in Qatar convinced FIFA that a rethink was needed."The groups of four have been absolutely incredible until the last minute of the last match," FIFA president Gianni Infantino, who is expected into the knockout round of 32."The FIFA to be waved in for a new four-year term as president as he stands unopposed for posed amendment to the FIFA World re-election at Thursday's FIFA Congress, said in December.

Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar organizes Cross Country Run for Girls

SRINAGAR, MARCH 15: The Department of Physical Education, Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar today organized a Cross Country Run for Girls from Duck Park to Nishat Garden, covering a total distance of 7kms.

The Cross country Run 2nd Semester. Two Consowas flagged-off by the Principal of the College, Prof (Dr) G.M Lone at 7.33 AM from Duck Park Srinagar and culminated at Nishat Garden.A total of 68 students of the college participated in the said event.Later, on the banks of Dal Lake at Nishat Garden, a felicitation ceremony was organized wherein den, a felicitation ceremothe Principal of the college, Prof (Dr) G.M Lone felicitated the First prize winner Ifra Jan of B.A 4th felicitated the First prize Semester, Second position holder Sabiya Fayaz of B.A. 4th Semester and Sabreen Manzoor, third Position holder of B.A.



lation Prizes were given to Bisma Shaheen and Saima Yatoo.Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of the College lauded the role of District Administration and Police Department for their support in conducting the said event smoothly. Later, on the banks of Dal Lake at Nishat Garny was organized wherein the Principal of the college, Prof (Dr) G.M Lone winner Ifra Jan of B.A 4th Semester, Second position holder Sabiya Fayaz of B.A. 4th Semester and Sabreen Manzoor.

