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News Brief

CRPF Trooper 'Mishandles' Weapon, Injures Himself, Colleague in Poonch

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Poonch, Mar 16 : Two CRPF personnel suffered injuries due to alleged mishandling of weapon by a para-military trooper outside Government Degree College Poonch on Thursday morning, officials said. They told HT that at around 11 AM, one constable Navjot Rai, in a vehicle belonging to CRPF 200 Battalion D Company, while mishandling his weapon discharged fire, resulting in injuries to himself besides another colleague SI Rajini Kanta. The incident, they said, occurred outside Government Degree College, Poonch. "The injured duo was evacuated from the site to District Hospital Poonch for treatment," they said. Meanwhile a police official has also confirmed the incident to HT saying that a team is on the site to collect the relevant details.

Non Local woman arrested for Kidnapping Minor Girl in Budgam

SRINAGAR, 16 MAR A non local woman was arrested by Budgam Police for allegedly kidnapping a 4-year-old girl from Dalwash village of central Kashmir's Budgam district. As per the Police official, "Police Station Khag received information that one lady who was begging in village Dalwash, Khag kidnapped a child age about 04 years namely. The lady concealed the child under her scarf and some local women upon developing suspicion, informed police Station Khag, reads statement "A police party of police station Khag rushed to the spot along with lady police personnel and recovered the kidnapped boy from the possession of non-local lady and arrested her on spot," police said. "The accused lady has been subsequently identified as Chidi Devi wife of Khana Ram resident of Dhannasar, Hanumangarh Rajasthan."

"A case FIR number 17/2023 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Khag and an investigation was taken up," statement reads. "The boy has been handed over to his parents after medico-legal formalities", police further said in a statement.

Historic T5 Panthyal tunnel opens for traffic

Srinagar, Mar 16: In a very much relief step to the commuters, the historical T5 tunnel of the four-lane road project at Panthyal between Ramban and Banihal has been thrown open for traffic on Thursday. An official of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) told news agency that the approach road to the tunnel along other allied works were completed successfully on Wednesday and the tunnel has been thrown open for traffic on Thursday. He said that the tunnel is going to help commuters to bypass the most vulnerable spots on

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Dairy Sector has Huge Potential to Strengthen Economic Conditions of Millions of Countrymen Across Rural India : LG Manoj Sinha

Addresses inauguration ceremony of Saran Dairy Producer Co. Ltd at Gopalganj, Bihar

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BIHAR, MARCH 16: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the inauguration ceremony of Saran Dairy Producer Co. Ltd at Gopalganj, Bihar today.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor highlighted the role of Dairy Sector in uplifting the rural economy, lives of small and marginal farmers and strengthening the spirit of Cooperatives.

"Dairy Sector has strengthened the rural economy and enhanced the economic condition of millions of small and marginal farmers of the country. This sector has empowered the women through Self Help



groups and they are playing the key role in delivering social and economic benefits to the rural economy," said the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor remembered the valuable contributions of great personalities like Dr. Rajendra

Prasad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Tribhuvandas and Verghese Kurien in strengthening the Cooperative movement and laying the foundation of Milk Revolution in India. After Independence, Gujarat and Bihar witnessed the

rise of the Cooperative revolution. Cooperatives have worked as a strong pillar for economic and social development of the poor & marginalized sections, he added. Today, the Dairy sector is making enormous social and economic contribution and developing vibrant ecosystem of rural milk producers through Cooperative Societies & Self-Help Groups to generate significant economic activity & employment, the Lt Governor further added. The Lt Governor appreciated the endeavour of the Saran Dairy Producer Co. Ltd for bringing together the unorganized rural milk producers under the structure of

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Close synergy between security forces vital to nab Dhangri culprits: DGP

At Rajouri-Poonch range, police chief calls for using SPOs, VDGs more efficiently for strong intelligence network

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Rajouri, Mar 16: Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Thursday called for more efforts from field officers to track culprits involved in the January 01 terror attack who are still roaming free. For this, he said the close synergy between forces is vital to have a strengthened intelligence network on the field. Seven people were killed and 14 injured as militants attacked Dhangri village in Rajouri on January 1. While five people, including two brothers, were killed after the militants opened fire at some houses, two children died when an improvised explosive device (IED) left behind by the attackers went off the next day. According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the DGP was on a



visit to the Rajouri district where he held a high-level security review meeting of the Rajouri-Poonch range. He was accompanied by Additional Director General Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh. The joint security meeting of all the forces held in Police Lines Rajouri was attended by top army officers in the region including General Officer in Commanding of the Army's Ace of Spades Division, Maj Gen YS Ahlawat and General Officer in Commanding Romeo Force, Mohit Trivedi.

Army's Ace of Spades division is having the prime mandate of looking after the security of the Line of Control (LoC) forward locations while Romeo Force looks after the security of Anti Infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS) as well as of hinterland security in Rajouri and Poonch districts. Along with these two army generals, the high-level meeting was attended by Deputy Inspector General of Police RP range, Dr Haseeb Mughal; Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri Mohd Aslam; Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch, Rohit Baskotra; Commandant IR 2nd Battalion Randeep Kumar; Commandant CRPF 72 Battalion, Additional SsP and several Deputy SsP. The DGP appreciated the synergy between the forces and intelligence agencies which he said has

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Court sends 'imposter' to judicial custody for masquerading top Gol official

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Srinagar, Mar 16 : A local court here in Srinagar Thursday sent a non-local 'imposter' to judicial custody.

Srinagar Police had arrested a man from Gujarat after inputs that he was masquerading as a top official from Prime Minister's Office and was not only enjoying the government patronage but also befooling the top government officers.

The imposter was arrested from an area falling under the jurisdiction of police station Nishat. He was identified as Kiran Bhai Patel son of Jagdish Bhai Patel, a resident of Gujarat.

For cheating and befooling people and masquerading as a top government official, police registered an FIR vide number 19/2023 under section 419 (cheating done by impersonation), 420

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After registering 14 FIRs against 2 burglars, police booked them under PSA

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Budgam, Mar 16 : After registering 14 cases against two notorious thieves from North Kashmir's Baramulla district, police finally booked them under Public Safety Act and shifted them to Kot Balwal Jail Jammu. Two habitual offenders, infamous for breaking into the houses and shops were arrested by Budgam police, and after seeking permission from the authorities, both were detained

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UIDAI makes online Aadhaar document updation process free till June 14

SRINAGAR MARCH 16: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has made online Aadhaar document updation process free of cost, a move that is expected to benefit millions of residents.

A people-centric move, has been taken as part of the Digital India initiative where the users can avail the free document update facility on 'myAadhaar' portal for the next three months upto June 14, 2023 starting from March 15, 2023. According to the UIDAI, no fee will be charged from the residents for online updation of the Proof of Identity and Proof of Address in Aadhaar during the limited period. The Residents who have not updated their Aadhaar in the last 8-10 years are required to upload their Proof of Identity and Proof of Address documents.

Much to the relief of the residents, UIDAI has waived off the charges for the online Aadhaar document update service for a limited period of 3 months and Aadhaar Online services can be availed from the myAadhaar portal (myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in) and through mAadhaar app where also the list of documents acceptable as Proof of Identity and Proof of Address, is available. Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar has appealed to the general public of the District to take maximum

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ECI assured us that they will do something soon on polls: Dr Farooq Abdullah

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Srinagar, Mar 16: National Conference president and MP from Srinagar Lok Sabha seat, Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said that the Election Commission of India has assured them they will do something soon on their demand of holding elections in Jammu & Kashmir.

Talking to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the former CM of J&K said that they assured the delegation that they will do something soon on their demand. "They assured everyone that they will do something soon," he told Jammu and Kashmir is without an elected Government since June 19, 2019 when BJP withdrew support to Mehbooba Mufti-led government, citing the deteriorating security situation in the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir. The two-year long delimitation process was completed on May



5, 2022 when the three-member panel headed by justice (retired) Ranjana Desai unveiled final electoral map of J&K. The voter revision process was also completed on November 25, 2022. A delegation of regional political parties and national parties met the poll-body today in New Delhi and sought immediate restoration of democracy in the Union Territory. The memorandum submitted by the parties today to the ECI states that the Panchayat elections and other PRI elections cannot be a substitute

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7 drug peddlers arrested in Kashmir: Police 'Narcotics worth crores recovered along LoC in Uri'

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Srinagar, Mar 16: Jammu and Kashmir Police in a series of actions on Thursday claimed to have arrested seven drug peddlers in Kulgam, Baramulla & Awantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession. Besides, Police along with security forces recovered narcotics worth crores in a village near LoC in Uri, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO). "In Baramulla, police along Army Dagger Division while conducting routine area domination patrols in general area of village Churanda Uri near LoC, found a suspicious bag. Accordingly, search of the surrounding area was also conducted and Narco Dog of BSF was called in. During

search operation, about 01 Kg of narcotics worth crores concealed in suspicious bag was recovered."

During preliminary investigation it was learnt that under a well hatched conspiracy, Pakistan based handlers are pushing drugs inside JK to spread drug addiction among the youth of JK, police said.

In another action, a police party of PS Baramulla at a checkpoint established at Khanpora intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK05L-2188 with two persons on board, police said.

They have been identified as Irfan Rasool Lone son of Gh Rasool Lone resident of Kralpora Fatehgarh & Amir Ahmad Wani son of Ab Gani Wani resident of Zandafaran Sheeri. During search, 20 grams of Brown Sugar was recovered from their possession. They have been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

In similar action, a police party of PS Uri following a specific information regarding hoarding of narcotics at a house belonging to Nokhaze Khan Awan son of Kulu Khan Awan resident of Parapeelan Uri, raided the specific location along with concerned Magistrate.

During search, 1.260 Kgs of Charas was recovered from the said location. The owner of the house has been arrested. Meanwhile, a police party of PS Sheeri at a checkpoint established at Gantamulla Baramulla arrested a drug peddler identified as Mohd Amir Lone son of Naseer Ahmad Lone resident of Baila Boniyar. During search, 60 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession.

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Statehood restoration must in J&K to address 'alienation' among people: Rajni Patil

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Jammu, March 16 (UNI) All India Congress Committee Incharge for J&K Rajni Patil on Thursday said that statehood restoration is a must for addressing alienation among people of the union territory. "For addressing alienation among the people, statehood should be restored to J&K with dignity and honour," said Patil on arriving here along with former Union Minister and AICC Observer for 'Hath se Hath' Campaign, Bharat Singh Solanki and AICC joint secretary Manoj Yadav on a three day visit. The AICC Incharge will review the organizational affairs and activities and also interact with party cadres, the statement read. Patil said that Congress was for the real empowerment of the people in



Jammu and Kashmir through the restoration of statehood. She said people are living a difficult life and want an end to their miseries. She said that Congress feels duty-bound to work for the wellbeing of the people. "Congress has strengthened the demo-

cratic set up of the country and it will continue to work in that direction despite the coercion and other pressure tactics by the ruling BJP," Patil added. Urging the centre to start the developmental process in J&K, she said it had come to a standstill since BJP assumed power at New Delhi. "Mere claims and running paper horses with regard to the wellbeing of the people and development of J&K won't serve any purpose. There is a need to address the developmental issues, rising unemployment and other major issues concerning the people," she added. "The political philosophy that formed the edifice of the Congress Party's agenda encompasses the true empowerment of the people through restoration of statehood and legal safeguards

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Ladakh admin proposes to notify 5.69 lakh kanals for field firing range in Kargil

Seeks objections from public over proposal

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Srinagar, Mar 16: The administration of Union Territory Ladakh has proposed to notify 5.69 lakh Kanals of land in Drass area of Kargil district as a field firing range.

In a notification, a copy of which is in possession of news agency—Kashmir News Observer, the UT administration has invited objections, if any, from general public over the proposal of firing range. "Objections in this regard, if any, may be communicated to Deputy Commissioner, Kargil within a period of two months from the date of issuance of this notice," reads the notification issued by Umang Narula, who is advisor to LG

Ladakh and administrative secretary, Home of the Union Territory. As per the proposal, the administration of UT Ladakh intends to authorize carrying out of the field firing and artillery practice throughout an area measuring 5,69,911 Kanals and 17 Marlas situated at village Matayen Kharu, district Kargil for a period of five years.

The notification has been issued under sub-section (3) of section 9 of the Maneuvers, Field Firing and Artillery Practice Act, 1938.

Under the law, the State/UT administration has to issue notice of intention before notifying an area as a field firing range for its use by forces. In 2017, the government of erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir had notified an area 4,80,000 Kanals (60,000 acres) situated at Mandalhang, Shayok in Durbuk sub-division, in Leh district as a field firing range for a period of five years—

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Navratras: Over 700 CCTVs to keep surveillance

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Jammu, Mar 16 (UNI) Ahead of Chaitra Navratras starting from March 22 and expecting to draw pilgrims in large number from various parts of the country and abroad to abode of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Anshul Garg on Thursday assessed security and operational preparedness for hassle-free pilgrimage during a joint meeting with security agencies at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Chief Executive Officer underscored that pilgrimage to holy cave shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi has in

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Workshop on Rajbhasha Hindi challenges and solutions held at NIT Srinagar

Various efforts are being taken to implement the Rajbhasha on the campus: Director NIT Srinagar

Srinagar, Mar 16: A daylong workshop on 'Rajbhasha Hindi Challenges and Solutions' was organized by Rajbhasha Cell on Thursday at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar. The event was presided over by Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal and Institute's Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari was 'Guest of Honor' on the occasion. Dr. Sakina Akhter, Hindi Adhikari, Central University of Kashmir was resource person for the workshop.

In his presidential address, Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Sehgal said various efforts are being taken to implement the Rajbhasha on the campus and a lot of work has been done in this regard.

"In 2022, we attended the Parliament Committee Meeting in Jammu, where we were directed

to work more dedicatedly towards implementation. After that, we held a meeting, it was decided that more efforts are needed for Rajbhasha implementation and promotion," he said.

"The percentage of bilingual orders has increased from 0.5 to 40 per cent from the last year," Prof. Sehgal said that administrative staff of the NIT Srinagar is conducting various courses in Hindi language, so that use of Rajbhasha will be improved on the campus.

He said it is a proud moment that all departments have started the process to implement Rajbhasha. We have recently added some Hindi books to the library so that students will get benefitted by such initiatives," he said.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said various



efforts are being taken to implement the Rajbhasha at NIT Srinagar and over the past two years, communication with the Ministry has improved in a larger way.

"The important circulars and orders from the Institute are issued in bilingual mode so that Rajbhasha implementation target is achieved," he said, adding that recently Junior As-

stant from NIT Srinagar also interacted with honorable PM Narendra Modi in a Hindi language.

"We have achieved a lot and more will be achieved in future also," he said.

Prof. Bukhari appreciated efforts of Dr. RP Shukla, Dr. Sabzar Ahmad and his entire Rajbhasha Cell for organizing the workshop on the relevant theme and stated that NIT administration will continue to provide support to such programs. On the occasion, Hindi Adhikari CUK, Dr. Sakina Akhter said that one has understood that Rajbhasha is totally different from the Hindi language. Rajbhasha is the language used in official work, while to understand history and literature one has to learn Hindi language, she said.

"Now the Government has

framed a policy that we should use simple words in Rajbhasha Hindi, so that common people can understand it easily," Dr. Sakina said.

She also highlighted rules and regulations of the Official language act. We need more efforts for its implementation and the main aim of organizing such events is to raise awareness regarding the official language, Dr. Sakina said. Dr. Sakina urged participants to learn, and understand more languages and stated that we should not be biased with any language. She also held technical sessions with the participants and cleared their various doubts regarding the Official language.

Apart from participants, the workshop was attended by Mr. Faisal Irshad, Deputy Registrar (Admin), Nazia Nazir,

Deputy Registrar (Acotts), Mr. Mubashir Ahmad Wani, Asstt. Registrar (Audit), Mr. Shahid Hamid Najar, Asstt. Registrar (Accounts), Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Dar, Assistant Registrar (Admin) Mr. Mohammad Hazik, Asstt. Registrar (S&P |Legal).

Faculty coordinators of Rajbhasha Cell including Dr. Amandeep Singh, Dr. Neeraj Gupta, Dr. Brajesh Kumar, Dr. Pramod Kumar, Dr. Brajendra Singh Sengar, Dr. Prvan Kumar, Dr. Atendra Kumar, Dr. Jitendra Gurjar, Dr. Ravi Kumar and Dr. Junaid Ul Islam were also present on the occasion.

In his inaugural address, Hindi Officer Dr. R P Shukla (Assistant Professor, Civil Engg) said the Rajbhasha cell of NIT Srinagar is working day and night to implement official language on the campus.

Horticulture Deptt Kashmir organises Training/ Awareness programme under ATMA scheme at Lalmandi

SRINAGAR, MARCH 16: One day Training cum Awareness programme was today organized by the Horticulture department under ATMA (Agriculture Technology Management Agency) scheme at Horticulture Complex Lal Mandi, here.

The training programme was chaired by Director Horticulture Kashmir, Ghulam Rasool Mir. Besides, Chief Horticulture Officer Srinagar, V.K. Gupta; District Horticulture Officer Srinagar, Shiekh Iftikhar Hussain, DL-SMS Srinagar, Saima Hameed and Horticulture Development Officer Zakura, M Maqbool Pandit were also present.

More than 50 orchardists from district Srinagar participated in the awareness camp.

Director Horticulture presented the overall review of horticulture schemes with special reference to modified high density plantations. He stressed the orchardists to take advantage of the schemes of Horticulture.

Chief Horticulture Officer Srinagar while addressing the gathering stressed upon the use of recommended pesticides.

Later, the District Horticulture Officer Srinagar gave the detailed overview of the departmental schemes.

Cultural Unit Kashmir of DIPR organises Awareness/ Cultural programme under NMBA at GDC Chadoora

SRINAGAR, MARCH 16: The Cultural Unit Kashmir of Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) in collaboration with Government Degree College Chadoora today organised a day long Awareness cum Cultural programme under the 'Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan' within the College premises, here. The programme was organized with an aim to educate the students about the disastrous consequences of drug abuse and encourage them to come forward to eradicate the menace from society with the slogan 'SAY YES TO LIFE, NO TO DRUGS'.

Principal of the College, Prof. Rifat Ara Misger highlighted various issues regarding substance abuse. She emphasizes upon the participants to amplify the message of this programme to others to prevent people from falling into the drugs which is a death trap. Drama Instructor from Cultural Unit Kashmir, Hilal Matoo also highlighted his views on the various issues related to the consequences of drug abuse.

The thematic comedy was performed by the popular comedian Bashir Kotur.

GDC Chadoora student, Shahid Qayoom of the 2nd semester, also participated in the skit. Students also presented ghazals, folk songs and a short play highlighting the drastic effects of substance abuse while as Cultural Unit artists joined by Dood Ganga Cultural Forum presented thematic colorful cultural programmes including Kashmiri traditional music skit and Ladishah on the occasion.

The artists who presented the cultural programs received a lot of appreciation from the audience. The event was attended by 120 students from all the semesters.

Deptt of Social Forestry organises Mega-Plantation Drive at Kashmir University Campus

SRINAGAR, MARCH 16: As part of 'Green J&K Drive' the Department of Social Forestry today organized a mega plantation event in collaboration with University of Kashmir at Zakura Campus, here. More than 1000 plants of Deodar and other species were planted. University and school students, NCC cadets, school children, Eco Club members, Van Mitras, NGOs, Teaching faculty of University, Government officials, staff of Social Forestry Division Srinagar and local people participated in the plantation event. The drive was kick started by Principal Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, Dheeraj Gupta who was also the chief guest at the event. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Secretary expressed satisfaction and appreciation for whole hearted support and participation of VPPCs, PRIs, Gram panchayat members, University administration and other stakeholders in carrying out the plantation event successfully. He stated that under Social Forestry's various initiatives, efforts are being made to scale up plantations within urban areas to create green assets which not only add to the aesthetic value of cities but also play a key role in mitigating climate change.

Gupta appreciated efforts of the Social Forestry Department for doing plantations inside educational institutions, on lands belonging to Gram Panchayats and also to promote plantation on farmer's land. Gram



Panchayats are playing a proactive role in engaging local people to take up afforestation as a gainful farming enterprise to increase their income and enhance livelihood opportunities in rural areas, he added. Speaking on the occasion, PCCF(HoFF), J&K Forest Department, Dr Mohit Gera appreciated the efforts of Social Forestry Department in greening the Srinagar city under 'Green JK Drive' and highlighted the importance of such plantation drives in educational institutions especially University Campuses under the component 'Institutional Plantation'. Vice Chancellor of University of Kashmir, Professor Nelofer Khan in her address appreciated the efforts of the Social Forestry Department in organizing such drives under 'Institutional plantation'.

Distt Admin Kulgam organises Sufi Musical event to pay tribute to Sheikh Nooruddin Wali (RA)

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, MARCH 16: As a tribute to Sheikh Nooruddin Wali (RA) and to showcase the mystic tradition of sufism through music and poetry, the District Administration Kulgam in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts today organised a grand sufi music event at Mini-secretariat, here.

The Sufi Musical Event was attended by Chairperson, DDC Kulgam, Mohd Afzal Parrey; Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat; SSP Kulgam, Sahil Sarangal; ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; Regional Director IGNCFA, Shruti Awasti; DDC Member Kulgam, Gh Mohi Ud Din and DDC member Manzgam Jameela Chowdhary besides officers and officials from District Administration.

The renowned artists from Mehnaaz Saangeet Group, Gulshan Musical Group, Yamberzul sufiyana group performed at the event and sang beautiful sufi Kalamas having mystic importance as well as depicting teachings of Sufis and Rishis.

The Chairperson DDC while speaking on the occasion said that Kalam-e-Mutabar-



ka (sacred poetry) of Sheikh Nooruddin Wali (RA) is unique in style and talks of universal brotherhood, love and compassion and we must follow his teachings

religiously. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that Kulgam is birth place of Hazrat Sheikhul Aalam Sheikh Nooruddin Noorani (RA), popularly known as Nund Reshi, who is the most revered saint and this fest is a tribute to the saint and to showcase the mystic tradition of sufism through his music and poetry.

Later, a Book written by Dr. Nisar Naadeem, "Shruken Shruki Metserith" was also released. Artists who performed in the sufi fest were felicitated with mementos and certificates. The Chairperson DDC while speaking on the occasion said that Kalam-e-Mutabaraka (sacred poetry) of Sheikh Nooruddin Wali (RA) is unique in style and talks of universal brotherhood, love and compassion and we must follow his teachings religiously. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that Kulgam is birth place of Hazrat Sheikhul Aalam Sheikh Nooruddin Noorani (RA), popularly known as Nund Reshi, who is the most revered saint and this fest is a tribute to the saint and to showcase the mystic tradition of sufism through his music and poetry.

DC Shopian chairs Mega Public Darbar at Moaj Park Vehil Inspects PHC Vehil, takes review of functioning of the hospital

SHOPIAN, MARCH 16: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today chaired a Mega Public Darbar at Moaj Park Vehil Shopian, where he met locals and public representatives to take first hand appraisal of public issues at their doorsteps.

At the outset, PRI members, village elders from the area raised various public welfare issues and developmental requirements in the area. The locals demanded upgradation of schools, improvement in HT, LT lines and health-care facilities, repairs of irrigation ca-



nals, upgradation of Water Supply Schemes, etc. The DC, on the occasion, called for holistic development of the area by synergistic approach of all stakeholders and impressed

upon the concerned to ensure prompt redressal of public issues raised during the public Darbar. He also asked for active participation of Pani Samitis in better implementation

of JJM works in the area, aimed to provide drinking water to all households.

Later, the DC inspected PHC Vehil and took stock of the health care facilities being provided to the patients there and directed the health functionaries to work with dedication and provide all amenities and facilities to the patients and people visiting the centre.

Among others, Joint Director Planning, Khurshheed Ahmad Khatana; ACD, Hilal Ahmad Jeri, BDO and concerned officers and officials were present on the occasion.

MVD starts Sticker Pasting campaign under "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan for Drug De-addiction" at Kupwara

KUPWARA, MARCH 16: On the directions of Deputy commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, Motor Vehicle Department Kupwara started sticker pasting campaign from main bus stand kupwara today under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan for drug De-addiction. The aim of this awareness campaign is to disseminate the message of NASHA MUKHT Bharat Abhiyan for Drug De-addiction in Kupwara district. Speaking on the occasion, ARTO Kupwara, Anees Ahmad said that more than 3000 stickers carrying the message that "Drugs Kill" are being pasted on vehicles and in coming days all the vehicles plying in Kupwara district shall be covered under this campaign. ARTO stressed the need to sensitize the commuters, as well as people about the hazards of drug addiction, adding that the commuters have to play a pivotal role to curb this menace. He said that the main objective of organizing this awareness campaign was to reach out to masses and spread awareness about the impact of drug abuse on the individuals as well as on the society. He exhorted the drivers and commuters to take pledge against use of harmful drugs. He advised the commuters not to indulge in drug abuse and also aware the public at large about the various menaces existing in the society. On this occasion, the participants pledged not to indulge in any type of drug abuse.

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 upkeep. 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 Government.

DC Anantnag urges residents to avail free Aadhaar updation facility

ANANTNAG, MARCH 16: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today made an appeal to the residents of the district to take advantage of the free opportunity to update their Aadhaar. Appealing to all the residents of the district, he urged them to take advantage of this opportunity and update their Aadhaar documents online for free. He said it will not only save time and money but also ensure that Aadhaar information is up-to-date and accurate. He emphasized the importance of keeping mobile numbers updated in Aadhaar to access online services.

Progress under Distt Capex Budget, 2022-23 reviewed at Shopian

SHOPIAN, MARCH 16: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today chaired a meeting at Mini-Secretariat here to review the progress under District Capex 2022-23, besides discussing the plan formation for the FY 2023-24. The DDC discussed sector-wise works projected under Plan Formulation 2023-24 and took a detailed Block wise and Panchayat wise review of the physical and financial achievements of the works taken up under the Capex Budget 2022-23.

He also emphasised that demands projected under the B2V component of Aspirational Panchayats and Towns should be duly incorporated. He said that all the works identified for 2023-2024 and completed during the year 2022-2023 must be depicted at Panchayat buildings. The DDC exhorted for the early completion of ongoing works and timely billing as per the norms and stressed to avoid unnecessary lapse of funds.

Threadbare discussion on the physical and financial implications of each work was held in the meeting and concerned officers were directed to ensure that the works are incorporated on the judicious and rational basis so that no overlapping of works is conceived during the next



FY plan. The meeting was informed that against the set target of 1599 works, 1535 works have been completed during the year 2022-2023 till date. Among others Joint Director Planning Shopian, Khurshheed Ahmad Khatana; ACD, CEO, Engineers from R&B, PDD, PHE, PMGSY, JKPC, Sectoral/District officers, BMO, Shopian, BDOs and other concerned were present. Threadbare discussion on the physical and financial implications of each work was held in the meeting and concerned officers were directed to ensure that the works are incorporated on the judicious and rational basis so that no overlapping of works is conceived during the next FY plan. The meeting was informed that against the set target of 1599 works,

Regional Directorate Skill Development & Entrepreneurship organizes National Apprenticeship Awareness Workshop in Srinagar

Financial incentives, technology and advocacy support: DC Srinagar

SRINAGAR MARCH 16: In order to promote apprenticeship training and create awareness among Youth/Establishments about Apprenticeship Scheme, the Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, J&K, Ladakh, H.P, in collaboration with Directorate of Skill Development J&K organized a daylong "National Apprenticeship Awareness Workshop" here on Thursday.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad was the Chief Guest on the occasion. While, Regional Director/Regional Central Apprenticeship Advisor, J&K and Ladakh, S. Santhimananal, Director, Apprenticeship, Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, General Manager DIC, Hamida Akhtar, Joint Director Skill Development, Farooq Ahmad Khan, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Principal ITI, Bagh-i-Dilawar Khan, Anisa Parvaiz, Principal ITI, Bemina, Bilal Wani MGN Fellow Syed Jasirah and other concerned were present in the National Apprenticeship Awareness Workshop.

Addressing the workshop, the Deputy Commissioner Sri-

nagar, said that such workshops are aimed to create awareness amongst establishments on apprenticeship training and benefits under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS).

The DC hailed the efforts of the organizers for conducting the workshop in Srinagar District and stressed on conducting more such orientation programs to encourage skilling to meet the requirement of a qualified workforce for Industry.

Emphasizing on creating data and IT based skills, the DC said that the present era is the age of Information Technology and IT related interventions must be incorporated and adapted in Skill Development training in ITIs and Polytechnics so that trainees/pass outs become job creators rather than job seekers. He stressed that Apprenticeship Programs need to be remodelled to meet the needs of the time and Skills rather than just having Degrees will ensure quality workforce for the same.

The DC emphasized on youth to update and upgrade themselves with knowledge base and acquire modern skill sets coupled with present market technological trends. He said that after the IT



revolution, a global scenario has emerged that demands skilled human resources to meet the day to day market requirements and youth must adopt an enhanced skill set. The DC further said that J&K especially Kashmir and Srinagar have a huge diversity of arts, crafts which can be learnt and preserved using Artificial Intelligence IOT, Big Data. He said this will also ensure quality production as well as help the Producers to reach markets beyond the geographical limitations.

The DC also urged upon the

youth to actively join Apprenticeship Programs which will help them to gain knowledge and tools needed on ground and will ensure Industry gains a trained workforce. He assured continuous support and monitoring to make it a success. In his concluding remarks, the DC congratulated the Regional Director and the team for their efforts in promoting the Apprenticeship Programs.

During his speech, the DC also made a mention of Prime Minister's focus on skill development programmes and said that mo-

tivation keeps us guiding to involve youth in skill development training in an effective and efficient manner. Earlier, Director/Regional Central Apprenticeship Advisor, J&K and Ladakh, highlighted the benefits of apprenticeship schemes and opportunities by the Government of India. The workshop, he said, focused on the registration of establishments in the J&K and asked the representatives of Industries to accommodate ITI pass outs/trainees under the Apprenticeship Act. He appreciated the efforts for organizing District level workshops for the benefit of youths of the district through Apprenticeship Scheme.

Assistant Director, BOAT (Northern Region) apprised about the achievements in the Apprenticeship Scheme. He advised establishments to register themselves on Apprenticeship portal to avail the benefits of this Nation Apprenticeship Scheme and thanked the establishment for their support in providing opportunities to the candidates. Later, Assistant Apprenticeship Advisor, Govt. ITI Handwara, Intiyaz Ahmad Mir, briefed about the Apprenticeship scheme with PowerPoint presentation during.

DC Budgam inspects 10th, 12th annual board examination centres

BUDGAM, MARCH 16: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today inspected various examination centres to take stock of the arrangements and facilities for students appearing in annual 10th and 12th examinations. The DDC was accompanied by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Dr Akramullah Tak, Chief Education Officer (CEO), Mushtaq Ahmad Qadri and other concerned institutions heads. Superintendents of concerned examination centres were also present on the occasion.

During inspections, the DC took on spot assessment of arrangements particularly seating, drinking water and other facilities at all examination centres.

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Training/ Workshop on 'Early Identification, Prevention & Rehabilitation of Specially-abled persons' held at Bandipora



BANDIPORA, MARCH 16: On the overall guidance of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, the District Disability Rehabilitation Centre in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora on Thursday organised a daylong training cum workshop for Asha, Anganwadi workers and supervisors for early identification, prevention and rehabilitation of specially abled persons.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Waseem Raja was the chief guest on the occasion, while officers of social welfare and other departments were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC appreciated the DDRC for holding the program and said such training will help the staff to deal with disabilities in a better and more professional manner. He said most of the disabilities among children can be treated or detected at an early stage of life through proper management and treatments.

He said training will equip the ground staff with skills that will help them to identify disabilities at the early stage so that the government can identify the victim and give focused attention to such children.

Earlier during the programme, the experts deliberated on different aspects of the disabilities and the ways to detect the disabilities in the early stage of life.

Ramadan ul Mubarak, Navratra arrangements reviewed at Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, MARCH 15: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah today convened a meeting to review arrangements for the forthcoming Holy Month of Ramadan and Navratra in the district.

Threadbare discussion was held regarding the arrangements to be put in place including availability of essential commodities, uninterrupted power and water supply, sanitation measures, market checking and others.

The ADC directed AD FCS&CA to ensure that sufficient quantity of food grains, LPG Gas and mutton is available to the general public during the month of Ramadan.

To keep prices of essential items under control and to curb overcharging by traders, the ADC directed the concerned to intensify drive against erring traders.

AD HDD Budgam organises Awareness/ Exhibition Camp at Town Hall Magam

SRINAGAR, MARCH 16: The Office of Assistant Director Handloom Development Department (HDD) Budgam today organised an Awareness/ Exhibition Camp at Town Hall Mag-



am. Large number of Artisans/Weavers attended the event. Invitees from other departments graced the occasion. Newly formed Industrial Cooperatives showcased their products

for general public during the event. Resource persons of the Department threw light on every Scheme and programme currently run by the Department. Special focus was laid on

every welfare Scheme of the department especially Financial Support Scheme for Cooperatives/Self Help Groups (SHG) registered in Handicrafts & Handloom Department.

PDD was directed to ensure uninterrupted electricity in the month of Ramadan ul Mubarak especially during Sehri and Iftar hours.

He also directed Municipal Council Ganderbal to conduct sanitation drive in and around Mosques and Shrines.

While discussing the arrangements for Navratra,

the ADC directed the concerned officers to conduct sanitation drive in and around the Kheer Bhawani shrine besides PDD and Jal Shakti were directed for ensuring power and water supply for devotees.

The meeting was attended by ASP, Feroz Yehya, SDM Kangan, Javaid Ahmad Rather, CMO, CAHO and other concerned of-

Free Eye Screening/ Health Camp held for Drivers at Budgam

BUDGAM, MARCH 16: A Free Eye Screening/ Health camp for drivers was conducted today at Trial Ground Budgam.

The camp was jointly organised by MVD (ARTO), Health (CMO), and Traffic Police Department.

During the camp, as many as 116 drivers were screened by the team of doctors and paramedics staff.

During the daylong Eye screening and health camp, drivers were screened for eyesight check-ups and other health screening by concerned doctors.

On the occasion, the drivers also appeared in a driving trial test after their eye

screening. ARTO Budgam, Sheikh Manzoor Ahmad thanked all participants and departments for extending their support in organizing the event.

He said as many as 1.50 lac people die annually in our country due to Road Traffic Injuries and many more being permanently disabled. He said these are alarming figures, and as such, India stands committed to bringing down fatalities and Road Traffic Injuries.

CMO Budgam, Dr Ayoub Fatah and Dy. SP Traffic Rural Budgam Tariq Mehmoode were also present on the occasion.

Police organises free medical cum drug de-addiction awareness camp in Handwara

Handwara March 16: Police under the aegis of Civic Action Programme, organised a free medical cum drug de-addiction awareness programme at Langate in collaboration with District Hospital Handwara. A team of doctors from different specialties offered consultation to around 620 persons. The main aim of the medical camp was to provide access to medical check-up and to generate awareness about drug addiction. The attending persons were briefed about drug addiction, its harmful effects on health and ways to treat the addiction. They were also made aware about early signs and symptoms of drug addiction and the measures which could be life saving for severe addicts. The visiting patients also availed the free medical check-up being rendered by the team of doctors. To fight against the menace of drug abuse, it was reiterated that it is the responsibility of every individual, all social & religious organisations to generate awareness about this major health hazard and its adverse impact on society.

Social Forestry Deptt kick-starts Chinar plantation drive at Kupwara

KUPWARA, MARCH 16: To mark the celebration of Chinar Day, the Department of Social Forestry Kupwara today launched a Plantation drive across Kupwara district. The main function was organised at Green Indian Mission (GIM) closure at Nutnoosa where DFO Social Forestry, Dr. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat kick-started Chinar plan-

tation drive by planting Chinar saplings within the premises of closure. More than 60 Chinar saplings were planted at different locations in collaboration with Army, Local PRIs and local school children. On the occasion, 600 high density walnut saplings were also planted and more than 500 High density walnut plants were distrib-

ed among local PRIs and farmers. Officers from the department of Social Forestry informed that this year the department will plant Chinar saplings and high density walnut trees in various areas and community lands in the district. Range Officer Social Forestry Kupwara, Sajad Qazi, Block Development

officer (BDO) Nutnoosa, Arif Ayaz Dar, Major Azhar of 47 Rashtriya Rifles, and other officers and local PRIs also participated in this Chinar plantation drive. DFO Social Forestry urged the public to plant more and more Chinar trees and take all necessary steps to conserve and preserve the existing plants.

KVIB Kathua organises awareness camp on PMEGP, JKREGP

KATHUA, MARCH 16: Khadi & Village Industries Board (KVIB)-Kathua today organized one day awareness camp on Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and Jammu & Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) at Chack Sardar Desa Singh, Kathua. Among others, Chairman BDC Kathua Raghuraj Singh, Chief Advisor J&K Mahila Corporation Kailash Verma, Sarpanch Chack Desa Singh Sunita Devi, other members of Panchayat, Ex Sarpanch Dalip Singh along with LDM Kathua, Regional Manager Grameen Bank, Chief Manager SBI RCC Kathua and Naresh Kumar from Cluster Office J&K Bank Kathua attended the



programme. District Officer KVIB Kathua Dr. Sandeep Kotwal, while briefing the gathering regarding benefits of various Employment Schemes being implemented by the Board, stressed upon the unemployed youth to come forward and avail the opportunities opened to them under these Schemes. He proposed that they should be Job provid-

ers rather than Job seekers by establishing their own micro-industrial units so as to contribute in building a prosperous Society.

Chairman BDC Kathua while addressing the gathering exhorted for the need of synchronized efforts by KVIB and Banks to ensure that benefits of the self employment Schemes implemented by KVI Board are

transferred to the targeted population unhindered. He appreciated the role of KVIB in providing employment opportunities to thousands of unemployed aspirants of the District. He appealed to the public to be aware of the benefits of Schemes like PMEGP & JKREGP and apprise the young unemployed youth about them. Sarpanch Chack, Sardar Desa Singh Sunita Devi informed the gathering that many of the youth of her Panchayat have already availed benefits under the Schemes of KVIB and further appealed the women folk and youth to not miss golden opportunities available under these Schemes. Speaking on Occasion LDM Kathua, Regional Manager Grameen.

MD Jal Shakti reviews progress of works under JJM in Rajouri

RAJOURI, MARCH 16: The Mission Director, Dr. G.N Itoo reviewed the status of works under Jal Jeevan Mission during a meeting.

The meeting was informed that 293 JJM schemes have been approved in the district, of which 183 are for the Rajouri division and 110 are for the Nowshera division. It was also informed that the work on 172 schemes has been allotted and there are 62 schemes where work is in progress.

Additionally, 67941 out of the 133477 households in the district have been connected till date. Taking stock of the progress on borewells, the meeting was informed that out of 227 borewells, the work on 174 have been allotted. Regarding the forest clearance issues on JJM schemes, it was informed that there are 177 schemes out of 293 that involve forest issues on JJM schemes. In order to avoid delays in the execution on the ground, the Mission Director asked



the concerned officers to take up the issues with the Forest Department and get the same resolved at the earliest.

Inquiring about the status of the WQMS (Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance), it was informed that there is one district-level lab and four sub-divisional labs. This year, 9764 tests have been taken in total. While addressing the meeting, the Mission Director urged all stakeholders to speed up their efforts in order to achieve the mission's goal. He also suggest-

ed certain measures that need to be taken in order to ensure proper implementation of the schemes and their successful completion.

The Mission Director mentioned that focus should be given on ensuring quality work, timely completion of projects and proper supervision of the same. He also emphasized on the need to keep a close watch on the proper use and maintenance of water supply systems.

During the meeting, he recommended the moni-

toring of water quality at the grassroot 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.

The Mission Director also directed the 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 working across villages and helping in capacity building of Gram panchayats, Pani Samities and perform other support activities.

CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; SE Hydraulics, Bhram Jyoti Sharma; SE Mechanical Rural Circle Jammu; Gurcharan Singh; ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Khajuria; ExEn

Horticulture Awareness camp held at Baramulla

BARAMULLA, MARCH 16: A one day awareness camp was today organized by the department of Horticulture (planning & Marketing) at Fruit & Vegetable Mandi Kanispora.

The program was organised for creating awareness among the growers about Post harvest management, Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Processing Enterprises (PM-FME), ODO and Holistic Agriculture Development programme. District Horticulture Officer discussed threadbare the government scheme which have been launched for the benefit of growers. He emphasized on the adoption of One District One Product (ODO) scheme which has been now been converged into PM-FME to broaden



the scope of the scheme. He gave details on how the people who are already in some business activity can further their business volume by taking benefit of this scheme. He also on the occasion advised the growers about the pesticide schedule and their timely adherence. President Fruit Association in his speech

focused on the distressing situation the growers had to undergo last year which he vehemently asked the fellow growers to take care of this year. He advised the growers that they need to adopt to new marketing efforts so that the produce is able to fetch them good returns. Area Marketing Officer Baramulla, Gulam

Rasool Noon deliberated upon the e-NAM which he described would be a game changer for the growers as it will bring transparency in the business and expand new markets for them. He emphasized growers on adopting new marketing techniques and stressed upon them to focus on better grading. He gave details on how the people who are already in some business activity can further their business volume by taking benefit of this scheme. He also on the occasion advised the growers about the pesticide schedule and their timely adherence.

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Upsurge in Drug Addiction across Kashmir, A huge Challenge Ahead.

Drug addiction is a major concern in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in the Kashmir valley. This has become a pressing issue for society as it is affecting the lives of people and their future prospects. The problem of drug addiction has grown significantly in the region, with people from all age groups and social strata being affected. The problem is not only limited to the urban areas, but it has also affected the rural population. There are many reasons for the rise in drug addiction in Kashmir. One of the primary reasons is the ongoing conflict and violence in the region, which has led to high levels of stress and anxiety among the population. The youth in particular are affected as they feel hopeless and see no future for themselves. They often turn to drugs to cope with their feelings of despair and hopelessness. Another reason is the easy availability of drugs in the region. The proximity to the opium-producing regions of Afghanistan and the Golden Crescent makes it easier for drug peddlers to smuggle drugs into Kashmir. The lack of adequate measures by the government to curb drug trafficking has made the problem worse. The problem of drug addiction in Kashmir has far-reaching consequences. It not only affects the individuals who are addicted but also their families, communities, and the society at large. Drug addiction leads to social and economic problems, including poverty, crime, and health issues. It also leads to a decline in the productivity of the workforce, which ultimately affects the growth and development of the region. To tackle the problem of drug addiction in Kashmir, the government needs to take immediate and effective measures. The first step should be to increase awareness about the dangers of drug addiction among the general public. The government should also set up rehabilitation centers and provide adequate medical and psychological support to those affected by drug addiction. Law enforcement agencies should also take strict measures to curb drug trafficking in the region. It is also important to involve the community in the fight against drug addiction. Community-based initiatives can play a crucial role in preventing drug addiction and providing support to those affected. Religious leaders, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders should work together to create awareness and provide support to those in need. In conclusion, drug addiction is a serious problem in Kashmir that needs immediate attention from the government, civil society, and the community at large. The problem cannot be solved overnight, but with concerted efforts, it can be tackled effectively. The government should take a proactive approach to address the problem and the community should come together to support those affected and prevent drug addiction from spreading further.

FREEDOM



RAYEES AHMAD KUMAR

A restricted and caged bird,
Craves to fly freely across the borders.

A prisoner in the filthy jail cell,
Yearns to breathe the undefiled free air.

A bedridden and ailing patient,
Hankers for an immediate and swift recovery.

A kindergarten kid in school,
Covets to romp with fellows on the ground.

An accused in the courtroom,
Aspires for an early acquittal.

Captive animals in zoos, sanctuaries and parks,
Desire to roam candidly in jungles.

Snowbound commuters on highway,
Anxiously dream of reaching their destinations.

Every living being of this planet,
Is abhorrent of the life's bondage,
And possesses affinity for freedom.

Pi Day: Exploring the Wonders of Mathematics and Science.



Aubaid Ahmad Akhoun

Today, we celebrate one of the most fascinating and mysterious mathematical constants in the universe – the number pi (π). This irrational number, which is roughly equal to 3.14159, has captured the imaginations of mathematicians, scientists, and philosophers for thousands of years, and it continues to fascinate us to this day.

Pi is defined as the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, and it appears in many different areas of mathematics and science. From geometry to trigonometry, from calculus to physics, pi plays an important role in our understanding of the natural world. Pi is an infinite number, which means it goes on forever without repeating, and it has been calculated to millions of digits by mathematicians around the world.

Pi is not just an abstract concept – it has practical applications as well. For example, pi is used in the design and construction of buildings, bridges, and other structures, as well as in the calculation of the orbits of planets and satellites. Pi is also used in many areas of science, such as in the study of fluid dynamics and the analysis of wave patterns.

Pi has a rich and fascinating history that dates back to ancient times. The ancient Egyptians, Babylonians, and Greeks all had some understanding of pi, but it was the Greek mathematician Archimedes

who first calculated an accurate value for pi around 250 BC. Over the centuries, pi has been studied by many famous mathematicians, including Isaac Newton, Leonhard Euler, and Carl Friedrich Gauss.

•Eating pie: Many people celebrate Pi Day by eating their favorite pies, such as apple pie, cherry pie, or pizza pie.
•Reciting digits of pi: Some people challenge themselves to memorize as many

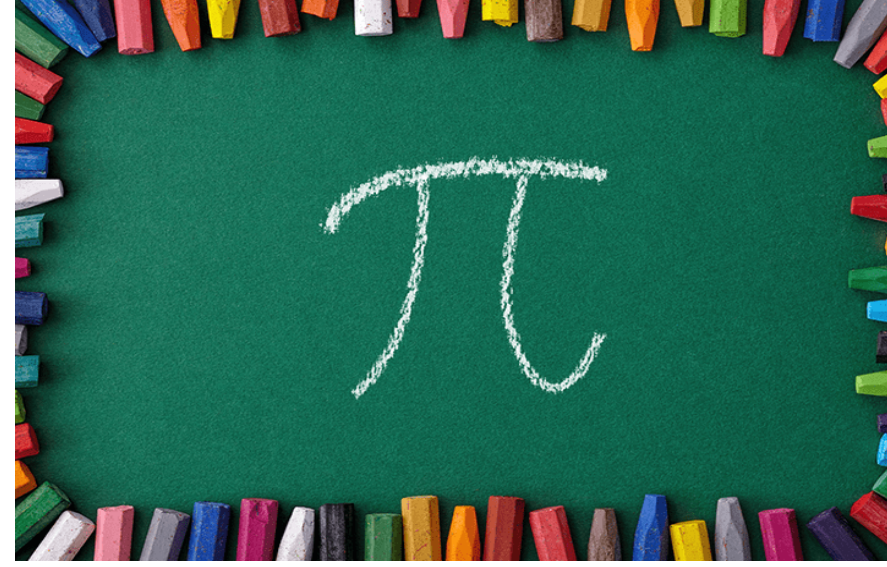
•No matter how you choose to celebrate Pi Day, it's a great opportunity to appreciate the beauty and wonder of mathematics and science. So let's celebrate Pi Day together and honor the amazing universe we live in!

Bottom line : pi is a truly fascinating and mysterious number that continues to intrigue us to this day. From its practical applications in science and engineering to its rich history and cultural significance, pi is truly one of the most remarkable constants in the universe. So let us celebrate Pi Day today and honor the beauty and wonder of mathematics and science.

In addition, March 14th is the birthday of two famous scientists who have made significant contributions to our understanding of the universe: Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking. Albert Einstein, born on March 14th, 1879, was a theoretical physicist who developed the theory of relativity and made significant contributions to the understanding of the photoelectric effect and the mass-energy equivalence. Stephen Hawking, born on January 8th, 1942, and passed away on March 14th, 2018, was a theoretical physicist and cosmologist who made groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of black holes, the Big Bang theory, and the nature of the universe itself.

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Today, we celebrate Pi Day on March 14th (3/14), which represents the first three digits of pi. Pi Day was first celebrated in 1988 by physicist Larry Shaw at the Exploratorium science museum in San Francisco, and it has since become a global phenomenon. On Pi Day, people all over the world celebrate by eating pie, reciting digits of pi, participating in math-related activities, and appreciating the wonders of mathematics and the universe.

Pi Day is often celebrated as a fun and educational way to explore the wonders of mathematics and science. People all over the world celebrate Pi Day in a variety of ways, such as:

digits of pi as possible and recite them on Pi Day.

•Participating in math-related activities: Schools and community organizations often host math-related activities on Pi Day, such as puzzles, games, and competitions.

•Learning about the history and significance of pi: Pi has a rich and fascinating history, and Pi Day is a great opportunity to learn more about this remarkable number and its importance in mathematics and science.

•Creating pi-themed art and crafts: Some people get creative and make pi-themed art and crafts, such as pi-shaped cookies, pi-themed t-shirts, or pi-themed jewelry.

Challenging Gender Discrimination: Promoting Equality for Boys and Girls?



Huzaifa Ali Lone

The belief that boys are more important than girls is a cultural and social construct that has been perpetuated for centuries in some societies. This belief is often reinforced by traditional gender roles, where boys are expected to be the breadwinners and protectors of the family, while girls are expected to be homemakers and caregivers. There are several reasons why boys may be favored over girls in some cultures. One reason is that boys are seen as the inheritors of the family name and property, while girls are expected to marry and join another family. In some cultures, boys are also seen as a source of social security and support for parents in their old age. However, these beliefs are not based on any scientific evidence and are inherently discriminatory. Every child, regardless of their gender, should have equal access to education, healthcare, and other basic needs. Discrimination against girls not only harms their own well-being but also perpetuates gender inequality and harms society as a whole. It is important to promote gender equality and challenge traditional gender roles and stereotypes to create a more just and equitable society. This can be done by providing equal opportunities and resources for both boys and girls, encouraging girls to pursue their education and careers, and promoting gender sensitivity and awareness in families and



communities. "Why do girls always have to suffer from restrictions such as 'don't do this, don't do that'?" In today's world, girls are just as intelligent as boys, if not more, so it is unjustifiable to impose such limitations on them.

When a girl expresses a desire to go outside for studies, it is disheartening to see that some housemates may react with comments like "akeli ladki hai, log kya kahenge" (she is a single girl, what will people say), which perpetuates the harmful mentality that girls should always conform to societal expectations.

Everyone has their own wishes and dreams, and girls should be encouraged and supported in pursuing them just as boys are. However, it is unfortunate to see that society often imposes double standards on girls and boys. For example, boys have more opportunities to study as they

wish, but girls may face criticism and judgment for doing the same. Comments like "tu toh paraaye ghar hi jaana hai, itna padh kar kya karegi" (you will go to someone else's house after marriage, what will you do with so much education?) highlight the gender bias and discrimination that still exist in our society.

It is important to acknowledge that gender-based discrimination and bias still prevail in our society, and it is essential to work towards gender equality and empowerment for all. Every individual, regardless of their gender, has the right to pursue their dreams and aspirations without facing discrimination or judgment from society. Parents, educators, and community leaders must actively work towards promoting gender equality and empowering girls and women. Only then can we create a society where every individual

can realize their full potential and lead a fulfilling life. Gender discrimination and bias have been deeply entrenched in society for centuries. Despite progress being made towards gender equality, girls and women continue to face various forms of discrimination and limitations that prevent them from realizing their full potential. Boys are often favored over girls, and traditional gender roles and stereotypes perpetuate this bias.

It is crucial to challenge and dismantle these harmful beliefs and promote gender equality. This can be achieved by providing equal opportunities and resources for both boys and girls, empowering girls to pursue education and careers, and promoting gender sensitivity and awareness in families and communities.

We must acknowledge that gender-based discrimination and bias still exist in our society and work towards eliminating them. Everyone, regardless of gender, deserves the right to pursue their aspirations and dreams without facing judgment or discrimination.

Parents, educators, and community leaders must actively promote gender equality and empower girls and women. We must work together to create a society where every individual has the freedom and support to realize their full potential and lead a fulfilling life.

In conclusion, we must challenge gender discrimination and bias and promote equality for all. By doing so, we can create a more just and equitable society where every individual, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to thrive.

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WAYS TO ENHANCE BEAUTY WITHOUT MAKEUP

Are you tired of applying a number of makeup products every morning to look pretty?

Do we really have to succumb and play slaves to the hottest trend in makeup and the cosmetic world? Or is there a way to make us feel better without having to apply layer upon layer of creams?

There are also instances wherein you have to go bare-faced. Who swims with full-on makeup, complete with winged-tip liners and contours?

Let's face it, you can't wear makeup all the time. So instead of devising ways to sneak a hint of makeup on your skin, why not improve the quality of your skin and figure out other ways to make you look prettier sans the makeup?

When you go without make-up for a while, you give your skin a chance to breathe.

If you want to look good without spending hours in front of the mirror every day, then it's time to give your skin a break.

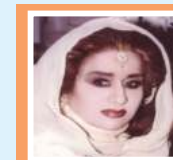
So, here we bring you natural ways to enhance your looks without any makeup

You need to be mindful of essential aspects of your diet, your habits, your lifestyle, and your skincare routine. Wash your face twice daily. Skincare is a key factor in looking good without makeup. Wash your skin twice a day preferably in the morning and at night bedtime with a herbal facial that's suited to your skin type to get rid of the dust and pollutants

Overwashing can make your skin dry and irritable, causing it to look worse rather than better. Develop a skin regimen for your face and stick to it. The CTM routine that is cleansing, toning, and moisturizing is imperative for healthy skin

A good facial massage every other day can reduce the appearance of fine lines, tighten your skin, and make it appear more radiant. Besides, it also makes you feel relieved from stress and rejuvenated.

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rich in nutrients, moisturizers, vitamins, and minerals that are beneficial for the skin.

The regular use of packs lets your skin soak up the mask let you absorb all the goodness that is found in the ingredients and help you achieve a glowy and youthful look and delay aging signs.

Based on your skin type, prepare a mask that fits your needs, put it on and relax! You can use ingredients like honey, aloe vera, gram flour, yogurt, oatmeal, and fruits, as these are some very popular options for homemade masks. Depending on the kind of mask you use, some masks are designed to pull out impurities, hydrate your skin, or infuse your skin with mega doses of feel-good nutrients.

Eat well ----- A healthy diet is exceptionally vital. Looking and feeling healthy has a lot to do with what you put into your body. Skin. A sufficient intake of protein and vitamins is absolutely essential for the maintenance and repair of your skin. Include fresh fruits and vegetables in your diet and drink plenty of water throughout the day to keep your skin nourished and hydrated. When thirsty, opt

for a cool and refreshing glass of water with fruits or try to consume more fruits and vegetables full of water content, such as watermelon and cucumber.

We lose water through breathing, sweating, urination, and digestion so it is important to rehydrate and replenish the water that we have used.

Our body uses water to help regulate our body's temperature and carry out other bodily functions

Most people prefer to drink carbonated drinks or sugar-packed artificial juices. Although it still contains water, it also contains other ingredients that may not be healthy for us.

Take a vitamin supplement if you feel you are not getting all of your daily requirements from your diet alone. Vitamins A, C, and E are all particularly beneficial for the skin.

Try to cut out as many greasy, fatty, sugary foods as possible and load up on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean meats instead

The Do's and Don'ts of skin care should be kept in mind. Nighttime cleansing is a must, in order to remove dirt, pollutants, stale sweat, oil, dead skin cells and make-up that are deposited on the skin during the day.

Do protect your skin with broad-spectrum sunscreen. Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before sun-exposure. If you are in the sun for more than an hour, re-apply the sunscreen. A sunscreen with SPF 20 is adequate for most skins. For sensitive skin that burns easily, use sunscreen with higher SPF. The use of scrubs is an integral part of skin care. It helps to remove dead skin cells, unclog pores and brightens the skin. Moisture helps to keep the skin soft, smooth, supple and youthful. Moisturizers are available in both liquid and cream forms. For dry skin, use a creamy moisturizer. It should also be applied under make-up.

Div Com reviews progress on mega road projects executed in Jammu division

Also reviews JMRDA Projects & discusses news projects to be taken up under Capex Budget of JMRDA

JAMMU, MARCH 16: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today reviewed the status of road projects being executed in the districts of Jammu Division by National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation, National Highway Authority of India, Border Road Organization, Sampark etc.

The meeting was attended by Chief Engineer Sampark, Brig Tej Pal Singh; Director Geology and Mining, OP Bhagat; GM, NHIDCL, Col S.S. Sangwan; Assistant Commissioner Central, Pritam Lal Thappa, Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta; besides senior officers of NHAI, Chief Engineers of PWD, JPDCL, JPTCL and other concerned, while Deputy Commissioners of Jammu division along with concerned officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The Divisional Commissioner had an elaborate discussion on the status of all major road projects undertaken by NHIDCL, NHAI, Sampark, BRO. He inquired about the bottlenecks, if any, hampering progress of these vital projects. While discussing executed projects



the concerned officers apprised the Div Com about the present status of work on all the ongoing projects and also put forth issues needs to be resolved. Responding on the projected issues the Div Com instructed concerned DCs to resolve land issues if any pending in their respective districts and early complete disbursement of compensation.

The Div Com asked Executing Agencies to stay in regular touch with Deputy Commissioners for resolving minor issues on priority. He also instructed executing agencies to expedite the pace of work on all the ongoing projects for their timely completion.

Earlier in another meeting Divisional Commissioner who is also the Additional Chief Executive Officer- Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Authority (JMRDA) reviewed the progress of work on the projects executed under JMRDA in five associated districts and discussed additional projects to be taken up under the Capex budget of JMRDA.

During the meeting, the Div Com took stock of present status of ongoing projects and the concerned executing agencies apprised the Div Com about the progress on each project. It was informed that the work was in progress on the projects while some projects are at different stages of execution. The Div Com directed all the concerned departments to expedite the pace of work on all the ongoing projects for their timely completion.

The Div Com also instructed the DCs to personally monitor the pace of work and also resolve land issues if any. During the meeting Div Com also discussed new projects to be taken up under the Capex Budget of JMRDA.

DC Kathua reviews ongoing augmentation works of New Bus Stand

KATHUA, MARCH 16: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review augmentation works undertaken by different department and agencies at New Bus Stand.

At the outset, the DC was apprised by CEO Kathua MC that proper sweeping has been provisioned under which a dedicated team will ensure sweeping at New Bus Stand in morning and evening shifts. The CEO Kathua MC further informed that proper signage are being installed for proper depiction of amenities and regulation of traffic. Regarding the issue of proper lighting, CEO Kathua MC disclosed that High Mast Light has been made functional besides all points are properly lit. The Dy SP HQ Shammikumar informed that adequate deployment of Police personnel has been made to ensure proper traffic regulation besides taking care of law and order enforcement. The XEN PHE disclosed that two Public Supply Points have been



installed in New Bus Stand Area catering to the drinking water needs of the public. The DC directed XEN PWD (R&B) to make DPR of levelling work of Bus Stand area so that same can be projected for funds from concerned authorities. The meeting deliberated on the issues of CCTV Surveillance, Passenger Facilitation System/LED Display Panels which are to be ensured by roping in

Industries under CSR. The meeting was attended by CPO Kathua, GM DIC, XEN PWD Kathua, XEN PDD and other concerned officers. Regarding the issue of proper lighting, CEO Kathua MC disclosed that High Mast Light has been made functional besides all points are properly lit. The Dy SP HQ Shammikumar informed that adequate deployment of Police personnel has been made.

D&FCO organises awareness programme

JAMMU, MARCH 16: Drugs and Food Control Organization J&K organized an awareness program at Hatli Morh, Kathua on the prevention of drug abuse, Role of Pharmacists Fraternity particularly and supply of safe and efficacious medicines to the end users within the ambit of law.

The objective of the awareness programme was to strengthen action and cooperation of Pharma Fraternity in achieving a role model society free of Drug Abuse. The awareness Programme was attended by various sections of the society particularly Prominent Citizens, Senior officers of the Department i.e. State Drugs Controller, Deputy Drugs Controller, Deputy Drugs Controller (I&L), Assistant Drugs Controller, Kathua/Samba, Assistant Drugs Controller (HQ) Jammu, Drugs Control Officers, Member of Chemists Association of Kathua.

Speaking on the occasion, Lotika Khajuria, State Drugs Controller invited an urgent attention of Stakeholders towards this issue. She informed that



the Government has initiated pro active measures by constituting District Level Monitoring Committees under NCORD to bring an end to this menace and rehabilitate the affected youth. She said that it will go a long way in dealing with the disastrous problem within our society. She said it is important to spread awareness among people, especially the youth, against this evil. Mohd Iqbal Palla, Deputy Drugs Controller Jammu, in his address, said that such programs definitely help to aware the common masses about the drug abuse which is destroying our future generations. He said that Kathua is a sensitive state and there remains an apprehension of influx of habit form-

ing substances through a clandestine manner from neighboring states. He impressed upon Assistant Drugs Controller, Kathua to lay down surprise nakas at Lakhampur for random check of U.T Bound Consignments of Pharmaceutical Preparations. Rajesh Anguralla, ADC Kathua informed that this programme was organized in continuation to the Nasha Mukat Bharat Abhiyaan which aims to reach out the masses and spread awareness about substance abuse and drug abuse. Ramesh Monga, President Chemist Association, Kathua assured full cooperation & support of the Chemists w.r.t dispensing of drugs in accordance to the law and in the best interest of the Patient Care.

CEO SMVDSB reviews security and operational preparedness ahead of Chaitra Navratra

Katra, March, 16: To assess security and operational preparedness of Shrine area for hassle-free pilgrimage prior to onset of Chaitra Navratra which is expecting to draw pilgrims in large number from various parts of the country and abroad to abode of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi ji, Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, presided over a joint meeting with security agencies to review security and operational preparedness today at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra.

The meeting was attended by DIG, CRPF; Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; SSP, JKP, Reasi; Commandant, CRPF; Jt. Chief Executive Officers, SMVDSB, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bhawan & Katra; Asstt. CEO, SMVDSB; SDPO Katra and Dy. SP Bhawan and officers from IB, CID, SMVDSB and other intelligence agencies.

The Chief Executive Officer underscored that pilgrimage to holy cave shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi ji has increased over twenty five thousand pilgrims per day for the last about 10 days and there is expectation of good turnout of pilgrims during forthcoming days and specially during Navratra and laid emphasis to all



the stakeholders for operational preparedness with full proof security of the visiting pilgrims. CEO stressed for action on diverse fronts for hassle free pilgrimage during Chaitra Navratra including issuance and verification of RFID cards, effective crowd management, augmentation of holding areas on the track and in Katra town, working out plans for decongestion of the entire track, particularly the Bhawan area, separation of entry, exit routes at Bhawan and all time surveillance through dedicated CCTV network of over 700 cameras. He further exhorted that all agencies deployed at all entry

points should remain more vigilant so that no yatri without RFID card enters the track for their pilgrimage.

In addition, the Chief Executive Officer also reviewed in detail various components of the Disaster Management measures to ensure quick and most effective response from all stakeholders in wake of any emergent situation. Besides, directed for regular announcements for the decongestion of the crowd on the track.

A slew of directives were also issued by the Chair to the concerned quarters for movement of vehicles and drinking water arrangements and illumination of dark spots at Katra town, besides, physical and systematic improvements wherever required after critical examination.

In the meeting, DIG, CRPF highlighted major challenges for the deployed security forces in coming days for managing the expected influx of pilgrims on Navratra. He briefed that additional forces as per request shall be deployed in and around Katra and on the track enroute Bhawan in coordination with Jammu & Kashmir Police to ensure fool-proof security and effective Yatra management.

Kathua edition of LG's Special Governance camp for DPs of PoJK to be held on March 19

DC Kathua appeals community members to turn up and avail host of services, redressal of their genuine grievances

KATHUA, MARCH 16: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey today made fervent appeal to the Displaced Persons of Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) residing in the district to come up in large number at the maiden LG's Special Governance Camp going to be held at Government Middle School, ward no 21, Chak Sheikh, at District headquarters on March 19.

While throwing light on the initiative, the DC said the purpose of the event is to provide essential services to the displaced persons, including documentation, health-

care, education and livelihood support.

"The displaced persons will have an opportunity to interact with government officials and to learn about various welfare schemes and programs available to them. The camp will have special focus on Skill Development, Social Assistance, Self Employment, Financial Inclusion besides guidance for sports and studies" DC added.

DC Kathua exhorts all the displaced persons of PoJK residing in the district to attend the LG's Special Governance Camp and take advantage of the services offered

during the event.

"We are committed to providing support and assistance to the displaced persons of PoJK, and we believe that this event will help in achieving our goal," said DC Kathua. "We invite all the displaced persons of PoJK residing in the district to attend the event and make the most of the services provided."

The DC said "the District Administration is taking this event as an opportunity to undertake proper hand holding of all eligible beneficiaries from the families of Displaced Persons of PoJK so

that the object of uplifting their socio-economic conditions can be achieved".

Regarding the holding of Special Youth Awareness Camp by District Administration during LG's Governance Camp, the DC said camp will be One Stop point where youth can avail self employment opportunities being offered under different departmental schemes and programmes of UT of JK and Government of India. He further appealed to the youth to turn up at the venue where success stories of young entrepreneurs will also be showcased.

Navratra, Ramzan, POJK-SSS Camp arrangements discussed at Udhampur



UDHAMPUR, MARCH 16: To discuss the arrangements for Navratras, Ramzan & POJK, the Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna today convened a meeting of officers and prominent citizens of the District here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

President Municipal Council, Dr Jogeshwar Gupta, Senior Superintendent of Police, Dr Vinod Kumar, ADDC Ghan Shyam Singh, ADC Mohammad Syed Khan, ACR, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, CPO, Mudassar Yaqoob Zargar, ACD, Ranjeet Kotwal and other officer besides prominent citizens attended the meeting. Threadbare discussions were held on various arrangements related to security, Safe drinking water, Power supply, First-aid, sanitation, checking of rates, Repair of street lights, Illumination of various chowks, Lifting of garbage, Deployment of police personnel, Traffic congestion in the town etc discussed in detail.

Necessary directions were issued to district heads to ensure fool-proof arrangements pertaining to their respective department during the festival.

DC stressed upon the Police Department to make sufficient security arrangements to avoid any untoward incident during the festive season.

CMO was asked to deploy a health team along with an ambulance for providing necessary health facilities. XEN PHE was asked to ensure regular supply of drinking water besides XEN PDD was directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the festival. Stressing on maintaining cleanliness in the town, the DC directed the CEO MC to take necessary steps in this regard and also sought the cooperation of prominent citizens in keeping the town Neat and clean.

Keeping in view the festive season, a committee comprising Tehsildar, Assistant Director FCS & CA, CEO Municipality and Food Safety Officer was constituted to conduct market inspection to keep check on overcharging by the shopkeepers. General public is advised to park their vehicles on earmarked parking & avoid parking on road side. Meanwhile, the shopkeepers were also asked to display the rate list of all

the essential commodities for the information of the general public. Further, the Traffic department was directed to deploy an adequate number of traffic personnel at traffic jam prone areas to avoid any traffic congestion during the festival.

A meeting to discuss and review arrangements for Hon'ble Lieutenant governor's special governance camp for displaced persons of PoJK -SSS campaign was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur at Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur. The DC directed the concerned officers to ensure all arrangements pertaining to their respective departments well in advance and in an effective manner for smooth conduct of the camp. In this regard, the DC informed that the Lieutenant Governor's Special Governance Camp for displaced persons of PoJK is scheduled to be held on March 19, 2023 in Udhampur district. DC emphasized the need for proper coordination among the various departments involved in the organization of the camp.

DDC Poonch inaugurates Polygreen House at Agriculture office Complex

POONCH, MARCH 16: District Development Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet today inaugurated Vegetable Naturally Ventilated Polygreen House established at Chief Agriculture Office Complex Poonch.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciating the efforts endeavoured by the Agriculture Department for establishing first-ever initiative of this kind taken in the district. He said that this will go a long way and serve as an asset to the farmers with special focus to the Small and Marginal Farmers which comprise of majority of the farming community.

The DC further said that early raising of seedlings in this polygreen house will fetch an early market to the farmers for better price. Earlier, the Chief Agriculture Officer Poonch, Rakesh Sharma apprised the DDC that one lakh



seedlings of Hybrid and Exotic Vegetables viz Broccoli, Cherry Tomato, Seedless Cucumber, Purple Knol Khol, Coloured Capsicum (Sweet Bell pepper) were initially raised in the poly green house and are very much available to the

farmers at a very nominal rates. The capacity of the unit will be enhanced with the coming time to meet the demands of the farmers.

Furthermore, he explained the initiatives taken by the department in Poonch District by promoting Mushroom cultivation around the year i.e. One normal crop of button mushroom, second Off-Season Button Mushroom, third Oyster Mushroom (Dhingri) in three strains of Pink, Yellow and White and fourth Milky mushroom from this year, Urban Farming, use of Grow bags etc... which are readily available in the District and Zonal seed stores at an affordable rate.

The inaugural function was attended by the District Officers, SDAO Poonch, SMS, Technical Officer and Field Functionaries of the concerned department.

District Level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament organised in Reasi

REASI, MARCH 16: Nehru Yuva Kendra Udhampur, Ministry of Youths Affairs & Sports, Govt. Of India organised District Level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament in Govt. General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, Reasi.

The objective of the programme was to celebrate India's G20 presidency along with the celebration of International Year of Millets and Mission LiFE. Advocate Sajra Qadir (Vice-Chairperson DDC Reasi) attended the event as Chief Guest whereas Kulwinder Kour (Prin-

cipal GDC Reasi) was the Guest of Honour. Neeraj Padyar (Dy. SP Hqs) was the special guest on the occasion.

The event started with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony and Saraswati Vandana. Khushal Gupta, District Youth Officer, NYK Udhampur welcomed the guests, resource persons and participants and briefed about the objectives organising the event. It was followed by the lectures by resource persons. Prof. Baldev Singh gave an awareness lecture on G20 and

importance of its presidency by India. Dr. Rajendra Kumar briefed about the International Year of Millets whereas Dr. Anshu Gupta delivered lecture on Mission LiFE. Young participants also spoke on the occasion and gave their views followed by the cultural performance by the students. Advocate Sajra Qadir appreciated the initiative of Nehru Yuva Kendra Udhampur and added that such programs need to be organised in regular intervals for dissemination of information to the mass-

es. It is pertinent to mention that more than 1000 participants attended the program anchored by National Youth Volunteer Anjali Anand. NYVs Meena Dogra and Ajay Kumar also attended the programme. The event started with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony and Saraswati Vandana. Khushal Gupta, District Youth Officer, NYK Udhampur welcomed the guests, resource persons and participants and briefed about the objectives organising the event. It was followed by the lectures.

Atal Dulloo chairs Project Grounding & Monitoring Committee meeting

JAMMU, MARCH 16: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, today chaired Project Grounding and Monitoring Committee meeting regarding implementation of HADP projects here at Civil Secretariat.

Director Extension, SKUAST-J, Dr. S K Gupta; Director, Horticulture Jammu, Ram Sevak; Director Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq; Director Agriculture, Jammu, K K Sharma; Director, Sheep Husbandry Jammu, Krishan Lal; MD Horticulture, Planning & Marketing, attended the meeting besides, Director Agriculture Kashmir, senior/Technical Officers of concerned departments also attended the meeting in person and virtually. Threadbare discussions were held on various issues regarding 29 projects under HADP including development of seed and seed multiplication, promotion of Niche crops and vegetables/exotic vegetables under protected cultivation, strengthening Agriculture Marketing in JK UT, promotion of Sericulture and millets & nutri-cereals, oil seeds, formulation of 300 FPOs, Innovation extension approaches for promotion of agriculture and high density plantation and rejuvenate of orchards etc. The concerned officers of Agriculture and allied departments briefed the meeting about the steps and work done for implementation of HADP projects in Jam-



mu and Kashmir. A power point presentation was also given highlighting various components of the projects. ACS directed the concerned officers to take every step to ensure preparation of implementation of HADP projects at ground level. He also directed to ensure process of tendering, expression of interest (EoI), preparation of DPRs etc where ever required on priority basis. ACS also directed the concerned to ensure procurement of root stock material for high density planting material, seeds, livestock, Agriculture Business Centre etc. ACS gave one week time to the concerned officers to include any required change in the project docu-

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri inaugurates Cash Recycler Machine of JK Bank

RAJOURI, MARCH 16: The Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, inaugurated the first of its kind Cash Recycler Machine of JK Bank at City Chowk.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by a number of dignitaries, including senior officials from JK Bank, local businessmen, and members of the public. The Deputy Commissioner, in his speech, highlighted the importance of this machine for the people of Rajouri, stating that it would make banking more convenient and accessible for them.

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The Deputy Commissioner expressed his appreciation to JK Bank for bringing this innovative technology to the district and for their efforts in making banking more accessible to the people of Rajouri and Poonch. He emphasized that the Cash Recycler Machine would be a game-changer for the people of the district, and would make banking more convenient and hassle-free for them. The Cash Recycler Ma-



chine is a state-of-the-art device that allows customers to deposit cash directly into their accounts without the need for an intermediary. The machine is equipped with advanced security features to ensure the safety of customers' money.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lead Bank Manager of JK Bank expressed his gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner and the people of Rajouri for their support and cooperation in making this project a success. He also stressed that this machine would not only benefit the customers but also the bank as it would help reduce the cost of cash handling and increase operational efficiency.

LDM Rajouri, Sanjeev Bhasin, Satish Kumar Zonal Head J&K Bank Rajouri,

Nipun Bakshi Branch Manager J&K Bank City Chowk besides Subash Sharma (retired JKAS) and Sanjay Sharma, counsellor were present during the event. The Deputy Commissioner, in his speech, highlighted the importance of this machine for the people of Rajouri, stating that it would make banking more convenient and accessible for them.

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Awareness camp on PMFME scheme held at Kupper Chang Neeli Nallah

UDHAMPUR, MARCH 16: A day long awareness camp on Prime Minister's Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) was organised, today at Kupper Chang, Neeli Nallah, Udhampur district. Sunil Sanmotra Sarpanch was the Chief Guest. A number of local farmers, SHG members, prominent citizens and PRI representatives attended the awareness camp. Apart from Sarpanch of Neeli Nallah Panchayat, Area Marketing Officer Horticulture Planning & Marketing Department Udhampur (District Nodal Officer for PMFME), Dr Lalit Upadhyay Senior Scientist KVK Reasi, Ramakant Khajuria Manager J&K Bank Cambel Danga, Shiny Sharma DRP Udhampur, officers from Animal Husbandry & Horticulture Planning and Marketing Department addressed the gathering and made people aware about different aspects of the scheme. The Area Marketing Officer informed that PMFME scheme was restricted to one product for one district. But, now the scheme is available to peo-

ple as wish to set up unit for processing of any agricultural product. The scheme has a number of benefits like 35% subsidy, complete hand holding for registration under Udhayam, FSSAI, GST alongwith full guidance about Packaging, Labelling, Branding and Marketing. Senior Scientist KVK Reasi informed people to take benefit of the PMFME scheme which not only shall open up a number of opportunities for them to export their products to different parts of the country outside J&K but also to different countries outside India. Sarpanch, in his address, appreciated efforts of the government in reaching people, living in far flung areas, at their doorstep in making them aware about different employment generation schemes of government of India. AGMO Udhampur exhorted people to avail benefits of PMFME scheme and process local agricultural products to increase their shelf life as well as add considerable value to these products. Officers from Animal Husbandry Department also disseminated.

Flock OTT announces its first Punjabi web series 'Gedi Route', poster release on social media.

Mumbai 15 March: Flock OTT announced the release date and launched the poster of their Punjabi web series titled 'Gedi Route' yesterday on social media. The series has been produced by Dr. V. Krishnamurthy and Vijayendra Kumeria under the banner Flock Entertainment Private Limited. The series Gedi Route is quite interesting and is a complete package of entertainment for audiences of all age groups. It's a college drama with a social message. It will be a laugh riot and keep the audience hooked to the end. Commenting on the poster release, Vijayendra Kumeria, Managing Director of Flock OTT said, "We are thrilled to announce Gedi Route and we hope that our audience enjoys watching it as much as we enjoyed creating it for them. We are excited to



bring something fresh and new in a time where the Punjabi market has been underrepresented. "The poster release is just the beginning and we can't wait for audience to experience the

show in its entirety. We have an excellent cast and crew. The series will have a mix of comedy, romance and drama, and we hope that it connects with people from all walks of life" said Pree-

ti Kumeria, CEO of Flock OTT. COO of Flock OTT, Irfan Marazi said, "At Flock OTT, we strive to create content that entertains and informs, and we believe that Gedi Route will do just that. Also the characters will leave a lasting impression on all." The web series stars Aryan Pal Singh and Himanshi Parashar in the lead roles, who have been lauded for their acting prowess in their previous assignments. It has been directed by Mandeep Chahal and written by Nivedita Basu and Soham Abhiram. The series has been shot at the Indo Global College of Chandigarh, and the stunning visuals will transport the audience back to their college life. Gedi Route will premiere on Flock OTT, and it is slated to be released on 13th April 2023 on the occasion of Baisakhi.

Three week training on Cyber Security commences at NIELIT Jammu, Srinagar

JAMMU, MARCH 16: Three week training programme on Cyber Security commenced here today at National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) Jammu and Srinagar. The training programme is being organized by Information Technology (IT) department of Jammu and Kashmir Government under Centre of Excellence (CoE) established by the department in collaboration with NIELIT J&K. The training programme is focusing on myriad range of cyber security topics like cybercrimes, network security, cyber hygiene, cyber forensics, mobile and end user security, web security and information security audit, among others. The programme will enable the participating officials understand the applicability of security controls for system/network confidentiality and applying problem-solving skills to detect cyber-attacks.

Around 60 officers and officials belonging to various government departments are participating in the training programme.

IT Dept organizes one day JKMYGOV workshop for SED

JAMMU, MARCH 16: Information Technology department today organized one day interactive workshop on JKMYGOV for School Education Department (SED).

The central MYGOV team from New Delhi also participated in the workshop. During the workshop, two separate sessions were held for Jammu and Srinagar (in virtual mode) hosted by Senior Consultant, IT Department, Puneet Kant and Shivangi Verma from MYGOV Delhi Team under the guidance of Additional Secretary, IT Department, Satish Kumar Sharma.

The sessions were followed by a presentation on the guidelines and registration process by Senior Consultant of IT Department.

Additional Secretary gave an overview of the program and mentioned that the JKMYGOV instance is an interactive citizen engagement platform that collaborates with government bodies to engage with citizens for policy formulation and seeks the opinion of people on issues/ topics of public interest and welfare. He added that UT-level best practices can be discussed and presented to the public through this interactive digital platform. Additional Secretary also said that the mandate of this session was to seek unique ideas and suggestions of public interest on www.jk.mygov.in portal. He requested the officials of the School Education Department to visit and register on the portal and share unique UT-level ideas/initiatives with the department for wide publicity through this portal.

The workshop witnessed participation of more than 200 officers and officials of School Education Department participated.

Extensive Swachhta drive held in Thathri, Prem Nagar ahead of Ramzan & Navratras

DODA, MARCH 16: On the Direction of Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan, a massive cleanliness and plastic collection drive was conducted in Prem Nagar and Thathri led by BDO Thathri, EO MC Thathri and the Sarpanch concerned. People of Prem Nagar applauded the efforts of Deputy Commissioner Doda for this initiative before the start of Navratras and Ramzan. Similar cleanliness drive under Swachh Gaon Sunder Gaon and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was also held at Thathri Town led by EO MC Thathri and his team.

DC appealed the public to keep their surroundings clean, support door to door garbage collection conducted by MCs and RDD and help administration make district plastic free for safe, healthy, and prosperous tomorrow. People of Prem Nagar applauded the efforts of Deputy Commissioner Doda for this initiative before the start of Navratras and Ramzan. Similar cleanliness drive under Swachh Gaon Sunder Gaon and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was also held at Thathri Town led by EO MC Thathri and his team. DC appealed the public to keep their surroundings clean, support door to door garbage collection conducted by MCs and RDD and help administration make district plastic free for safe, healthy, and prosperous tomorrow.

Juhi kick-starts work on Thial to Chountra Mata Road

UDHAMPUR, MARCH 16: Amongst thundering applause, beaming and bursting peals of joy and happiness, macadamisation work on Thial to Chountra was formally kick started by Juhi Manhas pathania, Vice Chairperson, District Development Council, Udhampur. Pertinent to mention here that this road was commissioned in the year 2016 under central road fund (CRF) but due to court, forest and law and order related complications the work could not be taken up and completed within the stipulated time period. Anyhow the restart of work on the said road has rekindled hopes of

people for connecting Ramnagar and Majalta Tehsils through this all-popular shrine which is the epicenter of the 'aastha' of the people living in Udhampur, Samba and Kathua districts. It also rekindles another hope of putting chances of promotion of pilgrimage tourism on a high trajectory. This will directly connect Dhar road with the popular Shrine of Shri Chountra Mata.

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VISHWA BHARTI WOMEN'S COLLEGE RAINAWARI SRINAGAR KASHMIR

Report on Cleanliness Drive

Cleanliness Drive was held at Vishwa Bharti Women's College Rainawari Srinagar Kashmir on Thursday 16th March 2023 (10:00 am). The drive was organized by NSS Wing of VB College under the National Scheme of Swachh Bharat, Shresth Bharat; the main objective of this drive was to spread awareness among the students about the significance of Cleanliness and its benefits. All the students from college especially NSS Volunteers participated in the program. The teaching staff, as well as all the non-teaching staff of the College, took part in the cleaning program of the entire College premises. Professor Ronika Yousuf (NSS Programme Officer) began the program by welcoming the volunteers for taking active participation in cleanliness drive. In her welcome address she briefed about the objectives of the Programme by highlighting the importance of Cleanliness and Hygiene. She thanked Principal Professor B.A Rather for his encouragement and support for such programs. After that cleaning process started from the corners of the playground and parks. Brooms and dusting sticks were picked with great enthusiasm and everyone started their jobs. Some of the students did the dusting of the rooms. And others went to the playground to pick wrappers and litter lying scattered there. The wastes were properly disposed of in the dustbins. New dustbins were installed for the students. Mass awareness was created with various slogans as the active participants signified the importance of hygiene in making India "disease-free". Thus, the students of the college took one step forward towards "Cleanliness". The session was formally closed by giving vote of thanks and refreshment among students.



Prof. Ronika Yousuf
NSS Programme Officer

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Dairy Cooperative Societies, Self-Help Groups and providing them an opportunity to earn a better livelihood. He further called upon the women self-help groups to join this noble initiative in large numbers to become socially and financially empowered. All the stakeholders, Dairy units must come together to support small & marginal farmers, youth and women to create a strong and vibrant force of dairy entrepreneurs in the country, the Lt Governor observed.

It will be a significant step to strengthen the spirit of cooperation. The Hon'ble Prime Minister's mantra of 'Sahkar Se Samridhhi' will guide us on our path to improving the rural economy and protecting the interest of the farmers, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor called upon the dairy farmers & milk production units to focus on value-addition to meet the increasing market demand and to make the sector more lucrative.

Total milk production had reached 221 million tonnes in 2022 from 138 million tonnes in 2013 which has also increased the income of the farmers and other stakeholders associated with the sector, he noted.

The growth rate of milk production in India is more than 6% per year which is more than the milk production rate of other countries. There has also been an increase of 6% in the number of total milk animals which is an encouraging sign for the dairy sector, added the Lt Governor. Sh Kumar Rakesh, Director Saran Dairy Producer Co. Ltd; milk producers, farmers and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present on the occasion.

DGP

"marred many evil intentions of Pakistan and its terror agencies regularly", a police spokesperson said.

He said the DGP stressed further strengthening the intelligence network at the grassroots level of all forces.

"The situation especially anti-terror operation post Dhargri terror attack was also discussed in this meeting with the police chief, underlining the need for more efforts to track culprits involved in the attack," the spokesperson said.

The police chief directed for alertness on borders as also in the hinterland and on using the border SPOs for creating a strong border intelligence network besides utilising the services of VDGS more efficiently and in an organised way. "Pakistan is using all methods to involve our youth in the drug menace and the regular seizure of various consignments of narcotics has spoiled their evil intentions," Singh said. "Stern actions and synchronised efforts of all forces will definitely demolish the whole network of the drug trade."

He on strengthening naka points on national highways to keep a check on the transportation of drugs, weapons and other criminal activities.

During the meeting, discussions were held on the infiltration bids of militants, the supply of weapons and narcotics from "across the border" besides other issues of security concerns.

"Pak agencies are indulging in narcotics and weapon smuggling besides transportation of cash across the LoC for funding terrorist activities. Many of such consignments have been interrupted by JKP and the security forces deployed in the area. The need and means to further augment the border and hinterland security grids were also discussed," the spokesperson said—(KNO)

LEH

"The re-opening of the highway will give a lot of relief and benefit to soldiers posted in Ladakh and the local residents," Chaudhary told reporters at the Zojila pass.

He said the opening of this road brings a daily benefit of Rs.7 crore to the government.

"In one working season we are able to save Rs 400-450 crores by reopening the highway in a short time," Chaudhary said.

After a military standoff in Ladakh sector in May 2020, that resulted in the killing of 20 Indian soldiers and five Chinese soldiers in Galwan Valley, both countries have deployed thousands of soldiers and heavy artillery along the Line of Actual Control. The relations between the two countries have been at the lowest point since the Galwan clash.

WEATHER

capital- was recorded at 5.5°C on Wednesday night, some 1.8°C above normal. On Wednesday, Srinagar recorded 23.1°C, some 8.4 degrees above normal.

Last week, the MeT said there will be an appreciable rise in day temperatures.

Last night, the ski resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district recorded a low of 1.5°C, some 4.8°C above normal.

In the tourist resort of Pahalgam in Anantnag district, the night temperature was 0.8°C, some 2.0 degrees above normal.

The winter capital Jammu witnessed night temperature of 15°C, some 1°C above normal.

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil, MeT said, recorded a low of minus 3.6°C and minus 4.9°C respectively.

AZAD

programmes across the nook and corner of the Union Territory since people have a lot to say post Article 370 abrogation.

He said the people of Jammu Kashmir need to be healed emotionally as well as politically since they feel frightened and insecure in their own homes.

"First, they frame the laws without the public consultation and next day they come with bulldozers to demolish your homes. We will find the panacea to this problem and overturn all decisions they have made over the years," he said.

Azad said that he will ensure no part of UT is left where he could not reach and in the coming days he will intensify his outreach programmes.

"We don't need these anti-people laws but efficient and competent governance to take UT out of this present morass. I will bring that era back where people have smiles on their faces and peace on their minds. God willing," he assured the gathering.

COURT

(cheating), 467 (Forgery of a valuable security, will or authority to make or transfer any valuable security, or to receive any money, etc), 468 (forgery, intending that the document or electronic record forged shall be used for the purpose of cheating), 471 (fraudulently or dishonestly uses as genuine any document or electronic record) against him.

Police sources said that the con man was impersonating as Additional Director (Strategy & Campaigns) PMO, New Delhi.

They said that an investigation into this matter is in progress and more arrests are expected. Sources added that police are trying to know 'who's who' is on the list of fraudster whom he met during his stay in Kashmir and what he demanded from them. [KNT]

14 FIR

under Public Safety Act for their unrelenting criminal

acts of burglary.

Budgam police identified the duo as Azad Mukhtar Hamjam of Hanjiveera Khushbahar Colony Pattan and Altaf Dar, a resident of Hanjiveera Colony of Pattan town.

A police spokesman said that at least 14 FIRs had been registered against the duo, 8 at police station Pattan and 6 FIRs at police station Magam. [KNT]

DR FAROOQ

to legislative assembly elections and the government or for that matter the ECI cannot avoid and delay assembly elections on that ground—(KNO)

DRUG

In Kulgam, a police party of Police Post Mirbazar at a checkpoint established at Al-stop on NHW-44 arrested a drug peddler identified as Mohammad Ashraf Bhat son of Ghulam Rasool Bhat resident of Rahpora, Khudwani. During search, 40 bottles of codeine phosphate have been recovered from his possession.

In another similar action, a police party of Police Station Kund during patrolling at Oreil Kund arrested a notorious drug peddler identified as Bilal Ahmad Bhat son of Mohammad Abdullah Bhat resident of Checki Badwani, Qazigund. During search, 218 grams of charas was recovered from his possession.

Similarly, a police party of Police Station Awantipora at a checkpoint established at Padgampora Bridge intercepted a vehicle (alto) bearing registration number JK13H-3155 driven by Amir Jabar Lone son of Late Mohd Jabar Lone resident of Buhoo Awantipora. During search, officers were able to recover 05 grams of Heroin from his possession. He has been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

All the drug peddlers have been shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody, police said. Accordingly, police said that cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

Meanwhile, police urged people to come forward with any information regarding drug peddlers in their neighbourhood. "Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt strictly under law," police said—(KNO)

STATE HOOD

for their land and jobs," she said and added that the political empowerment of the people goes through the route of socio-economic development.

"For addressing alienation among the people, statehood should be restored to J&K with dignity and honour," she reiterated.

JKPCC Working President, Raman Bhalla, former Minister Yogesh Sawhney along with other Congress leaders welcomed to AICC leaders in Jammu who will review the organizational affairs and activities and will also interact with party cadres during the visit.

Patil said that the party would monitor the active participation of all the functionaries and leaders to ensure the involvement of all party workers in the programme to further strengthen the organisation at all levels.

Party would gear up its activities in the districts and constituency levels to highlight the policies and programmes of the party and expose the "wrong policies" of the BJP Government and its "failures on different fronts," said Patil. UNI VBH

ADHAAR CARD

benefit from this free window opportunity and keep their Aadhaar updated. He also asked the residents to keep their mobile numbers updated in Aadhaar in order to avail hassle free online services.

TUNNEL

the National Highway in Panthayal.

He said that the work on the twin-tube 880-metre tunnel, part of the highway realignment project, started in 2020. Our focus will be on Jaiswal Bridge and the double-lane of Ramban Flyover and the Banihal Bypass which are expected to be completed by the end of this Month and 15 April respectively.

To complete projects on time, traffic dry days are being observed every week on the highway, he said.

"3cheers for @NHAI_Official and its terrific Ground Zero team for diverting traffic thruTunnel T5. Bye Bye Panthyal's treacherous stretch!" DC Ramban Mussarat Zia tweeted.

Officials said that opening this tunnel will put an end to the threat of shooting stones which have consumed numerous human lives.

He said that opening of the T5 tunnel would end the fear of shooting stones forever along with frequent traffic jams on the stretch.

CCTV

created over twenty five thousand pilgrims per day for the last about 10 days and there is expectation of good turnout of pilgrims during forthcoming days and specially during Navratra and laid emphasis to all the stakeholders for operational preparedness with full proof security of the visiting pilgrims.

He stressed for action on diverse fronts for hassle free pilgrimage during Navratra including issuance and verification of RFID cards, effective crowd management, augmentation of holding areas on the track and in Katra town, working out plans for decongestion of the entire track, particularly the Bhawan area, separation of entry, exit routes at Bhawan and all time surveillance through dedicated CCTV network of over 700 cameras.

"All agencies deployed at all entry points should remain more vigilant so that no yatri without RFID card enters the track for their pilgrimage," said the CEO.

In addition, the Chief Executive Officer also reviewed in detail various components of the Disaster Management measures to ensure quick and most effective response from all stakeholders in wake of any emergent situation. Besides, he directed for regular announcements for the decongestion of the crowd on the track.

A slew of directives were also issued by the Chair to the concerned quarters for movement of vehicles and drinking water arrangements and illumination of dark spots at Katra town, besides, physical and systematic improvements wherever required after critical examination.

In the meeting, DIG, CRPF highlighted major challenges for the deployed security forces in coming days for managing the expected influx of pilgrims on Navratra.

He briefed that additional forces as per request shall be deployed in and around Katra and on the track enroute Bhawan in coordination with Jammu & Kashmir Police to ensure fool-proof security and effective Yatra management. SSP Reasi presented a detailed security grid in place and discussed various security measures going to be placed during the Navratra at Katra and enroute to Holy Shrine, besides deployment of QRTs (quick response teams) and a multi-tier security grid comprising police, CRPF and other paramilitary forces. A slew of directives were also issued by the Chair to the concerned quarters for movement of vehicles and drinking water arrangements and illumination of dark spots at Katra town, besides, physical and systematic improvements wherever required after critical examination.

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AMO Horticulture P&M organises awareness camp at Kupwara

KUPWARA, MARCH 16: One day Awareness Camp on Post Harvest management of Horticulture Produce and PMFME (ODOP) was organised by Area Marketing Office Horticulture (P&M) Kupwara at Fruit Mandi Bumhama Kupwara.

DDC member Drugmulla, Advocate Aamina; Head KVK Kupwara Dr. Kaisar; CHO Kupwara Muneer Ahmad and other dignitaries participated in the camp, besides, a large gathering of growers/SHG's.

Speaking at the occasion, the speakers threw light on post harvest management of Horticulture produce, its storage, marketing and other benefits. The experts of the concerned departments gave detailed know-how to the participants and were asked to further disseminate the knowledge in their respective areas so that more and more farmers could get benefited.

On the occasion the farmers while sharing their feedback said that more such awareness programmes should be conducted by the Department in the district.

UIDAI makes online document updation in Aadhaar free of cost

Srinagar, 16-Mar., The Unique Identification Authority of India, UIDAI has decided to allow residents to update documents in their Aadhaar online free of cost. The Electronics and IT Ministry said it is a people-centric move that will benefit millions of residents. The free service is available for the next three months ie till 14th of June this year. The Ministry said, this service is free only on myAadhaar portal and will continue to attract a fee of 50 rupees at physical Aadhaar centres. The UIDAI has been encouraging residents to upload Proof of Identity and Proof of Address documents to revalidate their demographic details, especially if Aadhaar was issued 10 years back and never got updated. The Ministry said this will help in improved ease of living, better service delivery and enhances authentication success rate.

During the past decade, Aadhaar number has emerged as a universally accepted proof of identity for residents in India. Nearly 1200 government schemes and programmes, run by both the Central and State governments, are using Aadhaar-based identification for delivery of services. (CNS)

Tarigami visited bereaved family of deceased Budgam woman

Srinagar 16-Mar., : CPI(M) leader Mohamad Yousuf Tarigami visited the bereaved family of Budgam woman, who was brutally killed and her body dismembered a few days ago. In a statement issued to CNS, Tarigami said that the macabre nature of the killing has shocked the entire society. The incident of this kind is unprecedented and not heard of in the recent past in Jammu and Kashmir.

A fast track trial followed by an exemplary punishment could serve as a deterrent and contain such incidents in future.

There has been a spurt in crimes against women which is a larger cause of concern for everyone. The fear of law is quintessential to wean the offenders away from the criminal acts.

CPI(M) demands a fast track trial and extremely punishment to the person involved in the gruesome killing of the young woman.

Tarigami commiserated with the bereaved family and shared their pain and grief.

Panchayats Can be Catalyst in making J & K Youth 'AatmNirbhar': AJKPC



Ganderbal, 16/March/2023: In Continuation of its series of Block wise Programs, today All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference(AJKPC) held two Inter Panchayat events in block Kangan and Ganderbal of Kashmir Division wherein several elected Panchayat representatives attended the programs and hailed the role of AJKPC leadership in bringing Panchayat members of different blocks and districts of J & K together at one platform to discuss and share their success stories and challenges.

While addressing the gathering in block Kangan, Anil Sharma President of the AJKPC assured the participating members that their organization is always committed for strengthening the democratic principles of decentralization of power and welfare of elected members of the rural local bodies as well.

Asserting the demand of participating Panchayat members, Sharma also stated that the practice of putting all developmental works in e-tendering process not only delay the award of tender and execution of work on ground but it also deprive the deserving local youth of employment opportunities.

Two day regional workshop on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan to begin on today

Srinagar, March 16: A two day regional workshop on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP), being organized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), will begin on Friday at SKICC in Srinagar. The objective of the workshop is to improve logistics efficiency by enhancing connectivity to economic zones and industrial clusters, as well as to enhance public welfare through improved access to social infrastructure. The workshop will be chaired by Special Secretary, Logistics Division, DPIIT.

The workshop is a part of the five series of regional workshops being organised in five zones: the South Zone, the North Zone, the Western Zone, the Central Zone, and the North-Eastern Zone across the country. Two such regional workshops were successfully completed in Goa and Kochi, with proactive and interactive participation.

The first day of the workshop will feature discussions with infrastructure, economic, and social sector ministries and departments at the center and state levels. A demonstration of the adoption of PM Gati Shakti with a holistic approach and a demonstration of best practices by states and UTs will also feature in the workshop. Deliberations about the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) to showcase the different components of logistics and a presentation by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Incomes (CBIC) on possibilities to develop Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and Container Freight Stations (CFS) in Jammu and Kashmir to boost exports across the country are also part of the workshop.

After spending lacs, authorities fail to make borewell functional in Surthi

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MENDHAR Residents of Surthi in Mendhar area of Poonch district on Thursday expressed strong anger against the authorities for failing to make the bore well functional in the area.

The residents said despite spending huge amount of money for its construction well but despite passing several years it has not been made functional leaving large number of people to suffer.

The residents also said that the bore well was jointly constructed by Jal Shakti Department, Mechanical Department and Grounder Water Department and now has been left without completion of work.

They added the bore well is non functional for last several years that, the resident has raised a question and said what is the fun for spending mmonney on the construction of borewell, the money could have been used in other developmental works in the area.

The residents appealed authorities to intervene into the matter at the earliest so that the people of the area will not suffer.

Intra-district exposure tour of newly covered fish farmers flagged-off



KUPWARA, MARCH 16: The Department of Fisheries Kupwara organized an intra-district exposure-cum-training tour for a group of 25 newly covered fish farmers today under ATMA (Agriculture Technology Management Agency) 2022-23 scheme.

The Chief Agriculture Officer Kupwara, Gulam Mohammad Dhobi in presence of Assistant Director Fisheries, Sajad Hussain Dar, today flagged off the group of newly covered farmers.

The group will visit different fish farms of the district including Government as well as private fish units to learn the ways and means adopted for better fish production.

Addressing the Farmers, the Chief Agriculture Officer Kupwara, expressed that such exposure visits are organized to acquaint farmers with new technologies in the Fisheries sector. He appealed to farmers to learn the latest know-how of good Aquaculture practices during their visit to leading Trout and Carp fish farms.

He called for replicating the success stories of the farms visited during the tour in their farming practices by implementing the acquired knowledge in their respective farms and also share their knowledge to the fellow farmers for enhancing their income and upliftment of their socio-economic condition.

On the occasion Assistant Director, Fisheries said that special attention has been given to the capacity building of the farmers under different schemes wherein the farmers acquire technical skills in the field of fish farming and develop entrepreneurship in aquaculture.

While interacting with the farmers on the occasion, Assistant Director said that the visit has been organized for making the farmers aware of the latest techniques for commercial Aquaculture and entrepreneurship development, recent advances in fish farming and cultivation of different fish species on scientific lines in Kupwara district.

He impressed upon them to interact with the farm scientists, experts, and extension functionaries and progressive fish farmers of the district to get acquainted with up to date methodologies in fish farming for increasing their production

Kupwra district is bestowed with natural resources and there is a tremendous scope of fish farming particularly Trout fish farming.

He said that the farmers will be imparted practical knowledge for better management regarding feeding, cleanliness and better growth of fish under latest technology. He said adoption of new practices in the field can provide employment and entrepreneurship avenues to unemployed youth of the district.

Newly covered fish farmers will visit Trout rearing unit Zoonerchi Chowkibal, Carp fish farm Kohru, Trout fish farm Moonabal, Trout rearing unit Kultari, Trout fish farm Nowgam on their day long exposure tour.

DC Jammu reviews progress of works under PMDP

JAMMU, MARCH 16: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa today chaired a meeting to review the sector-wise implementation of PMDP projects in terms of the physical and financial progress achieved till date.

Threadbare deliberations were held to review the progress of key developmental projects to augment infrastructure in healthcare, education, tourism, power, PHE, irrigation and flood control and housing & urban development.

The Deputy Commissioner impressed upon the senior officers to regularly review the execution of PMDP projects and address bottlenecks, if any, to ensure smooth execution of these projects. It was informed that majority of the projects are advancing as per decided timelines and are at various stages of completion. The Deputy Commissioner asked the executing agencies to strictly adhere to the timelines. She directed the concerned officers to work in synergy with other departments to get the works completed within time frame.

CPO Yoginder Katoch along with senior officers from concerned departments were present in the meeting. Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa today chaired a meeting to review the sector-wise implementation of PMDP projects in terms of the physical and financial progress achieved till date. Threadbare deliberations were held to review the progress of key developmental projects to augment infrastructure in healthcare, education, tourism, power, PHE, irrigation and flood control and housing & urban development.

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J&K Sports Council celebrates International Women's Day

SRINAGAR, MARCH 16: International Women's Day celebrations were held at Indoor Sports Complex Polo-ground Srinagar here today.

Hundreds of female athletes accompanied by their families participated in the programme. Athletes from other districts were also part of the programme and included a good number of Khelo India Centre registered trainees as well accompanied by the mentors. The programme began with the demo by players from the games of Pencak Silat, Yogasana, Thang Ta, Sqay Martial Art who had also participated in the events including Khelo India.

The Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir, Nuzhat Farooq presided over the function as chief guest while as Kabra Altaf, member



J&K Sports Council was the guest of honour on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Nuzhat Farooq said that women have im-

mensely contributed in making a robust and pragmatic society and that this programme is just a token of appreciation and gratitude to all the women for the different roles they are playing with perfection. Female athletes and others highlighted the experience and contribution they are making for upliftment of society on various levels and brought attention towards the value addition that they as women have made in different fields. The chief guest felicitated women achievers on the occasion and presented certificates and roses to them. The programme began with the demo by players from the games of Pencak Silat, Yogasana, Thang Ta, Sqay Martial Art who had also participated in the events including Khelo India.

PSL 2023: Multan ruthlessly expose Lahore's weaknesses in one-sided qualifier

The legendary Dutch player and former Barcelona manager Johan Cruyff used to say his team must make sure that the worst players in the opposition team get the ball the most. Cruyff, who had a bigger influence on football than any other man in the sport's history, knew that in team sports you are only as strong as your weakest player. The easiest way to break a chain is to target its weakest link and sport teams are no different. Of all team sports, cricket has always been the most individualistic, the game essentially boiling down to individual battles between one bowler and one batsman at a time. While teams could once consistently rely on the sheer brilliance of their best players to win them games, the advent of T20 cricket has changed that — the room to hide your worst players decreases as the importance of every delivery increases. Now the team that mitigates its weaknesses will come out on top more often than the team that augments its strengths. The 2023 edition of the Pakistan Super League (PSL) has highlighted this more forcefully than ever before. The latter stages of the tournament's



group stages in Pindi were dominated by the batsmen in record-breaking fashion as individual, team, and league records were shattered one after the other. The Multan and Quetta match then contrived to break some of the format's record, their combined 515 runs in 40 overs being the highest-ever runs tally in a T20 match. In the same game, Usman Khan's fastest-ever PSL century off 36 deliveries was also the fastest-ever in T20 history in terms of balls played in the innings. Usman reached his century after only 8.2 overs had been bowled, in other words a player was celebrating his century after only 50 balls had been bowled.

Warhorse Wagner vows to return after injury setback

WELLINGTON: Veteran seamer Neil Wagner is adamant he will be back in Test whites for New Zealand once he shrugs off a serious hamstring strain sustained against Sri Lanka. The South Africa-born Wagner, who turned 37 on Monday as New Zealand won a cliffhanger in the first Test against Sri Lanka, has also been hampered with a bulging disc in his back through the home summer. The hamstring has ruled him out of the second Test starting in Wellington on Friday and could sideline him for up to 10 weeks, though the silver lining is that he can avoid surgery. Following Sri Lanka, New Zealand's next Test is not until an away series against Bangladesh in November, leaving Wagner time to weigh his future as well as recover. Retirement, however, is the last thing on the fiery fast bowler's mind. "People might make their predictions and stuff like that and I've made a career out of proving people wrong. It's definitely not the end of me," Wagner told New Zealand media. "A lot of people said it could be the end of me after my first Test. I think the day I call



it quits is the day I call it quits probably, or when they don't pick me again." Wagner has also played with joint inflammation in his foot for most of a decade while still managing to play 63 Tests and take 258 wickets for the Black Caps. He said the hamstring problem suffered over the weekend when bowling in Christchurch may have been due to other parts of his body "overcompensating trying to carry.

South Africa seek to maintain ODI momentum against West Indies

EAST LONDON: South Africa will look to maintain their ODI momentum ahead of the World Cup, but they are set to contend with key injuries as they take on West Indies in a three-match 50-over series starting at Buffalo Park in East London on Thursday. The Proteas wrapped up a convincing 2-0 Test series win against West Indies earlier in the month, having beaten world champions England 2-1 in an ODI series in January-February. That series triumph significantly boosted South Africa's 2023 World Cup qualification chances. While Shukri Conrad has already taken charge of the Test side, this latest series will be the first for new white-ball coach Rob Walter having completed his term with New Zealand's Central Stags. Walter will be without important players, however, after Keshav Maharaj ruptured his left Achilles in the Test series. Wiaan Mulder is also unavailable with a left side strain, with Tabraiz Shamsi and Wayne Parnell replacing the pair. Meanwhile, South African ODI skipper Temba Bavuma said a debut or two in the offing for the first ODI against the West Indies. The West Indies Test series in Centurion and Johannesburg saw Ger-



ald Coetzee and Tony de Zorzi make their debuts. The duo also put in a shift during Wednesday morning's training session at the venue, while Tristan Stubbs and Ryan Rickelton were also in operation. Marco Jansen, who has played five T20s, was also drafted into the squad as Andile Phehlukwayo (back), Sisanda Magala (hand), and Wayne Parnell (illness) all had sickness or injury to worry about. Parnell, though, batted and bowled in East London's heat and humidity, with Jansen doing the same. Bavuma didn't possess Conrad's pre-season Test confidence by naming the match-day 11 on the eve of the game.

Booked, subbed and goalless — a rough night for Ronaldo

RIYADH: Cristiano Ronaldo's Al-Nassr beat Abha 3-1 in the King's Cup on Tuesday but it was a disappointing night for the Portuguese forward, who failed to score, received a yellow card and was substituted for the first time since his move to Saudi Arabia. Ronaldo failed to score for the third consecutive game and is yet to open his account at Al-Nassr stadium. The former Manchester United striker, who moved to Al-Nassr in January on a two-and-a-half-year contract for a reported fee of about 200 million euros (\$214.71 million), had contributed to 10 consecutive goals, scoring eight with two assists before going empty-handed in the last two league games. In Tuesday's quarter-final, Al-Nassr were leading 2-0 when Ronaldo had the opportunity to



launch a counter-attack but Latvian referee Andris Treimanis ended the first half. Ronaldo angrily grabbed the ball and then hit it away, which saw the referee bring out a yellow card. Al-Nassr scored a third in the second half before Ronaldo was replaced in the 87th minute by Anderson Talisca, the league's top scorer returning from injury. Ronaldo did not enjoy the best of games last Thursday, kicking away water bottles before going up the tunnel after a 1-0 defeat to rivals Al-Ittihad.

Spain, Portugal say Morocco boosts World Cup bid

HARA: The heads of Spain and Portugal welcomed Wednesday Morocco's move to join their bid to host the 2030 World Cup, saying it boosted their chances of hosting the event.

Morocco's King Mohammed VI announced on Tuesday that his country had joined the bid by the two European countries, apparently replacing war-torn Ukraine in a three-way alliance.

Spain and Portugal declared their joint candidacy in 2021, before adding Ukraine to their bid last October. In contrast to the distance between Ukraine, and Spain and Portugal, Morocco is separated from the Iberian Peninsula only by the Strait of Gibraltar. "I think this bid by the Iberian Peninsula with Morocco is very positive," Portuguese Prime Min-



ister Antonio Costa told a joint news conference with his Spanish counterpart Pedro Sanchez on the Spanish island of Lanzarote. "It sends an important message to the entire world and especially Europe and Africa, since it says that we are two neighbouring continents, two continents that want to

work together," he added. "It is the first time that a joint bid is presented from both sides of the Mediterranean, a bid between Africa and Europe. I think this can only help to unite that which can't be separated." Sanchez, meanwhile, said Morocco joining the bid "places Spain and Portugal's joint candidacy in

better shape to win the race."

Neither Sanchez nor Costa mentioned Ukraine during the press conference. But Spanish media have reported that the arrest in November of the head of the Ukrainian football federation over fraud allegations had left Ukraine out of the running. The reports also said that with Russia's invasion of Ukraine still ongoing, there was little likelihood that the country would be ready to host World Cup matches in seven year's time.

Football world governing body FIFA is expected to announce the 2030 World Cup hosts in 2024. A South American bid including Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay and Chile is set to challenge the Iberian bid, and Saudi Arabia hopes to lead a joint ticket with Egypt and Greece.

South India Rally attracts huge 63 entries, 15 in fray for FIA-APRC

Chennai, Mar 16 (UND) There is palpable excitement and expectations of high octane action as the stage is set for the 46th South India Rally, the first round of the FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship, promoted by Blueband Sports, beginning here tomorrow. The South India Rally is ready for action with a massive field of 63 entries. The three-day event, organised by the Madras Motor Sports Club which is celebrating its 70th anniversary, will be run concurrently with the second round of the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship (Asia Rally Cup) which has attracted 15 entries, including the Toyota Rally team from Thailand. Reigning National champion from Bengaluru Karna Kadur and co-driver Nikhil Pai, who also won last year's Asia Rally Cup round here, will be heading both INRC and APRC fields in an Arka Motorsports-prepared Volkswagen

Polo. Seven time National champion and winner of three APRC titles Gaurav Gill, with a new co-driver, Aniruddha Rangnekar, is piloting an imported Subaru Impreza, and as such, will contest only the Asia Rally Cup, as also the Thai pair of Mana Pornsricherd (co-driver Meenil Thanyaphat), in an APRC-spec Toyota C-HR machine. The APRC field also includes a lone female driver, Nikeeta Takkale from Pune, the niece of former APRC Production Cars champion, Sanjay Takale, with Venu Ramesh Kumar in the co-driver's seat. The INRC entry list, across Overall, INRC-2, INRC-3, INRC-4 and Junior INRC categories besides the non-championship Gypsy and SUV Challenge, is rich in talent with a mix of seasoned campaigners and hungry young guns. Of interest is the return of former National champion, UK-based Amitrajit Ghosh (co-driver Ashwin Nak) to the rally-

ing circuit after a season's break. Ghosh has entered both Asia Cup and INRC, driving a Mahindra XUV 300. Also on the comeback trail is US-based Dr Bikku Babu (co-driver Milen George Cherian), better known as "Doctor Speed". The Rally action commences on Friday afternoon with two loops of cross-over Super Special Stage where two cars race each other on parallel tracks, the first of its kind in the history of INRC. The entrants will then contest a tarmac Super Special Stage and two runs in forward direction of the MIC and Aavisa Special Stages on Saturday, and in reverse direction on Sunday. Welcoming the participants Premnath K of Blueband Sports said "It is an encouraging sign that the INRC has received so many entries representing the cream of rallying talent from across the country." "This year's INRC has a 'Go Green.

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