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Follow delivery channels of RBI, saturate distribution of Smart Cards to KCC account holders by June: LG Manoj Sinha

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JAMMU, MARCH 02: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level meeting of Public Sector Banks, Administrative Departments & other Financial Institutions, today at Civil Secretariat.

The Lt Governor reviewed the action taken on the directions passed in the previous meeting on seamless credit to potential entrepreneurs and saturation of other government schemes aimed to facilitate the dreams of aspiring society.

The Lt Governor directed the Public Sector Banks and other financial institutions for dedicated measures to ensure government benefits directly reach the people ship schemes," the Lt Governor said. potential entrepreneurs, farmers, SHGs and rural development.

growing economy and collective efforts support to CONTINUED ON » PAGE 07



should be made to facilitate common man, farmers, industries, SHGs and young entrepreneurs. Banks need to cooperate & complement government's efforts in reaching out to beneficiaries of all flag-

and put greater emphasis on lending for He also observed that during the Back to Village-4 and My Town My Pride Programme, J&K Bank ensured a major "Banking sector is the backbone of J&K's share of 90% in extending the financial

Lt Governor chairs meeting regarding widening of Shri Amarnathji yatra tracks

JAMMU, MARCH 02: Lieutenant Gov ernor Shri Manoj Sinha today chaired a meeting of the officers from the UT administration and Border Roads Organization at Raj Bhavan here.

Sh K N Rai, Member of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Sh Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department; Brig Saket Singh, Chief Engineer, BRO; Sh Akshay Labroo, Additional Secretary to Lt Governor, Sh Rahul Singh, Additional Chief Executive Officer, SASB were present. During the meeting, the Lt Governor sought the details of the scope of work to be undertaken for CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

PM addresses meeting of Foreign Minister of G20

Says world looks upon G20 to ease challenges of growth, development, financial stability and food security

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New Delhi, March 02: The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the meeting of the Foreign Minister of G20 via video message today.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister underlined why India chose the theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' for its G20 Presidency. He explained that it signals the need for unity of purpose as well as the unity of action. He expressed the belief that today's meeting will reflect the spirit of coming together for achieving common and concrete objectives.

Acknowledging that multilateralism is in a state of crisis in the world today, the Prime Minister pointed out the two main functions that were meant to be served by the architecture of global governance created



after the Second World War. He explained that firstly, it was to prevent future wars by balancing competing interests, and secondly, to foster international cooperation on issues of common interests. Observing the financial crisis, climate change.

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News Brief

2 persons killed, 12 Injured as matador turns turtle in Rajouri

M S Nazki

Jammu, Mar 2 Two passengers were killed and twelve others were injured when a matador they were travelling in met with an accident in Rajouri district on Thursday.Official sources told HT that vehicle (JK11-0836) turned turtle near Kewal Turn in Rajouri district on Thursday morning, leading to the death of two passengers and injuries to 12 others. The deceased have been identified as Shakeel Ahmed (30) son of Mohammad Bashir of Kewal and Badar Hussain (26) son of Khan Mohammad of Kandi. The iniured were shifted to various health facilities including Government Medical College Rajouri and Community Health Centre Kandi. The injured has been identified, Mohammad Hafiz (40), Sadam Hussain (30), both from Dramman, Mohammad Amin (50) of Kandi, Mohammad Irfan (27) of Kewal, Zaida Bebe (50) of Phalni, Bago Begum (45) of Kandi, Abdul Rashid (50) of Shahpur, Pushpa Devi (18) of Phanli, Bilo Begum (60) of Phalni, Parveen Akhtar (40) of Targain, Sobia Kouser (18) and Shaida Begum (45), both from Draj. A police officer while confirming the accident and casualties as a consequence of it told GNS that a case has been registered and further investigations taken up.

Police arrests 4 drug peddlers, contraband substances recovered

SRINAGAR March 02: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested four drug peddlers in Ganderbal, Bandipora & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession. In Ganderbal, police Parties led by Incharge PP Shadipora & Incharge PP Nagbal under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ganderbal arrested two drug peddlers during naka checking at Goundroshan and Rangil respectively. During their search, Charas like substance were recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Gulzar Ahmad Peer @Chorma son of Gh Rasool Peer resident of Gundroshana and Javid Ahmad Kumar son of Habibullah Kumar resident of Rangil. In Bandipora, officers at a checkpoint established at Rakhi Shilwat arrested a drug peddler alongwith 2.1Kgs of Charas Powder like substance. He has been identified as Mushtaq Ah Dar resident of Rakhi Shilvat Mustafa Abad.In Kulgam, a Police party led by SHO Police Station Yaripora during naka checking at Matibugh arrested a notorious drug peddler identified as Muneeb Ahmad Bhat son of Bashir Ahmad Bhat resident of Berigam, Qazigund. During search, 5.96 grams of Heroin like substance was recovered

Teenage girl hangs self to death in Pattan Village

Pattan, March 02 (A teenage girl hanged herself to death in Uglar village of Pattan in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thursday. An official told that a 14-year-old girl hanged herself today afternoon at her home in Uglar Goshbugh village, following which she was immediately rushed to a nearby Trauma hospital Pattan where doctors declared her dead on arrival. He said police have taken cognisance of the matter and a case has been reg-

The official said further investigation has been initiated in this regard.

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Non-Bailable Warrants issued against 13 active terrorists of Kishtwar operating from, Pak, PoK

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Jammu, Mar 2 (UNI) The court of National Investigation Agency (NIA), Jammu on Thursday issued non-bailable warrants against 13 active terrorists of Kishtwar operating from Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir.

"Upon request of Kishtwar Police, NIA Special Court, Jammu, issued Non Bailable Warrants against 13 terrorists who hail from District Kishtwar but are settled and operating from Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir," Khalil Poswal, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu said on Thursday. The SSP said, "Chief Investiga-

tion Officer of Kishtwar Police approached the Special NIA Court for issuing Non-Bailable Warrants

against the accused persons for their active involvement in terror activities for creating unrest in the erstwhile Doda district and other parts of Jammu and Kashmir.'

"They mobilised sleeper cells and pushed them into J&K in connivance with secessionist and separatist leaders for waging war against the Government of India with the nefarious design of seceding Jammu and Kashmir from Union of India." said Poswal.

Further investigation in the case is underway, he added.

The terrorists operating from PoK and Pakistan against whom non-bailable warrants are issued are identified as Shahnawaz Kanth alias Munna alias Umer of Hullar,

Nayeem Ahmed alias Amir
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NIA attaches property of Pak based Mushtaq Zargar in Srinagar

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, March 2 (UNI) In a major offensive against militants operating from Pakistan, the National Investigation Agency on Thursday attached the house of Mushtaq Zargar, one of the three militants released as part of the 1999 Kandahar IC-814 aircraft hijack prisoner swap.

The house of Zargar, the founder and chief commander of Al-Umar-Mujahideen, was at-



stringent provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. "Zargar's two Marlas house (Khasra No. 182) at Ganai Mohalla, Jamia Masjid, Nowhatta, Sri- his release in 1999 and has been tached in Srinagar's Nowhatta nagar, has been attached under funding terror activities area this morning under the the provisions of UA(P)A. The

by a team of NIA along with the representative of district administration and local police," NIA spokesperson said.

A notice of attachment was posted on the house of Zargar. In April 2022, the ministry of home affairs (MHA) designated

Zargar, as a 'Designated Individual Terrorist'. NIA said Zargar has been oper-

ating from Pakistan ever since

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Case Registered Against MC Chairman Pulwama for 'Misbehaving' With Doctor

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Mar 3: A case has been registered against Municipal Councilor Chairman Pulwama over his alleged misbehavior with a doctor at District Hospital Pulwama earlier this week.

A doctor at District Hospital Pulwama told that the police registered a First Investigation Report (FIR) against Municipal Council Chairman Bilal Ahmad Rather over 'misbehaving with a doctor at District Hospital (Pulwama) on February 27, during evening hours'."On 27-02-2023 at around 6.30 pm, a man namely Bilal Ahmad Rather, who is chairman of Municipal Council, barged in the duty room of a doctor who was on duty in the emergency department of the hospital. As soon as the person entered the hospital, the person started shouting and barged into the duty room of a doctor. He made a huge hue and cry and misbehaved with the doctor", the doctor reading out the FIR copy said. 'There were many sick patients in the hospital at the time when the person made his entry into the hospital and the person shouted & hurled abuse at the doctor and was in a very aggressive mood. He was about to assault the doctor and wouldn't

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Police begins proper probe after body of a missing person found in J&K's Kupwara

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Srinagar, Mar 2 (UNI) A Day after the body of a missing person, who was picked by the Army in December last year, was found in Kupwara district, J&K police have started proper investigation to ascertain all facts and circumstances leading to his death.

The development comes on a day when former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti said " such incidents have been normalized" in the absence of any accountability after the abrogation of Article 370.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Kupwara Youghal Manhas said the Police has started proper investigation in the case to ascertain all facts and circumstances leading to the death of Abdul Rasheed Dar, a resident of Kunan Kupwara, who was missing since December. The official said on March 1, Police



Station Trehgam received information that a body was in the forest area of Zurhama-PK Gali. Accordingly, the Police party rushed to the spot and recovered the body which was later identified to be of Dar, against whom a missing report was lodged. Police said the family members of Dar had alleged that on December 15, 2022 he was taken by some army personnel from his house at Kunan.

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Situation slowly moving towards normalcy in JK: Army

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, Mar 02: Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C) Northern Command on Thursday said that Jammu and Kashmir has been slowly moving towards normalcy while the efficient persistence in operational planning has resulted in real time tracking and neutralizing of 186 terrorists in high-risk operations in the year 2022.

The army commander further added that the highest

standards of professionalism and jointness displayed by the troops in all dimensions of Counter Terror Operations have nullified the kinetic threat. On the situation along the Line of Control, the General

Officer said that the border has remained stable and the Ceasefire Understanding continues to sustain.

"A very strict vigil and a robust technology enabled multi-tiered counter infiltration

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CRPF goes hi-tech in Kashmir, gets CSR Vehicle to fight militancy

Srinagar, Mar 02: Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has inducted a bomb/bulletproof armoured vehicle also known as CSRV (critical situation response vehicle) to fight militancy in Kashmir.Officials told news agency- that bullet-proof vehicles, wall-through radars and drones are some of the new gadgets inducted by CRPF into its counter-insurgency operations in Kashmir.

They said several of these hi-tech equipment were used in Pulwama encounter recently in which two militants were killed. Speaking exclusively to, Alok Avasthy, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Operations (CRPF) South Kashmir, said that to ensure the zero percent collateral damage and successful anti-militancy operations in the Kashmir, the CSR vehicle has been inducted in CRPF which has a space for four men including a Commander who directs his men to target the terrorists.

He said that during encounters, they felt the need of a vehicle that would ensure zero casualities to the force and CSR is a best choice. "This is a modern bullet and bombproof vehicle for room/house interventions during encounters in Kashmir Valley,'

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In last 12 yrs, over 12,000 people killed in road accidents across JK, reveal official figures

Everyday 34 lives lost: 290 injured in road mishaps'

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, Mar 02: Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed as many as 76.942 road accidents between 2010 and 2022 in which 12,429 people were killed, while 1.04.983 individuals were in-



jured, the latest data released by the traffic police revealed

ferent nature across the Union during this period. Territory. The figures suggest The data further revealed that that in every 24 hours, 34 people out of total casualties, 9963 got killed and 291were injured across J&K on daily basis.

As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the figures, however, shows some downward trend during the last two years (2020-2021) of

The data of last 12 years shows COVID pandemic, when deaths that on an average, more than due to road accidents were be-12000 people died and 8748 were tween 700-800. The reasons are injured due to accidents of dif- obvious as lockdown prevailed

> were fatal in nature while rest were non-fatal. As per data compiled by the traffic department, in 2010, a total of 1073 persons were killed

while 8655 people CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

Smoking is injurious to health,

Children whose parents, grandparents smoke are more likely to take up smoking: Study

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Mar 02: Teenagers are much more likely to smoke and be dependent on nicotine if a parent and grandparent is dependent on nicotine, a recent study has revealed. The cross-sectional study

published in journal of Integrative Medicine and Public Health, a publication of Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College, Srinagar, a copy of which lies with news agencyKashmir News Observer has revealed that teenager



whose parents smoke are five times more likely to become smokers and the teenagers whose grandparents smoke are two times more likely to become

As per the study, 430 patients which included 215 tobacco users and 215 non-tobacco users were included in the study and they were aged between 15 and 25 years and were age and gender matched in the ratio of 1:1.

A self-administered questionnaire was used to collect information regarding their self-tobacco use, form of use, parental and grand parental tobacco use

Among the 215 study CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 07

Union Minister lays foundation stone for Rs 21.63 cr Frozen Semen Station at Ranbirbagh

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UGANDERBAL, MARCH 02: Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala, today visited Frozen Semen Project Ranbirbagh, Ganderbal where he laid foundation stone for Frozen Semen Station (FSS) approved at the cost of Rs 21.63 crore under Rashtriya Gokul Mission On the occasion, Union Minister

ities to be available in Frozen

Semen Station including steril-

ization room, AV sterilization

was briefed about the financial layout of the project and facil-

QC, Freezing Room, Quality Control Laboratory and other requisite utilities

Union Minister visited various sections of the semen center and inspected Bull Sheds. He was briefed that the current Semen station is producing around room, Microbial Laboratory of 7 lakh doses of Frozen Semen

Straws (FSSs) per year to cater to the demands of about 800 government artificial insemination centers and around 400 private Al workers in the twin UTs of J&K and Ladakh. While inspecting Bull Sheds,

Union Minister was informed that currently High Generic Merit breeding bulls are housed in the Breeding Bull Farm viz Holstein Friesian, Jersey and Red Sindhi. Meanwhile, Union Minister also

interacted with staff/casual labours who apprised him of various issues confronting them. He assured that all their genuine

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MoYA&S, NYKS to organize "YUVA SAMVAD-India @2047" program from 1st April to 31st May, 2023

02: Under the inspiration and guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, India is celebrating and com-memorating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'- the 75th year of Independence and the glorious ture and achievements.

history of its people, cul-Hon'ble PM. Narendra Modi had also in his Independence Day Address announced the mantra of PanchPran; a vision of India@2047 in the age of Amrit Kaal.In this context, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MoYA&S) and its autonomous organization Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), is organizing "YUVA SAMVAD- India @2047" program through Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in all districts across the country from 1st April to 31st May, 2023. The program is planned to be organized

at district level with the cooperation and support of various CBOs (Community Based Organizations) of the district who shall join hands with district NYKSs to generate a positive discourse on the future of the country in line with the Panch Prans as envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.The program shall be conducted in a town hall format, with experts/knowledgeable persons leading a discussion on PanchPran followed by a Q & A session with the participation of minimum 500 youth participants. The organizing CBOs shall be reimbursed up to 20,000 for organizing the program. The CBOs who wish to apply shall be Non-Political, Non-Partisan with an untainted history and sufficient organizational strength to conduct the Yuva Samvad Program.

DC Srinagar reviews functioning of Youth Clubs District Youth Centre to be established to provide a congenial environment for youth engagement and outreach

review the functioning of Youth Clubs in Srinagar District, a meeting of concerned Officers was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner(DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here today at the Conference Hall of the DC

Superintendent of Police, SP Traffic, Nodal Principal Colleges, Chief Planning Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, District youth Services & Sports Officer, Deputy Chief Education officer, Principal ITI, Bagh-i-Dilawar Khan, Principal Polytechnic Gogjibagh, Principal Womens Polytechnic, Bemina, Superintendent Womens ITI, Nodal Officer Mission Youth, District Coordinator, NYK and other concerned were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review about the functioning of all Youth Clubs in the District and measures undertaken for vouth engagement and outreach programmes in the District under Mission Youth initiative.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner asked Departments of Youth Services & Sports and NYK to immediately complete the process for establishment and operationalization of District Youth Centre in Srinagar which will be a specially designed center, intended to present a safe youth-appealing environment covering four fundamental contours of vouth engagement and empowerment viz. Inform, Inspire, Interact & Innovate.

The DC called for finalising the lists of young innovators and achievers in the District to identify young talent. He also stressed for holding workshops in Colleges and Schools,

tutions to sensitise students/ youth about different youth centric Skill Development and Livelihood generation schemes under Mission Youth initiatives like PARVAAZ, MUM-KIN, TEJASWANI etc.

Similarly, the Culture Department was asked to organize recreational and social engage ment programmes under Mis-

With regard to available sports fields facilities in Srinagar, the DC asked for conducting Tehsil and Ward wise mapping of sports grounds so that facility is made available in such area having no sports fields.

sion youth programme.

ordination among line Departments and said Youth Clubs will be the nerve centres for all Youth programs, Community involvement, IEC, Sports and Cultural activities, besides in Skill development and livelihood generation.

The DC said to positively engage the youth and make them important stakeholders in the development all possible support, guidance, counselling, education oriented skill development and sports/recreation etc has been envisaged in Mission Youth for overall development of the young generation will be provided with well planned interventions for their livelihood generation.

The DC was informed that as many as 250 Sports Clubs are registered with District Youth Services & Sports Office besides 300 Youth Clubs with NYK in Srinagar District.

Apni Party Election Board issues notification for the party's Presidential election

Srinagar, March 02: Apni Party General Secretary Vijay Bakaya, who is also Convenor for the party's Election Board, on Thursday issued a notification for an internal party election to elect the next party president. The term of the sitting President is ending on March 8, 2023.

The Convenor Election Board has also sought applications from the desirous candidates for the office of President. The candidates have been asked to submit their applications to either office —at M2 Church Lane in Srinagar or at Gandhi Nagar Jammu — by Mach 7, 2023.

The notification reads, "All the eligible members of the Electoral College of Apni Party are informed through this notice about the fresh election of President Apni Party. Any qualifying member desirous to contest the elections for the post of the president can make an application along with his biodata including S. No on plain paper scrutiny will be held on March 8, 2023date of polling in case of election will be on March 11, 2023."

The notification further said, "As per the recommendation and approval by the Election Board, Party Vice President Usman Majid has been appointed returning officer

Govt Appoints Dr. Masood Tanvir Bhat As Principal GMC Srinagar

Srinagar, Mar 2: Government on Thursday appointed Professor Dr. Masood Tanvir Bhat as Principal of Government Medical College Srinagar.

According to an order issued by the government, sanction is hereby accorded to the appointment of Dr. Masood Tanvir Bhat, Professor & HoD, Government Medical College Srinagar as Principal, Government Medical College Srinagar, with effect from 03.11.2022 in Pay Level-15 (Rs.

Dr Masood Tanvir was given charge as acting Principal GMC Srinagar on superannuation of former Principal

DGP sanctions over Rs. 1.08 crore as welfare loan/relief

Jammu, March 02: Continuing its endeavor to provide financial assistance to J&K Police personnel, Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh has sanctioned over rupees 1.08 crore as welfare loan/relief in favour of 93 serving Police personnel.

DGP has sanctioned welfare loan of rupees 83.5 lakh in favour of 64 Police personnel for self treatment/treatment of their dependents. He has sanctioned rupees one lakh each in favour of 15 police personnel for self marriage/marriage of their wards.

He has sanctioned welfare relief of rupees 3.60 lakh in favour of 19 Police personnel for self-treatment/ treatment of their dependents.

Under the order, Rs 1.5 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of two police personnel for professional education of their wards. Rupees 50 thousand each has been sanctioned in favour of two police personnel for Mundan/Akhand Path. The amount has been sanctioned out of Central Police Welfare Funds.

Police Headquarters has a number of schemes operational for the welfare of its personnel and their families. There are also schemes for the wards of Police personnel and SPOs. Besides, there are schemes for the NoKs of martyrs, their wards and also for the retired Police personnel and their spouses

Silk Technical Centre CSTRI, Centre Silk Board Miran Sahib organisd a one day workshop on Technical Upgradation program for reelers & weavers

JAMMU, MARCH 02: Silk Technical Service Center, CSTRI, Central Silk Board, Miran Sahib Jammu, a one day Technical Upgradation Program entitled Recent Advances in Mulberry Silk Technology and Schemes Schemes was organized today in Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Jammu for reelers and weavers in coordination with Handicrafts and handloom, department Jammu. The Technical Upgradation Programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Deputy Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Baldev Singh Baloria; Director, Handicraft and Handloom, Jammu Division, Dr Vikas Gupta; Additional Director, Silk Development Department, Ashwani Kumar Sharma; Scientist and Zonal officer, Central Silk Board, Jammu, N S Gahlot and other dignitaries lighted the lamp.N. S. Gahlot Scientist, Silk Technical Service Center, Meera Sahib, Jammu, N S Gahot, while addressing the participants, said that we are constantly trying to make India self-sufficient in silk production. There has been a lot of improvement in silk cocoon quality and yarn. Now our focus is to develop value added products by connecting the silk industry with handloom weavers and artisans. The scientist awared that handloom weavers of Jammu division can make a profit by using various silk yarn and its blends like silk-wool, silk-cotton on the their handlooms. Various latest handlooms, reeling machines are available on 80-90 % subsidy basis as Jammu.

Div Com Jammu reviews land issues of Airport expansion

JAMMU, MARCH 02: Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar reviewed the status of land acquisition and issues related to the Jammu Airport Expansion Project in a meeting held toda.

The concerned officers provided details about the project and reported that the land acquisition process was almost complete. However, a few patches of land containing structures and buildings belonging to the Animal Husbandry Belicharna were not yet handed over. They added that alternative land in Nagrota and Chatha areas had been provided to the Animal Husbandry Department for the relocation of their hatchery and office buildings.

The Div Com also inquired about the progress of the construction of the Animal Husbandry buildings in Nagrota and Chatha. Director Animal Husbandry informed about minor issues on the allotted land at both locations. The Div Com instructed the DC Jammu to resolve the issues on the allotted land to facilitate the timely shifting of Animal Husbandry buildings.

Furthermore, the Div Com directed all concerned departments to conduct a joint visit to the Animal Husbandry building site and prioritize the buildings to be vacated initially. The Div Com stressed the importance of vacating the



prioritized buildings promptly to ensure the smooth execution of work on the airport expansion project.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Vice Chairman JDA, Pankaj Magotra; Director Animal Husbandry Shubhra Sharma; Chief Engineer PWD, P C tanoch; Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control, Manoj Gupta; Assistant Commissioner Central, Pritam Lal Thappa; besides officers of Airport Authority, Civil Aviation and other concerned officers. The Div Com also inquired about the progress of the construction of the Animal Husbandry buildings in Nagrota

DDC Rajouri directs officials to work towards revival of Cooperative Societies

RAJOURI, MARCH 02: Commissioner, Kundal, conducted a comprehensive review of the cooperative sector in Rajouri today and directed officials to take action to revive the cooperative societies in the district.

The Deputy Registrar of Cooperatives Society explained that cooperative societies are voluntary associations of individuals, usually formed by farmers or other groups in rural areas, to promote their economic interests. Regular audits are conducted to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the cooperative society and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. It is also essential to collect data on the Performance Audit Committees (PACs) associated with the societies, responsible for overseeing financial transactions in a transparent and ac-



officials to evaluate their performance and pinpoint areas for improve-

ment. During the review meeting, DDC Vikas Kundal expressed his concern about the declining number of cooperative societies in the district and emphasized the importance of reviving them for the benefit of farmers and other stakeholders. He directed officials to conduct a comprehensive survey of the existing cooperative societies and identify the reasons for their decline. Furthermore, the sive plan to revive these societies and make them more functional and ef-

In his statement, DDC Kundal highlighted the crucial role that cooperative societies play in the development of the rural economy. He stressed the need to identify the challenges faced by these societies and to come up with effective solutions to address them. This directive from the DDC to officials to work towards the revival of cooperative societies is a major step

NIT Srinagar signs MOU with SAP Automations India

al Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar Wednesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with S.A.P. Automations India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi to enhance Research and Development in the hybridization of Ultra Low Energy, Geothermal Heating & Cooling. The MoU was signed be-

tween Director, NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal and Mr. Arijit Ghosh, M.D. S.A.P Automations (I) Pvt. Ltd.

Institute's Registrar Sved Kaiser Bukhari, Incharge Dean R&C and Dean FW Prof. G.A. Harmein. Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Shameem Ahmad Lone, Asst. Prof. MED Dr. Abhijit Dey, Dr. Asadur Rahman, Asst. Prof., EED and Asst. Registrar (Legal) Mr. Mohammad Hazik among other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

As per the MOU, both organizations NIT Srinagar and S.A.P. will have collaboration for enhancing Research and Develop-



Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal termed signing of this MoU with S.A.P. Automations India as historic and stated that it will enhance R&D in hybridization of Ultra Low Energy "We are confident that

partnership will this help us produce industry-ready graduates who are prepared to contribute towards the fast-growing global society," he

Prof. Sehgal said both institutions will share their respective facilities, resources and manpower. Training, project site visits in order to promote industry and research interaction along with

actual site experience in the areas of cooperation, he said.

On the occasion, Mr. Arijit Ghosh, Managing Director S.A.P. Automations expressed his gratitude to Director NIT Srinagar Prof. Sehgal for the Institute collaboration.

"We are happy to sign this MoU between the two stakeholders and it will boost the mutual coordination. I am confident

that this partnership will help us reach out desired results," he said.

Registrar NIT nagar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said the signing of this MoU will bring both organizations closer to serving the society and will provide first-hand exposure to our students. He said this joint collab-

oration will help to reach out to student beneficiaries in both UTs. Both tions will act as a bridge between society and government.

Prof. Bukhari said NIT Srinagar and S.A.P. Automations will work together to identify best research projects of mutual interest that could be financed from R&D funding agencies or Govt. from other agencies under their respective CSR programmes.

Dr. Abhijit Dey, Assistant Professor Mechanical Engineering Department, and Dr. Asadur Rahman Assistant Professor Electrical Engineering Department will be the coordinators at NIT Srinagar.

As per MOU, both institutions will collaborate to study, review and advice upon the design and development of hybridization of Ultra Low Energy Buildings combining with Geothermal or Aerothermal space conditioning, and coupled solar PV as primary RE, in an effort to correctly implement the technology

Agriculture Department Kathua dedicates Farmers' Facilitation Centre at Bani

to facilitate farmers of far-flung areas of Bani, Lowang, Dhagger and Duggan, the Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Kathua opened its 4th Farmers' Facilitation Centre of the District in Bani. The centre was inaugurated by DDC. Bani Rita Thakur in the presence of Chief Agriculture Officer, Sanjeev Rai Gupta and Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer, Basohli Rohit Baloria. Speaking on the occasion, DDC Bani Rita Thakur appreciated the agriculture department for their handholding effort to uplift the farmers of hilly and isolated areas of Bani sub-division. She expressed hope that the facilitation center will help local farmers sell and market their agricultural produce, including vegetables, honey, locally grown Kasrod (fiddlehead) Pickles, besides providing value addition to the products made/grown by local Women Self Help Groups.Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua Sanjeev Rai Gupta said Farm-

er Facilitation Centre will be the one-stop center for delivering services to farmers, facilitating them in selling their agriculture produce with the active support of field functionaries of the agriculture department. He said the Facilitation Centre would also help Women Self Help Groups of the area of service. He also appealed to farmers of the area to sell their produce through Farmer Facilitation Center for better returns.Among others, AEO Bani Surinder Kumar, JAEO Rajesh Singh and other officers/officials from the Department of Agriculture Kathua and a large number of farmers were also present.

The facilitation centre would provide facilities for selling various agricultural products, fresh vegetables, milled maize/ corn flour (Gharatka Atta), millets, pulses, flowers and other value-added indigenous products. Pertinently, this was the 4th such Farmer Facilitation Centre taken up by the Department of Agriculture Kathua as the earlier farmer facilitation.

IIM Jammu to host its annual cultural and management extravaganza, "EMPYREAN'23" from March 3 to 5

JAMMU, MARCH 02: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu is all set to host its annual cultural and management extravaganza, "EMPYREAN'23" from March 3-5, 2023. The event promises to be a unique blend of entertainment and learning, showcasing the brightest minds in the nation.

The three-day extravaganza will feature a plethora of cultural events such as Battle of the Bands, Solo Singing, Fashion Show, Group and Solo Dance performances, and an exciting Gaming Arena. During the 03rd to 5th March 2023, the event will feature an EDM Night by Pro Bros, comic opera by Shri Devesh Dixit, International EDM by Kevu, and Bollywood night by a popular music duo Meet Bros from the Indian Entertainment sector. These events will provide a platform for participants to showcase their business acumen and compete with like-minded individuals from different backgrounds. Participants will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and compete with the best of the best from IIMs, IITs, and other institutes across the country. The event is gonna be graced by dignitaries and esteemed personalities from the union territory of In addition to the cultural events, EM-

PYREAN'23 will also feature an array of management games ranging from Buzz HR, AgriQuiz, Consulenza, Healthbuzz, Story Telling, Adflix, IPL Auction, Entrepreneur Quiz, BizzQuiz, and Empreneur.Speaking on the occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu said, "Empyrean, the annual cultural festival of IIM Jammu, is an event that brings together a diverse group of individuals to celebrate and appreciate the various cultures represented within the institute. The festival is filled with a range of activities that are sure to excite and engage attendees of all interests.

Parshottam Rupala visits Baramulla; Reviews implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

02: Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala, on Thursday visited Baramulla and reviewed implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the district.

Union Minister was informed that district Baramulla produces 19.50 crore litres of milk annually which makes the district milk surplus. It was given out that 368 cases were sponsored under Integrated Dairy De velopment Scheme (IDDS) in the current financial year, of which, 270 units been sanctioned have thereby generating employment avenues for 286 youth of the district.

Union Minister said that norms have been relaxed so that more youth could avail the benefits under IDDS. Also, ample employment avenues are being created besides scaling up the livestock production in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, he

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On the occasion, Union Minister distributed sanction letters among the beneficiaries of fisheries, dairy and sheep farming units Later, Union Minister held interaction with the Dis-

Municipal Council and other PRIs of the district. Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, briefed about the profile of the district.

trict Development Council,

DDC Chairperson, Safina Beigh, apprised the Union Minister of the ongoing development works in the district and put forward several demands including reconstruction of Trout rearing unit at Bella Boniyar. While highlighting the achievements made under Dairying and Sheep Husbandry, it was given out that 20.05 lakh kg of mutton

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Police arrests 2 gamblers in Kulgam, stake money seized

KulgamMarch 02: Acting tough against social crimes Police in Kulgam have arrested 02 gamblers and seized stake money from their possession.

Acting on specific information regarding gambling activities near Laroo Bypass, a police party led by SHO Police Station Kulgam raided the specific spot and apprehended the two gamblers. They have been identified as Mohammad Arif Khan son of Abdul Gani Khan resident of Reshipora and Bilal Ahmad Shah son of Abdul Hamid Shah resident of Pahloo.

Officers have also seized stake money of 2,900/- and playing cards from the gamblers.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 20/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Kulgam and further investigation has been initiated.

Persons found indulging in criminal activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with the local police units.

SSP Baramulla visits forward areas of Uri Sector

BaramullaMarch 02: SSP Baramulla Shri Amod Ashok Nagpure-IPS visited forward areas of Uri Sector and reviewed security of border outposts Dachi, Madiyan & Salamabad and took stock of present infrastructure of these Border Out Posts (BOPs).

In order to review border grid, SSP Baramulla held the security meeting with Army counterparts to strengthen the anti-infiltration grid and crackdown on arms/narcotic smuggling in forward areas of Uri sector. SSP Baramulla was briefed about the security measures put in place by the officers present in the meeting.

While interacting with the jawans posted in these BOPs, he emphasized upon them to put best possible efforts & ensure dedication towards the duties with focus on anti-infiltration and smuggling of arms & narcotics in their areas of responsibilities.

SSP Baramulla also held interaction with the locals of these areas and heard their grievances. On the occasion, participants highlighted various issues of public importance and they were assured that their genuine grievances pertaining to Police will be resolved on priority and that of civil administration will be taken up with the concerned

departments for their early redressal. Referring to the criminal activities in the area, it was stressed upon the officers/general public to brace up with a missionary spirit to fight against drug abuse and eradicate other social evils from the society

Pir Panjal Community Radio team Calls on Lt Governor



JAMMU, MARCH 02: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha met and interacted with a team of young Radio Jockeys of Radio Pir Panjal 90.4 FM, a Community Radio Station established at Surankote, Poonch, at the Raj Bhavan here today.

The RJs Sh Ab. Majid, Sh Mohd Qasim, Ms Faieza Taba sum and Ms Sara Fatima accompanied by Brigadier M P Singh and Lt Col. Vivek Singh apprised the Lt Governor of the work and contribution of the radio station to the local community through its informative and entertaining programmes. The Lt Governor appreciated their efforts to inform people on all matters of public interest, educate and entertain its audiences. He further asked the RJs to create awareness about youth and women's issues through their community Radio. The Radio station has been set up by the Indian Army with an aim to preserve and promote the culture of twin border districts of Rajouri & Poonch The Community Radio Station broadcasts programmes in different languages including Gojri, Pahari and Urdu apart from Hindi and Punjabi, informing the listeners on social welfare issues, women empowerment, vouth employment and tourism. The Radio Pri Panjal has recently been awarded for 'Best Use of Radio in Public Service' by the outreach programme held at 9th International Radio fair, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha on the world radio day.

DC Rajouri meets accident victims at GMC&AH; assures

RAJOURI, MARCH 02: Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, rushed to GMC Rajouri today to check on the patients who were injured in a bus accident at Phalni and had been transferred there for specialist care.

Until the latest reports came in, 12 passengers were injured and 2 had died after the bus, which was traveling from Budhal to Koreranka, overturned at Phalni. The in-

jured are receiving treatment at GMC&AH Rajouri. During his visit, the Deputy Commissioner interacted

DHEW-Mission Shakti Budgam conduct series of Awareness camps under AKAM & BBBP

BUDGAM, MARCH 02: The District Hub for Empowerment of Women

tion against girls Several prominent per-



(DHEW) - Mission Shakti in collaboration with One Stop Centre Budgam conunder the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and as a part of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) at Panchayat Halqa Kawoosa Khalisa A&B, Kawoosa Jagir, Narbal A&B, Chewa, Arath, Mazhama, Kanihama, Batpora of Block Narbal and Panchayat Zoohama, Yarikalan of Panchayat Chadoora.

The event was aimed at spreading awareness about the importance of education for girls and the need to prevent female infanticide and discriminaernment officials, social activists, and religious leaders participated in the

the campaign, During the team DHEW-MS highlighted the significance of educating girls and the need to provide equal opportunities to both boys and girls. The participants also pledged to work towards creating a safe and supportive environment for girls in their respective communities

The team DHEW also raised awareness on different schemes like Pension schemes, Scholarship schemes, Prosthetic Aids SMAS and Women empowerment schemes such

as DHEW, OSC, WHL 181, Shelter Home, Marriage Assistance Scheme, Ladli Beti, PMMVY, Employment generation schemes such as Tajeswani, Mum-

The team also gave detailed information on how DHEW-Mission Shakti is playing an effective role by providing awareness/ training among young female folks to generate self-employment by taking advantage of available schemes at District level. They also raised aware-

ness on Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, its ill effects, causes and treatment, and also briefed the participants about the initiative Drug De Addiction Centre and rehabilitation centre which plays an important role to make drug addicts free of addiction.

The treatment-cum-reha-

bilitation centers provide services to the community such as awareness generation, Identification of addicts, motivational coundetoxification/ de-addiction, vocational rehabilitation, after care and re-integration into the social mainstream and preventive education.

Dr Samoon reviews filling up of vacancies of gazetted, non gazetted officers in SDD

JAMMU, MARCH 2: Principal Secretary, Skill De-Department (SDD), Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, today chaired a meeting to review filling up of vacancies of gazetted and non gazetted officers in the department at civil Secretariat here

The meeting was attended by Director SDD, Special Secretary SDD besides representative of ARI & Training Department, General Administration Department. Department of Law Justice & Parliament Affairs, Service Selection Board J&K and other concerned officials while Kasmir based officers participated online.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on various issues including direct recruitment quota vacancies of gazetted and non gazetted besides class IV posts referred to recruiting agencies, status vacancies referred to PSC/ SSB in last two years, promotion quota vacancies and status of creation proposals and non filling up of existing vacancies.

Principal Secretary directed the officers to complete all the necessary formalities so that the vacant posts



are filled up for better functioning of the department. Dr Samoon asked the recruiting agencies to speedily conduct all recruitment processes so that maximum youths get benefitted. He said that government is committed to provide all opportunities of growth and development to the youths of JK UT.

While reviewing promotion quota vacancies of gazetted officers, Principal Secretary directed the officers to refer the cases, completed with all requisite formalities, to Public Service Commission. He asked for streamlining the departmental promotion process and timely conduct of DPCs as per guidelines so that no one suffers on this account. The meeting was

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IGNOU extends last date of admission, introduces BA in Applied Urdu

introduced a plethora of new distance learning programmes for the 2023 admis-January sion cycle. The School of Humanities, IGNOU has launched a new programme B.A. in Applied Urdu (BAAUD) in addition to the already existing programme of Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Urdu (BAUDH), which will be offered from the January 2023 admission session. The eligibility criteria for the programme is 12th and the minimum and maximum duration of the programme is 3 and 6 years respectively. The other new UG and PG programmes have been said that the programmes added to the list includes, BA Gender Studies, 3 new PG programmes in 2020 in terms of quality, Journalism, 4 new PG accessibility, equity and programmes in Manage- affordability. ment, MA in Environ- entry and exit, modular mental Studies, MA in programme design.

Srinagar, March 02, 2023 Russian, MA in French, The Indira Gandhi Open PG diploma in Geo-infor-University (IGNOU) has matics, PG diploma in Environmental Manage ment and Law, PG diploma in Early Childhood and Foundation Stage Education, etc. In addition to these newly launched programmes, the university offers almost 300 programmes in various other disciplines at the UG, PG, Diploma, PG Diploma, Certificate, PG Certificate, Appreciation and Awareness Level programmes and over 40

> online programmes. While highlighting the unique features of the IGNOU Programmes, Dr. Shahnawaz Ahmad Dar, Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar are in compliance with the requirements of NEP Flexible

Union Minister concludes public outreach programme at Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, 02: Union Minister of Communications, Devusinh Chauhan, today concluded his two day public outreach programme in the district with an exclusive meeting convened with the District Development Councils and Block Development Councils here at Patnitop. DDC Chairperson, Udhampur, Lal Chand, Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Krittika Jyotsna, Post Master General, Jammu Region, Colonel Vinod Kumar, CGM BSNL J&K, Sanjeev Tyagi, SSP, Dr Vinod Kumar, ADDC Ghan Shyam Singh, DDCs and BDCs attended the meet-

During the interaction, DDCs and BDCs projected several issues and demands which inter alia included tourism promotion, establishment of KV school at Ramnagar and



Narsoo, functioning of Ultrasound and X-Ray machine in Sub District Hospital Ramnagar, mobile network problem in different blocks, dilapidated condition of Udhampur-Chenani road, unscheduled power cuts, scarcity of drinking water supply, installation of signal towers, pending liabilities under MGNREGA, shifting of pollution emitting units from industrial area, road connectivity to people of Satta and Basmani. upgradation of post office Ghordi, speedy completion of Mall Kud road and free wifi in government

schools, While responding to demands of PRIs, Union Minister assured that all these will be fulfilled on priority

Later. Union Minister chaired a meeting of officers of postal and telecom department to review the functioning and progress of postal and telecom services in the district.

CGM, BSNL J&K, gave a detailed PowerPoint Presentation on status of BSNL 4G saturation projof Bharat net network, coverage of gram panchayats, special pilot for FTTH growth in villages using Bharat net network through Bharat Net Udyami, development projects being undertaken to provide internet connectivity in J&K, constraints and requirements of J&K circle for successful rollout of 4G saturation project.

He apprised the Union Minister of utilization of Bharat net in which 115 locations have been identified in Udhampur district. so far.

Union Minister said that Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has approved a special plan under which every village will be covered with 4G mobile services by the end of this year. Also, each village will be connected with optical fibre which will provide high

them of best possible support

with the injured at GMC&AH, inquired about their health and instructed the medical team to provide them with the best possible treatment to avoid any complications. He also assured the injured and their families that the District Administration would provide them with all necessary assistance during these difficult times.

Day 2- KAR-TAVYA Awareness Initiative

Commissioner State Taxes stresses on coordination between States/UTs for enhanced revenue collection

Rashmi Singh, Commissioner State Taxes, J&K today presided over the first of its kind interactive session of officers of the State Taxes Department with the other States for exchange of good practices here at Convention Centre. The interactive session was attended virtually by Commissioner State Taxes Maharashtra, Rajeev Kumar Mittal; Principal Commissioner State Taxes Tamil Nadu, Dheeraj Kumar; Commissioner State Taxes Karnataka, C.Shikha and Ravneet Khurana, senior IRS officer from Punjab and Additional Commissioner, State Taxes Gujarat Milind along with their senior officers.

The officers shared their initiatives in augmentation of revenue and deliberated on how officers of J&K can incorporate some of their initiatives in their working to increase their tax revenue collection.150 officers of Jammu ing, Ankita Kar, Additional Commissioner, Administration & Enforcement, Namrita Dogra from Jammu and Shakeel Maqbool from Kashmir who made active contribution in the interactive session.

An equal number joined virtually from all the districts across J&K. The session was moderated by Ankita Kar.

Underlying the need to pay the taxes as the Kartavya of every citizen, Commissioner State Taxes, J&K said that Department of State Taxes has organized today's session for learning from the best practices of other States and UTs across the country and adopting them in J&K."There is a need to go beyond the status quo and learning from all and learning with all," she said and added that the main objective of the tax awareness initiative "KAR-TAVYA" is to infuse the

of the nation.

She said that having Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Punjab, Karnataka and J&K in one frame, carried forward the vision and guidance of Prime Minister of working together as 'One' to achieve the economic goals of the country under aegis of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat". Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner State Taxes Maharashtra appreciated the initiative taken by Jammu & Kashmir State Taxes Department and hoped that more such programmes of sharing best practices will be held with greater participation from other States in future as well.

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JAMMU, MARCH 2: On day two of the Tax & Kashmir including Additional Commis-message among all the taxpayers that it is the States, emphasis was laid on the role of artiforward the vision and guidance of Prime Awareness Initiative – KAR-TAVYA, Dr. sioner, Tax Planning, Policy & Advance Rultax revenue which leads to the development ficial intelligence and data analytic tools for Minister of working together as 'One' to targeted intervention and improvement of the processes for detection of tax evasion and tax collection, methods to find potential leaks in revenue collection and detection of errors and anomalies. Details of various cases from all the States based on empirical data were shared amongst the officers to understand the use of data analytic tools to help boost GST collection. Case studies of tax evasion comprising various modes like claim of ineligible ITC and investigation of refund fraud were also discussed and deliberated upon. Commissioner State Taxes, J&K also compli-

mented the senior officers of the department for being open to adopt new ways of revenue augmentation while keeping in mind interests of citizens and other stakeholders. She said that having Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Punjab, Karnataka and J&K in one frame, carried

Minister of working together as 'One' to achieve the economic goals of the country under aegis of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat". Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner State Taxes Maharashtra appreciated the initiative taken by Jammu & Kashmir State Taxes Department and hoped that more such programmes of sharing best practices will be held with greater participation from other States in future as well. In order to streamline information sharing with the neighboring State of Punjab, it was decided that nodal officers will be nominated in both the regions for regular information flow.During the deliberations with the States, emphasis was laid on the role of artificial intelligence and data analytic tools for targeted intervention and improvement of the processes for detection of tax evasion and tax collection, methods to find potential leaks in revenue collection.

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Kashmir Turning into Suicide Capital:

As a Society We Need to **Act Before it is too Late...**

uicidal tendencies are on alarming rise across trouble hit Kashmir Valley. Just today a girl ended her life by committing suicide by hanging herself to death in South Kashmir. An alarming increase in the number of suicides across Kashmir Valley is an unprecedented Scenario in Kashmir valley and a matter of concern for one and all. It is a social evil and threat to mankind and humanity itself as a whole. Suicide estimates suggest fatalities worldwide could rise to 1.5 million by the year 2020.excluding Covid pandemic suicide is the second largest cause of death among people across the globe and it is believed that it will suppress and become the first in the next 10 years(2030) across the globe Suicide is the slur on society and even UT of JK has not been left untouched by the menace of suicides. It is not unusual to see the reports of suicides in daily newspapers. According to reports of NCRB the erstwhile state recorded a total of 7000 cases between 1990 and 2021.

Depression, anxiety, stress some factors which leads to suicides According to research 79% of the urban and rural population in the valley suffers from depression. Suicide is more common in teenagers and youngsters especially females because they are far more sensitive and emotionally weaker than men. They have less tolerance than men. The main question is what are the causes of these suicides, who is responsible for them. What are the factors that leads a person to depression and ultimately to suicide the growing unemployment, love failures, job instability, child sexual abuse, impulsive personality and even drugs abuse are the casual factors for suicides. Besides that the panic situation created by pandemic cannot be ignored, it creates stress among the people especially young boys and girls. schools were closed, people lost their jobs and drains the wealth as all sources of income were shutdown. It crushes the back of economy of country as well. People remain ideal in their houses and the growing peskiness leads to depression and ultimately to suicide. Experts also blame the eruption of the armed conflict in the valley which has taken heavy toll on lives. Adding that mental health issues can also be contributing factors However suicides can be prevented d by proper intervention. Parents and teachers should fix the responsibilities on their children so as to prevent the suicides. People just need to do physical and mental exercise regularly and be more social and fulfill hobbies on priority basis, family members need to be more vigilant and try to understand the change in their members. The Govt should also take the steps to minimize the suicide rates. More employment opportunities should be provided to people Govt organizations and NGO's should. do seminars to motivate the people and should aware them about the negative impacts of depression in short Govt should take every possible step to minimize this alarming suicidal rate.

ILONG FOR YOU...



SHAHID SHAMSHAD KUMAR

You are the moon of my twinkle rays I long for your nights and days My love is Scattering through your says *Ah! Your habit of eating American lays* I hold my head down When I see you on Earth brown I always remember you Because my love is like the dew Since you deceived my draft letter I loved you more and can't deter Thousand times I tried to forget you My effort is....but a rue! My eyes are down to Earth not towards Sky Because you are an apple of my eye! The June becomes longest May In your deems there seems night like a day! When you will accept my "Lovely Note"

Oh! When the God will dip my boat!

Digital Technology; the Future of Education.



AADIL GHULAM BHAT

oday is the age of technology. Digital technology is very important and plays an essential role in our daily lives. With the rapid advancements in technology, it has become increasingly important for schools to incorporate digital technology into their curriculum in order to provide students with a more efficient and effective learning experience. This article will look at the advantages of incorporating digital technology into modern education and why schools should do so. One of the primary advantages of incorporating digital technology into modern education is that it enables a more interactive and engaging learning experience. Students can explore complex concepts in a more intuitive and engaging manner by using innovative teaching methods such as videos, animations, and interactive simulations. This can help them understand and retain the material better, making learning more enjoyable and rewarding. Also, the use of modern technology can give students access to more individualised learning opportunities.

With adaptive learning approaches, digital platforms may analyse a student's performance and offer customised learning materials and feedback based on their unique requirements and skills. This can help to improve learning outcomes and ensure that

each student is receiving the educa- vast amounts of information as well Increasing efficiency is one more obtion they need to succeed. Students can also use digital technology to gain access to a vast array of educational resources, regardless of their location. With the help of online platforms and resources, students may access educational materials from anywhere in the world, giving them the freedom to learn at their own pace and on their own timetable. This is especially useful for students who

by digital technology, which allows students and teachers to collaborate remotely and work on projects in real time, regardless of geographical bar-Digital technology assists in improving accessibility. Because students can access educational resources and

as interactive tools that can improve

their learning experiences. Facilitat-

ing collaboration is also made easier



live in remote or underserved areas and may not have access to traditional educational resources.

Furthermore, digital technology can provide teachers with useful information about student performance and engagement. This can help teachers provide more targeted support and interventions to students in order to improve their outcomes.

Additionally, the aims and objectives of digital technology in modern education are multifaceted and include: technology allows students to access yes and evaluate that information.

materials from anywhere and at any time, digital technology allows for more flexible learning. In modern education, developing digital literacy is acknowledged. As technology continues to shape our world, digital literacy has become an essential skill for students to acquire, and the use of digital technology in education can assist in this development. We can encourage critical thinking. While digital technology provides an abundance of information, it is critical to enhancing student learning. Digital teach students how to critically anal-

jective of digital technology. Because digital technology can automate administrative tasks, teachers can devote more time to teaching and engaging students.

Digital technology can provide personalised learning experiences to meet individual student needs, inter-

ests, and abilities. Overall, the objectives of digital technology in modern education are to provide innovative and effective teaching and learning experiences that prepare students for the digital

Finally, the incorporation of digital technology into modern education is critical to providing students with a high-quality, engaging, and personalised learning experience. Schools can provide students with access to a wealth of educational resources, improve learning outcomes, and prepare them for success in the digital age by incorporating digital tools and platforms into the curriculum.

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The Jhelum River: A Majestic Natural Wonder



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The Jhelum River is a symbol of the richness and beauty of this region and its people.

Nestled in the heart of Jammu and Kashmir, the Jhelum River is a breathtaking natural wonder that holds a special place in the hearts of the people who call this region home. This magnificent river stretches for approximately 725 kilometers, winding its way through the rugged terrain of the Kashmir Valley and providing

and beauty to the people and landscapes that surround it.

The Jhelum River is a crucial source of irrigation water for the region's agricultural industry. The river's fertile banks provide the perfect environment for growing crops, and its steady flow of water is essential for the success of these crops. The agricultural industry is the primary source of livelihood for many people in the region, and the Jhelum River plays a vital role in supporting this industry. Tourism

"The beauty of the Jehlum River lies not just in its majestic waters, but in the vibrant culture and history that surrounds it.

Tourism is another important aspect of the Jhelum River's role in the region's economy. This majestic river attracts visitors from all over the world, who come to take in its stunning beauty and participate in a variety of activities. Whether it's boating or fishing, the Jhelum River offers a wealth of opportunities for adventure and recreation.

The scenic beauty of the Jhelum River is truly awe-inspiring. The river winds its way through valleys dotted with lush greenery and majestic mountains that provide a breathtaking backdrop. The valley is also home to several historical sites and monuments, such as the Martand Sun Temple and the beautiful Mughal gardens, such as the Shalimar Bagh and the Nishat Bagh, which are located along the river banks. These gardens are a testament to the region's rich cultural heritage and provide a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday

Fishing and My Childhood Memories "To see the Jehlum River is to witness the essence of Kashmir, its people, and its culture, all intertwined in the flow of its waters.

Fishing is another popular activity along the Jhelum River. The river provides a habitat for a variety of fish species, including carp, catfish, and trout. Fishing is not only a source of livelihood for many people in the region, but it's also a popular recreational activity for tourists. There are several fishing lodges and camping sites along the river, where visitors can enjoy the beauty of the river while fishing. The Jhelum River also supports aquaculture, with several fish farms located along its banks. These fish farms provide food and livelihood for the local people, and also contribute tio the region's economy.

I'm also one of those lucky ones who have spent their childhood around the Jhelum river (Panderathan srinagar) and even today a handful of memories

go on circulating in my mind these

childhood memories hold a special place in my life. I recall going out with my friends to enjoy fishing, which was not only a fun activity but also taught us the value of patience. The thrill of waiting for hours for a fish to get stuck on the hook was unmatched, and the satisfaction of finally catching one was incomparable. Fish is rich in protein and unsaturated fats, which can help lower cholesterol levels and prevent various diseases such as heart disease. depression, and cancer. Omega-3 fatty acids, found in fish oil, are particularly beneficial for the heart and can help improve cognitive and neural development, especially in pregnant women. The health benefits of fish are not limited to physical health but also extend to mental and cognitive health, with fish oil being a prime example In addition to fishing, the sand extract-

ed from the Jhelum river was also a source of fun and exercise for the children who grew up near it. Piles of sand on the shores were used for games and sports, providing a welcome respite from the monotony of everyday life. The memories of fishing, playing in the sand, and spending time by the river will always be cherished, and serve

Power Projects The Jhelum River is also a source of hydropower, with several hydroelectric power plants located along its

as a testament to the richness of expe-

riences that nature can offer.

Some of the notable hydroelectric power projects on the Jehlum River in India and Pakistan are:

Uri-II Hydroelectric Power Project: This project is located on the Jhelum River in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir in India. It has an installed capacity of 240 MW and is operated by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

Mangla Dam and Power Station: Located on the Jhelum River in the Mirpur district of Azad Kashmir in Pakistan, this project has a total installed capacity of 1,000 MW. It consists of a dam and a power station, and is operated

by the Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA). Rasul Barrage Hydroelectric Power Plant: This project is located on the Jhelum River near Rasul Headworks in Pakistan. It has an installed capacity of 22.5 MW and is operated by WAPDA.

Trimmu Barrage Hydroelectric Power Plant: This project is also located on the Jhelum River in Pakistan. It has an installed capacity of 39 MW and is operated by WAPDA. Gulpur Hydroelectric Power Proj Poonch River, a tributary of the Jhelum River, in Kotli district of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in Pakistan. It has an installed capacity of 102 MW and is operated by the China Three Gorges South Asia Investment Limited.

These hydroelectric power projects are important sources of renewable energy and provide electricity to millions of people in the region and contribute to its overall economic development.

Bottom line The Jhelum River is a magnificent natural wonder that holds a special place in the heart of Jammu and Kashmir. Its role in the region's economy and its stunning beauty make it a must-visit destination for anyone looking to experience the best of what this region has to offer. From its fertile banks to its breathtaking landscapes, the Jhelum River is a symbol of the richness and beauty of this region and its people and the waters of the Jehlum River tell stories of ancient empires and modern struggles. of conquests and revolts, of love and loss .The Jehlum River is not just a river, it is a living entity that sustains the people and the land around it. The Jehlum River is a reminder that even in the midst of chaos and turmoil, there is a natural beauty that endures and uplifts. This River connects us to our past, present, and future, as we journey along its banks and discover

The Jehlum River is a symbol of resilience and perseverance, as it continues to flow despite the challenges

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Be the change you want to see in others



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e the change you want to see in others" is a quote famously attributed to Mahatma Gandhi. The idea behind this phrase is that if we want to see a change in the world, we must first embody that change ourselves. In other words, we can't expect others to change if we're not willing to change ourselves first.

This concept can be applied to a variety of different situations, from personal growth and development to societal issues. In this article, we'll explore what it means to "be the change," why it's important, and how we can implement this philosophy in our own lives.

What Does it Mean to "Be the Change"?

At its core, "be the change you want to see in others" means that we must model the behavior we want to see in others. If we want to see kindness, we must be kind. If we want to see honesty, we must be honest. This idea is closely related to the concept of leading by example. By embodying the qualities we want to see in others, we can inspire those around

Why is it Important to "Be the Change"?

There are a few reasons why it's important to "be the change." First, as mentioned earlier, modeling the behavior we want to see in others is a powerful way to inspire change. When we see someone behaving in a way that aligns with our values, we're more likely to adopt those values our-

Second, "be the change" encourages personal growth and development. By striving to embody the qualities we want to see in others, we're constantly pushing ourselves to be better people. This can lead to a greater sense of fulfillment and purpose in life.

Finally, "be the change" is a way to take responsibility for our own actions. Instead of blaming others for the problems in the world, we can recognize that we have the power to create change through our own behavior. This empowers us to take action and make a difference, no matter how small. How Can We "Be the Change"?

So, how can we implement the philosophy of "be the change" in our own lives? Here are a few ideas:

Start with Yourself

The first step in "being the change" is to focus on your own behavior. What qualities do you want to embody? What behaviors do you want to model? By starting with yourself, you'll be better equipped to inspire change in others. Lead by Example

Once you've identified the qualities you want to embody, it's important to lead by example. This means demonstrating those qualities in your own behavior and interactions with others. Whether it's kindness, honesty, or something else, strive to be a model for the behavior you want to see in others

Speak Up Another way to "be the change" is to speak up when you see behavior that doesn't align with your values. This doesn't mean attacking or criticizing others, but rather respectfully expressing your opinions and standing up for what you believe in. By speaking up, you can inspire others to do the

Volunteer and Give Back

Finally, one of the most powerful ways to "be the change" is to volunteer and give back to your community. Whether it's donating to a charity, volunteering at a local organization, or simply helping out a neighbor in need, acts of kindness and generosity can inspire others to do the same.

"Be the change you want to see in others" is a powerful philosophy that can inspire personal growth, create positive change in the world, and empower us to take responsibility for our own actions. By starting with ourselves, leading by example, speaking up, and giving back, we can embody the qualities we want to see in others and inspire change in the

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MVD Samba challaned 60 vehicles and realized fine 1.20 lakh from MVA violators

SAMBA, MARCH 02: The ARTO Samba continued its enforcement drive by conducting a checking operation on NH44 near Chichi Mata Flyover today. Out of the 200 vehicles checked, 60 were Challaned/compounded for various violations. The main focus of today's drive was on overloading in passenger and goods vehicles, vehicles without documents, over-height vehicles and R/P violations.

The inspection team consisted of of Rehana Tabassam ARTO, Vilas Srivats (MVI), Darshan (MVTA), Dinesh, and Khimender (NYC).

The operation resulted in a fine of Rs. 38,000 being realized on the spot, with an additional Rs. 120,000 expected

DC Kathua chairs RAC Meeting, approves 17 cases

KATHUA, MARCH 02: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey chaired a meeting of Rent Assessment Committee here today.

During the meeting, DC who is also Chairman of Rent Assessment Committee held threadbare discussion with officers of different departments which have hired private accommodation for offices.

A total of 19 rent assessment cases of different departments were put up before the committee under Revision of Rent Assessment. Out of total 19 cases, the committee after scrutiny approved 17 cases. The committee deferred 2 cases due to non fulfillment of codal formalities which shall be taken up in next RAC meet-

ACR, XEN PWD Kathua (Member Secretary Rent Assessment Committee), members and officers of concerned department were also present on the occasion.

DC Kathua reviews progress of **PMGSY** sector schemes



KATHUA, MARCH 02: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress of works under PMGSY sector here at DC office complex today.It was given out in the meeting that a total of 68 schemes, 22 schemes for Kathua and 46 schemes for Billawar PMGSY divisions were earmarked for providing road connectivity in uncovered habitations. During the appraisal of the progress achieved by twin PMGSY divisions, the DC was informed by the Executive Engineer PMGSY Billawar that 23 schemes have been completed of a total 46 sanctioned schemes of which 12 schemes would be completed by April 15 2023 besides remaining 11 schemes would be completed by the end of June of current fiscal year. Executive Engineer Billawar also apprised that 5 works under City and Town scheme would be completed by March 2023. He also disclosed that two schemes under PMGSY-III are under implementation and work on which shall be completed by October 2023.

Similarly, Executive Engineer PMGSY Kathua ap prised the Deputy Commissioner that out of total 22 schemes, 8 works have been completed. He informed that remaining 14 works have been taken up by the department of which 6 works would be completed by April 15 and another 8 works would be completed by June 2023. The Executive Engineer PMGSY Kathua disclosed that all works under City and Town scheme have been completed whereas 7 works under PMGSY -III would be completed by June 2023. The DC directed both the Executive Engineers to pace up the speed to complete all works in a time bound manner besides calling for removing bottlenecks to achieve maximum target works within stipulated time.Regarding the pending works, the DC called upon the concerned officers to fix responsibility of the contractor to avoid unnecessary delays on their part. The meeting was attended by Executive Engineer, PMGSY Div Billawar,

Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar organizes Induction/ Orientation programme for students

SRINAGAR, MARCH 02: Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar Thursday organized an Induction/Orientation programme to sensitize students about their role in shaping their own future and contribution towards society at large. The programme was attended by a large number of students and members of teaching and non-teaching staff. In his keynote address, Principal of the college, Prof (Dr) G M Lone welcomed back the students after winter vacations. He exhorted them to commit themselves to accomplishing their cherished goals.Prof (Dr) Lone stressed upon students to cultivate proper etiquettes and make consistent ef forts to become productive citizens in future. He, fur ther, assured students of leaving no stone unturned in restoring the lost glory of Gandhi Memorial College. Srinagar and turning it into an Institute of academic excellence. Earlier, the programme started with a welcome address by Prof Mohammad Zubair Ud din. He traced the history of college and highlighted the role played by it in changing the academic and cultural landscape of Srinagar.Students appreciated the efforts of the Principal of the college in changing the academic landscape of the college in a very short span of time.

Awareness programme regarding Agniveer Recruitment Rally to be held at Pulwama on March 04

PULWAMA, MARCH 02: Army Recruitment Officer, Srinagar is holding District wise awareness programme for eligible unmarried male aspirants regarding Recruitment of Agniveers under Agnipath scheme. The schedule for the awareness programme for District Pulwama is 04 March, 2023 at 02:30 p.m in the Auditorium Hall of Govt Degree College for Boys

The eligible aspirants for Aginveer Recruitment can attend and participate in the awareness programme

All depts to achieve completion targets of works under Capex budget as per directions of CS J&K: Secretary Planning

tary Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, Dr Raghav Langer today chaired a meeting to review expenditure under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), physical/financial progress under UT Capex, physical verification of completed works and projects identified for monitoring on UT PMG portal.

The Planning Officers of all Administrative Departments participated in the meeting. Secretary Planning directed all concerned officers to do daily departmental review in view of approaching closure of the Financial Year 22-23 and to ensure that the budget released gets fully utilised before 31st

The meeting started with the review of fund availability & expenditure position under Centrally Sponsored & Central Sector Schemes. Single Nodal Account (SNA) has been operationalised in the UT for implementing various CSS. It was apprised that the off-take of funds under CSS has improved by about Rs 900 crore compared to last year for the period ending January from Rs 9423 crore to



Rs 10303 crore

The expenditure has also improved from Rs 5224 crore to Rs 6222 crore; an increase of 9% till 31st Jan, 2023 over the corresponding period of the previous Financial Year. Substantial progress will further get report-

ed when MPR's for the month of February are received by 5th of this month. Upto January 2023, an amount of Rs 2867.86 crore have been utilized under UT sector, Rs 288.81 crore under Negotiated Loans and approx Rs 1100 crores under PMDP

So far 10920 works/projects have been completed during the current year under UT Capex Budget; which is in addition to projects which have been completed under the District Capex. The departments assured in the meeting to achieve the target Capex as per the directions already conveyed by the office of Chief Secretary.

Further, it was conveyed by Director General E&S that during the current year, 49899 works/projects were identified for physical verification and 45524 works/projects have already been physically verified (91%) by the field officers & data entered on the PV portal. Wherever certain deficiencies are observed, the verification reports are being shared with the concerned districts/departments. With regard to PMG, it was informed that State Project Monitoring Group is an institutional mechanism that helps to expedite issue resolution, fast-tracking of approvals/ clearances for infrastructure projects. The participating officers were directed to upload about 10 projects of each Sector for being monitored under UT PMG Portal.

The Secretary directed the Planning Heads of the departments to take all possible steps in order to accelerate the pace of development so that maximum works are completed well

Principal Secretary Jal Shakti reviews progress on development works

JAMMU, MARCH 02: Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, today reviewed progress on development works being executed under the jurisdiction of Irrigation Division

He inspected the construction work on Tawi Barrage and issued instructions for expediting the work to ensure its completion within the fixed date.

Principal Secretary also inspected the desilting works on Ranbir Canal and expressed satisfaction over the progress and quality of these works being executed by the Irrigation & Flood Control Department Jammu.Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Department Jammu, Manoj Gupta, explained that the Ranbir Canal has neen designed to carry a discharge of 1400 cusecs, out of which, 1000 cusecs is being used for irrigation purpose to cater to the command area of 38608 hectare spread over 489 villages of Jammu district. It was also informed that for the first time the desilting of huge network of Ranbir Canal (60 km main canal & 400 km distributaries) is at an advanced stage and the main canal shall be recharged on 6th of March within a record period of approximately 2 months which is one month short of earlier practice of canal closure i.e. from 15th Jan to 13th Apr. Principal Secretary stressed that Irrigation scheduling be ing issued for Kharief and Rabi crops by the Agriculture Department in consultation with Irrigation Department should



be followed strictly to ensure equitable and judicious use of irrigation supply so that the farmers at tail end also receive adequate supply.Principal Secretary took strong notice of dumping of municipal garbage at various spots along the banks of main Ranbir Canal and its distribution system. He directed the Executive Engineer F R Bhagat to take up the issues with the concerned agencies for appropriate solution. It was also informed that for the first time the desilting of huge network of Ranbir Canal (60 km main canal & 400 km distributaries) is at an advanced stage and the main canal shall be recharged on 6th of March within a record period of approximately 2 months which is one month short of earlier practice of canal closure i.e. from 15th Jan to 13th Apr. Principal Secretary stressed that Irrigation scheduling being issued for Kharief and Rabi crops by the Agriculture Department in consultation with Irrigation Department should be followed strictly.

DDC reviews PDD sector in Rajouri RAJOURI, MARCH 02:

Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today took a comprehensive review of the Power Development ment sector in Rajouri.

During the review meeting, the DDC was informed that significant progress has been made in the completion of various projects under District Capex, PRI, DDC, BDC and SSY grants.

Under the District Capex, out of 131 projects allotted, all 129 have been completed, and an expenditure of 344.58 lakh has been incurred on these works. The projects included the construction of power substations, transmission lines, and other infrastructure facilities, which are essential for the development of the power sector in the district

The DDC also reviewed the progress of works taken up under DDC, BDC, and SSY grants. It was informed that all the work taken up under these grants has been completed, and the expenditure



incurred on these works has been accounted for. The DDC emphasized the need to improve the quality of power supply and ensure uninterrupted power supply to the consumers. He directed officials to identify areas where the power supply is weak and take steps to strengthen the power

DDC said that the completion of all the projects taken up under various grants and schemes is a significant achievement for the power sector in the district.

infrastructure in those

The completion of these projects will help to improve the power supply and infrastructure in the

district, which is essential for the economic development of the people. We will continue to work towards the development of the power sector and ensure that all the resources are utilized effectively for the benefit of the people, he added.

The DDC's comprehensive review of the power sector in Rajouri demonstrates his commitment to the development of the district and his concern for the welfare of the people. The progress made in the completion of various projects under various grants and schemes is a significant step towards the overall development of the power sector in the

DC inaugurates health camp in Doda, urges public to register for online OPD

District Administration of Doda is committed to providing access to quality healthcare for all residents, especially those who are unable to travel to tertiary care and super-speciality hospitals for treatment. To this end, a free Super-Speciality medical camp was held today at the OPD Block of Associated Hospital GMC Doda under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav program.Distinguished doctors including Dr. Ajay Wakhloo (Gynaecologist), Dr. Neeraj Mahajan (Cardiologist), Dr. Deepak Pathania (Nephrologist), Dr. Vipul Gupta (Brain and Spine Surgeon), and



Dr. Bhumika Gupta (Vesicular Surgeon) attended the camp, offering consultations and conducting surgeries for critical patients who would otherwise have had to travel to tertiary care hospitals. Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Ma-

hajan, inaugurated the

camp alongside Principal GMC Doda Dr. Puja Vimesh, Dr. Ajay Wakhloo, Director of Ankur Maitrika Hospital, ADC Doda Dr. RK Bharti, CMO Doda Dr. Hamid Zargar, and other senior faculty members and visiting doctors. Dr. Ajay Wakhloo, Director of Ankur Maitri-

announced plans to offer tele-consultation services for advanced medical consultation to patients in the district. This service will be available soon and will benefit patients who cannot easily travel to tertiary care hospitals for specialized treatment.The DC urged the public to register for and take advantage of various health schemes, including the AB-PM JAY-SEHAT Scheme, which offers free medical treatment up to 5 lakh rupees annually. He also encouraged everyone to generate an ABHA number and Card for their unique identity

PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar organised one day National Seminar on **Intellectual Property Rights**

JAMMU, MARCH 02: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of PSPS Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar organized a one-day national seminar on Intellectual Property Rights in collaboration with the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trademark (CGPDTM), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) today. The chief guest for the event was the Principal of PSPS Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar, Prof Minu Mahajan. The keynote speaker for the seminar was Chhavi Garg, a Group A officer, Examiner of Patents and Designs, NIPAM officer, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. Prof. Minu Mahajan briefed the audience about the importance of protecting our intellectual property, i.e., the ideas of one's own mind. The keynote speaker, Chhavi Garg, gave a detailed presentation on the six steps of IPRs, i.e., patents, designs, trademarks, copyrights, geographical indications, and semiconductor integrated circuit layout designs. She also cleared the doubts of the audience regarding IPRs in the question-answer session. More than 125 participants attended the seminar. Dr. Neha Antal and Dr. Rohit Gupta handled all issues related to the technical aspects of organizing the seminar.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital performs three cochlear Implant Surgeries - Changing lives of especially-abled children

KATRA, MARCH 2: As yet another clinical accomplishment, the ENT Department of SMVDNSH performed 3 successful Cochlear Implant Surgeries on congenitally deaf children on 14.02.2023. the beneficiaries profound bilateral hearing loss and since they couldn't hear, they weren't able to speak either. Out of three, the surgeries of two patients were sponsored by the Shrine Board. Sh. Naresh Kumar, grandfather of one child shared that his family had lost all hopes as the cost of cochlear implant surgery (the only recommended treatment for their child) was beyond the family's financial means. Thus, it was a huge relief when based on the recommen-



dation of Dr. Rohan Gupta (Consultant ENT) and scrutiny of his economic status, the management of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board consented to sponsor the treatment. The Board sponsored treatment has come as a pass for the poor child to venture into the world of

words and sounds. Similarly, Sh. Ashok Kumar, father of another child was all praise for the Chairman of Shrine Board (Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of J&K), the CEO of Shrine Board and the entire team of Narayana Hospital for granting a new lease of life to his son.

As an apt manifestation of Hospital's clinical capabilities, the three surgeries in reference were performed through inhouse expertise comprising guidance by Dr. Sunil Kotwal (Consultant ENT), execution by a strong surgical team led by Dr. Rohan Gupta (Consultant

ENT), anaesthesia support by team led by Dr. Pankaj Gupta (HOD Anaesthesia) and post-operative management by Dr. Anand Yelne (Consultant Pediatrics). Speaking on the octhe mentor of SMVDNSH's Cochlear Implant Programme highly appreciated the philanthropic work of Shrine Board explaining how the relentless support of Board has been instrumental in SMVDNSH becoming the only centre in the entire UT where Cochlear Implant Surgeries have been performed on regular basis after April, 2018."The surgeries were quite successful and free of any complications. Hence; after retaining at the Hospital for a few days for general obser-

vation, all children have been discharged in good condition" said Dr. Rohan Gupta. He mentioned that children with congenital hearing issues invariably encounter developmental delay in the context of speech, language and cognition, that hampers their education and career; and in-turn, leads to loss of physical and economic productivity. Dr. Rohan advised the similarly positioned parents to not to remain ignorant of the problems of their broods relating to hearing and speech at adolescent stage. Simple screening at birth and timely clinical intervention is potent of completely transforming the life of a deaf and dumb child. Dr. Rohan added that hearing correction.

DIC Ramban organises workshop on ease of doing business

RAMBAN, MARCH 02: The District Industries Centre, Ramban today held a workshop on ease of doing business in a single window system with an aim to create awareness among the unemployed youth of District Ramban.

Additional District Development Commission-Ramban Rajinder Sharma was the chief guest on the occasion.

GM DIC Ravinder Kumar Anand and other senior officers were also present on the occasion. On the occasion Experts from SICOP led by AM SICOP, Munish Khajuria briefed through a powerpoint presentation on Single Window Clearance mechanism where the entrepreneurs are to be

provided with all the ser-



vices, he added

It was informed that the

Integrated Single Win-

dow System will facilitate

new investments locally

& globally either through

National Single Window

System or through J&K

Single Window System

(www.singlewindow.

jk.gov.in) with user

friendly interfaces and

vices and assistance from different departments under one roof.

The workshop was attended by a number of unemployed educated youth interested entrepreneurs and startups.

Window J&K Single System has emerged as "One Stop Solution" for investors/applicants ensuring hassle free ser-

informed the participants about central and state-sponsored schemes under which incentives are being provided to the startups by the department for the upliftment of the industries sector besides subsidies are being provided to the bene-

While urging the youth to become job providers instead of job seekers, the ADDC said the youth need to change their attitude and prefer to be entrepreneurs so that they not only get employment for themselves but also provide jobs for others. He said the government is providing incentives to attract more people to start industries in the state to curb unemploy-

Career Counselling Programme for Civil Service Aspirants held at Amar Singh College

SRINAGAR, MARCH 02 Counselling Guidance, and Coaching Cell, Cluster University Srinagar, in collaboration with Amar Singh College today organised a one day Career Counseling programme for the students belonging to various colleges of Cluster University Srinagar and civil service aspirants at Amar Singh College, here.

The theme of the programme was "Civil Services: A Viable Career Option for Public Services'

Khurshid Ahmad Ganie, IAS and former Advisor to the J&K Government; Mohammad Aijaz Assad, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat, Deputy Commissioner Kulgam were the invited speakers in the programme.

On the occasion, the speakers shared their wide experiences and expertise with the students.

In his lecture, Khurshid Ahmad Ganie gave a comprehensive presentation to the students on the necessity of qualifying the civil services examinations like KAS and IAS for a better career choice and effective public contribution.

He informed the students that having academic degrees is not enough, but what is needed is focus, hard-work and full dedi-



cation. He provided tips on the various books, reading material and resources that students need to access for qualifying the exams like IAS and KAS.

Mohammad Aijaz advised the students to inculcate passion and motivation for qualifying the Civil Service exams. He said that one can render noble service to the society through Civil Services even in an increasingly corporate driven world. He acknowledged that such interactions are very important and beneficial for our youth.

Dr.Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat who also happens to be an ex-student of Amar Singh College, revealed that he got the motivation to qualify civil services

from his teachers at the College. He exhorted the students to focus on set goals by evolving a proper strategy to qualify civil service exams. He underscored the need to constantly put in efforts at an opportune time to qualify the same.

In his presidential ad-Prof.Qayuum dress. Vice-Chancel-Hussain, lor Cluster University Srinagar, emphasized on the value of guiding the students towards better career choices like Civil Services. He stressed upon the students to work harder to achieve their goals.

He reiterated the Cluster University's commitment of providing quality education and preparing students for fi

lenges. He informed the students about his future plans to establish a residential coaching academy for Civil Services in the Cluster University Srinagar. Earlier, Principal, Amar

Singh College, Prof. Ahmad Rather Bashir welcomed all the dignitaries and participants to the event. He highlighted the series of ongoing initiatives and programmes organized by Amar Singh College for the career counselling of students. He also outlined how there is an aura of excitement in the country in relation to the G20 Presidency and how it motivates our students to assume the future leadership roles.

Illegal extraction and transportation of minerals;

Police arrests 6 persons, seizes 6 vehicles in Budgam & Baramulla

BUDGAM March 02: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police have arrested 6 persons and seized 6 vehicles in Budgam and Baramulla.In Budgam, a police party of Police Station Budgam during naka checking at Sebdan Crossing intercepted 02 trippers bearing registration numbers JK01K-8363 and JK01AL-6214 who were carrying illegally excavated minerals. Subsequently, both the vehicles were seized and 02 persons (drivers of the said vehicles) were arrested on spot for their involvement in the commission of crime. They have been identified as Ghulam Mohammad Mir son of Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Mir resident of Qadipora and Muzamil Bilal son of Bilal Ahmad Wani resident of Nasrullapora.In Baramulla, Police have arrested 4 persons and seized 4 vehicles for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. Officers from PP Palhallan under the supervision of SDPO Pattan seized two tractors and arrested two persons at Dargam Nallah Palhallan. Both the drivers have been identified as Jahangir Ahmad Magloo son of Abdul Majeed Magloo resident of Bangdara Kreeri & Abdul Majeed Rather son of Ghulam Mohd Rather resident of Nehalpora Pattan. Similarly, at Khore Sherabad Pattan, a police party of PP Kungamdara seized 2 Tractors and arrested two drivers identified as Shabir Ahmad Wani son of Ab Gani Wani & Fayaz Ahmad Ganie son of Gh Hassan Ganie, both residents of Shirpora Pattan for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. All the arrested accused persons have been shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigation has been initiated.

Public Notice

II am applying for pesticides license if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact with Plant Protection Officer (ppo)Lal Mandi Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

WASEEM AHMAD SHEIKH S/o GH MOHD SHEIKH R/O KREERI Tehsil ...KREERI Distt ...BRARAMULLA

Public Notice

I Have lost RC of my vechile M | Cycle Ragistration No JK05K | 1856 somewhere at home .Now I have Applied for its Dublicate. If any body have any objection he may contact ARTO Office Baramulla within the period of 07 days .After That No objection will be entartained.

Name Ab Rasheed Rather S/O;-Ab Ahad Rather R/O:-Tilagam Baramulla

Public Notice

My Name in School Records has been wrongly entered as Abdul Mueed Batchoo S | O Shabir Ahmad Buchoo instead of actual New name: Abu Baqar S/o Shabir Ahmed Batchoo. Now I intend to make necessary correction accordingly in my School Records. If any person having objection to it may please fill his/ her objection before the Principal Dabui Grand School International Srinagar within a period of seven days of publication of this notice falling which no any objection shall be entertained.

Name..Abu Baqar Buchoo F/o ...Shabir Ahmad Buchoo M | Name..Suhila Jan R/o... GalibAbad Salteng HMT Srinagar

Public Notice

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

Abdul Rashid Kabli S/O, Sanaullah Kabli R/O No. 168 Sector No. 168, Nursing Coloney Sanat Nagar

DDC Kishtwar reviews physical, financial progress of works under District Capex, 2022-23

KISHTWAR, MARCH 02: The District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review physical and financial progress made under District Capex budget 2022-23 and to initiate action for the preparations of District Capex Budget 2023-24.

The DDC took a comprehensive review of the physical and financial achievements of the works being executed by different departments in-cluding Jal Shakti, PDD, PMGSY, PWD, RDD, Health and Education under various components of the District Capex budget in the district.

In the meeting, the chair was apprised that a total of 1823 number of works under UT Capex have been completed up to February 2023 and Rs 33 crore (Approx.) of fund has been utilized.

Moreover under Centrally Sponsored Schemes 32896 works have been completed by incurring the expenditure of 184.14



crores (approx.) so far, he was informed.

DDC on the occasion directed for cent percent completion of works and booking of expenditure before the end of the current financial year as the resumption of favourable weather is the best opportunity to complete the pending works.

He directed the BDO and concerns executive agencies to mobilize the resources and machinery on ground to speed up the pace of the works besides ensuring the quality of works executed. While initiating action

for preparation of the upcoming financial year. 2023-24, the DDC directed all district and sectoral officers to complete the plan preparations by 10th of March 2023. He also instructed the

concerned officers to submit the Administrative Estimates of passenger sheds by today evening and initiate the works on the open gyms to be established at identified public places of various blocks of district, immediately. Meanwhile. ADDC Kishtwar instructed the departments to focus on

the saturation of indi-

cators under the Aspirational Block Development programme in the twin blocks of Marwah and Warwan.

He informed the chair that series of block wise meetings to discuss the modalities for plan formulation for the FY 2023-24 have been held since last week by involving the local PRIs, BDC Chairperson, DDC members and concerned departments in order to ensure a fool proof Plan is prepared in time bound manner.

During the meeting District Development Commissioner Kishtwar also enlisted the proposed projects which shall be taken up in the upcoming Fiscal Plan on priority.
Officers present in the

meeting included ADDC Kishtwar, Sham Lal; Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Iqbal Zargar: SDM Paddar, Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma, ACD, Atul Dutt Sharma, DPO, Sunil Bhutval: CEO Kishtwar. DYSSO, Dv CMO, Ex Engineers of R&B, PHE and ReW, AEEs, BDOs and other concerned officers

Awareness Camp (IEC) regarding ULPIN & 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' held at Sopore

BARANULLA. MARCH 02: An IEC/Awareness programme regarding ULPIN and LRIS (Aap Ki Zameen Aapki Nigrani) was today held at Meeting Hall of Additional Deputy Commissioner Office Sopore under the overall supervision of Regional Director Survey and Land Records (S&LR)

North Kashmir, Khurshid Ahamd Shah in collaboration with Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore.Besides Tehsildars of Sopore, Dangerpora, Watergam, Dangi-Rohama and wacha. Zaingeer, a huge number of people including PRIs and Numberdars participated in the awareness

camp.While throwing light on the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DIL-RMP), the Regional Director S&LR North Kashmir apprised that under the said programme, the UT of J&K has achieved an important milestone to provide the most transparent and accountable

services to the common people.He further informed the audience that so far 5063982 documents have been scanned, 1047 Jamabandies stand digitised and 991487 parcels of Mussavis have also been digitised. As a part of the programme now the ULPIN is being developed by the Government.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICER SRIGUFWARA

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Subject: Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under ECCE in various schools for the year 2022-23. Reference: 1. Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, Jammu & Kashmir's Order No.: 07-OF CHIRAG-2023 Dated: 09- 01-2023 duly endorsed

by Chief Education Officer Ananntag vide No.: CEO/A/SmS/97500-511/23 Dated:19/01/2022.

2. Instructions issued by Chief Education Officer Anantnag in the virtual meeting of ZEOs held on 27/02/2023 at 04:00 Pm

ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION

S. No.	School where AAYAs/ Helper Sanctioned	No. of AAYAs/ Helpers Sanctioned for the School	S. No.	School where AAYAs/ Helper Sanctioned	No. of AAYAs/ Helpers Sanctioned for the School
01	MS BUGMUD	01	02	MS MOWRAH	01
03	GMS KHELLAN	01	04	BMS KATOO	01
05	BMS NALA AWORA	01	06	BMS GORIGAWAN	01
07	PS WARDBAL	01	08	PS WEHNAD	01
09	BMS PANAD	01	10	PS BUMNARD	01
11	PS JARPATI	01	12	BMS LIVER	01
13	GMS KHIRAM	01	14	BMS DURPORA	01
15	PS KULLAR GOJRAN	01			
		Subject to the final outcome of the suit titled Mohd Qasim Gojeri Kolie pending disposal before Hon'ble Court of Sub-Judge Anantnag.			

Applications on the prescribed format are invited from eligible female candidates forparticipation in the selection process for engagement/hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under EarlyChildhood Care and Education (ECCÈ) for the year 2022-23 purely on terminus

*01 Post of AAYA/Helper sanctioned for GPS Liver (Clubbed School) has not beenadvertised as per the instructions issued by Chief Education Officer Anantnag in the virtual meeting of Zonal Education officers held on 27.02.2023 at 04:00 Pm till further orders.

The detailed guidelines/terms and conditions issued by Directorate of Samagra ShikshaJ&K vide order No.: 07-OF CHIRAG – 2023 Dated: 09-01-2023 duly endorsed by Chief EducationOfficer Anantnag vide No.: CEO/A/SmS/97500-511/23 Dated: 19/01/2022 with regard to eligibility educational qualification, domicile, age honorarium etc. are as under:

The Selection of Helper/AAYA shall be restricted to Village/Ward in respect of Rural/Urban area, where approved school is located. 2. NATURE OF DEPLOYMENT:

i. The deployment of a Helper/AAYA shall be purely terminus and shall start from the date, they are engaged/hired and shall conclude with the end of academicsession. It may be extendable, subject to the performance and the approval offunds, from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in the particular component. Affidavit from 1st Class Magistrate shall be taken from the candidate at the time of joining, for not claiming for permanent absorptionat any stage. All decisions of the funding agency (Samagra Shiksha, J&K under the aegis of SchoolEducation Department) shall be implemented in this regard.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF HELPER/AAYA:

i. The candidate may be female only. ii. The candidate should be a Domicile of the said Village in case of Rural Areaand Ward in case of urban area, where Approved school is located. The andidate must possess Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority, on orbefore the last date of submission of offline application form.

iii. Candidate must be belonging to BPL (Below Poverty Line) category. iv. The candidate must be physically/mentally fit to carry-out her job.

4. QUALIFICATION REQUIRED/PREFERENCE: a) The candidate must possess minimum qualification: 8th Class Passedon orbefore the cut-off date fixed for filling offline application form. In case there is noeligible candidate available in the Village/Ward, the candidate with lesser qualification

b) Candidates may note that their candidature will remain provisional till thegenuineness of their documents relating to educational qualification isverified by the engaging/hiring Authority.
c) In case of candidates claiming possession of equivalent educational qualification(where it is applicable/required), it shall be

mandatory to produce relevantEquivalence Certificate or seek equivalence from the concerned competentauthorities as and when required. However, final decision regarding selection of suchcandidates will be taken by higher authorities, in light of relevant rules which shall bebinding.

d) Preference shall be given to the candidates from BPL Category in the belowmentioned order of Priority: i. Widowii. Divorcediii. Orphaniv. Any candidate among the poorest of the poor in the village/ward.

The age of a candidate must be between 18-45 years as on 1st of January of thedeployment year.

6. HONORARIUM:Rs. 5000/- Rupees Five Thousand Only Per Month may be given to the Helpers/AAYAs which may vary as per the approval in the subsequent year in PAB of Samagra Shiksha 7. TOTAL NON-AVAILABILITY OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE:

In case of total non-availability of the candidate, as mentioned above, the candidates from the Panchayat Concerned/Municipal Committee (concerned) may be considered / engaged. 8. FINILIZATION OF SELECTION PROCESS: i. In case of tie-up of the selection of candidate for Helper/AAYA, the preferenceshall be given to the elder candidate (i.e Candidate

with more age shall beconsidered).

ii. The name of Selected AAYA/Helper, shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the School/Panchayat Ghar/Municipal Ward/ZEO Office, 7 days before the commencement of the academic session.

If any body feels, aggrieved with the selection of Helper/AAYA, an appeal shall be preferred to the concerned Chief Education Officer, within a period of 15 days from theselection. 2nd Appeal, if any, may be filled before the Director School Education(concerned).

10. PREMATURE TERMINATION: In case of any misconduct, misbehave and poor performance while dischargingduty, by a Helper/AAYA, as noticed/reported, the concerned Head of Institution (HOI) shallhave the right to terminate the services of Helper/AAYA in consultation with the

Halqa/Municipal Ward with due adherence to the prescribed procedures, as the case may be. The replacement will be made within

11. JOB CHART OF A HELPER/AAYA:

The Helpers/AAYAs for Pre-Primary sections of Govt Schools shall have to performbelow mentioned suggestive tasks: a) Escorting the Children at their arrival, departure, between activities (for example whilemoving to outdoor areas, Play Ground and Toilet etc).b) Maintaining the hygiene of the children- Toileting, Hand Washing, and Cleanliness of

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Sd/-Zonal Education Officer, Srigufwara

BANKS

75,000 youth recently, while other banks had merely 10 % contribution.

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"This situation needs to change. All the Banks must increase the lending to promote entrepreneurship amongst youth, women and people from marginalised sections of society," the Lt Governor further said.

The Lt Governor also reviewed the progress achieved to extend the benefits of Kisan Credit Cards to all the eligible farmers.

The banks were instructed to follow the delivery channels of RBI and saturate the distribution of Smart Cards to the KCC account holders by June, 2023.

The Lt Governor emphasized on support and guidance to the farmers in preparing project reports required by the banks through nodal agencies. He also emphasized on holding regular meetings at the district level with mission youth & other government departments to understand requirements of diverse sectors, the Lt Governor added.

The Chair was also briefed on the upcoming 'Citizen's portal for Government Sponsored Schemes'. The soon to be launched portal, prepared by J&K Bank will ensure that all the Banks operating in Jammu Kashmir seamlessly extend all the benefits of government schemes to the eligible beneficiaries.

The portal will enable a citizen to apply for a Government Sponsored Schemes directly online with OTP Authentication and check the status of his/her application online.

It will forward/route the applications from citizens to appropriate departments & teams in an integrated workflow and enable departments & teams to process and forward/route these applications to the concerned financing agencies.

Further the financing agencies can update status for these applications post processing. It will also facilitate generation of MIS/Reporting Dashboards, it was informed.

Directions were passed to explore possibilities to integrate all the schemes and other portals on a single platform and make the portal more interactive, multilingual and having a module of grievances redressal mechanism.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department; Sh Baldev Prakash, MD & CEO J&K Bank; Administrative Secretaries; HODs, Heads and representatives of several banks operating in the UT attended the meeting.

YATRA

the widening, restoration and maintenance of both the stretch of yatra track that has been handed over to BRO.

The Lt Governor was apprised on the scope of work, surveyed via drone. The Lt Governor impressed upon the BRO to complete the works within the specified timeframe.

WARRANT

alias Gazi of Jamia Masjid, Mohd Iqbal alia Bilal of Kichloo Market, Shahnawaz alias Nayeem of Chirool Padyarna, Javid Hussain Giri alias Muzamil of Kundali Pochal, Bashir Ahmed Mughal of Jugna Keshwan, Gazi-ul-Din of Jugna Keshwan, Sattar Din alias Rajab alias Saifullah of Jugna Keshwan, Imtiyaz Ahmed alias Dawood of Banderna, Shabir Ahmed of Kither Bonjwah, Mohd Rafig Keen of Patnazi Bonjwah, Muzaffer Ahmed of Semna Colony Zewar and Azad Hussain of Affani Padder presently residing in PoK, Pakistan (all residents of PoK).

The warrants have been issued in the NIA case which stands charged under relevant sections in the Police Station, Kishtwar.

MUSTAQ ZARGAR

in the valley

Zargar, having the nickname 'Latram', was arrested on May 15, 1992 and later released in 1999, along with Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Masood Azhar and Harkat-ul-Mujahideen chief Sheikh Omar. They were exchanged for passengers of hijacked Indian Airlines plane IC-814 in 1999 in Afghanistan's Kandahar city.

NIA said Zargar was also involved in the kidnapping of former union Home Minister, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's daughter, Rubaiya Sayeed in

"In 1989 he was one of the members who kidnapped Rubaiya Sayeed, and negotiated her release in exchange of five terrorists," NIA said.

Zargar grew up in Nowhatta area of Srinagar and joined the Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front.

"Zargar was earlier associated with the Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front and was responsible for several terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir. He has also been involved in other heinous crimes, including murders, and has close association with other terror outfits such as Al-Qaeda and JeM," NIA said.

KUPWARA

"However, at the same time, the army had revealed that although he was taken for some questioning and subsequent identification of a particular place in the forest of Laderwan-Zurhama area, but he jumped over and fled taking advantage of the darkness and topography," the police officer said.

"The Army further informed that they have launched a search to trace him and requested local police to further take necessary action as per law," police said

Police said a proper missing report was lodged in the Police Station Trehgam and efforts to trace him were on. "During the course of investigation besides other procedural formalities, post mortem was also conducted through a designated team of doctors and after conducting medico legal formalities the dead body was handed over to his legal heirs for last rites," police said.

Instant protests erupted in Kunan on Wednesday after the body was found. The protesters demanded justice and investigation into Dar's disappearance from Army's custody

MOS

demands will be looked into and fulfilled on priority

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister said that Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Fishing and Dairying is committed to augment the production of Frozen Semen Project Ranbirbagh to cater to the growing demand of FSSs. In this regard, Union Government has approved project worth Rs 61.63 crore, of which, Rs 6 crore stand released. He added that after completion of the project, it will not only cater to the local demand but will also export the FSSs. He said that with completion of the project the production of milk will be increased due to breed improvement and will give boost to income of animal rearing community.

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir, Director Animal Husbandry, Purnima Mital, ADDC Ganderbal, CAHO, AD Fisheries and other district officers were present on the occasion. While reviewing progress on roads being constructed under PMGSY and PWD sectors

FIR

have managed to stay away from this person. Meanwhile he obstructed the doctor who was discharging his duties towards his patients and made ruckus in the casualty department and was asking for a lock and key to lock the hospital, as seen in the video footage which created disruption in the patient care and could have caused death or serious complications to the critical patients admitted in the hospital", the doctor said. The doctor said, the police were requested to take cognizance of this episode in light of the video footage which has gone viral on social media, so that such ugly incidents don't happen which will affect the safety of doctors besides working in hospitals and patient care. Taking cognizance of the incident, the police accordingly registered an FIR under sections 353/506 IPC in police station Pulwama against the accused", the doctor further said. (GNS)

MODI

of common interests. Observing the financial crisis, climate change, pandemic, terrorism, and wars in the past few years, the Prime Minister noted the failure of global governance in both its mandates. He further added that the tragic consequences of this failure are being faced mostly by all the developing countries and the world is at risk of rescinding on Sustainable Development after years of progress. The Prime Minister also noted that many developing countries are struggling with unsustainable debt while trying to ensure food and energy security for their people. He also noted that it is developing countries that are most affected by global warming caused by rich countries. "India's G20 Presidency has tried to give a voice to the Global South", the Prime Minister remarked as he pointed out that no group can claim global leadership without listening to those most affected by its decisions. The Prime Minister underlined that today's meet-

ing is taking place at a time of deep global divisions and as Foreign Ministers, it is only natural that the discussions are affected by the geo-political tensions of the day. "We all have our positions and our perspectives on how these tensions should be resolved", the Prime Minister said. He emphasized that as the leading economies of the world, the responsibility towards those who are not in this room lies with us. "The world looks upon the G20 to ease the challenges of growth, development, economic resilience, disaster resilience, financial stability, transnational crime, corruption, terrorism, and food and energy security", the Prime Minister remarked as he noted that G20 has the capacity to build consensus and deliver concrete results in all these areas. He emphasized that resolutions for issues that cannot be addressed together should not come in the way of those that can be resolved. Underlining that the meeting is taking place in the land of Gandhi and the Buddha, the Prime Minister urged the excellencies to draw inspiration from India's civilizational ethos of focusing not on what divides us, but on what unites us

SMOKING

participants in each group, the distributions of male and female participants were 212 (98.6%) and three (1.4%), respectively, the study participants with paternal tobacco habit were 5.28 times more likely to adopt the tobacco habit compared to the study participants without paternal tobacco use and study participants with paternal grandfather tobacco use were 1.57 times more likely to develop the tobacco habit than the study participants without paternal grandfather tobacco use and both the association was found to be statistically highly, it reads. It said that participants who had higher maternal strict ness were 0.077 less likely to develop the tobacco habit compared to the study participants with lower maternal strictness which was found to be statistically significant. Participants with higher paternal warmth were 0.097 times less likely to adopt the tobacco habit compared to study participants with lower paternal warmth which was found to be statistically significant.

For an effective tobacco control program among tobacco users, counseling of participants' father and mother should be done simultaneously.

It said anti-tobacco activities should emphasize and make parents realize the importance the family plays in the development of tobacco behavior—(KNO) $\,$

ARMY

grid are being maintained, to thwart any attempts at infiltration. Ceasefire violations, infiltration bids or any other misadventure attempted by the adversary will be dealt with firmly," he maintained. Commenting on Indo-China standoff on line of actual control, Lt Gen Dwivedi said,"We are ever-ready to respond to any attempt to unilaterally change the status quo. Progressive initiatives for tri-services and inter-agency cooperation to include ITBP and BSF and other CAPFs have borne desired results," he said. He said that measures to resolve the LAC situation at diplomatic and operational levels are also simultaneously underway. Any adverse aggressive designs or attempts will definitely be met with appropriate posturing of Forces and a strong intent. As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the army commander was speaking during Phase II of the Northern Command Investiture Ceremony, which was held at Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

Commending the acts of bravery, commitment and sacrifice of the Indian Army by the brave soldiers of Northern Command, the general officer said that areas of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh under Northern Command are very important for India from the geographical and strategic point of view. "The unique operational situation of Northern Command along our borders warrants undivided attention to operational preparedness in order to guard the LC/LAC/AGPL, while keeping the hinterland safe and thus Northern Command is.

SMVDSB initiates work on Shankaracharya Temple after three decades

KATRA, MARCH 2: The work of Shankaracharya Temple which was initiated in the year 1990 and got stopped subsequently owing to several issues has been spearheaded by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board after three de cades to complete the Shrine structure as part of its efforts to develop the religious circuit in Katra and surrounding areas.In this regard, a team of Shrine Board with technical experts comprising Dr. Ashok Bhan, Member, Shrine Board; Anshul Garg, CEO; Navneet Singh, Addl. CEO; K.N Rai, Technical Advisor; Vishwajeet Singh, Dy. CEO, Prof. Mandeep Singh, School of Planning and Architecture, Executive Engineers, SMVDSB alongwith the team and other concerned officers of Board today visited the site, and reviewed the present condition of the temple located on the hillock at the eastern side of the Katra town. Some local stakeholders were also present at the site. Noteworthy that due directions for rejuvenation and development of temple complex have been issued by the Hon'ble LG, JK UT who is also the Chairman of SMVDSB, in the interest of pilgrims and overall development of Katra and adjacent areas. The Shrine Board aspires to establish a grand Shivling along with the renovation of the building premises side-by-side taking care of the ecology of the area. Besides laying of tiles on the track leading to the Shankaracharya Temple and the installation of LED lights with poles, the condition of the access road/ track leading to the temple will be improved. In addition, basic infrastructure development shall include provision of viewpoints enroute, adequate, safe and clean drinking water, hygienic food, medical and sanitation facilities. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board said that the construction of the temple will be commencing soon as per the directions of the Hon'ble LG and in tune with the aspiration of the local residents. The Temple would not only act as any other spiritual destination for pilgrims visiting the holy Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji but would also boost the economy of Katra Town. He also added that a glimpse of Dogra folk art and culture will also be seen in the construction of this temple.

Revamping of Jammu Tawi Rly Stn likely to completed by April, 2025

Jammu, Mar 2 (UNI) The Jammu Tawi Railway Station that received its first train in the year 1970 is being revamped and is set to be equipped with modern infrastructure as two projects worth Rs 450 crores are presently in progress and these are expected to be completed by April 2025.

The existing Jammu Tawi Railway Station having four platforms and three washing lines, will also be enhanced and equipped with modern gadgets under the ongoing developmental projects.

Station Director, Northern Railways, Jammu Tawi Railway Station, Uchit Singhal told UNI, "at present two projects are in progress-re-development and re-modelling-that started in November last year and are expected to be completed by April 2025 with 30 months deadline under Station Redevelopment Plan."

Elaborating about the projects, Singhal said "remodelling-washing lines and enhancement of platforms is underway whereas in the re-development process, the entire building of the railway station is being redesigned."

Each project will cost Rs 225 crores (Rs 450 crores for two projects), said Singhal adding that the existing four platforms will be enhanced to seven and three washing lines will be increased to five.

"The demand of platforms is higher because of originating and terminating trains in comparison to through trains (briefly halting). So platforms are the immediate and first requirement being catered presently," the Station Director said.

"Augmenting the infrastructure further, washing lines are being enhanced from three to five that will also address the concern of washing and maintenance to a larger extent," said Singhal.

Besides, he said that a huge structure of elevated concourse is also coming up vis-a-vis shopping mall, eateries, waiting arena, lounge, underground tunnels and other facilities to facilitate smooth boarding by the passengers, adding, "entry and exit points are also being separated. A new entry point is also being constructed towards Narwal side."

"Once the projects are completed, the entry at railway station will be through concourse and exit through FOBs as it will help in catering the rush of passengers," he stated. He also revealed that the building structure is almost final and will be based on 'Temple Architect' as Jammu is popularly known as 'City of Temples'.

"The revamping work is going on at a fast pace," he said. Jammu Tawi Railway Station is one of the largest and busiest stations in the Jammu Division that caters lakhs of visitors especially the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrims from all over the country.

Jammu Tawi Railway Station is well connected to major Indian cities by trains. The entire Jalandhar–Jammu section, Jammu Tawistation was approved for electric traction in August 2014.

CRPF

the DIG said. "This is a confidence booster for jawans as they know, bullet can't hit them in this vehicle. This has helped to raise the morale of soldiers on ground."

He said that the vehicle acts as a force multiplier in situations like narrow lanes and by-lanes where you need a sort of intervene in a room or house where a terrorist is held up. "The vehicle can go high upto 50 feet and aim the target easily," he said—(KNO)

ACCIDENTS

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In 2011, 1121 persons were killed and 9944 injured in a total 6644 accidents. In 2012, the death toll rose to 1165, while 9755 persons were injured in 6709 road accidents. In 2013, 990 persons died, around 8681 persons were injured in 6469 accidents.

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In 2015, 917 people were injured and 8142 persons were injured in 5836 accidents.

In 2016, 958 were killed and 7677 were injured in 5501 accidents. In 2017, 926 were killed and the injured persons were 7419 in 5624 accidents. In 2018, 984 people were injured and 7845 injured in 5978 accidents. In 2019, a total of 996 persons were killed, 7532 were injured in 5796 accidents.

In 2020 and 2021, the two years of COVID pandemic, 728 and 774 people were killed respectively. As many as 5894 persons were injured in 4860 accidents during 2020 while 6972 were injured 5452 during 2021.

The accident graph again shows an upward trend and the number of accidents shoot-up to 805 in 2022. Moreover, 8372 people were injured in 6092accidnets during this period. Many analysts from the Kashmir valley blame the pathetic condition of the roads and the Srinagar-Jammu Highway for the increase in the number of accidents on the highway.

Though the Government has initiated various projects for the safety and security of the commuters, the slow pace of the work has been questioned from various quarters of the society.

Recently, during the parliament session Nitin Gadkari, Union minister of road transport and highways in Lok Sabha said that most of the accidents were caused due to

Tehsildar Chanapora refutes 'allegations', says will contemplate penal action against miscreants

Srinagar, Mar 02, KDC: Tehsildar Chanapora-Natipora on Thursday has vehemently refuted the allegations made by a group of people at Press enclave and has alleged a false propaganda by vested interests to secure their nefarious goals

Tehsildar, Saqib Saleem, according to news agency Kashmir Dot Com has categorically stated that not even a single application is pending beyond the prescribed time limit under PSGA in his online revenue plus account. He has even shared the online copy of his official account to substantiate his claim.

He further stated that no applicant has to physically visit his office for any service after the launch of online mode of service delivery through revenue plus portal.

He has clarified that the person Rouf Ahmed Bhat who levelled the false allegations has never applied for any service in online mode on the portal. "He has not even once been represented before him for any grievance in service delivery," he said, adding that all the persons disguised themselves as locals and made false allegations not having an iota of truth and will contemplate penal action against the miscreants. It is pertinent to mention here that Tehsildar Chanapora has retrieved more than 330 kanals of state and kahcharie land in the recently held anti-encroachment drive and therefore criminal conspiracy and false propaganda by the influential encroachers evicted from such lands as revenge cannot be ruled out. (KDC)

CRPF Organizes Free Medical Camp at Bijbhera

Anantnag02-Mar:-A Free Medical Camp was organised by 90 Battalion of CRPF at Zaiba Aapa institution of inclusive education in Semthan Bijbehara area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The camp was attended by Sh M.A.M Rizwan, Commandant of 90 Battalion CRPF and on this occasion other officers and local eminent personalities were present.

During the camp free medical check-up was conducted and consultations were given by Unit medical officer Dr. Pram. Thereafter, free medicines for common ailments were given to the beneficiaries.

The unique feature of this medical camp was that the Unit officers approached the local public through PRIs in advance and obtained the prescriptions of chronic patients of the locality who are under prolonged treatment for various ailments and are under medication and those prescribed medicines were provided to the beneficiaries. About 300 men, women and children participated in this medical camp.

Commandant M.A.M Rizwan while speaking to CNS said that earlier 90 BN CRPF has conducted many Civic action Programmes within the Anantnag District including at Govt primary school Kanjigund Batangoo, Ayush Dispensary Hassonpora, Govt Boys Model Higher Secondary School Bijbehara, Semthan and Hallamullah etc. Free Medicines, Sanitizers, Masks, Immunity Boosting food Supplements were distributed to them

People suffering due to Govt's wrong and anti people policies: Rattan Lal



JAMMU, MAR 2: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu has expressed serious concern over the miseries of the people in Jammu and Samba specially Kandi and Border belt of both the districts on account of absence of proper basic amenities like power and water crises, besides the sorry state of affairs among the youth due to rising unemployment issues. He asserted that the complexity of problems have resulted due to the wrong and anti people policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Govt at the Centre/ UT. He said that NC is the only secular party of J&K that is capable of addressing the pressing issues of the people. The senior NC leader stated this in his address while chairing a meeting of party's District Presidents, District Secretaries, Block Presidents and Block Secretaries of Jammu and Samba districts at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu to discuss the current overall socio-political scenario including the pressing issues of the people in these districts specially imposition of property tax and encroachment drive against poorer section of the people.

During the meeting, District Presidents namely Naresh Bittu and Sudagar Chand Gupta highlighted the problems being faced by the people especially those living in the Kandi Belt and border areas. They told the Provincial President that the life of people in these areas is miserable as they are facing the worst water and power crises at the very onset of this year's summer season. They also brought to the notice of the senior NC leader the over stressed mental condition of the youth due to highest ever figures of unemployment in J&K today, daily wagers compelled to come on roads besides dearth of medical facilities.

After listening to the issues highlighted before, the Provincial President said that the incumbent Administration has plunged J&K and its people into the darkest period due to misgovernance and thrusting of anti people policies. He said that it is an irony that while youth are suffering due to unemployment, more than 50000 sanctioned posts are lying vacant in various government departments of J&K. He also raised serious concern over the recent cancellation of the recruitment in border battalions.

Mehbooba demands "genuine" probe after body of missing man found in Kupwara

Srinagar, March 2 (UNI) Former chief minister and Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday demanded a "genuine probe" into the death of Kupwara man who had allegedly gone missing after being taken away by the Army in December. Police said the body of Abdul Rasheed Dar, a resident of Kunan Kupwara was found on Wednesday morning from a forest area and the body was brought to Sub District Hospital Kupwara where it was identified by the relatives of the missing person. After all medico-legal formalities, the body was handed over to the family members for burial. Protest had erupted in Kunan after the body reached the native village. The protesters demanded justice and investigation into Dar's disappearance from Army's custody. There were allegations that the Army picked Dar, a driver by profession from his home on the evening of December 15 and next day, the family was informed that he had escaped from their custody. Mufti said that what "transpired after the Army picked him up for questioning months ago is anybody's guess.""Extremely disturbed to see pictures of the mutilated body of Abdul Rashid from Kunan Poshpora. Wasn't allowed to visit the family under the pretext of security .What transpired after the Army picked him up for questioning months ago.

Director Youth Services & Sports reviews arrangements for finals of historic LG Rolling Trophy

JAMMU, MARCH 2: Di- stock of the preparations. rector Youth Services and Sports, Subash Chander Chibber reviewed the ar- despite involving around rangements for the finals 42,000 youth across the UT of the prestigious LG Roll- in its first edition, has witing (Cricket) Trophy to be nessed the matches being organised by the Depart- conducted smoothly and ment of Youth Services and Sports on March 9, 2023 at MA Stadium, here. Director Sports mittees should leave no chaired the meeting of the stone unturned to help this officers and the conveners historic finals set an examof various committees and issued strict directions to them with regard to holding the finals of this crick-

most befitting manner. Director Sports along with Council, Nuzhat Gul visited the venue and took. The meeting was attended

eting extravaganza in a

Chibber said that LG Rolling (Cricket) Trophy the event has been a grand success so far, adding that the heads of various com-

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Youth Services and Sports (C) Jitender Mishra (Organising Secretary); Deputy Director YS&S E&S, Ravi Kumar (Joint Organising Secretary); Accounts Officer Directorate, Sunil Kumar (Convener Finance Committee); Divisional Sports Officer J&K Sports Council, Ashok Singh; District Youth Services and Sports Officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma (Convener Reception/ Ceremony

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Maymol Rocky announces squad for AFC U-20 Women's **Asian Cup qualifiers**

Chennai, Mar 2 (UNI) India Under-20 women's Head Coach Maymol Rocky on Thursday announced a 23-member squad for the Group F matches of the AFC U-20 Women's Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2024 Qualifiers Round 1 to be played in Vietnam from March 7.

Apart from India, hosts Vietnam, Singapore and Indonesia are the other three teams in the group.

The qualifiers have been divided into eight groups. The eight group winners will progress to Round 2, where the four best sides will earn a spot in the Finals where they will join the three highest seeds from the AFC U-19 Women's Championship Thailand 2019 - champions Japan, DPR Korea and Korea Republic - and the hosts nation Uzbekistan.

India U-20 Women's Team head coach Maymol Rocky feels that her side is ready for the challenge ahead in

"We came back from Bangladesh and had an almost three week camp in Chennai, so the girls are ready. We've played some practice matches here and definitely the senior team helped us a lot in terms of gaining more confidence and preparing well," she said.

With a number of new players in the squad, the head coach believes that it will help provide a further push to the rest of the players.

"We have some new players in the squad who have never played before, and they have come in with the bustling spirit of any newcomer. That will help push the other players as well,"

Cybeart announces multi-year deal with Mumbai Indians

Mumbai, Mar 2 (UNI) Cybeart, a leading gaming chair brand across Canada, India and Middle East has partnered with Mumbai Indians, as the team's official merchandising partner on a multi-year deal.

Making a giant leap from Esports to sports, Cybeart will cater to Mumbai Indians' global fan base by providing them with unprecedented level of comfort with their exclusive, next-gen chairs. Through this strategic partnership, Cybeart will also leverage maximum engagement with India's cricketing audience to become a household name in the country's chair industry.

"Cybeart is thrilled to partner with India's leading cricket team of the T20 circuit. Mumbai Indians is one of the most followed sporting teams all over the world and have multiple domestic as well as continental titles to their name. While we entered the Indian market only four months ago, we have quickly made our presence felt within the industry with our high-quality, comfort valuing products and this association is a testament to our growth. We aim to provide India with the highest level of ergonomic designed chairs that not only save them from serious health issues related to a bad posture but also do it in a luxurious way." said Krutik Patel, Founder of Cybeart.Mumbai Indians is one of the most successful franchise T20 team in the world with a world class squad of superstars such as Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Jofra Archer, Ishan Kishan and many more. As part of the upcoming season, Cybeart will have chairs in the team hotel for players to experience the superior comfort while fans will also get the opportunity to do so, at the team's home

Injured Nadal out of Indian Wells, Miami Masters

LOS ANGELES: Rafael Nadal will miss the ATP 1000 events at Indian Wells and Miami, the 22-time Grand Slam champion confirmed on social media on Tuesday.

"I am sad that I won't be able to compete at Indian Wells nor Miami," Nadal said in a tweet which came after Indian Wells officials announced he had withdrawn from the tournament in the California desert that starts next week.

"Very sad not to be there. I'll miss all my US fans but I hope to see them later this year during the summer swing.

The news comes after the Spaniard said in late January he expected to miss six to eight weeks with the hip flexor injury he sustained at the Australian Open.

"We wish Rafa continued healing, and hope to see him back at the BNP Paribas Open next year," Indian Wells tournament director Tommy Haas said in a statement.

Nadal, who said on Jan 26 that tests had confirmed a moderate muscle tear in his left hip, posted video on Twitter showing him training in the gym.

"Took my time off, started rehab, gym and physiotherapy as instructed by the doctors," he said. "Getting ready to come back the in the best conditions.

That likely means for the clay-court season that starts in mid-April and leads into Ro-



land Garros, where he would be chasing a 15th French Open title in May.

Nadal, who made history as the first man to win 21 Grand Slam singles titles at the 2022 Australian Open, hobbled out of this year's edition in January after just two matches. Nadal, whose stellar career has been marked by injuries, was adamant that he would continue playing. Nadal, who made history as the first man to win 21 Grand Slam singles titles at the 2022 Australian Open, hobbled out of this year's edition in January after just two matches. Nadal, whose stellar career has been marked by injuries, was adamant that.

Rizwan happy with more competition for keeper spot

KARACHI: The emergence of a number attacking wicket-keeper/batsmen in Pakistan is not a competition that intimidates national team mainstay Mohammad Rizwan, who, instead, is on a search for more

Rizwan's ability with the gloves has never been looked at with doubt but in the last two and a half years, he has silenced many who used to consider him as a batter who cannot hit the ball hard.

Since being promoted to the top of Pakistan's T20 batting order in late 2020, Rizwan has consistently scored quick runs for the national side as well as in franchise T20 leagues including the HBL Pakistan Super League.

The Multan Sultans captain, however, is not anymore the only wicket-keeper/batter in the country who can strike sixes and fours at will, which may have been the case two years ago.

In the ongoing eighth season of the PSL, Peshawar Zalmi's Mohammad Haris and Islamabad United's Azam Khan have demonstrated their ability to clear the boundary consistently more than once.

Both players have already won their international caps and are in line to replace Rizwan when the time comes. The Pakistan vice captain, however, wishes to see more quality wicket-keepers added to the nation-



al squad."I'd love to have not one or two but at least five wicket-keepers in the Pakistan squad," Rizwan told Dawn on Wednesday. "But they need to meet the required standards for it.

'I'm not fazed by the competition; in fact, I'm myself trying to search for more wicket-keepers in Pakistan."

Rizwan is impressed by Quetta-born young-ster Haseebullah Khan in particular. The 18-year-old left-hander was Pakistan's highest run-getter in last year's U-19 World Cup and topped the run-scoring charts in the Pakistan Cup - the national 50-over tourna-







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