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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today handed over appointment letters to Anganwadi Sanginis and Sahayikas, and specially fitted 2832 scooty's to persons with disabilities across the UT at a ceremony held at KICC Srinagar.

The Lt Governor also launched Mission Youth's Protsahan Scheme and Soft skill Training & Coaching program for Judicial and other Legal Services.

"The unprecedented growth and peace is a testament to the dedication, hard work, meticulous planning and implemen-

tation of team J&K. I dedicate these initiatives to the people, who are working with commitment to build Corruption-free, Fear-free and Aatmanirbhar J&K," the Lt Governor said.

The new initiatives of Mission Youth will empower youngsters, help them to become leaders of tomorrow and change makers, he added.

In his address on the occasion, the Lt Governor shared the extraordinary journey of Jammu Kashmir over the past four years.

"On 5th August 2019, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji had ended the discriminatory system which harbored separatism and nepotism. He ushered

olutions for J&K's glorious future," the Lt Governor said.

He said the complete dismantling of terror sympathizers and secessionist network has allowed the society to live

ground as people are living freely after so many decades. Street protests, closure of schools, colleges for 150 days a year, stone pelting and separatism have ended".

"Today, youth are going home late at night while holding a guitar and after spending quality time on the riverfront. Pakistan backed propaganda has failed on ground and everyone is enjoying the peace. I believe this is the biggest achievement," the Lt Governor said.

At the ceremony, the Lt Governor also acknowledged the significant contribution of various sections of society in J&K's growth and development. Youth, women and farmers are at the forefront of advancing and improving quality of life and all round development for inclusive J&K, he said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor felicitated the candidates trained by Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). Result for PARVAZ (NEET/JEE) was also declared.



with freedom, live without fear. "We have laid a new foundation for the growth and prosperity of J&K. We have ended decades of tyranny and terror ecosystem. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, we have established a lasting peace, which has brought social justice, opportunity and dignity to people," he said.

Reiterating the commitment of the UT Administration to the service of the common man, the Lt Governor said the Government is dedicated to the ideals of social justice and equality. Today, the poorest of the poor feel that the Government belongs to them, he added. He said, "the biggest change is visible on the

Challenging end of Art 370 in SC sinister plan of opposition: Kavinder

NC, its ilk again wanted to snatch rights from people in J&K

No force on Earth can reinstate Article 370

KAVINDER Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, asserted that no force on Earth can reinstate Article 370.

Gupta's proclamation occurred during a commem-

Addressing the gathering, Kavinder stated that National Conference (NC), PDP and Congress have prolonged the deprivation of marginalized communities like Valmiki and Gorkhas during their decades-long

Mufti, and Gandhi have marred the potential of Jammu and Kashmir, leaving a trail of youth unemployment and shattered opportunities," he said and credited the abrogation of Article 370 for catalyzing positive change, empowering the youth to secure dignified livelihoods after years of uncertainty.

Kavinder commended the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for steering the Union Territory toward peace and prosperity, reinvigorating it as a vibrant center for tourism.

He said Jammu and Kashmir has transformed into a thriving hub of tourism and economic activities under the visionary leadership of PM Modi.

In a resounding rebuttal to opposition claims, Kavinder said that the daydreaming of Article 370's return remains futile. Its abrogation has laid the foundation for a bright future, rendering Jammu and Kashmir integral to the country's growth and development, he added.



orative event organized to mark the fourth anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 from the erstwhile state. The event, hosted by Karuna Chhetri, President of Gorkha Samaj, witnessed the presence of prominent BJP leaders, including Rekha Mahajan, Anuradha Charak, Vinay Gupta, Rajeev Charak, Vikram Randhawa, Neelam Langeh, Vivek Patyal, Munish, Sunny Sangotra, and Subhash Chand.

rule in Jammu and Kashmir. He underscored that these parties are now discontented with the rights extended to Valmiki and Gorkhas by the Modi Government, revealing their agenda to impede progress and prosperity.

"The move of opposition to challenge the cessation of Article 370 in the Supreme Court as nothing short of a calculated and sinister maneuver," he added.

"Leaders like Abdullah,

Militant arrested by UP ATS from Anantnag

LUCKNOW: The Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) of the Uttar Pradesh Police has arrested a Hizbul Mujahideen-affiliated militant from Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued here on Sunday, the ATS said that its team went to Jammu and Kashmir and with the help of the local police arrested Firdous Ahmad Dar from Kokernag police station area on Friday.



After completing the court process there, the ATS team took Dar in transit remand and brought him to Lucknow on Saturday. The ATS produced the accused in court

after getting him medically examined here on Saturday.

His arrest came a day after the ATS arrested one Ahmed Raza alias Sharukh, who hails from Muilak Gudia village of Moradabad district, over alleged links with banned terror group Hizbul Mujahideen.

During preliminary interrogation, it was found that Dar had called Raza to Anantnag for terror training, the ATS said.

It was Dar who got Raza the membership of Hizbul Mujahideen. Based on this information, the ATS sought 14-day police custody of Dar, which was accepted by the court.

Valmiki Samaj got honour under PM Modi: Ravinder Raina

Valmiki, Gorkha Samaj celebrate abrogation of Article 370

VALMIKI, Gorkha Samaj and other communities celebrated the abrogation of Article 370 in programmes organized by J&K BJP SC Morcha.

Ravinder Raina, J&K BJP President, former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, BJP General Secretary Dr. Devinder Manyal, BJP SC Morcha President Neelam Langeh, Prabhari Jagdish Bhagat, Seh-Prabhari Jeet Angral were amongst the prominent to address a similar programme organized at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing on the occasion, said that the gross injustice and human rights violation were meted out to the many communities living in Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the refugees from West Pakistan were treated as second-class citizens in J&K,

whereas another refugee Man Mohan Singh ji was able to serve as PM because of living in other part of India. Similarly, the communities like Valmikis, Gorkhas,

rights. Grass root level democracy was never implemented in J&K. For 70 long years, rights were denied to them by Congress, NC, PDP. Valmiki, Gorkha, WPRs

and added that today every person residing in Jammu & Kashmir has got rights and are getting direct benefits under welfare schemes initiated by PM Modi like PM

that the BJP SC Morcha is getting strengthened with each passing day as more and more members of different communities, including the Valmiki Samaj is coming into the fold of the party after being realized that it is only BJP which can do better for their present and the future generations. Langeh said that the Valmiki Samaj should be thankful to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for transforming their lives. He added that this is possible only because of the abrogation of Article 370 by Modi government on 5th August 2019. Vijay Anand Gill, Seema Kumari, BL Rao, Vandana Thappa (Sarpanch), Mohinder Bhagat, Rakesh Sangral, Adarsh Jathiar, Gulshan Bhagat, Rakesh Dev, Hanj Raj Loria, Yashpaul Shivgotra, Manohar Lal Menia, Vikas Bhatti, Ashwani Charak, Sham Lal were amongst the prominent present in the programme.



Paharis, OBCs, Gujjar-Bakerwals, women, etc. were never given any right as independent residents of this vibrant democracy. Human Right acts, Panchayati Raj was not allowed in J&K so as to deprive people of their

were not treated as sons and daughters of the soil; they could not vote and participate in the Assembly, and local elections. They have got honour under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi", said Ravinder Raina

Awaz Yojana, Ayushman golden Card, Pension, Kissan Samman Nidhi, Scholarships to SC, ST students, road networks, highways, electricity.

Kavinder Gupta congratulated the Valmiki Samaj for getting the honour for which their community had been agitating for decades together after independence. He said that Narendra Modi government has shown real concern towards the welfare of this deprived section of the society and paved the way for their socio-economic upliftment. Dr. Devinder Manyal said that the Valmikis have been given the basic right to vote for democracy besides all other facilities being enjoyed by the other citizens under Modi government, which is a big gift to the community. He said that they would get practical for what they had been demanding for a long. Neelam Langeh said

Mahant Rohit shastri met Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and sought the change in name of SKUAST-JAMMU to Bawa Jitto Agriculture Universities.

Up grade these universities to Central universities under the direct control of Government of India :- Mahant Rohit shastri.

JAMMU:- Today Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan trust President Mahant Rohit Shastri meet Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for

munity in order to provide them justice from the land lords and Shri Bawa Jitto is marked as role model for farmer in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Dear

Skuast - Jammu in the name of Bawa Jitto Universities of Agriculture and Sciences and Technology instead of Shere Kashmir University as Shri Bawa Jitto who was great farmer had not been recognized by the local administration for his sacrifice for the promotion of Agriculture and imparting justice to the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir. It is further submitted that these both universities situated at Jammu and Srinagar should be upgraded and be taken under the direct control of ministry of agriculture and both these universities shall be upgraded to central universities under the direct control of Government of India. Sir this act of changing the name of above said universities in the name of great farmer Shri Bawa Jitto and upgrading the standard of universities to central universities shall be a great step for the promotion and welfare of the farmers on Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and shall be a great tribute for the sacrifice of Shri Bawa Jitto for the farmers of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

On occasion trust members uttam chand sharma and Naresh Sharma were also present.



Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and presented a memorandum. On occasion Mahant Rohit Shastri said agriculture is the main source of livelihood of 70% of population of India and India is a Country where majority of population deals in agricultural activity. Their are certain men that leads a particular community, and Shri Bawa Jitto is one of the renowned farmer of Jammu and Kashmir who has sacrificed his life for farmer com-

community in order to provide them justice from the land lords and Shri Bawa Jitto is marked as role model for farmer in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Dear sir it is appropriate to mention here that two agricultural universities in Jammu and Kashmir One in Jammu and another in Kashmir are having their names on the name of Shere Kashmir University of Agriculture Science and Technology and name of these two universities do not carry any relation with their name. It is the great farmer Shri Bawa Jitto who sacrificed his life for providing justice to the farmer should be remembered by renaming

RAJOURI OPERATION UPDATE

AFTER initial contact, Indian Army troops moved to the area and pinned down militants assessed to be upto 2-3. Additional troops of Rashtriya Rifles mobilised as terrain is undulating and forested. Special Forces brought in



by Indian Air Force helicopter. "Repeated attempts by militants to break cordon thwarted by controlled fire throughout the night."

Night enabled Quadcopters, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Sniffer Dogs also used. One terrorist confirmed killed. Firefight still on Rashtriya Rifles tps of Indian Army and Special forces have closed on to other terrorists. Search for others in progress.

(Indian Army)

DC Budgam hands over motorized scooties to specially-abled persons and appointment orders to Aanganawari workers(Sanginis) on behalf of Honourable LG Sh Manoj Sinha

BUDGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam Akshay Labroo today handed over keys of motorised scooties to the eligible specially-abled persons and also handed over appointment orders to Anganwari Workers(Sanginis) on behalf of LG Shri Manoj Sinha during a function held at Sports Stadium Budgam.

The distribution cum orientation programme for was organised by District Social Welfare Office in collaboration with PO, ICDS, Budgam.

While speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the initiative of providing assistance and empowering our specially-abled persons was taken under the directions of hon' ble Lieutenant Governor.

He said district administration is keen on providing all possible support to all extremely specially-abled persons across the district and ensure them accessibility

to their utmost satisfaction level. He also said that the recruitment of Anganwari workers and helpers was carried out in a transparent

ing to different parts of Budgam.

He said that all efforts are on to keep providing prosthetic aid viza viz scooties,

Workers and Helpers and congratulated them on their joining.

He said that "Today we are proud to say that the

appreciated the district administration for providing motorized scooties to the eligible beneficiaries and termed it as important for their empowerment.

SSP Budgam, Al Tahir Gillani who also spoke on the occasion, said that the mobility will help these specially-abled persons to be independent and will prove a major tool for their freedom of movement.

He urged beneficiaries to ensure adopting all traffic norms while using these scooties for their movement from one place to another.

Among others, DDC Members, ADC Bdgum, District Social Welfare Officer Budgam and TSOs were also present on the occasion.

A large of number specially abled persons participated in the event, where awareness and orientation regarding drug abuse menace and it's precautionary measure was provided by the department.



manner with merit being the sole criterion and that the entire process was closely monitored by Hon'ble LG and Worthy Chief Secretary. He said this while handing over the formal appointment orders to various selected Anganwari Workers belong-

ing hearing aid, tricycles, accessibility to all offices and covering beneficiaries under all central and UT level schemes to benefit them.

On the occasion, the DC also distributed formal appointment letters among the selected Aganwadi

recruitment of both was done in complete transparent manner and all selected candidates were recruited on their merit bases," said DC.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chairman, DDC Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Jahra and other DDC members

Jugal calls on Railway Minister discuss Development Projects

JUGAL Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jammu today calls on Ashwini Vaishnav Union Minister for Railways at New Delhi and discussed many development projects of his Parliamentary

wait in long ques. He said that by era of development number of trains are increasing day by day which are resulting in heavy traffic on the railway line and people have to wait for a long time to pass through the

Minister for development at Jammu Railway Station. He said that projects are on-going to bring Jammu Railway Station in Class-A Category but they should be expedited so that people can get their benefits in



constituency.

Member of Parliament brought into notice of the Railway Minister a very important project to Construct Rail over Bridge at Gurha Salathia Railway line. He informed Minister that a large thickly populated area which is connected used to cross Railway Line passing through Gurha Salathia village and they to

railway line. He said that patients, senior citizens and the students have to suffer a lot. He said that it is the burning demand to construct Railover Bridge at Railway Line passing through Gurha Slathia. He also said that there is also dire need to construct Rail Over Bridge at Kalibari in Samba District. Member of Parliament also thanked

time. Member of Parliament also informed Minister that approach road from Main National Highway road to Manwal Railway Station is in very worse condition and needs immediate repair. He said that immediate funds should be provided for its widening along with its repair

so that people of the area may not suffer any more. He also demanded the stoppage/short halt of Uttar Sampark Kranti & Hemkunt Express at Manwal Railway Station.

Ashwini Vaishnav Union Minister of Railways listened the demands Member of Parliament and assured him that they would be re-addressed soon.

Jammu will be great hub of Tourism soon : Jugal Kishore MP

MEMBER of Parliament Lok Sabha Jammu Jugal Kishore Sharma today calls on G. Krishan Reddy Hon'ble Union Minister of Tourism Govt. of India at New Delhi and discuss various development projects under Tourism. He laid stress on the development projects holy pilgrimages Utterbehni and Purmandal & development of

Surinsar-Mansar, Shivkhori and other development in Jammu Province. Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament while discussing various development projects under Tourism brought into notice of Minister that Purmandal and Utterbehni are two very important pilgrimages situated near by Jammu at bank of river Gupt Ganga. They are named as Chota Kashi and many religious sentiments of people attached with them. They are mostly visited pilgrimages by people of Jammu and outside areas & observes heavy rush on full moon nights and amavasyas. He also informed Minister about the importance of holy river Gupt Ganga that it flows in opposite directions from South to North. He demanded that these pilgrimages should be developed soon. He said that a DPR was also framed for the development of these pilgrimages but it is pending for approval in the Ministry of Tourism. Moreover, he informed that that previous Union Tourism Minister have personally toured these both places and committed for their development. Member of Parliament urged Hon'ble Minister to provide adequate funds so that Utterbehni and Purmandal should be developed soon. He also submitted charter of demands to Hon'ble Minister. G. Krishan Reddy Union Minister of Tourism, Culture & Development of North Eastern Region of India assured Member of Parliament that soon his demands would be considered and necessary action would be taken.



Jammu Kashmir observed a big change after removal of Article 370 : Jugal Kishore MP

Jammu & Kashmir observed a big change after removal of Article 370 : Jugal Kishore MP

PoJK refugees, Valmiki & Gorkha Samaj celebrated 4 years of Abrogation of Article 370

WHILE addressing the gathering in a celebration function of 4 years of Abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu Kashmir Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament BJP Lok Sabha Jammu said that development has reached every nook and corner of Jammu Kashmir after removal of Article 370. He has that Jammu Kashmir observed a big change after Abrogation of Article 370. In a function organized by PoJK refugees at Kotli Bhawan Rehari Colony Jammu Jugal Kishore Sharma said that Article 370 was a stigma on Jammu and Kashmir which had always put a barrier in development of people of Jammu & Kashmir. He said that Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir was imposed to rule on the state and to dom-

inate people. Article 370 was a big survival of the dynasts. He while taking a note on Congress and NC, PDP said that they have

He said that under the stewardship of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Home Minister Sh. Amit Shah ji

said that PoJK refugee families, Gorkha Samaj, Valmiki Samaj and others were always deprived off from their fundamental rights

for a long time to get their citizenship rights and today this celebration shows a change in their fate. He said that abrogation of Article 370 is a major move to get Jammu & Kashmir in top developing UTs.

PoJK refugees, Valmiki Samaj & Gorkha Samaj families warmly welcomed Member of Parliament and thanked him for his valuable support.

District President BJP Parmod Kapahi, Corporators Arun Khanna, Sanjay Baru, Dinesh Gupta Surinder Choudhary, Senior Leaders BJP Prabhat Singh, Veenu Khanna, Pawan Sharma, Rajeev Charak, Kuldeep Kandhari, Arvind Gupta, Karan Singh Bawa, Hari Om, Bhuvnesh Gupta, and others were also present at the occasion.



taken Jammu Kashmir always to the darkness and befooled people by doing dirty politics.

had taken a bold decision to change the future of Jammu and Kashmir and today we change see a vast change. He

which they got justice after abrogation of Article 370. PoJK refugees, Valmikis & Gorkha Samaj have fought

Civil and Police Administration Facilitated Moharam Processions in Budgam

BUDGAM: Today, the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) CKR Srinagar, Shri Sujit Kumar-IPS, alongside Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Shri Akshay Labroo-IAS, and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Budgam, Shri Al-Tahir Gilani-



JKPS, along with other officers, visited the Moharam Processions in Budgam to oversee and ensure smooth conduct.

The officers thoroughly reviewed the arrangements for security and traffic facilitation during the Processions.

Robust security measures were put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants and attendees. To streamline traffic flow and avoid any disruptions, the police set up several diversion points strategically to divert traffic away from the procession routes.

This helped in minimizing any inconvenience to the general public while allowing the processions to proceed unhindered.

Furthermore, the police also set up multiple refreshment counters along the procession routes and offered water and juices to the attendees.

Ashwani Sharma, Ajay Vaid, Danish Mishra listens to public grievances

FORMER MLA & senior BJP leader Ashwani Sharma, listened to the grievances of the people at party headquarters on Saturday.

J&K BJP Publicity Secretary Ajay Vaid and

Development.

A deputation from Bishnah, complained that a transformer in ward no. 6 needs to be upgraded keeping in view that it was installed some 15 years ago and is not in a position to

occasion, said that the BJP committed for the mitigation of the sufferings of the people and the party leaders are always there at the service of the poor, needy and marginalised sections.

He said that the public



BJYM Vice-President Danish Mishra were also present on the occasion.

A large number of people had reached the party office to narrate their problems and seek the resolution of the same. While some of them had problems related to departments like PHE, Flood and Irrigation, PDD, Rural

meet the electricity demand these days. People from Ward No. 13 demanded the construction of a lane and drain.

Similarly, people also raised various issues related to the playground, installation, adequate supply of water etc.

Ashwani Sharma, on this

darbar at the party office on a daily basis provides a plate to the general public for direct interaction with the BJP leaders and it is receiving massive response.

Ajay Vaid and Danish Mishra coordinated the grievances camp proceedings and diarized the issues presented.

LG's Admin pushing BJP agenda at the cost of Public Exchequer: Rattan Lal

Keep property tax in abeyance until there's popular Govt

JAMMU
Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) has expressed deep concerns regarding the alleged involvement of the LG-led administration in pushing the agenda of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the cost of the public exchequer in Jammu and Kashmir.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of JKNC Jammu, while addressing a meeting of Party workers of Samba district in connection with the upcoming ULB polls at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan, Jammu. The Samba District consists of Samba, Vijaypur, Ramgarh and Bari Brahmana Municipal Committees.

The Provincial President raised his apprehensions about the administration's concerns, which they believe are serving the interests of the BJP rather than prioritizing the welfare of the public. He raised questions about the usage of public funds and the potential implications it may have on the overall development and

well-being of the region. At the outset of the meeting, Sudagar Gupta, District President of JKNC Samba district, highlighted the hardships faced by the people of district Samba, including the lack of basic amenities such as regular water and electricity supply.

and Kashmir. The senior NC leader also raised serious concerns about the effectiveness of the Back to Villages program's, stating that it has failed to address the issues raised during its implementation. He termed it as futile attempt in wasting the

to address the grievances faced by the general public.

Among those who were present include: Master Noor Hussain Ex-MLC, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary, Vijay Lochan P.P SC Cell, Surjit Singh Manhas Joint Secretary Jammu Province, Mohin-



Addressing the party workers, Rattan Lal Gupta expressed dissatisfaction over the administration's apparent disregard for elected representatives while making decisions on public issues, citing the imposition of property tax in J&K as an example where elected representatives of Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and Municipalities were sidelined.

He stressed that the implementation of the illegally imposed property tax should be kept in abeyance until a democratically elected government is in place in Jammu

hard earned money of public while carrying out such wasteful exercises which serves no purposes.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, the Provincial Secretary of JKNC Jammu, urged party workers to gear up for the upcoming ULB polls and ensure the victory of the National Conference.

Mrs Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing Jammu Province asserted that the National Conference stands firm in its commitment to safeguard the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and pledged to work tirelessly

der Singh Sr. Vice President Central Zone, Chander Udhay Singh, Ashok Kumar Attri, Nar Singh P.P Labour Wing, Joginder Kumar Block President Vijaypur, Sat Paul Block President Ramgarh, Swaran Singh Block President Bari Brahmana, Bua Ditta Block President Samba, Bharat Bhusan, Rajeshwer Singh, Ravi Sharma, Prabh Dayal, Rahul Attri, Ajay Sharma, Mohinder Kumar, Kewal Kumar, Krishan Dutt, Darshan, Bahadur Singh, Yashpal, Ravinder Singh, Ram Lal Verma and others.

SKUAST Jammu hosts 30th Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on Rapeseed Mustard

JAMMU: The 30th Annual Group Meeting of the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Rapeseed Mustard commenced at Baba Jitto Auditorium, SKUAST-Jammu today. Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. BN Tripathi, was the Chief Guest, while ADG (Oilseeds & Pulses), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, was the Guest of Honour.

In his address, Tripathi highlighted the challenges posed by projected population growth and stressed the need for improvement in agricultural practices and sustainable farming techniques. He emphasised that technological interventions and sustainable farming practices must be embraced by all stakeholders to en-

hance productivity while minimising environmental impact. Addressing the alarming deficit in oilseed production, Tripathi highlighted that the coun-



try currently faces over 60% annual demand shortfall. Jammu and Kashmir (Union Territory) also reported a deficit in total oilseed production by over 70%.

He praised the role of the ICAR sanctioned AICRP sub-centre at SKUAST-Jammu in increasing the acreage and productivity of rapeseed mustard crops in the region.

The initiative has achieved remarkable results over the past decade,

with acreage increasing from 55,000 hectares and productivity from 762 kg/ha in 2012 to 140,000 hectares and 1149 kg/ha, respectively in 2022. He

also appreciated the recent sanction of a Rs 31 crore project by the Jammu and Kashmir Government, focusing on the promotion of oilseeds under the Holistic Agricultural Development Project (HADP). During the meeting, Gupta emphasised the significance of oilseed production and the challenges and opportunities in the sector. He stated that ICAR is actively collaborating with NITI Aayog to set challenges and goals for the

year 2047, aiming to achieve surplus production in oilseeds, pulses, meat, fruits and vegetables. Gupta mentioned that ICAR is actively working on a diverse range of 65 oilseed varieties to develop new and improved varieties to address evolving needs. He stated that the current production scenario as per the 3rd advance estimates for 2023 projected a total of 41 million tonnes of oilseed production during the year. Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. RK Samnotra, highlighted the potential of the Jammu region for rapeseed mustard cultivation and praised the contributions of the AICRP (Rapeseed Mustard) Chatha centre in developing beneficial varieties for the region's farmers.

Kishtwar: Inter Zonal District Level Tournament continues in full swing

KISHTWAR: The Inter Zonal District Level Tournament in Kishtwar continues under supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Kharati Lal Sharma.

More than 150 players have participated in different events, including Tennis Ball Cricket and football so far. For the next level competition, the selection process has been made by the technical experts and officials deployed by the department.

The matches at all the venues were looked after by the concerned officials and officials of the sports department. All the matches were played as per the fixture, rules and regulations. Teams from different zones showed their talent in different games.

GDC Kishtwar organizes debate on importance of organ donation

KISHTWAR: On the occasion of "Angdaan Mahotsav," a debate competition on importance of organ donation was organised by the NSS unit of Government Degree College Kishtwar in the college today.

The program, organised under the patronage of Principal, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, saw participation by more than 60 students who highlighted the importance of organ donation. In the second session, a Panch Pran Pledge taking was organised under the banner of "Meri Maati, Mera Desh."

NSS Program Officer, Dr. Vijay Kumar, supervised the event, while NSS Advisory Committee Members, Prof. Umer Din Rather, Prof. Falak, Prof. Romana, Prof. Sonika Sen and Dr. Sehrish Gazal assisted the proceedings.

During the event, HoD English, Prof. Falak Mam, spoke at length about the importance of organ donation. HoD Sociology, Prof. Sonika Sen, also emphasised its importance and encouraged students to participate in future programs.

V.K. Magotra conferred with Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Seva Samman- 2023

JAMMU
V.K Magotra, a sports and communication expert has been conferred with prestigious Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Seva Samman- 2023 for his contributions in the field of peace, human rights, education, culture and diplomacy.

It is pertinent to mention that Sh. Magotra after serving for over 35 years in the Ministry of I&B, GOI in the Directorate of Field publicity, has distinction of establishing many mile stones in hundreds of outreach programs and after his retirement rendered services to Press Information Bureau as expert in media workshops.

Sh. Mangotra has also been honored with a lifetime achievement award by the Directorate of Field Publicity in 2009.

Sh. Mangotra is also Managing Director of BLSKS, General Secretary of Volleyball Association of J&K (NGOs) for the last over 10 years. Sh M.L. Dogra Chairman BLSKS felicitated Sh. Magotra by presenting the award of excellence today at Jammu.

Div Com reviews implementation of Forest Dwellers Act, 4G saturation

JAMMU: Divisional saturation.

Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar, chaired a meeting with Deputy Commissioners and officers from Forest Department and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited to review the implementation of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act and pending land transfer cases for 4G

The Div Com reviewed pending land transfer cases for 4G tower installation of BSNL for better connectivity, while Deputy Commissioners informed about the total number of locations/sites involved and the status of land allotment to BSNL in their respective districts. The Div Com observed a mismatch of data shared and directed BSNL Officers to compile data in

consultation with district administrations.



Deputy Commissioners were directed to expedite cases for early tower installation.

The Div Com also inquired about the status of

settlement claims received in the districts under the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional

Forest Dwellers Act. He instructed DCs to expedite progress and ensure early settlement of all pending cases. The meeting was attended by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Officers of BSNL, Information Technology besides Deputy Commissioners of Jammu division along with other concerned officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Fortnight Celebrations of Jal Jeevan Mission in J&K

Painting competitions, debates in educational institutions, special Gram Sabhas, FTK trainings held across UT

SRINAGAR: In the ongoing fortnight celebrations of Jal Jeevan Mission more than 600 events and activities were organised at various locations across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The events and activities include painting competitions, debates in

educational institutions, special Gram Sabhas, FTK trainings inspection of works by officers and stake holders, rallies sensitization sessions among others.

As part of the programme, the involvement of school children is being done by way of water testing training in

schools and colleges and rallies by students.

The Deputy Commissioners and other senior officers have also participated in these programmes and have appealed the people to conserve the water sources by way of judicious use and maintaining the sani-

tation around the sources.

The communities have been sensitized about their role in taking the ownership of the water supply schemes after their completion for maintenance and operation.

During the programmes the role of

Pani Samities in monitoring and execution of works was also highlighted.

Pertinently, the fortnight long celebrations were launched by Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on 01 August in presence of Principal Secretary Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra.

CS visits 3-Day Solar energy awareness camp at Sgr Civil Sectt

Encourages employees to adopt solar energy for substantially reducing their monthly power bills

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today inspected the stalls installed to create awareness about the benefits of adopting solar energy among the employees in the lawns of Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

The camp is being held from August 02-04 by J&K Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA), Department of Science & Technology in collaboration with multiple vendors of renewable energy industry and other line departments of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Mehta appreciated JAKEDA for organizing this awareness camp about the GoI sponsored Grid connected Solar Rooftop Power Plants.

He encouraged the employees to come forward and take lead in adopting this clean and reliable energy source that would

not only reduce their power bills substantially but simultaneously save



our environment by reducing carbon emissions also.

He asked JAKEDA to organize more such awareness camps across other parts of the UT so that people would know about rooftop solar plant, KUSUM scheme and its financing pattern so that the benefits reach all the eligible persons.

The Chief Secretary said that renewable sources of energy holds great promise the future as government envisions a future with reduced dependence on fossil fuels by promoting alternative renewable

energy sources. He also noted that besides reducing carbon emissions, the



generation of solar energy through rooftop solar programme would also offset power requirements of domestic consumers in J&K thereby aiding our Power Discoms to provide quality power to rest of the consumers.

He observed that ultimately the future belongs to renewable energy.

He further gave out that the energy besides clean and less hazardous is cost-effective for the people.

He encouraged them to readily adopt this futuristic technology for both

their domestic and agricultural purposes in order to save their resources



and environment as well.

The Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology, Saurabh Bhagat on the occasion remarked that the department is making concerted efforts to popularize the use of solar energy both in public and private sector. He made out that Under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, GoI's Schemes, domestic electricity consumers across the UT can install Rooftop Solar PV Plants for electricity purposes and can also avail the benefit of securing around 50-65% subsidy on installation of

such plants.

It was given out that the solar rooftops are available from 1 KW to 10 KW capacity with five years free maintenance. Moreover with the tie-up of JAKEDA with the Banks, the employees can avail the benefits on the EMI starting from just over Rs 900/month.

A noticeable feature of the scheme is that it occupies only 80-100 sft roof area per KW, generating 120-140 units of energy per month on an average.

It was also revealed that it can offset about 1.43 tons of carbon emission annually per kW which is equivalent to planting 66 trees.

It also supplements energy generation which in turn reduces power curtailment hours and the plants can be customized as per the requirements of the consumers to off-set his monthly electricity bills.

GHSS Khellani Doda organises rally on sustainable use of water

DODA: The students of Government Higher Secondary School Khellani, along with the school staff, took the initiative to raise awareness about sustainable water usage by organising a rally. The event was supervised by the District Project Management Unit, District Jal Jeevan Mission Doda.

During the rally, the



District Coordinator of Information Education Communication (IEC) emphasised the importance of ensuring sustainable water usage to safeguard this vital resource for future generations.

The event coincided with the celebration of the JJM fortnight, observed from 1st to 15th August 2023, further amplifying the message of responsible water management.

Dr Jitendra informs Rajya Sabha about 'NIDHI' program for StartUps

NEW DELHI: Govt of India has launched an umbrella program "NIDHI" (National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing innovations) to foster innovation among the StartUps in the country.

This information was shared by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh in the Rajya Sabha today.

In reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Dr Jitendra Singh informed that NIDHI program has various components to support innovations, StartUps as well as StartUp incubation ecosystem in the country. The NIDHI- PRAYAS (Promoting and Accelerating Young and Aspiring Innovators and Startups) program at Proof-of-Concept level provides mentoring and financial support to innovators for converting their ideas into prototypes. NIDHI Entrepreneurs-In-Residence (EIR) Program provides fellowships to the students opting for entrepreneurship.

The NIDHI Seed Support Program provides availability of early-stage seed support funding to startups and the NIDHI Accelerator program speeds up the investment readiness of the startups. The NIDHI program has been helpful in creating state-of-the-art infrastructure for incubating StartUps in technology sectors through Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) and Centres of Excellence (CoE). The Minister also underlined that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is playing an active role in conceptualising and developing state-of-the-art Incubation facilities for translating technology & products and handholding entrepreneurs, start-ups, and MSMEs so as to ensure the transfer of the benefit of S&T interventions to the Society, Industry and the Country. Dr Jitendra Singh said, CSIR today is one of the leading R&D organizations in the country to set up Incubation Centres across its labs using innovative models/approaches. In addition to the above, few Common Research and Technology Development Hubs (CRTDHs) for industrial R&D innovation, dedicated for MSMEs, start-ups and individual innovators have also been set up at CSIR with the support of DSIR.

GDC Ramgarh organises poster making competition on organ donation

SAMBA: The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit-Prabha of Government Degree College Ramgarh celebrated 'Angdaan Mahotsav' under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav by organising a pledge and a poster-making competition on 'Angdaan se Jeevan Daan'.

A large number of students of the College participated in the event. All the enrolled students and faculty members pledged towards organ donation. The pledge was administered by NSS volunteer, Vimal Singh.

Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, motivated the gath-

ering to come forward and pledge to donate organs to save another life.

This regard. The first position was secured by Ms. Alisha Me-

was judged by Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Shamsher Lal and Prof. Risha Ku-



NSS Program Officer, Dr. Shamsher Lal, highlighted the importance of organ donation. He said that everyone participate in this noble cause and to help create awareness in

nia of 3rd semester, second position was secured by Ms. Prinka Devi of 3rd semester, and third position was secured by Ms. Bandhana Rani of 5th semester. The competition

was judged by Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Shamsher Lal and Prof. Risha Kumari. The faculty members present on the occasion included Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Dr. Shamsher Lal and Prof. Risha Kumari.

Kathua: Mining Department seizes 13 dumpers

KATHUA: District Mineral Officer, Rajinder Singh Rana seized 13 Punjab based dumpers for indulging in illegal mining at Gandial areas of district here today.

Acting swiftly on inputs of dumpers entered in Gandial areas from Pathankote side, team of Geology and Mining Department rushed to the spot and caught all 11 vehicles on the spot while 2 others were seized at TarafTajwal. Meanwhile,

3 dumpers fled the spot. Strict warning was given to violators for not lifting



mineral from any stone crusher without e-challans and GST bills besides following the transportation guidelines and all

rules of Geology and Mining Department as per SRO-105 and MMDR Act of 1957. Deputy Commissioner, Rakesh Minhas was immediately apprised about the incident who instructed the department

to remain cautioned while conducting raids and impose heavy penalties on the vehicles and machines involved in illegal mining. DMO further informed that the mineral guards are working day and night to control illegal mining activities in Ravi-Ujh rivers, Tarnah and other khads during monsoon season and have kept strong vigilance on the transportation of mineral from Kathua to Punjab and other areas.

Jammu-Kashmir Kashi Vidvat Parishad holds monthly meeting

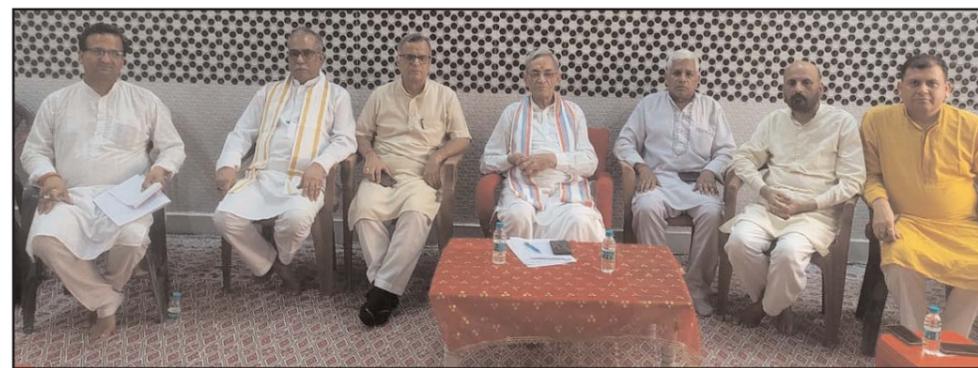
Progress on Sharada Peeth International University discussed

JAMMU: *Jammu-Kashmir Shree Kashi Vidvat Parishad's Central Executive Committee held its monthly meeting under the leadership of Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri ji at the Shiv Mandir, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. During the meeting, all the scholars of the Vidvat Parishad presented their thoughts on various social issues and apprised the Parishad of the ongoing developmental activities in line with its objectives.*

The President of the Vidvat Parishad, Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri, addressed the attendees and mentioned that the honorable members of the Parishad, including Arhanish, are diligently working towards establishing the Sharada Peeth International University in Jammu-Kashmir.

The complete outline for the university has been prepared to ensure a

flawless establishment. To ensure this, an advisory committee has been formed with the consensus of all the members of the executive committee,



including eminent scholars at the national level across various disciplines.

Despite numerous efforts, the initiation of Sanskrit subject studies in educational institutions has not been achieved yet.

Therefore, the Vidvat Parishad urges the state government to make Sanskrit a compulsory subject in schools and colleges.

The meeting was successfully conducted by the General Secretary of the Vidvat Parishad, Dr. Prakash Shastri, and began with Vedic blessings

presented by Dr. Praveen Shastri.

In attendance were the Vice President of the Parishad, Prof. Chandramouli Raina, Prof. Ram-

Hansraj Shastri, and local coordinator Shri Somraj Sharma.

The meeting proved to be an essential platform for the Vidvat Parishad

bahadur Shukl, Dr. Shiv Prasad Raina Gurudevji, the Organization Minister, Prof. Vijendra Kumar, Treasurer Dr. Praveen Shastri, Spokesperson Shri Sushant Shastri, Shri

to share knowledge, discuss social issues, and collaborate on the path of progress, laying the foundation for the establishment of the Sharada Peeth International University in the region.

Army jawan among two persons drown in Chenab in Doda

DODA: Two persons including an army man drowned in river Chenab near Doda, police sources said. Police said that the army man Rohit Singh, 25, and Sunil Kumar, 24, both residents of Durga Nagar Khallani in Doda, drowned in Chenab river near the Durga Nagar village while they were washing their hands after performing last rights of their relative on the banks of the river. Rescue operation has been launched by police, they said.

DC, SSP Doda take stock of Independence Day arrangements

DODA: *In a meeting held at the district headquarters, Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayyum took stock of arrangements for the upcoming Independence Day celebration.*

DC also appointed a team of officers, headed by ADDC Doda, to oversee the overall arrangements.

During the meeting, the Chief Education Officer was directed to ensure the participation of all government and private

schools in the celebrations, with students wearing proper cultural attire. DC Doda also reviewed



preparations for decoration on the day of the event.

Several committees have been formed to man-

age seating arrangements, display departmental activities and government schemes, oversee venue

management, etc. Security, drinking water, and power supply arrangements for the event were thoroughly

discussed and finalised. Present at the meeting were Additional District Development Commissioner, Pran Singh; ADC, Dr. Ravi Kumar Bharti; ACD Phulial Singh; ACP Doda, Ashfaq Khanji; ACR Doda, Sanjeev Kumar; GM DIC Doda Idrees Lone, other senior district officers and representatives of the private schools of Doda town.

DC also discussed with the representatives of private schools the arrangements for the Independence Day and asked them to participate in the celebrations with patriotic fervor.

Sheetal Nanda inaugurates Sakhi Niwas at Jammu

JAMMU: *Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department (SWD), Sheetal Nanda today inaugurated Working Women's Hostel; "Sakhi Niwas" at Roop Nagar here.*

Director General, Social welfare Department, Vivek Sharma; MD Mission Vatsalaya, Harvinder Kour and other senior officers of SWD were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheetal Nanda highlighted about the importance of 'SAKHI NIWAS' under the Mission Shakti guidelines. She further said that efforts of Social Welfare Department is to reach out to various sections of society by conducting awareness events, campaigns, which are all aimed towards women upliftment. She added that the idea behind this initiative to strengthen the gender equality and empowerment of women and girls at all level.

The SAKHI NIWAS is established by Social welfare department, Jammu under the Mission Shakti guidelines. This hostel facility is for women hailing from rural areas in search of employment and higher education or training in the heart of Jammu city. The scheme also addresses women rights to work and to free choice of profession and employment. The Women hostel has the facilities of Study Room, Kitchen with cook. Furthermore, it provides safe and women friendly atmosphere under the 24x7 supervision of security guards.

4th free medical camp under 'Doctors Apke Gaon Mai' initiative concludes at Kishtwar

KISHTWAR: The Health Department, in collaboration with the District Administration, concluded its 4th free medical camp at Primary Health Centre Dachhan under the "Doctors Apke Gaon Mai" initiative. The initiative aims to provide comprehensive medical screening services to remote villages in Kishtwar. A total of 1285 patients were examined by specialists, including Gynaecologist, Physician, Civil Surgeon, Paediatrician, Ophthalmologist and Dental Surgeon. The three-month-long initiative is designed to address the healthcare needs of underserved communities in the region. The primary objective is to bridge the healthcare gap between urban and rural areas, with a particular emphasis on reaching vulnerable populations with limited access to medical resources.

Open Macau bronze medalist get hero's welcome at Jammu

JAMMU The bronze medalist RSFI team accompanied day after clinching the bronze medal in the Open Roller Hockey



by their mentor Krish Gupta arrived back in their hometown in the early hours of Wednesday

Championship at Macau. The grand reception was organized by the Roller Athlete Skating Club Jindrah as well as the parents of the players. A large number of people joined the function and danced on the beats of the drums.

It is pertinent to mention here that out of ten players seven players including the captain Vinayak Bhagat are from Roller Athlete Skating Club Jindrah. Vikram Randhawa (Ex.MLC), parents of the players, concerned police officers of the area, members of the Roller Athlete Skating Club and people from all walks of life appreciated the efforts of the players and wished them good luck for their future.

Union MoS AFW reviews functioning of Agriculture, Horticulture Deptts, ICAR-CITH Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (AFW), Sushri Shobha Karandlaje today chaired a meeting and reviewed the functioning of Agriculture, Horticulture departments and ICAR-CITH here.

Addressing the meeting, the Union Minister stressed on submission of projects on value addition of different horticulture and agriculture crops so that the socio-economic development of farming community could be achieved.

She impressed upon the participants to ensure that PRI representatives are taken on board during the implementation of

different schemes, programs for the welfare of farming community of the agriculture, horticulture and other allied sectors in the UT of Jammu and



region.

The Union Minister asked the officers to increase the awareness among the farmers at Panchayat level so that the desired results under different programmes could be realised. She assured the concerned officers of every possible support from Union Ministry for the development of

Kashmir.

During the meeting, a detailed power point presentation was given before the minister by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture (CITH) and Deputy Director Horticulture Kashmir regarding CSS, HADF and credit linked schemes.

Advisor Bhatnagar conducts extensive tour of Tangmarg Interacts with DDC, BDC members, PRI representatives, locals Also inspects educational institutions, ongoing works at key projects

TANGMARG (BARA-MULLA): Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today conducted an extensive tour of Tangmarg to evaluate the progress on key projects and gain insights into the infrastructure and educational facilities available for the residents.

During the visit, the Advisor inspected Water supply Scheme at Heing Tangmarg being executed under Jal Jeevan Mission, inspected Govt Middle School Sharai and Fazili Kashmiri Memorial Govt Higher Secondary School Chandilora and took stock of their functioning as well as academic activities.

While inspecting the water supply Scheme at Heing, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted

that this is a crucial infrastructure project aimed at providing a sustainable and reliable water supply to the locals here, adding that the present LG led Administration is committed to provide tap water to all the residents and rural households of Jammu and Kashmir under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The Advisor during the inspection took stock of the ongoing works and interacted with the project officials as well as the representatives of executing agency. He emphasized upon them to complete the project at the earliest so that the clean tap water is provided to the locals of the area.

Meanwhile, Advisor Bhatnagar also visited Government Middle School Sharai and Fazili Kashmiri Memorial Government Higher Secondary School Chandilora

here and took first hand appraisal of educational infrastructure as well as assessment of quality of education being provided to students. The Advisor's visit was aimed to gather valuable feedback and identify areas that need improvement in order to enhance the overall educational experience for the students.

At Government Middle School Sharai, Advisor Bhatnagar appreciated the efforts of the school staff in maintaining a conducive learning environment at the school. He engaged with the teachers, and school management, encouraging them to continue their dedication towards imparting quality education and providing a nurturing environment for the students. He emphasized on them to focus on extracurricular activities also, which are essential for the holistic

development of students.

The Advisor on the occasion, also interacted with the school children and sought feedback from them about the academic activities of the institution

Meanwhile, at Fazili Kashmiri Memorial Government Higher Secondary School Chandilora, Advisor Bhatnagar lauded the commitment of the school's faculty in delivering quality education to the students. He emphasized on the importance of continuous professional development for teachers to stay abreast of the latest teaching methodologies and technologies.

While interacting with the faculty, Advisor Bhatnagar said that education is the cornerstone of progress, and the government is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and enriching educational system

as per NEP-2020 across Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized upon the faculty of institution to educate and empower students as per the verticals of Nep-2020 so that they can attain knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of the future.

During the visits to schools, the Advisor also took note of the infrastructure requirements and assured the school management of government's commitment of providing necessary resources to enhance the learning environment.

Later, during the visit, Advisor Bhatnagar also held detailed interaction with DDC members, BDC members, PRI representatives and other locals of the area and took stock of developmental scenario of the area. While interacting with them, Advisor

Bhatnagar highlighted that government is committed to uplift the living standards of the people in Tangmarg and reiterated the commitment to providing quality education and other essential services to the area.

He remarked that the government is fostering sustainable development and improving educational facilities for our students as well as health facilities for the citizens here. The PRI representatives and locals, while interacting with the Advisor raised several issues and demands before the Advisor and sought immediate redressal of same.

The Advisor assured them that all of their genuine issues will be redressed on priority, while as he also passed directions to concerned officers for redressing some issues on spot.

4th free Medical camp under the initiative of, "Doctor Apke Gaon Mai" concluded at Suid PHC Dachhan, Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR The Health Department Kishtwar, in collaboration with the District Administration Kishtwar on yesterday has concluded 4th free medical camp at PHC Dachhan, Kishtwar under pioneering initiative called "Doctors Apke Gaon Mai" aimed at providing comprehensive medical screening services to remote villages in District Kishtwar.

This initiative commenced on July 12, 2023, from Nowapachi Marwah and organized today at Dachhan.

In Dachhan, camp was held at PHC Dachhan and a total of 1285 patients were examined (including 286 lab test, 45 Ultrasound And more than 35 Persons with Disabilities were examined for UDID Card issuance) by Specialists including Gynaecologist, Physician, Civil Surgeon, Paediatrician, Ophthalmologist and Dental Surgeon. The three-month-long "Doctor Apke Gaon Mai" initiative is designed to address the healthcare needs of underserved communities in the region, focusing on remote areas that often lack access to adequate medical resources. Recognizing the urgent re-

quirement for accessible healthcare services in far-flung regions, the "Doctor Apke Gaon Mai" initiative will deploy a team of skilled and experienced doctors to remote villages in District Kishtwar. The primary objective of this initiative is to bridge the healthcare gap between urban and rural areas, with a particular emphasis on reaching the most vulnerable populations who face limited access to medical resources.

Through regular visits over the course of three months, "Doctor Apke Gaon Mai" aims to provide comprehensive healthcare services,

including general health check-ups, diagnosis of common ailments, and the provision of vital healthcare advice. Furthermore, the healthcare professionals will prioritize health education, promoting preventive measures, and raising awareness about prevalent diseases in the region. The "Doctor Apke Gaon Mai" initiative exemplifies the commitment of the Health Department to contribute to the well-being of underserved populations. By bringing healthcare services directly to the doorsteps of residents in remote villages of District Kishtwar.

Lt Governor visits IIT Jammu's Jagti Campus

Addresses the students of the joining batch of 2023 at the Foundation Program

India's future offers immense opportunities for engineering careers: LG Sinha

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the students of the joining batch of 2023 of IIT Jammu at the inaugural session of the Foundation Program at Jagti Campus, today.

In his address on the occasion, the Lt Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to the students embarking on a new journey. The world-class faculty here at IIT Jammu will nurture your talents to transform your dreams into reality, he added.

"India's future offers immense opportunities for engineering careers. As the nation continues to invest in research and development, infrastructure and technological ad-

vancement, a plethora of opportunities await engineers," the Lt Governor said.

He said, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, India is on the move and is emerging as a technology and services hub powered by knowledge economy.

The 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' initiatives coupled with a burgeoning startup ecosystem, presents a fertile ground for young minds to make their mark and carve a successful career in engineering, he added.

He advised the students to explore new paths and keep re-inventing themselves to keep pace with the change happening around the world.

"We need engineers who will not be confined

to the mundane, but who will think beyond textbooks and question the status quo and embrace



challenges as opportunities. The expertise of the young engineers' expertise will be instrumental in driving the mission of

Make in India and Start Up India," the Lt Governor said.

Citing examples of Japan and USA, the Lt Governor said the Engineering prowess of these countries has contributed to their growth and ele-

vated their status in the world. He said, the world's greatest powers are witness to the fact that great

quality healthcare and education for all. Young engineers' ideas and solutions can pave the way for a more inclusive and equitable society," the Lt Governor said. "India needs engineers who can collaborate globally, foster partnership with other countries and institutions to address complex global challenges. I strongly believe young engineers have the potential to not only make India self-reliant but also position it as a global leader," he said. The Lt Governor impressed on the educational institutions to create an environment, an education system that reflects today's reality.

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Lt Governor inaugurates Affordable Rental Housing Complex at Sunjwan

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the Affordable Rental Housing Complex, under PMAY (Urban) Mission, at Sunjwan.

He dedicated the facility to the labour, work force & weaker section of Jammu Kashmir and handed over the keys of the accommodation units to the beneficiaries.

"Workers are the main drivers of J&K's growth and improving their quality of life is our ultimate aim. Today marks the beginning of a new era for the entire working community of Union Territory," the Lt Governor said.

He said the Affordable Rental Housing Complex will provide dignified living to urban poor, migrant workers and weaker sections of society near their workplace.

Such initiatives will create a sustainable housing ecosystem for the underprivileged, bring qualitative change in the lives of a family, prevent the growth of future slums and address the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan', he added.

The Lt Governor acknowledged the significant role of workforce in India's economy. He reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to creating vibrant, sustainable and inclusive affordable rental housing avenues for urban migrants, poor and working community.



"Labour force and Workers are backbone of our trade, business, industries and making valuable contribution in building strong and

the family," he said. At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor also shared the interventions made by the UT Administration to provide means of livelihood and raising the living standards of the workforce. In less than 3 years, a huge number of self-employment opportunities have been cre-

Aatmanirbhar J&K. Besides, skilling and opportunities to workers it is our responsibility to protect their interests and ensure quality living for

the family," he said.

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ated and we continue to focus on skilling of workers to meet the needs of economy and better quality employment, he said.

Sh Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department gave a detailed briefing on the Affordable Rental Housing Complex (ARHC) and other similar projects of the department to provide affordable housing to the people of J&K UT.

Today, 192 flats out of total

336 flats at Sunjwan at an affordable rental of Rs 2200 per month were handed over to the beneficiaries at ARHC, Sunjwan.

The remaining flats will be handed over by the month of October this year, it was informed.

The initiative of "Affordable Rental Housing Complex" has been envisioned for providing rental housing for EWS/LIG urban migrants including labour, urban poor (street vendors, rickshaw pullers, other service providers etc.), industrial workers, and migrants working with market/trade associations, educational/health institutions, hospitality sector, long term tourists / visitors, students or any other persons of such category. Sh Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, JMC; Sh Bharat Bhushan, Chairman District Development Council, Jammu; Sh Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Sh Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; ULB representatives; senior officials and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

DC Ramban inspects vulnerable spots at NH-44, directs concerned to ensure free flow of traffic movement

RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam today inspected progress on prestigious National Highway-44 projects from Ramban to Nashri being executed by the National Highway Authority of India, besides reviewing the status of existing roads especially at critical spots.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Traffic, National Highway, Ramban, Rohit Baskotra, Project Director, NHAI PIU, Ramban, Parshotam Kumar, Project Director, NHAI PIU, Udhampur, Anuj Kumar, Chief Education Officer, Devanand, Tehsildar Batote, Vijay Sharma, Tehsildar Ramban, Rafiq Ahmed and various concerned officers and representatives

of the concessionaire companies. Discussing the issues hindering the speed of traffic at Dhalwas and



suggestions given by the SSP Traffic, the DC directed the executing agency to maintain the road at critical and other identified spots as discussed to avoid traffic congestion and for free flow of vehicular movement on NH-44 especially

during ensuing fruit season.

After inspecting the spot position, the DC directed the construction

companies to accelerate the pace of work on construction of cut and cover tunnel project, besides maintaining existing road for smooth plying of traffic at Mehar stretch. Resolving all the issues hindering the pace of progress highlighted by

the PD, NHAI, the DC assured that District Administration shall extend full cooperation for timely completion of the National Project to meet the deadline.

Earlier, the DC also inspected progress on restoration work of culvert at Tringla Nallah in Batote and fixed a deadline for completion of construction work. He also impressed upon the PD, NHAI, PIU Udhampur to maintain the road from Patnitop to Nashri for smooth traffic movement.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also inspected the functioning of Government High School, Dhalwas and directed CEO Ramban to depute adequate teaching staff to provide quality education to students in the school.

Preparations for 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign reviewed at Kupwara

KUPWARA: The Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Panditpori today chaired a meeting of DDC Members and BDC Chairpersons, here to review the preparations for conduct of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the district.

Vice Chairman DDC, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir and Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat were also present in the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman impressed upon all the Council members to ensure utmost coordination with the concerned departments in the district to make the Campaign successful.

Earlier, the ADC Kupwara gave a detailed PowerPoint Presentation regarding the conduct of the

Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign in the district. He said every Panchayat will join in offering collective tribute to the Mitti of the motherland which en-

National Flag, besides, singing of Rashtra Gaan.

The campaign website link https://yuva.gov.in/meri_maati_mera_desh was

On the occasion, the ADC got detailed feedback from various officers regarding their Plan of activities for smooth



visages remembering of brave hearts, Veer by erecting Memorial Plaque, taking the Panch Pran Pledge promising to nation building, renewing and replenishing Mother Earth by planting 75 saplings of long-lasting trees in each village, honouring Defense Personnel/CAPFs and state Police Personnel/Freedom Fighters and hoisting of

also shared with the PRIs for keeping themselves updated.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan, ADC Kupwara convened a separate meeting of District/Sectoral Officers to review the progress of preparations made by the departments for conduct of the Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign in the dis-

conduct of the Campaign.

He asked the officers to make a Nodal Official in each department for up-loading work including updation of selfies on the website with proper specifications.

ACD, SDM Lolab, SDM Karnah, District Officers, Principals GDCs and other concerned attended the meeting.

Weekly Block Diwas: Mega outreach camps held at 6 locations in Doda

DODA: The District Administration Doda today organized Mega Block Diwas programmes at Six (6) locations covering Five (5) Blocks in the district, to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

The Block Diwas locations where administration listened to the public grievances and aspirations include Panchayat Ghar Diggi, Block and Sub District Bhaderwah; Panchayat Pora Pain, Block Changa, Sub Division Gandoh; Panchayat Ghar Bulandpur, Sub Division Assar; Tehsil Headquarter (Sewa Chiralla), Sub Division Thathri; Panchayat Beoli; and Panchayat Bijarni Lower A in Bhagwah block.

To take first hand appraisal of public grievances and demands, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Doda, Dr Ravi Kumar Bharti along with other district officers took extensive tour of Bhagwah Block and met public and PRIs at Beoli, and Bijarni Lower A.

Public and PRIs applauded the efforts of District Administration Doda under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan in its endeavour for arranging mega Youth Conclave/Lal Draman Festival to be held on 5th and 6th of August 2023 in Lal Draman Meadow. The festival will bring the picturesque Lal Draman Meadow on the tourism map of the UT of J&K.

People apprised the ADC about their issues and grievances besides projecting various developmental demands of their areas. The demands projected during the tour in Bhagwah Block include removal of rock boulder from Beoli road, early completion of Beer Bagh Sports Stadium, repair of Government Middle School Beoli, construction of defence road from Bhagwah to Dal Draman, shortage of staff in H& WC Bijarni, Building for H&WC Bijarni, early completion of JJM Schemes, Repair of old pipeline and reservoir in Bijarni, week mobile network and demand of new towers, Protection wall for High School Bijarni, Physical Education Teacher at High school Bijarni, upgradation and augmentation of roads and electricity in the area, besides other local individual demands.

Officers and heads of departments also responded to the queries and grievances of the people pertaining to their departments and intimated people about various welfare schemes and ongoing developmental projects.

The ADC, after giving the patient hearing to the public, addressed most of the immediate nature of grievances on the spot. He also added that early redressal of public grievances is the priority of administration and instructed the officers to ensure prompt response in mitigation of public issues and grievances.

The today's Block Diwas event held at Panchayat Ghar Diggi block and sub district Bhaderwah of district Doda was chaired by the BDC chairperson Omi Chand and ADC Bhaderwah Dilmir Choudhary along with BDO Bhaderwah. The government officers provided various services and listened to the grievances and demands of people.

They resolved many issues on the spot pertaining to their respective departments. Local participants projected various demands before BDC Chairperson Bhaderwah, who assured them of early redressal.

Meanwhile, grievances redressal camps held in other Blocks witnessed huge enthusiastic public participation, where officers remained available to listen and redressed the issues and grievances of the people. The Block Diwas program held at Panchayat Ghar Bulandpur sub division Assar was chaired by the SDM Lekh Raj who listens to the public and directed to the concerned officers and officials to disposed off the raised issues and grievances at earliest. The block Diwas program at panchayat Pora Pain block Changa sub division Gandoh was presided over by the SDM Ashraf Pervez along with the officers and officials. During the program, various issues and grievances were addressed and resolved at the spot.

ADC Doda Reviews Arrangements for Youth Conclave/Lal Draman Summer Festival

DODA: *The district administration Doda, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, is working diligently to ensure the success of the upcoming Youth Conclave/Lal Draman summer festival. Today, Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda, Dr Ravi Kumar Bharti, paid a visit to Lal Draman Doda to oversee the final preparations for the event scheduled for August 5 and 6.*

During his visit, the Additional Deputy Commissioner met with various officers and officials from different departments to assess the arrangements for the two-day summer

festival. He emphasized the need for swift action and directed all concerned departments to expedite their work without any delays. The Public Health Engineering and safe drinking water for the public and visitors attending the festival. ADC Doda also oversaw the arrangements for tents and lighting, ensuring a comfortable and



(PHE) department was particularly directed to ensure complete arrangements for water supply well-lit environment for festival-goers. Furthermore, he inspected the newly constructed link

road leading to Lal Draman and urged the responsible officers to speed up the road's completion to ensure hassle-free connectivity to the festival venue.

The Power Development Department (PDD) was also directed to ensure the proper functioning of the lighting system during the festival.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ACD Doda, ACP Doda, and General Manager DIC Doda during his visit. With these dedicated efforts and meticulous planning, the district administration is gearing up to make the Lal Draman summer festival a memorable and successful event for all attendees.

DC Kathua presides over public outreach programme at Barnoti

KATHUA: *Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas today presided over a Block Diwas at Kamla Palace, Barnoti as part of a public outreach programme of the district administration.*

BDC Chairman Barnoti, Brijeshwar Singh, Chief Planning Officer, ACD, Chief Agriculture Officer, District Mineral Officer, Chief Education Officer, DSWO, XEN Jal Shakti, BDO and other officers and officials of line departments were also present.

On the occasion, PRIs and local populace projected the issues of public importance and sought immediate redress of the same.

The major issues highlighted by the number of deputations including PRI representative was provision of protection walls alongside river ujh

which caused devastation during recent incessant rain and flash floods.

People of peripheral areas also highlighted the problems viz scarcity of

to submit action taken reports to headquarters. He assured full cooperation of the administration in resolution of all the highlighted issues.



water, rejuvenation of Ponds, repair of hand-pump, provision of electric poles, pending MGN-REGA payments, removal of encroachments etc.

While speaking on the occasion, the DC said the issues highlighted by PRIs and others will be addressed on priority. He further directed officers

Referring to the problem of drinking water scarcity highlighted by the inhabitants, the DC assured that the repair of

over 100 defunct hand-pumps has already been taken up by the administration which will improve the drinking water scenario in the affected

areas.

Earlier, ACD Kathua while addressing the locals assured that the department of Rural Development will take up

rejuvenation of water bodies with the active participation of locals.

Chief Agriculture Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, XEN Jal Shakti and representatives of other departments briefed people about their ongoing flagship schemes and programmes.

DLSA Kathua organises sensitization programme for child related offenses, welfare measures

KATHUA: *As per the directions of JK Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) District Legal Services Authority Kathua today organised a one day Sensitization Programme for the Police functionaries of District Kathua, Legal Aid Lawyers, Members of Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee Kathua at Conference hall of ADR Centre, District Court Complex Kathua.*

Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Kathua (also Pr. District and Sessions Judge Kathua) Ashok Kumar Shavan was the chief guest. Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Kathua Puneet Kumari and Panel Advocate, DLSA Kathua Saurav Mahajan were the resource persons in the program.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest stressed upon all the police officials of District Kathua to perform their duties and responsibilities while dealing with MACT Cases, NDPS Cases, POCSO Cases and also in view of the latest guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The resource person Panel Advocate, DLSA Kathua Saurav Mahajan, deliberated upon the Child rights with special reference to POCSO Victims and their Rehabilitation.

While addressing the participants, the resource person Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Kathua Puneet Kumari, spoke on the Legal Procedure regarding role of the Investigating Officer (IOs) in the investigation of NDPS Cases and Basic Principles of Arrest of a Person under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) in view of the landmark Judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court like Priyanka Srivastva & Ors Vs State of UP 2015 Crimes(SC) 179; Arnesh Kumar Vs State of Bihar and Anr 2014, 8 SCC 273 and Lalita Kumari Vs State of UP, (2014) 2 SCC 1 and Asfak Alam Vs State of Jharkhand & Anr. Criminal Appeal No (S). 2207 of 2023 decided on 31.07.2023.

Secretary, DLSA Kathua Rekha Kapoor Nishcal, presented the Welcome address whereas Vote of thanks was presented by Reserve Inspector District Police Line Kathua Sunil Sharma.

SSP Doda holds SMAC meeting at district Hqrs Doda, ahead of Independence Day-2023

DODA With a view to work in coordinated and synergized manner by all security and intelligence agencies in the District, in view of forthcoming Independence Day-2023 and other religious /official events, SSP Doda, Sh. Abdul Qayoom-JKPS held a SMAC meeting at District Hqrs. Doda which was attended by officers of Army, CAPF and other sister intelligence agencies in the District. In the meeting, all the officers of Army/CAPF and other intelligence agencies shared their views, suggestions and assessment on the present security scenario of the District. After a threadbare discussion



on the present security situation and other aspects related to security and various suggestions, measures were deliberated upon to put in place a joint and effective mechanism for efficient monitoring and security surveillance on ground. SSP Doda advised the officers to work in coordinated and synergized manner so that all the security agencies in the District are on same page. The meeting emphasized the importance of close coordination and intelligence sharing among all stakeholders to ensure a proactive approach towards security management.

School Education Department Organizes Distribution cum Fitment Camp for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) in Poonch

POONCH: In a heartening and inclusive effort, the Department of School Education, in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (AL-IMCO) based in Poonch district. The event was graced by the presence of Mohd Ashraf Choudhary, the Joint Director of School Education for Poonch and Rajouri, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Choudhary expressed his delight and camp Over 35 students received assistive devices and essential equipment such as wheelchairs, hearing Aids, Tricycles, Walkers, Braille Kits, KAFO (Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis), MR (Mental Retardation) kits, CP (Cerebral Palsy) chairs, and cane



that every student, including those with special needs, receives adequate resources and support to achieve their academic and personal goals. Inclusive Education is not just a concept but a commitment for creating an environment where every child, regardless of their abilities, is embraced and empowered to learn and grow together. He added N. M. Suri, The District Education and Planning Officer Poonch (DEPO), emphasized the importance of early intervention and timely support for children with special needs and this Distribution cum Fitment Camp marks the beginning of a series of such camps planned for Poonch district. With a total of six camps scheduled, many more children with special needs are set to benefit from the distribution of essential assistive devices

The camp was coordinated by Mushtaq Khan, District Co-ordinator Inclusive Education Poonch, Sauda Begum Resource Person, Darshan Kumar, (DRG) District Resource Person and Tehsin Ali, DEO.

DDC Rajouri conducts public outreach camp under Block Diwas at Manjakote; Listens to local concerns & assures timely action

RAJOURI: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, conducted a public outreach camp at Manjakote under the weekly Block Diwas program. The event provided a platform for members of the public and their representatives to raise various local issues and concerns related to power and water supply, healthcare facilities, roads, education, and other areas of public welfare.

During the event, specific issues were raised regarding the inclusion of leftover beneficiaries under PMAY-G, shortage of staff in schools, payment under SBM, road connectivity improvement, speedy implementation of JJM schemes, completion of work on the road from Dhar to Kesar Gali and sanctioning of a trauma center. The issue of GDC Manjakote was also raised, and the DDC assured the public that he would take up the matter with the concerned authorities to ensure timely action.

The DDC listened patiently to the concerns raised by the community and assured them that their genuine demands would be addressed within a specific time-frame. He emphasized the District Administration's unwavering commitment to development and its efforts to provide government services at the doorstep of the general public. The DDC also urged PRIs to play a crucial role in the development of their areas by ensuring that all developmental works are completed within the set time frame while adhering to quality parameters.

Furthermore, the DDC exhorted officers to take immediate measures to mitigate the problems raised during the public outreach program. He assured the public that all households in the block would be provided with functional tapped water connections. The DDC also informed the public that work on border bunkers was in full swing, emphasizing the district administration's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the border residents. He also said that the proper development of border areas is the priority of the Government and all possible measures are being taken in this regard.

The DDC also highlighted the importance of the participation of youth in the development process and encouraged them to come forward and avail themselves of the various schemes and programs launched by the government for their welfare. He emphasized the need to provide them with opportunities to earn a livelihood with dignity and contribute to the development of their communities. The event was attended by the BDC Manjakote, Shamshad Begum; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid, ACD, Vijay Kumar; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser, CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; and DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt, in addition to other district and sectoral officers.

Cultural Academy organises Multilingual Poetry Meet with Adbi Kunj J&K

Sham-E Ghazal was also organises in K.L. Sehgal Hall

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Jammu & Kashmir academy of Art Culture and Languages have organised a Poetry Meet with the collaboration of an Old Multilingual literary organisation 'Adbi Kunj J&K', 'Jammu in the K.L. Sehgal Hall Jammu. The Secretary of the academy Janab Bharat Singh Manas Sahib presided over the Function. Whenever Jb. Sham Talib the president of Adi Kunj was also in the second presiding personality in the function. Jb. Rashpal Singh Commissioner Revenue was the Chief Guest and Jb. Bal krishan Dy. Commissioner and Sh. Ro-mesh Chander Gupta was . Sohail Kazmi was the chief Guest and Sh. R.C. Gupta Retd. Chief

Engineer were the special Guest in the Programme. The Chairman Aarsh Dalmotra and

tounge. The Secretary of JKAACL Jb. Bharat Singh Manhas disclosed his good feelings for this

Poets who Participated in this poetry-meet were Om 'Aarsh' Dalmotra. Santosh Shah



President Sham Talib presented the flower vases to the stashed personalities. Jb. Pyaasa Anjum conducted the Process of Mushaira. Jb. Rashpal Singh encouraged the Poets and the heads of Adbi Kunj for their literary efferds. He praised their multilingual poetry specially the Dogri as a his mother

multilingual literary organisation. He siad that the multilingual programmes Just like this organisation are heartly likable for everyone, Mr Balkrishan the D.C. state Taxes also praised this Multilingual poetry meet specialy a beautiful poetry in Kashmiri Language Smt. Santosh Shah Nadan. The respected

'Nadaan',B.S.Jamwal, M.S.'Kaamra', Pyaasa 'Anjum','Sathi' K.R. Salgotra, Rahul 'Armaan', Bishan Dass 'Khaak' Raj 'Kamal', 'Neelam' Mahotra, Rakesh 'Tript' Jetinder 'Jolly', Qader 'Kunderia Uttam Singh 'Rahi'and Sham Talib. Secy JKAACL presented the vote of thanks in the last.

DPO Poshan Udhampur visits Anganwari centres to review implementation of ongoing schemes

UDHAMPUR: To take review of various ongoing schemes being implemented in Poshan Sector (So-

AWC Kotla, AWC Uper Sool C, AWC Barta B, AWC Khan-dak, AWC Panthal, AWC Barta W.No. 01

check/visit to the AWCs in order to make effective implementation of Poshan Schemes and also ensure no beneficiary is

Nutrition as per guideline in vogue with in stipulated time framed by the Higher Authorities.



He also stressed upon the AWWs to visit door to door and inform the beneficiaries oriented schemes being implemented by this sector.

Besides this, instructions were also passed to the Anganwadi Worker to track the activities of Anganwadi centres viz growth monitoring, attendance, community based events etc on newly launched application namely Poshan Tracker on daily basis.

He also issued directions to AWWs to maintain punctuality in AWCs, conduct Pre school activities, Community Based events and also maintain the record of AWC particularly survey register, distribution of nutrition items etc.

cial Welfare Department) in District Udhampur, District Programme Officer, Poshan, Subhash Chander Dogra, today conducted a day long extensive tour of various Anganwadi centres including AWC Sira Thanger,

of Panthal and its adjoining area.

During the tour, he reviewed all the schemes (viz. Poshan Abhiyaan, Pradhan Mantra Matru Vandana Yojna) being implemented at grass root level.

He directed the CDPOs to keep regular

left out to avail the benefit of the schemes.

While visiting Anganwadi centres, the District Programme Officer, Poshan emphasized upon the Supervisors/Anganwadi Workers/Helpers to gear up the process for distribution of Supplementary

Social Media Platform 'GotChosen' Unveils Exciting New Season of Contests

JAMMU

GotChosen, the social media platform that prioritises monetization for influencers, announces a new season of its highly anticipated Hashtag Contest and Top 10 Ranking programs, along with the popular weekly Sweepstakes. These initiatives will offer content creators a chance to showcase their talent, engage with their audience, and win fantastic rewards of up to INR 24,000 for each contest. GotChosen has already rewarded its users over INR 45 Lakh in 10 months through various contests. The Hashtag Contest allows participants to create content and earn monetary prizes. The top three winners also get a chance to be featured on the platform. To participate, users will have to search for the active contest on the platform, click on 'Join Contest', and create a relevant and original video based on the contest hashtag description. The Hashtag Contest rewards INR 25,000 every week to the top three most engaged creators. GotChosen also offers a Sweepstakes Contest wherein participants have a chance to win incredible prizes through a random drawing. Furthermore, by signing up for GotChosen Monetization programs, creators can earn coupons through the Hashtag contest and invitations from friends, increasing their chances to win. The Sweepstakes contest rewards INR 24,000 every week to one lucky winner. But hold on, there's more, in addition to the Hashtag and Sweepstakes contests, GotChosen is also introducing the next round of its Top 10 Ranking Contest! The program was launched to recognise top content creators on the platform. There are 3 categories and each one offers 10 monthly prizes. Of these 10 prizes, First-place winners receive INR 16,404, the second-place winners earn INR 12,303, and the third-place winners take home INR 8,202.

Lt Governor pays obeisance at Charar-e-Sharief shrine

Sufi saint Shaikh-Ul-Aalam's life is the best example of India's unity in diversity. His teachings of brotherhood, love, harmony continue to inspire the world: LG Sinha

Administration is committed to establish the branch of Shaikh-Ul-Aalam Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies of University of Kashmir at Charar-e-Sharief: LG

BUDGAM: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha paid obeisance at Charar-e-Sharief shrine at Budgam, today.

He was accompanied by Sh Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Sh Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary Tourism Department and other senior officials of Police and Civil administration.

During his visit to Charar-e-Sharief, the Lt Governor interacted with

the spiritual leaders, public representatives, local residents and discussed the measures to harness the tourism potential and giving a boost to spiritual tourism at Charar-e-Sharief. Extensive deliberation was also held on infrastructure and modalities to address the immediate requirements.

Responding to the demands, the Lt Governor said the UT Administration is working with the

right intent to meet the developmental needs and aspirations of the people.

He assured that all the important works will be taken on priority.

love, harmony continue to

inspire the world." The Lt Governor said. He said,

itage, he added.

On demand of restoration of Khanqah, the Lt

will be completed soon.

The Lt Governor said the work on the District Hospital at Budgam will start soon and on completion, the facility will cater to the healthcare needs of the people of Budgam.

The Lt Governor highlighted the reforms introduced in various sectors over the past few years, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, which has brought transformational changes in the growth journey of Jammu Kashmir.

We have been successful in establishing a peaceful and prosperous ecosystem in the UT. This has been possible because of the support and cooperation of the people of J&K, he said.

The Lt Governor also took appraisal of the ongoing works at the Shrine and adjoining area.

Sh Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Waqf Officials and prominent citizens were also present.



Dr Jitendra launches India's first indigenous MRI Scanner, underlines affordable healthcare

NEW DELHI: In a medical breakthrough, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today launched India's first indigenously developed, affordable, lightweight, ultrafast, high field (1.5 Tesla), next generation Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Scanner. Dr Jitendra Singh said, as an indigenous MRI scanner is made available, the cost of MRI scanning is expected to reduce considerably for the common man thus allowing a wider access to the otherwise highly priced MRI scans.

He said, additionally, the capital investment of procurement of MRI scanners from the international market will be substantially reduced which in turn will save a lot of foreign exchange, the twin mission objectives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the overall objective of Atma Nirbharta in cutting edge diagnostic and therapeutic manufacturing in India.

The Minister said, in coming years, there will be "Make in India-Made for the World". Dr Jitendra Singh said that it is indeed a milestone achievement for National Biopharma Mission (NBM), Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) as we unveil the first indigenously developed state-of-the-art MRI Scanner under Public-Private Partnership mode. Dr Jitendra Singh informed that Under the National Biopharma Mission, Voxelgrids Innovations Pvt Ltd has developed compact, lightweight, next generation MRI Scanner to solve the unmet need of the country.

The Minister underlined that out of over Rs 17 crore spent for developing the world class MRI, around Rs 12 crore was provided by DBT through BIRAC. Dr Jitendra Singh said, this combination of next generation hardware with software has enabled it to successfully introduce a highly disruptive product in the diagnostic imaging space, as this is the first Indian company to receive commercial sale and manufacture license from CDSCO, Govt of India.

Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that over 70% of the world's population has zero access to Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) diagnostic modality. On comparing other imaging modalities such as CT, X-ray and Ultrasound, access to MRI scanners is typically a factor of 3 less.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the administration to establish the branch of Shaikh-Ul-Aalam Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies of University of Kashmir at Charar-e-Sharief. "Sufi saint Shaikh-Ul-Aalam, also known as Nund Rishi's life is the best example of India's unity in diversity. His teachings of brotherhood,

the branch of Shaikh-Ul-Aalam Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies at Charar-e-Sharief will spread his ideas and ideals of humanism and respect to all spiritual streams.

It will motivate people to march towards the bright future, dedicate themselves for peace and development and to unlock the precious treasure house of our cultural her-

Governor directed the tourism department to work in close coordination with experts of NIT, analyse the detailed design, architectural drawings and restore the revered structure to its original glory.

He said the construction work on utilities was on hold due to Hon'ble Court's order which has been vacated and the work

Doda Admin discusses activity plan for 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' Campaign

DODA: District Administration Doda today discussed the rollout of the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign in the district. A meeting in this regard was held in the DC office under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan.

At the outset, the DC highlighted the importance of 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign and said that it aims to foster a sense of unity and pride across all sections of society, celebrating India's rich heritage and patriotic spirit. He expressed that celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the hallmark event on the Independence Day 2023, will be paying tribute to the 'Veers' (martyrs) through ceremonies at all levels across the district.

He instructed that under the 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' program, memorial plaques would be placed at Amrit Sarovars, panchayat Ghars, parks and other public places in the memory of Martyrs who sacrificed their precious lives for the national cause.

ADDC, assisted by Assistant Commissioner Develop-

ment, ACP and DPO shall be nodal officers for monitoring and implementation of the campaign in the district.



well in advance for the successful conduct of the campaign. The Amrit Sarovars, Panchayat Bhavans, and other public places have been identified, and Panchayat wise list of Veers (Martyrs) is being prepared for the installation of memorial plaques. The ACD was asked to identify youth volunteers for Maati-Yatra. Maati-Yatras from Panchayats will be taken to blocks where from it would be collected in earthen urns for forward journey to New Delhi by these youth volunteers from each block for construction of the National

Memorial at Kartavya Path. It was also informed that at least 75 plant saplings will be planted in each Panchayat and wards of the district. the DFO territorial (concerned), DFO Social Forestry (Concerned), CEO and BDOs were asked to ensure that the saplings are planted within well protected locations in Panchayats, Educational institutions and other places. The campaign will witness the felicitation of families of the, besides holding Painting, Essay Writing, Drawing, Photography and Videography competitions in all the educational institutes on the theme and in the memory of brave hearts and national heroes.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Pran Singh; CPO, Suresh Kumar; ACD, Phulail Singh; ACP, Ashfaq Khanji; Dy Director Employment, Idrees Lone; DIO DIPR.; Mohammad Ashraf Wani, CEO Parshotam Gouria; DFO Doda, DFO Social Forestry, BDOs, EO MC Doda and other concerned.

Lt Governor inaugurates various projects of Srinagar Smart City

Congratulated the residents of Srinagar for the launch of new initiatives

The core of all the Smart City projects is to enhance city's liveability and to ensure that the development is sustainable and inclusive: LG Sinha

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today e-inaugurated various projects of Srinagar Smart City from Integrated Command and Control Centre, Shalteng.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the residents of Srinagar for the launch of new initiatives.

He said the projects dedicated to the people today will strengthen core urban infrastructure, integrate technological tools for clean and sustainable environment and IT-based solutions to address the challenges to ensure quality of life to the citizens.

"The core of all the smart city projects is to enhance city's liveability and to ensure that the development is sustainable and inclusive," the Lt Governor said.

Real-time Water Quality Monitoring System for River Jhelum and Dal lake; Real-time Noise Monitoring stations and systems for Srinagar

City; integrated solid waste management and door to door collection monitoring system will improve smart city management, he added.

He said, the new technology and digital transition is aimed to create a smart grid system in Srinagar to tackle the challenges of climate change, connect all infrastructure and to provide innovative solutions for better coordination between services.

Technology-powered My Srinagar Portal and App, initiatives such as "SMC Srinagar new Web Portal", "My City My Ideas" will improve the quality of services and it will also strengthen the contact between citizens and the city administration, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor commended the efforts of the Municipal Corporations, Srinagar Smart City Limited and line departments for making the life of common citizens' better and providing quality services

for ease of living.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor called upon the people of Jammu Kashmir

society," the Lt Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also inaugurated Srinagar Data Network (SD-Net),

and sustainable city.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary impressed on Srinagar Smart City Ltd and all stakeholder departments to move ahead with a resolution to make Srinagar a more happening and modern city and chalk out modalities for a self-sustaining model of governance.

Sh Athar Amir Khan, Commissioner SMC and CEO Srinagar Smart City gave a detailed overview of the key features of projects inaugurated today.

The Lt Governor also visited the network operations centre of the Integrated Command & Control Centre and took appraisal of the working of the centre.

Sh Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department; Sh Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, senior officers; representatives of Praja Foundation; members from trade fraternity and civil society were present on the occasion.



to identify the elements who are trying to create disruption in the peace and development process.

"Tendency to classify terrorists must end immediately.

There should be no double standards for terrorism. Those who are trying to create distinction are enemy of peace & development.

We must isolate such individuals as they are the gravest threat to peace and growth of

the 175 Km underground City's Fibre Optic Intra-Net under Srinagar Smart City.

The Data Network project will make Srinagar a connected city, foster smart governance for the well-being of residents.

Sh Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC said the inauguration of various initiatives of Srinagar Smart City today is another milestone towards developing Srinagar as a vibrant

GDC Vijaypur celebrates Angdaan Mahotsav

SAMBA: NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of GDC Vijaypur celebrated Angdaan Mahotsav under the aegis of Meri Mati Mera Desh in the college campus by spreading awareness among the students and NSS volunteers of the college about the importance of organs and



tissue donation.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal, Dr. Vandana Gupta emphasised upon organ donation while dispelling associated myths and misconceptions. Furthermore, she administered pledge to the students and college staff.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Naseem Chowdhary (NSS PO) and Dr. Shittal Sharma (Convenor NSS) and Co-coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan (Convenor Cultural Committee) and Prof. Anil Bhagat (HoD Commerce).

DDC Doda discusses measures to improve quality of education in Govt Schools

DODA: District Development Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan convened a meeting with Ad-

ditional District Development Commissioner, Pran Singh and all the Zonal Education Officers to discuss the measures to improve the quality of

education in all the government schools across the district.

DC has ordered the setting up of a special fact finding/ recommendation committee headed by ADDC Pran Singh, which

will work out the major issues hampering smooth running of the government educational institutions of the district.

The committee will also study the court stay orders and report on the deceitful claims.

It is pertinent to mention that

the administration has already provided subject experts and best study material on the AD-HBUT Doda portal (Online Classes and Study ma-



The committee will submit proposals for ensuring availability of teaching staff in all the schools equally throughout the district with special consideration of schools located in the remote areas of the district.

terial) for the convenience of the students.

The administration is striving to make the educational standard of the students of the district at par with other parts of the country.