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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Two die in poultry farm shed collapse

Jammu, August 05: Two people died when the shed of a poultry farm collapsed due to heavy rains in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Friday, officials said. The incident happened in Keerian Gandyal area of the district, they said, adding three people were buried under the shed.

### Partly cloudy sky, light rain at isolated places in J&K

Srinagar, August 05: The weather remained mainly dry in Jammu and Kashmir during the last 24 hours as the Met Department said on Friday that partly cloudy sky with light rain at isolated places is likely.

Srinagar had 20, Pahalgam 14.8 and Gulmarg 12 degrees Celsius as the minimum temperature on Friday. Drass town in Ladakh region recorded 12.5, Leh 14.8 and Kargil 16.8 as the minimum temperature. Jammu had 23.3, Katra 22.7, Batote 18.5, Banihal 19 and Bhaderwah also 18.5 as the minimum temperature.

### Highway blocked due to shooting stones

Srinagar, August 05: The strategic 270-kilometres Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed due to shooting stones along the thoroughfare, mainly in Ramban district, officials said on Friday. A few hundred vehicles, including those carrying a batch of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims, are stranded on the highway, they said. Heavy rains triggered shooting of stones at Mehar and Cafeteria Morh in Ramban, blocking the highway, the officials said.

A convoy of 174 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims has been halted at Chanderkoot Yatra Niwas till clearance of the road, they said. "People are advised not to travel on Jammu-Srinagar highway without confirmation from Traffic Control Units Jammu/Srinagar/Ramban."

### Driver escapes unhurt as bridge collapses in Budgam

Srinagar, August 05: A driver of a dumper had a narrow escape after a dilapidated bridge he was traveling on collapsed in Narbal area of Budgam district on Friday, officials said. The decades old bridge on the Sukhnag nullah in Narbal area collapsed when the dumper laden with construction material was crossing it. The driver of the vehicle however escaped unhurt in the mishap. Locals said the collapsing of the vital bridge which was built by the Army and connected several villages in the area will result into hardships to locals even as construction on the new bridge adjacent to the collapsed one is on. They appealed to the authorities to expedite the construction and complete it as soon as possible.

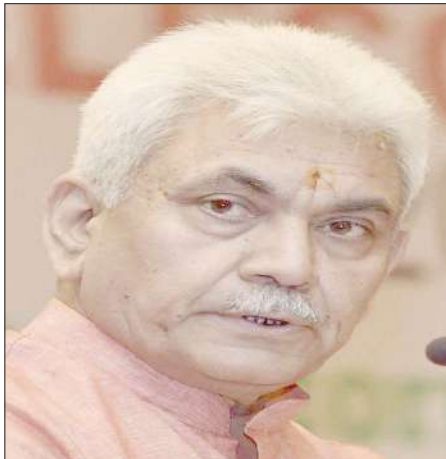
### Road connecting 40 villages in Ganderbal awaits completion

Ganderbal, Aug 05 A road which lies between Kangan to Naranag and connects around 40 villages in Ganderbal district is in dilapidated condition for a decade. Locals told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the PMGSY department started widening the road in 2010 with a budget of Rs 10 crore but the work is going at a slow pace causing inconvenience to villagers. Locals allege that last year a patch was macadamised but within a year the road is back to the same condition with potholes dotting its length. "It clearly exposes the low cost material used during macadamisation of this road. With no proper drainage system along the road walking becomes more difficult, mostly during this rainy season," locals said.

### 2-days Bangus Festival all set to begin today Officials

Kupwara, Aug 05: Two days Bangus Festival in North Kashmir's Kupwara district, being organised by Tourism, Forest departments and the army, will begin on Saturday. An official told the news that during the festival, a number of adventurous activities like camping, trekking, angling and other recreational events will be organised. He said that the authorities will also roll out first ever hot-air balloon and zorbing for the visitors tomorrow. He further said that several

## 'Shutdown' culture over in Kashmir, Youth Prefer Smartphone's Over stones: Lt Governor Says 1.10 crore tourists visit J&K in seven months



### Inaugurates 150-bedded Ujala Cygnus Super specialty Hospital in Nowgam

AHMAD MAJID

SRINAGAR, Aug 04: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Friday claimed that 'Bandh' call culture (shutdown) has completely ended in the valley as Jammu and Kashmir has for the last three years witnessed significant improvement in overall situation. The Lt Governor also said that stone pelting was replaced by smart phones as Kashmir youth is inching towards entrepreneurship (startups). Sinha said people from across India have

been able to build a trust which was apparent through the huge footfall of tourists having visited Jammu and Kashmir for the last seven months.

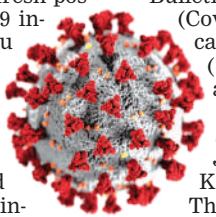
He said nearly 1.10 crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir for the past seven months which he attributed as a significant change in the overall situation of the Union Territory. "I can say, shops are open, traffic ply normally on roads, schools and colleges function normally. These are the signs of normalcy. Gone are the days of shutdown when shops and educational institutions remain closed? I think Kashmiri youth other than stone pelting wish to work with Smartphone's, they want to move towards startups," LG said while talking to the media on the sidelines of the inaugural function of Ujala Cygnus Kashmir Super Specialty hospital at Nowgam.

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## J&K sees spurt in COVID-19; records 2 more deaths, 823 positive cases

SYED TAJAMUL BUKHARI

Srinagar, August 05: Jammu and Kashmir reported 823 fresh positive cases of COVID-19 including 190 from Jammu and 633 from Kashmir divisions, pushing positive cases tally in the Union Territory to 468245. Two persons also succumbed to deadly virus in the including 01 from Jammu and 01 from Kashmir divisions. Moreover, 679 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals



including 246 from Jammu division and 433 from Kashmir division. According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 468245 positive cases, 5133 are Active Positive (1426 in Jammu Division and 3707 in Kashmir Division), 458336 have recovered and 4776 have died; 2346 in Jammu division and 2430 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 26196556 test results available, 468245 samples have tested positive and 25728311 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 13568 COVID tests have been

conducted in last 24 hours. Till date 6698908 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 139 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 5133 in isolation and 314 in home surveillance. Besides, 6688546 persons have completed their surveillance period. Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 212 cases, Baramulla reported 159 cases, Budgam 83 cases, Pulwama reported 12 cases, Kupwara reported 41 cases, Anantnag reported 48 cases, Bandipora re

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### Empanelment of Hakeem Sonaulah Hospital Suspended by SHA

Imposes penalty 10.79 lakh penalty on two private hospitals in Srinagar, Pulwama

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 05: State Health Agency (SHA), J&K today suspended empanelment of Hakeem Sanaullah Hospital, Sopore and imposed a penalty of Rs. 5.81 lakhs and Rs. 4.98 Lakhs on Mohammadia Nursing Home, Pulwama and Florence Hospital, Srinagar respectively, for various fraudulent activities. The action against these health care institutions was mainly taken for non-adherence to minimum criteria for empanelment, non-maintenance of quali-

ty/service standards as laid under AB-PMJAY-SEHAT scheme and illegal cash payments taken from beneficiary patients. Earlier, SHA J&K took similar kind of action against Ibn Sena Hospital, Budgam, Quality Healthcare Hospital, Kupwara, Ess Bee Hospital, Kupwara, North Kashmir Hospital, Handwara, Waseem Memorial Hospital, Handwara and Narayana Hrudayalaya hospital Katra and imposed a total penalty of Rs. 44.6 Lakhs on these errant hospitals. Actually, the Fraud

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## J&K Police SI recruitment scam

### CBI raids multiple locations in J&K, register cases against 33 accused

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, August 05: The sleuths of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday carried out raids at multiple locations in relation to the alleged fraud in Jammu and Kashmir Police Sub Inspector recruitment. This comes days after Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha announced cancellation of the list and recommended an investigation.

The selection list of PSIs triggered row as many aspirants claimed fraud and irregularities. "To investigate the matter, the CBI team this morning raided the Akhnor and adjoining areas," official sources said. Sinha had last month announced the cancellation of the list and recommended a CBI probe



stating that the culprits will be brought to book. On June 10, a committee was framed to enquire alleged irregularities in the written test

conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) and asked for the submission of its report or recommendations within fifteen days.

The list of 7200 candidates who had cleared the written exams and qualified for the physical test was displayed online on June 4. Probe agency also registered a case against 33 accused persons in alleged irregularities in the examination of J&K police sub-inspector conducted by JKSSB.

CBI in a statement said it has registered a case on the request of J&K Government against 33 accused including then Medical Officer, BSF Frontier headquarters, Paloura, then Member JKSSB, then Under Secretary, then Section Officer (both of JKSSB), Ex Official of

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## LG flags off 'Great India Run' from Lal Chowk

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 05: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today flagged off "The Great India Run" from the iconic Lal Chowk Srinagar. The marathoners will cover a distance of more than 800 kms from Srinagar to New Delhi with the message of peace and national integration. The run is being dedicated to the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign to mark 'AzadiKaAmritMahotsav'. The venue was decorated with 75 Indian tricolours to mark 75 years of Independence. The occasion also witnessed the children celebrating 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign as a part of the marathon. The relay-run will go across 4 states covering the routes- Banihal, Patnitop, Mansar Lake, Dinanagar,



Hoshiarpur, Rupnagar, Ambala Cantt before culminating at India Gate on the occasion of Independence Day. The first leg of the run is being led by

Ultra-marathon runner, Arun Bhadwal. Some of India's most iconic sports legends including PT Usha,

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### Dedicates the Upgraded & Revamped Bakshi Stadium at Srinagar to the Sportspersons of J&K

Newly upgraded sports facility is one more step towards realizing the high-spirited dreams & aspirations of our youth to earn glory through their performances on the field. LG UT Admin has assigned top priority to nurture a flourishing sports culture among youth at grass-root level, says Lt Governor. Massive expansion of sports infrastructure is taking place in J&K. LG Ellahi Bagh Stadium Downtown is ready and will be dedicated to

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### Fresh batch of over 180 pilgrims leaves for Amarnath

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, August 05: Over 180 pilgrims on Friday left Jammu city for twin base camps of 3,880-metre-high cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

A total of 183 pilgrims left in 36th batch from Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here in a convoy of 8 vehicles amid heavy security of CRPF this morning, the officials said.

They said that 62 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the Bhagwati Nagar camp in three vehicles followed by the second convoy of 5 vehicles carrying

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## Sahil Ali, The Youngest Story Teller from Kashmir

HT-BOTTOM

SURKHAB ZEHR  
HT REPORTER

Srinagar, Aug 05: Story telling has been an important mode of transmitting knowledge from one person to another person and from one generation to another generation. Even it is still one of our pedagogical methods to impart instructions to our children. Sahil Ali, the youngest story teller of Kashmir valley is hailing from Srinagar district of Jammu and Kashmir. Sahi is a student



and has been writing since 2018. Sahil considers writing as a tool of expression, his feelings beyond one's vision. He mainly writes Urdu poetry, also establishing his hand in English writing. Apart from poet, he is a lyricist and story writer, all his works are greatly loved people. Sahil's every piece of writing is a reflection of his life. Sahil finds writing a key to peace and self contentment. Writing brings him to the wisdom and vision that nothing else can do for him. He is very much fond of Urdu poetry which is clearly

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## IMPCC meet calls for strengthening coordination between media units

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Leh, August 05: A meeting of the Inter-Media Publicity Coordination Committee (IMPCC) was organised by Press Information Bureau, Srinagar at the conference hall of DC Office, Leh on Friday. The meeting was chaired by Additional Director General (Region) PIB J&K and Ladakh, Rajinder Chaudhry.

IMPCC meeting is convened to provide a platform to members to highlight their activities and initiatives. In his address, Rajinder

Chaudhry highlighted that there is an essential need for strengthening inter-media relations between different units of Information and Broadcasting Ministry and Central Government departments in Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh. Better media integration and synergy among the departments is significant in achieving better media coverage, he added. Chaudhry emphasized that the publicity should not be seen as an event based activity but has to be a sustained ongoing process and the story ideas must be

shared by the departments further to be converted into concrete stories in collaboration with media units. He added that a positive story planned and placed well in the media will help change the course of any ongoing project or implementation towards success. ADG underscored the need to identify a success story or an achievement, package it well and amplify it nationally. Highlighting proper story for further amplification as per relevance of the content is need of the

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## Scholarly literature vital for quality research for any educational institution: Dir NIT Srinagar

Srinagar, Aug 05, 2022: Director National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal on Friday said scholarly literature is important and vital for quality research for any educational institution and there is a need to focus on these areas.

Addressing the gathering at an event titled "Publishing Scholarly Content with IEEE" organized by Library and Information Resource Centre (LIRC) NIT Srinagar in collaboration with IEEE, Prof. Sehgal briefed about the importance of scholarly literature. He also highlighted the NIT-Srinagar's commitment to spend a good amount of budget to provide the best high-quality e-resources to students, researchers, and faculty members.

"Libraries are the gateway of knowledge and they are playing important role in our society. The resources aimed to create opportunity for learning and shape the new ideas," he said.

Prof. Sehgal also appreciated library patrons and also appreciated LIRC team for holding such events and em-



phasized in organizing such events in future as well.

In his special message, Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said such conferences are need of the hour. He appreciated the LIRC for organizing the conference on a relevant topic.

Prof. Bukhari said over the past several years, NIT Srinagar has shown tremendous growth in the areas of research. There is a visible change on the ground, he

said. Chairman-LIRC Prof. Aijaz Ahmed Zargar also provided his valuable insights on paper publishing in various modes viz: Open Access, Toll-Access, etc., sensitized the audience to use IEEE resources to publish in quality journals.

The event began with a welcome address that was presented by Deputy Librarian Mrs. Asmat Ali, Convener of the event. Mrs. Asmat said electronic

information resources are made available for research to great extent by our institute but the user education program, training is pivotal for the patrons in context of usage and easy retrieval of refined information.

"Today's program is one of the attempts," she added. In his key address, Mr. Ranbir Singh Sedhe, IEEE Client Services Manager discussed 'how to publish Scholarly Content in IEEE- Journals and conferences, etc.

He also highlighted the key services offered by IEEE to its users, and subscribers. All the objectives of the event were tactfully covered by the speaker.

While more than a hundred participants had registered for the event, including research scholars, faculty members, M.Tech and B.Tech Students.

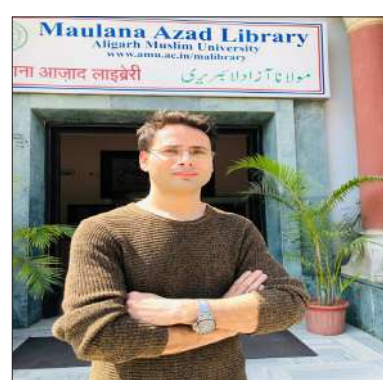
The event was concluded by the Assistant Librarian Mr. Showket Ahmed Wani, by presenting a vote of thanks. He thanked the esteemed speaker, Director NIT Srinagar, Chairman LIRC and other participants for gracing the mega event.

## Meet Dr Aadil Zaffer from Bandipora, Selected for Fulbright Fellowship as a Cultural Ambassador to USA

SURKHAB ZEHRHA HT REPORTER

Srinagar August 06 : Son of the soil from Astengo Bandipora, Dr Aadil Zaffer is an internationally acclaimed English Professor, having more than 5-years of teaching experience in India and abroad.

He has been selected as a cultural ambassador to USA under Fulbright Scholarship and has more than a dozen Degrees to his credit, including Ph.D. in En-



glish, M.Phil., Master's Degrees in various Subjects, CELTA from University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, CIF from CEBP France, Besides teaching at various Colleges in Saudi Arabia, he has given eight lectures to multi-nationality adult students in London. Mr. Aadil is presently working as a visiting faculty at the University of North Carolina, the America's first government University.

## DC Jammu interacts with trainees at C-DYTE Bishnah Also listens to people's grievances

JAMMU, AUGUST 05: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa today visited Centre for District Youth Training and Empowerment (C-DYTE) here at Bishnah and interacted with the trainees.

A simple but impressive function was organised by C-DYTE where the trainees apprised the DC regarding their training and other activities through a video presentation.

The Trainees expressed full satisfaction over the

training activities being conducted in the Centre and expressed gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for extending the golden opportunity to the youth of the block Bishnah to prepare for different Examinations.

The Deputy Commissioner also listened to the issues raised by trainees like erection of obstacles for practice, washroom for girls, drinking water facility, maintenance of track field etc.

She assured the trainees of early redressal and expressed satisfaction over the training routine followed at the Centre.

The Deputy Commissioner also distributed track suits among the trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that apart from taking training the aspirants should learn to become good citizens and contribute towards nation building.

She said that practice and training at C-DYTE not only make the trainees physically and mentally fit but also keep them away from the menace of drugs. Later, the Deputy Commissioner also listened to the grievances of the locals.

The DC gave patient hearing to the delegations and passed on the spot directions to the concerned officers for early redressal of their genuine grievances.

## ADDC Kulgam reviews progress under District Capex Plan 2022-23

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, AUGUST 05: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Riyaz Ahmad Sofi today chaired a meeting to review the progress of works under the District Development Plan/ District Capex budget for the year 2022-23 at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

During the meeting, the ADDC took a detailed review of allotment of works, works started on ground and works completed, tendering and other related issues.

He directed the officers to achieve the completion targets of the works and ensure expenditure of funds released. He also asked them to



personally monitor the quality and progress of all allotted works.

The ADDC stressed upon officers to take all possible mea-

sures to accelerate the pace of ongoing works for their time-bound completion.

During the meeting, it was informed that 2534 works

are approved under District Capex and more than 1491 works have been allotted whereas 2204 works have been tendered and 203 works were completed.

It was also informed that the plan for Aspirational blocks D.K.Marg and Manzgam stands approved and funds have been released.

The ADDC directed the officers and implementing agencies of ABDP to expedite the submission of estimates of works of Aspirational Blocks so that the works shall be accorded for timely completion during the financial year.

The meeting was attended by JD- Planning, ACD, CEO, DYSSO, Ex. Engineer REW, BDOs and other officers.

## Har Ghar Tiranga campaign: Mega event organised at HS Thandi Kassi DC appeals public to be part of mega National event



RAJOURI, AUGUST 05: As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Har Ghar Tiranga program was today celebrated at High School

Thandi Kassi where students participated with verve in the event. The event was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kun-

dal. Among the others, ACP, Abdul Rashid Kohli and Tehsildar Rajouri, Javed Chowdhury were also present during the event. Addressing the event, the DC said that 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign has been launched under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 75th year of India's independence. While highlighting the importance of the campaign, he said that the event is aimed at invoking a feeling of patriotism among the citizens and promoting a sense of respect for the symbols of Independence. The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the public to bring and hoist Tiranga at their homes marking the 75th year of India's independence and to make 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign a successful event in the district.

## ADDC Kishtwar reviews functioning of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 05: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kishtwar Sham Lal today reviewed the functioning of Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj besides took stock of works approved under DDC, BDC and PRI Grants for the financial year 2022-23 in the district.

Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Iqbal; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Zakir Hussain Wani; DPO Kishtwar, Sunil Bhutyal; Executive Engineer REW, Pershotam Kumar; BDOs, Engineers and technical

staff of the RDD attended the meeting. The ADDC Kishtwar directed the BDOs to achieve 100% physical and financial targets to create durable assets in the Panchayats for the benefit of the public.

The BDOs were further asked to complete the tendering and allotment of all sanctioned Projects and start the execution of the projects of public importance in stipulated time. A threadbare discussion was also held on physical and financial achievements made by the departments under the flagship schemes including

MGNREGA, PMAY-G, 14th FC, SBM-G, B2V3, ADF, CD & Panchayats and accordingly necessary directions were passed to the concerned to achieve tangible results. Meanwhile ADDC also

stressed upon the BDOs to take all out efforts to make the Har Ghar Tiranga, Amrit Sarovar campaign a grand success in their respective blocks. The ADDC Kishtwar directed the BDOs.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I am going to construct a residential house at village Kalantra Bala if anybody have any objection in this regard He /She may contact Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA) within Seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

GHULAM RASOOL MALIK  
S/O MOHAMMAD ABDULLAAH MALIK  
R/O KALANTRA BALA

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S/O GH AHMAD RATHER  
R/O DUNDMUH

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R/O BANDIPAYEEN.

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3. The highest bidder shall have to deposit full bid amount offers on spot after the completion of auction process.  
4. The watch and ward of the fruit crop from the date of issuance of authority letter and harvesting shall remain with the bidder and this office is not liable for any kind of losses what so ever.  
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Sd/- Executive Engineer Irrigation & FC Division Handwara

# DDC Kupwara chairs meeting of DJJM

Authorised 18. No. of Water Supply Schemes, costing Rs. 25.94 Crores, for execution as per the stipulated time frame.

KUPWARA, AUGUST 5: The District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM) Kupwara convened a meeting under the Chairmanship of DDC Kupwara Mr. Khalid Jahangir on 04-08-2022 at Mini Meeting Hall of District Administrative Complex Kupwara. Besides the chairman DJJM all the members, including the Member Secretary DJJM District Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Kupwara, Joint Director Planning were present in the meeting.

The Meeting was convened to authorize D.S.E./Executive Engineer PHE Division Kupwara/Handwara to issue the formal Allotments of total of 18 No. of works of various WSS of both the divisions after successful completion of tendering process. After considering the agenda of

the meeting, 18 No. of works of cost Rs. 25.94 Crore rupees were authorized for allotments by the DJJM.

The Chairman DJJM insisted upon respective executive engineers that all the authorized works may be immediately allotted and the works may be started on the ground without any further delay, so that the approved Schemes are completed within the devised timeline to ensure 100% Functional House Hold Tap Connections (FHTC's) to the entire rural population of the district.

The District Development Commissioner also urged the District SE/Executive Engineers of Jal Shakti (PHE) department to ensure accord of AA/TS within one week in respect of all approved Schemes in pursuance



of instructions given by Chief Secretary, J&K.

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Cr stands already approved by the DJJM. The District Action Plan includes 106 No. of Water Supply Schemes. Out of 106 No. Water Supply Schemes, 50 No. Water Supply Schemes pertains to PHE Division Handwara, 41 No. Water Supply Schemes pertains to PHE Division Kupwara, 11 No. Water Supply Schemes pertains to SSD Tangdar and 4 No. Water Supply Schemes pertains to Ground Water Division Srinagar. The schemes have been envisaged to provide the 100% Functional House Hold Tap Connections (FHTC's) to the entire rural population of the district.

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## AIGRK inspects Sub-Registrar offices in Srinagar Asks Sub Registrars to ensure mandatory registration of documents on appointed date & time

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 05: Additional Inspector General Registration, Kashmir (AIGRK), Sajad Hussain Ganie today inspected various Sub-Registrar Offices in district Srinagar to personally take stock of the registration process in these offices. The inspection was conducted on the instructions of Commissioner Secretary, Revenue, V K Bidhuri in the backdrop of reports received by the Government that some Sub Registrars are not registering the documents uploaded by the citizens online on the appointed date and time.

Ganie directed the Sub Registrars to ensure registration of documents mandatorily on the appointed date and time to avoid any inconvenience and hardships to the citizens.

He asked the Sub-Registrars that if any document is not fit for registration, it should be reverted or refused as per the merits of case, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Registration Act, 1908 and other relevant laws governing the subject. Ganie was informed that the Sub Registrars are strictly following the instructions issued by the Government vide Circular No: 10-JK (REV) of 2022 dated: 29-07-2022.

AIGRK also interacted with advocates and citizens at the Sub-Registrar offices, who had come for registration of documents. They expressed satisfaction over the process of registration.

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ment is laying special thrust on capacity building for digital delivery of services, the Department of Registration is also progressing towards employing a robust digital framework to make its online services more citizen-friendly. The Department is also in the process of introducing the Online Payment Gateway as a part of digital transformation and technological improvisation.

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## Dr. Itoo reviews progress on Homestay, tented accommodation registration

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 05: Director Tourism Kashmir, Dr G N Itoo today reviewed the progress achieved on registration of Homestay and tented accommodation across Kashmir. The aim is to enhance the bed capacity in order to attract more tourists.

The meeting discussed the identification of destinations and resorts where the scheme has been rolled out and also the uniformity of procedure to be adopted.

Expressing satisfaction over the initial progress achieved, Director Tourism Kashmir directed sticking to the targets



already fixed for the destinations and urged the officers to work in mission mode so that the set targets are achieved. He also asked the concerned officers to encourage local entrepreneurs at these destinations for home stays and tented accommodations and also

make those home stays functional at already identified locations at the earliest.

The Director Tourism impressed upon the CEOs and Resort Officers to stay in regular contact with respective District administrations and take the scheme further

down in a synchronised manner. He also reiterated to organise capacity building programmes for intending stakeholders for their handholding and popularising the said policies. The Director Tourism sought feedback from CEOs and resort officers about the scheme and also discussed the issues and logistics about the scheme.

The meeting was attended by Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of all development authorities, senior officers of Tourism Department, Resort Officers of various tourist destinations and other concerned.

## Independence Day-2022 arrangements finalized at Budgam

DC for smooth conduct of functions at all venues; reviews preparations for 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign

BUDGAM, AUGUST 05: The arrangements for the ensuing Independence Day- 2022 were finalized today during a meeting chaired by the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza at Conference Hall, here. At the outset, the DC called for foolproof arrangements to be put in place for smooth conduct

of Independence Day, 2022 celebrations at all venues in the district. Sharing details, the DC said that the main function shall be held at Sports Stadium Budgam, which will start with Shahnaï Wadan followed by hoisting of National Flag by the chief guest. The chief guest shall inspect the parade contingents and

take salute at the March Past to be presented by contingents from J&K Police, Armed Police, CRPF, Home guard, NCC, besides contingents from various educational institutions of the District. On the occasion, a variety of cultural programmes shall be performed by renowned local artists, CRPF and school chil-

dren. The DC said that the Independence Day functions shall also be held at all SDM and Tehsil headquarters. He emphasized on carrying out cleanliness and sanitation drives at all locations. He also stressed on making adequate security arrangements, parking facility, drinking water, proper seating.

## DDC reviews progress of construction of Bio-Tech Park Handwara

KUPWARA, AUGUST 5: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Khalid Jahangir today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress achieved in respect of Bio-Tech Park Handwara. The meeting was informed that the Ministry of Science & Technology, Department of Bio-Technology, Government of India has sanctioned Industrial Bio-Technology Park (IBTP) for Handwara, at an estimated cost of Rs. 42.66 crore. It was also informed that a land measuring 72 kanals, 12 marlas were allotted to the Department of Science & Technology by the Department of Revenue J&K for establishment of Bio-Technology Park, on which construction work is going on. On the occasion, the DDC directed that the ADC Handwara along with Tehsildar Handwara to ensure fresh demarcation of the land under Bio-Technology Park Handwara within a day and furnish action report to the D.C Office.

Science & Technology Department Srinagar was directed to disburse the balance compensation amount to the land owners whose land has been occupied for construction of the Bio-Technology Park on

priority. The DDC directed the Additional Director S&T department to take up the matter with concerned quarters for early settlement of claims of compensation of land owners so that they do not suffer any further. Further, directions were given to SE PDD Sopore Circle to ensure realignment of HT Line passing over the construction site in one week to allow hassle free execution of work. The DDC also directed the concerned executing agencies to speed up the pace of work and ensure completion of the project within 2 months. Additional Director Science & Technology Srinagar, Tehsildar Handwara, Representative of Executing Agency and other concerned attended the meeting. The DDC directed the Additional Director S&T department to take up the matter with concerned quarters for early settlement of claims of compensation of land owners so that they do not suffer any further. Further, directions were given to SE PDD Sopore Circle to ensure realignment of HT Line passing over the construction site in one week to allow hassle free execution of work. The DDC also directed the concerned executing agencies to speed.

## DC Ganderbal inspects Ayushman Bharat Registration process at various sites

GANDERBAL, AUGUST 05: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today visited various registration sites established in the district to take stock of the progress on registration of Ayushman Bharat Health Cards and their updation on the portal. The DC visited Wahidpora, Repora Bala, Chaknipora Manigam and various other areas and took spot status of ongoing survey to identify pending beneficiaries in the district. He also enquired from the concerned Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLE's) about the status of updation of data on the portal. The DC directed the VLE's to speed up their work and achieve the given targets in the time bound manner. He also directed the concerned to do a speedy survey to figure out the pendency list of beneficiaries. Shyambir stressed for coordination among all stakeholders for effective progress so that the pendency target is achieved in order to complete the pendency of Ayushman Bharat (Golden Card) Scheme, the District Administration has started a Block wise door to door campaign. To ensure cent percent saturation a village level committee has been constituted of multiple Village Level Workers, viz Asha, Anganwadi Worker and



Numberdar/Chowkidar of the respective village for completion of the pendency in the district. The DC was accompanied by the CMO Ganderbal, BMO Ganderbal, and other concerned officials. Shyambir stressed for coordination among all stakeholders for effective progress so that the pendency target is achieved in order to complete the pendency of Ayushman Bharat (Golden Card) Scheme, the District Administration has started a Block wise door to door campaign. To ensure cent percent saturation a village level committee has been constituted of multiple Village Level Workers, viz Asha, Anganwadi Worker.

## Bidhuri thanks officials, agencies for successful conduct of Hajj-2022

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 5: Commissioner Secretary Revenue, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri has thanked all the agencies associated with Hajj-2022, especially the Staff of Haj Committee of J&K for making the process a successful exercise.

The Hajj process 2022 concluded yesterday on arrival of the last flight from Saudi Arabia with 145 Haj pilgrims on board.

Govt had made adequate arrangements at Hajj House Srinagar/Jammu, Srinagar Airport for departure and arrival of haj pilgrims. Under Secretary, Revenue Department, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat was Nodal Officer.

This year 6072 persons were selected which include 3411 males and 2660 females. One pilgrim of District Kupwara died during this period at Saudi Arabia.

## NC will continue its fight for restoration of Art 370 democratically, constitutionally & legally: Javed Rana

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MENDHAR, AUG 5: Senior National Conference leader and President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Pirpanjal, Javed Ahmed Rana termed the August 5, as the Black Day in the history of J&K claiming that on this day in 2019, the BJP 'shamefully' played with the future of the people of the region by snatching away their identity by declaring null and void the Article 370 and also degraded the status by way of making J&K a Union Territory.

In a statement issued to media persons, the NC leader said that the balloon of claims made

by BJP leadership has already been punctured as in the name of development J&K has got roads with kingsize potholes, huge bills minus electricity in conductors, deaths during pandemic and there is hardly any fraternity which is not on roads seeking justice. He said that PHE daily wagers, SI aspirants, FAA aspirants, health-care workers, and so many other working groups are seeking justice but the present dispensation working in J&K but controlled remotely by the centre is unconcerned as the only aim of those sitting at helm is to force their decisions and intimidate the leadership of Jammu and

Kashmir. Javed Rana said in the name of development big contractors from outside the state are enjoying bounties but the local contractors, traders and daily wagers are bound to face starvation as nothing is meant for them under the so-called 'development-oriented government'. He said that only the direct-beneficiaries are celebrating the August 5 as a big day because the common man is confronting with sky-rocketing inflation, unemployment as never before and poverty by skipping meals and therefore only one thing is coming to his or her mind and that is Black Day. "The Central Government had forcibly taken



away the guarantees that were enshrined in the constitutions of Articles 370 and 35A. The National Conference will continue its fight to restore the aforesaid Articles democratically, constitutionally and legally. The Party will continue to strive for restoration of these articles peacefully," he added.

## DC Anantnag reviews digitization of Land Records

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 05: In order to review the progress achieved on the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP), the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Piyush Singla today took a meeting of concerned officers of the Revenue Department. On the occasion, the DC took a detailed review of the computerization of Land Records including digitization and authentication of Jamabandies. While reviewing the progress achieved on digitization of Jamabandies in the district, the DC was informed that there are 394 Revenue Villages in Anantnag and digitisation of Jamabandies of all 394 Villages has been started

by the concerned Tehsildars, out of which 78 Jamabandies have been digitized by the field staff so far and remaining will be completed soon.

The DC said that digitization is imperative for streamlining the revenue records and making revenue records easily accessible to the public through online based platforms. He said that the comprehensive digitization would ensure better land record management that will enhance the district's overall land record maintenance forever.

Dr Singla said that digitisation of Jamabandies is a challenging task and directed for keeping it properly up to date and well maintained and stressed upon

officers and staff to complete the process of digitization of records in fixed timelines. The DC directed the officers to expedite the digitization process and clear the pendency of remaining Jamabandies. He also directed the concerned to complete the Quality check of all remaining jamabandies in a time bound manner. He exhorted them to work with added zeal and missionary approach to ensure complete digitisation of Jamabandies by 30th September in the district. The meeting among others was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Sub Divisional Magistrates and all Tehsildars.





## HEADLINES TODAY

## EDITORIAL

## Issues of mental health

The minister of health and family welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, informed parliament, in its monsoon session, that according to the National Mental Health Survey conducted by the Government through National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, the prevalence of mental disorders including common mental disorders, severe mental disorders, and substance use disorders (excluding tobacco use disorder) in adults over the age of 18 years is about 10.6%. As per the major findings of the survey, the prevalence of mental morbidity is high in urban metropolitan areas; mental disorders are closely linked to both causation and consequences of several non-communicable disorders (NCD); nearly 1 in 40 and 1 in 20 persons suffer from past and current depression, respectively and Neurosis and stress related disorders affect 3.5% of the population and was reported to be higher among females (nearly twice as much in males). Also data indicate that 0.9% of the survey population was at high risk of suicide and that nearly 50% of persons with major depressive disorders reported difficulties in carrying out their daily activities. The covid-19 pandemic has surely aggravated the situation, leaving those having such issues to struggle with the symptoms and disabilities that result from what is basically and undeniable a disease which to a large extent is curable. What makes the challenge more difficult is stereotypes and prejudice such people face purely as a result from misconceptions about mental illness. As a result, people with mental illness are robbed of the opportunities that define a quality life—good jobs, satisfactory health care, and association with a diverse group of people. The people having mental illness not only face the public stigma which is the reaction that the general population has towards them but also self-stigma which is defined as prejudice which they turn against themselves. For providing affordable and accessible mental healthcare facilities to the population, including the poor and underprivileged, the Minister informed the parliament that the government is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in the country. In addition, the Minister said the Government is also taking steps to strengthen mental healthcare services at primary healthcare level. Also operational guidelines on Mental, Neurological, and Substance Use Disorders (MNS) at Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) have been released under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat. While these steps are in the right direction, the government needs to keep working to augment the infrastructure and also take more and more measures to ensure prompt awareness about the availability of the services. There is also a need for improving access to preventive and curative mental services.

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## Centre of excellence in intelligent IoT sensors: an initiative for self-reliance in sensors

DR.A SEEMA

## Introduction

In the present times of highly competitive electronics and ICT sector, manufacturers are constantly challenged to find ways to bring out cost-effective, faster and smaller electronic devices. An important aspect of meeting these challenges is the development of advanced materials, innovative products and technology. The ability to produce new materials is extremely crucial in the electronics & IT industry, and are also the key elements of continued technological advancement – a major reason for India to support research and development in this field.

With advancement of communication technologies and digital connectivity, the concept of Internet of Things (IoT) has made inroads in a big way. With the connected devices through IoT, it has become easy to monitor and control any system sitting remotely elsewhere in the world. One of the major components of the IoT system is the sensors. The IoT sensors essentially find applications in diverse sectors of health care, environment & agriculture, manufacturing, energy management, home automation, smart cities, military & space, transportation, etc. A variety of IoT sensors including Light sensors, Accelerometer, Position sensors, Temperature sensors, Proximity sensors, Humidity sensors, Pressure sensors, Infrared sensors, Chemical sensors, gas sensors, gyroscope, etc. are required to cater to the whole spectrum of applications. Asia-Pacific region including India accounts for 51% of the world's market share for industrial sensors.

## Background

Globally, the Electronics System Design and Manufacturing continues to grow with an estimated market size of \$2 trillion. At present, the Indian Electronics market is about \$120 billion, contributing 2.5% to GDP with exports in 2018-19 at about \$8.8 billion, generating direct and indirect employment to 13 million people.



Smart Digital Thermometer	Absolute Humidity Sensor	Industrial Fire Alarm Sensor	CO <sub>2</sub> Sensor
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The Internet of Things (IoT) is one of the major drivers for this growth, propelled under the initiatives of 'Digital India', 'Smart City' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. In the next few years, possibly by 2025, the Electronics System Design and Manufacturing sector in India is expected to grow to \$130 billion. However, presently the domestic manufacturing unit only contributes to 30% of the need, and the rest of it is imported. In this context, aligning with the national policy of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, it is essential to develop a manufacturing ecosystem for IoT sensors, in India, with

design and technology capabilities for the sustainable growth of Indian industries.

To make and brand the Indian sensor market as self-reliant and globally appealing, we have initiated a project to establish a Center of Excellence (CoE), which would specifically target at Intelligent Internet of Things (IIoT) sensors. Traditionally, majority of the companies in India used sensors for data collection, with data transmission not having any in-built intelligent processing. However, with the advent of Industry 4.0, the use of intelligent sensors is on the

rise, with most sensors requiring self-correcting units and intelligent data processing getting offloaded to the sensor nodes. This, we believe, is a fast-growing market with substantial demand in industry.

## CoE in IIoT sensors

The main objective of the project is to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Kochi, adjacent to Electronics incubator facilities of Maker Village, by utilizing the complementary sensor research, development and applications expertise at Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Thrissur, and Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management-Kerala (IIITM-K), Trivandrum. The project is funded by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India and State Govt. of Kerala in association with the electronics industry. The application domains of the CoE would be developed with support from industry partners, including start-ups at Maker Village as well as those in the Kerala Start up Mission ecosystem. The initial thrust would be:

- To translate the research on sensors (temperature, humidity, pressure and acoustic) to commercially valuable products.
- To create the state-of-the-art facilities for: (a) sensor manufacturing, (b) intelligent sensor system hardware and AI software development, and (c) comprehensive compliance testing.
- To implement innovative products and solutions for the industry that are specifically tuned to cater to the industry needs.
- To provide a common facility to industries for pre-qualification of the electronic products for obtaining the certificate of conformity and compliance.
- To provide business and mentorship support to Startup companies along with the facilities to realize an industry standard product solution with Intelligent IIoT sensors.
- To promote innovation and entrepreneurship through design challenges, outreach programs

and incubation grants. Broadly, all these efforts accumulate towards the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" mission to be self-reliant and self-sufficient in the Intelligent IoT sensor space. The overview of activities planned in CoE in IIoT sensors is given in the figure below:

## Overview of CoE in IIoT Sensors

AS mentioned earlier, the CoE, which would be strategically located in an ecosystem next to the Maker Village at Kochi, Kerala, is in close proximity to the integrated start up complex. This proximity is expected to provide cross-fertilization of ideas from the startups and the research community working in the areas of intelligent sensors and IIoT.

The CoE has already developed a few sensor products with IIoT capability, and is in the process of developing many more with close interaction with industries and end-users.

Some of the IIoT sensor devices developed at CoE in IIoT sensors is given below.

The CoE is engaged in developing various IIoT sensors including temperature sensors, humidity sensors, pressure sensors, strain sensors, proximity sensors, pH sensors, gas sensors, etc.

## Conclusion

The CoE in IIoT sensors is intended to develop an ecosystem in our country for the Intelligent IIoT sensors and devices, by synergizing the capabilities of research institutions, academic institutes, manufacturing industries and end-users. In this respect, it is expected to establish a common facility centre, a pre-compliance test laboratory and an incubation centre. These facilities would help to evolve many more start-ups and MSMEs in the electronic component manufacturing and device integration area. This would, in turn, boost the sustainable economic growth of Indian sensor market and enabled carve a niche for itself on the world map.

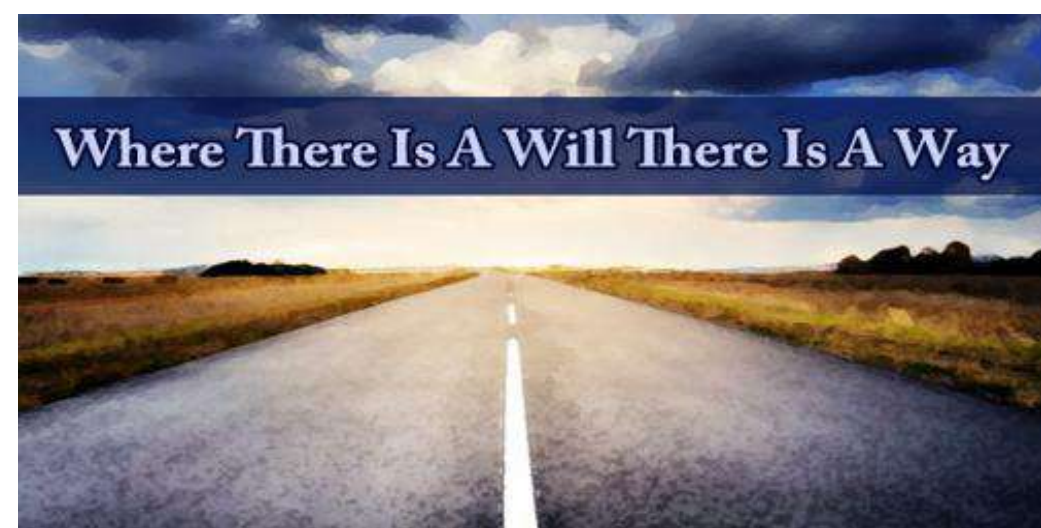
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JASWINDER PAL SHARMA

Where there is a will there is a way is one of the most used proverbs to date. This proverb has a lot of meaning when we come to think of it. Its essential meaning is that if you set your mind to do something, you can easily do it. In other words, it shows us the importance of will power and how it can bring a change in someone's life. Will power is the desire to achieve something. If you have the will power to do something, then nothing can stop you from doing so. This proverb is equally applicable in almost all aspects of life. Similarly, it holds utmost importance in various ways.

## Importance of the Proverb



## Where There is a Will, There is a Way

This proverb is quite important in helping people push their limits and achieve their goals easily. It makes them more determined and focused to achieve their goal. Furthermore, this proverb just proves the importance of hard work and will power.

In other words, people who are willing to take the risk, no matter

the cost, will successfully achieve their goals. If you just dream and dream about something and do nothing to achieve it, you will most likely fail and become incompetent. On the other hand, if you work continuously to achieve your goals, you can surely find a way.

Therefore, where there is a will there is a way teaches us to be quite focused and hard working. More-

over, it shows us how people following this proverb have reached great heights in their life.

## Real-life examples

History is proof that people who had great will power achieved success in their life. It stands as proof that no matter how hard things got, these people did not stop from getting their way.

Firstly, we take the example of the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi. This legendary figure is a great example of this proverb. Gandhiji was bent upon freeing India from the shackles of the British rule, and so he did. What made this possible? His will power and constant efforts. He was very frail physically but his will power was not. He chose the path of non-violence and still managed to contribute to India's freedom.

Next up, we see the same iron will in Martin Luther King. This man was the one responsible for bringing civil rights to the black people of America. His will and determination to end racism procured fruitful results. It taught us that even in jail, he did not give up. He fought continuously to achieve his dream.

In short, where there is a will there is a way teaches us a great deal about hard work and fortitude. If all of us follow this saying in our lives and make it our motto, nothing can stop us. It will make us better human beings and successful in life.

- S.S. Master, GSSS Hakuwala, Sri Muksar Sahib

## RAHUL URGES SIDDARAMAIAH, DKS TO FIGHT 2023 POLLS UNITEDLY

## POLITICAL DELICACIES

RAHIL NORA CHOPRA

With the ongoing war of words between former Karnataka chief minister PC Siddaramaiah and state president D K Shivakumar over the chief minister's candidature within the Congress, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi appealed to the party's state unit leaders to work amicably with fraternity for the 2023 assembly polls. He appealed against lashing out any rash words publicly on leadership issues and other internal matters. Rahul attended the Karnataka unit's political affairs committee meeting, where discussions were held on organisational matters and planning was done regarding the preparations for the upcoming assembly polls. Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi got initiated into the Lingayat sect by the seer of Muruga Mutt in this district headquarters town in central Karnataka in the presence of various party leaders. The Lingayats, about 17 per cent of Karnataka's population, have traditionally been BJP voters. With Rahul's visit to the poll-bound state, the Congress is hoping to broaden its charisma and appeal to project unity within the party too.

## UTTAR PRADESH BJP HEADHUNTS A NEW STATE CHIEF

Whispers are doing the rounds in Uttar Pradesh BJP that an appointment of new full-time state party president would be done soon.

According to BJP sources a Brahmin leader may be named from Western Uttar Pradesh as the new state unit president. The top names doing the rounds are those of Dr. Laxmikant Bajpai, Satish Gautam and Srikant Sharma. Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh, who completed his three-year tenure, has sent his resignation to party national president JP Nadda, and is continuing as the state party chief till his successor is appointed. Among the state's political circles, it was evident that the party's central leadership had started looking for Singh's replacement soon after the party's triumph in the UP polls for the consecutive second term in March, when he joined the Adityanath ministry 2.0, in accordance with its one man-one post policy.

## CONGRESS MLA SAYS BJP TRYING TO TOPPLE JHARKHAND GOVERNMENT

Congress suspended three Congress MLAs from Jharkhand, stating that they were trying to topple the Hemant Soren government in collusion with the BJP. Senior leaders in the Congress said the party leadership could make some switches in the cabinet in order to assuage the complaints of some of its legislators. The buzz is that Cabinet reshuffle would occur soon to counter the BJP plan to topple the government. Meanwhile, Congress MLA Kumar Jaimangal Singh from Jharkhand has now claimed that his colleagues, who were arrested in West Bengal over the seizure of cash worth lakhs, had asked him to accompany them to Guwahati to meet

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Singh also claims that it was Sarma who had promised them a ministerial berth for destabilising the JMM-Congress government. However, Sarma denied the allegations.

## 17 OPPOSITION MPs ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT CONDEMNING SC'S PMLA ORDER

As many as 17 members of Opposition parties, including from TMC and AAP, plus one independent Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal, have signed a joint statement expressing deep disagreements on long-term implications of the recent Supreme Court judgement upholding amendments to PMLA, 2002 and called for its review. The Opposition leaders fear that the changes would only strengthen the government's hands to indulge even more in political vendetta targeting its opponents. On July 27, the apex court upheld the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) powers relating to arrest, attach property, search and seize under the PMLA which was challenged by multiple petitioners. The Opposition parties will be meeting President of India for this matter soon.

## SP LEADER MEETS YOGI OVER ANTI-WORKER ATROCITY, NO MENTION OF MUSLIMS

Samajwadi Party senior leader Ram Gopal Yadav raised the issue of atrocities on their workers, minorities, and backward, during his meeting with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. According to reports, the memorandum given by the SP leader to the UP CM, did not mention backwards or Muslims, but was focused

on former SP MLA Rameshwar Singh Yadav and his brother Jyendra Yadav mentioning that they were being harassed and fake cases were filed against them. In the memorandum, Ramgopal Yadav also urged the CM to order a CBI or SIT probe into the fake cases filed against Rameshwar and his family members. On the other hand Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party Chief Shival Singh Yadav and BSPP Chief Omprakash Rajbhar asked the SP leader why did he not speak for senior party leaders Azam Khan, Nahid Hasan and Shazil Islam during his meeting with the UP CM.

## WEST BENGAL CABINET RESHUFFLED TO PREVENT BJP FROM TOPPLING GOVT

In the political buzz around the Cabinet reshuffle in West Bengal, eight new faces including former BJP MP and Union minister Babul Supriyo were inducted, and Mamata Banerjee dropped four from her Council of Ministers to counter the BJP plan to topple the government. TMC senior leaders are afraid of saffron party's 'Operation Kamal' in Bengal too. The reshuffle came days after Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief sacked senior minister Partha Chatterjee and suspended him from the party following his arrest by the ED over the school jobs scam. The reshuffle has brought leaders outside of Kolkata into the Council of Ministers and in the last 11 years, the Cabinet was always dominated by leaders from Kolkata. But, this time leaders from outside Kolkata have attained the chance.

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# India Innovation Centre for Graphene

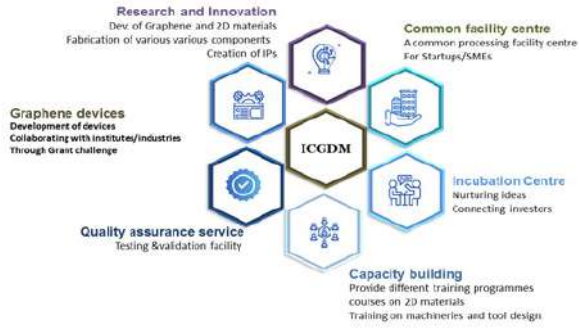
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## Background

The product development and manufacturing sector have not grown at the same pace as that of the IT and ITES industry. This has led to over-dependence on manufacturing hubs outside India for components and material fabrications for Indian-made products. Seldom are many research innovations in material science translated to products due to lack of manufacturing capabilities locally.

The recent pandemic exposed this limitation, with the supply chain heavily disrupted; many product development activities are either delayed or had to be redesigned, taking into account the local availability of components and raw materials. This dire need has initiated the emphasis on locally developed and manufactured products. The relevance of "Make in India" is amplified by the cumulative effect seen on the growing startups where these manufacturing gaps are now seen as new possibilities for product innovations.

Graphene and other two-dimensional (2D) materials are upcoming materials in electronics and optoelectronics. Graphene exhibits extraordinary electrical



and electronic properties and has a huge potential as sensors, micro-electronics, semi-conductor devices, field emission displays, nano electrodes for inexpensive organic electronic devices, such as organic photovoltaic (OPVs), liquid-crystal devices (LCDs), organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs), or organic field effect transistors (OFETs), besides the energy conversion devices (e.g., supercapacitors, fuel cells and batteries). It is the thinnest and strongest material in the world ever known. Graphene has good chemical stability, high electrical conductivity and large surface area while being transparent and light weight.

The India Innovation Centre for Graphene (ICG) is an initiative funded by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India, State Govt. of Kerala and Tata Steel Limited, in associa-

tion with various industries. IICG is implemented jointly by the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Digital University Kerala (DUK) and Tata Steel Limited. IICG is envisioned to investigate the science and technology of graphene and other 2D materials. The centre envisages partnering effectively the industrial-academic activities in order to promote innovative and adventurous research with an emphasis on applications.

IICG would attract internationally leading research on graphene into India and bridge the gap between scientific development and industrial applications of graphene in our country. The centre also aims to create facilities and sophisticated equipments to promote research in alignment with industry requirements.

India is bestowed with abundant natural graphite resources, and the establish-

ment of IICG will give the much-needed revival and boost to the graphite and allied industries. In collaboration with these industries, IICG would focus on sustainable and green preparation technology for the cost-effective production of multi-sized graphene powder. This would lead to various practical applications to promote the upgradation of the graphite industry.

- Main research verticals: Large-scale and large area single/few-layer graphene production in collaboration with graphene industries in India.
- Nanoscale carbon and other 2D material and its composite technology.
- Graphene optoelectronic products research and development (graphene intelligent window, graphene touch screen, etc.)
- Graphene smart integrated devices on flexible/transparent substrates, with the necessary energy storage capability.
- Graphene energy conversion devices (supercapacitors, fuel cells, and batteries).
- Advanced lithographic techniques for device fabrication.

The intelligent wearable technology research of graphene materials for sensors and wearable energy devices. An overview of the IICG is given in the figure below:

Energy Storage	Composites & Coatings	Sensors & Actuators	Optoelectronics	Graphene - CMOS Integrated Devices
Targeted Devices	Targeted Devices	Targeted Devices	Targeted Devices	Targeted Devices
Super-Capacitors	Nano Composites	Chemical Sensors	Image Sensors	Photo Detectors
Batteries	Inks/Paints	Gas Sensors	Waveguides	Multi-State Memory Devices
Micro Super-Capacitors	Adhesives	Optical Actuators	Optical Limiters	Sensor Platforms
Flexible Storage Devices	Thermic Fluids	Electrical Actuators	Solar Cells	

## Overview of India Innovation Centre for Graphene Devices (IICG)

Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), is a national laboratory dedicated for research and development of electronic materials, components and devices. As a part of the IICG, C-MET continue to develop various products based on graphene. A few are summarised in the table below:

The India Innovation Centre for Graphene (IICG) would be established as a national facility, which would focus both on

research and development as well as product development activities. It would be part of the larger start-ups and electronics ecosystem being built in Kerala, with the support of the central and state government along with industrial support. IICG would establish state-of-the-art facilities for development of devices based on graphene and other 2D materials and support industries to roll out with commercially viable products. This would enable India to carve its own niche in the ever growing global market of 2D materials and devices.

Scientist, Ministry of Electronics and Technology, GOI

# RBI SHOULD INSULATE INDIA FROM GLOBAL FLUCTUATIONS AS IT DID IN 2008

ANJAN ROY

In the face of persistent inflationary pressures and tie in prices, the Reserve Bank of India has jacked up on Friday its basic policy rate—the repo rate—by 40 basis points to 5.4%. With this hike, the RBI policy rate now reaches what it was before the pandemic started.

This is a landmark which can be viewed as the complete normalisation of its monetary policy from the ultra accommodative stance adopted in the wake of the pandemic. From the early stages of the pandemic incidence in India, RBI followed a policy which was more engaged towards maintaining the tempo of the Indian economy against the severely contracting impact of the pandemic.

It may be recalled that for one quarter after the pandemic hit in the initial stage, the Indian GDP had shrunk by a quarter. For a whole year, the GDP had fallen and its performance diverged from the long term growth path. It thus needed a kind of nursing before the economy could get up on its feet.

Has the Indian economy then recovered from the adverse effects of the pandemic so that the RBI could reverse its accommodative monetary policy stance. In a way, yes, going by the optimistic note stuck by the RBI governor while announcing monetary policy.

Reserve Bank estimates growth in the first quarter of the current fiscal at 16.2%, dipping to 4 per cent by the fourth quarter, with growth for whole year at 7.2% for 2022-23.

In April RBI cut the GDP growth projection for 2022-23 to 7.2% from its earlier forecast of 7.8%. Governor Shaktikanta Das, however, stuck a line of caution saying that the continuing Russia-Ukraine war could yet weigh down the prospects. At any rate, he did not have any reason to further revise the growth prospects down at this point of time.

The overall projections for the economy pivot around the most unpredictable factor: nature of the monsoon and its incidence. So far, the monsoon has been 6% above the long term average. However, its incidence an intensity matters a lot as well as the spread of rains. So far, there has not been any untoward trends and RBI thus sets the farm sector growth at an even keel.

This is important, since the overall performance of the agriculture sector sets the tone for internal demand. As such, internal rural demand is somewhat sluggish and some of the critical off take in the rural areas are trailing. Tractor sales were noticed to be lower this year compared to one year back. However, there was a spurt in tractor sales last year and the current trailing demand could be on the back of large purchases a year back.

High frequency indicators of activity in the industrial and services sectors were holding up. Production and sales of consumer durables are rising and the manufacturing sector has hit high levels of capacity utilisation, according to the Reserve Bank's surveys.

RBI expects the activity in the contact intensive services sectors, like tourism and IT services, to raise in the wake of overall improvement in economic activity. Since these segments are the drivers of the economy, the growth prospects would brighten with their gaining strength.

The external sector has shown particular buoyancy with exports rising despite global uncertainties. Exports increased, though imports went by record numbers resulting in unprecedented level of current account deficit of over \$100 billion in April to July period. Global demand for Indian IT and ITES continued to grow and tourism and travel services also improved.

What is most encouraging that foreign direct investment flows at \$13.1 billion was higher compared to \$11.6 billion the same time last year.

Nevertheless, the adverse global situation gave rise to competitive depreciation of all currencies against the US dollar. This did not let off India and the rupee had depreciated and hit the 80 to a dollar rate which could possibly be explained only by the large sale movement of portfolio investments by overseas investors.

Thus, two critical parameters for setting any policy framework appear to be the anticipated incidence of two variables: how the financial markets react to the evolving monetary policy stance of the US Federal Reserve and the course of the once of crude oil.

The crude oil price behaviour undeniably influences the domestic price line as much as any policies of the central bank. This is true not only of India but all the other emerging nation economies. The average Indian crude oil import price is currently at around \$105 per barrel. At this level the oil import bill places a huge burden on the current account.

This is the most important contributor to the imported inflation, which has been referred to by the RBI governor in his statement. There is precious little that can be done. The oil price dynamics will be the end result of a series of imponderables from Russian sanctions to Saudi Arabia's crude production programmes on the basis of its geo-political considerations.

On the other hand, the monetary policy stance of US Fed, its decisions to hike or lower interest rates would drive the flow of capital across the world. As th US Fed raises its interest rates, portfolio investors would decide on their investments in emerging markets or in the US. That sets turmoils in the global financial markets, as we have often witnessed.

In his sphere at least, RBI can fire wall Indian markets from overexposure to global ups and downs. This cannot be done fully; however, to an extent this could be achieved as we hd done during the global financial meltdown.

In the coming days of global uncertainties, RBI should set in place such a buffer for India. The global financial markets instabilities should touch the Indian markets as mutely as possible. That will ensure both our continued growth as well as financial stability. We have not so far seen such an approach from the RBI this time.

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# Flood devastation in Surankote!

In some houses, the patients are on sick beds, who do not have the courage to get up, they are crying for water, but no one listens.

M S NAZKI

Destroy the Nature and the empire will strike back! Nature God's have their moods and fancies beyond the thinking of human species!

'Look at the orators in our republics; as long as they are poor, both state and people can only praise their uprightness; but once they are fattened on the public funds, they conceive a hatred for justice, plan intrigues against the people and attack the democracy.....Aristophanes, Plutus!'

Problems in Surankote area far too many DDC Member ShaNawaz Choudhary!

'To start with i will line up this story with these lines. Come with me into the woods where spring is advancing, as it does, no matter what, not being singular or particular, but one of the forever gifts, and certainly visible..!

'The message is simple, do not destroy Nature! I'm talking about Surankote District Poonch!' The floods sent everyone like a tossed up coin!

'Civilizations have been evaporated by the fury of nature and that includes the Indus Valley Civilization. History is a testimony to the fact and I need not elaborate on this because this is the era of modern day civilization where rules of ruling have changed but people still remain people!'

'It was sudden and furious: It has been four days since the torrential downpour that occurred on Sunday evening after Maghrib prayer on July 31. No senior official of the LG administration bothered to visit the affected area and neither the district administration seems to be serious!'

'Flood devastation in Surankote negligence of UT administration was the line we got and the story I had to build up and this is what we are writing!'

'Surankote has a history of floods and accidents due to floods but the men and women sitting in chairs do not always respect Mother Nature. It's happening everywhere in UT Jammu and Kashmir, the question is why?'

'The administrative order clearly said that 'can't declare 'National Disaster', will get compensation under SDRF rules!'

'The people said that although the local administration officers were present on the spot, they had nothing to offer to the victims in the name of relief



or relief.'

'Many said that 'there is a severe shortage of clean drinking water. Water is not available for household cleaning. The administration claims that water has been supplied through tankers to all the affected wards, but residents complain that water was made available through tankers only on the main road while inner residential areas were neglected.'

'Another administrative trick play or a ticket of verbal compulsion! The latter seems perfectly fitting the bill!'

'The people were emphatic that it is a matter of great regret that even the people affected by the flood disaster are being shown partiality at the administrative level.'

'Water tankers are reaching their homes who have influence in the administration or are recommending it to a senior official.'

'Perhaps hunger is another thing biting through the stomachs of the people as many said many homes also need food and fluid, but the administration did not pay any attention to this.'

'The youth in Surankote think that they deserve better futuristic prospects if it is shown by the administration in Distict Poonch!

'The administrative authorities in District Poonch stay in the present or virtual world of technology but they are living for themselves! They know that? Perhaps that is what they think is the best option! But it is not!'

'Nature isn't cruel, but unconcerned with human frailty.' And humans are frail by all means and administrators too since they are nothing but fragile wobbling humans!'

But there is a saying that virtue comes through contemplation of the divine, and the exercise of philosophy. But it also comes through public service. The one is incomplete without the other. Power without wisdom is tyranny; wisdom without power is pointless. This was said by Jain Pears..... The Dream of Scipio!

Little gains are no gain at all! Public administration is all about serving the people but in Surankote problems are far too many and they are going to increase at a rapid pace! The administration is lagging behind in fact far behind in District Poonch! Local youth volunteers have been making efforts to help the flood victims at their level for the past four days but resources are limited.

In some houses, the

patients are on sick beds, who do not have the courage to get up, they are crying for water, but no one listens.

District Development Commissioner, Poonch, Inderjit also visited Surankote,

If the people Instead of talking to the victims who were sitting on the protest sit-in, Rast-e-Dak reached the bungalow where he held a review meeting with the officers of the Municipal Committee and Sub-Division Administration and took stock of the situation.

They did not consider it appropriate to go to the affected areas by themselves, nor did they consider it appropriate to talk to the people sitting on the dharna.

The flood victims are waiting for help, so even in such a situation, differences were seen among the public representatives in Surankote.

Regarding the protesters, the councilors of the municipality said that they have come here from the village, only to do politics, while the protesters sitting at the bus stand said about the councilors of the municipality that they are not people's representatives but sycophants of the administration. And always mislead the man-

agement, no proper feedback is given, only compliments and anecdotes.

Youths including DDC Member Shah Nawaz Chaudhary started an indefinite sit-in on Wednesday last against the complete inattention of the LG administration and the indifference of DC Poonch. While protesting against the district administration, he termed the administration as weak and lame duck and said that the people of Surankote are not so disrespected.

Lies is what the administration is building its forts upon but they will crumble in the very near foreseeable future!

The protesters are demanding that the disaster in Surankote should be declared a national disaster and reasonable compensation should be given to the victims. Speaking on this occasion, Shah Nawaz Chaudhary, Tariq Ashraf, Qazi Irshad, Sikander Noorani, Tahir Mirza, Shiraz Bajjar, Waheed Hussain Shah warned the administration to stop treating the people of Surankote as below class citizens and the rules and regulations.

Victims should be helped under Shah Nawaz Chaudhary said that the National Disaster Act, State Disaster Act have been designed







## J&K Pollution Control Committee flags off On-Wheels E-waste collection van, awareness drive across J&K

JAMMU, AUGUST 5: In continuation to the initiatives launched to create doorstep awareness on E-waste across 20 districts of J&K, Chairperson J&K Pollution Control Committee, Dr. Neelu Gera today virtually flagged off On-Wheels E-waste Collection Centre (E-waste Mobile Collection Van) in presence of Member Secretary, J&K Pollution Control Committee, K. Ramesh Kumar and a doorstep awareness drive in collaboration with PRO Saahas Zero Waste and their partners, , Xiaomi India, LG India, EPSON India, Namo E-waste Management, Red FM, MIER College of Education and ELFA International.

The event was launched to create awareness amongst consumers regarding E-waste, which is one of the most serious and fast emerging environmental issues. The awareness cum collection campaign shall be carried out in various districts of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with Saahas Zero Waste under Producer Responsibility till January, 2023.

Dr. Neelu Gera, Chairperson, JKPCCC appreciated the innovative initiative by the officials of JKPCCC, PRO Saahas Zero Waste and its partners to conduct the awareness drive in J&K. She also highlighted that the lack of proper collection mechanism and unscientific disposal is a major cause of environmental and health hazards triggered by e-waste & plastic waste.

She further added that effective collection mechanism established by PROs and working in coordination with concerned local



bodies in various districts can play a vital role in e-waste management.

K. Ramesh Kumar, Member Secretary, J&K Pollution Control Committee, briefed that electronics and electrical items such as computers, televisions, mobile phones etc. are being discarded swiftly post their life completion and contribute to a huge volume of e-waste.

Sat Paul, Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee, appealed to consumers to play a responsible role in ensuring safe collection and disposal of all types of electronic waste.

Commenting on the launch of the drive, Murali Krishnan B, President, Xiaomi India, informed that, "As India's No 1 Smartphone and Smart TV

brand, the focus of Xiaomi is not only on responsible recycling, but also educating, spreading awareness towards e-waste management amongst consumers. He further appreciated the JKPCCC's initiative of 'Mass awareness and launch of On Wheels E-waste Collection Centre' is an important step towards building a sustainable and future ready tomorrow. He expressed immense pride in being a part of this e-waste drive in partnership with Saahas Zero waste.

The Representative from LG Electronics pointed out that the company is committed to sustainable practices and referred to the launching of multiple initiatives including a digital campaign #UPGRADERESPONSIBLY in year 2021 towards creating awareness for responsible.

## DDC Kishtwar inspects R&R plan works of Pakal-Dul HEP at Kwar-Tanji

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 05: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kishtwar, Ashok Sharma today inspected the ongoing Developmental Works under Local Area Development (LAD) Plan of Rehabilitation & Resettlement (RR) plan of Pakal Dul Hydroelectric Power Project here at Kwar-Tanji area.

He was accompanied by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Sham Lal; GGM CVPP Ramesh Mukhia; Naib Tehsildar Dool, Anwar Hafiz Choudhary, besides field functionaries of Revenue and PWD department.

The DDC Kishtwar inspected the site for the construction Of Community Hall coming up at an estimated cost of Rs 80 lakh under Local Area Development Plan of the Dul Hasti HEP.

He directed the revenue officials to complete the demarcation to facilitate the execution of work of the project by Aug 15 2022. During his visit, the DDC Kishtwar also took first hand stock of ongoing execution works of the dedicated Veterinary Centre of Animal Husbandry Department and Dipping Vats of sheep Husbandry at Kwar Tanji taken up under R&R Plan of Pakal Dul HEPP. He was apprised that work on the veterinary centre has been completed up to roof stage and rest of the work would be completed within the



stipulated time. He directed the executing agencies to complete the left out work in a time bound manner and also start the work on the dipping tank of Sheep Husbandry immediately with due adherence to the quality parameters.022.

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## One Beat Guard One Village Program Nowshera forest division conducts series of plantation drives



RAJOURI, AUGUST 05: A plantation drive under the theme "One Beat Guard One Village" programme was today conducted at village Channi of channi-A.

Rakesh Kumar, Sarpanch Panchayat Channi-A PRI members along with a large number of locals took part in the drive.

Abdul Ghani, Beat Guard Dharamsal conducted the drive with the help of Block Forest Officer Dharamsal Ved Parkash and other staff members. A number of fruit, medicinal

and fodder plants were planted on the occasion. Plants and seed balls of different species were also distributed among the participants.

The Sarpanch, PRI members and the general public lauded the efforts of the Forest department for increasing the green cover of the area and thanked Vivek Verma, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri and Rakesh Verma, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri, Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera and Rakesh Verma Range Officer Sunderbani for organizing

these plantation drives for creation of awareness among the villagers about the importance of forest, soil and its direct relation with the rainfall and other climatic factors which directly influence the farm productivity.

The drives are being conducted under the direct supervision of Vivek Verma, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri and Rakesh Verma, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri, Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera and Rakesh Verma Range Officer Sunderbani for organizing these plantation drives for creation of awareness among the villagers about the importance of forest.

## PS P.S Govt. PG College for women bags numerous prizes at Int'l Youth Day celebration

JAMMU, AUGUST 05: Padama Shri Padama Sachdev, Government PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar has bagged numerous prizes in a set of activities hosted by the College to commemorate the.

The competition was organized by G. G. M Science College in collaboration with J&K AIDS control society. The activities included debate competition, reel making and poster competition. The topic of the competition was "Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating World For All Ages". Two students in each category participated in the event. In Debate competition, Pooja Chargotra of sem VI bagged First prize and Haspreet Kour of SEM II were rewarded with 2nd prize. In reel making competition Riya Andotra of sem IV got 2nd prize. Sonam Manhas of sem VI

bagged 3rd prize in a poster making competition.

Dr. Revika Arora, Nodal officer, Red Ribbon Club appreciated efforts of the students and encouraged them to participate in such activities ahead. Prof. Sujata Salathia, Head, Department of Economics motivated the young students to serve for society and promote Intergenerational Solidarity.

Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the college, advised the students to promote solidarity across generations, which is a key for sustainable development. Prof. Abhinav, Prof. Manmeet Kour & Prof. Kusum also admired the zeal and enthusiasm of the students. Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the college, advised the students to promote solidarity across generations, which is a key for sustainable development.

## 2-Day National Conference on 'Biodiversity, Climate change' concludes at GDC Doda

DODA, AUGUST 05: The first ever multidisciplinary national conference in Chenab region on the burning theme of " \*Biodiversity, Climate change and Food Security for Livelihood with Multidisciplinary Approach for Sustainable Development" conducted by Department of Zoology, Government Degree College Doda concluded the other day with participation of scores of scholars, faculty members and academicians from across India.

The conference was held under the chief patronship of Principal Secretary of Higher Education J&K Rohit Kansal and under the supervision of VC Jammu University Prof. Dr Umesh Rai, Director Colleges Higher Education Department, J&K (UT), Dr Yasmeen Ashai, Principal GDC Doda Dr Attar Singh Kotwal, President IASR Dr Sudip Barat and President CIU New Delhi Prof. Dr P.

R Trivedi, Dr Ajaz A Wani, Head Department of Zoology was the Organizing Secretary of the event, while Assistant Prof. Imteyaz Ahmed, Dr Neelam Saba and Dr Muneesh acted as co-organizing secretaries.

International Academy of Science and Research (IASR) and Confederation of Indian Universities (CIU), New Delhi collaborated in organizing this conference. Sponsorship of the event was shared by Department of Higher Education, Govt. of J&K, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), HRD, New Delhi, Science, Technology and Innovation Council, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of J&K (UT) and J&K Bank. Inauguration of the Conference was held on 3rd of August 2022, in community Hall Doda where Principal Secretary Higher Education Rohit Kansal was chief guest and Principal

GDC Doda acted as Guest of honor along with Dr Tammoj Rudra, Executive Security CIU, New Delhi; Captain Dr Satish Minocha, Chairman IASR, Kolkata, West Bengal; Dr R. K Bharti, Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda; Dr Kuldeep Kumar Sharma, Principal Govt. PG College Bhaderwah; Principal GDC Batote, Dr Rajesh Gupta; Mr Fayaz Ahmed Batt, Zonal Head JK Bank, Zone Doda. Program began with the welcome address by Principal GDC Doda Dr Attar Singh Kotwal. All the dignitaries, professors, scientists, research scholars, prominent citizens and students attending the session were formally welcomed with utmost hospitality. Organizing Secretary, Dr Ajaz A Wani presented the initial remarks on "About the Conference". Newsletter of the Department of Zoology for the year 2021-22 was also released.

## Floriculture Deptt conducts series of plantation, cleanliness drives in Govt Schools

JAMMU, AUGUST 05: As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens Jammu, in collaboration with Department of School Education Jammu, on Friday organised a plantation and cleanliness drive here in the Government Higher Secondary School Bhalwal under the guidance of Director Floriculture, Parks and Gardens S. Jatinder Singh and Director School Education, Ravi Shanker Sharma. The plantation and cleanliness drive was conducted in school premises in the presence of Vikrant Sharma, District Floriculture Officer Jammu, Principal GHSS Bhalwal, Dr. Kishor Sharma, Assistant Floriculture Officer Jammu City Parks, Lakshmi, SHO Gharota, Rajesh Khajuria, Staff of the Floriculture & Education Department and enthusiastic students. About 100 plants were planted in the school vicinity so as to keep the environment clean and green.

A similar drive was also conducted in Girls Hr. Secondary School Samba, Boys Hr. Secondary School Samba and Boys Middle School Budhwani Samba in presence of Sunil Singh, Deputy Director Floriculture Jammu. The Principals of respective schools, ZEO Samba, Assistant Floriculture Officer, Atul Sharma.

## Chief Secretary e-inaugurates online portal of H&P dept, additional accommodation block at Circuit House Jammu

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 05: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today e-inaugurated online room booking portal of Hospitality and Protocol (H&P) department. He also e-inaugurated an additional accommodation block at Circuit House Jammu. Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Vivek Bhardwaj was also present on the occasion.

The online portal provides for reservation system of circuit houses of H&P department within and outside Jammu and Kashmir. With the e-inauguration of online room reservation system, Government employees and other people can apply online for booking of the circuit houses from the click of their mobile phones within and outside J&K.

The portal allows for online submission of booking



request by officers/officials and citizens. With the submission of booking request, an OTP is generated on the mobile phone of the customer and the booking is confirmed once the OTP is entered. The booking details are sent to the mobile

phone of the customer. Chief Secretary appreciated the efforts of Hospitality and Protocol department and said that this is another feather in the journey of Digital Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed hope that the new system will

bring further transparency and fairness in the allotment system. He also asked the concerned officers to maintain online data of the circuit houses and keep assessing the requirements of the circuit houses on regular

basis. He also called for maintenance and upkeep of circuit houses and other assets. He also stressed on checking the utilities of these assets on daily bases by the concerned caretaker.

Commissioner Secretary Hospitality and Protocol, Talat Parvez informed the Chief Secretary about the online portal and said that it has been completely integrated with RAS. He said the portal is very user friendly and the room reservation confirmation status is instantly intimated to the applicant through SMS or Sandes App.

Giving details about the additional block at circuit house, he informed that it consists of 2 suites and 12 very well furnished rooms. The work on the project was started by the executing agency PWD(R&B) Jammu in June 2019 and

was completed on June 2022. He informed that the total cost of the project was 660 lakhs, however total expenditure incurred on completion of the block is 510.83 lakhs. Commissioner Secretary Hospitality and Protocol, Talat Parvez informed the Chief Secretary about the online portal and said that it has been completely integrated with RAS. He said the portal is very user friendly and the room reservation confirmation status is instantly intimated to the applicant through SMS or Sandes App.

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## PDD hangs electric supply wires on wooden old poles as well as trees

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Mendhar -: Power Development Department Playing with the lives of common masses in ward no. 1 of Sagra Panchayat in Mankote Tehsil of Poonch District Residents of ward no1 of Panchayat Sagra of District Poonch expressed concern over low hanging live electric wires on old wooden poles and trees and accused the Power Development department of showcasing "callous approach" and "throwing norms to wind". Local said "In our area, live electric wires hang less than 8 or 9 feet from the ground. At many places, these wires are attached to wooden poles or trees. It seems that the Power Development department is inviting trouble as if they (PDD) want people to be electrocuted."

It shows the callous attitude

of the power development department (PDD) on the



ground. Most of the wooden poles installed in the area decades ago were damaged and instead of installing new cement poles, PDD officials choose to hang wires on trees. Locals of ward no 1 allege that PDD department put the lives of the common masses into danger by not Erect Electric Poles and the Main LT Lines are clearly seen hanging from the Trees. He added that from last many years we

made repeated pleas to the PDD officials seeking align-

ment of transmission lines on the electric poles, but our pleas have fallen on deaf ears nothing done so far. He added that wires have been joined temporarily and the fast moving wind can break them up, adding the department has failed to replace these wires despite several requests. As per the Section 336 of Indian Penal Court (IPC) it is clearly mentioned that 336 Act endangering life or personal

safety of others. Whoever does any act so rashly or negligently as to endanger human life or the personal safety of others, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees, or with both but who so ever care about the law. He added that "We regularly pay electric bills with out installation of Electric Meters, but PDD is not adhering to government announced power schedule in the area. He also claimed to have asked the concerned department to intervene before an untoward incident takes places, "but nothing has been done yet". Locals urged the Lt Governor Administration to personally look into the issue and issue orders to the concerned department at an earliest.

## 1 lakh Jammu Division students sensitised on Value Education, Child Protection

JAMMU, AUGUST 05: In pursuance to the monthly counselling calendar of Directorate of School Education Jammu, Over 1 lakh students of Government Schools of Jammu division were sensitised about value education and child protection in both the Summer and winter zones in the month of July.

Values like Patriotism, Truthfulness, Empathy, Love and Kindness were deliberated upon during the month.

Mass awareness was spread regarding child protection and safeguarding them from violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect of any kind.

The POCSO act was transacted by faculty counsellors through various programmes. The Students were also sensitised about the POCSO Act. Faculty counsellors working in counselling cells conducted a series of activities viz role plays, dramas, lecture and puppet demonstration, poster making, storytelling etc to impart these themes to students.

In the beginning of the month, virtual session was organised by counselling cell DSEJ to discuss calendar activities.

Dr. Romesh Kumar, IC Counselling

cell, DSEJ and Dr. Alka Sharma, Member Counselling Cell were the key resource persons.

Besides activities conducted by students and faculty counsellors, four virtual sessions were organized on the theme Value education and child protection as a part of weekly programme "Aao Baat Karein".

Eminent experts from the field including Dhiraj Sonar from HEMA foundation, Dr Geetanjali Kumar from Aakar Well being Centre, Dr. Raajiv Sharma, CEO NDF, Advocate Meenu Padha were resource persons.

Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma appreciated the efforts of Team Counselling Cell DSEJ, DCCs, ZCCs and faculty counsellors for carrying forward different initiatives of the Directorate in a planned manner. He stressed on the need for value based education which lays a strong foundation for healthy society.

Dr. Romesh Kumar, Incharge Counselling Cell DSEJ, called upon all the teachers to integrate value education in the subjects they teach and requested the stakeholders to work in liaison with CWC, JJBS, Vaatsalya, Social Welfare.

## D&D officers asked to furnish list of NPS subscribers

JAMMU, AUGUST 05: Chief Accounts Officer, District Fund Office, Jammu has asked all the Drawing & Disbursing Officers, who are operating on this office through Treasuries of Jammu District to submit the list of NPS subscribers of their establishments on the prescribed format for release of 2nd installment of G.P. Fund of NPS Subscribers vide Circular No. DFOJ/ADM/2274-45 dated: 12-01-2022. "It has come to the notice of the authorities that the desired information in respect of NPS Subscribers is still awaited from some DDO's causing delay in issuance of authority for 2nd installment.

As such all the DDOs of Jammu district are once again requested to submit the requisite information to the office of undersigned by or before 20th August 2022 as per prescribed.

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LG

normally. These are the signs of normalcy. Gone are the days of shutdown when shops and educational institutions remain closed? I think Kashmiri youth other than stone pelting wish to work with Smartphone's, they want to move towards startups," LG said while talking to the media on the sidelines of the inaugural function of Ujala Cygnus Kashmir Super Specialty hospital at Nowgam.

The Lt Governor further said that Jammu and Kashmir has gone a long way in every sector be it PMGSY, social security scheme saturation, governance or startups. "Nearly 1.10 crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir for the last seven months. There is peace and I think J&K is leading on the developmental front, it's going to be all new Jammu and Kashmir under the able guidance of the honorable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi," added Sinha.

The Lt Governor said that the new state-of-the-art Hospital, equipped with all the advanced medical facilities, will strengthen the government's efforts of ensuring quality healthcare services to the people of J&K, besides generating employment opportunities for the locals.

Even after 67 years of Independence, there were only three medical colleges in Jammu and Kashmir. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, seven new medical colleges have been established in the UT in just eight years. J&K has the unique distinction of being the first UT of the country with two AIIMS, the Lt Governor observed.

Hon'ble Prime Minister also launched the Ayushman Bharat-SEHAT Scheme in December 2020, extending health insurance of Rs 5 lakh per family to every citizen without any discrimination. Before 2019, there were only 129 health and wellness centers across Jammu and Kashmir. As many as 1275 new health and wellness centers have been set up in two years, he added.

Within a year, 22 proposals worth Rs 4400 crore have been approved for developing Medicity in Jammu and Kashmir, which will create additional 1000 MBBS seats, and add thousands of beds for patients in health facilities, besides providing large employment opportunities to medical professionals, noted the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the improvements registered in various health parameters during the last couple of years. In Jammu and Kashmir, the neonatal mortality rate has come down to 9.8, which is way less than the national average of 24.9 (Per 1000 live births). The national average of infant mortality rate is 35.2 while in Jammu and Kashmir, it is 16.3. J&K's under-5 mortality rate is 18.5 as compared to national average of 41.9.

All these achievements are a reflection of the government's resolve towards improving the quality of life and quality of health for all, the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor congratulated the entire team of Ujala Cygnus and hoped that the health facility launched today will serve the people with full dedication.

POLICE

In a tweet "pre and post abrogation of Article 370", police said there were 438 law and order incidents from August 5, 2019 to August 4, 2022. The number of such incidents during August 5, 2016 to August 4, 2019 was 3,686. The police claimed that no civilian was killed during the last three year after the J&K autonomy was scrapped.

PULWAMA

We have identified those involved in the attack. They will soon be either arrested or killed," Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Vijay Kumar, told reporters in Srinagar. Kumar said 'hybrid' militancy was no longer a challenge. "A year ago, the (hybrid) militancy was challenge, but now it is not. We identify them at the earliest and arrest or neutralize them," he said.

COVID

ported 37 cases, Ganderbal reported 09 cases, Kulgam reported 31 cases while as Shopian reported 01 fresh case today.

Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 118 cases, Udhampur 03, Rajouri 08, Doda 11, Kathua 06, Samba 08, Kishtwar 17, Poonch 07, Ramban 12 and Reasi has reported no fresh case.

MEA

India. As a result of long-awaited changes three years ago, it today reaps the benefits of socio-economic growth and development." In a series of tweets, the OIC urged the international community to take concrete steps for the resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions on the third anniversary of what it called "illegal and unilateral actions" of the Indian government.

SI

CRPF, ASI of J&K Police, Owner of a coaching centre, Akhnoor, private company based at Bengaluru, private persons and unknown others. The statement reads that the case has been registered on the allegations of irregularities in written examination for the posts of Sub-Inspectors in the J&K Police on March 27 this year, conducted by J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB).

SPORE

The statement reads that the results were declared on June 04 this year and there were allegations regarding malpractices in the examination. "The J&K government had constituted an Inquiry Committee to look into the same. It was alleged that the accused entered into conspiracy amongst officials of JKSSB, Bengaluru based private company, beneficiary candidates & others, and caused gross irregularities in conduct of written examination for the posts of Sub-Inspectors," it added.

YATRA

and Narayana Hrudayalaya hospital Katra and imposed a total penalty of Rs. 44.6 Lakhs on these errant hospitals. Actually, the Fraud under AB-PMJAY-SEHAT not only results in financial losses but have a much greater impact on people's health. AB-PMJAY-SEHAT aims at developing an anti-fraud culture that permeates all aspects of the scheme's governance. The approach to anti-fraud efforts is based on principles like Transparency, Accountability, Responsibility, Independence, and Reasonability.

SAHILALI

reflected through his growth. He is aiming to flourish himself as one of the greatest writers of Kashmir. "I started writing not for the sake of poetry but to give a vent to his emotion as he trust paper more than people for me writing is what he feels stillness in breathing", Sahil said. Sahil believes in continuous learning and is practicing to be better.

IMPCC

hour, he further said. Joint Director Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Ghulam Abbas gave an overview about the department and functioning of various units. The mandate of CBC offers an opportunity to all the media units and departments to highlight various centrally sponsored schemes and initiatives, he said.

MILITANT

suspected spot, the hiding terrorists opened fire, triggering a gunfight," an official said. "A soldier and a civilian got injured." Police said the civilian identified as Manzoor Lone of Redwani Bala Kulgam succumbed to his injuries. "Injured Army Jawan Kiran Singh of IRR, is hospitalized at ( Army's) 92 base Hospital Srinagar," a police spokesman said.

MILITANT

Police said a massive search operation was carried out to trace the militants. However, no fresh contact was established with the militants. "The search operation concluded," the spokesman said.

This was the third operation in Kulgam during the past fortnight where militants managed to break the cordon. The gun battle broke out on a day when security was beefed up across Kashmir on the third anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

BUNGUS VALLEY

be built at the place, which has green meadows spiraling over hundreds of kanals. "We have informed the higher authorities about it and we are awaiting for their response for the same," he added. Earlier, for the comfort of tourists, tourism department had pitched multiple modernized tents for night accommodation at the Bangus Valley, while many essential shops were also set up there by locals.

LAL CHOWK

Bobby George, World Championship Medalist; Commonwealth Champions, former Indian Cricketers, footballers among others will join in the various legs of the run. Sh Kartikya Sharma, Member Parliament Raja Sabha; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Dilbag Singh, DGP J&K; Sh Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir, besides senior officials and people from all walks of life were present on the occasion.

SPORTSPERSONS

the people before 15 August: LG SRINAGAR, AUGUST 05: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today dedicated the Upgraded & Revamped Bakshi Stadium at Srinagar to the Sportspersons of J&K. Terming the occasion as historic, the Lt Governor said that the stadium upgraded at a cost of Rs 59 cr is one more step towards realizing the high-spirited dreams & aspirations of the youth to earn glory through their performances on the field. The Lt Governor observed that Bakshi Stadium has been a central place of youth for decades, nurturing many dreams and making local sportspersons famous all over the country.

Today, we have been able to create 22 Indoor Multi-Purpose Halls in 20 districts, besides 38 Khelo India Centers have been established in various disciplines of sports. Further, work on 948 Sports infrastructure projects are going on, which will be completed in the current financial year, the Lt Governor informed. The Lt Governor appreciated the Sports department, J&K Sports Council, and all stakeholders for relentlessly working to identify and nurture young talent.

The Lt Governor expressed hope that people will wholeheartedly contribute towards nation building with full potential and our sporting talent will bring laurels to the nation and the UT in the world of sports. Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor, while speaking on the occasion said that the UT Government has paid special attention on developing sports infrastructure and providing the best training and exposure to the youngsters, he added.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, reiterated the government's commitment to extend all support to the sporting talent of J&K. Today, sports sector in the UT is witnessing rapid development. World class facilities and coaching is being extended to the youth at grass root level to showcase their talent in various sports disciplines, he added. He asked the officials to double their efforts to make J&K sporting hub of the country. Sh Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Tourism, in his welcome address threw light on the measures taken for the upgradation and renovation of Bakshi Stadium, and further highlighted the achievements made in terms of sports infrastructure and facilities in the region, besides nurturing the sporting talent and providing them platforms at national and international level.

RBI monetary policy aggressive in response to inflation: Abheek Barua

Srinagar, Aug 5, KNT: Abheek Barua, Chief Economist and Executive Vice President, HDFC Bank while commenting on the RBI monetary policy it is frontloaded and aggressive in response to inflation that remains high while the growth momentum remains reasonably positive. Accordingly, the RBI kept its inflation forecast unchanged at 6.7%, sounding caution on uncertainty around inflationary pressures despite the recent moderation in global crude oil and metal prices. The central bank kept its stance unchanged at "withdrawal of accommodation" signalling yet again that the notion of stance is being defined by the liquidity in the system and in turn the overnight rate.

Unlike previous policies, the central bank also focussed on the resilience of external balances implicitly communicating its preference for not just a less volatile rupee but also perhaps some resistance towards very sharp depreciated levels of the rupee. "We expect the RBI to continue with its rate hikes in the upcoming policies taking rates up to 5.75% by the end of the year. The bond market rally seen over the last few days is likely to reverse and we expect the 10-year paper to trade closer to 7.3-7.4% by the end of the quarter as markets reprice in RBI action and the supply of both SDL and central government bonds this year." (KNT)

Fani Meets DC, District Officers At Doda Highlights Problems Of General Public



Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Aug 05 :Spokesperson Minority Morcha BJP J&K Fared Ahmed Fani met District Development Commissioner, Doda Vikas Sharma and other officers at Doda during his tour of the district on Friday. During his meeting, he highlighted different problems concerning general masses of district Doda with the officers and also sought their immediate resolution. As per a prss statement, Fani said that in order to highlight the people's problems, he met District Development Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma and other district officers and demanded the timely redressal of the grievances of public. While calling the DC Doda as an honest and upright officer, Fani said that recent law and order situation in the district is an instance which was handled by DC with his personal utmost administrative ability and efficacious approach which defeated the ugly designs of some anti social elements who wanted to disturb the age old communal harmony and peace in the region, the statement said.

Director Tourism condoles demise of employee's spouse

Director Tourism Kashmir, Dr. G N Itoo has condoled the demise of the wife of Junior Engineer (Electric) of the Department, Aijaz Ahmad who passed away today after a massive heart attack. Praying for peace to the departed soul, the Director Tourism has conveyed his sympathies with the bereaved family and prayed for them to bear with the loss.

"There's a limit to everything" Anjuman condemns closing Jama Masjid gates, seeks release of Mirwaiz

Srinagar, Aug 5: Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar today expressed a strong reaction, saying that authorities did not allow the outside (main) doors of the Jama Masjid to be opened on the important occasion of Friday, due to which the Muslims of Kashmir were once again forcibly deprived of performing the congregational prayers in this historic central place of worship, which is highly condemnable. Along with repeated restrictions on Friday prayers in the Jama Masjid, it has been three years since the continuous detention of the Anjuman head and Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq Sahab from August 2019, the statement said, adding that due to the three-year-long illegal and arbitrary detention of Mirwaiz, the mibar-o-mihraab (pulpit) of Jama Masjid, which used to re-verbinate with the Dawah Wa Tableegh of Qaal Allah Wa Qaala Rasool (SAW), continues to remain silent. This is a matter of concern and pain for the Muslims of Kashmir, Anjuman Auqaf said, adding that such anti-Islam and undemocratic acts are seriously hurting the religious sentiments of Kashmiri Muslims.

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# India maintains 'studied silence' on Taiwan crisis: S. Jaishankar

**NEW DELHI/BEIJING:** India avoids controversy with China at a sensitive time in border talks, but doesn't wish to claim allegiance to the "One China policy" either.

Amid growing number of international reactions to developments in the Taiwan straits and tensions between the U.S. and China, New Delhi chose to maintain a "studied silence" on the unfolding situation, omitting any mention of it even in talks held by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on the sidelines of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Phnom Penh. The decision not to issue a statement said officials and experts, is deliberate, as New Delhi seeks to avoid controversy on a sensitive issue between the U.S. and China, and also given that India, unlike other countries in the region, has not referenced the "One China" policy since at least 2010.

On Thursday, Mr. Jaishankar attended the ASEAN-India summit, and held talks with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, as well as Foreign Ministers of Australia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Mr. Jaishankar called the talks with Ministers "productive" and "warm", and said he had discussed a number of issues with ASEAN countries including the "Indo-Pacific, UNCLOS, connectivity, COVID-19, terrorism, cybersecurity, Ukraine and Myanmar", without referenc-

ing the Taiwan situation. "The two exchanged views on



global and regional issues, including Russia's brutal aggression against Ukraine and the implications it has had on food insecurity around the world, " said the U.S. State department in its readout of the Jaishankar-Blinken meeting, adding that they also discussed Sri Lanka's economic crisis and "promoting accountability for the [Myanmar] regime's atrocities".

"A carefully decided one" Officials and experts said New Delhi's decision not to comment on the situation unfolding after the visit to Taipei by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the highest-ranking American to visit Taiwan in 25 years, followed by

China's sharp reaction, military exercises and missile tests, is a

"carefully decided" one, aimed at ensuring India does not wish to cause a controversy with China at a sensitive time in border talks, but doesn't wish to claim allegiance to the "One China policy", either. "A loud silence is probably the best response to the situation," a former senior official, now retired, said.

While India has followed the one China policy since 1949, indicating it does not recognise any government other than the PRC in Beijing, and only conducts trade and cultural ties with Taiwan, New Delhi stopped mentioning the policy in official statements and joint declarations after 2008. According

to officials at the time, the government had taken the decision after a series of Chinese statements claiming Arunachal Pradesh as a part of the Chinese territory, renaming Arunachal towns with Mandarin names, and issuing "stapled visas" to Indian citizens who were residents of Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh.

In 2010, during meetings with President Hu Jintao in Brasilia, and Premier Wen Jiabao, joint statements with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh did not refer to the one-China principle. "The thinking was, why is there a need to reiterate the One-China policy when China was not taking our sensitivities into account, said one senior retired official, adding that it wasn't a change in policy but a decision to not repeat it." "We conveyed that if the Chinese side desired India to state the one-China policy, then it should respect a one-India principle," said another former official. The officials confirmed that in 2014, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj had endorsed the decision too. "One-China policy"

In separate statements issued this week, however, ASEAN Foreign Ministers as well as countries in the region like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan had pointedly affirmed their commitment to the "One-China policy". "Pakistan is deeply concerned over the evolving situation in the Taiwan.

# World's Largest Floating Solar Plant Set To Be Built In Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh: The world's largest floating solar project is set to be built on river Narmada as the Madhya Pradesh government signed a contract for the first phase of the project on Thursday.

Floating Solar Project on Narmada, which is to be built on the backwaters of the Omkareshwar Dam, will be one of only 10 floating solar plants in the world. The 600 MW-capacity infrastructure will be the world's largest solar project to be built on water.

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"The state government is on the path of making Madhya Pradesh the lungs of India along with the heart of India. Madhya Pradesh will make every possible contribution towards fulfilling all the commitments of India and the Pancharit Mantra given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Glasgow Conference for Climate Change," Shivraj Singh Chouhan said. The Chief Minister added that since no land is needed for the project, people would not be displaced.

"Due to the installation of solar panels on the surface of the water, the water will not evaporate as steam. With this, 60 to 70 per cent of water will be saved. This is equal to the drinking water of Bhopal residents for 124 days," he added. Furthermore, installation of the plant would reduce algae growth and the water will remain drinkable, Mr Chouhan said.

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## 2G Scam: CBI Seeks Daily Hearings On Its Appeal Challenging Acquittals



New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has moved an application in the Delhi High Court seeking a day-to-day hearing of its appeals in the Delhi High Court asking it to expedite the case.

The application stated that appeals pertain to the case known as the "2G Spectrum Scam Case" which has great public importance and involves probity in public life and issues of integrity amongst public officials, having national and international ramifications, early disposal of the said appeals is in the interest of justice.

The case involves the interest of the public at large and it was for this reason that the Supreme Court was monitoring the investigation and trial. Keeping the above in mind, it is desirable in the interest of justice that arguments on leave to appeal be resumed on day-to-day basis, stated the plea. Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Sanjay Jain appearing for CBI submitted that a schedule be fixed for arguments on appeal.

# Russia Undercuts Saudi Oil In India As Competition Heats Up

Mumbai: A fierce battle is brewing in India where Russia has undercut the price of oil from its OPEC+ ally Saudi Arabia, paving the way for Moscow to expand market share in one of the biggest crude importers.

Russian barrels were cheaper than Saudi crude during April through June, with the discount widening to almost \$19 a barrel in May, according to Bloomberg calculations based on Indian government data. Russia surpassed the kingdom as the second-biggest supplier to India in June, ranked just behind Iraq.

India and China have become willing consumers of Russian crude as most other buyers shunned its barrels following the invasion of Ukraine. The South Asian nation imports 85% of its oil needs, and cheap supplies provide some economic

relief as the country faces elevated inflation and a record trade gap. The nation's crude import bill swelled to \$47.5 billion in the second quarter after a surge in global prices coincided with rebounding fuel demand, according to government data. That compares with \$25.1 billion in the same period last year, when prices and volumes were lower. Oil has tumbled recently on concerns over an economic slowdown, offering some respite to consumers. Indian refiners are going to try and get their hands on the cheapest crude possible that works with their refinery and product configurations," said Vandana Hari, founder of Vanda Insights in Singapore. "Russian crude fits that bill for now. The Saudis and Iraqis are not entirely losing out because they are directing more supply to Europe."



While the discount of Russian oil to Saudi crude narrowed in June, barrels were still around \$13 cheaper, averaging about \$102. That compares with a premium of just over \$13 in March, although most of India's monthly supply would have been fixed prior to the invasion in late Febru-

ary. The kingdom was the second-biggest supplier to India in 2021, while Russia was the ninth largest.

Iraq was the biggest crude supplier to India and has maintained that spot this year through June. Oil from the OPEC producer was around \$9 a barrel higher than Russian barrels in May, but was at a discount in all other months. India's imports from Russia have surged tenfold since March.

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## Supreme Court Rejects Plea Seeking Contempt Proceedings Against Heads Of Political Parties

New Delhi: The Supreme Court today dismissed a plea seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against heads of political parties for not following its directions to prevent criminalisation of politics in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls held earlier this year.

A bench of Justices BR Gavi and PS Narasimha said the Election Commission is the competent authority in the matter.

The Supreme Court was hearing a plea filed by an advocate Brajesh Singh seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against several party leaders including Sonia Gandhi, Arvind Kejriwal and Akhilesh Yadav.

The plea claimed that these parties did not comply with the top court's August



2021 judgment to declare criminal antecedents of its Uttar Pradesh assembly poll candidates. The Supreme Court in August, 2021 had directed the political parties to upload on their websites and social media platforms the details of pending criminal cases against their candidates and the reasons for selecting them as also for not giving ticket to those

without criminal antecedents. It had said these details should be published within 48 hours of the selection of the candidate or at least two weeks before the first date for filing of nominations, whichever is earlier.

The details should also be published on official social media platforms of the political parties, including Facebook and Twitter, and also in one local vernacular and one national newspaper, the top court had directed. In September 2018, a five-judge constitution bench had unanimously held that all candidates will have to declare their criminal antecedents to the Election Commission before contesting polls and called for a wider publicity, through print and electronic media about antecedents of candidates.

# US Will "Not Allow" China To Isolate Taiwan, Says Nancy Pelosi In Tokyo

Tokyo: US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Friday that the United States will "not allow" China to isolate Taiwan, after her visit to the self-ruled island infuriated Beijing.

China, which views Taiwan as part of its territory, launched its largest-ever military exercises around the island after Pelosi defied stern threats to become the highest-profile US official to set foot on Taiwanese soil in years.

Now in Tokyo on the final leg of her Asian tour, Pelosi did not comment directly on the drills but argued that American politicians should be able to travel to Taiwan freely.

"They may try to keep Taiwan from visiting or participating in other places, but they will not isolate Taiwan by preventing us to travel there," she told reporters.

"We will not allow them to isolate Taiwan," she said, listing lower-level US visits to the island and reiterating that her trip was "not about changing the status quo" in the region. "It is about... all of the pieces of legislation and agreements that have established what our relationship is. To have peace

in the Taiwan Strait and have the status quo prevail."

When asked if the trip was more about her own legacy



than benefiting Taiwan, Pelosi replied: "This isn't about me -- it's about them."

She called the island "one of the freest countries in the world" and "a great democracy with a thriving economy", saying she was "proud" of her work showcasing concerns related to mainland China, from alleged trade violations and arms proliferation to human rights.

Ballistic missiles The 82-year-old American politician arrived on Thursday from South Korea, another key

US ally, where she visited the border with the nuclear-armed North.

It is her first time in Japan since 2015, and on Friday morning she met Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who said Japan had "called for the immediate cancellation of the military drills".

Tokyo said five Chinese ballistic missiles were believed to have fallen in Japan's ex-

clusive economic zone, with four of those presumed to have flown over Taiwan's main island.

Kishida condemned the missile launches as a "serious problem that impacts our national security and the safety of our citizens".

Parts of Japan's southernmost Okinawa region are close to Taiwan, as are islets at the centre of a long-running dispute between Tokyo and Beijing.

The EEZ extends up to 200 nautical miles from Japan's coastline, beyond the limits of its territorial waters.

In May, US President Joe Biden also angered Beijing on a visit to Japan, when he said US forces would defend Taiwan militarily if China attempted to take control of the island by force.

However, Biden and his team insisted at the time that their decades-old approach to Taiwan remained in place.

This means support for its government while diplomatically recognising Beijing over Taipei, and opposing a formal independence declaration by Taiwan or a forceful takeover by China.

## Chinese Missiles Flew Over Taiwan During Military Drills: Report

Beijing: Chinese missiles flew over Taiwan during Beijing's latest military drills, state media reported Friday, as the country pressed ahead with exercises encircling the island following a visit by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Pelosi was the highest-profile US official to head to Taiwan in years, defying stark threats from Beijing, which views the self-ruled island as its territory.

China launched a series of exercises in multiple zones around Taiwan in response, straddling some of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.

Beijing is yet to formally confirm whether missiles overflew the islands during the drills, while Taipei has refused to confirm or deny the flight paths, citing intelligence concerns.

But Japan's defence ministry said of the nine missiles it had detected, four were "believed to have flown over Taiwan's main island".

On Friday, a hashtag shared by state media asking "what does it mean for the People's Liberation Army's conventional missiles to pass over Taiwan island?" attracted some 43.7 million views on China's Twitter-like Weibo.

"Our exercises this time included live-firing tests, and it was the first time they crossed Taiwan island," Meng Xiangqing, a professor at China's military-affiliated National Defence University, told state broadcaster CCTV, lauding the accuracy of Beijing's capabilities.

He added that they passed through an airspace where Patriot missiles -- a highly mobile surface-to-air missile system that would be a crucial defence against Chinese warplanes -- are densely deployed.

The latest drills also represented the PLA's closest-ever exercises to the island, its first encirclement and the first time it set up a shooting range east of Taiwan, Meng said.

## YS&S Department holds Youth Rally at Kupwara



KUPWARA, AUGUST 5: The Youth Services & Sports (YS&S) department Kupwara today organised a Youth Rally, here in which students from different zones of Kupwara district participated.

The Rally was flagged off by District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Jatinder Singh. The rally commenced from D.C Office Complex Kupwara, went through Bye Pass Road, Hospital Road, Old chowk and concluded at TRC Kupwara.

The Rally was conducted under the banner "Azadi ka Amrut Mahaotsav."

On the occasion, District Youth Services and Sports Officer highlighted the importance of such programmes and stressed the participants to exhibit discipline in all facets of life.

## Renzushah inaugurated Championship of Grand Martial Art even in international Delhi public School Zakura



Srinagar 5th August 2022:- Khwaja Farooq Renzushah was chief Guest today at opening ceremony of grand Martial Art Kalaripayattu championship at International Delhi public School Zakura & delivered key note address. Mr. Showkat Chowdhery, Mr. Nazir Makhdoomi, Mr. Arshad Aaziz honoured Khwaja Renzushah with Award certificate of honour. Mr. Showkat Chowdhry appreciated his contribution in promotion of Sports, Scouts & Spiritual Martial Art of Kashmir at international platforms. Three days championship organized by Iconic personality of Martial Art Mr. Arshad Aziz was thrown open on this occasion. The event was later appreciated by Renowned personality of Kashmir Tanvir Sadiq also with his gracious participation.

While speaking on this occasion Khwaja Renzushah said that it was the Kashmir society International, Hindustan scouts, Boys scouts & J&K Scouts & Guides which discovered potential of Kashmir decades before through Martial Art. He said history is witness that from 1321 AC Hazrat Bulbul Shah & later Hazrat Amir Kabir patronized spiritual Martial Art in Kashmir and it got enriched with time only in Kashmir. He said we discovered & promoted not only Tajamul ul Islam but hundreds of such talented youth on different platforms which are part of hidden treasure of Kashmir.

Khwaja Renzushah appreciated chowdhry Showkat, Arshad Aziz & Nazir Makhdoomi for taking sustained steps to train young generation & organizing such prestigious championship first time in Srinagar.

## MACHHAL WOMEN CRICKET LEAGUE - A NEW RAY OF HOPE



Srinagar, 05 August 2022. Indian Army alongwith local authorities organised the first ever Machhal Women's Cricket League. The girls from Machhal, Pushwari and Dudi villages participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The matches were filled with lot of emotions and the girls had given their best to win the matches for their village. One of the participant said, "this is the first time we got an opportunity to play cricket. In Kashmir, girls don't have opportunity to participate in such games. I am very happy that cricket tournament is organised for us for the first time. We had seen matches on television but to play cricket on a cricket field is altogether a different and special experience. Such tournaments should be conducted for the girls of Machhal Bowl in future also." Girls from Machhal village were the winners of this sporting event. Large number of villagers came to witness these matches and were happy and expressed their gratitude for this new initiative by the Indian Army. I am very happy that cricket tournament is organised for us for the first time. We had seen matches on television but to play cricket on a cricket field is altogether a different and special experience. Such tournaments should be conducted for the girls of Machhal Bowl in future also.

## Fit India Movement: ADC flags-off Cycle rally in Bandipora

BANDIPORA, AUGUST 05: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Waseem Raja on Friday flagged-off a Cycle Rally from SK Stadium Bandipora as part of the Fit India Campaign.

The rally was organised by a local NGO, Kashmir Environmental and Social Organization in collaboration with the District Administration on the theme of conservation of Nature-Green Jammu & Kashmir.

The rally started from SK Stadium Bandipora and culminated at Mini Secretariat Bandipora. Officials said the aim of organising the rally was to promote cycling among youth that serve two purposes - staying fit and conserving environment ensuring pollution free atmosphere.

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ed in the Cycle Rally and at least 70 students rallied on Cycle from SK stadium to DC office.

On the occasion ADC emphasized the school children to adopt Cycle culture to remain physically fit. He also stressed upon the children to help the Ad-

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## CUK's deptt of physical Education holds seminar on 'Structure of Sports in different Domains'

Ganderbal, Aug 5: Department of Physical Education, School of Education, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) organised a one-day seminar on the structure of sports in different domains here on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar emphasised that the sports and academics should go hand in hand in the institutions of higher learning. He assured that the sports infrastructure in the university would be further developed and improved so that the students could use the facilities to channelize their energy and showcase their hidden talent.

Addressing the gathering, Finance Officer, Prof. Fayaz Ahmad Nikka said that sports not only enrich physical health, but also develop leadership

qualities, cooperation, and social aspect of the person-



wealth games and other international sports events.

speech, explained the structure of sports in the country and how higher education should establish state of the art sports facilities in their institutions to get recognition at the national and international levels.

During the event, participants in All India University Mini Golf, Pencak Silat & Woodball Competitions were felicitated. Yoga Instructors who have imparted yoga sessions across different campuses of CUK during a 3-week Workshop on yoga organised on the eve of the 8th International Day of Yoga were also felicitated.

Asst Prof. Dr Mohammad Muzamil Shah conducted the programme proceedings while as Dean DSW, Dr. Mehraj Ud Din Shah proposed the vote of thanks.

## Jio Premiere League 1st Edition 2022 Gantamulla Baramulla

UCC Boniyar Beats Sheeri-XI By 90 Runs To Enter Semi-Final



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Baramulla :- UCC Boniyar beats Sheeri-XI by a huge margin of 90 runs. Batting first UCC Boniyar put a huge total of 244/8 in allotted 20 overs. Shahid Rafiq played a splendid knock of 88 runs with the help of 4 boundaries and 8 huge

monesters, while Mubeen Khan added 51 runs for UCC Boniyar.

In reply Sheeri-XI were bundled-out for 154 runs in 15.1 overs. Basharat Bandy and Toub Pathan took 2 wickets each for UCC Boniyar. Shahid Rafiq was adjudged player of the match for his splendid batting display.

## Russia 'ready' to discuss prisoner swap with Washington after US basketball star's jailing

Russia said on Friday it was ready to discuss a prisoner swap with Washington at the presidential level, a day after the drug conviction of US basketball star Brittney Griner.

Despite tensions soaring between Russia and the US since the launch of Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine, the former Cold War rivals appeared to be edging closer to a new prisoner exchange.

The White House has urged Russia to accept its offer of a deal for the release of Griner and former US Marine Paul Whelan, who was sentenced to 16 years in prison on espionage charges.

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Friday said Russia was willing to discuss the matter.

"We are ready to discuss this subject, but only within the framework of the (communication) channel established by presidents Putin and Biden," Lavrov told a press conference on

a visit to Cambodia. "There is a special channel established by the presidents and despite certain public declarations, it is still functional," he added.

WNBA player Griner was on Thursday sentenced to nine years in a Russian penal colony and ordered to pay a fine of one million rubles (\$16,590) for possessing and smuggling narcotics. The two-time Olympic basketball gold medalist and Women's NBA champion was detained at a Moscow airport in February after she was found carrying vape cartridges with cannabis oil in her luggage. The Phoenix Mercury player was coming to Russia to play club basketball with UMMC Ekaterinburg during the US off-season — a common path for American stars seeking additional income.

Griner pleaded guilty to the charges, but said she did not intend to break the law or use the banned substance in Russia.



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