

# HEADLINES TODAY



Har Ghar Tiranga  
13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Minor Boy Killed in Leopard Attack at Wagoora Baramulla

Aashiq Hussain

Kreeri, Aug 8 : A 4-year-old boy was killed in a Leopard attack in Wagoora area in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, official sources said. They told that one Ehsaan Ahmad Shah was outside his home, when a Leopard caught hold of him this evening. "As the news spread, the family and locals tried to rescue the boy, however the boy succumbed to his injuries suffered during the attack", the sources said.

### NIA raids in Doda, Jammu Hybrid militant arrested in Srinagar

Jammu, August 08: National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday carried out raids at multiple places in Jammu and Doda districts of J&K in connection with a militant funding case.

NIA sources said multiple raids were carried out simultaneously in Jammu and Doda districts at the offices/premises of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) members.

"Searches were carried out at Bhatindi in Jammu district and Munshi Mohalla, Akhramabad, Nai Basti, Malothi Bhalla and Dhara Gundana in Doda district.

"These searches pertain to fund collection by JeI in the name of 'Zakat' (Charity) and other religious activities, but these funds were used for supporting secessionist activities.

"The investigation also pertains to motivating youth by JeI to join its ranks so that they are pushed into secessionist activities," sources said.

Meanwhile Police arrested a hybrid militant of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) outfit at Lawaypora area on the outskirts of Srinagar.

### SPO shoots himself dead in Doda

Doda, August 08: A Special Police Officer (SPO) shot himself dead with his service rifle at Sessions Court Doda on this morning. The SPO identified as Gurmeh Singh, a resident of Gandoh died on the spot.

A police official said that a case has been registered and investigation taken up in this regard.

### Woman commits suicide in Kulgam

Srinagar, August 08: A 35-year-old woman was found hanging near her native village in Yarikhan area of Damhal Hanjipora in south Kashmir's Kulgam district this morning, officials said.

An official said the lady (name withheld) was found hanging with a walnut tree this morning, some 100 meters from her home in Yarikhan. He said that a case has been registered and investigation taken up in this regard.

### ACB registers 200 cases of corruption since 2020

Srinagar, August 08: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has tightened its noose as it has registered around 200 cases against corrupt government officials since 2020 in Jammu and Kashmir.

These cases have been registered in connection with misuse of official position, corruption charges, disproportionate assets, illegal compensation, purchase of sub-standard drugs and illegal grant permission to constructions, irregularities in funds, backdoor appointments, and various other wrongdoings.

Among them, 71 and 61 cases were registered in 2020 and 2021, respectively. An official of the ACB said that there has been evidence against these officials for having indulged in wrong doings. "Case is only registered when there is some proof against an accused," the official said. "Government has to decide whether an accused official should be given a plum posting or not," he added.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has asked the ACB and General Administration Department to use the latest technology and work in collaboration to set new benchmarks in combating corruption. Recently, Jammu and Kashmir administration ordered the premature retirement of eight employees of the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) on the charges of corruption under Article 226(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil services Regulations, Departmental Committees of J-K. The charges against the said

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Scenes of Azadari Across Kashmir ... HT Photos by SURKHAB ZEHRA, J. ANSARI and SHEIKH SANJEEL

## Govt establishes transparent recruitment system in J&K

Mumkin, Tejaswani, Sahyta launched to create self-employment avenues for youth

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transparent and just system con-

Srinagar, August 08: Jammu and Kashmir Government has ensured to establish a new transparent recruitment system for the youth without any favoritism and discrimination.

Unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir has remained a big concern for 70 years and in the absence of a private sector, the people used to do anything to get a prestigious government job as it was considered a guarantee for a secure future. For the first time in history of Jammu and Kashmir, recruitments have been done on merit basis, in transparent manner which is a living example of how corruption-free,



tributes to the progress of the marginalized class and wherever wrongdoings were alleged, investigation was launched by credible and top law enforcement agencies. Recently, J&K Lieutenant Govern-

nor, Manoj Sinha, cancelled the recruitment of Sub-Inspectors in J&K Police after some aspirants alleged that the process was not carried out in a fair manner. The complaint of the candidates was acted upon promptly and an enquiry committee was set up. The panel pointed out discrepancies in the selection process. Without wasting any time, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, cancelled the list, and made it clear that no one will be selected through a backdoor. Speaking on the employment opportunities across J&K, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, stated that "there was a wrong perception that there were no jobs in the Union

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### 2 devotees die, 1 injured as boulder falls near Shiv Khori cave

LG announces Rs 5 lakh ex-gratia for NoK of deceased

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Jammu, August 08: Two devotees lost their lives while another suffered injuries after they were hit by a huge boulder on Monday near Shiv Khori Cave Shrine in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Police said that a big boulder hit the road near Shiv Khori this afternoon leaving two devotees dead and one injured. Police identified the deceased as Nirmal Singh, 17, son of Ranjit Singh of Khawas, district Rajouri, J&K and Shrawan Singh, 45, son Ram Singh, resident of Gokrapur, Uttar Pradesh.

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### Yaume Ashoora to be observed today

No restrictions to be imposed anywhere in Srinagar: Police

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Srinagar, August 08: Ashoora, the 10th day of holy month of Muharram, will be observed across Kashmir today. However, except Abi Guzar locality, no restrictions shall be imposed anywhere in Srinagar, officials said.

The 10th Muharram is observed as Youm-e-Ashoora when over 1,400 years ago, Imam Hussain (AS), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was martyred along with his family members and companions in Karbala, Iraq. The biggest Muharram procession is scheduled to be carried out from Bota Kadal to Zadibal area to remember the sacrifices of Karbala martyrs. The Muharram procession will also be taken out at

Bemina and other places including Budgam district, in Pattan and Delina areas of Baramulla district, Wularhama Pahalgam, Sofi Pora, Halkha, Chaturgund in South Kashmir. Meanwhile, on the eve of Ashoora, the authorities here have decided not to impose any restrictions in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. A top police official said the curbs would be imposed only near Abi Guzar area of Srinagar.

"Except near the Abi Guzar area, there will be no restrictions anywhere in Srinagar on Ashoora," a top police official said. Pertinently, the Muharram processions were taken out today in Baba Damb area, Rainawari and Gow Kadal areas of Srinagar in

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### No proposal for setting up 8th Pay Commission, says Government

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New Delhi, August 08: The government is not considering setting up 8th Pay Commission for central government employees, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed Lok Sabha on Monday.

"No such proposal is under consideration with the government for constitution of 8th Central Pay

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## Security beefed up across Kashmir ahead of Independence Day

Mega function to be held at SK cricket Stadium Srinagar

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Srinagar, August 08: Ahead of Independence Day celebrations next week, security agencies have been directed to maintain a strict vigil across Kashmir. A mega function will be held at Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium in Srinagar city to mark the

75th Independence Day, officials said. A senior police officer said multiple layer security arrangements have been placed at the main venue and the area is under continuous CCTV surveillance. "In order to thwart any untoward incident, areas that border Srinagar district remain our prime

focus," he said. "We are aiming to set up makeshift bunkers to keep track of the situation and streamline the visitors," the official said, adding they have directed concerned district SSPs to keep vigil around the locations where parades will take place.

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## J&K reports 452 news COVID-19 cases, no death

SYED TAJAMUL BUKHARI

Srinagar, August 08: Jammu and Kashmir reported 452 new positive cases of COVID-19 including 94 from Jammu and 358 from Kashmir divisions, taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 47021. Moreover, 711 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been dis-

charged from various hospitals including 226 from Jammu division and 485 from Kashmir division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 47021 positive cases, 5045 are Active Positive (1143 in Jammu Division and 3902 in Kashmir Division), 460380 have recovered

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### Decades-old smallpox vaccination could protect elderly from monkeypox: DAK

Srinagar, August 08: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Monday said older adults who were vaccinated against smallpox many decades before could be protected from monkeypox. "People who received

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## Delhi to Kashmir route, comprising world's tallest railway bridge opening soon

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total of 37 bridges built along the

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New Delhi, August 08: The Central government and Indian Railways will soon open the Delhi to Kashmir rail route for public travel since the project is nearing completion and the railway bridge over the Chenab River in the district of Reasi on the Baramulla railway line is also almost finished. There is a 12.6 km long T-49B tunnel being built on the 111 km long railway track that connects Katra to Banihal. The majority of this track has already been finished. There will be a



Banihal route, including 35 tunnels in Srinagar and 26 major and 11 small bridges. The 93 km of tunnels on the Jammu railway line, to be finished in 2023, cross the Himalayas. 93 km of the 110 km of the railway from Udham-

pur to Banihal are tunnels, and lighting systems will be installed in these tunnels to regulate train traffic. The stations Reasi, Salal A, Salal B, Daga, Bhasin Didhar, Singaldan, and Sambar will be erected next to this network of tunnels. The challenging kilometer stretch that crosses the Himalayan mountain range on the 111 km railway line from Katra to Banihal is now under construction. This stretch will have 97 kilometers of tunnels. Trains run on three portions of the rail line that are each 25 kilometers long—from Udhampur to Katra, 18 kilometers from Banihal to Qazigund, and 118 kilometers from Qazigund to Baramulla.

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## DGP visits Army's Delta Force headquarters; reviews security situation

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Jammu, August 8: Ahead of Independence Day, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Monday visited the Army's Delta Force headquarters in Ramban district and reviewed the highway and overall security situation, police said. Earlier, the police chief visited the nearby Kishtwar district and took stock of the security arrangements for the ongoing Machail Yatra, which is scheduled to end next month, a police spokesman said. Accompanied by Addi-

tional Director General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh, the DGP visited Delta Force headquarters of the Army in Ramban along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and had a detailed interaction with the General Officer Commanding Major General Ajay Kumar, he said. The spokesman said the overall security and security measures along the strategic highway were discussed in detail during the meeting, which was among others attended by Deputy Inspector General of Police, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range, Sunil Gupta and

Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban, Mohita Shrama. Earlier, during his visit to Kishtwar, the DGP conducted an aerial survey of far-flung areas and chaired a series of meetings with senior officers to review the security situation in the district. He first visited Machail and interacted with the police and CISF personnel deployed for the annual yatra, which started on July 25 and will culminate on September 5, the spokesman said, adding Dilbag Singh

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# Free electricity to J-K if elected, says AAP minister

Srinagar, Aug 8, KNT: Delhi Cabinet Minister and close aide of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal - Imran Hussain, who is also the in-charge Kashmir Election Affairs for Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Monday said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir will get free electricity, better health, and transportation service and best education model for their children if AAP comes to power in the erstwhile state.

chat with the news agency Kashmir News Trust said that 'development' is the only face of AAP. "AAP believes that Kashmir is a resourceful region where people have every right to get free electricity. People want better health care, a better transportation system, and the best education for their children and AAP will ensure that like Delhi, people of Jammu and Kashmir will get what they deserve," Imran Hussain who represents the Ballimaran constituency of Delhi said.

Imran Hussain who was in Kashmir Valley said AAP will contest all seats across Jammu and Kashmir and it is hopeful that people will repose their faith in the party. "All the candidates that AAP will offer tickets will be on public demand. We will consult the general public so that corrupt free faces can contest the elections. 'Imandari' (honesty) is the model of AAP and we won't accept those politicians in our party who don't possess a good image. Big politicians are approaching us but we will

keep it up to the people whom they want as their leaders," Imran Hussain the incumbent Minister of Food and Civil Supplies and Election in Delhi Government told KNT. He said Kashmir has the potential to develop on the lines of Switzerland and AAP will turn this into reality. "If people of Jammu and Kashmir think and believe that AAP has really delivered goods in Delhi, they can elect this party in Jammu and Kashmir for better tomorrow," Hussain said. (KNT)

# Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Srinagar Administration to develop Mega Chinar Park spread over 400 Kanals of land

SRINAGAR AUGUST 08:- In connection with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, to mark the 75 years of Independence of the country, the District Administration Srinagar has undertaken an initiative to establish the largest Chinar Park of the Kashmir Valley ChinarZaar (The Valley of Chinars) on the foothills of the Zabarwan Mountains here. The ChinarZaar shall be spread over nearly 400 kanals of land and shall be developed as an exclusive green zone to attract more tourists and local visitors. As many as 75 chinar trees are being planted by August 15 to celebrate 75 years of the independence. In this regard, the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Mohammad Aljaz Asad today undertook a visit to the Nishat area of the District to initiate



them from as a short term measure and said at least 75 Chinar tree saplings would be planted by August 15 on the eve of 75 years of independence under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahaotsav. The DC directed the officers of all line departments to work in a coordinated manner for the development of the largest Chinar Park and complete the prestigious project within a set timeline. The DC said Chinar tree is the legacy of Kashmir and is a living heritage and has a deep Cultural value in the history of Kashmir. He said the development of the largest Chinar Park at upper Nishat will further enhance the scenic beauty and environment in the area, and would also become focal attraction for tourists, at the same time uplifting socio-economic condition of the local population. The DC said Chinar tree is the legacy of Kashmir and is a living heritage and has a deep Cultural value in the history of Kashmir. He said the development of the largest Chinar Park at upper Nishat will further enhance the scenic beauty and environment.

# JKAACL's "Har Ghar iranga" campaign reaches Pulwama



A program was organised by North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC) Patiala, Ministry of Culture, Govt of India, in active collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir of Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) and Department of Education on 8th August 2022 at Govt Girls Middle School Rohomo, zone Shadimarg, and Govt Higher Secondary School Newa in Pulwama. "Har Ghar Tiranga" is a campaign under the aegis of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," it is symbolic of an embodiment of our commitment to nation-building. The idea behind the initiative is to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the people's hearts and promote awareness about the Indian National Flag. At Govt Girls Middle School Rohomo, zone Shadimarg, the program was presided over by the Headmaster of the School Mr. Javid Ahmad Khan; while at Govt Higher Secondary School at Newa, the program was presided over by the Vice Principal of the School. At both the venues, it was attended by all the staff members and students. The cultural vibrancy of Kashmir was highlighted by showcasing Nukad Natak, Bach-e-Nagme, and traditional Chakri dance. The initiative received huge appreciation for its simultaneous contribution toward the preservation of the diverse cultural thread of Jammu & Kashmir.

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE DIVISION BIJBEHARA NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

(e-mail: phebijbehara230@gmail.com) Dated 06.08.2022  
Fresh NIT No: 34/PHED/Bijbehara/ of 2022-23 NO/PHB/ 6920-40  
For & on behalf of the lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders in single cover system are invited on (Percentage basis) from eligible contractors Registered with J&K UT., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Advt Cost	Cost of tender Doc	Time for Compl	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor	Earnest Money
		Lacs	Rs	Days			
1	Barricading and other arrangements made for the celebration of 15 August 2022 independence day at Degree Collage Khanable under Capex	2.19	100	02	Capex	DEE	Bid Security Declaration form duly notarized

1.The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), terms & condition of contract can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the dates shown below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06.08.2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06.08.2022 5.30 PM
3.	Bid submission Start Date	From 06.08.2022 5.30 PM
5.	Bid Submission End Date	12.08.2022 up-to 1.00 PM
6.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	12.08.2022 upto 1.30 PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Bijbehara

Tenders from the eligible Contractors only having the following pre-qualifications will be considered:  
a) Latest GST Clearance Certificate Latest with GST Registration.  
b) Enlistment Card with latest renewal.  
c) Bidders address format  
d) Tender document fee in the shape of Treasury Challan.  
e) Card verification  
f) Bid security declaration form duly notarized

- The Successful bidder (L1) is bound to submit 03% Security deposit of Advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR before the issuance of L1.O.
- The bids shall deposited in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in & shall be opened on above mentioned date by the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Bijbehara in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present. In case of holiday / office happens to be closed on the scheduled date of opening, the bids will be opened on next working day or any other working day to be decided by the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Bijbehara at the scheduled time and venue.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Clarification if any shall be sought from the office of the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Bijbehara.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies (minimum of 150 dpi) of all necessary documents like Cost of Tender document in the form of Treasury Challan / GST & Return / Bidders Address Format / Registration card duly renewed. The hard copies of bidding documents are not necessary to deposit in the Divisional office as per standing Govt. instructions. After opening of tenders online, the 1st lowest bidder has to deposit the uploaded documents & cost of tender document in the form of Treasury challan in physical form.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason what so ever.
- The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days.
- Before quoting, tenderers are requested to visit the site of work.
- The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept/reject the bid without assigning any reason thereof.
- At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, Employer may for any reason whether at its own initiative or in response to any request by any prospective Tenderer amend the bidding documents by issuing addendum or/and Corrigendum, which shall become an integral part of the Tender documents. The amendment shall be advised to all the known prospective Tenderer/s. The last corrigendum if any, shall be issued, 3 (three) days before the last date of submission of the tender or extended date of submission of the tender. All tenderers especially the tenderer/s downloading the tender documents from website shall make an endeavor to recheck and track down the corrigendums if any upto 3 days prior to the last date of submission of

DIPK-7661/22

Executive Engineer PHE Division Bijbehara

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B PROJECT CIRCLE DIVISION NO, 1ST SRINAGAR.

### FRESH TENDER NOTICE

E-NIT No PCD-RnB-68 of 2022-23 Dated:- 05/08/2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT term e-tenders (In Single Cover system) are invited on Percentage basis (% basis) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head Of Accounts
1	Making arrangements for Independence day celebration (i.e:15 August) and other occasion and flag post at J&K High Court Srinagar for the year 2022-23.	Rs.3.13 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs.6260/-	4Days	MSEs /DEE	2059 M&R
2	Making arrangements for Independence day celebration (i.e:15 August) and other occasion and flag post at J&K District Court Srinagar for the year 2022-23.	Rs.2.06 Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs.4120/-	4Days	MSEs /DEE	2059 M&R

Position of AAA : Accorded vide No. Accts/2014-15 dated: 22/04/2022. Position of funds: Committed.  
Position of TS :- CE(R&B)/TS/87 of 2022-23 dated:- 11-06-2022.  
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of date given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	05/08/2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06/08/2022 11:00 A.M.
3.	Bid submission Start Date	06/08/2022 from 11:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	12/08/2022 up to 1.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	12/08/2022 at 2.00 P.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Project Circle Division 1st

All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria /qualification information with their bids:- (Photostat/Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):-

- All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-
- All bidders shall upload Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address.
- All bidders who are registered as Micro and Small Enterprises (MSE's) can avail the option of uploading bid security declaration as per (annexure A) instead of Earnest Money Deposit. Further the cost of tender document is also exempted for MSE's. However, the participated should have to upload the proof of MSE registration to avail the above mentioned benefits.
- Registration Card valid for the year 2022-23 and the renewal of the registration card shall be from issuing Authority.
- All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate duly issued by the card issuing authority or an Affidavit duly certified by 1st class Judicial Magistrate to the effect of genuineness of the registration.
- All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan.
- All bidders shall upload Earnest Money @2% of Advertise Cost In shape Of CDR/FDR
- All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card
- All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of last quarter i.e. ending April-June-2022 or preceding month i.e. June 2022.

DIPK-7633/22 Dtd:-05-08-2022

sd/- Executive Engineer R&B Project Circle Division 1st, Srinagar

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for registration of my residential house located at Village Dandmooha under Home Stay/Paying Guest House Scheme to facilitate tourist trade, vide order no 89-JK(TSM) of 2022 of Department of Tourism JK . if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in department of tourism or Assistant Director Tourism Office Gulmarg within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained.

Fayaz Ahmad Rather  
S/O Abdul Samad Rather  
R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt.Baramulla

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Sanullah Teli  
S/O Abdul Aziz Teli  
R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt.Baramulla

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I am going to construct a residential house at village Dandmuh 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.

AB AHAD RATHER  
S/O GH AHMAD RATHER  
R/O DUNDMUH

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I am applying for registration of my Guest House with tourism Department if anybody have any objection in this regard He /She may contact with Director Tourism Department or Tourism office Gulmarg within seven days from the publication of this notice after no objection will be entertained...

Name.....Mohammed Assadullah Sheikh  
S/o Abdul Khaliq Sheikh  
R/o. Dandmoha

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Tariq Ahmad Sheikh  
S/O Mohammad Assadullah Sheikh  
R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt.Baramulla

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Name...Riyaz Ahmad parray  
S/o Abdul Aziz parray  
R/o kalantara

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S/O AB AHAD RATHER  
R/O DUNDMUH

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Name...Abdul Samad Rather  
S/O...Abdul Rasheed Rather  
R/O ....Dandmoha

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# National Anthem Singing Competition-2022 receives overwhelming response from citizens of J&K

## About 9000 entries received for the competition: Dir. Information

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 08: To celebrate 75 years of independence and commemorate it as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) had launched the National Anthem Singing Competition -2022 for which entries were made open online between 1st August to 7th August, 2022.

Under this competition, the government had called upon the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir to take part in the national anthem singing competition by submitting their entries through a google link.

The entries were made open under individual and group categories. Under the individual

category, people in two subcategories, 13-18 years and above 18 years of age were allowed to take part in the competition where as no age bar was kept for the group category.

Speaking on this initiative, Director Information and Public Relations, Akshay Labroo said "Under this competition around 9,000 entries having around 50,000 participants were received from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir which is four times more than the entries received last year and almost equal submissions were received from both Jammu and Kashmir divisions". He added that especially the districts of South Kashmir are leading and have given over-



Overwhelming response in the number of submission. The entries

received will be sent to respective Deputy Commissioners of

participants who will choose best three from each category. The winners from each district will sing the National Anthem at their respective district headquarters on Independence Day.

The list of district level winners shall be forwarded to the Divisional Commissioners who shall then finalise the winners.

The winners of the competition will get cash awards of Rs 25,000, Rs 11,000 and Rs 5,000 for first, second and third prizes respectively besides getting an opportunity to perform National Anthem at the Divisional level Independence Day celebrations. Looking at the number of requests received for extending the deadline, the DIPR is think-

ing of opening another round of competition under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The list of district level winners shall be forwarded to the Divisional Commissioners who shall then finalise the winners.

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## Horticulture department organize training cum awareness camp in frisala

Farooq Rather

Kulgam, 08-Aug: Horticulture zone Yaripora on 8th of August organised a training cum awareness Camp at village Badroo Teh Frisala, where in Experts from Horticulture and KVK especially Dr Nasir Sb, Dr Shakoor and Showkat, Ahmad HOD Yaripora Zone addressed, who mainly delivered at length lecture on Netrotic Leaf Blotch and Alterneria and their protective measures. A large gathering participated in the Awareness Camp, during the course of discussion participants raised question and queries, which were replied by the experts to the best satisfaction of the fruit growers, fruit growers were so pleased to listen Dr Nasir to use fungicides in light of the variations of weath-

er with the recommendations of university and assured people that they will leave no stone unturned to fight against Netrotic Leaf Blotch, Alterneria and leaf minor in the present and coming increase in temperature and every effort shall be made to save fruit industry, which is back bone of our economy. Dr Shakoor discussed about the classification of soil and advised fruit growers to plant fruit trees only after getting it tested from the soil experts available with horticulture and other concerned wings like KVK etc and urged people to get soil tests of their orchards and use only those fertilizers, which shall be recommended after soil tests and as such save money. Showkat Ahmad Horticulture Development officer Zone Yaripora thanked fruit growers for listening

to the experts with patience and Dr Nasir Sb announced in awareness camp that horticulture department shall organize a similar training cum awareness Camp titled Branch cutting in village Badroo in the month of November 2022. At the end of training cum awareness meeting Haji Gh Nabi Thair chairman Awaqaf Committes Village Badroo thanked the experts and other officers present and congratulated the higher authorities for their role in organising such a successful awareness camp "we all in one voice appreciate such great steps in organising such camps, which shall definitely boost the height of fruit industry and shall pay way for Encouraging fruit growers", he said.

## District Coordination Committee meeting held at Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, AUGUST 08:

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambr today chaired the District Coordination Committee meeting at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal. During the meeting threadbare discussions were held on deliverables of district, redressal of grievances received on JKIGRAMS and weekly block diwas programs.

The meetings also discussed inter-departmental issues to ensure better coordination among all the departments at all levels for smooth functioning and quality



disposal of issues of the general public.

On the occasion, the DDC directed the officers to ensure quality and timely disposal of grievances received both online and offline besides issues and grievances raised during the weekly Block Diwas programmes.

He reiterated that prompt resolution of public grievances is the top most priority of District Administration and directed all the officers for proper follow up of public grievances for their timely disposal. Meanwhile, the meeting also discussed the status of ongoing activities

under 'Har Gar Tiranga' campaign besides status of PM-KISAN and Ayushman Bharat pendency.

While interacting with the district officers, the DDC said that District Administration is committed to ensure overall development of the district.

The meeting was attended by SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Khurshid Ahmad Shah; Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Farooq Ahmad Baba; ACR, SDM Kangan, CPO, ACD besides other district officers.

## 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Har Ghar Tiranga: Various activities being organised by different departments, schools across Shopian

SHOPIAN, AUGUST 08: As part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative of the government celebrating 75 years of Independence, various activities are being conducted by different departments and schools in the district. Painting, National Anthem singing, essay competitions, quiz programmes, debates and seminars are being held in various Govt. Degree Colleges of the district. Besides, Tiranga Rallies, Flag hoisting on buildings, homes are also being held across the district.

GDC Shopian, Zainapora are

taking active part in organizing these activities to prepare for the Independence Day celebrations. Besides, Students are proactively participating in rehearsals and events and are excited to perform in upcoming Independence Day commemorative functions.

The school students belonging to all education zones are also taking part in quiz, essay, painting and debate competitions on varied topics of National Symbols, National Monuments, Freedom Struggle and other related topics.

The Department of Rural Development, FCS&CA, MCs,

Poshan Mission and Health are also organising awareness programmes, Tiranga Rallies, Flag Hoisting ceremonies, highlighting the importance of the celebrations.

Similarly, other departments are also conducting programmes in order to spread the message of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign to all people. Flags have been distributed across the district and Tiranga has been hoisted on many establishments, private buildings and residences across the district besides preparations are also in full swing for the Mega event of Har Ghar Tiranga between 13-15th.

## 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Har Ghar Tiranga: Cultural Programme held at HSS, Rahmoo

PULWAMA, AUGUST 08:

In connection with 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative of government, a colourful cultural programme was today organised by Higher Secondary School (HSS), Rahmoo in collaboration with Chief

Education Office, Pulwama. The program was presided over by Principal Higher Secondary School Rahmoo and was attended by the staff members and students. The programme highlighted the cultural vibrancy of Kashmir showcasing Band Pathir, Nukad Natak, Bach e Nag-

mi and Roaff. Speaking on the occasion, Principal HSS stressed on the need to organise such programs across the length and breadth of the country so that diverse cultural threads are preserved and revered as well. The programme concluded with the pledge, "while

we celebrate 75th year of Independence we need to keep our rich traditions and culture afloat, and set the goal of preparing our students for academic excellence". The NSS Unit of the institution was appreciated for their selfless service in managing the program.

## Islamia College-Valley Observer hold cleanliness drive at Zadibal



SRINAGAR, AUGUST 08: The NSS Wing of the Islamia College of Science and Commerce in collaboration with English weekly Valley Observer today held a cleanliness drive at Alamgari Bazar Zadibal, here.

A total of 80 students apart from the college staff participated in the event. Dr Muhammad Amin Mir and Dr Nusrat Parveen NSS Officers were present on the occasion whereas the Chief NSS volunteer Qural Ul Ain led the student volunteers.

On behalf of the Valley Observer, Nasir Yousifi and Javed Ahmed were also present on the occasion. Refreshments were also distributed among the people on the occasion.

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## Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Har Ghar Tiranga: Workshop on 'Say No to SUP' organised by MC Hajin

BANDIPORA, AUGUST 08: As part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign being celebrated under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Municipal Committee (MC) Hajin on Monday organized a workshop on the theme 'Say No to Single Use Plastic' (SUP) at M.D Hajini Memorial Public School Hajin.

District Programme Officer ICDS Bandipora, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak was also present

on the occasion. Speaking at the event, Chairman MC Hajin, Irshad Ahmad said that the aim of the programme is to aware the general public to avoid use of plastics and polythene that cause irrevocable damage to the environment.

He urged people of Hajin and its adjoining areas to refrain from usage of plastic in the area. He said the Municipal

Committee Hajin is on its toes to make people aware about the hazards of SUP. On the occasion a pledge taking ceremony was also held to avoid use of plastic in Hajin Town.

The programme was attended by Executive Officer Hajin, Traders Federation, Auqaf Committee, Transporters and senior citizens of Hajin.

## Mega Tiranga Rally held at Education Zone Hajin to promote 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign

BANDIPORA, AUGUST 08: In connection with the series of activities being organised as part of ongoing 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a mega Tiranga rally was today held at Education Zone Hajin in presence of District Nodal Officer Bandipora, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak. More than 750 students belonging to different schools of the district enthusiastically took part in the event. Addressing the gathering, the District Nodal said that the idea behind Har Ghar Tiranga activities is to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of People and to promote awareness about the Indian National Flag. He said a series of activities like rallies, debates, quiz, painting competitions and cultural programmes are being organised throughout the district to promote the campaign. Hakak said that organising such events adds more enthusiasm among the public and respect for Tiranga. He urged all the stakeholders to cooperate and coordinate in order to make the Har Ghar Tiranga initiative a grand success in the district. Speaking on the occasion, the ZEO Hajin, Mohammad Akbar said that under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Mega Tiranga rally was kick-started in Zone Hajin in which a number of students



have participated and this will continue till 15th August. Besides, number of events will be conducted ahead of 15 August celebration, he added. Three schools have participated in this mega rally with full enthusiasm and every school will take part in Har Ghar Tiranga programme to make it successful. He expressed joy for the enthusiastic participation of students in the Tiranga rally. Girl students sang National anthem songs during the event to make it a colourful event. Earlier, Zone Hajin secured 2nd position in two competitions held at district level, Akbar added. Similarly, tiranga rally was held by Municipal Committee Hajin where MC Chairman, Irshad Ahmad Wani, ADC Bandipora, Executive Officer MC and several other officials participated in the rally.

## Muharram-ul-Haram: DC Baramulla inaugurates Blood Donation Camp at CHC Delina

BARAMULLA, AUGUST 08: In connection with 9th Muharram-ul-Haram being observed across the district, 52 RR in collaboration with District Administration and Intezamia Imam-Bara Delina today organised a blood donation camp at Community Health Centre (CHC) Delina, here.

The Blood Donation Camp was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar.

During the Camp, participants including officials, volunteers and local people volunteered to donate blood.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC urged people to donate blood



voluntarily as it is a great service to humanity and helps in saving precious lives. She said that our single drop of blood can save precious lives and we should participate in such programmes for safeguarding humanity.

Congratulating stakeholders for donating blood for the noble cause, the DC urged people to come forward for blood dona-

tion and said that the Administration highly recognizes and appreciates the selfless service of the blood donors for the entire society.

Meanwhile, the DC accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Block Medical Officer Baramulla and others also visited Imam-Bara Delina where she took stock of various arrangements put in place for conducting mourning processions smoothly in the area.

She also interacted with the local people during which people hailed the District Administration for providing every possible support for smooth observance of the Muharram-ul-Haram.

## Non-gazetted electrical employees protest against privatization

Farooq Rather

Srinagar, 08-Aug: Employees and workers of power development department under the banner of Jammu and Kashmir non Gazetted electrical employees Association (JKNGEEA) held protests against Electricity amendment Bill 2022 in all District headquarters of Jammu and Kashmir at the call given by Electricity employees Federation of India EEFI. The protesting employees and workers demanded immediate withdrawal of the order as the move is totally anti-people and anti-employee. In Srinagar, large number of employees and workers assembled in Power complex Bema in the leadership of M Iqbal Darsaoo, while Gurmeet Singh lead protest program in Jammu.

## Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

### Department of Education organises Tiranga hoisting ceremonies, rallies across Shopian

SHOPIAN, AUGUST 08: In connection with 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Cultural Education Wing of Chief Education Office (CEO) Shopian today organised different activities in the district.

Students of various schools from different parts of the district participated in the event and marched through the streets of towns and villages holding Tricolour and chanting slogans of 'Har Ghar Tiranga'. Education Department Shopian is organising various activities in its schools across the district to inculcate the virtue of patriotism amongst students. Today as well, many district level, block level and school level functions regarding Har Ghar Tiranga campaign were conducted with witnessed enthusiastic participation. Chief Education Officer Shopian in his address highlighted

the importance of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' with regard to 75th year of Independence. He impressed upon all the participants to make the celebrations successful and take part in the coming events in connection with 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The participating students and their escort teachers took keen interest to make the events successful. Vote of thanks was presented by Sajad Ahmad Bhat I/C CBW Chief Education office Shopian at the mega function at district level. Students of various schools from different parts of the district participated in the event and marched through the streets of towns and villages holding Tricolour and chanting slogans of 'Har Ghar Tiranga'. Education Department Shopian is organising various activities in its schools across the district to inculcate the virtue of patriotism amongst students.

## 2nd Under Trial Review Committee meeting held at Baramulla

BARAMULLA, AUGUST 08: As part of "Release of UTRC@75" campaign launched by the National Legal Services Authority (NLSA) of India to commemorate the 75th independence day and as per the directions of NLSA and Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority, Under-Trial Review Committee Baramulla held its 2nd Special meeting today at Dak Bungalow, here.

The meeting was chaired by Mohammad Yousuf Wani, Principal District and Sessions Judge Baramulla as Chairman of the Committee and was attended by Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Baramulla; Fariqa Nazir, Secretary District Legal Services Authority Baramulla; Barkat Ali, Superintendent District Jail Baramulla; Sajjad Bukhari, DySP Hqs Baramulla; Peerzada Aijaz, Jail Baramulla; Nazir Ahmad Naikoo, Public Prosecutor Baramulla;

Dr. Bashir Ahmad, Chief Medical Officer and Hospital and NALSA SOP. The cases of the under-trial



dayatullah Executive Engineer PHE (Jal Shakti Deptt). The committee reviewed the cases of the under-trial prisoners lodged in different Jails in the district as per the guidelines of the Supreme Court and NALSA SOP. The cases of the under-trial prisoners who are above 65 years of age. Pertinently, no cases had been reported from the criminal courts and the jails within the district as falling under categories 1 to 7. Three prisoners falling under category No.8 were already recommended by the committee in its 1st meeting and they stand released as of now. Six cases have been recommended by the committee falling under category 8. The cases under various other categories were also discussed and were subsequently recommended by the committee. Besides, the committee strongly recommended the availability of the drinking water facility in the premises of the District Jail Baramulla. On the suggestion of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department, it was also recommended that the office of the Director General Prisons may explore a possibility.

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## ADC Anantnag reviews arrangements for celebration of I-Day, 2022

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 08: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anantnag, Ghulam Hassan Sheikh today convened a meeting of Officers at DC office Complex here to review the arrangements being put in place by different departments for celebration of Independence Day-2022.

During the meeting, it was intimated that Govt. Degree College Boys Anantnag has been selected as the main venue at the district level for the celebrations where the Chief Guest will unfurl the national flag. Besides Independence Day function celebrations will also be held at Tehsil headquarters and at Blocks level. The meeting held threadbare discussion with regard to the security arrangements, traffic regulation, seating arrangements, Full Dress Rehearsal, decoration, Shahnavaadan, P.A.S, Power and water supply, transport arrangements, sanitation, Medicare facilities, invitation cards and Barricading at the venue of the function. The ADC directed all officers to make fool-proof arrangements in advance for the National event to make it a great success. He also instructed the Officers to ensure all related arrangements are made well in advance and work in close coordination for the smooth conduct of Independence Day celebrations across the district. PDD and Jal Shakti departments were directed to ensure proper management of electricity and water including water tankers at the venue. The CMO was asked to ensure proper medical facilities along with staff and ambulances. CEO MC was directed to ensure proper sanitation and cleanliness of the main venue and town. The meeting was attended by ADC (G), ACR, CEO, CMO, Principals from Colleges, Tehsildars, Ex. Engineers of R&B and PHE besides other district and sectoral officers of the district.

# Three day Model United Nations conference concludes at NIT Srinagar

Srinagar, Aug 08, 2022: A three-day Model United Nations (MUN) conference in collaboration with the University of Kashmir concluded on Monday at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar. MUN is an academic simulation of the United Nations where students play the role of delegates from different countries and attempt to solve real-world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned country.

The KUNIT-MUN 2022 was organized by the Art and Culture Club (Office of Dean Students Welfare NIT Srinagar), while Dr. Nasir Faried Butt was the coordinator of the event. The event was presided over by Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal, while Registrar NIT Srinagar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari, and Registrar, University of Kashmir, Dr. Nissar Ahmad Mir were special guests on the occasion. In his key speech, Director NIT, Prof. Sehgal appreciated the coordinator Dr. Nasir Faried Butt, and his entire team for organizing the vital conference

on the campus. "Such collaborations- both academic and extracurricular between institutes of higher education should always be encouraged. They are the need of the hour," he said. Prof. Sehgal emphasized on organizing such awareness conferences at NIT Srinagar and will definitely encourage students to think out of the box.



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Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari expressed his op-



timism and impressed upon conducting more such events that polish the minds of the students and channelize their energy in pursuing productive endeavors. "The main goal of such events is to bring together leading thinkers and achievers to share ideas that matter from varied disciplines

and cultures. It was aimed at creating meaningful conversations and intellectual exchanges," Prof. Bukhari said.

Registrar, University of Kashmir, Dr. Nissar Ahmad Mir spoke about hands-on knowledge on international relations and global issues that is necessary for all-round of students and participants.

He highlighted the importance of having a basic awareness of various international issues and conflicts.

"It is important for the students to be trained in critical thinking and soft skills, which will equip them with the ability to better understand the global issues and enable them to formulate solutions regarding the same," Dr. Mir said.

The coordinator of the event, Dr. Nasir Farid Butt said that the institute will be organizing more such conferences in future where-in eminent personalities from various fields will combine to spark deep discussions and connections.

## LCMA conducts demolition drive in various Srinagar areas

### Legal action also initiated against the violators

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 08: In its continuous drive against illegal constructions/encroachments, the Enforcement Wing of Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) today carried out a demolition drive in the areas of Braine Phaloo, Batpora, Ishber Khonun Mohalla, Hakeem Mohalla Bagwanpora Lal Bazar, Nowpora and Kanitar/Saderbal.

During the drive, illegal structures including three 2nd storeys and one 3rd storey that were under construction were demolished. Besides one wooden shed, one Shopping complex, one plinth and one shed structure was also razed to ground. Legal action was also initiated against the violators.

Meanwhile, all the public residing within the LCMA jurisdiction and in lake are hereby once again directed not to go for any sort of illegal constructions/encroachments, as the Enforcement wing will continue demolition drives against illegal constructions/ removal of encroachments.

Besides, strict action will be taken against the violators who shall be found indulging in illegal construction activities. Also CCTV Cameras have been installed in order to curb the ferrying of illegal building material within LCMA jurisdiction.

Moreover, the locals residing in the area of LCMA are informed to apply for online building permissions through LCMA online official portal/website. During the



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## Independence Day 2022: Police reviews Parade arrangements in Budgam

August 08: SSP Budgam Shri Tahir Saleem Khan-JKPS, today reviewed preparedness of the forthcoming Independence Day-22 celebrations at DPL Budgam parade ground. During his visit he inspected the parade contingents and march-past presented by the contingents of CRPF, Budgam Police, IRP, JKAP & Homeguards.

SP Budgam also reviewed traffic management for smooth passage of general masses and availability of parking places at Sports Stadium Budgam. He also directed the parade commander and contingent commanders to improve the drill and alertness during practice days to ensure the best possible presentation of parade on the Independence Day-22.

## Police facilitates Police-Public interaction meet in Budgam

August 08: In connection with celebrations of forthcoming Urs Mubark of Syed Mohammad Aali Ali Balkhi (RA), Police in Budgam facilitates Police-Public interaction meeting at Police Post Pakherpora.

The meeting was chaired by SDPO Charar-e-Sharief Shri Saleem Jahangir Lone-JKPS alongwith I/C PP Pakherpora. The meeting was attended by local Auqaf committee members of Pakherpora, Traders union Pakherpora, Members of Transport union Pakherpora.

The chairing officer advised the participants to make all possible necessary arrangements during the period of Urs Mubarak so that the devotees may not face any kind of problem during the said period. Besides, discussions were also held on various aspects of arrangements including proper traffic management and other issues related to Police. The chairing officer thanked the participants for their participation in the said meeting.

## Kishtwar Jail inmates enlightened about Plea Bargaining, Rights of Prisoners and Bail Provisions by DLSA

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 08: District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) Kishtwar today organised Awareness Program on Plea Bargaining, Rights of Prisoners and Bail Provisions here at District Jail Kishtwar under the Supervision of Secretary, DLSA Imran Ahmad Wani.

During the programme, the panel Lawyers, Advocate Touqeer Mushtaq and Advocate Ibrah Abbas Waza apprised the jail inmates regarding their rights, besides under the directions and supervision of Principal Magistrate, JJB Sh. Y. P. Sharma, the members Juvenile Justice Board Wazir Waza and Girja Sharma along with Legal Cum Probationary Officer, (Mission Vatsalya) Basharat Nazir also attended the programme and enlightened the Jail inmates about JJ Act.

Para Legal Volunteer Rafia Javed was also present on the occasion. In the end, the Jail inmates thanked Secretary DLSA for organising such events and requested to organise such awareness programmes in future also. During the programme, the panel Lawyers, Advocate Touqeer Mushtaq and Advocate Ibrah Abbas Waza apprised the jail inmates regarding their rights, besides under the directions and supervision of Principal Magistrate, JJB Sh. Y. P. Sharma, the members Juvenile Justice Board Wazir Waza and Girja Sharma along with Legal Cum Probationary Officer, (Mission Vatsalya) Basharat Nazir also attended the programme and enlightened the Jail inmates about JJ Act.

## Director Agriculture Kashmir reviews functioning of the department

### Digital Agriculture to play an important role in farmers development: Iqbal

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 08: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today discussed the functioning of the department with the senior officers of the department in a meeting held at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi, here.

On the occasion, the Director reviewed the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes and took stock of the district wise targets under different centrally sponsored schemes and flagship programmes.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director asked the concerned officers to submit DPRs under the agriculture infrastructure fund scheme so that the allocated funds could be utilized for the development of the farming sector. He said the proposals should be made in consultation with the members of Panchayat Raj institutions. Iqbal impressed upon the offi-

cers to speed up the formation of FPOs in all the districts of



Kashmir division. He said by strengthening the FPOs the shared interests could be served and the goals could be achieved in a much more effective manner. He asked the concerned chief agriculture officers to highlight the success stories of their districts and the same could be replicated in other districts as well.

Director instructed the concerned officers to ensure that every penny allocated under different centrally sponsored schemes must be expended effectively in a transparent manner for the development of the farming community. He marked the importance of achieving the targets under different programmes within the stipulated time frame. Iqbal said that amid a fluctuating weather scenario the extension officers, technical experts, and field functionaries should

work in close coordination with the farming community so that farmers could be technically guided and their economic interests could be secured.

Director asked the concerned officers to increase awareness about different schemes among the farmers and ensure that farmers are made aware of the online services provided by the department.

Other schemes like PM KISAN, Soil Health Card, NFSM, and RKVY were also discussed in the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director (Inputs), Joint Director (Extension), Joint Director (Farms), Joint Director (Mushroom & Apiculture), Joint Director (Engineering), Deputy Director Planning, Chief Agriculture Officers of Kashmir Division, Sectoral heads and other senior officers of the department.

## "SKIMS Community Medicine Celebrates World Breastfeeding Week 2022"

Srinagar 08 Aug., 2022: The Department of Community Medicine SKIMS, celebrated Breastfeeding week 2022 on this year's theme "Step up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support". The Department conducted various activities aimed at "Breastfeeding Friendly Hospitals" which was the focus of World Breastfeeding Week 2022 in India. The activities were focused on postnatal ward of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Child Health clinic of the Department of Community Medicine and CHC Sumbal, the Rural health training center of the Department of Community Medicine. The activities included awareness generation among antenatal females, post-natal mothers, the care givers of the postnatal women and the persons accompanying the children for immunization. The emphasis was laid on importance of breastfeeding, benefits of breastfeeding to mother and child, early initiation of breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding and timely and appropriate comple-



mentary feeding. Besides this, practical demonstration of proper attachment and positioning at breast was given to breastfeeding mothers in the postnatal ward. Hand-outs containing information on benefits of breastfeeding were distributed. Issues with regard to breastfeeding among the postnatal mothers were addressed through counseling and demonstration. Stress was given towards discouragement of pre-lactal feeds and bottle feeding. To get a deeper insight into the problems being faced by lactating mothers, focused group discussion was conducted with breastfeeding mothers.

## Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav

### CUK holds series of programmes

Ganderbal, Aug 8: To celebrate 75 years of Independence and commemorate it as Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Monday organised multiple functions across all the campuses here on Monday.

Directorate of Students Welfare (DSW) organised on the spot painting competition for the university students on the theme "Environment and Climate Change." Vice Chancellor, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah, Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar, Dean DSW, Dr. Mehraj ud Din Shah, faculty members, senior functionaries of the varsity were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice chancellor, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah, said the competition theme has a huge significance as the world in general and Jammu and Kashmir in particular is currently facing the threats of climate change. "Immediate measures including afforestation and cutting of greenhouse gases is need of the hour to save the generation next from the ill-effects of the climate change," Prof. Farooq Shah said.

Addressing the gathering, Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar said the university is holding several events to commemo-

rate the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav and the painting competition is one among them. He said the competition has given platform to the students to showcase their hidden talent and convey a message through the art for preservation and conservation of the natural resources. Prof. Zargar said the competition theme has achieved huge importance during the contemporary times as the climate change is wreaking havoc in several countries wherein flash floods and torrential rains have caused extensive damage to the lives and property.

Dean DSW, Dr. Mehraj ud Din Shah said, the objective of holding the painting competition on such an important issue was to sensitise the students and public about the environmental hazards and its ramifications.

In the competition, Mr. Ragul M of DCJ bagged the first prize while as Ms Muntaha Shah of MBA and Ms Syed Tabiya of Commerce deptt bagged the second and third prize respectively. Assts Profs, Ms S Arokiya Mary, Ms Tahira Khatoon and Mr Dinesh were the adjudicators of the competition.



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## EDITORIAL

### Joint efforts could protect environment

As has been correctly highlighted by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, there is a need for coordinated action and collective partnership as well as making changes in behavior and lifestyle to tackle the impact of climate change and reducing the carbon footprint for protecting the environment and conserving Biodiversity. This year's theme of World Environment Day 'Only One Earth' is a reminder to the entire world that Environmental Protection or Sustainable Lifestyle is not the job of a select few, but a collective responsibility of each one of us, Lt Governor importantly underlined. Ecological sensibilities, conservation of natural inheritance, sustainable lifestyle and holistic approach for an environment-friendly development path can strengthen the capacity to deal with the environmental crises and reverse the environmental degradation. The future generations must contribute to maintain the delicate balance of nature. Ecological harmony, pragmatic steps like synergy between economic growth and environmental protection for projects can effectively address climate change. There is no denying the fact that climate change is making itself felt in various manners. This means it is no longer a theory that can be disputed but it is a reality that has to be dealt with. It is being manifested not just by warmer temperatures but also by changing rainfall patterns. This scenario calls for a need to look at the current situation in J&K more closely and scientifically. Given the rainfall deficit, there is a need to advise farmers and orchardists as regards the steps needed by them in advance. Human growth has also resulted in the loss of essential ecosystems, such as deforestation to make space for cultivation and habitation. Rare plant and animal communities are being wiped out by logging, overfishing and the illicit wildlife trade. Agricultural nutrients, soil erosion sediments and waste plastic debris, on the other hand, all contribute to pollution. In daily life choices, one needs to pick the most sustainable options. There is a need to follow the principle of reuse, reduce and recycle.

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## What is Ashura?

The day of Ashura is marked by Muslims as a whole, but for Shia Muslims it is a major religious commemoration of the martyrdom at Karbala of Hussein, a grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

It falls on the 10th of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar.

It is marked by Muslims with a voluntary day of fasting which commemorates the day Noah left the Ark, and the day that Moses was saved from the Egyptians by God.

For Shia Muslims, Ashura is a solemn day of mourning the martyrdom of Hussein in 680 AD at Karbala in modern-day Iraq.

It is marked with mourning rituals and passion plays re-enacting the martyrdom.

Shia men and women dressed in black also parade through the streets slapping their chests and chanting.

Some Shia men seek to emulate



the suffering of Hussein by flagellating themselves with chains or cutting their foreheads until blood streams from their bodies.

Some Shia leaders and groups discourage the bloodletting, saying it creates a backward and

negative image of Shia Muslims. Such leaders encourage people to donate blood.

#### Islamic schism

The killing of Hussein was an event that led to the split in Islam

into two main sects - Sunnis and Shias.

In early Islamic history the Shia were a political faction (known as the "party of Ali") that supported Ali, son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad and

the fourth caliph (temporal and spiritual ruler) of the Muslim community.

The great schism between Sunnis and Shias occurred when Imam Ali did not succeed as leader of the Islamic community at the death of the Prophet.

Ali was murdered in AD 661 and his chief opponent Muawiya became caliph.

Caliph Muawiya was later succeeded by his son Yazid, but Ali's son Hussein refused to accept his legitimacy and fighting between the two resulted.

Hussein and his followers were massacred in battle at Karbala.

Both Ali's and Hussein's deaths gave rise to the Shia cult of martyrdom and to their sense of betrayal and struggle against injustice, oppression and tyranny.

Today, Shias comprise about 15% of the total worldwide Muslim population.

## What is the Day of Ashura? Meaning behind the observance, when it falls in 2022 and fasting rules explained

One of the first feast days after Islamic New Year is almost upon us, and many Muslims will be preparing.

For millions around the world the holy day of Ashura is a day of commemoration, celebration and fasting.

Here's everything you need to know about the day and what it represents.

#### When is Ashura?

Ashura falls on the 10th day of the first month of the Islamic calendar, with its position in the Gregorian calendar changing as it is based on lunar cycles.

Muharram means month of remembrance, and it is the second most important month of the year after Ramadan.

The date is determined using either astronomical calculations or official moon sightings, with different countries preferring different methods.

The expected Gregorian Date of 1 Muharram 2022 is Saturday, 30 July or Sunday, 31 July, 2022 - depending on where you are in the world.

Ashura falls on the evening of Sunday 7 August until the evening of Monday 8 August.

There is some debate as to whether the idea of a moon sighting should refer to you physically witnessing the moon in your region, which could be hampered by factors such as weather conditions, or whether to defer to sightings in Saudi Arabia or other regions.

Some people argue that technological advancements in astronomy mean that the rising of the new moon can be calculated with accuracy, meaning that a standardised start date can be used for all Muslims around the world,



rather than having variations.

However, Zahid Nawaz, adviser on moonsighting and diversity board member of the British Science Association, said Muslims should view the moon themselves.

He said: "We are encouraging home-grown moon sightings here in the UK, rather than imported sightings from Saudi Arabia or elsewhere.

"People should be going out to look for the new moon every month. Not just for the spiritual element of seeing it, which in itself is a profound experience, but also as a religious duty and obligation."

#### Who marks Ashura?

It is marked by both Sunni and Shi'a Muslims for different reasons and in different ways.

For many Shi'a Muslims, the day marks when the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, Husayn ibn Ali, was killed during the Battle of Karbala, which took place on 10 October, 680 AD.

It is a day of mourning and commemoration of his martyrdom for many, who consider his death as a symbol of the struggle against tyranny and injustice.

The split between Shi'a and Sunni Muslims stemmed from differing views on who was the rightful successor

and leader of the Muslim community following the death of the Prophet Muhammad, and was enhanced by the subsequent killing of Husayn ibn Ali.

But for some Sunni Muslims, the day is a joyful one that is celebrated for a different reason - it is believed to be the day that Musa (Moses) was saved by Allah from the Egyptians, parting the sea to help his people escape.

It is also thought by some to be the day that Noah left the Ark.

The day is marked in many countries, including Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iraq, but it is an occasion which often highlights the

divide between Sunni and Shi'a Muslim communities.

#### Is fasting practised on this day?

Some people, particularly Sunni Muslims, fast during Ashura voluntarily, but unlike during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, it is not considered compulsory.

It is believed by some that the Prophet Muhammad used to fast on this day and initially encouraged others to do so.

Some say he first decided to do so after discovering that Jewish communities fasted on this day to mark Moses and the Israelites being saved. It was also thought to

be a day that Moses himself fasted.

Shi'a Muslim communities mark the day through mournful sermons, prayers, and plays reenacting the battle of Karbala.

Some make pilgrimages to a shrine to Husayn ibn Ali in Karbala, while in Shi'a communities around the world, parades take place during which people walk through the streets beating their chests to show grief.

Others practice self-flagellation to commemorate the suffering he went through, but many clerics discourage this and call for people to give blood donations as an alternative.

## New employment opportunities in geography



VIJAY GARG

In fact, the subject of geography is very vast. It not only talks about the earth and its phenomena, but along with that, it also talks about man and all those actions of man, which affect the phenomena of the earth, by which man himself is affected. Along with the study of the physical properties of the earth, geographers also study the human society spread over it, their culture and their relationship with natural phenomena. Similarly, it relates to the entire universe. It deals with the interrelationship of various natural resources all over the world. It mentions mountains, seas, earth, sky and the movements taking place in them. Difference between physical geography and human geography it mainly has

two branches - physical geography and human geography. Physical geography includes environment, hydrosphere, biosphere and geosphere. Human geography gives information about man and his societies, culture and economy and his relationship with the environment. There are four historical traditions of geographical exploration—the location of natural and human elements A study, earth science, study of human-earth relations and earth science research. A student starts studying this subject separately from +1 class. Following this are the following courses:- BA with Geography subject. B.Sc Geography. MA in Geography. MSc in Geography. MPhil in Geography. PhD in Geography. MA in Disaster Management. Employment opportunities From the perspective of a common person, only the job of a teacher is seen in it, but this subject is full of possibilities. Surveyor Surveyor about specific regions of the earth Collect and measure data. Along with this, they collect information regarding boundaries of natural and man-made buildings etc. They can work in National Survey of India, State

Survey and private institutions. the cartographer A cartographer deals with the scientific, technical and artistic aspects of map making. He presents complex information through simple traditional maps on diagrams, charts, spreadsheets. Nowadays GIS and digital maps have spread their legs. His working areas are quite, viz Publishing, military, government institutions, research institutes, survey and maintenance. The drafters They have to work as map makers with surveyors and architects in construction companies, government planning institutions and environmental organizations. Climate scientist These are the scientists who study the Earth's climate. They also do their research on snow, soil, water, air and plants etc. and on the basis of their data see how weather or climate affects the earth and its inhabitants. meteorologist meteorologist Examines the relationship between various environmental symptoms and the environment. They predict the coming weather. Look at climate change over time, trends in rainfall and global temperature. Both rural and urban areas need them. Environmental

Manager and Consultant Environmental managers are responsible for any organization/company's environment-related matters, such as air quality, waste management, clean water and pollution. Environmental manager is the role of scientist and manager in any organization perform Remote Sensing Remote sensing is an advanced technique of surveying and analyzing data. It uses airborne sensors to collect and store environmental and structural information more quickly and accurately. Combined with machine learning and mapping software, it creates 3-D maps that are scalable and provide an inside look at vast cosmic distances and changing conditions of phenomena. It is a very useful tool for researchers and engineers in the field, which reduces their work and about complex situations. Gives easy knowledge. It is different from GIS. education Lecturers, professors etc. are needed to teach geography in senior secondary schools, colleges and universities. In this field, the starting salary is also good and it is more depending on the experience. tourism Tourism industry is develop-

ing very fast in the new era. Many people want to go to the usual cities and seaside places as well as to the exclusive and risky places. Geography experts visited those places, their environment, wind, water and livable conditions can tell the best. So they can also act as guides and give proper advice on how to make new places tourist places. Therefore, employment can be found in both the government and private sectors. GIS Expert GIS technology facilitates a wide range of geographic information and their application. They read the maps, create digital land data, manage to fit it into the data base as per the situation. GIS specialists are usually BSc in Geography. Students with MSc are further ahead in this regard can earn more salary by leaving. Like other subjects, money can be earned by becoming a writer and publisher of this subject. Writing for journalism, magazines, radio, TV and internet sites etc. can be done. All you need is persistence, when you master the subject with persistence, hundreds of fields are waiting for you.

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# Impact of Global Warming on Jammu and Kashmir

ZAHOR AKBAR KUMAR

Global warming is the long-term warming of the planet's overall temperature. Though this warming trend has been going on for a long time, its pace has significantly increased in the last hundred years due to burning of fossil fuels. As the human population has increased, so has the volume of fossil fuels being burned. The Earth's temperature has risen by 0.4 degree Fahrenheit (0.08 degree Celsius) per decade since 1880, but the rate of warming since 1981 is more than twice, i.e., 0.32 degree Fahrenheit (0.18 degree Celsius) per decade. As per NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), temperature data prior to the year 2021 was recorded as the sixth-warmest year. The predominant reason was increase in greenhouse gases produced by human activities. This increase in greenhouse gases has risen the temperature of earth's atmosphere, which is melting glaciers at a higher pace. It will melt all the glaciers in the

Himalayan region, which is called the water tower of Asia, and will change the livelihood of millions of people as it provides about 8.6 million cubic meters of water per annum to Asian countries and this region covers an area of 33,000 sq. kilometers.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the temperature is rising at a higher rate in comparison to the world average. The temperature of the region has increased by 1.2 degree Celsius over the last century, higher than the global average of 0.8 to 0.9 degree Celsius. This sudden increase in temperature has impacted life in Kashmir in various aspects. Firstly, agriculture fields have been hit badly due to dry spell conditions that persist in Kashmir's monsoon season. The farmers of the valley are pessimistic of reaping any crop this year amid rainfall scarcity. According to IMD (India Meteorological Department) the valley received largely 80% deficient rainfall this year due to the absence of any strong western disturbances or the Mediterranean, which bring mois-



ture. Due to these dry conditions and water scarcity, the irrigated rice, wheat and mustard production may be reduced by 6%, 4% and 4% respectively.

This deficit in food production in the Kashmir region has reached 4 percent while the deficit of vegetable production is 3% and is 69% for oilseed production. As a matter of fact, Kashmir, which was supposed to produce ample rice and

wheat is now producing these cereals in meagre amounts, and if the change of climate continues at the same pace, Kashmir will very soon be importing every bit of its food from neighbouring states.

Saffron production in the valley has a historical background and Jammu and Kashmir is the only state in India that produces saffron for commercial purpose. According to the Department of Agriculture Kashmir, this production has declined by 65% over the past two decades from 16 metric tons to 5.6 metric tons due to lack of irrigation and climate change impacts.

Secondly, these dry spell conditions will make a severe dent on Kashmir's tourism industry. The absence of snowfall will result in the shutting of snow sports. Kashmir's famous tourist resort, Gulmarg, attracts tourists from all over the world, but the resort will remain deserted in the absence of snowfall. The Thajwas Glacier (also known as Hidden Jewel of Kashmir), a major tourist attraction in Kashmir's Sonamarg, is melting at a rapid pace. Before 20 years, this

glacier was spread over a huge area and tourists were able to get a glimpse of it by just walking only a few meters. But now they need to walk kilometers to see the glacier.

Thirdly, it causes the extinction of domestic and wild animals because of rising temperature that affects vegetation, grazing fields, food sources, access to water and much more. Ecosystems may become uninhabitable for certain animals, forcing wild animals to migrate outside of their usual patterns in search of food and liveable conditions, while causing other animals to die.

In conclusion, considering the deadly nature of the effects of global warming and because global warming is primarily a product of human activities, there is need for collective responsibility to save Mother Nature. Failure to this can lead to innumerable devastating calamities that will greatly jeopardise the well-being of both present and future generations.

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## Why I love Abul Ala Maududi (RA)

BY ZUBAIR ZAHOR

When the world used to believe that Islam is just a set of rituals like other religions, a man came and crushed this idea with his writings and vision. Aurangabad, the oft-celebrated town in the former Indian princely state of Hyderabad, has become noted for being the birthplace of the remarkable champion of Islam and an institution in himself - Maulana Abul Ala Maududi.

At the tender age of four years, Maududi was already offering 5 daily prayers in the mosque alongside his father. Under his father's guidance he was able to memorise the complete holy Quran and the Muwatta of Imam Malik. His academic performance always distinguished him from his classmates and his father spared no effort or expense in ensuring that his son received the best of instruction and training from the comfort of his own home. After his father passed away, the daily hardships and increased poverty led Maududi to subsequently discontinue his education for want of resources.

Great people are remembered but legends are loved and never forgotten. Maududi was the author of a hundred plus books and a thousand plus essays which have since been printed and translated into different languages, some notable ones including Tafhim Al Quran, Khilafat o Mulukiyat, Insaan ki Haqiqat, Sood, Pardah, Sunnat ki Aayeni Haisiyat (An effective response to Munkareen-e-Hadith). His legacy and influence continue to inspire and motivate Muslims to pure Islamic principles and orthodoxy in a world that is rapidly in favour of excluding Islamic principles and influence from the realms of public opinion and policy.

He had no time for people who used to degrade his noble personality. He never responded to rudeness and fatwas of mullahs who continuously tried to contaminate his public figure. In fact, he spent most of his time in reading and translating classical Islamic texts as well as authoring his own literature in Urdu and English. One of his most notable works during the 1920's came in the wake of popular rhetoric against Islam and the claim that Islam was spread by the sword only. The Maulana wrote his famous masterpiece, Al Jihad Fil Islam (Jihad in Islam) in which he explained and demonstrated principles and rules of true Jihad.

The Maulana spent most of his life in the service of Islam. He suffered harm, poverty, rejection and imprisonment for his ideology and principles, like challenging nationalism, defending Khatm-e-Nubuwwat, criticising Westernisation (after meeting Allama Iqbal), yet his efforts were not hampered by these trials and tribulations. Syed Maududi, through his writings, influenced countless people around the globe. He presented a holistic vision of Islam, and also provided a scholarly critique of Western ideologies. The historical task that Maulana Maududi did was to strongly reject Socialism, Secularism, Imperialism and all other "isms" and bring forth Islam as the perfect way of life for entire humanity.

His intellectual abilities earned him much more honour and admiration not only in India and Pakistan but across the globe. There are people who speak ill of great personalities. Be aware that such people have a disease in their hearts. Hope Allah pardons them or changes their mind.

Let me summarise with the golden words of WC Smith: "The most significant contribution of Maulana Maududi has been the gradual and continual elaboration of an impressive system of ideas. He is the most systematic thinker of Islam. It is because of the impact of Maulana Maududi that even those who have differed from him have come increasingly to premise that there is an Islamic system of economics, an Islamic political system, and an Islamic constitution." [from 'Islam in Modern Age' by Wilfred Cantwell Smith (page 235)]

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# INDIA HAS WORLD'S HIGHEST NUMBER OF 'EXTREMELY POOR' DENIZENS

SUSHIL KUTTY

Droupadi Murmu has taken oath on July 25, the 15th President of India. Her salary: Rs 5 lakh per month, plus perks. But why talk of the President's salary? That is because there's a big gap between what Prime Minister Narendra Modi's picks for high office earn and what the electorate that elected him to office makes. Also because after eight years in office, Modi is taking issue with opposition parties, grudging the "revadis" (lollipops) ladled out to the poor by these parties to win elections.

The Gujarat elections are on Modi's mind. The BJP is nervous that Arvind Kejriwal's AAP might do a Punjab on Gujarat and divest Modi's home-state from Modi's 30 year grip. Imagine Modi losing Gujarat to freebies after enriching the richest Gujaratis with eight years of the 'Gujarat Model'. Modi is in fact the Harbinger of the freebie culture in north Indian politics. Hark back to 2012-13 and there was Modi promising 'ache din' and "Rs 15 lakh in every Indian's bank account". It was an incentive to vote for 'abki baar Modi sarkar'. It worked and Modi took the oath.

In 2019, Modi got a replica of 2014, and March 22 this year came news that India had beaten Nigeria for the most number of the extremely poor! The Modi Government was

busy planning a national jamboree to celebrate 75 years of India's independence. The World Poverty Clock tracks poverty worldwide. And the "extremely poor" it clocked are people living on less than \$2 a day.

The biggest Independence Day takeaway from eight years of Modi-rule is that the WPC is clocking more extremely poor Indians than the exchequer is running up dollars for rupees. India had 73 million extremely poor against Nigeria's 87 million in 2018. Four years on, the numbers favour Nigeria, 70 million against 83 million. In 2020, 80 million Nigerians were living on one dollar a day. Clearly Modi's Nigerian counterpart was setting the example, and not the world's 'Vishwaguru'.

India's slavering electronic media laughed it off, asking what's 83 million against the projected 1.40 billion population - a drop in the Indian Ocean! The fact is, the World Poverty Clock counts only the extremely poor. What about the "very poor", the "poor" and the "emerging poor"?

Why, even the lower middle class and the so-called middle class are not in a happy position to celebrate August 15 this year. Prices are on the rooftop, and fuel prices are rocketing. On top of that, now there's GST even on packaging. The Modi government's tyranny runs up very high bills for all and sundry. And this is when BJP-ruled Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is

adamant Indian households should buy and hoist the national flag atop his/her house to prove he/she is patriotic.

The plan is to get 20 crore families to prove their loyalty to India in a single outpouring of patriotism. Sarma forgot to mention that a standard khadi tricolour costs Rs 16 apiece. Can the WPC 83 million who live on \$2 a day afford to be patriotic?

There's a blanket of misleading information enveloping India's poverty status. The Modi government is not questioned enough. Instead, the media trots out every billion-shift in the wealth of Ambani and Adani. The crumbs or the lack of crumbs from the poor man's plate does not make it to page 1, unless it's Modi addressing a 'garib' rally in a poll-bound state.

Modi's emerging superpower India is a chimera. Disparity in incomes and wealth is a global phenomenon, but India displays this disparity with callous disregard for the poor man's lot. There was poverty in British India, too. Mahatma Gandhi mentioned 'antyodaya' in his speeches, and poverty was tied to the Freedom Struggle. Later, BR Ambedkar insisted that democracy could not be possible without economic emancipation. Also, he put this in the 'Directive Principles'.

But poverty stays rooted and economic emancipation remains elusive. Therefore, it's hard to believe that India's BJP rulers are over the

moon, asking citizens to fly Rs 16 apiece tricolours from their households when poverty is a decrypt way of life for millions of Indians even in this diamond jubilee year of India's independence. Modi cannot hide India's poverty behind expensive shawls he sports to the wasteful events he squanders India's hard-earned money on. The constitution makers were more aware of the poverty, inequality and the exploitation Indians faced. Lip service to poverty alleviation covers up the staggering losses to the economy when public money is squandered on mega events and wasteful projects.

Modi is a habitual offender. If in 2013, it was extravagant spending on billboards and posters proclaiming 'ache din' and 'abki baar Modi Sarkar', it's wasteful expenditure now on 'Har ghar tiranga' and the 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The children of the WPC-extremely poor, the very poor and the poor, would be given paper-tricolours to pin to their undernourished pigeon chests, and that will be all.

The Modi government would for the eighth year counting get away with trivializing poverty behind slogans while expunging criticism of the government from parliament debates. Modi wants history to remember him as a clean politician, acceptable to all. The problem is, there is disquiet that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal would

take away Gujarat, and how!

The question boils down to the grinding poverty that afflicts India and which has always been a vote-catcher. The BJP under Modi has used poverty to the hilt. Misery wins elections, and Modi is good at addressing misery though some would say not that good at tackling misery. Last heard, the Yogi government had ended the 35 kilo food-grain largesse for each family that had won the BJP the state of Uttar Pradesh.

The other question that is troubling is how much poverty does the BJP and Modi government practise its vote-catching strategy on? While the World Poverty Clock gives a certain idea, the Modi government has restrained itself from getting a right account. There is a dispute whether it is 11 percent or 26 per cent. Those who live and breathe Modinamma insist the goal is \$5 trillion and once that is achieved poverty by itself will go away. The reality is Modi's poverty alleviation schemes are more one-time trophies than lasting remedies. The free LPG cylinders, for instance, is a joke played on unsuspecting housewives who have to beg, borrow and steal to pay for the refills month after month, now costing Rs.1053 per cylinder. Nope, the BJP state governments will not help. Not if the vote has been cast and the next elections are two years away.

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# Some great things are happening for the tribal community and leading the charge is none other than Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chaudhary !

M S NAZKI

'THE SKY was overcast with thick, grey clouds drifting in the direction of Pir Panjals. That meant rain and we had to take shelter in a Dhok. It would come, as long as the clouds drifted in that direction. Lightning flashes momentarily parted the clouds... It was here I met little Maira with her lamb, the god of lightning and thunder, who was registering his anger as this strange talk of a new relation between men in uniform and family was about to begin! Life is strange and I realized it that day!'

'It was during my childhood that I learnt about the word 'Khana Badosh'. During those days a class four student would not have known what it meant till I met Maira when I was in the army!'

'She was from Rajouri upper tracts always holding a kid lamb in her arms! I asked her one day as to who was her best friend! The reply was just a smile and after a week in her own rustic dialect asked me the same question: who is your best friend's uncle. 'I picked her up and her lamb and answered, 'Doll it has to be you! She still is!'

'At that time she was seven and now 29, happily married with a couple of children and the husband a budding educationist! She has two small Maira's with her, Roshni and Chandini!' She was a gujjar kid but ambitions were high! She did not get the requisite opportunities in the mid nineties but now the basket is open! Wish Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chaudhary would have been there then!'

'Coming back to Khana Badosh, till that time my grandma was alive and was to die four years later. I went to Bhartiya Pustakalaya near Jewel roundel and picked up a book 'Khana Badosh' by Ajeet Cour! Going through it I did find out as to

why partition was the most sickening affair in Indian history!'

Ajeet Kour is an Indian writer who writes in Punjabi. She is a recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award and the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian award by the Government of India.'

'She has written novels and short stories in the Punjabi language on social-realist themes such as the experience of women in relationships and their position in society.' Pebbles in a Tin Drum is another great book which I was to buy much later but Khana Badosh stands out! (All these above mentioned are extracts from my friend's Diary)

'In fact or coincidentally that is also the name of the name of the new magazine for the tribals and that also is the brainchild of Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chaudhary! Brilliant job Doc! Hopefully you will give us a bit of space in that!'

'Several Schemes by Tribal Affairs Department will unleash the productive potential of youth, holistic development of tribal community free from all discrimination, fear and insecurity said the Lt Governor!' That indeed was great but the implementation has to be seen and monitored at ground zero because ultimately that is what matters!'

'Another great thing announced was 'availling provisions under Public Services Guarantee Act that will be made completely online. Online Public Services now linked with timelines laid down under Public Services Guarantee Act; defaulting officers to be served notices for failure in automated online mode, and linked with penal provisions'.

'This indeed was something special and s new road taken for the development of tribals! Hopefully little Maira and her kids are listening and reading! That time it was



not there but now it has arrived! The great opportunity to drive on! 'Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chaudhary's (IAS) pile driver is a historic revolutionary step forward for the tribals!'

'Who makes us primitive - nature. Who keeps us primitive, ourselves. Who makes us ignorant it is nature. Who keeps us ignorant, ourselves. Who makes us tribal nature. Who keeps us tribal ourselves. Who makes us stereotypical, it's nature? Who keeps us stereotypical ourselves. Who makes us narrow it is nature. Who keeps us narrow ourselves. Who makes us wild nature. Who keeps us wild ourselves. Nature still dictates plenty on how we apes move. But she has also given us the power to improve.' That is what Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chaudhary is trying to do!

And this is what he has done and what the Lt. Governor did!

8 tribal hostels costing Rs 26 crore. The foundation stones have been laid for Rs 100 cr worth 25 tribal hostels.

Coaching programme for NEET/JEE and competitive examinations under TOP 50, Host 50 and Stars 100 schemes. Skill development program for 2000 tribal youth has been laid.

Meritorious tribal students receive Laptops and cash rewards has been earmarked.

Pre-matric scholarships scheme of Tribal Affairs department now on-boarded on the National Scholarship Portal.

Smart Cards to Migratory Tribal Population; Tablet computers and sports kits to hostel students has been arranged

'Bharat ko Jano tours will be arranged and one such tour has already been flagged off.'

'The exposure tour of 200 tribal hostel students to various parts of the country under Bharat ko Jano programme which will instill the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat among the tribal youth.

'We are working with a resolve to make the development process holistic, universal and impacting all sections of the society. For the first time in the history of J&K, the tribal population is feeling fully integrated, connected with the mainstream of development. For the first time, their voice is being heard and they have been given their due rights, said the Lt Governor.

'We are also spending Rs 40 cr to convert 200 schools in tribal areas into smart schools. Till 31st March, 100 schools have been converted into smart schools and the work of remaining 100 schools will also be completed soon, the Lt Governor further added.

In yet another important step, pre-matric scholarships for the tribal communities have been on-boarded on the National Scholarship Portal. Now, the scholarship amount will be transferred directly to the accounts of 10,000 tribal students in a completely transparent manner. Besides, we have taken a step forward to encourage sports culture among the tribal youth, said the Lt Governor.

Under the 'Technology Enabled

Education Scheme', Tablet computers preloaded with course wise study material distributed to 800 tribal hostel students of 10th, 12th and PG will prove to be an important factor in promoting digital literacy among the youth of the tribal community, it was informed.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary while speaking on the occasion said that the Government is taking dedicated steps and initiatives for tribal people. The laptop and tablets provided to students would make them able to script a bright future with their hardwork and determination, he added.

Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs Department, in his welcome address gave details of the inauguration of various major initiatives for the tribal community of J&K.

This is what Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chaudhary has done in last couple of days:

Tribal affairs Jammu and Kashmir Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary (IAS) along with deputy commissioner Pulwama Baseerul Haq Choudhary (IAS) visited Behaks like Namlan, Sidak, Walakhayen and other spots interact with local people and listened to grievances patiently and the general public put up their demands.

He assured timely action on the genuine demands will be disposed off on priority basis.

Danish Ali Tedwa President Jammu and Kashmir Gujjar Bakerwal youth welfare conference team Pulwama thanked the Doc (Shahid) for his promptness!

This indeed was spectacular and for sure more is in the offing but as I said before it is the implementation that matters! Let us see how this lavish and extravagant plan for the tribals will work out! My little Maira and her kids are definitely delighted! Well done I will say again Doc (Shahid)!

## Western culture challenged the institution of marriage. Syed Karar Hashmi

Syed Karar Hashmi, a social activist from central Kashmir Ganderbal studying in Qom City in Iran, has revealed that most of the marriages in the Kashmir valley are conducted according to the western culture and reiterated all the need to collectively raise a strong voice against all this frenzy.



He added that the mosque is an important social foundation in Islam. This mosque could be the best platform to hold a simple and inexpensive wedding. In a society where material values rule, marriage loses its place as a divine attribute. Marriage means acquiring gold and jewelry. Today we are witnessing the expansion of free relationships between boys and girls outside the realm of Sharia due to late marriages. In other words, western culture has trapped us in its deception from all sides. The need of the hour is to generalize marriage ceremonies in mosques and there is no Shariah problem in this, but blessings and blessings.

He emphasized that local endowments in the respective areas should facilitate simple marriages. The trend of late marriages in Jammu and Kashmir has increased infertility in both men and women. Data from the National Family Health Survey for 2019-21 shows

that Jammu and Kashmir has the lowest Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in the country at 1.4. The most unfortunate thing is that a wedding ceremony in Kashmir costs an average of over 1 million rupees, which many cannot afford.

Hashmi appealed to the young people to think of a solution for themselves; either surrender to sin and turn away from Allah's mercy, or provide grounds and conditions for marriage? The curse of dowry and the grandiose and western initiative to celebrate marriages has taken over our society and defeated us the most.

He observed that the mosque is an important social foundation in Islam. It can be the best platform for organizing a simple and inexpensive wedding. Use the potential of mosques in the areas of marriage motivation, socialization and marriage facilitation. "Referring to the saying of Imam Muhammad Baqir(a.s) "Allah has given the world to everyone, but He gives religion only to those whom He loves."

## BRIEFLY NEWS

## Mary Kom, Sunil Chhetri donate Rs 12.5 lakh they won on 'KBC14'

After Amir Khan, Mitali Madhumita and Major D.P. Singh had the audience riveted to their stories, six-time World Champion, Olympic Games medallist and Rajya Sabha MP M.C. Mary Kom and international footballer Sunil Chhetri took the hotseat on 'KBC 14' to answer the questions asked by host and megastar Amitabh Bachchan.

During a conversation laced with banter, Chhetri quoted a line from one of the songs from the Big B's hit film 'Mr Natwarlal': "Mar gaya? Lekin aap to zinda ho?" To this, Bachchan responded by saying: "Yeh jeena bhi koi jeena hai lallu?" Chhetri also showed some of his football tricks.

Then, the two celebrity guests had to answer a question, which they did and won Rs 12.5 lakh. The question was: "People who work and live near which forest worship Bonbibi, a goddess who they believe protects them from tigers?"

They had to choose from: Bandipur, Ranthambore, Sunderbans and Kanha. The answer was Sunderbans. The money will be shared respectively by the Mary Kom Regional Boxing Foundation and The Voice of Stray Dogs.

The game had to end here because the time was up and the host could not ask the Rs 25 lakh question.

## Vijay Sethupathi named Best Actor for 'Maamanithan' at Indo-French film fest

Actor Vijay Sethupathi has won the Best Actor Award at the Indo-French International Film Festival for his performance in director Seenu Ramasamy's critically acclaimed Tamil entertainer, 'Maamanithan'.

The film has also won the award for Best Picture.

Taking to Twitter to make the announcement, director Seenu Ramasamy said, "Congratulations Vijay Sethupathi for Best Actor and Yuvan Shankar Raja for Best Picture. Thank you Indo-French International Film Festival."

Interestingly, the film, which had garnered huge praise from various quarters soon after its release, had ace director Shankar calling it a 'realistic classic'. Shankar had even said that Vijay Sethupathi's brilliant performance in the film deserved a National Award.

Only a week ago, the film had won a Gold medal at the Tokyo Film Awards this year.

'Maamanithan' won the gold in the Best Asian Film category, while Takahiro Kawabe's 'Love Song at 5 pm' won the silver and Mart Bira's 'Nomadic Doctor' took the bronze at the Tokyo Film Awards.

The story of 'Maamanithan' is about a simple man who longs to provide good education to his children by getting them admitted to a private school. To increase his income, he enters into a deal with a real estate developer and in the process gets conned. The problems he faces are what the film is all about.

## On National Handlooms Day, Tabu steps out in Telangana's traditional weaves

Handloom Industry in the Telangana state occupies a unique place in the country for its exclusive art and artifacts of handloom weavers. On National Handlooms Day, actress Tabu took to the ramp to showcase Telangana handloom textiles.

The fashion show was an ensemble comprising more than 50 sarees and garments made from the textiles that are woven in Telangana. The showstopper was Tabu, who draped a traditional gharara with a short kurta and dupatta.

In all, 26 models including 21 females and five men walked the ramp at the 'Amogham' event presented by award-winning textiles designer Gaurang Shah, to highlight the breadth and diversity that Telangana has to offer to the world.

The event was organised by Telangana's Department of Handlooms & Textiles, and the Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society (TSCO).

Models sashayed in vibrant Ikkats from Pochampally and Puttapaka, elegant gadwals, and lustrous fabrics from Narayanpet among other local fabrics. The cherial paintings done on fabrics in the form of a lehenga were an absolute classic.

The tassels using handcrafted etikoppaka toys, are specialty of the State. The richness of handwoven chiffon, khadi, and Kota were also presented exquisitely. Each fabric on display was developed on the looms of Telangana, giving the weavers work for year-round production.

Gaurang said "Every art we have curated and showcased is not only timeless body of work from Telangana but also timeless creatives. My endeavour through such events, and multiple projects in the state has enabled common people, with no relation to textiles, to learn to weave."

"Women, who are passionate about learning and working have been encouraged to sit on a loom and learn the Jamdani technique."

## After 'The Gray Man' action, Dhanush plays delivery boy in Tamil romantic entertainer

The unit of director Mithran R. Jawahar's eagerly-awaited romantic entertainer, 'Thiruchitrambalam', featuring actors Dhanush, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Nithya Menon and Raashi Khanna in the lead, has now released the film's trailer, which shows Dhanush playing a delivery boy.

The trailer shows Dhanush, who plays the titular character of 'Thiruchitrambalam', enjoying a good rapport with his grandfather played by Bharathiraja.

However, the relationship between him and his father (Prakash Raj), a police officer, is not exactly smooth.

The trailer gives away the fact that Pazham (a nickname given to Dhanush's character in the film) shares all his secrets with Shobana (Nithya Menon), a childhood friend.

## Ranbir Kapoor: 'Deva Deva' from 'Brahmastra' makes one feel spiritually powerful with rare ease

After receiving huge traction on social media and positive response to the 'Kesariya' song, the makers of the mythological-fantasy film 'Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva', released the second song from the album on Monday.

Titled 'Deva Deva', the song exudes spirituality and a distinctly upbeat rhythm. It has been sung by Arijit Singh and Jonita Gandhi. The song encapsulates the magical moment in the film where Shiva, played by Ranbir, finds the power within.

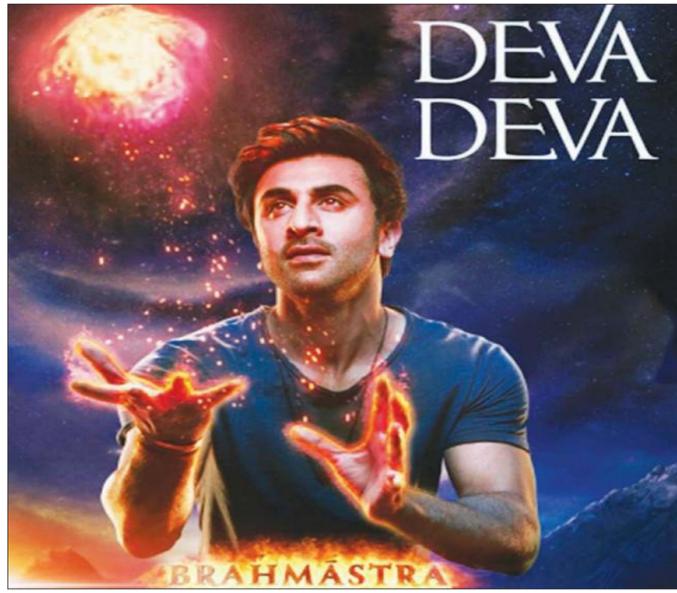
Talking about his experience of the song, the Bollywood star shared: "I thoroughly enjoyed the song, and could relate to it on so many levels personally. Pritam Da, Arijit, Amitabh, and Ayan have put in a lot of effort to create this masterpiece. The song makes one feel spiritually powerful with a rare ease, and I hope everyone

feels and enjoys it as much as I did."

The lyrics of the song have a unique blend of love and devotion as Shiva, the protagonist discovers his abilities of fire. The song is pivotal to Shiva's character development in the film and does absolute justice to the concept of 'Love, Light and Fire'.

Sharing his experience of recording the song, playback singer Arijit said in a statement: "It has been an absolute pleasure to voice 'Deva Deva'. The song emanates an impeccable, positive energy that will certainly resonate with everyone. I'm really excited about it. I hope the audience enjoys it to the fullest."

The song has been composed by Pritam Chakraborty with lyrics penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya. The two powerhouse artistes have collaborated earlier at a number of



occasions and have delivered steady hits; case in point, 'Dangal', 'Kalank' and 'Jagga Jasoos'.

Sharing his experience on composing the track, Pritam said: "Brahmastra's album has made me think aloud in terms of bringing in spiritual elements within a song. With 'Deva Deva', we have modernised the music, while keeping classical and devotional elements prominently. This spiritual song gives an otherworldly experience, and it is honestly enlightening to create it. I hope it's a treat for everyone."

The song is available to stream on YouTube and across all audio streaming platforms.

Produced by Star Studios, Dharma Productions, Prime Focus and Starlight Pictures, 'Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva' will release theatrically on September 9 in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada.

## As 'Pardes' turns 25, Subhash Ghai recalls the magic behind making the film

As his film 'Pardes' starring Shah Rukh Khan and Mahima Chaudhry has completed 25 years of its release in Hindi cinema on Monday, filmmaker Subhash Ghai recalls everything that went behind creating the romantic musical drama.

The 1997 film, revolves around a man named Kishorilal, who wants an Indian bride for his NRI son. He gets him engaged to Ganga, his friend's daughter. However, she seems to share a deeper bond with Arjun, Kishorilal's foster son.

'Pardes', which also stars Apurva Agnihotri, Alok Nath, Amrith Puri and Himani Shivpuri, was the fourth highest-grossing Bollywood film of 1997, behind 'Dil To Pagal Hai', 'Border' and 'Ishq'.

Ghai says: "Pardes is very dear film to me. I would like



to congratulate the entire cast and crew and especially the audience for continuing to shower their love even after 25 years. My team tells me that people keep on showering their love, keep recalling the iconic scenes in the digital arena even today."

Sharing further details on the same, he added: "Pardes" celebrated the rich culture of our country. I had approached Late Arun Jait-

lebrating the 75th year of our independence."

Bollywood's superstar Shah Rukh Khan made his way into the hearts of the audience with his spectacular performance in 'Pardes'.

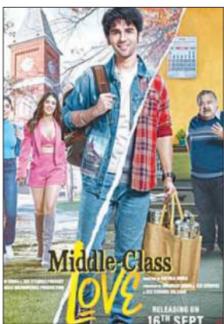
Filmmaker said: "I kept reminding him in every scene and song that he has to avoid his compelling, romantic side to justify Arjun's character. It was challenging for him but he nailed it!"

Showman Subhash Ghai expressed his delight, "I am overjoyed over the fact that my baby is celebrating its silver jubilee and continues to receive unwavering adulation from the audience even after 25 years. I pour my heart and soul into every film of mine. Filmmaking is indeed a business but a business of the heart wherein you pour out all that you have for the audience to rejoice and relish".

"My heart goes out to India, I can go on and on describing the grandeur of this glorious nation. It is another co-incidence that today I am writing and composing a song for a video 'Ghar Ghar Tiranga' to cel-

## Anubhav Sinha's 'Middle Class Love' trailer addresses serious issue in lighter vein

Being born in a middle class family where it is always taught to think twice before spending makes a college boy looking out for the ways to come out of his present situation and how he does it is all about 'Middle Class Love'. Director Ratnaa Sinha's film deals with the issues faced by middle class youth in a very interesting and light way. The trailer of the movie is out and with all the new faces, the director has made all attempts to make it worth watching.



It stars Prit Kamani, Kavya Thapar and Eisha Singh. The trailer shows that the entire film is set in Mussoorie and revolves around Prit, who plays a young college boy and is shown always frustrated with his father as he keeps asking him to spend less. He keeps complaining about it to his mother and friends. Later, to get out of his middle class life, he starts following a rich girl on the campus. Interestingly, he keeps saying that being middle class is a disease and in fact he has a special

term for it, 'Middleclassiosis'. In a very hilarious way, the movie touches on the issues faced by middle class families, youth and campus life. Talking about it, the director says: "After the love, I received from the audience on my first film, I knew I had to push myself to make something different. I wanted to set my second film in a middle-class milieu and delve into what it means for a young boy to belong to that strata of society aiming to break out of it."

## 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai' star Mrunal Jain's big dream: Playing a superhero

TV actor Mrunal Jain, who has been seen portraying different characters on-screen, says that he would love to play a superhero for the sake of his son.

Mrunal in a conversation with IANS said: "I would love to play a superhero. My son is a huge fan of superhero stories so I would like to play a superhero role that my son will enjoy too."

The actor started his journey in showbiz with the show 'Kahaani Hamaaray Mahaabhaarat Ki' and later also did serials such as 'Bandini' and 'Hitler Didi' shared his take on the change in the content of the TV shows.

He added: "The content has changed but the audience still love to see the same old drama with spice as a fresher version."

Looks are very important for actors, asserted Mrunal, saying: "Yes, looks are important for an actor. However, at times it can go against you as the scenario has changed; With all the



platforms, the approach towards casting has also changed so makers scripts are demanding more realistic faces."

Mrunal was last seen in the fantasy drama 'Naagarjuna - Ek Yodha' and he is making a comeback after

five years with 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai'. He is seen playing a prominent role and his entry is going to add a lot of twists in the story.

Speaking about his role, Dr. Kunal Kherra in 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai', he said: "I have entered as a surgeon who will cure Abhimanyu (played by Harshad Chopda). Let's see how the writers take the track ahead. The show is a perfect combination of family emotions and relationships. That's what keeps the audience intrigued despite the show running for 14 years."

Mrunal was also seen Akshay Kumar-starrer 'Sooryavanshi'. On taking a break from the small screen for five years, he shared: "I was not getting the roles I was looking for and thus decided to stay away. I did a film, a couple of music videos and was busy with my Tennis Premier League, started by me and my friend Kunal Thakur a few years ago."

## 'Delhi Crime 2' to pose new challenge for Shefali Shah's Vartika Chaturvedi

The trailer of the second season of the International Emmy Awards winning crime-drama streaming series 'Delhi Crime' was unveiled on Monday. It marks the return of DCP Vartika Chaturvedi played by Shefali Shah, who is known as 'Madam Sir' within the show and her trusted team.

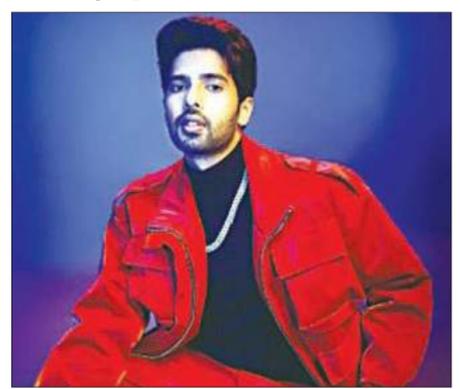
While the first season was based on the 2012 Delhi Gangrape Case, the second season will follow a series of ghastly murders in the capital city of India which will keep Vartika's team on their toes.

With escalating public fear and the media demanding answers, she will be forced to make some tough choices.

Reprising her role as DCP Vartika Chaturvedi, Shefali shared, "I love every character I've played but DCP Vartika Chaturvedi will always be super special. And I'm so proud of the role and 'Delhi Crime' as a show. It's my favorite. And so is she. As an actor, it's fulfilling to portray roles like these."

Shedding light on what the second season has in store for the audience, the actress shared, "This

## Armaan Malik: Have been an ardent fan of Anurag Kashyap's cinema



Armaan Malik lent his voice for the song 'Waqt ke jungle' for the Tapsee Pannu-starrer 'Dobaaraa'. The singer says he has always been a fan of filmmaker Anurag Kashyap and is glad that he gets to showcase a different side of his musicality with each passing release.

"Waqt Ke Jungle" is the first song from 'Dobaaraa'. The song in compliance with the film's mood is as intriguing as the trailer which was dropped a few days back. 'Waqt ke jungle' has been sung by Armaan Malik with music by Gaurav Chatterji and lyrics by Hussain Haidry.

Speaking about the song, Armaan said in a statement, "I have been an ardent fan of Anurag sir's cinema and I am so excited to know that my new song 'Waqt ke jungle' is part of his upcoming mystery-thriller 'Dobaaraa' featuring Tapsee Pannu in the lead role."

The singer further shared

that the song is unlike his other melodies that he has crooned as it's a new genre for him in the space of Bollywood: "This one is very different from my other releases, especially because it's a genre I haven't sung in for Bollywood. It's an out-and-out Drum & Bass track, composed by Gaurav Chatterji and written by Hussain Haidry."

"I'm so glad I get to showcase a different side of my musicality with each passing release. I just can't wait to see the reaction of my fans to this one," Armaan added.

'Waqt Ke Jungle' is available to stream on Saregama Music YouTube Channel and all streaming platforms.

'Dobaaraa', directed by Anurag Kashyap and produced by Shobha Kapoor and Ekta R Kapoor's Cult Movies and Sunir Khetarpal & Gaurav Bose of Athena, also stars Pavail Gulati and Sukant Goel. The film will release in theatres on August 19.



season, the audience will see a human and vulnerable side of these seasoned police officers. I can proudly say this, Delhi Crime is a reflection of our passion for storytelling and the craft and we can't wait for the audience to watch it!"

The show has been produced by SK Global Entertainment, Golden Karavan and Film Karavan.

'Delhi Crime 2', like its predecessor, is inspired by true events and is helmed by showrunner and director Tanuj Chopra.

Speaking about his vision for season 2, Tanuj Chopra mentioned, "Inspired by

true events, this season investigates the moral code of the Delhi Police. DCP Vartika Chaturvedi and team have evolved from the previous season. We'll see them weigh a lot of difficult choices... be it procedural or emotional."

The series also stars Rasika Dugal, Rajesh Tailang, Adil Hussain, Anurag Arora, Yashaswini Dayama, Sidharth Bhardwaj, Gopal Dutt, Denzil Smith, Tillotama Shome, Jatin Goswami, Vyom Yadav and Ankit Sharma.

'Delhi Crime 2' is set to drop on streaming platform Netflix on August 26, 2022.

## 3-Day Hasthshilp Rakhi Mela cum awareness camp inaugurated at Handicrafts Showroom Janipur

### Local artisans showcase special Handmade products

JAMMU, AUGUST 08: The Department of Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu District on Monday organized a 3-day Hasthshilp Rakhi Mela cum Awareness camp here at Handicrafts Showroom, Janipur to provide Artisans of Jammu District a platform to exhibit/ sell their products specially prepared for the Festival of Rakshabandhan.

The Mela hosted under the Guidance Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Vivek Bhardwaj, would continue till August 10, 2022.

The Chief Guest Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu inaugurated the event in presence of Fareed Ahmed Kohli, Deputy



Director Administration, Megha Baogia, Deputy Director Planning and Assistant Director Handicrafts, Jammu, Sonika Parihar. A number of Artisans from across Jammu District are participating in the event to showcase/ sell

their handmade products. In his inaugural address, Dr. Vikas Gupta highlighted the handholding being offered to the artisans by the department to make their products market competitive and earn good returns. "A number

of Artisans/weavers and Cooperatives registered with the Department have become self reliant by availing the schemes of the Department" he said. The officer laid emphasis on boarding the products of the Artisans on e-commerce platforms to enable them to get access to national and international markets. He urged the Artisans present to liaison with the department to get themselves registered on e-commerce platforms. Deputy Director Administration, Fareed Ahmed Kohli laid emphasis on maintaining close coordination between the Artisans and the department to give a new lease of life to the crafts of Jammu Division.

Deputy Director Plan-

ning, Megha Baogia, also spoke on the occasion and explained benefits of different schemes of the Department. Earlier, Assistant Director Handicrafts, Jammu Sonika Parihar, highlighted the huge potential of handmade products with attractive designs and high quality of craftsmanship. Later, the Chief Guest gave away Appreciation Certificates to Artisans, Diploma Certificates to the trainees and Registration Certificates to the newly registered Cooperative Societies. The program was concluded with vote of thanks. The HTOs, AHTOs and other officials of the Department were also present.

## Div Com reviews progress of ongoing Jammu Smart City projects

JAMMU, AUGUST 8: Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar on Monday reviewed the progress of ongoing projects of Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) being executed under the Smart Cities Mission of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) here at a meeting of the concerned officers. Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar directed the officials of JSCL to hold meetings with stakeholders to resolve the bottlenecks, if any and to expedite the execution of the ambitious projects.

CEO, JSCL, Rahul Yadav gave a detailed presentation on the status of completed and ongoing projects. The meeting was attended by additional CEO JSCL, Hitesh Gupta, Project Director Sunil Thusoo, Technical officer to CEO Sham Lal Kapoor, and other officials of JSCL.

The meeting was informed that 45 percent of total projects were completed, while 53 percent projects are in the execution phase and only 2 percent projects are in tendering phase.

"The work in progress for the ambitious projects includes Development of Tawi River front, establishment of Integrated Command & Control Center (ICCC), Road improvement from Dogra Chowk to KC Chowk, construction of Library cum Caf-



eteria at Mubarak Mandi, Improvement of 23 s Street Junction, Development Apsara Road "High Street" Gole Market, Cycle Tracks at five locations, Repository at Kala Kendra, Light & Sound Show at Bahu Fort, Approach Road to Bahu Fort and Rejuvenation of rivers & water bodies" the meeting was told.

Enquiring about Tawi River Front and Integrated Command & Control Center, the Divisional Commissioner said that the twin projects are crucial for Jammu City and Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha is directly monitoring their progress.

He asked JSCL to hold detailed meetings with all stakeholders, including the Government departments to resolve the hindrances and expedite the pace of work for timeline completion of the projects.

## Floriculture Department conducts series of plantation drives in Govt Schools



JAMMU, AUGUST 08: Department of Floriculture Parks and Gardens Jammu today conducted a series of plantation and cleanliness drives in the Government Educational Institutions.

The Drives were held in collaboration with School Education Department Jammu in Government Higher Secondary School Ghou Manhasan, Government Middle School

Ghou Manhasan, Government High School Muthi, Government Higher Secondary School Satwari, Government High School, Satwari Cantt and Government Middle School Satwari.

Over 1100 plants of different species were planted as a part of celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The plantation and cleanliness drive was conducted

under the supervision and guidance of S. Jatinder Singh, Director Floriculture Parks and Gardens Jammu.

The plantation and cleanliness drive was conducted in vicinity of these schools in presence of Sunil Singh, Deputy Director Floriculture Jammu; Vikrant Kumar Sharma, Floriculture Officer Jammu; Ranjana Kumari, Headmaster Government Middle School GhouManhasan; Swarn Lata, Headmaster Government High School Muthi; Atul Sharma, Lakshmi and Rakesh Kumar Sharma Assistant Floriculture Officers, other staff members and passionate students.

Speaking on the occasion, the Floriculture Officer said that such plantation drives in schools not only provide sustainable environment but also recharge the ground water level after few years.

## NH144A Widening Project DDC Rajouri inspects progress of work at different constructions sites

RAJOURI, AUGUST 08: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today inspected the progress of work at different construction sites on the Jammu-Rajouri - Poonch National Highway (NH144A) falling in the District.

The widening project for the existing road comprises of 8 packages with the first package starting from Akhnoor.

Officers accompanying the DC during the inspection visit included ADC Nowshera, Kartar Singh, Officer Commanding GREF, AC Defence and Tehsildar Rajouri.

The DC inquired about the land acquisition status and asked for timely payment of the compensation of structures and land to the rightful claimants.

While reviewing the progress on the project, the DDC directed the con-

cerned officers to mobilize men and machinery to ensure complete the project within the already set deadline.

The DDC also directed to maintain quality of work and warned against any laxity in this regard.

He further asked to maintain interdepartmental coordination and hold regular meetings to sort out issues, if any. The widening project for the existing road comprises of 8 packages with the first package starting from Akhnoor.

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## Drive Against The Milk & Milk Products Adulteration Intensified In District Jammu Under FSSAI

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Aug 08: Keeping in view the significance of Consumer Safety for the upcoming Raksha Bandan Festival, Food Safety wing of Drugs and Food Control Organisation Jammu Division, on the directions of Shakeel ul Rehman, Commissioner FDA j&k, a team in order to epitomize the purpose of proper implementation of Food Safety Act & propel the routine day to day drives ,intensified the marketing checking.

In this process, 22 samples of milk & milk products under FSSAI were lifted & sent to the lab for Analysis under FSSAI. The cost of the milk samples which were drawn legally was paid on the spot to the milk vendors.

The team of Food Safety Officers was headed by Madan Magotra, Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety Jammu Division & Dev Dutt Sharma Assistant Commissioner Food Safe-

Pertinently, at Bhagwati Nagar Bridge and Bell Charana chowk 07 samples of milk were found to be of standard quality while five samples were found below standards of Food Safety measures. The suspected samples were lifted & sent to the lab for Analysis under FSSAI. The cost of the milk samples which were drawn legally was paid on the spot to the milk vendors.

The team of Food Safety Officers was headed by Madan Magotra, Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety Jammu Division & Dev Dutt Sharma Assistant Commissioner Food Safe-

ty District Jammu.

During the vigorous inspections, one of the restaurants in Gandhi Nagar was challaned under insanitary conditions and improvement notice was issued on the spot to the Food Business Operator which was complied by the FBO as per provisions of FSSAI. In an endeavour to combat with the thwart and menace of Adulteration, the Food Safety Wing has expressed its determination to take the adequate steps & achieve the goal of Adulteration free market in the interest of Consumer Safety & public interests.

## GCW Udhampur holds series of activities to mark 80th anniversary of Quit India movement

UDHAMPUR AUGUST 08: To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the 'Quit India Movement', NCC units of Government College for Women Udhampur today organized symposium and Slogan writing competition under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

NCC cadets of 1 J&K NCC Girls Battalion, Srinagar and 2 J&K NCC Girls Battalion, Jammu actively participated in the competitions. The activities were held on the theme of 'Quit India Movement' or 'Bharat Chodo Andolan'.

In symposium, speakers highlighted the significance of the day and remembered the India's independence struggle. They paid tributes to freedom fighters who laid their lives for the country.

In all ten cadets participated in the symposium. Neha Sharma bagged the first position, while Shivanika Sharma and Shilpa got 2nd and 3rd prize respectively. Piyush Sharma got Consolation prize.

Likewise, 10 cadets participated in slogan writing competition. Cadet Priya got first prize, Cadet Meenakshi and Cadet Rubena Begum.

# Atal Dulloo calls for routine grievance redressal; building trust, credibility with farmers

JAMMU, AUGUST 8: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo chaired a meeting with officers of Agriculture Department here at Directorate of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Talab Tillo today.

The ACS reviewed individual progress of Chief Agriculture Officers (CAOs) of all districts of Jammu division. They were asked to furnish information about the initiatives taken by them for promoting integrated farming.

The CAOs were asked to submit concrete steps for encouraging crop diversification, particularly with respect to medicinal plants, oilseeds, apiculture and vegetables, in their

respective districts. They were also asked to submit status of success achieved in protected farm activities and ways to increase it.

A PowerPoint presentation containing information about changing agriculture scenario and statistics about cultivated land was given to the ACS. He was apprised about the climatic zones, farm mechanisation status, newly introduced crop varieties and other online services.

Atal Dulloo was presented status of benefits delivered under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojna (PMKMY), Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM), e-SHRAM and other welfare schemes to the farmers of Jammu division. The officers were directed to increase reg-

istrations under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

He urged that the officers build trust and credibility



(PMFBY) and to ensure that the 12th instalment under PM KISAN is delivered to the farmers.

The ACS also took review of organic farming in Jammu region and the status of its certified clusters.

by maintaining constant contact with farmers and by providing them timely grievance redressal.

It was stressed by the ACS that the department increase agriculture extension activities. The of-

icers were also informed that the department would strategise zone-wise agriculture activities in collaboration with SKUAST-J for rain-fed and kandi areas of Jammu.

They were instructed to seek proposals under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. He informed the officials regarding the upcoming Digital Agriculture Mission and also asked to provide National Horticulture Board subsidies to farmers.

Joint Director Farms was instructed by the ACS to spearhead farm activities while making optimum use of its manpower.

Earlier, the ACS inspected facilities including incubation rooms, Spawn Lab, Mushroom Incubation Room and Pesticide Testing Lab within the

campus.

Those present at the meeting include Director Agriculture Jammu, KK Sharma; Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), AS Reen; Joint Director (Farms); Joint Director (Marketing) among Chief Agriculture Officers and other officials of the department. They were instructed to seek proposals under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. He informed the officials regarding the upcoming Digital Agriculture Mission and also asked to provide National Horticulture Board subsidies to farmers.

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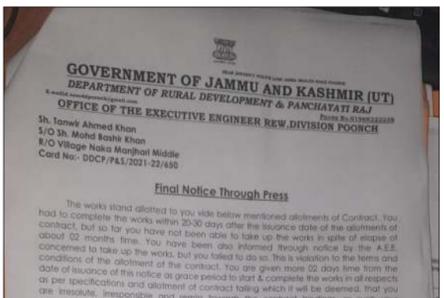
## Allotted tender delays, RDD violates norms, contractor demands inquiry

M S NAZZKI

Mendhar As per the details of issuance of letter which has been published out by Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj Office of the Executive Engineer Division Poonch. In this letter, there has clearly been mentioned that Sh. Tanvir Ahmed Khan, resident of Village Naka Manjhari Middle Card No. DDCP/P&S/2021-22/650. Very soon of this letter published, one more letter, as final notice has been displayed through Press in which it was told as ; the works stand allotted to him as allotted to had to complete the works within 20-30 interval of days as after issuance of

the date of the allotments to contract, but just so far

been already informed through a notice by the



he has not been become able to take up the works for constructing should be started but in spite of elapse to about 02 months of the given minimum time. Due to this, he has

concerned AEE to take up the allotted works, but he has totally been failed to do this. As per law, this is really a violence, said by Sarpanch Saif Khan Naka Manjhari. Middle

Laterally, he has given more merely 02 days of time for the date of issuance of this mentioned notice as grace period to start and get complete the works in all respects as per specifications and Allotment of contract falling which will be deemed, that he is irresponsible and his contact shall be cancelled immediately and fresh tender might at risk and a big amount of cost has been involved CFRS listing of his registration card. Sarpanch of Naka Manjhari Middle has demanded to high authority to take a cognizance into the matter and an inquiry should be ordered in the matter of the violation of terms and conditions.

## EPFO Jammu holding Pension Adalat on August 10, 2022

JAMMU, AUGUST 08: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office - Jammu is organising outreach programmes "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" and Pension Adalat on August 10, 2022 here at its Regional Office, Railway Road from 10 Am onwards.

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Nidhi Aapke Nikat is a public outreach programme that endeavours to address the problems/grievance of all stakeholders including, employees and employers by bringing them on a common platform and to increase awareness and sensitize them about the new initiatives undertaken in their interest by the organisation EPFO. Pension Adalat provides a platform to existing and prospective pensioners for closer interaction with EPFO officers to understand the provisions of EPS 1995 and seek resolution of their pension related grievances such as non-receipt of pension, Digital life certificates etc. The EPFO office has invited all the stakeholders to at-

tend the above programme for quick disposal of their grievances and/or to register any problems faced by them related to EPFO. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office - Jammu is organising outreach programmes "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" and Pension Adalat on August 10, 2022 here at its Regional Office, Railway Road from 10 Am onwards.

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## Childline Doda organises awareness program at GHS Nagar Bhaderwah

DODA, AUGUST 08: The Childline Doda on Monday organised an awareness programme at Government High School Nagar Bhaderwah.

The team of Childline Doda provided Hygienic Kits to the Adolescent girls and celebrated Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by distributing National Flag among the Children. The children were informed about the toll free no 1098 which they can use to report about a child facing any type of atrocity. The team briefed them about the child rights, child abuse, child trafficking, child labour, child marriage, Corporal punishment and legal protection against the same. "Children can call any time on 1098 to report if they feel any difficulty or stress", the team advised the participants.

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DGP

directed them to work in tandem for the safe and secure pilgrimage. "J-K Police in perfect synergy with all sister agencies have so far successfully conducted the ongoing Amarnath Yatra (in south Kashmir Himalayas) which is in its last stage," the DGP said and stressed for the same synergy among all stakeholders for the successful conclusion of the Machail pilgrimage as well. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Shafqat Husain and CISF officers apprised the DGP about the measures taken for the smooth and secure yatra. The DGP and the ADGP also paid obeisance at the Machail Mata temple and prayed for the peace and welfare of the people of the Union territory, the spokesman said. At the District Police Office, Kishtwar, the DGP directed the officers to take stringent action against those people involved in heinous crimes and those involved in drug peddling and anti-national activities. He also emphasised upon the officers to make adequate use of modern security gadgets including CCTVs and drones to further augment the security of the district, the spokesman said.

GOVT

Territory". "Let me tell you that the J&K government has given the highest number of civilian jobs in its history last year. Jobs are there but they are not in the market for sale," he said.

Notably, during the ongoing Parliament session Union Minister of State for Home, Nityanand Rai informed the House that from August 2019 up to June 2022, 29,806 aspirants were recruited by the J&K Government and nearly 5.2 lakh jobs were created through self-employment schemes.

During the past three years, the government has introduced numerous self-employment schemes to help the youngsters to set up their ventures. Mission youth has been one of the most rewarding initiatives on behalf of the J&K administration.

The 'Mumkin' (livelihood generation) scheme under Mission Youth has helped unemployed youth to procure small commercial vehicles, on a subsidised basis, to establish a sustainable livelihood line in the transport sector. The "Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative" scheme is based on the theme Youth Enterprise with Innovation (YouWin)/ Champion for Innovation program for encouraging young entrepreneurs' especially young women towards innovations in various enterprises.

Similarly, the "Tejaswani" (Radiant) scheme is aimed to promote entrepreneurship among young women. It envisages giving financial assistance up to Rs 5 lakh to young women for setting up gainful self-employment ventures, suited to their skills, training, aptitude and local conditions.

Another program "Sahyati" has been rolled out to provide a special financial assistance program for youth in distress. Financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh is being provided under the scheme to youth in distress for setting up gainful self-employment units.

Under sector specific scheme for dental professionals, a customized financial support is being provided to dentists for setting up dental clinics. An amount of 8 lakh is provided as financial assistance under this scheme for setting up their venture.

Another scheme "Rise Together" envisions promoting community-based entrepreneurship optimally to generate jobs, and income and promote the spirit of social service among new-age young entrepreneurs in the Himalayan region. Under the scheme, the eligible youth groups are provided with financial assistance to the extent of Rs 20 lakh comprising of upfront subsidy component minimum of Rs 2.5 lakh or 10 per cent of the project cost and a loan provided by the Bank, 70 per cent of the project cost to the extent of Rs 17.50 lakh.

To fill in the gap between demand and supply of skilled workforce and to create a strong environment for professionals and technical skill development in Jammu and Kashmir, the government has roped in prominent organizations like ICICI Foundation, Tata Technologies Ltd, Primal Foundation, Wipro, among others for working on upgrading skills of youth in the sectors having high employability potential like banking & financial services, digital marketing, media management etc.

LG

Meanwhile his brother Sahib Singar have suffered injuries and shifted to the hospital. Police said that the pilgrimage to Shiv Khori Cave Shrine remained continue.

Governor announces ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh to Kin of those lost their lives in tragic shooting stones incident at Shiv Khori

Meanwhile Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 5 lakh each for the Next of Kin of those who lost their lives in the tragic shooting stones incident at Shiv Khori in Reasi district.

The injured would be given Rs. 50,000 each and the UT Government will bear the cost of their treatment.

The Lt Governor expressed grief over the loss of lives during the unfortunate incident and directed the District Administration to provide all necessary assistance to the bereaved families and ensure the best possible treatment to the injured.

"Deeply anguished by the loss of precious lives in a tragic incident at Shiv Khori. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families who lost their loved ones. I pray for the early recovery of the injured", said the Lt Governor.

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which the Shia Muslims participated and paid tributes to the Karbala martyrs.

DAK

smallpox vaccination prior to its discontinuation in 1980 might still have some protection against the related monkeypox virus," said DAK President and influenza expert Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said research has found that those who have been vaccinated against smallpox decades ago persist with a very high level of antibodies and the ability to neutralise the virus.

Routine smallpox vaccination stopped in 1980 after the disease was eradicated globally.

"This means that any individual under the age of 42 certainly did not receive the smallpox vaccine," he said adding "the current monkeypox outbreak is affecting mostly younger people."

The DAK President said vaccination against smallpox was found through several observational studies to be about 85 per cent effective in preventing monkeypox infection.

He said, US FDA has approved a smallpox vaccine, Jynneos manufactured by a Danish company Bavarian Nordic for the prevention of monkeypox in people who are 18 years and older.

"At the moment, the risk posed by monkeypox to the general public isn't high enough to warrant mass vaccination," he said.

"Countries including Canada, UK and US have begun the strategy of ring vaccination to halt the spread of the virus. Ring vaccination means vaccinating close contacts of infected individuals," said Dr Nisar.

"If you are exposed to the virus, you should ideally get the vaccine within 4 days of exposure to prevent the onset of disease. Vaccine is also needed as pre-exposure prophylax-

is for those healthcare workers dealing with monkeypox cases and lab personnel performing monkeypox testing," he said.

"While the number of cases in India does not justify the need for ring vaccination, it might be a good idea to get in line for the available vaccines," he added.

COVID

and 4776 have died; 2346 in Jammu division and 2430 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 26232854 test results available, 470201 samples have tested positive and 25762653 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 9,136 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 6699244 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 132 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 5045 in isolation and 297 in home surveillance. Besides, 6688994 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 113 cases, Baramulla reported 143 cases, Budgam 13 cases, Pulwama reported 23 cases, Kupwara reported 23 cases, Anantnag reported 09 cases, Bandipora reported 06 cases, Ganderbal reported 10 cases, Kulgam reported 16 cases while as Shopian reported 02 fresh cases for today.

Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 59 cases, Udhampur 11, Rajouri 03, Doda 02, Kathua 06, Samba 06, Kishtwar 00, Poonch 01, Ramban 05 while as Reasi reported 01 fresh case for today.

PROPOSAL

Commission for the central government employees," Mr Chaudhary said in a written reply to a question if the government proposes to ensure timely constitution of Pay Commission for central government employees so that it could be implemented on January 1, 2026.

To compensate central government employees for erosion in the real value of their salaries on account of inflation, dearness allowances (DA) is paid to them and the rate of DA is revised periodically every six months on the basis of rate of inflation as per the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers released by Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, he said.

The government had set up 7th Pay Commission in February, 2014. The recommendations of the panel were effective from January 1, 2016.

SECURITY

He said all arrangements have been finalized for Independence Day celebrations in Kashmir. "We are on alert to foil any untoward incident," he said.

He said security forces are alert and all preventive measures have been taken to foil attempts of anti-national elements.

The main 15th August Independence Day celebrations will be held at SK Stadium Sonwar.

"The full day rehearsal shall be conducted on 13 August as per past practice. The area has been under multiple layer security cover and is under continuous CCTV surveillance," a senior official said.

He said all those citizens who want to unfurl the Tiranga at their homes or in their shops by following the flag code between August 14 and August 15 is welcome.

He said they only want the flag code to be followed while hoisting the tricolor.

"One thing will have to be kept in mind that a proper flag code should be followed by those who want to hoist the tricolor. They will be made aware about the same so that there will be compliance with the flag code," he added.

DELHI TO KASHMIR

Additionally, the Baramulla railway line's district Reasi has the largest railway bridge in the world under construction across the Chenab river. The arch above the deck of the bridge will be finished this month after the steel arch is. The completion will open a new chapter in Jammu and Kashmir's history.

By building the world's largest railway bridge, India will accomplish a significant goal. Golden joints will be used to finish the overarch deck later this month. In the Reasi district, this bridge is situated close to Kavari village on the upper bank of Salal Bandh.

The Northern Railway is building the bridge, which is the tallest railway bridge in the world, as part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project for an estimated cost of ₹28,000 crore. The Eiffel Tower in Paris, France will be 35 metres lower than this railroad bridge.

This railroad bridge, known as "Chenab Bridge", will span the Chenab River at a height of 1315 metres, 359 metres above sea level. With a height of 275 metres above sea level, the tallest railway bridge at the time was situated on the Beipanjiang River in Guizhou Province, China. The 111 km long Katra-Banihal railway line, for which enormous Himalayan Hills are being mined, will now be completed, which is a significant accomplishment.

The installation of the arch before the construction of the deck was one of the biggest civil engineering challenges in the recent history of India, with a 5.6-meter span at the top of the bridge being connected at the centre on both sides. Out of the 111 km. There is 97 km of tunnelling which is more than 85%. Tunnelling on this scale has not been done in any other part of the country. About 86 km of tunnelling work has been completed so far. Built on Darya Chenab, the arch of this bridge is capable of withstanding winds of 266 kilometres per hour.

The length of the bridge is 1315 metres. The number of pillars is 17. 28,660 metric tons of steel were used in its construction, at an estimated cost of ₹1,486 crore. The weight of the installed arch is 10,619 metric tons. The steel used in the structure is suitable for temperatures ranging from minus 10 degrees Celsius to minus 40 degrees Celsius. The bridge will have a minimum lifespan of 120 years and will be built for trains at a speed of 100 km. This bridge has a 266 km/h wind resistance rating, is blast load resistant, and is earthquake-resistant to a very high degree.

The bridge has 93 deck segments, each weighing about 85T, launched simultaneously on reinforced steel arches from both ends, and work is underway on five. The two ends will eventually be joined with 'High Strength Friction Grip' (HSFG) bolts to complete the upper deck of the bridge. The bridge has been constructed by Afcons, a Mumbai-based company.

Gary Dhar Raja Gopalan, Deputy Managing Director of African Company said, "The completion of the 359-metre high arch deck above Chenab river will be an extraordinary achievement. I pay tribute to every engineer and worker who has contributed to this unprecedented engineering achievement. This golden joint will be written in golden letters in the history of Indian Railways. All the structural engineering work has been done by Indian engineers making the Chenab Railway Bridge a symbol of 'self-sufficient India'".

Appreciating the role of Northern Railway and Konkan Railway Corporation in finalising the design of the Chenab Bridge, Giri Dhari further said, "We were assisted in technical issues, approval of drawings, etc. by Northern Railway and Konkan Railway Corporation (KRCL) which created local employment." KRCL constructed roads to reach the project site till the construction of this bridge. This provided connectivity to remote areas of the region.

According to him, the Northern Railway allowed them to use a Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing Machine for inspection of welds, a first in India. A fully equipped NABL laboratory was set up for the first time in India to ensure that quality was monitored at every stage of the project, even over time. Before starting the actual work, Afcons

engineers with the help of Konkan Railway Corporation carried out a mock-up of all the major components of the bridge, which gave them confidence. Due to this, the safety of the staff and workers was ensured and it was also possible to ensure the quality of work.

It should be noted that a train ran for the first time in Kashmir in 2008 after one and a half hundred years of the introduction of the railway system in the subcontinent, which was inaugurated by the then Prime Minister Dr Vali inaugurated this first train service on October 11 by hoisting the green flag.

The Banhal to Baramulla beach train is currently running. The 135 km railway line has 17 stations including Banhal, Halar Shahabad, Qazigund, Sidhura, Anantnag, Bijbahara, Panzgam, Awantipora, Kakapura, Pampore, Srinagar, Budgam, Mazhama, Patan, Humire, Sopore and Baramulla. This rail project under construction at a cost of ₹27,949 crore covers four sections, Udhampur - Katra, Katra - Banihal, Banihal - Qazigund and Qazigund - Baramulla.

However, in the 1990s, the then Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao announced the project of laying a rail line to Kashmir, while in 2002, Atal Bihari Vajpayee termed it a 'national project'. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, where the dream of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's four-lane road 'Corridor' is put to shame. Work on the Srinagar Expressway is in progress, while the dream of direct rail travel from New Delhi to Kashmir is going to be a reality very soon 356 km from Jammu. Katra. Banihal.

ACB

eight officers were confirmed by the Departmental Committees and were upheld by the designated review committee under Article 226(2), which includes misappropriation of funds, falsification of records and raising fake bills, allowing illegal constructions, committing financial irregularities and making illegal appointments during their tenure in various Urban Local Bodies (ULBS).

Akshay Kumar On "Boycott Raksha Bandhan" Trend On Twitter: "It Doesn't Make Sense"

SOURAV DUTTA

Kolkata Ahead of 2 big Bollywood film releases, a section of the Internet is busy with the boycott trend these days. First, Aamir Khan's Laal Singh Chaddha was the unwilling center of the boycott trend. The reason for the boycott was Aamir Khan's 2015 interview where he said that his ex-filmmaker wife Kiran Rao had suggested they move countries because of "growing intolerance." Alia Bhatt's recently released Darlings also made it to the boycott list on Twitter after some users claimed that the film mocked domestic abuse victims (which was not the case). Akshay Kumar's Raksha Bandhan became the target of boycott trend after Internet users dug out the film's writer Kanika Dhillon's four-year-old tweets. Akshay Kumar responded to the boycott trend during Raksha Bandhan promotions at an event. I. Akshay Kumar said, "If you don't feel like watching the movie, then don't. It's a free country and the film is out there, so if someone wants to watch it or not, it's up to them. I would like to tell you, no matter which industry it is, be it the clothing industry, film industry or anything else, all of these help the economy. But doing things like boycotting movies, it doesn't make sense". Previously, Aamir Khan too reacted to the boycott trend around his film and told : "That Boycott Bollywood... Boycott Aamir Khan... Boycott Laal Singh Chaddha... I feel sad also because a lot of people who are saying this in their hearts believe I am someone who doesn't like India... In their hearts they believe that... And that's quite untrue." The actor added, "I really love the country... That's how I am. It is rather unfortunate if some people feel that way. I want to assure everyone that it's not the case so please don't boycott my films, please watch my films."

Akshay Kumar featured in two films this year - Prithviraj and Bachchan Paandey. The actor has a super busy schedule ahead. He will feature in Ram Setu, Bade Miyan Chote Miyan and Selfiee.

Nowshera forest division conducts series of plantation drives under one beat guard one village Programme

RAJOURI, AUGUST 08: A plantation drive under the theme "One Beat Guard One Village" was today conducted here at village Makri of Nowshera Forest Range under one beat guard one village Programme.

Rattan Lal, Sarpanch Panchayat Bhawani-B and other PRI members and a large number of villagers took part in the drive. The plantation drive was facilitated by Divisional Forest Officer, Nowshera Neelima Shah, Rajeev Dhiman and Anil Bhagat Range officer Nowshera. Ganesh Kumar Beat Guard Jhanger conducted the drive with the help of Block Forest Officer Jhanger Mohammad Alfaz and other staff members. A number of fruit, medicinal and fodder plants were planted while Plants and seed balls of different species were also distributed among the participants.

The Sarpanch, PRI members and general public of the area lauded the efforts of Forest department for increasing the green cover of the area and thanked Vivek Verma, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri, Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera and Anil Bhagat Range Officer Nowshera for organising these plantation drives for creation of awareness among the villagers about the importance of forest, soil and it's direct relation with the rainfall and other climatic factors which directly influence the farm productivity.

GCW organises Nukkad Natak on Har Ghar Tiranga

UDHAMPUR, AUGUST 08: To promote Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign launched under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a theme based Nukkad Natak was today organized by the Department of Music of Government College for Women Udhampur, in collaboration with NSS Unit and Department of Zoology to aware the students about Har Ghar Tiranga .

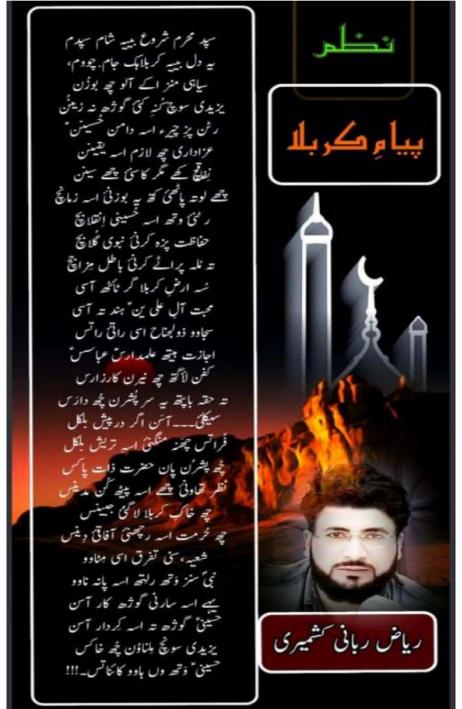
Principal of the College Dr. Monika Sharma was the Special Guest on the occasion.

Deliberating on the aims and objectives of Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, Dr. Monika Sharma said that the campaign has been launched under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage students to bring the Tiranga home and hoist it to mark the 75th year of India's Independence from 13th to 15th August, 2022.

"For this purpose a comprehensive activity plan has been prepared by the different departments, Units and Clubs of the college through which awareness is being spread among the students as well as general masses for maximum participation and importance of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign will be spread," she added.

Earlier, Students of GCW Udhampur which included Saheer Shakeel, Sanjana Thakur, Vishakha Gandotra, Neha, Radhika Sharma, Shabnam, Taniya and Nazmeen of Semester 4th presented a theme based Nukkad Natak for generating awareness on Har Ghar Tiranga.

Among others, HOD Music, Dr. Seema Sharma, Prof. Sumita Rao, Prof. Shalu Jasrotia, Dr. Sanajay Kumar, Prof. Yash Kumar and other senior faculty members, non-teaching staff and students were also present on the occasion.



Rashtriya Rifles conducted a Veterinary & Medical Camp at Mughal Road

M S Nazki



Surankote .Indian Army has been relentlessly working towards uplifting of the society through many Sadbhavana projects. The area of Dogriana & Poshana under Poonch District, J & K is underdeveloped and lacks infrastructure for basic health and hygiene. One of the focus areas has been provisioning of Medical & Veterinary treatment facilities at various locations. A Veterinary & Medical camp was conducted at Dogriana. People & animals of this village & adjoining area are suffering from lack of medical facilities & demanded for conduct of such camp for long time. A Medical & Veterinary camp to address medical issues faced by the people & animals of this area is a noble way to connect with the masses and outreach at the farthest corners. Army and civil medical & veterinary doctors were invited for conduct of the event. The event commenced with a Flag Hoisting ceremony to commemorate 75 Year of Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava). This act will also be an additional factor towards winning the hearts and minds of the locals. This initiative of Indian Army has been highly appreciated by the locals . A total of 347 patients (208 male, 101 female & 38 children), 91 animals were treated during the event & medicines were distributed for animal treatment to animal owners.

DIPR organises cultural programme in Higher Secondary School Bhalwal

JAMMU, AUGUST 08: Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations today organized a cultural program on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav here at Higher Secondary School Bhalwal, Jammu. Sarpanch Raj Dev Singh Jamwal was the chief guest on the occasion while Dr. Kishore Sharma Principal of the School was Guest of Honour. Artists of Cultural Wing Jammu and students of the school presented a scintillating cultural programme featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi songs.



Minister of Women and Child Development Dr.Shashi Panja Tribute to Rabindranath Tagore 81Death Anniversary at Kolkata, Aug 8,2022. H.T. Photo SOURAV DUTTA.



Special Felicitation given to the Environment Minister Manas Bhuiya from Samsul Hossain Mirza, Incharge of west Medinapore M.N.M Group of Education. H.T. Photo SOURAV DUTTA.



Minister of Higher Education Bratya Basu Tribute to Rabindranath Tagore 81 Death Anniversary at Rabindranath Tagore's House, Kolkata. Aug 8,2022. H.T. Photo SOURAV DUTTA.

# PM bids farewell to Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in Rajya Sabha

New Delhi, August 08, 2022 (PIB) The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi participated in the farewell to Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in Rajya Sabha today. The Prime Minister paid rich tributes to the Vice President who is ex-officio Chairman of the Upper House.

The Prime Minister remembered many moments that were marked by the wisdom and wit of Shri Naidu. Noting the change of complexion of leadership in New India, the Prime Minister said "when we mark 15th August this year, it will be an Independence Day when the President, Vice President, Speaker and Prime Minister would have been born after Independence. And that too, each of them belongs to very simple backgrounds." This has a great symbolic value and is a glimpse of a new era, he added.

The Prime Minister recalled the Vice President's continuous encouragement to the youth of the country in all the roles he undertook in public life. He always promoted young Members in the House also. "As our Vice President, you devoted a lot of time to youth welfare. A lot of your programmes were focused on Yuva Shakti", the Prime Minister added. The Prime Minister noted that 25 percent of the Vice President speeches, outside the House, were among the youth of India.

The Prime Minister underlined his close association with Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in various capacities. He appreciated the Vice President's ideological commitment

as party worker, work as MLA, activity level as a parliamentarian, organizational skills as the President of BJP, his hard work and diplomacy as Minister and his

always been great" The Prime Minister said that both in the House and outside, massive expression skills of the Vice President have made a great impact. "There is



dedication and dignity as the Vice President and the Chairman of the House. "I have worked with Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Ji closely over the years. I have also seen him take up different responsibilities and he performed each of them with great dedication", the Prime Minister said. The Prime Minister said that people in public life can learn a lot from Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu.

The Prime Minister highlighted the wit and word power of the Vice President. He said "your each word is heard, preferred, and revered... and never countered" The Prime Minister continued "The one liners of Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Ji are famous. They are wit liners. His command over the languages has

both depth and substance in what Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Ji says, it is as direct as incomparable, there is both wit and weight, warmth as well as wisdom in what you say", he said.

Referring to the humble beginnings of the political career of Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in South India where his chosen ideology had no immediate prospects, the Prime Minister said the Vice President's Journey from a political worker to the President of his party is a reflection of his indomitable steadfastness in ideology and tenacity. "If we have feelings for the country, art of putting forward our views, faith in linguistic diversity then language and region never

become obstacles for us and you have proved this", The Prime Minister said. The Prime Minister also touched upon the love for the mother tongue of the Vice President. He said "One of the admirable things about Venkaiah Ji is his passion towards Indian languages. This was reflected in how he presided over the House. He contributed to increased productivity of the Rajya Sabha".

The Prime Minister pointed out that the systems established by the Vice President, his leadership gave new height to the productivity of the House. During the years of the Vice President's leadership, productivity of the House increased by 70 percent, attendance of the Members increased, and a record 177 bills were passed or discussed. "You have taken so many decisions that will be remembered for the upward journey of the Upper House", the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister lauded the tactful, wise and firm conduct of the House by the Vice President and praised him for holding a firm belief that beyond a point, disruption in the House becomes contempt of the house. "I see the maturity of democracy in your standards", the Prime Minister said. He appreciated the adjustment, communication and coordination with which he kept the house going even during the difficult moments. The Prime Minister praised Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu's view 'let Government propose, let Opposition oppose and let the House dispose'. This House has the right to accept.

## UN Chief Demands Access To Ukraine Nuclear Plant After New Russian Attack

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on Monday for international inspectors to be given access to the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant after Ukraine and Russia traded accusations over the shelling of Europe's largest atomic plant at the weekend. "Any attack to a nuclear plant is a suicidal thing," Guterres told a news conference in Japan, where he attended the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony on Saturday to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing.

Ukraine said renewed Russian shelling on Saturday had damaged three radiation sensors and hurt a worker at the Zaporizhzhia power plant, the second hit in consecutive days on the site.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Russia of waging "nuclear terror" that warranted more international sanctions, this time on Moscow's nuclear sector.

"There is no such nation in the world that could feel safe when a terrorist state fires at a nuclear plant," Zelenskyy said in a televised address on Sunday. Russian forces captured the plant in southeastern Ukraine in early March but it is still run by Ukrainian technicians. The Russian-installed authority of the area said Ukrainian forces hit the site with a multiple rocket launcher, damaging administrative buildings and an area near a storage facility. The Russian embassy in Washington also released a statement itemising the damage. "Ukrainian nationalists launched an artillery strike on the territory of the specified object on Aug. 5. Two high-voltage power lines and a water pipeline were damaged as a result of the shelling. Only thanks to the effective and timely actions of the Russian military in covering the nuclear power facility, its critical infrastructure



was not affected," the embassy said. Reuters could not verify either side's version.

Events at the Zaporizhzhia site - where Kyiv alleged that Russia hit a power line on Friday - have alarmed the world.

Guterres said the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) needed access to the plant.

"We fully support the IAEA in all their efforts in relation to create the conditions of stabilisation of the plant," Guterres said.

IAEA chief Rafael Mariano Grossi warned on Saturday that the latest attack "underlines the very real risk of a nuclear disaster".

Elsewhere, a deal to unblock Ukraine's food exports and ease global shortages gathered pace as another four ships sailed out of Ukrainian Black Sea ports while the first cargo vessel since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion docked. The four outgoing ships had almost 170,000 tonnes of corn and other food. They were sailing under a deal brokered by the United Nations and Turkey to try to help ease soaring global food prices that have resulted from the war. Before Moscow's Feb. 24 invasion, which Russian President Vladimir Putin calls a "special military operation", Russia and Ukraine together accounted for nearly a third of global wheat exports.

## Sena's Sanjay Raut Sent To 14-Day Judicial Custody, Allowed Homemade Food, Medicines



Mumbai: A special court in Mumbai today sent Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut to judicial custody for 14 days in an alleged land scam case. He will now stay in Enforcement Directorate's custody till August 22. The probe agency did not ask for an extension of the Sena leader's custody.

In view of his ill health, the court also allowed Sanjay Raut to receive homemade food and medicines in judicial custody. However, it refused to pass an order on his request for bedding. The court also ordered that the Superintendent of Arthur Road Jail be informed about the Sena leader's health so that necessary arrangements are made for him. The court last Thursday extended Mr Raut's ED custody till August 8, while noting the agency had made "remarkable progress" in the probe into the money laundering case involving the Shiv Sena leader, his wife, and associates.

Mr Raut, a Rajya Sabha member, was found to be the beneficiary of 1.17 crore of proceeds of crime in addition to 1.06 crore that had come to light earlier, the probe agency has claimed.

## India Seeks To Ban Chinese Phones Cheaper Than Rs 12,000: Report

New Delhi, India seeks to restrict Chinese smartphone makers from selling devices cheaper than 12,000 rupees (\$150) to kickstart its faltering domestic industry, dealing a blow to brands including Xiaomi Corp.

The move is aimed at pushing Chinese giants out of the lower segment of the world's second-biggest mobile market, according to people familiar with the matter. It coincides with mounting concern about high-volume brands like Realme and Transion undercutting local manufacturers, they said, asking not to be identified discussing a sensitive matter. Exclusion from India's entry-level market would hurt Xiaomi and its peers, which in recent years have increasingly relied on India to drive growth while their home market endures a series of Covid-19 lockdowns that crippled consumption. Smartphones under \$150 contributed to a third of India's sales volume for the quarter through June 2022, with Chinese companies accounting for up to 80% of those shipments, according to market tracker



Counterpoint. Xiaomi's shares extended losses in the final minutes of trading in Hong Kong on Monday. It slid 3.6%, extending their decline this year to more than 35%. It's unclear whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government will announce any policies or use informal channels to convey its preference to Chinese companies, the people said. New Delhi has already subjected Chinese firms operating in the country, such as Xiaomi and rivals Oppo and Vivo, to close scrutiny of their finances, which has led to tax demands and money laundering allegations.

## BJP Handling Of Uddhav Thackeray Haunts Nitish Kumar: Sources

Patna: Built-in to Nitish Kumar's crisis with the BJP is his overwhelming concern that his ally is working to pink slip him, said sources close to the Chief Minister.

Nitish Kumar's aides claim his concerns are not paranoia. They point to the recent remarks of BJP chief JP Nadda that regional parties "will not survive" as proof that the PM's party seeks to first diminish and then eliminate its allies. "You saw JP Nadda's remark stating that all regional parties will be replaced by the BJP. But the BJP has allies like all of us - they should think about that," said Umesh Kushwaha, a senior leader from Nitish Kumar's party.

At a meeting this morning with Deputy Chief Minister Tarkishore Prasad, who

## Make America Greener: Biden's "Ambitious" Climate Plan Gets Senate Nod

Washington: After 18 months of arduous negotiations and a marathon night of debate, the US Senate on Sunday passed Joe Biden's ambitious climate, tax and health care plan - a significant victory for the president ahead of crucial midterm elections.

Voting as a unified bloc and with the tie-breaking vote cast by Vice President Kamala Harris, Democrats approved the \$430 billion spending plan, which will go to the House of Representatives next week, where it is expected to pass before being signed into law by Biden.

The plan, crafted in sensitive talks with members



on the right wing of his Democratic Party, would include the biggest US investment ever on climate - \$370 billion aimed at effecting a 40 percent drop in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

That would give Biden a clear victory on one of his top agenda items and go some way toward restoring US leadership in meeting the global cli-

mate challenge.

Biden hailed the passage of the bill, highlighting the work that went into it - and acknowledging that not everyone is happy with the final result.

"It required many compromises. Doing important things almost always does. The House should pass this as soon as possible and I look forward to signing it into law," the president said in a statement.

Electric cars

The bill would provide ordinary Americans with a tax credit of up to \$7,500 when purchasing an electric car, plus a 30 percent discount when they install solar panels on their roofs.

# Israel, Palestinians agree truce from Sunday evening

Israel and Palestinian fighters have agreed to a truce in Gaza from Sunday evening as mediated by Cairo, sources said, after a weekend-long pounding of Palestinian targets by Israel triggered longer-range rocket attacks against its cities.

An Egyptian security source said Israel had agreed to the proposal, while a Palestinian official familiar with Egyptian efforts said the ceasefire would go into effect at 20:00 (1700 GMT).

Spokespeople for Israel and Islamic Jihad, the faction it has been fighting in Gaza, did not confirm this, saying only that they were in contact with Cairo.

The flare-up, recalling prelude to previous Gaza attacks, has worried world powers. However, it has been relatively contained as Hamas, the governing group in the Gaza Strip and a more powerful force than the Iranian-backed Islamic Jihad, has so far stayed out.

Gaza officials said 31 Palestinians, at least a third of them civilians, had so far been killed. The Egyptian security source said earlier that the proposed

truce was to take effect at 2100 GMT.



On Sunday morning, Islamic Jihad extended its range to fire toward Jerusalem in what it described as retaliation for the overnight killing of its southern Gaza commander by Israel - the second such senior officer it has lost in the fighting.

"The blood of the martyrs will not be wasted," Islamic Jihad said in a statement.

The salvo came as religious Jews were fasting in an annual commemoration of two Jerusalem temples destroyed in anti-

quity. Israel said its Iron Dome interceptor, whose success rate

itself only as Abu Mohammad. "An eye for an eye." Israel put the onus on Islamic Jihad to stop shooting. "Quiet will be answered with quiet," an army spokesman said.

In another potential flashpoint, Jews marking the Tisha Be'av fast visited the site where their ancient temples once stood - the Al Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City.

The scheduled visits affront Palestinians for whom Al Aqsa is a national as well as a religious symbol. Video circulated online showed some Jews trying to pray in defiance of Israeli regulations, as police moved in to stop them and Muslim worshippers shouted in protest.

Israel launched what it called pre-emptive strikes on Friday against what it anticipated would be an Islamic Jihad attack meant to avenge the arrest of a leader of the group in the occupied West Bank. Arrest sweeps against the group have continued in that territory.

## China Continues Military Drills Around Taiwan Day After Scheduled End

Beijing: China's military announced fresh military drills on Monday in the seas and airspace around Taiwan - a day after the scheduled end of its largest ever exercises to protest against last week's visit to Taipei by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

China's Eastern Theatre Command said it would conduct joint drills focusing on anti-submarine and sea assault operations - confirming the fears of some security analysts and diplomats that Beijing would continue to maintain pressure on Taiwan's defenses.

Pelosi's visit to Taiwan last week infuriated China, which regards the self-ruled island as its own and responded with test launches of ballistic missiles over Taipei for the first time, as well as ditching some lines of dialogue with Washington. The duration and precise location of the latest drills is not yet known, but Taiwan has al-

ready eased flight restrictions near the six earlier Chinese exercise areas surrounding the island.

Shortly before the latest drills were announced, Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen met visiting St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, telling him she was moved by his determination to visit despite China's military pressure.

"Prime Minister Gonsalves has expressed in recent days that the Chinese military drills would not prevent him from visiting friends in Taiwan. These statements have deeply touched us," Tsai said at a welcome ceremony for Gonsalves in Taipei.

It was unclear if Tsai had invited Gonsalves before or after Pelosi's visit. "We don't disclose internal planning or communications between governments," the Taiwanese foreign ministry said when asked by Reuters.

# Varmul Cup 2022 Shahi Hamdan Baramulla Beats Gani Auto Wheels By 70 Runs

Lone MUSAIB



Baramulla :- Shahi Hamdan beats Gani Auto Wheels by a huge margin of 70 runs. Batting first Shahi Hamdan Baramulla put a huge total of 217/7 in allotted 18 overs. Mohammed Shafi played a splendid knock of 88 runs off 46 balls, while Rouf Jerry added quick-fire 42 runs off 15 for Shahi Hamdan Baramulla. In reply Gani Auto Wheels were bundled-out for 147 runs in 17.4 overs. Irfan (Robby) remained the highest scorer with 42 runs off 18 balls for Gani Auto Wheels. Ovais Irshad took 4 wickets while Touib Pathan took 3 wickets for Shahi Hamdan Baramulla. Ovais Shah was adjudged player of the match for his splendid bowling display.

## Shri S. J. M Gillani felicitates Pencak Silat player Shri Ravees Ahmad of JKP



Srinagar, August 08, 2022: \* Shri S. J. M Gillani-IPS ADGP Armed J&K felicitated Mr. Ravees Ahmad for his successful participation in 19th World Pencak Silat Championship 2022 held at Melaka, Malaysia. 46 Countries participated in the Championship organized by Ministry of Malaysian Government w.e.f 26th July to 31st July 2022. An impressive felicitation ceremony was held in APHQ J&K Srinagar today to felicitate Mr. Ravees Ahmad. Dronachariya Award Shri Kuldeep Handoo-DySP (Sports), Shri Nissar Ahmad-Inspr. Incharge CST and Shri Mohd Hussain ASI(M) Incharge Sports Section APHQ J&K were also present on the occasion. Mr. Ravees Ahmad was the only player from Jammu & Kashmir Police among the total 36 players of team India from different State/ UT of the Country. Mr. Ravees Ahmad of J&K Police was sponsored by Indian Pencak Silat Federation affiliated by International Pencak Silat Federation (PERSILAT), Asian Pencak Silat Federation (APSIF), South Asian Pencak Silat Federation (SAPSF) recognized by Ministry of youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India, Sports Authority of India, School Games Federation of India, Association of Indian Universities, All India Police Sports Control Board. Mr. Ravees Ahmad Head-Constable of J&K Armed Police is presently functioning as Coach in Pencak Silat Central Sports team of Jammu & Kashmir Police.

## CWG 2022: PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen Clinch Gold Medals In Badminton Singles



It was double delight for India in badminton on Monday as ace shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen delivered gold medals by winning their respective women's and men's singles finals. PV Sindhu beat Canada's Michelle Li 21-15, 21-13 in the 2022 Commonwealth Games women's singles badminton final to win her first gold medal in singles at a multi-sport event. A former world champion and two-time Olympic medallist, Sindhu had won a silver medal at the last Commonwealth Games in singles and also won the silver medal at the Asian Games in 2018. Lakshya Sen showed big match temperament as he came back from a game down to win the men's singles final against Malaysia's Tze Yong NG. Lakshya won 19-21, 21-9, 21-16. This has been a break out season for the youngster, which has seen him win a bronze at the World Championships and also finish as runners-up at the prestigious All England Championships. A Youth Olympic Games Silver medallist, Lakshya had played a big role in India's historic Thomas Cup victory earlier this year. Sindhu had won the silver at the 2016 Rio Olympics and followed it up with a bronze in the Tokyo Olympics. Sindhu had won a gold medal in the mixed team event of the 2018 CWG. She had also won a bronze medal in the 2014 CWG in women's singles. Sindhu, by far India's most decorated singles player, had little difficulty against her Canadian opponent in the final.



Former Indian Cricketer and 1982 World Cup Winning Captain Of India "Kapil Dev" holds the abdominal plank position during the Bajaj Allianz Life Plankathon event at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, in New Delhi. 4,454 people held the plank for a minute together during the event, setting the new Guinness World Record for 'Most people holding the abdominal plank position simultaneously'.

# In 4th T20 Open Cricket Championship 2022 commences at Bandipora ADC Bandipora inaugurates the event



BANDIPORA, AUGUST 08: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Election Office Bandipora. The 4th T20 Open Cricket Championship-2022 is now across Kashmir are participating in the Knockout T20 championship. He said showing sports spirit and involving youth in sports activities. He said District Administration is conducting various activities under SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation program) and this is also part of awareness under SVEEP to aware youth regarding voting rights. He also highlighted the importance of the electoral process and participation of every eligible citizen in strengthening the Democracy in the country. The ADC urged the youth to participate in sports and athletic activities apart from pursuing their academics for their physical and mental health and said that such an event will help to keep the young generation away from drugs, social evils and inculcate the spirit and love among the youth.

Bandipora, Waseem Raja on Monday inaugurated the 4th T20 Open Cricket Championship-2022 at S.K Stadium, here. The championship has been organised by Hashme Cricket Club Bandipora in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora and District organised by Ali's Sports Academy Bandipora and supported by Bandipora Cricket Initiative. The inaugural match was played between Rising Star Budgam vs Hamdan Hurricane Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion, Padmashree Faisal Ali Dar said that 64 teams from organisers have arranged all the required facilities in collaboration with the District Administration to run the championship smoothly and to involve youth in sports activities. Interacting with the players and spectators, the ADC complimented the organisers of the event for

## Headlines Today Condole the sad demise of Grand mother of HT Sports Correspondent, Lone MUSAIB and Mother in law of Senior Trade Union Leader Zeeshan Parwaiz...

Grand Mother of Headlines Today's Sports Correspondent Lone MUSAIB passed away today at her Residence Lawaipora Srinagar on Saturday evening. She was laid to rest at her ancestral graveyard in Srinagar and a sizable number of people attended her Nimaz e Jinaza. The deceased was also the Mother-In-Law Of Senior trade union leader Zeeshan Parwaiz. Large number of people from all walks of life attended her funeral prayers and later visited the bereaved family at Lawaipora Srinagar. According to family sources Rasmi Charum will be held today on 9th of August at their Residence at Lawaipora Srinagar...



## Arshad Nadeem – from Mian Channu to winning gold at CWG

Same time last year, javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem had lost out on a medal at the Olympics but won hearts. This year, he has managed to win both at the Commonwealth Games (CWG), ending a 56-year medal drought in track and field for the country. Read: 'Take a bow': Arshad Nadeem won a gold medal and people's hearts with his Commonwealth Games performance. Arshad was one of Pakistan's leading hopes for a medal going into the Games, but without a coach and with a heavily taped throwing elbow due to an injury, odds were against him. However, the 25-year-old from Mian Channu was resilient and resolute in his aim to bring his country glory. On Sunday evening when he improved on his personal best throw of 86.38 metres thrice, Arshad's first effort was 86.61m. He was setting the distance to beat for the rest of the field and it was a question of whether it would be enough for gold. A foul on his second attempt didn't matter as Arshad improved his personal best again with a throw of exactly 88m. Each effort, however, ended with Arshad grimacing in pain and immediately reaching out to feel his right elbow — which he's been nursing after last year's Tokyo



Olympics where he had finished fifth — but in the lead half way through the final, he could still afford a smile. Arshad's fourth throw landed just beyond the 85-metre mark but with two rounds remaining. He was still in the lead. It was in the penultimate round when Arshad finally trailed — Peters launching the javelin to 88.64m. Peters celebrated as if it was enough for gold but his joy was short-lived. This was Arshad's gold to win and he immediately threw over the sport's 'holy grail' mark of 90m. Read: After missing out on worlds podium, Arshad eyes medal at CWG. Doing so, he became only the second Asian to cross that mark after Taiwan's Chao-Tsun Cheng (91.36m). He also broke the Games record of 88.75m by South African Marius Corbett that stood since 1998. Peters, who threw over 90 metres to win at the world championship in Oregon, tried with his final throw.

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