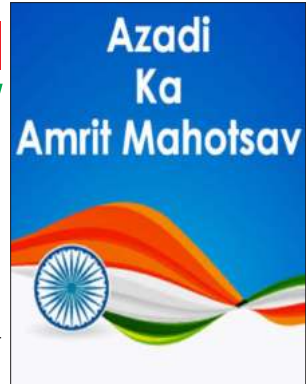




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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Policeman injured in Kulgam grenade attack succumbs

Srinagar, August 14: A policeman was killed in a grenade attack at Qaimoh area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district, police said on Sunday. Militants hurled a hand grenade on a police party at Qaimoh area last night in which which a J&K Police personnel was injured. He was shifted to Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital Anantnag for treatment where he succumbed to his injuries. The deceased cop has been identified as Tahir Khan a resident of Mendhar, Poonch in Jammu division. "A grenade incident was reported yesterday night in Qaimoh Kulgam. In this incident, 01 police personnel namely Tahir Khan R/O Mendhar, Poonch got injured. He was shifted to GMC hospital Anantnag for treatment where he succumbed & attained martyrdom", a police tweet said.

### J&K records 563 new COVID-19 cases, no fatality

Srinagar, August 14: Jammu and Kashmir reported 563 positive cases COVID-19 including 58 from Jammu and 505 from Kashmir divisions, pushing the positive case tally in the Union Territory to 473782. Moreover, 679 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 75 from Jammu division and 604 from Kashmir division. According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 473782 positive cases, 4463 are Active Positive (722 in Jammu Division and 3741 in Kashmir Division), 464542 have recovered and 4777 have died; 2346 in Jammu division and 2431 in

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## LG terms Walkathon symbol of resolve and struggle of Mahatma Gandhi

Joins thousands of citizens to celebrate 'Har Ghar Tiranga Utsav'

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 14: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Sunday said that walkathon is a symbol of resolve and struggle of Mahatma Gandhi; it is a symbol of penance and supreme sacrifice of the brave soldiers of army, police, and paramilitary forces. The remarks were made during a Walkathon from Lalit Ghat to Botanical Garden to celebrate the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Utsav. He said It's a new dawn of hopes and dreams.. The Lt Governor congratulated the organizers and participants of the Walkathon which saw a massive participation of people from all walks of life. Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor recalled the words of



Mahatma Gandhi delivered at the Tank Maidan, Mumbai on August 08, 1942 which inspired the people

all across the country to overthrow British rule. Today our

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## All security arrangements put in place for smooth I-Day celebration: DG

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 14: Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Sunday said all security arrangements have been put in place for the smooth conduct of Independence Day function to be celebrated today. "All security arrangements have been put in place for the smooth conduct of Independence Day and wherever the technology (Drones) is required to strengthen it would be utilized accordingly", DGP Singh told media persons on the sidelines of Tiranga Walkathon held in Srinagar on Sunday. He said the vigil on the borders is very tight which makes sure that there would be no infiltration.

"some attempts were made in between sbut all their attempts were thwarted", DGP said. "The situation on the borders has been improved and tightened under control", he added. The DGP said as Pakistani handlers failed in sending militants through routes due to strict vigil by the security forces on the borders, "they are sending drones this side to drop arms and ammunition which has become a challenge and we are well equipped to thwart this challenge". He said the big modules who were involved in destabilizing the situation in Jammu and Kashmir have been neutralized. "Pakistan is still trying to send militants from across

to infiltrate this side and the trend is still continuing", he said and added "but our security forces are capable of thwarting every attempt". A large cache of arms, ammunition and narcotics were seized by the security forces, these were left behind by the infiltrating militants on the borders. He said, small children who are still innocent are being radicalized to involve them in "hybrid" terrorism which they (Pakistan) have started. "They are forcing young children to indulge in terrorism activities after radicalizing them which makes their road closed to return to normal life". The DGP said "we are happy that a number of children who had moved on the

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## Tiranga flies atop active, slain militant's houses in Valley

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 14: Family members of active militant commanders of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Hizbul Mujahideen hoisted Indian national flags at their residences in the Valley on the eve of India's 75th Independence Day. Such was the fear of militancy in the Valley that none dared to display the Tricolor openly on the streets, let alone make hoist the flag on these

Pakistani-trained commanders. The Trianga was hoisted at the houses of active militants Gowhar Manzoor Mir in Tral's Hardumir village in Pulwama, Asif Sheikh in Tral's Monghama village and Aijaz Ah. Bhat. In Budgam, Sarai Chadoora, the flag was placed on the house of LeT's active militant Aqib Nazir Shergojree. Besides, the flag was hoisted at the residences of Hizbul Mujahideen

commanders Zaffar Hussain Bhat and Amir Khan at the Liver area of Srigufwara, Anantnag district. The flag will be hoisted at the residences of every active militant in the Valley as part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, which was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to celebrate India's 75th Independence Day. Not only this, the father of slain militant Rayaz Naikoo also hoisted

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## Govt scraps SO-192, bring all employees on equal footing in terms of salary, other benefits

AC approves Rs 25 lakh assistance to DDC members in term

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 14: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir Probationer (Condition of Service, Pay and Allowances) and Fixation Rules, 2020, notified vide S.O. 192 of 2020 (successor of S.O. 202 of 2015); with effect from 1st of August, 2022. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary,

J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting. The decision will bring all Government employees being appointed in the Union territory of J&K on an equal footing with their earlier appointed counterparts who may be occupying the same/comparable posts in the cadre. Further, a significant number of grievances from the newly appointed employees and in-service candidates who apply for higher posts but are not given pay protection, will also be

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## MHA announces Police Medals, J&K leads with 204 gallantry medals

HT NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, August 14 (UNI) Home Ministry on Sunday announced that 1,082 Police personnel have been awarded Police Medals on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2022. Out of these, 347 are Police Medal for Gallantry, and the highest number of medals has been won by Jammu and Kashmir, the Home Ministry said in a statement. Among the majority of the 347 Gallantry Awards, 204 personnel are being awarded for their gallant action in Jammu & Kashmir, 80

personnel for their gallant action in Left Wing Extremism affected areas and 14 personnel for their gallant action in North-East Region. Among the personnel receiving Gallantry Awards, 109 are from CRPF, 108 are from J&K Police, 19 are from BSF, 42 are from Maharashtra, 15 are from Chhattisgarh and the remaining from the other States/UTs and CAPFs. 87 President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPM), and 648 Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PM) will also be given. Apart from the Police

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*Heartiest Greetings*  
to the people of Jammu & Kashmir  
on  
**76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
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# Prabhat Pheri” taken out in Kishtwar to sensitize public about ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign

ISHTWAR, AUGUST 14: To sensitise people about the ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign, the District Administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with School Education Department and District Youth Services & Sports Department, today took out a “Prabhat Pheri” and road show of school students here in the Kishtwar Town. Deputy Commissioner (DC), Ashok Sharma and SSP Shafqat Hussain Bhat flagged off the Prabhat Pheri here from Kokila Chowk, Kuleed Chowk near 100 feet High Mast National Flag. ADDC, Shama Lal; Ad SP, Rajinder Singh; ACD, Atul Dutt Sharma; DPO, Sunil Bhutyal; CEO, Sudershan Kumar Sharma; DYSSO Kharati Lal Sharma besides other Civil and Police Officers, teaching staff also attended the event. Over 200 students drawn from different schools took part in the programme and motivated the public to hoist the national flag on their houses. The gusto and effervescence of the children amid playing of patriotic songs was the perfect foil for culminating the ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ fervour. During the Prabhat pheries the participants raised slogans like “Bharat Mata ki jai”, “Vande Mataram”, “Har ghar tiranga, har man tiranga”, “Vijayee viswa tiranga pyara-jhanda uncha rahe hamaara” and reached Main Bus stand Kishtwar via Dak banglow, Shaheedi Mazar, Police station Kishtwar then returned back to Kokila Chowk, Kuleed Kishtwar. The DC appreciated all the departments for playing their role effectively in making the campaign a success under ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’.

# War Veterans, Police Martyrs conclave held at Anantnag

ANANTNAG AUGUST 14: Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Har Ghar Tiranga, a conclave to felicitate war veterans, police martyrs and COVID warriors was held at Dak Bungalow here. Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Dr Piyush Singla and CO Sector 1 RR Amandeep Malhi felicitated the veterans. ADC Anantnag Ghulam Hassan Sheikh was also present. DC Anantnag Dr Piyush Singla extended greetings of Independence Day to the veterans and Veer Naris. He said that under the aegis of Har Ghar Tiranga program several activities are being organized in the district. He said the program is an excellent platform for people to express their love towards the nation. He said it also sensitizes the citizens towards their duty to the country. He encouraged people to take part in the program and become a part of this historical occasion. The DC also said that a special camp under Ayushman Bharat will be organized for ex-service personnel so that they can reap the benefits of the scheme. Amandeep Malhi, Commander Sector 1 RR, said dispensed his duties and has selflessly serviced his lifelong and spends his entire life in selfless service of his brethren. He said that during COVID pandemic, ex-servicemen volunteered their services in unprecedented numbers and saved many lives. Ali Mohammad Khan, retired Subedar Major, a resident of Gopalpora said that 10 war veterans from his village have served in the World War II. He said that the local population has been at the forefront in offering their services for defending our borders. He said that welfare of the ex-service personnel has been a priority for the administration and effective steps taken in this direction have resulted in evident change. Mukhtar Ahmad, Hawaldar from Mattan thanked the District Administration for their continued support towards the welfare of the ex-service personnel. The DC and Commander Sector 1 RR felicitated various war veterans, Veer Naris on the occasion and thanked them for their contribution.



that a soldier is always ready to face any challenge. He said the veterans being celebrated today have selflessly served the country for years. He said that the martyrs have made the supreme sacrifice in protecting the country and we shall always remain in their debt. Mubarak Ahmad Khan, 93 years old, a Veteran of 3 wars was felicitated on the occasion. He said that in his 28 year long service career, he has satisfactorily

dispensed his duties and has selflessly serviced his lifelong and spends his entire life in selfless service of his brethren. He said that during COVID pandemic, ex-servicemen volunteered their services in unprecedented numbers and saved many lives. Ali Mohammad Khan, retired Subedar Major, a resident of Gopalpora said that 10 war veterans from his village have served in the World War II. He said that the local population has been at the forefront in offering their services for defending our borders. He said that welfare of the ex-service personnel has been a priority for the administration and effective steps taken in this direction have resulted in evident change. Mukhtar Ahmad, Hawaldar from Mattan thanked the District Administration for their continued support towards the welfare of the ex-service personnel. The DC and Commander Sector 1 RR felicitated various war veterans, Veer Naris on the occasion and thanked them for their contribution.

## Mega Tiranga Bike rally taken out in Kishtwar; DC, SSP lead cavalcade

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 14: As a part of ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ programme, under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a mega Tiranga bike rally was taken out in Kishtwar under the initiative of Civil and Police Administration. The rally commenced here from Check Point Malipath and was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner, Ashok Sharma and SSP Shafqat Hussain Bhat. ADDC Kishtwar Sham Lal; Ad SP Rajinder Singh, ACR Kishtwar Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACP Kishtwar Zakir Hussain Wani, ACD Kishtwar Atul Dutt Sharma, DPO Kishtwar Sunil Bhutyal, Tehsildar Kishtwar Pramood kumar, Tehsildar HQ Chander Shekhar Sharma, CEO Kishtwar Sudarshan Sharma, DYSSO Kishtwar K L Sharma, CAHO Kishtwar Dr Sanjay Kumar besides officers and employees of Civil and Police administration and other departments also took part in bike rally. DC and SSP Kishtwar also took part in the rally and led the cavalcade. The rally passed through main Market, Kuleed Chowk, Sangram-bhatta villages and reached Bhandarkoot and later returned back via Poocha, Hattat and Sarkoot Villages and culminated at Dakbanglow after taking a round of the Chowgan Ground.

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# Bandipora all set to celebrate I-Day Tiranga Rallies organised, Government Buildings Illuminated, People voluntarily hoist Tiranga

BANDIPORA AUGUST 14: Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Bandipora organised variety of events and programmes under Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign in view of I-Day 2022. Under Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, ARTO Bandipora today organised a Tiranga rally involving transporters, auto rikshaw drivers and officials of transport department. District administration Bandipora also organised variety of events to prepare for Independence Day 2022. The hoisted Tirangas added beauty to the Bridges, markets, government buildings and places of public eminence. Tirangas were distributed among the volunteers in main market Bandipora to fulfill their zeal for celebration of 76th Independence Day. Hoardings banners and digital screens has been erected across the district as part of Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign and in view of 76th I-Day. Moreover, mini secretariat Bandipora has been illuminated days before to give festive look to I-Day Celebrations. Under Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign people have voluntarily hoisted flags at their roof tops to promote Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign. DC Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed appreciated and lauded the efforts of general public, youth volunteers, students, civil society members and employees for their enthusiastic participation in Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign. District adminis-



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# Har Ghar Tiranga 4000 people led by DC Anantnag rally 150 metre flag across Pahalgam

ANANTNAG AUGUST 14: Under the aegis of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and in run up to the celebration of Independence Day, Army Goodwill School, 3 RR, Municipal Committee Pahalgam, Sub Divisional Administration Pahalgam, CRPF and BSF organised a mega rally. The rally which saw participation of more than 4000 students, civil society members and officials from various departments was led by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Dr Piyush Singla. Commencing from Main Market Pahalgam, the rally concluded at GHSS Pahalgam. The rally saw the students among others carrying 150 metre long Tiranga across Pahalgam amidst chants of Ghar Ghar Tiranga, Har Ghar Tiranga. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the National Flag imparts a feeling of oneness among the citizens of India. He said that the Har Ghar Tiranga program has sensitized the citizens to their duty in keeping the country together and ensuring development and prosperity. He said that the enthusiasm with which students have participated in this program goes on to show that the future of this country is in safe hands. The rally was attended by CO 3RR Aneesh Aggarwal, ADC



Anantnag, ACO BSF Raj Kumar, BMO Pahalgam, Tehsildar Pahalgam, SDPO Pahalgam among others.

# Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign GCW Udhampur organises Patriotic Song Contest

UDHAMPUR, AUGUST 14: As part of the “Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign” under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an inter-collegiate solo patriotic song competition was organized by Department of Music Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur, in collaboration with Department of History & Heritage Club. The competition was organized under the supervision of the College Principal, Dr. Monika Sharma. Dr. Monika Sharma highlighted the cause behind celebrating the ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. She said that Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was a Jan Mahotsav to bring the contribution of every section of society to the fore. The Students from different colleges participated in the solo song competition and sang very beautiful patriotic songs to pay tributes to the freedom fighters of India. The three best Singers of Solo Patriotic Song Competition included Sonia Verma of Semester 4th GCW Udhampur, Naseem Akhter of Sem 4th and Tamma Devi of Semester 2nd, respectively. Earlier, HOD Music, Associate Prof. Dr. Seema Sharma gave a brief resume of the activities being carried out by the Department from time to time, especially related to the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign under the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav India@75. Prof. Yash Paul, Department of History, conducted the proceedings of the programme. Assistant Prof. Sanjay Kumar and Assistant Prof. Yash Kumar both from the Department of Music acted as judges. Among others, Dr. Mool Raj, Dr. Kewal Kumar, Prof Sumita Rao, Prof. Shailu Jasrotia, other senior faculty members, staff members and a large number of the students also attended the programme. As part of the “Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign” under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an inter-collegiate solo patriotic song competition was organized by Department of Music Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur, in collaboration with Department of History & Heritage Club. The competition was organized under the supervision of the College Principal, Dr. Monika Sharma. Dr. Monika Sharma highlighted the cause behind celebrating the ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. She said that Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was a Jan Mahotsav to bring the contribution of every section of society to the fore.

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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.

Shabir Ahmad Rather  
S/O Mohammad Kamal Rather  
R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Keeri Distt.Baramulla

**Public Notice**

It is notified for the general public that my actual name is Seema Rashid Wani, D/o. Ab Rashid Wani R/o. Waripora Handwara but unfortunately due system error in my Birth certificate (Hospital) my name marks as Insha Rashid insted of Seema Rashid which is totally different from my actual data. In this regard I'm going to approach for correction concern office. if anybody having any objection he/she may can approach concern office with in 7days from the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be entertained.

From,  
Seema Rashid Wani,  
D/o. Ab Rashid Wani  
R/o. Waripora Handwara

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I am applying for registration of 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....Riyaz Ahmad parray  
S/o Abdul Aziz parray  
R/o kalandara

**Public Notice**

It is notified for the general public that my actual name is Ishaq Ahmad Bhat S/o. Mohd Hayat Bhat Kabir, R/o. Turkapora, but unfortunately due system error in my driving licence No. JK0920120068574/DI my name marks as Ishaq Ahmad Bhat insted of Ishaq Ahmad Bhat which is totally different from my actual data. In this regard I'm going to approach for correction in RTO Kupwara. if anybody having any objection he/she may can approach RTO concern with in 7days from the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be entertained.

By,  
Ishaq Ahmad Bhat  
S/o. Mohd Hayat Bhat Kabir  
R/o. Turkapora



# ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’

## Kupwara Administration organizes Maga Tiranga Rally , about 5000 students participated

### DC appreciated stakeholders, students

KUPWARA, AUGUST 14: District Administration Kupwara today organized a Maga Tiranga Rally at Sports Stadium Galizoo Kupwara to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Har Ghar Tiranga programme .

Thousands of students representing various schools of Kupwara, Khumriyal, Trehgam and Dragmulla Education zones participated in the Maga Tiranga Rally.

The Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Khalid Jahangir also participated in the rally along with officers of the district Administration includ-

ing Additional Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat, Additional SP Kupwara Pradeep Singh, Chief Education Officer Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Fani, DSP Hqr Rashid Younus, District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Jatinder Singh, Principals of Higher Secondary schools, Zonal Education Officers, Incharge Cultural Wing ,CEO, Rayees Ahmad, Teachers and other concerned.

The students showed their talent in different innovative ways to express their love for India. Students made symbols Tiranga and map of India. The students, waving National Flag in their hands, sang various patriotic songs.

Later, the maga rally led by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Khalid Jahangir and other officers went through various markets and



roads including Old Town, Hyhama Chowk, Iqbal Market, Hospital Road, Ragipora Chowk and culminated at Kupwara Bypass.

The Deputy Kupwara appreciated the CEO Kupwara, Teachers and Students for mak-

ing such a successful maga rally in the district headquarter. He said the District Administration and Schools made a joint effort to organize a grand rally to mark the culmination of National Initiative under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav . He appreciated students for showing their keen interest in Tiranga rally and advised them to do utmost hardwork in their studies and earn laurels for themselves and the nation. He said patriotism is the bedrock for the edifice of the nation building.

The schools which participated in the Maga Tiranga Rally include HSS Khumriyal, HSS Putshie, BHSS Kupwara, GHSS Kupwara, BHSS Trehgam, GHSS Trehgam, BHSS Drugmulla, BHSS Nagrimalpura, BHSS Hatmulla, BHSS Karihama, HSS Laderwan, HS Goose, GHS Drugmulla, HS

Bramri, HS Gushie, HS Kunan, BHS Trehgam, HS Gulgam and all other Government as well as Private schools falling in the Kupwara Town.

A similar programme was organised in the premises of BHSS Vilgam. The principal BHSS Vilgam Mr Manzoor Ahmad war organized the programme in coordination with ZEO Vilgam Mr Javid Iqbal which was attended by hundreds of students of the area. The schools which participated in this mega show include BHSS vilgam, GHS Vilgam, BHSS Tarathpora, BHSS kukroosa, waisa ,BHS Manzgam, GHS Tarathpora, HS Dahama, HS Punzwa and many other institutions of the area. The students exhibited their Patriotism and love for the Tiranga in many ways which was appreciated by the officers present on the occasion.

## Ex-gratia relief extended to the members of District Development Councils

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 14: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, today approved the extension of ex-gratia relief of Rs. 25 lakhs to all Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, and members of District

Development Councils of Jammu and Kashmir in case of death due to a militancy-related incident. Earlier, the Government has provided similar relief for all elected BDC Chairmen, Sarpanches, Panches and all elected members of Municipal Bodies of Jammu and Kashmir. Rajeev

Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The decision aims at strengthening the grass roots democracy by pro-

viding a sense of security to the elected members of local bodies facing threat from anti-state elements.

The ex-gratia relief will act as a guarantee for the subsistence of the family members of the elected representatives who are killed in militancy-related incidents.

## Human Resources Management vital for efficacious health care across J&K

### Timely resolution of service issues priority of Deptt

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 14: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir apart from establishing a robust healthcare delivery system also focuses on effective human resource management being vital for efficacious health care is provided to public across J&K.

During the period of COVID-19 pandemic when everything in the country came to standstill, it was health system and its dedicated staff members along with front line workers which worked round the clock to provide all possible assistance to patients affected with virus.

With the constant and dedicated duties during the pandemic, the morale of the staff members like Medical, paramedical, technical, ministerial and other allied supportive staff, had to be encouraged. The timely resolution of service issues of these employees with regard to career progressions/ promotions, among others was need of the hour.

In the backdrop of this, an underlying issue regarding non-availability of updated Service Recruitment Rules of J&K Health & Family Welfare (Subordinate) Service, which obstructed the existing staff members from their rights to avail promotions from the last more than 03 decades, has been resolved on fast track basis. This initiative paved the way towards removal of stagnation of staff members (Ministerial/ Para-medics) and also introduced a new series of academic and technical qualifications in the updated Recruitment Rules. The updated cadre strength of existing categories of employees along with newly created/ upgraded posts will definitely prove a step forward towards employment generation as well as career progression for all such in-service manpower whose morale was low due to undefined career progression in the old Recruitment Rules. With the issuance of these Rules, the Health &

Medical Education Department has been able to clear promotions of 1093 posts of in-service employees belonging to different categories within a record spell of one month.

The process of conducting Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) for the purpose will continue till the backlog position is cleared. Besides, regular DPCs are also being conducted concurrently in other subordinate wings of the H&ME Department like Government Medical Colleges of UT of J&K, Government Dental Colleges and Department of Ayush. The H&ME Department extends best wishes to all such employees who have been recently promoted/regularized including those whose cases are being considered by the Department on priority for assuming new positions with higher responsibilities and will ensure that desired level of expectations are achieved towards the delivery of better health care services.

## District Administration Ganderbal organizes River Rafting under Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

GANDERBAL, August 14: District Administration Ganderbal in collaboration with tourism department & Adventure Tourist Operator Association of Kashmir today organized a Rafting event in Sindh Nallah which was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir and SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar here at Wussan.

The rally commenced from Rafting point near Tourism Cafeteria Wussan and culminated at



Wayil bridge. The DC along with SSP

boarded the Raft and rowed together along with other rafts in the gushing water of Sindh Nallah with tricolor flying proudly instilling the spirit of nationalism.

The Rafting was organised as a part of ongoing HarGharTiranga campaign to mark the celebration of India's glorious 75 years of Independence. SDM Kangan, Tehsildar Kangan, Dy. SP HQ, Tourism Officer SDA, president ATOAK and other officials.

## Tiranga rallies organised across district Kulgam

### Mega Tiranga rally held at mini-secretariat

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, AUGUST 14: Under the aegis of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" Tiranga rallies were held across the district while a Mega Tiranga rally was held here at the mini-secretariat Kulgam in which a large number of employees participated.

The function was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat and was attended by thousands of employees.

The participants were seen enthusiastically



holding Tiranga in their hands and the surroundings reverberated with patriotic slogans and songs.

Meanwhile, Tiranga rallies were also held in other parts of the district in which local people besides youth and students

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## DC flags off Mega Tiranga Rally at Shopian



SHOPIAN, AUGUST 14: To generate awareness among the common masses about the "Har Ghar Tiranga campaign" under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," District Administration Shopian today organized a Mega Tiranga rally comprising of students, staff members of different Government educational institutions, civil society members, Anganwadi workers and Lumberdars. Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya in presence of SSP Shopian, Tanushree flagged off the rally from the District Headquarter Office. Hundreds of school children, staff, officers, officials and locals carrying the National Flag marched through Main Town Shopian, Gole Market and Bus stand Shopian.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the main objective of organizing this awareness rally was to sensitise the common masses about the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

Highlighting the aim of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, the DC impressed upon the people of the district to hoist the National Flag on the rooftop of their house. The DC informed that a series of activities like Rallies, Debates, Quiz and painting competitions are being organized in the Schools, Colleges and other institutions in the District to encourage the youth to involve themselves in the Campaign.

To generate awareness among the common masses about the "Har Ghar Tiranga campaign" under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," District Administration Shopian today organized a Mega Tiranga rally comprising of students, staff members of different Government educational institutions, civil society members, Anganwadi workers and Lumberdars. Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya in presence of SSP Shopian, Tanushree flagged off the rally from the District Headquarter Office. Hundreds of school children, staff, officers, officials and locals carrying the National Flag marched through Main Town Shopian, Gole Market and Bus stand Shopian.

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As a part of "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign, Police organised a series of Tiranga rallies in Bandipora, Awantipora & Kulgam with zeal, zest and enthusiasm.

In Bandipora, Tiranga rally was flagged off by SSP Bandipora Shri Mohmad Zahid-JKPS which started from DPL Bandipora, passed through the banks of Madhumati river and culminated at District Police Headquarters Bandipora. The march was also attended by DySP Hqrs Bandipora Shri Shafat Mohmad JKPS, DySP DAR Bandipora Shri Ishfaq Alam JKPS, DySP PC Bandipora Shri Zafar Mahdi JKPS and other officers/officials of Bandipora police and NOKs of Martyrs. At the onset of the Tiranga march SSP Bandipora administered a pledge to officers and jawans to abide by the ideals of Constitution of India, respect the National flag and uphold the unity & Integrity of India.

In Awantipora, Police organized multiple Tiranga rallies across Police District Awantipora in which youth from different areas of Police District and Officers' officials also participated. During these rallies the



participants sung patriotic songs.

In Kulgam, Police organized special Tiranga rallies with District administration Kulgam, in which District Police Kulgam, CRPF and Hundreds of students of various educational institutions participated. Tiranga Bike Rally started from DPL Kulgam in which SSP Kulgam along with other senior Police officers of Kulgam Police participated in the Rally and culminated at Ganta ghar Kulgam. Senior citizens & various Civil Societies also participated in the programme.

## Har Ghar Tiranga campaign; Police paste Tri-colour stickers on vehicles in Budgam

As a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and "Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign" Police in Budgam launched a special campaign to paste stickers of tri-colour with Independence Day message on vehicles. The event took place across all the police stations of the district with policemen greeting the drivers and pasting stickers on their wind-shield. Earlier, Budgam Police conducted a series of events in last one week to celebrate the Independence Week. Police distributed thousands of flags including small hand-held ones, conducted Tiranga rallies with students and citizens and organised Nukkad Natak, to celebrate the association of people with the National Flag. Tomorrow, Budgam police is organising a racing event titled "Celebrating the Spirit of Freedom". Hundreds of youth and school children are expected to participate in the said event.

## Har Ghar Tiranga: Several Activities organised in Anantnag SAPs, Students participate with great enthusiasm

ANANTNAG AUGUST 14: In an effort to sensitise people of the district about the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, Rehabilitation Council J&K in collaboration with Social Welfare Department Anantnag organised several activities including Tiranga Rally today here. A number of Specially Abled Persons, students and other stakeholders participated with great enthusiasm.

At the outset, a scooty rally of Specially Abled Persons (SAP) of different areas of the district was carried out from MFM Bondialgam.

The rally was flagged-off by Executive Director J&K Rehabilitation Council, Ishfaq Ahmad in presence of District Social Welfare Officer and other officials of Social Welfare Department. The rally witnessed SAPs carrying National Flags and Banners depicting the significance of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. Besides, painting, awareness and other activities were carried out at MFM Bondialgam, Child Care Institutions, Boys Pahari



Hostel etc in which the inmates/students participated. The participants drew beautiful shades of National Flag and Freedom Fighters and were also imparted awareness about the Freedom Movement and importance of Independence Day in the history of the country. Later, the students took part in Tiranga Rallies and marched through nearby areas. The rally was flagged-off by Executive Director J&K Rehabilitation Council, Ishfaq Ahmad in presence of District Social Welfare Officer and other officials of Social Welfare Department. The rally witnessed SAPs carrying National Flags and Banners depicting the significance of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. Besides, painting, awareness and other activities were carried out at MFM Bondialgam, Child Care Institutions, Boys Pahari Hostel etc in which the inmates/students participated.



## Registration opens for AGNIVEER General Duty, (WOMEN) in Corps of military Police

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 14: Army Agniveer Recruitment Rally for Women Military Police General Duty is being organized at Army Public School Primary wing ground on Major General Rajinder Singh Sparrow Road, Jalandhar Cantt for eligible candidates of districts of Srinagar, Anantnag, Ganderbal, Budgam, Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian districts of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Leh and Kargil districts of UT of Ladakh from December 07, 2022 to December 10, 2022.

Online registration has already started from Aug 09, 2022 to September 07, 2022.

Online registration is mandatory and all candidates should check their eligibility and register themselves on Army Recruitment Website www.

joinindianarmy.nic.in. Candidates who have successfully registered online will be sent admit card on their email address and intimated for the date and time for reporting for the rally.

Candidates are asked to maintain caution and advised to refrain from approaching Touts & Fraudulent persons and avoid use of drugs. Online registration has already started from Aug 09, 2022 to September 07, 2022.

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## Shopian braces up for 76th Independence Day Multifarious activities organised in district

SHOPIAN, AUGUST 14: With the aim to promote the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, District Administration Shopian organised various activities to brace up for the 76th Independence Day.

In run-up to the celebrations of the Independence Day of the nation on 15th of August 2022, and as part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", District Administration Shopian took up various activities to engage students, employees and youth volunteers in Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign.

Various departments in collaboration also organised a series of activities like rallies, debates, quiz competitions, painting competitions and cultural programmes across district to promote the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Education Zones organised



ised mega Tiranga Rallies to promote the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign which witnessed enthusiastic participation of students.

Similarly MC Shopian organised Rallies, Flag Hoisting ceremonies, and beautified town with tricolor.

Under Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign a massive Tiranga Rally was held today also at shopian, Zainpora and other areas of district which witnessed

participation of thousands of students while chanting slogans of Har Ghar Tiranga. The Grand Tiranga Rally was also held at Mini Secretariat today. Deputy Commissioner along with SSP participated in the Grand Tiranga Rally.

The Deputy commissioner Shopian said this ambitious campaign aims at encouraging people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark India's independence.

He said, the Tri-colour is a symbol of pride for every citizen and it represents national integrity and signifies the hopes and aspirations of the Indian people.

The Deputy Commissioner lauded the efforts of students, teachers and all other concerned people who participated in Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign and also appreciated the enthusiasm and zest of students and youth volunteers who participated in the campaign across the district.

He said District Administration Shopian has organized multifarious activities to amplify the awareness of Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav besides awareness campaigns are being conducted across the district to make the Independence Day and Har Ghar Tiranga programme a success.

## Multi-specialty medical camp held at health centre Noor Bagh

Srinagar, Aug 14, 2022: Directorate of Health Services Kashmir on Saturday (Aug 13) organized a multi-specialty medical camp at Health Centre Noor Bagh Srinagar under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The medical camp was organized by the DHSK, team CMO Srinagar, NGO Art of Living Bangalore and 105 Rajputna Rifles BB cant Srinagar.

During the medical camp, wherein specialist consultation was given to 800 patients by Dr Uffage MD obstetrics and gynecology, Dr Majid Shafi psychiatry and addiction treatment, CMO Srinagar Dr Jameel Mir (Orthopaedics). During the medical, RBSK and NCD teams also screened the general patients. Free medicines were provided by the medical team Zone SR Ganj. The public of the interior localities and the supporting NGO hailed and appreciated the efforts of Director Health Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather and CMO Srinagar Dr Jameel Mir, DHO Dr Anjum Afshan, Dr Asifa MO headquarter, Dr Shafqat ZMO and his team for this fruitful multi-specialty medical at the doorstep of the general public. During the medical camp, wherein specialist consultation was given to 800 patients by Dr Uffage MD obstetrics and gynecology, Dr Majid Shafi psychiatry and addiction treatment, CMO Srinagar Dr Jameel Mir (Orthopaedics). During the medical, RBSK and NCD teams also screened the general patients. Free medicines were provided by the medical team Zone SR Ganj. The public of the interior localities and the supporting NGO hailed and appreciated the efforts of Director Health Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather and CMO Srinagar Dr Jameel Mir, DHO Dr Anjum Afshan, Dr Asifa MO headquarter, Dr Shafqat ZMO and his team for this fruitful multi-specialty medical at the doorstep.

## Udhampur becomes first District in JKUT to organize Krishi Bal Sabhas across 75 Panchayats

UDHAMPUR, AUGUST 14: Udhampur has achieved distinction of becoming the only District in JKUT to organize the maiden Krishi Bal Sabhas in the district with the sole motive to make India "Atmanirbhar".

District Udhampur launched a mega initiative by organizing "75 Krishi Bal Sabhas in 75 Panchayats" in connection with "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"- 75th year of Indian Independence.

The major objective of this initiative is to sensitize and involve the children- who are the true and energetic "Ambassadors of change" to revolutionize the system by promoting "Prampragat Krishi", Natural farming, Organic Farming, Formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) Mechanized Farming Practices, Improving the "Cost Benefit Ratio" Rain water harvesting under catch the rain concept "Where it falls and When it falls", Protective cultivation, Curbing excessive use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, weedicides endangering the life on this planet by polluting the soil, water and air.

This initiative of "75 Krishi Bal Sabhas in 75 Panchayats" is the



Udhampur. The participants expressed great

first in J&K UT and might be first in India where the Agriculture Extension Field Experts interacted with the children on specific agenda to make India "Atmanirbhar".

This initiative has been launched by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare- District Udhampur from Panchayat Neeli Nallah zone Jib. The Program was inaugurated by Chairman District Development Council Lal Chand and presided over by Dr. Sanjay Anand, Chief Agriculture Officer

pleasure for being a part of such a mega initiative deciding the future of the society with the involvement of young energy. During the interaction in "Krishi Bal Sabha" PRI members and prominent farmers also participated.

"These children are part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" When India is @ 75 Yrs and same children of today's Krishi Bal Sabhas will feel proud when our India will be @ 100 years, for being prominent

## Advisor Bhatnagar hoists Tri-Colour at Amrit Sarovar Badhori, Bari-Brahmana

SAMBA, AUGUST 14: As part of the ongoing celebrations of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today hoisted the National Flag at Amrit Sarovar Badhori at a simple but impressive function here.

After hoisting the National Flag, Advisor Bhatnagar in his speech said that J&K administration has been successful in completing Amrit Sarovars within the timelines, which is much more than the set target under the Mission Amrit Sarovar launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on National Panchayat Day at Panchayat Palli in this district on April 24, 2022.

The pace of creation and rejuvenation of water bodies has been very quick in J&K to fulfill

the PM's vision of 75 Amrit Sarovars in each district including Samba, Advisor said.

Divisional Commissioner, while congratulating the administration along with RDD department, IWMP, Soil conservation department, NHA and other concerned departments for doing outstanding work under Mission Sarovar in the district, called upon PRI members and locals to further strengthen the initiative by planting saplings around all Amrit Sarovars to give strength to the bund, and maintain ecological balance.

He added that the administration has taken steps to prevent encroachment of water bodies under the Mission Amrit Sarovar and to spread awareness among the locals on

the need to maintain cleanliness and hygiene around the rejuvenated Amrit Sarovars

Deputy Commissioner Samba Anuradha Gupta while welcoming the dignitaries said that like all districts in the country, District Administration Samba was also given the target of completing 75 Amrit Sarovars by 31st March 2023, however the task was completed well before the deadline. She further revealed that by the end of this financial year, district Samba will complete 170 Amrit Sarovars.

She highlighted that the Badhori pond was created by Gen Baj Singh, the hero of Chitral more than 100 years ago but was in dire need of rejuvenation and treatment of catchment area, stone pitching, de weeding etc, which.

## MORTH in coordination with JKSRTC conducts exhibition on 'Har Ghar Tiranga' under 'AKAM' at Srinagar

Srinagar, August 14, 2022 Under the ongoing 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign throughout the country under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India in coordination with J&K State Road Transport Corporation today organized a vibrant and a colorful exhibition at Lalarukh Parking Yard of RTC Srinagar.

The colorful exhibition was inaugurated by Shri Bhupinder Kumar, Transport Commissioner, J&K in presence of Sh. Habibullah Reshi, General Manager (Operations) Jammu and Sh. Gh. Abbas, Joint Director, Central Bureau of Communication, J&K, Ladakh region.

During the program, Sh. Reshi congratulated team RTC and the organizers for conducting such a vibrant and colorful program under the ongoing 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign throughout the country.

During the program, the cultural troupes from South Kashmir presented theme based cultural items including the patriotic songs in the local language which enthralled the audience.

## Tiranga rally organised by KVIC

Farooq Rather



Jammu, 14-Aug: KVIC State Office Jammu celebrated Har Ghar Tiranga campaign by organising Tiranga Rally at Bishnah.

On the occasion of 75th year of Independence Khadi & V.I commission State Office Jammu, under Har ghar Tiranga campaign, organized a Tiranga Yatra in collaboration with ITBP troops at Bishnah.

Tiranga Yatra was attended by SP Khandelwal State Director KVIC, Anil Kumar Sharma (Principal/Assistant Director KVIC), Surender Singh 2 IC ITBP, KVIC staff, Khadi Institutions/artisans & General Public.

In this occasion, State Director KVIC State Office Jammu SP Khandelwal shared the message that to mark the relevance of 75th year of Independence. Adding "we all should celebrate the Independence day with full fervour and gaiety". Tiranga Yatra was attended by SP Khandelwal State Director KVIC, Anil Kumar Sharma (Principal/Assistant Director KVIC), Surender Singh 2 IC ITBP, KVIC staff, Khadi Institutions/artisans & General Public. In this occasion, State Director KVIC State Office Jammu SP Khandelwal shared the message that to mark the relevance of 75th year of Independence. Adding "we all should celebrate the Independence day.

## NIT Srinagar hosts SPIC MACAY state meeting Awareness of culture and heritage to be imparted across Kashmir: Dir

Srinagar, Aug 14, 2022: Srinagar, Aug 14: SPIC MACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth) on Saturday held a meeting at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar in which many important aspects were discussed.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr Kiran Seth, founder of SPIC MACAY and Director NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal.

Prof. Muzaffar Bhat, Principal Degree College Anantnag (Chief Advisor Kashmir Chapter of SPICMACAY), Ms. Rashmi Malik, Chairperson SPIC MACAY Foundation, Sh. Rajiv Giri, National Coordinator of SPIC MACAY, among dozens of other members were also present in the meeting.

Dr. Nasir Faried, Assistant

Professor of English, NIT Srinagar coordinated the SPIC MACAY meeting as Coordinator, SPIC MACAY, Srinagar Chapter.

The agenda of the meeting was to discuss strategies to revive the "Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth" (SPIC MACAY) in Kashmir.

In his address, Dr. Kiran Seth explained the workings of the SPIC MACAY and discussed the various problems pertaining to the lack of cultural and heritage knowledge among the youth of India.

He also explained how this initiative of SPIC MACAY can help in spreading the beautiful culture and heritage across every nook and cranny of the country.

In the meeting, the discussed objectives told by Mr. Kiran

Seth were, to reach out to all primary, secondary, and high-

and Carnatic traditions, classical and folk dance, folk art, yoga



er educational institutions in Kashmir. "Make the youth aware of the culture and heritage of India by holding school, state and national level (week-long in-residence) festivals," he said. The modules include concerts, classical instrumental and vocal in both Hindustani

and meditation, workshops, cinema, classes, and talks of eminent speakers of civil society.

In his key speech, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal concluded the meeting with special thanks to the organization and also assured the delegation of every possible support to be provided by the

## Renowned religious, spiritual leader Mian Bashir Ahmad Larvi remembered on his 1st death anniversary

Kangan, Aug 14 (KNS) : Renowned religious, spiritual personality and veteran Gujjar leader Mian Bashir Ahmad Larvi was remembered on his first death anniversary on Sunday. Mian Bashir Ahmed Larvi also known as Baba Sahib passed away on August 14, 2021 at the age of 93.

Thousands of people from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir including Poonch, Rajouri, Kishtwar, Doda, Jammu and Kashmir reached Baba Nagri Wangath Kangan to offer fateha for the departed soul. On the occasion special prayers were held led by Sajada nasheen Darbar Babi Ji Sahab Larvi Mian Altaf Ahmed for the late Mian Bashir Ahmad Larvi.

Various speakers including Ulemas on the occasion recalled the contribution of Mian Bashir Ahmed Larvi in the field of Social service, literature, Sufi and spirituality.

Mian Bashir Ahmed Larvi also known as Baba Ji was widely respected and prominently followed across the Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of country and across

for his religious and spiritual teachings.

Mian Bashir Ahmed Larvi was born in November 1923 in Baba Nagri Wangath, Kangan in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. His father Hazrat Mian Nizam Din Larvi and his grandfather Baba Jee Sahib Larvi were also religious personalities. Main Bashir has two sons Mian Sarfraz Ahmed and Mian Altaf Ahmed. Mian Altaf Ahmed has served Minister of Forestry, Ecology and Environment in Jammu and Kashmir. He has been a Cabinet minister in Jammu and Kashmir. Mian Nizam Ud Din larvi, Mian Bashir Ahmed larvi and Mian Altaf Ahmed never lost any election since they stepped in the politics. Mian Bashir Ahmed nominated his son Mian Altaf Ahmed as the Sajjada-Nasheen Zayaraat Baba Jee Sahib Laarvi Wangath on 122nd annual Urs in June 2017.

Mian Bashir Ahmed has been elected four times to the State Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir in 1967, 1972 and 1977.

## KU's NSS organises mega cleanliness drive to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Srinagar, Aug 14 (KNS): Kashmir University's office of National Service Scheme (NSS) on Sunday organised a mega cleanliness drive at the main campus in connection with the ongoing celebrations related to Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in the University.

Top officers of the University including Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, Controller of Examinations Dr Majid Zaman, Provost (Boys) Prof Aijaz Ahmad Wani and NSS Coordinator Dr Mussavir Ahmad led the cleanliness drive under the banner of 'Swachhata Abhiyan'. Scores of students and NSS volunteers picked up brooms to clean the main campus premises and raise awareness on the importance of clean environs for people's wellbeing. Speaking on the occasion, Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir said the commemoration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at the University of Kashmir has seen active involvement of University faculty, students and non-teaching staff in various events which highlighted the country's glorious past and its journey of 75 years since the Independence. "Our NSS office, Department of Students Welfare, Law Department, Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, Sheikh-ul-Alam Chair and other departments have or-

ganised very important events in the last 15 days. More events are in the pipeline," he said.

The cleanliness drive was also attended by Hostel Wardens Dr Javiad Sheikh and Dr Mehraj Ahmad besides NSS programme officers Dr Henna Basharat and Dr Shazia Malik. NSS Coordinator Dr Mussavir Ahmad gave a brief about the activities being conducted by NSS in the University and its affiliated colleges. He thanked the University administration for its support to NSS programmes. (KNS) Top officers of the University including Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, Controller of Examinations Dr Majid Zaman, Provost (Boys) Prof Aijaz Ahmad Wani and NSS Coordinator Dr Mussavir Ahmad led the cleanliness drive under the banner of 'Swachhata Abhiyan'. Scores of students and NSS volunteers picked up brooms to clean the main campus premises and raise awareness on the importance of clean environs for people's wellbeing. Speaking on the occasion, Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir said the commemoration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at the University of Kashmir has seen active involvement of University faculty, students and non-teaching staff in various events which highlighted.



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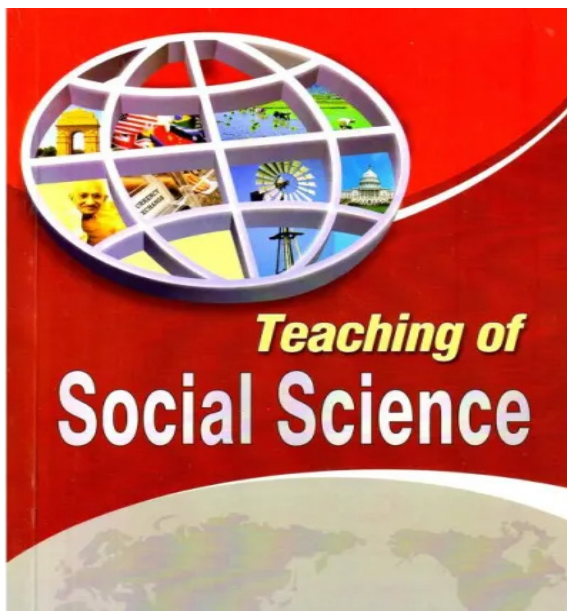
## Centers ‘Kisan’ friendly schemes

PMFBY is a flagship scheme of the Government of India which aims to provide financial support to farmers suffering crop loss or damage arising out of natural calamities. The scheme was revamped in 2020 enabling voluntary participation of the farmers. It also made it convenient for the farmer to report crop loss within 72 hours of the occurrence of any event - through Crop Insurance App, CSC Centre or the nearest agriculture officer, with claim benefits transferred electronically into the bank accounts of the eligible farmer. Insurance companies in PMFBY charge an actuarial premium rate without any ceiling. However, farmers have to pay a fixed percentage of the sum insured as a premium. The difference between the actuarial premium rate and the premium rate paid by farmers, i.e., premium subsidy, is equally shared between the local government and central governments. Despite having a fixed rate of premium for farmers, the premium amount paid by farmers and premium subsidy increases with an increase in the sum insured of farmers. The premium subsidy also increases when total insured farmers, total area insured, and the number of crops notified by the states/UTs for crop insurance increase. Also, there is Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) which aims to mitigate the hardship of the insured farmers against the likelihood of financial loss on account of anticipated crop loss resulting from adverse weather conditions relating to rainfall, temperature, wind, humidity etc. RWBCIS uses weather parameters as “proxy for crop yields in compensating the cultivators for deemed crop losses. Both these schemes were approved at a meeting of State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI), chaired by the Chief Secretary, in the J&K. The committee also approved the modus operandi to be adopted for the successful implementation of these Schemes in the J&K. The Scheme would cover Paddy, Maize, Oilseeds, Wheat, Apple, Saffron, Mango and Litchi crops. While the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for providing insurance cover to the farmers against crop loss due to various weather vagaries, there is need to address various issues, which cropped in other States or UTs, beforehand. First and foremost the government needs to give a widespread circulation about the scheme benefits and guide the farmers about manner in which and under what circumstances they can avail it.

By Dr Aijaz Ahmed

We all have a profound comprehension that since the emergence of the sciences, natural science has occupied a higher eminence in the hierarchy among all sciences. It is due to its accuracy in results and ‘universal meaning’ or ‘universality in methods’. Its accuracy and exactness is predominately due to the objectifying of and quantifying the natural laws of real world. Thus, the prerequisite for the existence of natural sciences is ‘matter’ and ‘matter’ has no consciousness. Hence, the task of the natural scientist is to scrutinise this ‘matter’ objectively and in a controlled environment, such as of a laboratory. Unlike in natural sciences, the word ‘consciousness’ is a prerequisite for the existence of social science, particularly in sociology. All the social sciences like sociology, political science, economic, history, education, philosophy, etc, directly and indirectly have profound relation with ‘individual’ and individual has ‘consciousness’. Certainly, it is an acknowledged fact that the natural science methods gave a scientific ‘fashion’ to social science, particularly to sociology during the eighteen century. The contrast between the ‘consciousness vs matter’ created a different paradigm/ world (natural & social world) for both sciences in the contemporary era. During the enlightenment phase, when the ghost of science was riding on the mind of everyone, many disciplines of social science, like sociology, were in infancy stage and no one was ready to accept sociology as a science. Thus, various social scientists like August Comet, Emile Durkheim and Saint Simon tried to borrow scientific concepts like ‘static’, ‘organic’, and ‘mechanical’, etc, to justify ‘social science’ or sociology as science. Ingrained value of Humanism and Social Justice The prime objective of the social sciences is to scrutinise the social fabric of society, directly or indirectly. Moreover, it is a widely recognised fact that society is made up of social interaction, social relationship and social consciousness of individuals. All these social materials (interaction & consciousness) which design society are

abstract in nature. Thus, it is proved that society is abstract in nature. Hence, to examine the abstraction of



society (no physical shape, size and diameters) is not an easy task but a challenging one. Accordingly, all social scientists, particularly the sociologist, deals with these abstractions like social behaviour and interaction which are not static but dynamic in nature. History has witnessed various revolutions, social movements and transformations that have been brought about by the social sciences. Social sciences analyse the behavior of the individual and try to examine how this behaviour creates order or disorder in society. Further, they also try to internalise societal values and norms among individuals.

## Evolution of women’s education: From a right to a necessity

By Tamana Zargar

Gender inequality has been an issue for decades and even after all these years, women are still not being treated the same as men and are largely under-represented in most public fields. Women are

she becomes educated her children will also be educated. A better educated mother tends to be more informed about nutrition and healthcare. Every day, girls face barriers to education caused by poverty, cultural norms and practices, ignorance of parents, tradition, violence, lack of qualified women



still not given equal opportunities and are seen as incapable of doing the same job as males. They continue to play a secondary role in decision making. The major reason why there is such a large gap is due to the lack of education of women. The patriarchal instincts of society have resulted in years of discrimination. However, this is not the case everywhere. There are communities where women are given equal respect, importance and opportunities as men. But there are still some societies that need to evolve so that there is no gender discrimination and more equality. While girls from one part of the country are privileged enough to get proper education and standing equal to boys, there is another part of society that prevents girls from pursuing their basic right of education. Making gender equality a part of training in jobs, at workplace and educational institutions could be a possible solution to help stem the prejudice that prevails throughout society, so that women can have the same chance to be as successful as men. Women’s full and equal participation in all the facets of society is a fundamental human right. Women are critical to finding solutions to the biggest challenges we face today and they must be heard and valued throughout society. Their perspectives and choices for their future have to be respected and supported. Improved education among women has done a lot to shift deeply entrenched occupational segregation in both developed and developing countries. Women at present have vision, mission and are braver now. They have stopped serving others as slaves and serve themselves more now. They don’t doubt themselves and are more confident. It is not appropriate to say that their role has drastically changed but instead they have taken new roles along with the roles they used to play earlier. Women now can make big changes in people’s lives instead of only making changes for their family. Women in future would be ruling the nation instead of merely helping men. That’s the vision to create a better life for them. Women’s empowerment in India is dependent on variables like geographical location, educational status, social status and age. Women’s education not only empowers families but communities and economies. The education of women will help to remove the social stigma that surrounds it. It is the key to eliminate social evils such as female infanticide, dowry, child marriage, harassment etc. This will not just help the women of today but of the future generations as well who can live in a world where gender equality exists. Half of the world’s population is of women and educating them will help attain overall socio-economic development. No nation can prosper if the half of population remains illiterate. A woman is a future mother and if

teachers, lack of educational facilities in rural areas, lack of supporting social attitudes, lack of proper supervision and guidance etc. The society will not be able to attain the maximum extent of growth if this continues to persist. These barriers need to be eradicated from society for overall inclusive development. The government and other associated NGOs should ensure that all girls and young women receive a quality education as it is their human right and a priority for global development. Girls’ education goes beyond getting girls into school. It is also about ensuring that girls learn and feel safe while in school, have the opportunity to compete at all levels of education, gain socio-emotional and life skills necessary to navigate and adapt to a changing world, make decisions about their own lives and contribute to the world. Women need to become well versed in their rights. Financial independence is one of the most important essentials for the attainment of gender equality. Women should aim to become more independent in terms of financial, emotional and social terms. They should be encouraged to pursue their passion and dream. This will not only make them economically independent but also act as a strong stimulant for their self-esteem and self-gratification. Economic independence makes a woman feel confident about herself and gives her a sense of accomplishment. Women should be more vocal about their struggles and success. This will encourage other women as well to put forth their share of struggles. This will provide a platform to the voices which have been suppressed. Women’s education strengthens economies and reduces inequality. It provides women an opportunity to fulfil their potential. It also decreases the chances of abuse as educated women are much less likely to suffer domestic abuse than their illiterate counterparts. It also decreases child mortality rates as educated mothers are often more knowledgeable about children’s nutrition, proper sanitation practices and medical care. Furthermore, children with educated mothers are more likely to attend school and pursue higher levels of education than their peers with uneducated mothers. Educated women provide a better starting point for the next generation and more emphasis is placed on gender equality as women in leadership tend to fight for disenfranchised groups. Last but not the least, women should achieve education for themselves. Life is not easy and it will never be. It is meant to be difficult, we can’t expect it to be like the happily ever after story of Cinderella, so, be your own saviour.

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The social sciences, especially sociology, directly deal with the social world and primarily explore the dynamism of society. Moreover, it is the social sciences, which design and structure the consciousness and create awareness about the exploitation, subjugation and social justice among the members of society. The teaching of social sciences promotes the spirit of integrity and oneness in society. Furthermore, it creates the atmosphere of humanism by internalising the values and morals of the society. Thus, social sciences facilitate an assessment as well as a future projection of socio-economic development that are pivotal to the national progress and transformation. The social sciences and humanities address the cultural domain that shapes social consciousness, which in turn significantly impacts on social processes. These disciplines offer the intellectuals skills to critically evaluate contending models of development in virtually all spheres, and recommend the alternatives appropriate for any particular society. Therefore, sociology in particular and social sciences as a whole provide the “historical memory” of a nation and society. This historical memory is indispensable not only for the appreciation for the past, but also for the insights it gives into the present, and the possibilities for the future. Undoubtedly, social sciences have the capabilities and potential to promote the spirit of humanism and enhance the likelihood of social justice. As they are primarily concerned with social behavior, they can predict the cause of order and disorder in society. Thus, there should be a proper consideration given to the social sciences steams in every educational institution, for they are the backbone of societal order and equilibrium. The writer has a PhD in Sociology from AMU, Aligarh. He is working as Assistant Professor (Contractual) at Govt Degree Collage Doda, University of Jammu. naikajiaz727@gmail.com

## Impact of Global Warming on Jammu and Kashmir

By ZAHOOR 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 moisture. 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. The writer is a BA 5th semester student at Govt Degree College Sogam (Lolab), Kupwara. zahoorzahid885@gmail.com

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# Imran Khan Plays S Jaishankar Video In Rally, Praises India Foreign Policy

Islamabad: Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan has once again commended India for its independent foreign policy as he slammed the West for being critical of India for buying Russian oil.

Addressing a huge gathering in Lahore, Imran Khan played a video clip of Foreign Minister S Jaishankar from Bratislava Forum held in Slovakia and praised him for standing firm to the US pressure over buying cheap oil from Russia.

“If India which got independence at the same time as Pakistan and if New Delhi can take a firm stand and make their foreign policy as per the need of its people then who are they (Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif government) who are towing the line,” Imran Khan said at the gathering, a video of which was shared by several media outlets.

“They (US) ordered India to not buy oil from Russia. India is US’ strategic ally, Pakistan is not. Let us see what India’s Foreign Minister said when the US asked them not to buy Russian oil.”

Imran Khan then played out External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar’s video clip.

“Jaishankar is telling them who are you? Jaishakar said that Europe is buying gas from Russia and we will buy it as people need it. This is what an independent country is (‘yeh hoti hai azad haqumat’),” he said while praising India.

He also slammed the Shehbaz Sharif government for bowing down to US pressure on buying Russian oil.



“We had spoken to Russia about buying cheaper oil but this government has no courage to say no to US pressure. Fuel prices are skyrocketing, people are below the poverty line. I am against this slavery,” The clip of Mr Jaishankar played during Lahore Jalsa was of June 3, when in response to a question on India buying Russian oil, he counter questioned, “Is buying Russian gas not funding the war?”

Mr Jaishankar made these remarks at the GLOBSEC 2022 Bratislava Forum being held in Slovakia on the topic ‘Taking Friendship to the Next Level: Allies in the Indo-Pacific Region’.

He had hit back at the unfair criticism of Indian oil purchase from Russia amid the Ukraine war that has created a knock-off effect on the world economy.

While defending India’s oil imports from Russia, Mr Jaishankar stressed that it is important to understand how the Ukraine conflict is impacting the developing countries. He also questioned why only India was being questioned while Europe continues to import gas from Russia amid the Ukraine war.

Responding to a question on whether India’s oil imports from Russia is not funding the ongoing Ukraine war, Mr Jaishankar said, “Look I don’t want to sound argumentative. If India funding Russia oil is funding the war...Tell me then buying Russian gas is not funding the war? It’s only Indian money and Russian oil coming to India funding the war and not Russia’s gas coming to Europe not funding? Let’s be a little even-handed.”

## Pakistan emerges as 24th largest economy in 75-year journey

ISLAMABAD: The structure of economy has drastically changed since Pakistan’s inception in 1947 with industry and then services sectors dominated the economy, says a finance ministry report released on Saturday.

The report gives a glimpse of the country’s 75-year economic journey, with all major economic indicators seeing massive changes over the period.

At the time of the independence in 1947, Pakistan inherited only 34 industrial units out of the 921 in undivided India.

The nominal GDP rose from \$3 billion in 1950 to \$383bn in 2022, while GDP growth was recorded at 5.97pc in 2022 compared to 1.8pc in 1950. Per capita income jumped from \$86 in 1950 to \$1,798 in 2022.

The tax revenues rose from Rs0.31bn to Rs6,126.1bn from 1950-2022, while agriculture accounted for 59.9pc of the total GDP in 1949-50. In the agriculture sector, the production of wheat increased from 3.35 million tonnes in 1958 to 29.4m tonnes in 2022, rice from 0.69m tonnes to 9.32m tonnes, maize from 0.36m tonnes to 10.64m tonnes, sugarcane from 5.53m tonnes to 88.65m tonnes, cotton from 1.16m bales to 8.33m bales and water availability from 63.9 million acre-feet.

# ‘Overjoyed’ by response to Har Ghar Tiranga: PM Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said he was “overjoyed and proud” of the “amazing response” to the “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign across the nation. He urged citizens to share their photos along with the national flag on the official website dedicated to the campaign.

Apart from the BJP leaders, Union ministers and chief ministers of BJP-ruled states and prominent personalities from various sectors joined the campaign across the country as the three-day exercise began on Saturday to mark the 75th anniversary of India’s Independence.

“Overjoyed and proud of the amazing response to the #HarGharTiranga movement. We are seeing record participation from different walks of life. This is a great way to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav,” tweeted the PM.

Union minister Amit Shah and BJP president J.P. Nadda hoisted the national flag at their residences and posted pictures on social media.

The BJP also held an exhibition on the eve of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day on August 14, at its office here. “Attended the poignant exhibition on ‘Partition Horrors Remembrance Day’ at BJP HQ that reminds us all of the pain of lakhs of our brothers and sisters during partition. We must never forget the cost that politics of hate and divide, driven by personal selfish interests imposed on us,” Mr Nadda said. “I have always felt proud to hold the national flag and swear my unwavering loyalty to it. It is a great symbol of our freedom. On the occasion of AzadiKaAmritMahotsav I pray to God that all of us Indians fulfil the great ideal of living harmonious under the Tiranga,” tweeted Mr Deve Gowda and also uploaded a vid-



eo of himself with the tiranga.

Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in a door-to-door campaign in Bengaluru to distribute the tricolour and interacted with the people and also. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan celebrated the event with children in Bhubaneswar. Former union minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi participated in a tricolour kites festival in Uttar Pradesh’s Rampur and inaugurated ‘Amrit Sarovar’ constructed as part of the Amrit Mahotsav. “Overjoyed and proud of the amazing response to the #HarGharTiranga movement. We are seeing record participation from different walks of life. This is a great way to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav,” tweeted the PM.

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## In Eknath Shinde Cabinet, Deputy Devendra Fadnavis Gets Home, Finance



Mumbai: Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis scored the big ministries of Home and Finance as cabinet roles were handed out in Chief Minister Eknath Shinde’s government seven weeks after he took oath.

Mr Shinde, who expanded his two-member cabinet on Tuesday by inducting 18 ministers, has kept the Urban Development portfolio with himself.

A statement from the Chief Minister’s Office said Fadnavis will also handle the Finance and Planning ministry, and BJP minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil will be the new Revenue minister.

BJP minister Sudhir Mungantiwar has been made the Forest minister, a portfolio he handled earlier. Former state BJP president Chandrakant Patil is the new minister for higher and technical education. He will also look after parliamentary affairs.

From the Eknath Shinde camp of Shiv Sena rebels, Deepak Kesarkar is the new minister for school education, while Abdul Sattar has been given the Agriculture portfolio.

# Taliban violently disperse protesting women in Kabul

KABUL: Taliban fighters beat women protesters and fired into the air on Saturday as they violently dispersed a rare rally in the Afghan capital, days ahead of the first anniversary of their return to power. Since seizing control on Aug 15 last year, the Taliban have rolled back the marginal gains made by women during two decades of US intervention in Afghanistan. About 40 women — chanting “bread, work and freedom” — marched in front of the education ministry building, before the fighters dispersed them by firing their guns into the air, a correspondent reported.

Some women protesters who took refuge in nearby shops were chased and beaten by Taliban fighters with their rifle butts. The demonstrators carried a banner which read “August 15 is a black day” as they demanded rights to work and political participation. “Justice, justice. We’re fed up with ignorance,” they chanted, many not wearing face veils.

“Unfortunately, the Taliban from the



intelligence service came and fired in the air,” said Zholia Parsi, one of the organisers of the march. “They dispersed the girls, tore our banners and confiscated the mobile phones of many girls.” But protester Munisa Mubariz vowed to continue fighting for women’s rights. “If the Taliban want to silence this voice, it’s not possible. We will protest from our homes,” she said. Some journalists covering the demonstration — the first women’s rally in months — were also beaten by the Taliban fighters.

## Grand Alliance to have coordination panel to ensure it does not meet NDA’s fate

Patna: A coordination committee, which the JD(U) kept pressing for while in the BJP-led NDA, may be set up to ensure smooth functioning of the Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance) that now rules Bihar upon the entry of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

There were indications to this effect on Friday evening when MLAs of the CPI(ML), the fourth largest constituent of the Grand Alliance, called on the Chief Minister, the JD(U)’s de facto leader, at his residence.

The chief minister was strongly in favour of a coordination committee and we felt the same. No ally is likely to have any



objection. It may, therefore, come up in due course, CPI(ML) MLA Sandeep Saurav told PTI.

The Grand Alliance at present comprises seven parties JD(U), RJD, Congress, CPI(ML), CPI, CPI(M) and HAM which together have more than 160 MLAs in the

243-strong assembly.

CPI(ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya had also demanded a coordination committee.

Notably, while the JD(U) and the BJP were still in an acrimonious tie-up, many leaders of the former had stressed the need for a coordination.

# 41 Dead In Egyptian Church Fire

Cairo: A fire that broke out Sunday in a Coptic Christian church in Egypt’s capital Cairo killed 41 people, church officials said.

The blaze started for unknown reasons at the Abu Sifine church in the capital’s northwestern, working-class district of Imbaba, officials said.

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi declared on his Facebook page that “I have mobilised all state services to ensure that all measures are taken.” Fire services later said the blaze had been brought under control. Copts are the largest Christian community in the Middle East, making up at least 10 million of Egypt’s 103 million people. The minority has suffered attacks and complained of discrimination in the majority Muslim north Af-

rican country, the Arab world’s most populous. Copts have suffered reprisals from Islamists, particularly after Sisi overthrew former Islamist president Mohamed Morsi in 2013, with churches, schools and homes burnt down.

Sisi, the first Egyptian president to attend the Coptic Christmas mass every year, recently appointed a Coptic judge to head the Constitutional Court for the first time in history. Egypt has suffered several deadly fires in recent years.

In March 2021, at least 20 people died in a blaze in a textile factory in the eastern suburbs of Cairo. In 2020, two hospital fires claimed the lives of 14 Covid-19 patients. President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi declared on his Facebook page that “I have mobilised all state services to en-

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# Taiwan Thanks India, Others For Support Amid China Tensions

Taipei: Taiwan on Sunday said it will continue to enhance its self-defence capabilities while maintaining close coordination with all like-minded nations, including India, to jointly preserve the rules-based international order and safeguard security across the Taiwan Strait.

This statement came in the wake of tensions in the Taiwan Strait following US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit to the self-ruled island that set off large-scale military exercises from Beijing.

Taiwan said it is entitled to make friends and maintain relationships with countries around the world. It said China’s deliberate intensification of various forms of military posturing targeted at Taiwan recently has severely disrupted peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

“The government of ROC (Taiwan) wishes to convey sincere gratitude to the executive branches and parliamentarians of over 50 countries including India which have called on all sides to exercise restraint, de-escalate tensions, avoid

unilateral actions to change status quo and maintain peace



and stability in the region,” the foreign ministry said in a statement.

“...the government of Taiwan will continue to enhance its self-defence capabilities while maintaining close communication and coordination with the US, Japan and all other like-minded nations including India to jointly preserve the rules-based international order and safeguard security across the Taiwan Strait and consolidate peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific,” the

statement added. On Friday, India urged the

Bagchi during a media briefing.

Earlier this week, China released a white paper titled “The Taiwan Question and China’s Reunification in the New Era” reiterating its claims over the self-ruled island.

Chinese state media said the white paper demonstrates the country’s resolve to national reunification. The white paper said the Chinese community party (CCP) is committed to the historic mission of resolving the Taiwan question and realizing China’s complete reunification.

Taiwan’s foreign minister Joseph Wu said China is “wrecking the status quo” in the Taiwan Strait and slammed Chinese military drills.

Wu said additional foreign delegations are “more than welcome” in Taipei and rebuffed China’s furious reaction to Pelosi’s visit.

“Anyone who wants to come to Taiwan to show their support, they are more than welcome to visit us,” Wu told VOA. He said Taiwan will not be prevented from conducting its own foreign policy.

## 11 Chinese Military Aircraft Entered Taiwan’s Air Defence Zone

Taipei: Eleven Chinese military aircraft crossed the Taiwan Strait’s median line or entered Taiwan’s air defence zone on Sunday, Taiwan’s Defence Ministry said, as Beijing continues military activities close to the Chinese-claimed island.

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Taiwan’s government says that as the People’s Republic of China has never ruled the island, it has no right to claim it or decide its future, which can only be set by Taiwan’s people.

The defeated Republic of China government fled to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war to Mao Zedong’s Communist Party, which established the

People’s Republic of China in Beijing.

China has never renounced the use of force to bring democratically governed Taiwan under its control. Eleven Chinese military aircraft crossed the Taiwan Strait’s median line or entered Taiwan’s air defence zone on Sunday, Taiwan’s Defence Ministry said, as Beijing continues military activities close to the Chinese-claimed island.

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bad path but police and security forces have successfully brought them back and reunited them with their families”. “The recruitment of the youth in the militancy has decreased,” he said and added “there is need to further put a stop to it and our security forces are on the job”. He said the infiltration has gone down similarly the recruitment of youth in militancy has also decreased and has downed the graph of militancy. “There is a lot of pressure for the local Kashmiri youth who are staying on launch pads near the Line of Control (LoC) and those who have spent a lot of time in camps in Pakistan are being pushed to infiltrate”, The DGP Singh said. The DGP congratulated the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the whole of India on the 75th year of Independence Day being celebrated Monday. He said “we are celebrating the occasion for the past one week and the celebrations would continue after Independence Day also”.

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walkathon is a symbol of the resolve and struggle of Mahatma Gandhi, it is a symbol of penance and supreme sacrifice of the brave soldiers of our army, police, paramilitary forces, he added. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav provided us with an opportunity to inspire future generation by making them aware of the invaluable contribution of our heroes and martyrs, the Lt Governor said. Addressing the veterans of 1971 war present during the walkathon, the Lt Governor said I salute all those who have laid the path of progress and prosperity of Jammu & Kashmir and are keeping the nation safe and secure. Remembering our heroes ignites new ideas and rekindles the spirit of public awakening. This Walkathon is a tribute to our security forces, freedom fighters, and also a symbol of our resolve to build a self-reliant Jammu and Kashmir, he further added. We have to take the story of our freedom fighters to the new generation and bring alive the memory, the ideals of the personalities who made significant contributions in the freedom struggle and also pay our tributes to the unsung heroes of India’s Independence, said the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor urged all to take inspiration from our forefathers, who had made significant sacrifices to provide us a free and independent nation, while fulfilling our obligations towards the future of the golden Jammu and Kashmir of 2047. The Lt Governor said that Hon’ble Prime Minister started world’s biggest Jan Abhiyaan and every part of the nation including Jammu Kashmir is witnessing Har Ghar Tiranga Utsav. We are citizens of a great nation where every inch of the pious land is filled with ancient values, culture and traditions, the Lt Governor added. The Lt Governor observed that Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi is being celebrated in Shopian, Kulgam, Jammu, Kishtwar, Rajouri, Poonch, and in every district, every village and 1 crore 30 lakh people are walking on the path of progress and peace envisioned by the Hon’ble Prime Minister. The Lt Governor said J&K is scripting history in every sector. Unprecedented performance in various parameters has been recorded, improving the standard of living of every citizen with equality and social justice.

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the Indian national flag at his residence at Beighpora village of South Kashmir’s Pulwama district. Naikoo, 35, a top commander of the Hizbul Mujahideen, was killed in an encounter with security forces at his village in south Kashmir’s Pulwama district in 2020. Naikoo, also known as Zubair ul Islam and Bin Qasim, who emerged as the face of the Hizbul in the Valley through audio and video messages on social media — much like his predecessor Burhan Wani — and another militant were shot dead after a five-hour gunfight. The family members of slain militant Hamad Khan also hoisted the flag at his house in Tral’s Seer.

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alleviated. Earlier, the Establishment-cum-Selection Committee (ECSC) headed by the Chief Secretary had found these rules to be discriminatory in nature facing several impediments in their implementation, and had recommended their scrapping. The Administrative Council also approved extension of ex-gratia relief of Rs. 25 lakhs to all Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, and members of District Development Councils of Jammu and Kashmir in case of death due to a militancy-related incident. Earlier, the Government has provided similar relief for all elected BDC Chairmen, Sarpanches, Panches and all elected members of Municipal Bodies of Jammu and Kashmir. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting. The decision aims at strengthening the grass roots democracy by providing a sense of security to the elected members of local bodies facing threat from anti-state elements. The ex-gratia relief will act as a guarantee for the subsistence of the family members of the elected representatives who are killed in militancy-related incidents.

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medals, President’s Medal for Gallantry and President’s Medal for Distinguished Services as well as Gallantry Medal and Meritorious Services Medals are awarded to the personnel of Fire Services, Civil Defense & Home Guards was also announced ahead of Independence Day. On the occasion of Independence Day, 2022, 55 personnel have been awarded Fire Service Medals. Out of these, Fire Service Medal for Gallantry is awarded to 11 personnel for their respective acts of valor and gallantry. President’s Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service is awarded to 6 personnel and Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service is awarded to 38 personnel for their respective distinguished and meritorious records of services. In addition, 46 personnel are also awarded Home Guard & Civil Defense Medals on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2022. Out of these, Home Guards and Civil Defense Medal for Gallantry is awarded to 2 personnel for their act of valor and gallantry. President’s Home Guards and Civil Defense Medal for Distinguished Service and Home Guards and Civil Defense Medal for Meritorious Service are awarded to 7 personnel and 37 personnel respectively.

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Kashmir division. The Bulletin further said that out of 26302620 test results available, 473782samples have tested positive and 25828838 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 12,058COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours. Till date 6699934 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 135 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 4463 in isolation and 331 in home surveillance. Besides, 6690228 persons have completed their surveillance period. Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Sri-

nagar reported 129 cases, Baramulla reported 130 cases, Budgam 58 cases, Pulwama reported 12 cases, Kupwara reported 80 cases, Anantnag reported 60 cases, Bandipora reported 08 cases, Ganderbal reported 09 cases, Kulgam reported 16 cases while as Shopian reported 03 fresh cases for today. Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 39 cases, Udhampur 05, Rajouri 02, Doda 02, Kathua 01, Samba 00, Kishtwar 02, Poonch 03, Ramban04 while as Reasi reported no fresh case for today.

Har Ghar Tiranga campaign gains momentum in Kathua

KATHUA, AUGUST 14: The second day of Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign witnessed a series of activities across district Kathua. At Iconic Atal Setu Bridge in Basohli, a Boat Rally was organised which was flagged off by CEO, Bani Basohli Development Authority Ajeet Singh. The participants took a round of the Ranjit Sagar Dam Lake holding National Flag in their hands and chanting Bharat Mata Ki Jai’ and other patriotic slogans. Speaking on the occasion, CEO BBDA said, the “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign initiated under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, aims to invoke a feeling of patriotism among the citizens, besides promoting a sense of respect for the symbols of Independence. Gripped by Patriotic fervor, a mega rally was taken out at the District Headquarters with the officers and officials of District Administration holding tricolour with pride. The rally, after passing through the Shaheedi Chowk, culminated at Mukherjee chowk. The participants were seen enthusiastically holding tiranga in their hands and the surroundings reverberated with patriotic slogans and songs. Meanwhile, a record 45 meter long Tiranga was carried out by a human chain from Ramkot to Billawar town, covering a distance of 45 KMs. The people thronged the occasion with zeal and patriotic fervour. At Basohli, ADC Basohli Tilak Raj Thapa flagged off a rally composed of Bikers and School Students which culminated at Atal Setu Bridge. The Tiranga rallies were also held in other parts of the district.

Employees of the line departments and institutions across the district also participated in Tiranga rallies, Hoisting of National Flag near recently rejuvenated Amrit Sarovar.

DIPR organises cultural programme at Jammu Railway Station

JAMMU, AUGUST 14: Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations today organized a cultural program on Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, here at Railway Station, Jammu. Director, Railways, Uchit Singhal was the Chief Guest, while Station Master, Jugal Kishore Sharma was the Guest of Honour. Artists of Cultural Wing Jammu presented a scintillating cultural programme featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi songs which were highly applauded by the audience. Director, Railway, Uchit Singhal appreciated the DIPR for organizing the cultural event.

Tiranga Folk Sword Dance marks Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration at Block Dachhan

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 14: As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration and under Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, the people of Sounder area of Block Dachhan presented the Tiranga Folk Sword Dance to showcase and celebrate their love for National flag ahead of the Independence Day Celebration-2022. The programme was coordinated by Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Block Dachhan under the supervision of BDO Ravi Kumar and in collaboration with local artists and staff of RD&PR. The people from all the communities participated in the antique style of dancing with gusto and patriotic Zeal. People were happy and enjoyed the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with great zeal and fervour and appreciated the efforts of administration in making the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign a mass participation programme.

Bangladesh to observe national Mourning Day today

Dhaka, Aug 14 (UNI) Bangladesh will be observing the National Mourning Day and 47th martyrdom anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman tomorrow (Monday). Bangabandhu and most of his family members were brutally killed by some disgruntled army men on the fateful night of August 15, 1975 and this carnage is touted as the ugliest chapter of the nation’s history. Father of the Nation’s two daughters Sheikh Hasina, now Prime Minister, and Sheikh Rehana escaped the planned assassination as they were staying abroad. The government has drawn up elaborate programmes in observance of the day at national level. The national flag will be hoisted half-mast in all government, semi-government, autonomous institutions, educational institutions and private buildings including Bangladesh missions abroad, said a handout earlier. Bangladesh President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will pay homage to Bangabandhu, the architect of the independent Bangladesh, by placing wreaths at his portrait at 6.30 am in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhammondi Road No-32 in the capital. A guard of honor will be given by the armed forces and prayers will be offered there. The Prime Minister will also place wreaths at the Banani Graveyard on the graves of the family members of Bangabandhu and other martyrs who were brutally killed on August 15, 1975. She will also offer Fateha and Munajat seeking eternal peace of the departed souls of the martyrs.

Nowhatta Encounter: Ak Rifle, 2 Grenades And Scooter Seized, Says Police

Srinagar, Aug 14 (GNS): Police on Sunday said that scooter allegedly used by two militants of LeT along with an AK rifle and two grenades were recovered following a gunfight at Nowhatta area of Srinagar. A policeman, Constable Sarfaraz Ahmad of Batote Ramban, and unidentified militant were injured in the gunfight, according to police. “Vehicle (scooter) used by two (militants) of LeT seized from the incident site. Besides, one Ak-74 rifle and two grenades have been recovered. Search still going on. Further details shall follow,” police said in a tweet as per GNS. Earlier police said a policeman and a militant were injured in the “chance encounter” in Nowhatta area of Srinagar. “Police & CRPF are on the job. Further details shall follow,” police said in a tweet. (GNS)

President wishes nation ahead of I-Day, mentions partition horrors

New Delhi, Aug 14 (UNI) President Draupadi Murmu wished all Indians on the eve of 76th Independence Day, and also remembered those who suffered the brunt partition as India observed 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' on Sunday. Murmu also paid tribute to the heroes of India's struggle for independence, and also talked about the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. This is her first address to the nation ahead of Independence Day after being elected the the President of India. "It is a cause of celebration not only for all of us but also for every advocate of democracy around the world. When India won independence, there were many international leaders and experts who were sceptical about the success of democratic form of govt in India," she said. "In most democratic countries, women had to undergo long struggle to get voting rights. India had universal adult franchise since the beginning," she said. While wishing all citizens ahead of the Independence Day, the President also remembered those who suffered the brunt of partition in 1947, and said the day is being remembered to enhance social harmony. "India is observing Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. The aim is to enhance social harmony, empowerment and unity," she said. She also talked about the aim of achieving the India that the freedom fighters dreamt of by 2047. "By the year 2047, we will have fully realised the dreams of our freedom fighters. We will have given a concrete shape to the vision of those who, led by Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, drafted the Constitution," she said. President Murmu also talked about the PM Gati Shakti program and said during last few years, unprecedented progress has been made in development of physical & digital infrastructure through it. She also said that the keyword for India today is compassion for the downtrodden, the needy and for those on the margins. "Some of our national values have been incorporated in our Constitution as the Fundamental Duties of the citizens," she said. "India's new-found confidence stems from the spirit of its youth, its farmers, and above all, its women. Gender inequalities are reducing and women are moving ahead, breaking many glass ceilings," she added.

India gears up to celebrate 75 years of Independence

New Delhi, August 14 (UNI) Patriotic fervour has gripped the entire nation as the country celebrates 75 years of Independence on Monday. The momentous occasion is being celebrated across the country through a series of events. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the celebrations and deliver the customary address from the ramparts of the iconic Red Fort in the capital on Monday morning. Upon his arrival at the Red Fort, the Prime Minister will be received by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, MoS Defence Ajay Bhatt and Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar. The Defence Secretary will introduce the General Officer Commanding Delhi Area, Lt Gen Vijay Kumar Mishra to the Prime Minister. The GoC Delhi Area will then conduct PM Modi to the Saluting Base where a combined Inter-Services and Delhi Police Guard will present general salute to the PM. Thereafter, the Prime Minister will inspect the Guard of Honour. The Guard of Honour contingent for the Prime Minister will consist of one officer and 20 men each from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Delhi Police. After unfurling of the National Flag by the Prime Minister, flower petals will be showered at the venue in Amrit Formation by two MI-17 IV Helicopters. After the showering of flower petals, the Prime Minister will address the Nation. At the conclusion of the speech of the Prime Minister, the NCC cadets will sing the National Anthem. A total of 792 boy and girl NCC cadets consisting of cadets from Army, Navy and Air Force from different schools across the country will take part in this festival of National Fervour. These cadets will be seated at Gyan Path in front of the Red Fort’s ramparts in a geographical formation of the Map of India. They will adorn dresses of the regions they are representing, symbolising India’s cultural diversity. It is being done to carry forward the message of ‘Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat’. In order to mark 75 years of Independence, a number of new initiative have been taken this year. For the first time, a home-grown howitzer gun, Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System prototype will be used for the ceremonial 21-gun salute during the Independence Day ceremony at Red Fort. The completely indigeneous gun, designed and developed by DRDO, will give the 21-Gun Salute along with the British guns which are being traditionally fired till now.

Atkhar Saringal Langer Committee In Collaboration With CRPF Organises “Har GharTiranga” Rally At Padri Dhaar

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Aug 14:Atkhar Saringal Langer Committee- a charitable organisation in collaboration with 33 Battalion CRPF organised a rally on “Har Ghar Tiranga” celebrating 75th Indian Independence under the program “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” at world famous tourist resort Padri Dhaar on Saturday. The rally was held during historical Mani Mahesh Yatra that starts from Bhadarwah and proceeds to Barmour sub division of district Chamba of Himachal Pradesh following Raksha Bandan. Yatrīs, Jawans from 33 Bn CRPF based at Bhadarwah and local population(villagers) and nomads participated in the rally. Speaking on the occasion, prominent social activist and Convener Langer Committee Ajit Singh Kotwal said that Har Ghar Tiranga’ is a campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 75th year of India’s Independence. He said, the Tri-colour flag is a symbol of pride for every Indian and it represents national integrity and signifies the hopes and aspirations of the Indian people. He also lauded the efforts of devotees and local people for participating in such a grand and impressive rally and also appreciated the enthusiasm and zest of CRPF personnel and youth to participate in it. He said the rally was organised to promote the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and to raise awareness regarding the struggle of freedom fighters of India.

4 RR Of Indian Army Organises “Half Marathon Rally” At Bhadarwah



Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Aug 14 :- 4th battalion of Rashtriya Rifles based at Bhadarwah organised a “Half Marathon rally” in continuation of the celebrations of 75th year of independence under “Azadi Ka Amrit Maotsav” here on sunday. The rally was organised with the aim of creating awareness about ‘fit India movement’ and to involve especially the youth aiming in addressing the issues of rising drug menace which are eating deep in to the vitals of the society and are becoming a constant threat for the well being of the people. The rally was flagged off by the Lt.Col (2ic) 4 RR from Bhadarwah Nalthi Bridge to College ground. The students passed through a number of villages on Bhadarwah Chamba Himachal National Highway before concluding at college ground Bhadarwah. The rally was attended by a total of 193 participants including students from schools and colleges besides common citizens. The students and citizens expressed their gratitude towards Indian Army for its consistent endeavours in the field of education and fitness. Prominent participating institutions include students drawn from Degree College Bhadarwah, Atkhar Public Higher Secondary School, Govt Higher Secondary School Saringal, Govt Boys Higher Secondary school and others. Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhadarwah Dil Mir Choudhary was the chief guest on the occasion. The participants were awarded with medals and certificates of appreciation by the chief guest. “The main aim of this event was to bring about general awareness in the direction of “Fit India Movement” to keep the younger generation fit physically and to divert the attention of the youth from drug addiction and other anti-Social activities by channelising their energy appropriately towards sports activities,” officer second in command told.

Har Ghar Tiranga” Campaign, Cleanliness Drive Concludes At Higher Secondary School Bhalra

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Aug 14: A Fortnight long “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign and Cleanliness drive concluded in Govt Higher Secondary School Bhalra Bhadarwah on Saturday. According to a release, NCC Wing of GHSS Bhalra, Bhaderwah organised “Har Ghar Tiranga” awareness campaign under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” on 75th Year of India’s Independence. In this connection, a program was organised in the institution in which National Cadet Corps alumni member Senior Cadet Manoj Kumar (C-Certificate holder) gave lecture on various schemes & benefits of National Cadet Corps (NCC). On this occasion, Mehar-UI-Nisa a student of the school sang a poem on Patriotism which was written by her, release said. Dr Sanjeev Kumar (Associate NCC Officer) made aware the cadets about the achievements of Manoj Kumar for which he was awarded with commendation Certificates and Medal of ADG (2021) for being the Best Cadet (2020- 21) besides having attended Army Attachment Camp with 16 Rajput (2020) & IMA Attachment (2021), release said and added that Manoj is an example of hard work, dedication & his passion towards the Nation Services is a lesson for others to follow. Dr Kumar urged the cadets to follow the foot steps of Manoj so that they too can achieve the same. Release further said that Dr Niten Kotwal also appreciated Manoj & Mehar-UI-Nisa and wished them good luck in future assignments. Dr Kumar also appreciated the initiative of cleanliness drive in which NCC cadets and students participated with high enthusiasm and awared the students about clean & neat environment. In order to make the event more colorful and attractive, cultural program including singing of patriotic songs and local folk lore were presented on this occasion which enthralled the audiences. The whole programme was organised under the active guidance of the Incharge Principal Ajit Kumar, release added.

HIGH MAST NATIONAL FLAG INAUGURATED AT HAIDERBAIGH

Srinagar, 14 Aug 2022. Indian Army inaugurated 108 feet High National Flag at Hyderbaigh, Pattan. Major General SS Slaria General Officer Commanding Cif (Kilo) dedicated it to the citizens in Kashmir today. The installation of the high mast was completed in a record time of 30 days. The Flag constructed in collaboration with Flag Foundation of India, not only instils a sense of pride and honour amongst the citizens but also honours all the bravehearts who have laid down their lives towards eliminating terrorism. The project is a part of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative of the Government of India. The GOC appreciated the efforts of all those involved in completion of the project. Citizens of Hyderbaigh Pattan also appreciated the District Administration and the Army for this unique initiative, which will remain forever etched in the history of Pattan, North Kashmir. It is worthwhile that the Indian Army has been at the forefront of all Nation Building activities and this noble gesture.



Belur math light up in Tricolour Ahead of Independence day. H.T Photo SOURAV DUTTA.



## Benzema nominated for Ballon d'Or, Messi misses out



PARIS: Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema is among the 30 nominees on the shortlist for the prestigious men's Ballon d'Or trophy, organisers France Football magazine announced on Friday. The French international has had an incredible season for Real Madrid, scoring 44 goals in 46 games and helping them win the Champions League and LaLiga. Other nominees are Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo, Manchester City striker Erling Haaland — who has just joined the club from Borussia Dortmund — and last season's joint Premier League top scorer Mohamed Salah of Liverpool. But seven-time reigning winner Lionel Messi paid a high price for an underwhelming first season with Paris St-Germain when he was left off the list.

## Arshad Nadeem extends golden run to Islamic Solidarity Games

KONYA: Another Games for Arshad Nadeem, another record-breaking gold for the Pakistan javelin thrower. Six days after his victory at the Commonwealth Games, Arshad was at it again on Friday at the Islamic Solidarity Games when the 25-year-old sent the spear to 88.55 metres for the best throw ever at the multi-sport event involving elite athletes from members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. Arshad though was head and shoulders above the rest in Turkey. Qatar's Ahmed Magour, who held the previous record at the Games at 83.45 metres, was the silver medalist with a throw of 74.28 metres while Iran's Ali Fathi Ganji took bronze with a throw of 71.24 metres. Arshad, however, has achieved these feats despite an elbow injury that has troubled him since the Olympics in Tokyo last year where he finished fifth. Arshad's best attempt came in his second throw after he opened on 79.40 metres. His third throw reached a distance of 75.50m and his fourth and fifth throw were 82.40m and 83.33m respectively. The ongoing fifth edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games were initially scheduled to be held last year but were postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. On Sunday, Arshad had stormed to gold at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham with a record throw of 90.18 metres. In doing so, he became only the second Asian ever to cross the 90m mark in the sport.

## Shakib Al Hasan returns as Bangladesh T20 captain

DHAKA: Shakib Al Hasan on Saturday was named to return as Bangladesh's Twenty20 international captain after he bowed to a Bangladesh Cricket Board ultimatum to scrap a deal with a betting site. The all-rounder was given the nod to lead the side for the upcoming Asia Cup in the United Arab Emirates and the World Cup in Australia. "Shakib realised his mistake," BCB cricket operations chief Jalal Yunus told reporters as he announced the decision. "He is a very important player for us." Earlier this month Shakib announced a partnership with Betwinner News, a portal operated by a gambling firm based in the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao. He wrote on his social media pages that it was the "one and only source of sports news!" Gambling is illegal in Bangladesh and he was forced to cancel the deal after the BCB president, Nazmul Hassan, issued an



ultimatum ordering him to choose between the national team and Betwinner. Asia Cup squad despite undergoing surgery on a finger in Singapore last week

in the hope that he would regain his fitness by the time the tournament starts on August 27 in Dubai. "His stitches will be removed on August 21. Hopefully, the result will be positive," said chief selector Minhajul Abedin. Three-time Asia Cup finalists Bangladesh will face Sri Lanka and Afghanistan in Group 'B' of the competition, with two teams progressing to the next round. Former captain Mushfiqur Rahim also returned to the side after being rested for the T20 series in Zimbabwe, where Bangladesh lost a series against the hosts for the first time. Pace bowler Ebadot Hossain was handed a place in the T20 side for the first time after he impressed in Tests and One-day Internationals, while batsman Sabbir Rahman and all-rounder Mohammad Saifuddin returned after a long gap. Bangladesh will play a tri-nation tournament in New Zealand in October involving the hosts and Pakistan before they travel to Australia for the T20 World Cup. Bangladesh squad: Shakib Al Hasan (captain), Anamul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim, Afif Hossain, Mosaddek Hossain, Mahmudullah Riyad, Mahedi Hasan, Mohammad Saifuddin, Hasan Mahmud, Mustafizur Rahman, Nasum Ahmed, Sabbir Rahman, Mehidy Hasan, .

## "He Won't Give You Too Many Wickets": Former India Batter On Ravindra Jadeja



Former India batter Aakash Chopra feels Ravindra Jadeja won't be a potent wicket-taker for the team during the T20 World Cup. Jadeja is a part of India's 15-member squad for the upcoming Asia Cup, and is likely to feature at the T20 World Cup. While analysing India's spin-bowling options for the T20 World Cup, Chopra said that Jadeja is a "complete package" and will surely be in the playing XI. However, Chopra said that the all-rounder will struggle to take wickets at the marquee event in Australia later this year. "Ravindra Jadeja, as good as he is, he will also bat and field, he is a package and is definitely seen playing in the XI, but he is not your wicket-taker. So don't expect that he will suddenly start picking up a lot of wickets. The conditions are not going to be favorable to his bowling in

any case," Chopra said in a video uploaded on his YouTube channel. Chopra said that while Jadeja is a quality player, his numbers with the ball haven't been impressive of late. "If we see his numbers, he has played seven matches since the T20 World Cup, picked up just four wickets, average is above 43 and the economy is also close to 8.5 - it's not great. Ravindra Jadeja will definitely play, this both you and I know, but he will not give you too many wickets, be ready for that. The mirror does not lie," he added. India: Rohit Sharma (c), KL Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Deepak Hooda, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh, Avesh Khan.

## 'There Are Almost 4,000 Tigers In The Wild, But There's Only One Rahul Dravid': Ross Taylor

The Indian Premier League (IPL) is one tournament where overseas players get to mingle with the Indian players, and the competition has been a big reason why players all around the world get along pretty well. 2011 IPL was the time when former New Zealand player Ross Taylor got to share the dressing room with the likes of Rahul Dravid and Shane Warne. That particular edition of the tournament made Taylor understand of how much fandom the Indian cricketers enjoy and how difficult it is for them to venture out in the public. Writing in his autobiography 'Ross Taylor: Black And White', Taylor narrated one incident where he along with Dravid went to Ranthambore National Park to spot a tiger, and how the normal public were more interested in Dravid rather than spotting a rare tiger. "I asked Dravid, 'how many times have you seen a tiger?' He said, 'I've never seen a tiger. I've been on 21 of



safaris without seeing as much as a tiger turd, but half an hour into number 22 he'd hit pay dirt," Taylor wrote, as reported by stuff.co.nz. "We pulled up beside the other vehicles, open-top SUVs a bit bigger than Land Rovers. The tiger was on a rock, a good 100 metres away. We were stoked to see a tiger in the wild, but the people in the other vehicles immediately aimed their cameras at Rahul. They were as excited to see him as we were to see the tiger. Maybe more: across the globe there are almost 4000 tigers in the wild, but there's only one Rahul Dravid," he wrote further. Taylor had retired from international cricket earlier this year, and he released his autobiography on Thursday. In the book, Taylor opened up about instances of racism that he faced through his playing career. He spoke about how it would crop up in dressing room banter and in comments from some staff members and officials. Taylor

## Out Of Your Control": Sunil Chhetri Tells Players On FIFA Ban Threat On AIFFE

Seasoned striker Sunil Chhetri on Sunday advised fellow players to continue giving their best on the pitch and not worry about FIFA's threat of suspension on Indian football. Earlier this month, world football governing body FIFA had threatened to suspend the AIFF and strip off its right to host the women's U-17 World Cup in October due to a third party "influence", the warning coming just days after the Supreme Court's directive to hold elections of the national federation. The SC-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) has since, though, started the electoral process. The elections are slated for August 28. "I've spoken to the boys and my advice is to not give it too much attention.

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