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NEWS IN BRIEF

ACB arrests SMC official for bribery

Srinagar, August 20: Anti corruption bureau on Saturday arrested a civic body official while receiving a bribe of Rs 20,000 in Srinagar district.

Mohammad Maqbool Bhat, Ward Officer Srinagar Municipal Corporation was arrested by a trap team of ACB.

ACB said they received a written complaint alleging therein that Ward Officer Hawal, Srinagar was demanding Rs 50,000 as a bribe for allowing construction in favour of the complainant.

"The complainant requested to the ward officer and pleaded for justice, who however remained adamant on his demand of bribe. He had asked the complainant to pay a bribe of Rs 20,000 as first installment. However, before paying the bribe amount to the accused person, the complainant approached Anti Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law," a statement issued by ACB said.

Accordingly a case was registered with this Bureau and investigation was taken up

"During the course of investigation a trap team caught the accused public servant red handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs 20,000. He was arrested on the spot," the statement said, adding that further investigation into the case is on going.

Siblings die in Udhampur mud house collapse

Jammu, August 20: Two children lost their lives after a mud house collapsed due to heavy rains in Udhampur district of Jammu on Saturday.

Police said that heavy rains triggered landslide in village Samole of Mittal area.

"Two children died when a mud house collapsed due to landslides," they said adding rescue teams after getting information rushed to the spot and recovered the dead bodies from the debris.

The deceased kids were identified as Arif (3) and Ghani (2) children of Billa, resident of District Udhampur.

Police handed over the bodies to the parents after legal formalities.

MeT predicts widespread light to moderate rain in J&K

Srinagar, August 20: Weatherman on Saturday forecast widespread light to moderate rains and thunderstorm over Jammu and Kashmir in next 24 hours.

A meteorological department official said there was possibility of scattered light and moderate rains and thunderstorm for subsequent two days in J&K.

Regarding minimum temperature, he said that Srinagar recorded a low of 21.4°C against 18.6°C on the previous night.

The temperature was 4.0°C above normal during this time of the year for the summer capital, he said.

Hit by school bus, Baby girl dies in Bandipora

Srinagar, August 20: An 18-month-old baby girl died after being hit by a school bus at Lankreshpora village in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on, officials said on Saturday.

Identified as Ajwa Rashid, daughter of Abdul Rashid Khan of Lankreshpora village, the girl

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Addition of 25 lakh voters in J&K 'misrepresentation' of facts: Govt

Says revised electoral rolls will cover existing residents in UT

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 20: Reports of over 25 lakh additional voters in Jammu and Kashmir is a "misrepresentation of facts by vested interests", the Union Territory administration said on Saturday.

It said that the revision of electoral rolls will cover existing residents of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In an advertisement published in local dailies by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, the administration said the summary revision of electoral rolls is undertaken by the Election Commission from time to time according to the laid down process.

The clarification comes after a controversy broke out following the chief electoral officer's (CEO)



remark that 25 lakh additional voters, including outsiders, are likely to be added to the electoral rolls in J-K.

The CEO's remarks came under severe criticism from the mainstream political parties here who alleged that the "inclusion of non-locals was a clear cut

ploy to disenfranchise the people of Jammu and Kashmir".

However, in the newspaper advertisement on Saturday, the Jammu and Kashmir administration said the summary revision was to enable eligible young people to register themselves

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LG felicitates officers of Civil Administration, JKP, Army, CAPFs, NDRF, SDRF & SASB deployed for Amarnath Ji Yatra-2022



SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today felicitated officers of Civil Administration, JKP, Army, CAPFs, NDRF, SDRF, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board for exemplary arrangements and smooth conduct of this year's Shri Amarnath Ji

Yatra, at the Raj Bhavan.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also expressed gratitude towards the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit Shah for all the support

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Police cracks Budgam grenade attack case, two militants held

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 20: Police on Saturday claimed to have cracked the case of grenade lobbing incident on the minority community by arresting two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) hybrid militants in Budgam district of central Kashmir.

A police spokesman in a statement said that during the late evening hours of August 15, 2022, one grenade lobbing incident took place at Gopalpora Chadoora in which one person of minority community namely Krishna Kumar was injured and was shifted to SMHS hospital for treatment.

The spokesman said that accordingly, a case FIR number 147/2022 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Chadoora. Senior Police Officers visited the spot and

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DAPP has ensured greater access to quality education to students: LG

Participates in the annual school day celebration



HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 20: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the annual day celebration today at Devki Arya Putri Pathshala, Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor observed that the school, started in 1910, played a pivotal role in providing education to girls from underprivileged sections of society.

The school has ensured greater access to quality education to students.

Stressing that excellence and inclusion is the key to lay the foundation of J&K's future, the Lt Governor said there is need for a new thinking in school education. Scientific temper of the students must be developed and one-to-one mentoring should be encouraged to generate

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NHM releases Rs 31. 24 Cr arrears in favor of AYUSH Doctors

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, August 20: National Health Mission, J&K today released Rs. 31.24 Crore funds to all the districts of the Union Territory of J&K on account of the arrears of salary w.e.f: 1st April 2012 upto 31st March 2021 in favor of AYUSH doctors to the extent it has been allowed in case of allopathic doctors in terms of the judgment of High Court of J&K, whereby the High Court had directed that the monthly remuneration of the contractual AYUSH medical officers working under the Centrally Sponsored Health Scheme, National Health Mission be enhanced and brought at par with the MBBS Medical Officers working under the NHM.

Pertinently, in compliance to the High Court

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AC approves transfer of land for Police Station Khansahib



HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 20: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of Revenue Department to transfer a parcel of land for Police Station Khansahib.

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 Administrative Council approved the transfer of land

measuring 05 Kanal at Khansahib, district Budgam in favor of Home Department for construction of Police Station Khansahib.

The upcoming police station will tighten the vigil on all illegal activities in these areas, check security-related incidents, and ensure availability of police personnel to respond to any law and order situation, natural or man-made disaster.

The Administrative Council further directed that the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) shall be comprehensively implemented in Jammu and Kashmir in next 3 months.

NC terms ban on offerings at shrines 'undue interference' in religious affairs

Stage protest to press for rollback of 'unfair' decision

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Aug 20: National Conference (NC) Saturday condemned Muslim Waqf Board's recent decision to ban offerings at shrines in Kashmir, saying such moves amounts to 'undue interference' in religious affairs.

NC youth wing led by its president, Salman Ali Sagar also staged a peaceful protest at party headquarters, Nawai Subh here to press for the rollback of the decision.

They termed the Waqf Board decision as 'unfair and unjust' alleging that the move is aimed at defaming sacred religious institutions of the valley by labeling parson's (Mujavir's) as looters.

NC senior leader and party general secretary, Ali Moham-



mad Sagar while addressing a press conference later asked the administration to refrain from interfering in religious matters as devotees donate in shrines out of their own free will.

He said the government by banning offerings at shrines which always reverberate with Duroodo-Azkar an invocation Muslims make by reciting specific phrases to compliment prophet Muhammad (PBUH) attempts to bring disrepute to shrines and

religious institutions of the valley.

"They maligned images of parsons (Mujavir's) that we condemn in strong words, Kashmir valley has always been an epitome of communal brotherhood and I think the decision to ban offerings at shrines across Kashmir is nothing but interference in religious affairs, which in no way is acceptable to us," said Sagar.

He was however quick to add that there would be no objection to anyone if the administration takes any action against specific persons found involved in malpractice.

On Lieutenant Governors statement regarding incarcerated head priest of Kashmir, Mirwaz Umar Farooq that

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High level security meet held amid spurt in 'militant activities in Rajouri, Poonch

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, August 20: A high-level security meeting was held on Saturday to discuss an action plan to counter the emerging threat after a spurt in militant activities in Rajouri and Poonch districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

A police spokesperson said "the high level meeting was held in Rajouri and it was attended by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh; GOC 25 Division and GOC Romeo force.

"The meeting was also attended by intelligence agencies, Brigade Commanders, SSPs of Rajouri and Poonch and SP operations (Shopian).

"During the meeting detailed discussion was held on the recent trends on terrorist activities

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Funding case

NIA raids several locations in Poonch

Poonch, August 20: The police on Saturday raided multiple locations in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch in connection with a hawala racket that was unearthed with the arrest of two people who were allegedly routing money to terror outfits Lashkar-e-Taiba and Al Badr.

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Pilgrimage to Vaishno Devi shrine resumes after temporary suspension due to flash floods

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, August 20: The pilgrimage to the famous Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district resumed on Saturday morning after remaining temporarily suspended overnight following heavy rains, officials said.

Over 1,500 devotees were allowed to resume the journey on the old track around 6.30 am from Darshani Dodi in Katra, the base camp for the yatra, they said.

However, the Himkoti (battery car) track which is also known as the new track, is still closed due to ongoing clearance operation, even as the helicopter service remained suspended due to bad weather, officials said.

The pilgrimage was temporar-

ily suspended Friday evening following heavy rains in the Trikuta hills. Thousands of pilgrims were present at the shrine when it started raining heavily around 6 pm and continued till midnight.

Several videos shared on social media show flood-like situations on the Vaishno Devi track.

Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Anshul Garg said there was no report of any casualty or damage due to the heavy rainfall.

"We have reached as per our scheduled program and are eagerly waiting to have darshan at the shrine," Kumar Yogesh, a resident of Madhya Pradesh, said while waiting in a queue of the yatra.

Delhi-resident Rita (45) said she heard about heavy rains

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J&K records 315 COVID-19 positive cases, no fatality

SYED TAJAMUL BUKHARI

Srinagar, August 20: Jammu and Kashmir reported 315 positive cases of COVID-19 including 49 from Jammu and 295 from Kashmir divisions, pushing the active case tally in the Union Territory to 475768.

Moreover, 596 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 55 from Jammu division and 541 from Kashmir division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 475768 positive cases, 2910 are Active Positive (477 in Jammu Division and 2433 in Kashmir Division), 468079 have recovered and 4779 have died; 2347 in Jammu division and 2432 in Kashmir division. The Bulletin also informs that 23,485 doses of COVID Vac-

India develop COVID vaccine nine months after first case: Nadda

Shimla, August 29: BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda said that India made long stride in the field of Health Service as it had manufactured Covid vaccine after nine months of its first case. Nadda was addressing a public meeting organised in wake of upcoming Assembly Election at Poanta Sahib in Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh Saturday.

Nadda said that vaccinations of measles, Japani Fever, Polio etc took years after its invention to reach India, but with the efforts Prime Minister Narendra

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cine have been administered in the last 24 hours across Jammu and Kashmir bringing the cumulative number of doses administered to 2,40,67,744 till date.

The Bulletin further said that out of 26356271 test results available, 475768 samples have tested positive and 25880503 samples have been tested as negative till date.

Besides, 8893 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 6699385 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 14 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 2910 in isolation and 355 in home surveillance. Besides, 6691200 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Providing district-wise break-up for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in

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IAF rescues Israeli national in Ladakh

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, August 20: Braving odds, Indian Air Force (IAF) Saturday rescued an Israeli national in Ladakh, Srinagar-based defense spokesman Col Emron Musavi said.

He said at 10.40 hrs today, 114 Helicopter Unit of IAF received a call for Casevac (Casualty Evacuation) from Nimaling Camp near Markha valley.

The Israeli national, Noam Gil, was suffering from acute mountain sickness and was having difficulty in breathing in the high altitude area. His oxygen level had dropped to 68 per cent.

"In view of the severity of his condition, he had to be rescued from this valley which is known for severe turbulent conditions," the spokesman said. "Led by Wg Cdr Ashish Kapoor, Flt

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Eid Milan programme held in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Kaavish Foundation on Saturday organized ‘Eid Milan’ programme here at Yateem Trust Bemina in which number of orphan and other children participated. Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole was the chief guest on the occasion while Chairman Kaavish Foundation, prominent citizens other concerned were also present during the Eid Milan programme. Divisional Commissioner in his address hailed the efforts of NGO and extended Eid greetings to the children. He urged upon them not to consider themselves



inferior or alone from others. Div Com said the need of the hour is to provide appropriate platforms for the poor and orphans so that they can explore their talent. He wished them for a bright and prosperous future and assured that administration will explore every possibility for their better rehabilitation. Moreover, he urged upon them to work hard for achieving a better career. The Div Com also stressed on the importance of skill development programme of the students to bring the all-round development in the society.

Doctors cite infra, private practice among reasons for growing referrals to tertiary hospitals

SRINAGAR: Lack of proper facilities at the peripheral health facilities in Kashmir and private practice of doctors are the main reasons behind the growing referral cases in the valley. A senior doctor at GMC Srinagar told news agency, that most of the health care facilities at district level lack proper infrastructure due to which patients at times with even minor ailments are referred to tertiary health care facilities. He said that whenever patients visit PHC, SDH and even some district hospitals, they are mostly asked

to conduct tests at private clinics and even all specialist doctors don't remain available there everyday, so patients prefer to go to tertiary care hospitals where they get all facilities 24x7. The doctor said that most of facilities at peripheral level remain open for 10 am to 4 pm only and health facilities which remain open for 24x7 at district level for emergency purposes only with limited staff and under such circumstances if health facility will get two to three patients at a time, then limited staff has no option other than to refer

the patients. Another doctor said that due to private practice of doctors, most doctors don't reach their duty on time and often leave office before closing time due to which patients and attendants visiting these facilities face problems so they prefer to go to tertiary care hospitals. Also, a senior doctor said the majority of referral patients can be easily managed at a PHC, SDH or district hospital. He said that it puts pressure on infrastructure as well as manpower and often delays treatment to patients

in need. He said that whenever they ask them about referral slips, they say they came on their own. "The need of the hour is to develop more infrastructure and deploy more doctors at peripheral health institutions so that it can develop trust among patients so that they can prefer treatment for minor ailments there," he said. He said that when self referrals are prevalent, then what is fun of pointing out whether the referrals were necessary or unnecessary. KNO

Qamarabad residents demand installation of ATM in locality

SRINAGAR: The residents of Qamarabad area of Qamarwari in Srinagar here have demanded installation of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) in their locality, saying that absence of facility is pushing the dwellers to the wall. Inhabitants while talking to the news agency said that they are being forced to walk miles to avail the facility as the authorities concerned have failed to install ATM machine within the locality for a long time. "Hundreds of families live in this locality, but the residents are being deprived of such a basic

facility as we have to cross a huge distance to avail the facility," one of the residents said. "We approached the concerned officials several times in this regard, but all in vain. Our repeated pleas have fallen into deaf ears," they said, adding that no ATM, be it J&K Bank or others, have failed to bring respite to the people. They said that keeping in view the sufferings of people, the authorities concerned should take steps and ensure that the facility is made available for the people so that they could heave a sigh of relief. KNO

This youth vlogs to send out a positive message to youth

SRINAGAR: A youth from Srinagar has been making vlogs so as to influence people and keep them away from illegal activities. Anab Khan (22), a resident of Anantnag presently living in Bemina Srinagar is doing law degree and making vlogs on different issues so as to bring a positive change among youth. He told news agency, that he was inclined towards vlogging for a long time and has started making his own vlogs from two years. Khan said that unlike Kashmir there is rage among students to make videos outside Kashmir and

he feels it is good way to connect to people and keep perspective before them. "I feel that these activities refresh your mind besides that it can help in building your personality as one can't be a book worm all the time," he said. "My vlogs which I am uploading on my YouTube channel carry a positive message always for youth of J&K and the aim behind it is to keep them away from illegal activities especially drugs," he added. "I will continue to make my tireless efforts to bring a positive change in the lives of youth of J&K.". KNO

SKUAST-K:Arrangements for smooth conduct of University Entrance Test(UG)-2022 finalised

DR.AB QAYOOM

SRINAGAR: The Administration of SKUAST-K under the Chairmanship of Vice Chancellor(VC) SKUAST-K, Prof.Nazir Ahmad Ganaie today convened a review meeting of all the concerned to put in place the elaborate four tier arrangements in view of University Entrance Test(UG)-2022 being held on 21, August 2022 from 11 to 2 PM. In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all the concerned were directed to ensure that all the Examination Centres are fully sanitized in advance besides

candidates made to undergo thermal scanning before entering into the examination halls. To avoid any last minute rush, the candidates be asked to report at the examinations venue well in time. The Vice Chancellor(VC) SKUAST-K, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganaie informed that a good number of candidates are eligible for taking part in the said examination. The SKUAST-K has established 16 Centres for conducting of University Entrance Test(UG)-2022 in JK UT 14 in Kashmir in 2in Jammu.

Labourer injured after accidentally coming in-between two vehicles at AIIMS Awantipora

AWANTIPORA: A labourer from Baramulla was injured after he accidentally came in-between two vehicles at AIIMS Awantipora in South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Saturday afternoon. An official told the news agency that the labourer identified as Bilal Ahmed Mir son of Ab Majeed Mir resident of Boniyar accidentally came in between two vehicles at AIIMS Awantipora. He said that soon after the incident, he was shifted to PHC Awantipora, where from he was referred to SMHS hospital for advanced treatment. The official added that police have taken cognisance of the incident. KNO

Man injured in Tengpora accident, succumbs at hospital

SRINAGAR: A man who was critically injured in a road accident on Bypass near Tengpora area of Srinagar this afternoon, succumbed to his injuries. An official told the news agency said that Abdul Majeed (65) of Chanapora, was critically injured after being hit by a vehicle near Tengpora area this afternoon. He said that soon after the incident he was shifted to SMHS hospital for treatment, where he succumbed to his injuries. The official said that Police have registered a case in this regard, while the accused driver has been arrested. KNO

Tareekh-I-Pampore: Book of renowned scholar released posthumously

PAMPORE: Six months after the death of renowned Islamic Scholar Er Nazeer Ahmad Mir Pampori, his book Tareekh-I-Pampore was released at Shah-e-Hamdan Memorial trust Pampore on Saturday. Prof G N Khaki- Chairman Markaz-i Noor centre for Shaikhul Aalam Studies University of Kashmir, Prof Shad Ramzan, Dr Sartaj Ahmad Sofi- BGSSBU Rajouri, Dr Ather Shahbaz-JUST Awantipora, Dr Tanveer Hayat, Moulana Showkat Hussain Keng, Mirwaiz-e Kashmir Moulana Reyaz Hamadani, Syed Hameedullah Haqani,

Moulana Jalaluddin Bhat-Chairman SHMT and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. As per news agency, born in Pampore on 26 March 1962, Er Nazir Ahmad Pampori who had authored around 60 books on Islam and Islamic beliefs, died on 19 February this year after prolonged illness. Today his book namely Tareekh-i Pampore was released before the galaxy of scholars, intellectuals and Ulemas. The book covers the social, political and religious history of the Pampore and its adjoining villages. His friends and disciples

said that engineer Nazir Ahmed Mir Pampori's book Jami Tarikh Pampore is an attempt to awaken the consciousness in the society by presenting the situations and events face to face, beyond all prejudices and free from any ruling influence, through which a positive change can be made in the present. Sufis, scholars, intellectuals, poets and even MajzooBs are mentioned in detail in this book. Apart from this, they said that the book also contains a detailed description of Pampore and its adjoining areas. Pampore's ancient history, geography, climate,

gardens, agriculture, business, caste and tribe and ancient monasteries, hermitages, forts and mosques of historical importance have also been mentioned in great detail. The historical background and background of different areas of Pampore are also described in this book and by reading this book, it is expected not only to increase the knowledge of every scholar who has a taste for knowledge, but also to get a lot of information about the people living in Pampore by looking at the historical mirror, they said. KNO

Chakki Railway bridge collapse has not affected railway Operations in J&K: DTM Singhal

JAMMU: The railways operations remained normal and not a single Jammu Kashmir bound train was affected due to the collapse of a portion of Railway Bridge over the Chakki river in Pathankot, Punjab, officials said here. As per news agency, Station Director cum Divisional Traffic Manager,

Jammu Uchit Singhal said that departure and arrival of all Jammu Tawi or Katra bound trains is as per schedule and not a single train has been affected due to the bridge. "We got quarries about the train operations since morning, many social media accounts claimed that the train route of Jammu also

affected but I would like to clarify that the collapsed bridge was carrying narrow gauge track from Pathankot in Punjab to Jogindernagar in Himachal Pradesh. The Jammu railway track is different and it has not been affected at all," he said. The DTM further said that the Chakki Railway bridge is already under

restoration and operation of the train has been suspended since July this year. "The railway authorities had already declared the bridge unsafe and train service on the narrow-gauge track from Pathankot in Punjab to Jogindernagar in Himachal Pradesh has been suspended," he elaborates. KNO

Srinagar's Zafran Colony residents demand ATM facility in area

SRINAGAR: Inhabitants of Zafran Colony, Pantha Chowk on Srinagar city outskirts Saturday expressed deep anguish over long delay in providing them with the ATM facility in the area. The residents of the Colony once again urged the Chairman J&K Bank to take steps to establish an ATM facility in the area as they have to travel to Pantha Chowk or to Balhama to withdraw cash. The residents said that both—Pantha Chowk and Balhama areas are at the distance of two to three kilometres each.

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The residents of the area urged the J&K Bank authorities to install ATM in the area on fast track basis. "We have time and again been requesting the Bank authorities either to set up a branch on the main road of colony or to install ATM machine as people are facing tremendous hardships," said Irfan Ahmed, a resident of Zafran Colony. He said despite repeated requests to J&K Bank authorities, nothing has happened on ground. Ishfaq Rather, another resident, said that in absence of ATM facilities in the area, they face a lot of hardships. "When we run short of cash, we have to

Unidentified male body recovered in AlooChibagh Srinagar

SRINAGAR: An unidentified male body was recovered in AlooChibagh area of Srinagar this afternoon, reports said here. Reports reaching the news agency said that an unidentified male body was spotted by locals near bund in AlooChibagh area, following which they informed the local police. They added that the Police reached to the spotted, recovered the body and shifted it to SMHS hospital for medico-legal formalities. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident, while identification was being ascertained. KNO

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir,
Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara

2nd Fresh NIT No.49 -Kupwara/4720-29 of 2022-23 e-tendering DATED: - 18-08-2022

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD ,Railways and other state/Central Governments for the followings works:-

S. N O	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of 100cc. (In rupees)	Earnest Money (In rupees)	Time of Completion in days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contract or	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	Construction of Crossing Panchayat Ghar Chountiwari, A	15.98	800/-	32000/-	30 days	26-08-2022	"B&C"	PRI Grants
2	Construction of crossing on nallah Pushwari near Kotbal of Machil	15.94	800/-	32000/-	21 days	26-08-2022	"B&C"	PRI Grants
3	Construction of foot crossing near Higher Secondary W No 1 at Ring Payser	14.22	600/-	29000/-	21 days	26-08-2022	"BCD"	PRI Grants
4	Construction of chain link Fencing of 3. No. of graveyards at Hajam Mohalla, near Shabir Ahmad Wani near Akhoun Mohalla near Transformer Ward No. 1 3 Lalpora D	6.31	300/-	14000/-	15 days	26-08-2022	"C&D"	PRI Grants
5	Renovation of UPS Building at Waripora	2.90	200/-	6000/-	15 days	26-08-2022	"DEE"	PRI Grants
6	Construction of tile path spring to Maidian	2.87	200/-	6000/-	15 days	26-08-2022	"DEE"	PRI Grants
7	Improvement of road from Koon Khule to Ab Rashid Pir	2.45	200/-	5000/-	21 days	26-08-2022	"DEE"	PRI Grants
8	Improvement of footpath from Haji Ali Mohd	1.95	200/-	4000/-	21 days	26-08-2022	"DEE"	PRI Grants
9	Construction of foot path from PMGYS to Lal Din Ward 11	1.60	200/-	3200/-	15 days	26-08-2022	"DEE"	PRI Grants
10	Repairment food store Madmadaw Kalarirose	1.37	200/-	3000/-	15 days	26-08-2022	"DEE"	PRI Grants
11	Construction of R wall near Jamiya Masjid NLO Mohd. Gulzar Malik	0.98	200/-	2000/-	15 days	26-08-2022	"DEE"	PRI Grants

Position of AAA : **Accorded**
Position of funds : **Approved**
1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **www.jktenders.gov.in** as per schedule of dates given below:-

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	18-08-2022
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 20-08-2022 to 26-08-2022 (4.00P.M)
03.	Bid submission start date	20-08-2022 from (10.00A.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	26-08-2022 upto (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	26-08-2022 at (6:00P.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer RnB Division Kupwara

Executive Engineer

TERMS AND CONDITIONS :-
The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.
a. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan) must be written boldly the Name of Work, Name of Contractor alongwith Cell No, NIT No. & Sr. No of NIT) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara
b. The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% additional performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after successful completion of the defect liability Period of the work. The EMD of 2% successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance Security
c. The GST-3B for last Quarter (Quarterly return) and Previous month for (Monthly return) Should be uploaded, irrespective of date of Tender
d. No bid shall be accepted if enlistment card is not found in JKPWDOMS online of those departments which have been serving the said portal as per circular instruction issued by development Commissioner works vide No.PW/DCW/DB/668-72 Dt. 10-06-2022
e. 1st lowest bidder will submit the CDR/FDR within two days after opening of Tender failing which 2nd lowest will be approached. Besides 1st lowest will be debarred from participating in tendering process for one year in this division.
f. Manual offers delivered by post/fax or in person, or offers sent by e-mail or telex shall not be accepted against electronic tenders, even if such offers are received in time. All such offers shall be considered as invalid offers and shall be rejected summarily, without any consideration
g. In case the L-1 fails deposit the requisite document, the action against the L-1 as per PWD rules leading to blacklisting of contractor
h. On Opening of financial bid the L1 has to produce the Original CDR/FDR pledge to the opening Authority before allotting the work along with Cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan
i. Upload Valid Registration CARD /Renewal, PAN Card , GST Certificate and latest GST clearance ending previous Month.
j. It is mandatory for all bidders participating to submit all documents in terms of soft copies in tendering website and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained. However, lowest bidder will be called for submission of CDR/FDR as well as Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR of the other participating tenderers/bidders will be released only after surrender of Treasury Challan .
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Prevalent mental disorders

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

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BJP IN PANICK TO WEAKEN AAP BEFORE CRUCIAL STATE ASSEMBLY POLLS

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The CBI action against AAP excise and education minister Manish Sisodia is betraying uneasiness in the BJP. More so, after America's 'No.1' newspaper, the New York Times, put Sisodia on its front-page, declaring him the world's 'No.1 education minister'. This, two days after AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal launched the party's 'Make India No.1' campaign.

That hit the BJP plumb in the temple. For, only the world's No.1 prime minister can 'Make India No.1'. And here was Kejriwal promising the impossible come AAP's time to rule! Could it be that Kejriwal had just then proclaimed himself challenger No.1 to Prime Minister Modi come 2024?

Is Modi and BJP apprehensive that Arvind Kejriwal will sweep general elections 2024? More so, because AAP's freebies-loaded politics has in it the mojo to sweep elections, like it did in Delhi, and then in Punjab. Also, with another PM-aspirant, Mamata Banerjee, but-toned up in corruption scandals, the Modi government's target has shifted to AAP.

The CBI raid on Delhi Deputy

Chief Minister Manish Sisodia wasn't for harassment's sake. Sisodia, hailed as the world's No.1 education minister by America's No.1 newspaper, the New York Times, was raided by India's No.1 central investigating agency and the world's No.1 political party by size sent out ominous signals that Sisodia could be jailed any time.

Fact is, even as the CBI was contemplating raiding Sisodia, Arvind Kejriwal was announcing AAP's 'Make India No.1' campaign, knowing well that to 'Make India No.1' requires the hand of a Prime Minister, not that of chief minister. Now, Kejriwal will have to make the cut and become PM.

But right now, Kejriwal and AAP are paying for Manish Sisodia on the NYT front-page. Kejriwal probably jumped the gun by hinting at a prime ministerial run. With that there are three opposition PM aspirants—Mamata Banerjee, Nitish Kumar and Kejriwal, each of them positioning themselves as a 2024 Modi challenger, their ambitions overcoming hesitation.

Of them, Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee's post-ers and hoardings had sprung up in distant Karnataka and Kerala. Trinamool also sought to add Goa

to West Bengal. And 'Didi' briefly campaigned for the Samajwadi Party in Varanasi, Modi's parliamentary constituency.

For a while, Didi also made common cause with regional party heads like K. Chandrashekar Rao, Uddhav Thackeray, and MK Stalin. NCP supremo Sharad Pawar was for Opposition unity, even as Rahul Gandhi displayed only reluctance to join the party. But Goa came a cropper, and the Congress couldn't care less. Also, BJP continued to remain invincible in the Hindi heartland.

Now, Mamata Banerjee's challenge has weakened, and receded; yet another Modi challenger compelled to back off with the use of CBI/ED. The arrest of TMC minister Partha Chatterjee and the mountains of cash made it downhill for Mamata going forward—stifling her bid to challenge Modi in 2024. And while that has given breathing space for Modi, the real beneficiary is Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who hasn't given up on his pent up ambition to become Prime Minister.

The fact is, Nitish Kumar never wanted Narendra Modi to be Prime Minister. And Modi was fully aware of this. Modi and Kumar

have been uneasy pals. And calls for "Kumar for Prime Minister" have only grown in the last couple of weeks. The Bihar Chief Minister perhaps commands wider acceptance in the Hindi heartland of UP & Bihar. More than Mamata, and Arvind Kejriwal.

The Delhi Chief Minister isn't coy about becoming PM. The manner in which Kejriwal has launched his bid to become Prime Minister has rattled the BJP, evident from the fact that the self-centred legacy media hasn't stopped talking of 'Modi Vs. Kejriwal'.

Even the wantonly pro-Modi Republic TV is behaving as if it does not care whether Arvind Kejriwal replaces Narendra Modi or not? Maybe, back of the Republic's mind must be that more than one opposition PM candidate challenging Modi would help Modi overcome the opposition to his becoming a third time Prime Minister.

It will be interesting going forward with the pantomime. The alacrity with which AAP latched on to the finer points of Modi's I-Day speech showed the seriousness of Kejriwal's bid to go for Modi's jugular. If Modi sought to impress the great unwashed with 'paanch prann', Kejriwal came out

with 'paanch kaam'.

Modi will have to think up another anagram, or start-up to take on Kejriwal and AAP. Some would say that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has met his match in Arvind Kejriwal. The AAP conveyor is not a sharp dresser, but that doesn't make him any less flamboyant than the current occupant of the hot seat.

Kejriwal has ruled out any truck with the rest of the Opposition in as far as the PM-candidate is concerned. AAP's 'Make India No.1' is a thinly disguised 'Make Kejriwal No.1 Challenger' of Modi', which leaves the non-AAP opposition, the 'mahagathbandhan', to choose between Rahul Gandhi and Nitish Kumar.

That said, there's still months to go for 2024, and for the next general elections. One thing is for sure though, unlike in 2019, it will not be smooth and a free run for Narendra Modi. Quite different from 2014 and 2019, Modi will be up against a face with a name to it. Most likely, two faces with two names—the mahagathbandhan's Nitish Kumar, and the Aam Aadmi Party's Arvind Kejriwal.

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Decoding my 72 years in Independent India: Part Four

NITYA CHAKRABORTY

The third millennium began in the midst of resurgence in telecom and computer sector. India with its reservoir of technologists soon came in the front line of that global churning with the Indian engineers making a big name in the software sector. But in the course of that churning, some setbacks also took place. The dotcom ventures which grew exponentially throughout the world, busted in the absence of a viable revenue model. Indian ventures were also affected.

I had the good fortune of attending in the year 2000 the biggest international conference in Shanghai organised by the leading American computer manufacturing company of that period. The conference was attended by more than five thousand delegates, most of them below 30 years Americans and the Chinese were the dominating sections in the conference, but Indians were also in good numbers and their experiences in India were heard with rapt attention. It was clear to me that this new generation will be the vanguard of the coming digital revolution that will transform the world economies including India in the coming decades of the 21st century.

During this Vajpayee period, the riots took place in Gujarat in February-March 2002 when Narendra Modi was the chief minister. More than one thousand innocent Muslims were killed as a retaliation of the attack on Hindu pilgrims in a train at Godhra. The state administration failed to protect the lives of the minorities. It was a deliberate decision. Even after 20 years, the riot victims did not get justice neither from the government, nor from the judiciary. Narendra Modi effectively used the majoritarian sentiments against the minorities to win the assembly elections in the state later that year. This Modi model has remained still valid even after two decades in the arsenal of BJP. And RSS.

Vajpayee had a tough time in dealing with Pakistan after the terrorist attack on Parliament House on December13, 2001. The situation went to such a pass that India took war type preparations on the border in May/June 2002. Pakistan also did the same. Both US and Russia got worried. US sent its senior official to both New Delhi and Islamabad. Vajpayee was firm and finally the Pak side agreed to some suggestions of the Indian side to ease the

heightening tensions.

Interestingly in June 2002, I was in Russia working for a supplement for The Economic Times coinciding with his coming visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to India. PM's principal secretary Brajesh Mishra was in the same flight with me while returning from Moscow to Delhi. PM was then visiting a CIS country. He had no programme in Moscow. So, I asked an official accompanying Mishra how was it that Mishra was in Moscow while PM was on a visit to CIS. He said that the Russians wanted to have urgent talks and he came and had discussions. He gave enough indications that the situation would ease soon. In fact, later I was told that both the US and Russia forced the then Pakistan govt to agree to take immediate action against the terrorist camps in Pakistan being used against India.US side also threatened Pakistan that the economic aid to Pakistan would be cut if Pakistan did not agree to U.S. peace formula. Vajpayee's firmness during this crisis paid temporary dividends.

Came 2004 Lok Sabha elections. Vajpayee faced the polls with great confidence as the India Shining campaign was on in full steam. The Congress leadership was apprehensive about the outcome before the polls. But to the surprise of all, the NDA lost, and the Congress President Sonia Gandhi formed United Progressive Alliance (UPA) with other non- BJP opposition parties to form the Government. The biggest support came from the Left which got a total of 62 seats in 2004 Lok Sabha elections. The CPI(M) alone got 44 seats and the CPI 10.CPI(M) general secretary Harkisen Singh Surjeet played an emeritus role in the formation of the non-BJP government again just like he did after1989 and 1996 Lok Sabha polls.

Congress President Sonia Gandhi chose Dr. Manmohan Singh as the Prime Minister, and he began with enough goodwill. The economy was already growing under Vajpayee regime and now Dr. Singh took that forward. But a major crisis occurred to the first UPA regime in 2008 over the India-US Nuclear Deal. PM was very insistent on this deal despite consistent opposition by the Left which was supporting the Government from outside with its 62 MPs. The situation came to a head in July 2008 after Dr. Manmohan Singh concluded the deal with the US President George Bush in Washington.

On July 9, the Left parties led by the

CPI(M) and conveyed their decision to withdraw support from the UPA govt. Sonia tried to persuade the PM to talk to the Left for finding out a way for avoiding fall of the first UPA government but there was no common ground. PM was firm that the Deal must be honoured while the Left said that PM was supposed to discuss the Deal with the Left as per earlier understanding, but he did it unilaterally. Finally, the confidence was put to vote in Lok Sabha for discussion on July 21 and 22. The Left voted against the Government along with the BJP and some others, But Dr. Singh won the confidence vote. The Left was proved wrong in its understanding that the government will fall as a result of the Left withdrawal.

At the CPI(M) level, a major development took place. The senior CPI(M) MP Somnath Chatterjee took over as the Speaker of Lok Sabha in 2004 as soon as the new session started. He was supported by all political parties including the opposition. CPI(M) leadership asked Chatterjee to resign from the speakership following its decision to withdraw support from the first UPA govt. Chatterjee took the position that the Speaker's position was beyond the domain of party diktat, and he could not be asked to resign. However, the CPI(M) leadership stuck to its position. Since Chatterjee acted as a speaker during the confidence vote debate and defied the party directive, he was expelled from the CPI(M) on July 23 one day after the confidence vote was approved

Chatterjee was with the CPI(M) for more than four decades. He was the most prominent speaker in Lok Sabha for more than three decades. He was very upset mentally. He remained as a speaker till the end of the term of the Lok Sabha, but he looked a dejected man. His usual roaring voice and ebullience were missing. Chatterjee went for retired life after the last Lok Sabha session before its term was over.

In 2009 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress under Sonia Gandhi recorded unexpected results. The Congress got 206 seats as against 116 by the BJP. The Left got 24 seats as against 62 in 2004 elections. CPI(M)'s own tally came down to 16 in 2009 polls as against 44 in 2004 elections. The severance of the Left's relations with the Congress after 2008 July developments led to a new equation in West Bengal politics. The Congress and Trinamool Congress led by Mamata Banerjee joined hands in 2009 Lok Sabha polls

leading to big falloff seats for the CPI(M) in Lok Sabha. This trend continued in 2011 assembly polls in West Bengal with the trouncing of the Front by the Trinamool Congress- Congress combination. The 34 years of rule of Left Front in West Bengal came to an end.

The last phase of the second term of UPA was marked by a number of scams, mainly the telecom scam. In 2013, the Manmohan Singh govt was virtually non-functioning like the last years of Rajiv Gandhi regime in 1988 and 1989. In 2014 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP for the first time achieved majority on its own by getting 282 seats as against 44 seats by the Congress. The Left's downhill journey continued as the Left got a total of 11 seats as against 24 in 2009 polls. Prime Minister Narendra Modi emerged as the undisputed leader of the BJP. It was for the first time Sangh Parivar could make use of the central administration to implement its programme of saffronising the institutions of the country with its objective of making secular India a Hindu Rashtra.

PM Narendra Modi enjoyed absolute power in the government just like Indira Gandhi and he made use of that in imparting some shocks to the economy. Demonetisation was announced on November 8 night in 2016 without due preparations. Similarly, this was followed by the introduction of GST. Both gave big jolt to the small businesses and the informal economy. The process of hyper nationalism and Hindutva continued with success as the opposition was not strong enough to give a good fight. The main party the Congress was too directionless to emerge as the natural leader of the opposition to take on burgeoning BJP.

2019 Lok Sabha elections were held in this political climate. The BJP further improved its position by getting 303 seats while the Congress got 52 seats marginally better compared to 2014. The Left performance further worsened as it got only five seats together out of which four seats were due to alliance with DMK in Tamil Nadu. That way, the CPI(M) got only one seat from Kerala on the basis of its own strength in 2019 elections.

Since then, the last three years of the second term of Modi regime have been marked by covid pandemic continuing for more than two and half years, acute joblessness and rising prices in the essential commodities hurting most the people at the bottom. The jobless growth model

has end to widening of inequalities, the institutions autonomy has been eroded, India's rank has dipped to the lowest level in terms of protecting democratic and human rights and press freedoms. As regards West Bengal, the Left's worst period came when in 2019 Lok Sabha, the Left got no seat., and further in 2021 assembly elections, the Left failed to get any assembly seat. What a fall? I am not sure whether the real reasons behind this continuing decline in Bengal are being properly analysed. Till then, there cannot be any turnaround for the Left in Bengal.

As India is celebrating its 75th anniversary of independence, I see three India's in terms of per capita. As per a recent study, at the top, there is a sort of Europe of about 50 million people with per capita income of US\$ 45,000 per annum in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP), then an Indonesia of 425 million people with per capita income of US\$ 9500 per annum. This is the middle class and the aspiring entrepreneurs who are hardworking and fighting hard to reach the top. Then there is the bottom group of 900 million with a per capita income of US\$ 3300 per annum. Out of this bottom group, there are 300 million whose income levels are less than those of sub-Sahara Africa. All studies are saying that India will be the third largest economy after United States and China in 2032 in terms of GDP, but will this GDP growth lead to the upgradation of the bottom 900 million Indian people to the second level as of Indonesia in 2032? Also, what will happen to the present 300 million who are below the sub Sahara level

India travels to 2047 the centenary year of its independence after 25 years., Our goals will be to ensure education, health care, jobs and shelter for every citizen. The development model has to ensure the bridging of the inequality gap so that the 900 million people's lives improve in a substantial manner, especially of those 300 million who are below sub-Saharan level. India is now 75 years young with more than 5,000 years old civilisation behind. The Indian people have the uncanny power of showing the authoritarians their doors. India is sure to rise in the next 25 years by retaining its democratic spirit, ensuring secular values and building inclusive Bharat in every respect. I am sure the next 25 years will be the first stage of the Asian century led by India and China.

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LABOUR MARKET IN INDIA BECOMING MORE ELUSIVE TO YOUTH

GYAN PATHAK

Labour market in India is becoming more and more elusive for youth. During the last six years their participation in the total workforce in the country has dropped from 17 to 13 per cent at a time when their population increased from 26 to 28 per cent, a phenomenon that has increased mental pressure on them to an extent of going astray. Majority of them are not even engaged in education and training, and for majority of them who are it is just concealed unemployment.

Centre of Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) estimates from its Consumer Pyramids Household Survey (CPHS) that in 2016-17, 17 per cent of the labour force was in the 15-24 years age bracket. By 2021-22, this proportion had dropped to 13 per cent. Their labour participation rate fell during this period in spite of the share of the 15-24 years age group in the total population has increased from 26 per cent in 2016-17 to 28 per cent in 2021-22.

While explaining this phe-

nomenon Mahesh Vyas of CMIE has said it to have happened because youngsters have delayed joining the labour market for one reason or the other. Education is one of them, which he also explained as concealed unemployment.

In 2016-17, about 15 per cent of the working-age population declared that they were students. This proportion rose at the rate of one percentage point in each of the following three years to reach 18 per cent by 2019-20. Then, in the pandemic year of 2019-20, it shot up by three percentage points to 21 per cent and then by another two percentage points to 23 per cent in 2021-22. This is a big increase in students among the working-age population. The working-age population increased by 121 million between 2016-17 and 2021-22. During the same period, the number of students increased by 104 million. Further, the labour force shrunk by 10 million during this period.

This implies that the labour market could not absorb the additional labour that became

available through the natural process of growth in population and on the contrary, it shed some of the labour that was already a part of the market, CMIE report has said, adding further "it can be inferred then that people did not continue to be students because they were attracted to higher education (or because they took longer to acquire education) but because there weren't enough jobs for all of them to take up. Students are, therefore, turning out to be an increasing measure of disguised unemployment. This is heart-breaking."

As the labour market is unable to absorb new labour, the composition of the workforce (those who are employed) is increasingly ageing. The CMIE data revealed that in 2016-17, a quarter of the total employment in India was of people below the age of 30. This fell to 21 per cent by 2019-20 and then to 18 per cent by 2021-22.

The proportion of the workforce in their thirties has also fallen from 25 per cent in 2016-17 to 21 per cent in 2021-22. As a

result, what is left in the workforce is mostly people in their forties and fifties. In 2016-17, 42 per cent of the workforce was in their forties and fifties; by 2019-20, this had risen to 51 per cent.

Thus, more than half the workforce comprised middle-aged people when the pandemic struck India in the beginning of 2020. By 2021-22, their proportion had risen to 57 per cent. An ageing working population is not what a country that was poised to reap demographic dividends was supposed to deliver. This is also not what can help India leap forward to the growth rates it aspires for.

A related problem is that the educational qualification of the workforce is deteriorating. The share of graduates and post-graduates increased from 12.9 per cent in 2017-18 to 13.4 per cent by 2018-19. Then it fell to 13.2 per cent in 2019-20 and then to 11.8 per cent in 2020-21. It recovered but only partially to 12.2 per cent in 2021-22. This sudden fall in graduates among the employed and the incomplete recovery does not bode

well for India's competitiveness.

India's workforce comprises mostly people whose maximum educational qualification is secondary education (those who cleared their 10th 12th examinations). They accounted for 28 per cent of the workforce in 2016-17 and in 2021-22, their share went up to 38 per cent. There is a similar increase in people whose maximum education was between 6th and 9th standards. Their share went up from 18 per cent in 2016-17 to 29 per cent in 2021-22. It is odd that while the number of students has been increasing, the number of better qualified people in the workforce has not, the report laments.

India's labour force is getting increasingly older and also less educated is definitely an ominous sign for the country. Modi government must focus on providing employment to our youth in absence of which they are falling prey to a range of evils threatening not only their personal well being but also our societies and the nation.

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Addition of 25...

as voters. Besides, it also allows a person who has changed his residence to enroll at a new location by getting his name deleted from the electoral rolls at the earlier location, the advertisement stated.

The number of electors as published in the Special Summary Revision of Jammu and Kashmir state in 2011 was 66,00,921 and the number in the electoral roll of the Union Territory now is 76,02,397, the Information Department said. "This increase is mainly due to the new voters, who attained the age of 18 years," it added.

The administration said there have been media reports that over 25 lakh voters will be added to the electoral rolls once the revision process starts.

"This is a misrepresentation of facts spread by vested interests. This revision of electoral rolls will cover existing residents of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the increase in numbers will be of the voters who have attained the age of 18 years as of October 1, 2022, or earlier," it said.

The advertisement stated that there is no change in the special provisions for Kashmiri migrants for their enrolment in the electoral rolls of their original native constituencies.

"They will continue to be given the option of voting at their place of enrolment or through postal ballot or through specially set up polling stations at Jammu, Udhampur, Delhi, etc.," it said.

The administration clarified that there is no change in rules for buying property and getting jobs in Jammu and Kashmir and "have no link to the representation of voters or otherwise".

DAPP has ensured...

curiosity and creativity. Intelligent, reflective and compassionate students would become the engine of innovation & development in all fields, the Lt Governor said.

Lauding the indispensable role of womenfolk, the Lt Governor stressed that the new generation needs to know that the women of Jammu and Kashmir have contributed in many areas of nation-building. At the time of tribal invasion, women played a very important role in keeping the people together, he added.

The Lt Governor also recalled Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, and said that he was a pioneer of women's empowerment and women's education, and believed that women of our country are not less than men in any form and they should be respected as much as men.

The Lt Governor observed that in the post-independence years, women were deprived of their rights due to draconian laws. Right to Education was applicable in the whole country but it was not implemented in Jammu and Kashmir. After August 2019, the situation changed and it was made applicable along with all 890 central laws, he further said.

Highlighting the interventions in the education sector of the UT, the Lt Governor said, in the last two years, efforts have been made to provide quality education to the children.

Under the 'Aao School Chalein Campaign', in the last one year, UT administration has enrolled 1.65 lakh children. 'Talaash' app is being used to identify such children who had to drop out of the school due to some reason in the last few years. Till now, 86000 such boys and girls have been identified and now they are being enrolled in schools, the Lt Governor added.

Enrollment levels, which were falling steadily before 2019, have increased within two years. Sustained efforts are being made for Early Childhood Care & Education as recommended by the National Education Policy. Despite the constraints of the Corona, 1.24 lakh children were enrolled for Early Child Care Education and we have decided that this year, 2000 Kindergartens will be established. This year we have decided that 14,000 girls will be provided NEET coaching on behalf of the administration, the expenditure of which will be borne by the administration, the Lt Governor said.

NHM releases...

Judgment, Health & Medical Education Department had already issued an order vide No. 337-HME of 2018 Dated: 31-05-2018 authorizing Mission Director NHM, J&K to carry out the enhancement of monthly remuneration of AYUSH doctors to the extent it has been allowed in case of allopathic doctors along with payment of arrears subject to availability of funds and adherence to codal formalities.

After years of mobilization, Mission Director NHM, J&K, Yasin M. Choudhary issued the order thereby bringing the monthly remuneration of AYUSH doctors at par with MBBS Medical Officers.

However, the arrears thereof could not be released as the matter involved huge financial implications and the National Health Mission, J&K is not a revenue generating agency in itself, rather this Scheme in the UT of J&K is funded through grant in aid by the Govt. of India to the extent of 90%.

After rigorous efforts by the office of Mission Director NHM, J&K, finally UT finance department approved funds to the tune of Rs. 32.24 crore in favour of Health and Medical Education Department, J&K for clearing the liability of arrears on account of above judgment, thereby redressing a long pending demand of the AYUSH medical officers working under NHM, J&K.

Police cracks...

investigated the scene of crime. "During the course of investigation, one small CCTV footage was collected which revealed that 02 scooter born suspects are involved in the grenade lobbing incident," said the spokesman, adding many suspects were rounded up for questioning and during further investigation, police received an information that one individual namely Sahil Ahmad Wani son of Ghulam Mohammad Wani resident of Tangnar Kralpopra Chadoora is involved in the incident. "The said individual was arrested and during his sustaining questioning, he admitted that he along with main conspirator and hybrid militant namely Altaf Farooq @ Amir son of Farooq Ahmad rather resident of Tangnar Kralpora are involved in the commission of crime," said the spokesman.

"Accordingly, raid was conducted and the arrest of the individual was effected and during the search of the individual, posters of militant organization TRF along with some incriminating material and one hand grenade was recovered," he said.

He added that the scooter bearing registration No.JK01AH-7426 make TVS used in the commission of crime has also been seized in the instant case.

"The accused person namely Altaf Farooq @Amir has also been found involved in the illegal transfer of money, receipt and distribution of funds from the militant organization Lashkar-e-Toiba," said police spokesman in a statement.

"The investigation of the case is at its earlier stage and more arrests and recoveries are expected. The grenade was thrown at the behest of the directions of Lashkar-e-Toiba militants (TRF) to create the atmosphere of fear among the society," said the police.

Recycled militant...

alias Ina Bhai of Beigh Mohalla Baramulla.

"Bandipora police & Army arrested 1 recycled militant namely Imtiyaz Ah Beigh @ Ina Bhai son of Abdul Nawab Beigh of Beigh Mohalla Fatehpora, Baramulla. Incriminating materials, arms & ammn including 1 AK 47 rifle, 2 AK magazines & 59 AK rounds recovered. Investigation in progress (sic)," police tweeted.

NC terms ban...

the latter was neither arrested nor detained, he said the government by making such assertions puts its credibility at stake.

"Everyone knows the truth, but assertions made by the Lt Governor that Mirwaiz has not been placed under house detention nor arrested is something that puts credibility of the government at stake," he added.

Replying to another query regarding all party meeting convened by NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah at his Gupkar residence for making a joint consensus on Election Commission of India (ECI) announcement, Sagar said Dr Farooq Abdullah called every political leader personally and invited them to attend the meeting so that a joint consensus is evolved in the matter.

High level security...

in which the intelligence agencies briefed all present," spokesperson added.

He said, "An action plan was devised to counter the emerging threat."

"Earlier ADGP Jammu Zome Mr Singh also visited the Thanamandi bowl and was briefed by the SSP and SDPO on suspected movement of militants.

"He also visited IRP 2nd Battalion headquarters where a guard of honor was presented to him," official spokesperson said, adding, "ADGP Jammu also held separate meetings with police officials and gave instructions to each officer regarding the role and responsibilities in countering the militant threat."

The meeting comes after a pre dawn attack (on August 11) at an Army establishment in Parghal Rajouri in which two fidayeens (suicide attackers) attacked an Army camp in Budhal Rajouri killing four soldiers. The attackers were also eliminated during operation.

On August 14, militants fired at security forces during a cordon-and-search operation in the Sojan forest area of Samote in Rajouri but managed to escape taking advantage of bad weather conditions.

NIA raids several...

According to police, Yaseen, a resident of Delhi's Turkman Gate, revealed that the hawala money was being routed to India through South Africa and collected in Surat and Mumbai.

Abdul Hamid Mir, a resident of Poonch, and Delhi-based garment trader Mohammad Yaseen were arrested from Jammu bus stand and the national capital on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. Hawala money worth Rs 24 lakh was recovered from them.

He ran a garments business in Meena Bazaar and was the Delhi link to send this money to terror operatives in Jammu and Kashmir through couriers, the police had said earlier.

Pilgrimage to Vaishno...

at the shrine but still responded to 'Mata's' call. We are shortly leaving for the Bhawan to seek her blessings, she said.

Many pilgrims, however, were disappointed to return to the base camp without 'darshan' amid heavy rains.

"We were asked to return to the base camp by the security personnel. We are staying back to complete our yatra," Joginder Singh, a resident of Haryana, said.

He said panic had gripped the pilgrims on watching the water gushing down the hill but the shrine board management worked overtime for their safety.

The shrine board stopped the upward movement of the yatra from Katra late Friday evening as a precautionary measure in the interest of safety of the pilgrims.

It also accorded priority to yatriss, who were holed up in Bhawan area, to come down towards Sanjichhat and then Katra under close watch of Shrine Board staff, police and CRPF officials.

Disaster Management teams and medical units have also been kept on alert to respond to any emergency.

J&K records...

Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 78 cases, Baramulla reported 69 cases, Budgam 33 cases, Pulwama reported 29 cases, Kupwara reported 34 cases, Anantnag reported 24 cases, Bandipora reported 17 cases, Ganderbal reported 05 cases, Kulgam reported 05 case while as Shopian reported 01 fresh case for today.

Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 19 cases, Udhampur 03, Rajouri 00, Doda 00, Kathua 00, Samba 00, Kishtwar 04, Poonch 03, Ramban 20 while as Reasi reported no fresh case for today.

India develop...

Modi, corona vaccine was prepared within nine months of the first case of Covid-19.

He said that apart from providing over 200 crore free vaccines to the people of the country, vaccines were provided to over 100 other countries of the world. He also appreciated the efforts of the State Government in becoming the first State in the country in administering first and second doses of the vaccine.

Nadda said that Rs 1300 crore AIIMS Bilaspur was sanctioned to the State during the tenure of the BJP government and was nearing completion. He said that Medical Colleges at Chamba, Sirmaur, Hamirpur, Mandi were sanctioned to the State by the BJP Government at the Centre.

He said that the Satellite Centre of PGI was coming up in Una and several Trauma Centers were coming up in the State. All these projects were possible due to the double engine Governments at the Centre and the State, he added.

He said that the issue of providing scheduled tribe status to Hatti community of Sirmaur district would be resolved soon so that people of this community could take benefit of tribal status.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said that state emerges as Frontrunner State of the country in matter of development with its hard work, dedication and commitment to ensure welfare of the people of the State and all this was possible due to the double engine governments at the Centre and the State.

Thakur said that the State was fortunate that the son of the soil was heading the largest political party of the world.

IAF rescues...

Cdr H14 Helicopter Unit, with Flt Lt Kushagra Singh and Wg Cdr S Badiyaree and Sqn Ldr S Nagpal as no 2, got airborne within 20 minutes for this time critical mission," he said, adding braving strong winds and turbulent conditions, the formation reached the spot in about 45 minutes, however,

Progressing J&K

SVAMITVA giving seamless access to revenue records Srinagar first district in country to achieve 100 percent saturation under SVAMITVA

SRINAGAR: The issuance of property cards under SVAMITVA Scheme is going on in full swing across all districts of J&K with an objective of empowering villagers and land owners.

The SVAMITVA is giving seamless access to landowners regarding their revenue records of properties, obviating the dependence on human interface.

SVAMITVA is like a property card with legal sanctity, an authoritative source reflective of record of ownership/possession. The scheme encompassing the length and breadth of the Union Territory involves the use of the most modern technology for surveys, extraction of data and final compilation of the records for public use. These are the latest initiatives in the government of India's reforms in Land Records.

The technology based scheme is changing rural landscape in terms of quick and convenient access to the land owners, especially those living in abadi-deh. The initiative also helps in eliminating corruption and hence, it is another step towards people-friendly, transparent, corruption-free governance as promised to people of J&K.

Notably, Srinagar district has become the first district in the country to achieve 100 percent saturation under the Survey of Villages Abadi & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) Yojna.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha while tweeting on the development said that the Srinagar district has become the first district in the country to achieve 100

percent property cards generation/distribution to the landowners.

SVAMITVA is a Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of Panchayati Raj, launched nation-wide by Prime Minister on National Panchayat Raj Day, 24th April 2021 after successful completion of pilot phase of scheme (2020-2021) in 9 states.

The Scheme helps in establishment of clear ownership of property in rural inhabited (Abadi) areas, by mapping of land parcels using drone technology and providing 'Record of Rights' to village household owners with issuance of legal ownership cards (Property cards/Title deeds) to the property owners.

The scheme covers multifarious aspects viz. Facilitating monetisation of properties and enabling bank loan; reducing property related disputes; comprehensive village level planning, would be the stepping-stone towards achieving Gram Swaraj in true sense and making rural India Atmanirbhar

The scheme also helps in preparation of better-quality Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) by making use of GIS maps besides creation of accurate land records for rural planning and reduce property related disputes.

It also brings financial stability to the citizens in rural India by enabling them to use their property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits. It also helps in creation of survey infrastructure and GIS maps that can be leveraged by any department for their use.

the casualty was in a steady move to lower altitudes," he said After a continuous search of 30 minutes the casualty was spotted at river Gorge at valley bottom.

"The valley being very narrow there was difficulty in maneuvering the aircraft. The formation leader led in for an approach on an unprepared surface on the valley bottom.

With the assistance of number 2 holding overhead and proficiency of number 1, the landing was carried out in one of the most restricted spaces ever landed in this particular valley. The casualty was emplaned at low hover and the formation got airborne immediately. Being on less fuel, the formation routed back via standby route braving all the difficulties the formation finally landed at Leh," he said.

Hit by school...

was grievously injured after being hit by School Bus. She was immediately rushed to District Hospital Bandipora wherefrom she was later referred to Srinagar hospital, they said. However, she died on way, they added.

Meanwhile, a police officer while confirming the incident said the erring driver has been arrested and school bus seized. "Further investigations have been set into motion".

It was not immediately known how the girl was at the spot.

LG felicitates...

and guidance, leading to successful Yatra. "Thankful to the people, civil society, religious & political leaders, medical staff, ponywallahs, pithuwallahs, sanitation workers for their support, total dedication to service of pilgrims and ensuring best possible arrangements for their comfort and well being", the Lt Governor further said.

Underscoring that Shri Amarnath ji's Yatra is a symbol of the ancient Sanatan tradition of India and one of biggest spiritual festivals for J&K, the Lt Governor said that 1 crore 30 lakh citizens of Jammu and Kashmir have wholeheartedly participated in the Yatra and have set a new benchmarks of the rich cultural tradition of the UT.

Lauding the officials for their hard work, the Lt Governor observed that the successful event is the result of team spirit, sacrifice and service by all the officers.

The Lt Governor handed over mementos to around 110 Officers for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2022 in recognition of their selfless service.

The Lt Governor said that this successful Yatra has set many new records. Even after being the most weather affected Yatra, around 3.65 lakh pilgrims have successfully performed darshan at the Holy cave owing to efficient planning, immaculate implementation and seamless coordination between all the stakeholders.

Every person and every pilgrim associated with Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra is now the brand ambassador of Jammu and Kashmir and this amalgamation of humanity and spirituality is being discussed in every corner of the country, he further said.

The Lt Governor also appreciated the LG Fellows, PRIs for their immense contribution in this year's Yatra. The management of cleanliness, water and security has also been commendable throughout the pilgrimage period. The feedbacks we have received from pilgrims are very encouraging, he added.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, while speaking on the occasion congratulated all the officers present for seamless conduct of Shri Amarnath Yatra 2022. He also acknowledged the active and vital role of the local people and PRI members in the smooth conduct of the Yatra. He informed that 94% approval ratings were recorded for the Yatra arrangements from the visiting pilgrims.

Rahul Singh, additional CEO SASB briefed about the various initiatives and elaborate arrangements which had been put in place for the successful conduct of the Yatra.

Dilbag Singh, DGP; Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Aufla, GOC, 15 Corps; Air Commodore P. Mittal; Additional Chief Secretary, Sh Atal Dulloo; ADGP Kashmir, Sh Vijay Kumar; Additional DG, CRPF, Sh Daljit Singh Choudhary, besides officers of Civil Police Administration, J&K, CAPFs, Army and Shrine Board were also felicitated by the Lt Governor on the occasion.

Teenage girl dies of cardiac arrest in Hajin

BANDIPORA: An 18-year-old girl died of a cardiac arrest in Vijpara area of Hajin in North Kashmir's Bandipora district on Saturday afternoon.

An official told the news agency, that the girl suffered heart attack at her home and she was subsequently taken to a nearby hospital.

The official added that doctors present at the health facility declared her dead on arrival.

He identified the deceased as Rukhsana Bano (18) daughter of Ghulam Mohammad Lone. KNO

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav DIPR Cultural wing organises cultural programme at Ved Mandir School

JAMMU: Cultural Wing of Department of Information & Public Relations today organized a cultural programme on Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at Ved Mandir Ambphalla.

Secretary Ved Mandir, Sudesh Paul was the Chief Guest, while the Principal of Ved Mandir School, Seema Devi was the guest of honour on the occasion.

Artists of Cultural Wing, Jammu and students of the school presented a variety cultural show featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi patriotic Songs which were highly appreciated by the audience.

MVD seizes 37 vehicles across Jammu Division for plying sans HSRP

JAMMU: In continuation to drive against plying of vehicles without High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) across different districts of Jammu Division, the Motor Vehicles Department today seized 37 Vehicles.

"During the enforcement drive, teams of MVD headed by respective ARTOs seized 37 vehicles for plying without High Security Registration Plates (HSRP). The vehicles were seized in Jammu, Samba, Udhampur, Rajouri, Reasi and Kishtwar districts" the MVD said.

The enforcement drive was co-ordinated and monitored by RTO, Jammu.

DDC Rajouri reviews progress of work on NH-144A

RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the progress on NH-144A.

The Officers present in the meeting were ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behnal; ADC Nowshera, Kartar Singh; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; AC Defence, Saleem Quershhi and concerned officers from BRO.

The meeting was informed that the NH144A widening project comprises 8 packages, taking off from Akhnoor and ending in Poonch. The meeting discussed progress of work on package 03 and package 04 falling in the jurisdiction of Rajouri District.

Inquiring about the acquisition of land and removal of structures for widening of the National Highway, the DDC directed the concerned authorities to ensure timely payment of compensation to the rightful claimants. He further asked the concerned officers to mobilize men and machinery to complete the work on the project within the already set deadline.

The DDC also directed to maintain quality while executing the work on the projects and also made it clear that no laxity shall be tolerated in this regard.

For timely clearance of the bottlenecks, he also asked to maintain interdepartmental coordination and hold regular meetings to sort out issues, if any.

Labour Court disburses financial claims of Rs 35.00 lakh under Employees Compensation Act 1923

KISHTWAR: Office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Kishtwar today disbursed the financial claim of Rs. 35.00 Lakh in favour of petitioners in 3 cases titled as Shakuntla Devi & ors V/s Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Ltd , Kalash Kumar And ors V/S Bajaj Allianz Gen. Insurance Company Ltd, Radha Krishan And ors V/S Bajaj Allianz Gen. Insurance Company Ltd.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Kishtwar Amit Kumar handed over the invoice of Rs 35.00 lakh to the petitioners. The petitioners thanked the Assistant Labour Commissioner for speedy disposal of the cases and immediate disbursement of the awarded amount in their favour.

Pertinent to mention that the court of Assistant Labour Commissioner Kishtwar is working for the speedy disposal of cases pending at Labour court Kishtwar under various Acts. Simultaneously, the Office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner Kishtwar is also referring the cases to the Lok Adalat as and when notified for amicable settlement.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Kishtwar briefed that the pending cases shall be disposed of within prescribed time frame.

Chairman DDC, Councillors accord warm send off to outgoing Deputy Commissioner Doda

DODA: District Development Council today organised an impressive function at Mini secretariat building Doda to accord warm and affectionate send off to the outgoing Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Sharma.

The function was attended by Chairman District Development Council, Dhananter Singh Kotwal, Vice Chairman DDC, Sangeeta Rani Bhagat, besides Councillors.

The outgoing DC was presented a Shawl and a bouquet on behalf of the Council as a token of gratitude and affection for his commitment and devotion to the public service. Extending best wishes to the outgoing DC, the Chairman DDC and other Councillors said that he would be missed a lot by the District Development Council in particular and District as a whole for his dedication and for the time bound completion of each commitment.

While enlisting the major achievements of his tenure, the Chairman said that due to the efforts of District Administration, under his able guidance and supervision, the District Council and its Councillors discharged their duty effectively and stood first in UT in expenditure under District Capex. He further said that the outgoing DC was 24*7 accessible, not only to the Councillors and other public representatives, but to the general public of the district as well.

The outgoing DC expressed regards to the District Development Council and the Chairman DDC in particular for their unconditional support to him during his tenure.

First product of District Rajouri listed on Amazon

RAJOURI: In continuation to its efforts to support the local artisans and to provide them gainful market linkage, the District Administration Rajouri has taken a unique initiative of listing the handicraft products of District Rajouri on Amazon, e-market place.

The products were launched on Amazon by the District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal in presence of ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behnal, ADC Nowshera Kartar Singh; AD Planning, Mohd Rafi. A group of artisans were also present during the launching ceremony.

The DDC said that the District Administration is committed to providing the best platform to the artisans of the district where they can sell their products in an easy manner and this is the first move in this direction and such steps would continue in near future also.

"We are committed to provide best market linkages to our artisans," said

DC Rajouri. It is pertinent to mention here that a number of steps have been taken to facilitate the artisans like opening of Rural Haat at Muradhpur was also a step towards this.

Chikri Woodcraft has been practiced for over a century and Thana Mandi region in Rajouri District is the major center of this woodcraft.

Wood from the chikri tree is used in the making of a number of articles. This particular wood is light honey in color and contains no grains.

One of the famous objects made with the chikri wood is the double-sided comb having extremely fine teeth. This variety of comb exhibits a delicate 'jali' (mesh) work.

The products can be accessed through different links including https://www.amazon.in/gp/product/B0BBB1QWZD/ref=cx_skuctr_share?smid=A3HY4C9HQXFV59,hhttps://amzn.eu/d/aqKT-gOM and <https://amzn.eu/d/1VMQh1b>.

Director Horticulture reviews progress of developmental activities across Jammu Division

JAMMU: Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak today convened a meeting of Chief Horticulture Officers, Chief Canning Instructor and Managers cum Chemists of Jammu Division through virtual mode to review the developmental activities being carried out under UT CAPEX, CSS, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, NHB and PMFME schemes.

During the course of meeting a threadbare discussion was held at various agenda points and the officers appraised the chair about the status of various works, expenditure incurred, progress made in the implementation of various developmental schemes as well as production of quality planting material in the Departmental Nurseries.

In respect of the area expansion scheme, the director exhorted officers to enhance the pace of planting of new orchards during the rainy season, the progress of which is very slow and also asked them to identify the



sites for spring season plantation in temperate areas.

The Director instructed the officers to ensure better implementation of all the departmental schemes especially custom hiring centres, pack house, farm mechanization, establishment of processing units, etc. for the ultimate benefit of the fruit growers as well as better and full utilization of funds in time. He asked them to motivate private entrepreneurs for establishment of fruit processing/ fruit drying/ spice preparation units as well as private nurseries with the assistance of the

department. He also stressed upon the formation of Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) so that the farmers can get good returns after proper value addition of their produce.

Further, he impressed upon them to motivate farmers to take the benefits of the NHB Schemes and Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. AIF aims at providing a financing facility through interest subvention and credit guarantee support on loans for creation of post harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets, he informed.

Dr. Devansh Yadav take over as DC Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 20: Dr. Devansh Yadav today took over as Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, relieving Ashok Kumar Sharma.

Soon after assuming the office as Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav interacted with District and Sectoral Officers and received feedback on working of district administration.

He sought cooperation from all the officers to make administration more proactive for the general welfare of the common masses.

He also instructed Officers/officials to work with renewed synergy and motivation besides being accessible to the public at all times.

ADDC, Sham Lal; ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; Joint Director Planning Mohammad Iqbal; ACR Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACP Zakir Hussain Wani; ACD Atul Dutt Sharma; DPO Sunil Bhutyal besides other District and Sectoral Officers were present in meeting.

Lumpy Skin Disease in dairy Animals AHD Jammu organises Webinar to aware farmers

JAMMU: Directorate of Animal Husbandry today organised an interactive webinar for farmers to update them on prevention of Lumpy Skin Disease in dairy animals.

The event was hosted on the direction of Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Krishan Lal, and was chaired by Chief Executive Officer, Livestock Development Board Jammu, Dr. Tariq Parvez and attended, among others, by experts from NDRI Karnal and SKUAST Jammu.

In his welcome address, Deputy Director Animal Husbandry, Dr. Javed Katoch outlined the importance of spreading awareness and motivation among farmers for prevention and control of this highly infectious disease among dairy animals.

Dr. Gopal Gowane, Senior Scientist, NDRI Karnal gave a detailed powerpoint presentation covering most of the aspects of the disease including proper care and management of animals affected by it.

Dr. Rajinder Bharaadwaj, Associate Professor, SKUAST-Jammu, while speaking on the occasion, cleared the doubts about line of treatment to be followed in affected animals as per the severity of the disease, thus reducing the overall costs incurred by farmers over treatments, to a great extent.

Technical session was followed by an interactive session wherein farmers raised their queries regarding various issues related to the spread of the disease and its control which were responded to farmers' satisfaction by the experts present.

Responding to the queries related to vaccinations, the CEO Livestock Development Board Jammu informed the farmers that the vaccine-procurement process was in its final stage and the mass vaccinations shall commence shortly in the entire Jammu division.

All Chief Animal Husbandry officers, farmers in good numbers from across the districts of Jammu province besides officers from Directorate of Animal Husbandry Jammu also joined the webinar.

NHM, J&K released arrears to the tune of Rs 31. 24 Crore in favour of AYUSH Doctors at par with MBBS Doctors

JAMMU: National Health Mission, J&K today released Rs. 31.24 Crore funds to all the districts of the Union Territory of J&K on account of the arrears of salary w.e.f: 1st April 2012 upto 31st March 2021 in favour of AYUSH doctors to the extent it has been allowed in case of allopathic doctors in terms of the judgment of High Court of J&K, whereby the High Court had directed that the monthly remuneration of the contractual AYUSH medical officers working under the Centrally Sponsored Health Scheme, National Health Mission be enhanced and brought at par with the MBBS Medical Officers working under the NHM. Pertinently, in compliance to the High Court judgment, Health & Medical Education Department had already issued an order vide No. 337-HME of 2018 Dated: 31-05-2018 authorizing Mission Director NHM, J&K to carry out the enhancement of monthly remuneration of AYUSH doctors to the extent it has been allowed in case of allopathic doctors along with payment of arrears subject to availability of funds and adherence to codal formalities. After years of mobilization, Mission Director NHM, J&K, Yasin M. Choudhary issued the order thereby bringing the monthly remuneration of AYUSH doctors at par with MBBS Medical Officers. However, the arrears thereof could not be released

as the matter involved huge financial implications and the National Health Mission, J&K is not a revenue generating agency in itself, rather this Scheme in the UT of J&K is funded through grant in aid by the Govt. of India to the extent of 90%.

After rigorous efforts by the office of Mission Director NHM, J&K, finally UT finance department approved funds to the tune of Rs. 32.24 crore in favour of Health and Medical Education Department, J&K for clearing the liability of arrears on account of above judgment, thereby redressing a long pending demand of the AYUSH medical officers working under NHM, J&K.

person DDC, Sangeeta Rani Bhagat, DDC Councillor, Yudhvir Singh and ADC Bhadarwah Ch. Dil Mir.

Awards were presented to the parade contingents, cultural programme participants, teachers and the officials of different departments for their dedication and contribution in holding varied activities. The prizes were presented by the DDC chairman. The Chairman DDC, while addressing the gathering, highlighted the efforts put in by the local administration and educational institutions for the grand and successful celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. He also highlighted the government schemes launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked the youth to take benefits of such schemes.

The program was attended by ASP Bhadarwah, Aftab Alam; Tehsildar, Shokat Hayat; BDO, Sunil Kumar, EO M.C, Yusuf-ul-Umar, Principal HSS boys and Principal HSS girls besides other official representatives of other departments.

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav participants felicitated at Bhadarwah



BHADARWAH: A follow up programme of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was today held at Lal Ded Auditorium Bhadarwah Campus University of Jammu.

The function was organised by the local administration to honour the participants with awards and certificates of appreciation for their participation in Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme.

The program was chaired by Chairman DDC Doda, Dhanantar Singh Kotwal in presence of Vice Chair-

CEO inspects Gandhinagar Zone schools



JAMMU: Chief Education Officer Jammu, Suraj Singh Rathore, today inspected Government High School Bathindi, Government Middle School, Karyani Talab, Government Primary School Doongian of Zone-Gandhinagar.

The visit was aimed to supervise, monitor and enhance teaching learning processes in the educational institutions.

The CEO took stock of the facilities, Infrastructure available in the schools including Buildings, Sports, ICT Labs, Furniture, Washrooms, Drinking Water, Electricity, Library etc. He also reviewed academic activities of the schools.

He stressed on using the available resources in the schools and also making the Student-Teacher Relationship better. He stressed on the play-way method of learning in classes.

"Appropriate Teaching Aids and Natural examples shall be used to make students understand a definite topic", the CEO said. He appreciated the use of ICT Labs in the schools effectively.

Interacting with the teachers, the CEO asked them to provide quality education to the students and ensure punctuality in the schools.

DDC Rajouri conducts whirlwind tour of Sub-div Rajouri, block Doongi, inspects progress of JJM Schemes, PMGSY projects

RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today conducted whirlwind tours of PMGSY Sub Division Rajouri and Block Doongi and inspected progress of work on a number of developmental projects including Prime Minister Sadak Yojana projects and Jal Jeevan Mission schemes, respectively.

ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Mushtaq Ahmed; ExEn PWD Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain; ExEn PMGSY Rajouri, Subash Chander accompanied the DDC during the visit to the twin areas.

The DDC inspected the progress of work on 24 KM Pathan Mohra Pallulian road being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 21.64 crore and 10 KM Doongi Keri Nagoon road completed at an estimated cost of Rs 5.34 crore.

The concerned officers were directed to adhere to the timelines and ensure close monitoring to maintain the quality of work.

He also called for making coordinated efforts while executing developmental works to overcome any hindrance or bottlenecks to avoid delay in the execution



and provide early benefit to the targeted population.

En-route, the DDC also interacted with locals who apprised him about a number of issues and demands of their areas. He assured the public that their genuine concerns would be redressed in a time bound manner.

Taking stock of the Keri to Tridival Bridge, it was informed that the estimated cost of the project is 1.25 crore. It was further informed that the bridge is complete while work on the approach road is pending due to lack of funds.

The DDC also inspected the proposed JJM water supply scheme at Dherian estimated to cost Rs 6.26 crore. The work on the

scheme would be started soon after the allotment of tenders, the DCC was told.

Meanwhile, the DDC also inspected PHC Chatyar where he interacted with the staff and asked them to put in dedicated efforts to provide best possible Medicare facilities to the general public.

He also asked the officers to accelerate the pace of developmental process in the block and ensure that all the works are completed within the set deadlines so that the public of the area is benefited.

The DDC also directed for maintaining the quality standards in construction works and conduct of regular field visits to monitor the progress on the works.

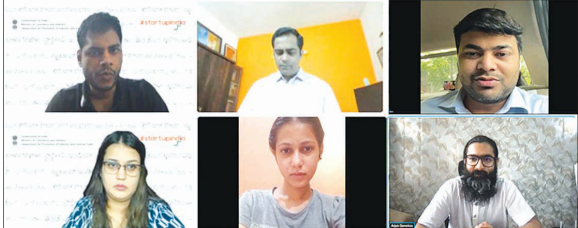
JKTPO organised virtual session on 'Valuation of StartUp'

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) today organized a virtual session for J&K based StartUps on Valuation of StartUp with domain experts from Start-Up India and Ernst & Young.

The objective of this virtual session was to educate entrepreneurs about valuation of their StartUp in order to negotiate with Investors while raising funds against equity for their StartUp.

Managing Director, JKTPO, Dr Devansh Yadav spoke about the importance of StartUp Valuation knowledge for StartUp founders before pitching their ideas & ventures in order to receive good valuation as well as appropriate ticket size of investment from Investors and Venture Capitalists.

Shreeram Iyer from Ernst



& Young, Pallavi Gupta & Anubhav Kumar Das from StartUp India were part of expert committee who had virtual interaction with every StartUp founder and discussed about valuation of their respective StartUp. Founders got personal attention and discussed their queries and got the valuable inputs from the committee.

StartUps from J&K like Genetico, Saffron Mart, Daskdan Innovations, Pure Mart, EcoKash, Ride IT, Aquaplex and others attended this virtual session and got valuable suggestions & advice from domain experts.

This exercise was part of pre-event session for the upcoming StartUp event "INNOVATION FEST 2022" which is going to be organized in September 2022 by JKTPO and Higher Education Department, Govt. of J&K. For participating in "Innovation Fest 2022", startups can mail StartUp pitch deck to contactjktpo@gmail.com.

DDC Chairman Rajouri listens to people's issues at block Dhangri



RAJOURI: District Development Council Chairman, Chowdhary Naseem Liaqat, today visited Block Dhangri and listened to public issues there.

DDC member Dhangri, Rameshwar Singh, BDC chairman Dhangri, Sarpanch, Panchs and officers of different departments attended the meeting.

The DDC Chairman asked the PRIs and officers to put in dedicated efforts to provide prompt and hassle free services to the general public and also take effective measures to redress their genuine grievances in a time bound manner.

Stressing on the effective implementation of the welfare programmes, he directed the departments to publicize government initiatives and ensure that maximum people avail the benefits.

"The officers should personally visit all the works of their departments and regularly review the progress for their expeditious completion," the Chairman said.

Meanwhile, the DDC Chairman also interacted with the public representatives, who highlighted a number of issues and demands of their areas and sought the immediate redressal of the same.

The DDC Chairman also advised the PRIs to ensure close monitoring of the developmental activities being carried out in their areas and make sure that quality is maintained while executing works on developmental projects.

He also advised the public representatives and officers to work in close coordination to take the district to new heights of development.

Chairperson DCC Udhampur reviews achievements of Education Department

UDHAMPUR: To review the zone wise achievements of the Education Sector with special focus on rationalization of teaching staff, District Development Council Chairperson, Udhampur Lal Chand today chaired a meeting of key functionaries of the Education department here in his office Chamber.

Council members, including DDC Udhampur, Anu Behl, besides Additional District Development Commissioner, who is also Chief Executive Officer of the Council, Chief Education Officer, besides all Zonal Education Officers attended



the meeting.

It was decided in the meeting that the Chief Education Officer would provide the Zone wise list of teaching staff, in-position, surplus and deficient etc to the ADDC Udhampur by 22nd August, 2022.

The meeting decided that the respective Council Members shall sent their

proposals of adjustment/ attachment/detachment of Teachers/Masters/Lecturers to the Chairman District Development Council Udhampur to solve the problem of shortage of teaching staff in the schools, until government issues permanent transfer order so that students in the school may not suffer further.

World Mosquito Day Health Directorate Jammu flags off IEC Van

JAMMU: To mark "World Mosquito Day" observed in the memory of Indian born Nobel Laureate and British Doctor Sir Ronald Ross, who unveiled the mystery of Malaria parasite, Deputy Director Health Services (Schemes) Jammu, Dr. Sanjay Turki today flagged off an awareness Van (IEC Van) here from the Directorate of Health Services Complex in the presence of State Programme Officer J&K and other senior officers and officials of the Department.

The IEC Van has been organized by the Office of State Malarilogist, UT of J&K, Jammu as a part of Advocacy Campaign on prevention and control



of Vector Borne Diseases including Malaria & Dengue amongst the community.

The Dy. Director Health Services (Schemes), Jammu urged everyone to stay committed in the fight against the Vector Borne diseases and stressed the need for community involvement and participation as vital factors in VBD control.

Later, a pledge on keeping the surroundings clean and for making the environment mosquito free was also taken by the staff members of State Malarilogist. District Health Officer Jammu, was also present on the occasion.

Secy YS&S inaugurates Golf Training for 50 Girl Students



SRINAGAR: Secretary, Youth Service and Sports (YSS) J&K, Sarmad Hafeez on Saturday inaugurated the first training camp in Golf for the current year 2022 at Kashmir Golf Course here.

The first batch of the student golfers have started their 15 days of training and other batches shall follow after the successful completion of the course being currently run.

Expressing happiness on the occasion, Secretary, Youth Service and Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez said that golf is considered by people to be an elite game but the UT administration is trying to make it available to the common people especially to the children studying in Government schools.

"It is a matter of great pride that one of the oldest golf clubs with rich history,

will be now available for students," Sarmad Hafeez said, adding that the students from government schools will experience them along with the nuances of the discipline during the coming 15 days of training.

"The administration is working diligently in creating a flourishing sports culture and providing right platforms to budding sports talents and will provide all possible assistance and necessary infrastructure to develop the potential of young sports talents of the UT," he added.

"Eminent coaches are imparting training to students," adding that such courses will be organised for other students also and besides girls, boys would also receive this training in coming days" he further added. Pertinently 50 girl

students selected from different Government schools of Srinagar district are being imparted training of the game. The Department of Youth Services and Sports is organising these training courses with the help of J&K Tourism Department.

Director SKICC, Javid Bakshi while speaking on the occasion enunciated that the talent of the sports can't be limited. "It always comes out in one form or the other and just needs an opportunity. With proper resources and right training, we can produce golf champions in Jammu and Kashmir too," he said.

Balbir Singh DYSSO Srinagar, senior officials of the Department of YSS and Tourism Kashmir, budding golfers and sports personalities attended the launching ceremony.

Vivek chess Academy wins 3rd edition of Jammu chess Premiere League; 2nd in a row

JAMMU: Vivek chess Academy won Jammu Chess Premier League in a tough fight with White knights team organized under the banner of Jammu district chess association. Teams of Premier Chess Academy owned by Renjith Balakrishnan, Vivek Chess Academy owned by Vivek Bharti Gupta, Kings knights owned by Anil Abrol and White Knights owned by Baldev Raj and Atul kumar Gupta Participated in league. There were five pools comprising Strong rated players, Medium rated players, women, U-14 and U-10. Pool A players were paid Rs.5000/- each, Pool B, C, and Pool D players were paid Rs.2000/- each while Pool E players were paid Rs.1000/- each. More than 100 players applied for league out of which 20 were selected by the owners. Pool A players include Atul Kumar Gupta, Ajit singh, Arushi Kotwal



and Danish Pathania. Pool B players include Aakash Singh Bhatia, Ravi Kumar, Superb Jain and Ankush Bhardwaj. Pool C players include Srujanika Gupta, Manasvi Gupta, Amrita Gupta and Sonali Manhas. Pool D players include Pazhany kohli, Laksh Chowdhary, Aarav Gupta and Vansh Bakshi. Pool E players include Aadvik Gupta, Ishaan Chowdhary, Paras Sharma and Viraj Singh Jamwal. Atul kumar Gupta President

All J&K chess Association and other team owners distributed the reserved cash awards of Rs.48000/- among players. Earlier J&K Hockey President Rajiv Sharma was chief guest on the occasion who inaugurated the event. He appreciated the efforts of Chess association for giving unparallel regular platform to young kids and women in particular in an innovative way. He also announced Rs.20000/- cash award for winning team.

2nd day of Underwater Sports Championship continues

JAMMU: The 2nd day-Bakeman Underwater Sports Championship 2022 continues at Water Sports Center Nigeen. The events were started by jointly Dr. Sheikh Tariq Ahmad and Syed Shahid Afzal Zadie (Vice-President and President Swim N Survival Society - Kashmir in presence of Riyaz Wani noted Swimming Expert, Yasir Makhdoomi Secretary Underwater Sports Association of J&K, Er. Mushtaq Wani Veteran Sports Enthusiastic along other prominent members of Association and Society. More than 96 swimmers from different age categories participated in different events.

Sheikh Mohammad Shayaan finished first in 100m Bi Fin (14-15year) while as Syed Abbas Zadie and Sifaat Iqbal Mattoo finished 2nd and 3rd.

Abdul Basit Haroon finished first in 100m Fun Race Boys (14 years and below) while as Muhammad Ibrahim and Mohammad Tashib Khan finished 2nd and 3rd.



Mohd Daaib Bhat finished first in 100m Bi Fin (16-17year) while as Mohammad Ibrahim and Syed Mohammad Hassan Zadie finished 2nd and 3rd.

Mubashir Hamdani finished first in 100m Fun Race Open while as Fawzaan Iqbal Zargar and Javid Ahmad Wandroo finished 2nd and 3rd.

"The 2 events of Senior Men and Prize Ceremony will be held on Monday", said Secretary Underwater Sports Association of J&K.

The event of was organized by Underwater Sports Association of J&K facilitated and sponsored by Swim N Survival Society Kashmir, Shah Steel House and Bakeman Home Appliances.

Bowlers lead the way as India clinch the series



Harare, Aug 20 (UND) A clinical bowling helped India clinch three-match ODI series against Zimbabwe after they defeated the hosts by five wickets in the second match here on Saturday.

Shardul Thakur led the Indian bowling by bagging 3 wickets, helping the visitors bowl out Zimbabwe for 161 runs.

India achieved the target in just 25.4 overs, despite losing wickets at regular intervals. Early in the innings, the visitors lost Captain KL Rahul for 5 after he was adjudged plumb in front off Victor Nyauchi in the second over of India's innings.

After Rahul's departure, Shikhar Dhawan and Shubnam Gill carried forward the run chase. Adopting an aggressive approach, Shikhar smacked four boundaries in his 21-ball 33 runs before he succumbed to Tanaka Chivanga's short ball.

Gill then took charge and sutured 36 runs partnership with Ishant Kishan, who failed to exhibit his profligacy and managed only 6 before he fell to Luke Jongwe, dragging the ball on to the stumps.

Jongwe then marked off Gill also, having him caught at third man off an attempted cut.

Reduced to 97/4, Deepak Hooda and Sanju Samson brought India near to victory mark with a brisk 56-run stand, before the former was yorked by Sikandar Raza. Samson, however, nailed the

victory in a jiffy by smacking his fourth six in his unconquered 43 runs knock.

The chase was crowned by Indian bowlers earlier when Mohammad Siraj and Prasidh Krishna hardly gave any runs to Zimbabwe openers who could only manage 20 runs in first eight overs of their innings.

Siraj set the tone for India when he forced Takudzwa-nashe Kaitando to edge one to Samson behind the stumps.

Shardul, who replaced Deepak Chahar, struck twice in the 12th over, fully utilising the snail-paced batting of Zimbabwe. Innocent Kaia who managed only 16 off 27 balls gloved a short ball to Samson down the leg side and then Captain Regis Chakabava edged one to second slip in the same over.

Zimbabwe were soon reduced to 31/4 when Prasidh had Wesley Madhevere caught with the help of some extra bounce in the next over.

Sean Williams and Raza seized the slump by sewing up a 41-run stand before Kuldeep Yadav picked the latter up. Williams chanced his arm in a run-a-ball 42 before he swept Deepak Hooda down to deep square leg.

Ryan Burl's 39 helped Zimbabwe to overtake 150 runs mark as wickets plunged at the other end. He remained unvanquished as the hosts lost their last three wickets in the space of 13 balls to fold for a meagre 161.

DYSS District Udhampur organised District Level Inter School Handball

UDHAMPUR: The Department of Youth Services & Sports District Udhampur organized District Level Inter School Handball trials for girls under the age group of 19 years at Synthetic Handball Court at Mini Stadium Udhampur.

The event is being organized under the patronage ship of worthy Sh. Subash Chander Chibber, Director Youth Services and Sports J&K Govt. and under the chairmanship of Smt. Kritika Jyotsna IAS, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, and overall supervision of S. Swaran Singh District Youth Services & Sports Officer Udhampur.

Handball: - About 48 girls drawn from different 04 zones participated Poonam



Sharma ZPEO Jib was the Chief Guest and witnessed the game. She advised players to take part in such games and appreciated the most popular game of Europe "Handball" which is doing best in our country too. The matches were officiated by Ajay Sharma, Bandana Sharma, Rishi Kumar Sharma, Karun Magotra, Ravi Kumar, Vipin Potra

and Sourab Pandit.

Others who were present are Ajit Singh Incharge ZPEO Office Udhampur, Sanjay Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Ramesh Chander Sanjeev Kumar, Vikas Sharma, Jatin Sethi, Sanjeev Khajuria, Sudesh Kumar, Bhoopinder Singh, Abdul Qadir, Karun Magotra and Bal Singh from Medical Assistant.

Jashn- E -Janoob celebrated at Batpora, Shopian

SRINAGAR: Shopian town bristled with enthusiasm and energy as it bore witness to a spectacular Sports Extravaganza that marked the annual 'South Kashmir Sports Festival - Jashn-e -Janoob 2.0.

The sporting event was organised by Chinar Corps at Batpora Stadium and witnessed participation from across all districts of South Kashmir. For the first time in South Kashmir, 'Mr South Kashmir Bodybuilding Competition' was conducted. The



competition saw the best bodybuilders of South Kashmir compete against each other to earn a place in the finals, which was conducted on the final day of the event. Sqay Martial Arts display also enthralled the crowd with captivating moments of pure skill, grit and undeniable passion. Cultural programs and foot tapping music added to the "Entertainment Quotient" and enthralled a massive crowd of spectators from various parts of South Kashmir.

Army Red, Chennaiyin FC locked in 2-2 draw in a Group C Durand Cup match

IMPHAL: Army Red and Chennaiyin FC match ended in a draw in the action packed game played on Saturday at Khuman Lampak Stadium. The second match of the

Imphal chapter Durand Cup witnessed a goalless first half as two-time Indian Super League (ISL) winners Chennaiyin FC fought a pitched battle with Army Red. Army

Red took the lead when Lethaolen Khongsai scored a goal. Chnnayin's Julius Duker struck back for Chennaiyin FC. Edwin Vanspaul of Chennaiyin FC scored a goal

thus increasing the score to 2-1 in favour of Chennaiyin.

In the closing minutes Liton Shil of Army Red scored an equalizer thus ending the match 2-2.

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