

NEWS IN BRIEF LG greets people on Janmashtami

Srinagar, August 18: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings on the eve of auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami.

In a message, the Lt Governor said that the life and teachings of Lord Krishna have a profound significance, which continues to enlighten and guide us in our daily life. On this auspicious occasion, let us imbibe Lord Krishna's message of love, compassion, discipline, knowledge and selfless action, and dedicate ourselves to the service of the nation. May the festival bring joy and happiness for all, the Lt Governor said.

MeT predicts likely drv weather in J&K

Srinagar, August 18: Jammu and Kashmir is likely to witness mainly dry weather in the next 24 hours, the Meteorological (MeT) office said on Thursday.

Weather was mostly dry in Jammu and Kashmir during the last 24 hours.

"Mainly dry weather is expected in J&K during the next 24 hours,' an official of the MeT department said.

Srinagar had 19.6, Pahalgam 13.7 and Gulmarg 11 degrees Celsius as the minimum temperature.

In Ladakh region, Drass town had 11.3 and ALeh 13 as the minimum temperature. Jammu had 26.4, Katra 24, Batote

18.2, Banihal 17.4 and Bhaderwah 16.7 as the minimum temperature.

Youth found dead in Udhampur

Jammu, August 18: A youth was found dead under mysterious circumstances near Chenani along Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Thursday in Udhampur district

Police said the body of Vanshu Bar-gotra was found lying mysteriously along the roadside.

Bargotra was famous among netizens for making memes of politicians and taking jibe for "ignoring" Jammu

"As per initial reports, the deceased along with friends reportedly travelled to Chenani but his body found this morning on the highway," police said.

They added that the body has been shifted to the mortuary for autopsy, adding, "a case under relevant sections has been registered and investigation started.



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Srinagar, August 18: Amid ongoing controversy over J&K chief electoral officer's claim that 20-25 lakh new voters could be added during special summary revision of voters, the authorities on Thursday clarified that the estimate was based on the gap between population eligible for enrolment as voters and registered voters in the Union Territory. Sources in Jammu & Kashmir Government told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the projected 18+ population in Jammu & Kashmir UT is 9896000 and the registered electors in the UT are only 7602397."The last special summary revision in Jammu and Kashmir was held with reference to 1st January 2019 as the qualifying date. Thus the youth of Jammu and Kashmir who have attained 18 years of age after 1st January 2019 are expected to be registered in the electoral roll during this SSR, along with other left out projections (RGI), the project-

Jammu and Kashmir as on July assembly constituencies and 1, 2022 is expected to be 9896000, avail the facility of electronically

whereas the registered electors transferred postal ballot system in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir (ETPBS)," they said.They, how-



as on date are only 7602397, thus there is a gap of 2293603. It is this gap which was used to convey tentative expectation from the SSR," the sources explained. The government sources said that armed forces can vote only for their native assembly constituencies."The members belongpersons. Based on the population ing to armed forces, including Army, BSF, CRPF get registered ed 18+ population in the UT of as service voters for their native

ever, added that the armed forces personnel who are posted at peace stations can avail an additional option of getting registered as a general elector at the peace station.Before abrogation of Article 370, the Assembly electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir were made under the ambit of Jammu and Kashmir Representation of People Act 1957, wherein only permanent residents of Jammu

and and Kashmir were eligible to get registered in the Assembly rolls. "With the abrogation of Article 370 and applicability of Representation of People Act 1950 and 1951, any citizen of India who has attained the qualifying age and 'ordinarily residing' at a place is eligible to get registered in the electoral roll of that place, if not disqualified otherwise. The requirements of registration is that the person should be ordinarily residing in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir (owing to any reasons such as profession, studies, posting, etc.). The person can get registered in the electoral rolls of Jammu & Kashmir, provided he gets his name deleted from electoral roll of his native constituency, as registration at two places is not permitted under law," they said. According to the government sources, even before abrogation of Article 370, these people were eligible to get registered in the electoral rolls, if they were ordinarily residing in any of assemblv segments of Jammu & Kashmir, but had the right to vote only in parliamentary elections CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 10

Several DC's transferred as Govt orders reshuffle in administration

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Jammu, August 18: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday ordered a reshuffle in the administration.

According to Government Order No.958-JK(GAD) of 2022, issued by the General Administration Department (GAD, Bipul Pathak, IAS (AGMUT:1992), Principal Resident Commissioner, J&K Government, New Delhi, is transferred and posted as Director General, Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development.

Alok Kumar, IRS, Principal Secretary to the Government, School Education Department, holding additional charge of Estates Department, shall also hold the charge of Administrative Secretary, Civil Aviation Department and Civil Aviation Commissioner, in addition to his own duties,

IAS Saurabh Bhagat, (AGMUT:2002), Director General, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development, is transferred and posted as Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Science and Technology Department.

till further orders.

Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, IAS (AGMUT:2005), Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department, shall also hold the charge of Principal Resident Commissioner, J&K Government, New Delhi, in addition to his own duties,

till further orders. Sarmad Hafeez, AS (AG-MUT:2009), Secretary to the Government, Tourism Department, shall also hold the charge of Administrative Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Doifode Sagar

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COVID-19: J&K reports **418** positive cases

SYED TAJAMUL BUKHARI

Srinagar, August 18: Jammu and Kashmir reported 419 fresh positive cases of COVID-19 including 58 from Jammu and 361 from Kashmir divisions, taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 475109.

Moreover, 558 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 100fromJammu division and 458from Kashmir division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 475109positive cases, 3327are Active Positive (512in Jammu Division and 2815in Kashmir Division), 467003have recovered and 4779have died; 2347 in Jammu division and 2432in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 26336182 test results available, 475109samples have tested positive and 25861073 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 11,314 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 6699394 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 146 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 3327 in isolation and 348 in home surveillance. Besides, 6690794 persons have completed their surveillance period.

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Govt orders transfer, posting of 20 law officers

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Jammu, August 18: Jammu and Kashmir Government on Thursday ordered transfer and posting of several law officers with immediate effect.

According to an order, Muneer Ahmad Malik, Senior Law Officer presently posted in the Directorate of Litigation, Kashmir as Deputy Director Litigation is transferred and posted in the office of Chief Engineer, PW(R&B), Kashmir vice Mohammad Yousuf

As per the order Raies Ahmad

Pak drone spotted

NIA raids multiple

locations in J&K

along IB near Kathua,

presently posted in the office of Pol-Selection Board, Srinagar. 'Muneer-ul-Hassan Bhat, Senior

Qazi, Deputy Legal Remembrance



lution Control Board, J&K holding additional charge of Directorate of Ecology, Environment and Remote

> group on Thursday launched a mega search operation along the international border after a Pakistani drone was spotted in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sensing Department is transferred Govt orders transfer of and posted in the office of Service **3 IAS, 1 IRS officers**

> Srinagar, August 18: Three IAS and one IRS officers were transferred in the interest of administration, with immediate effect. According to a government order, Bhupinder Kumar, IAS, Transport Commissioner, J&K has been transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department.

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retaliation after he snatched a weapon from a constable, opened fire and tried to escape from the spot.

The recovery included one AK rifle, magazines, 40 AK rounds, a star pistol, pistol rounds, and Chinese small grenades. Searches were underway to rule out any fresh air drop of weapons, police said Wednesday.

The distance between Arnia and Kathua is roughly 70-80 km. CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10

HT NEWS NETWORK Jammu, August 18: A joint team of Army, Border Security Force, police and special operation

Police sources said the Pakistani

Law Officer presently posted in the Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department is transferred and posted in the Jal

Shakti Department vice Nadir Ali Mohammad Yousuf, Senior Law Of ficer presently posted in the office of Chief Engineer, PW(R&B), Kashmir is transferred and posted in the Skill Development Department vice Zahoor Ahmad Ganie. CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 10 village prompted the action. "Suspecting drone dropping, the

security forces during wee hours launched a search operation in the villages all along the international border," the police said. A police team on Wednesday also recovered arms and ammunition air-dropped from a drone buried near Village Toph in Arnia sector.

The weapons were recovered on drone movement last night in the disclosure of Lashkar e Taithe Sultanpur area of Hiranagar ba terrorist who was killed in

Milk van crushes minor boy to death in Hajin

Srinagar, August 18: A 4-year-old boy died after being hit by a speeding auto vehicle in Hajin town of North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

Reports said an auto carrying milk barrels crushed a minor boy identified as Haris Mushtaq (4), son of Mushtaq Ahmad Hurra of Parray Mohalla Hajin, leaving him critically injured

The injured was immediately rushed to CHC Hajin where doctors on duty declared him as brought dead.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident and have set investigations into motion.

Bear mauls elderly man in Baramulla

Srinagar, August 18: An elderly man was injured after being attacked by a wild bear in Zamboor Patan area of Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thurs-

Officials said the injured, Qalander Shah (around 70-year-old) son of Mehtab Shah suffered multiple injuries after bear attacked him while he was in his Behak (makeshift hous).

The injured was later shifted to GMC Baramulla, they said. A police official while confirming

the incident said Shah's condition was 'largely stable'

Advisor Bhatnagar extends Janmashtami greetings

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar has extended his warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami. While extending his greetings, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the ideals of Lord Krishna's life have universal relevance and his teachings of righteousness against evil, working for universal well-being

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Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari Seeks more Clarification on CEO's Press Statement



SURKHAB ZEHRA

SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Thursday urged the centre government to come clear about the recent announcement by Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) suggesting the government has decided to enable non-locals to register their names on the voting list and vote in the forthcoming J&K assembly elections. Join Kashmir Life Whatsapp Group to stay updated

In a hurriedly called press conference at party headquarters in Srinagar, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "CEO's statement announcing that

non-locals are being included in J&K's voter list has caused apprehensions among the masses in J&K. People are apprehended that this move may be aimed at disempowering them further and tinkering with the J&K's demography. Thus, I appeal to the Prime Minister to make himself available to remove the confusion about the issue and eradicate fears of the people.'

He hoped that clarification from the centre would come within a few days. He said, "We will wait till Sunday, as we hope that the government of India would come up with a plausible explanation on this matter soon.

Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said that he and the Prime Minister has already assured the J&K people that New Delhi has no intention to tamper with J&K's demography.

He said, "Post August 5, 2019, when we met Prime Minister Modi in New Delhi on March 14, 2020, he was very clear about his stance that there will be no demographic change in J&K. I hope his government would honor its word." Responding to the question from the re

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NIA conducts raids at multiple locations across JK

Srinagar,CNS,18-Aug; The National Investigation Agen-cy (NIA) today conducted raids at multiple locations across Jammu Kashmir.As per reports, NIA sleuths conducted raids at Kathua, Samba, Doda and Srinagar districts in connection with recovery of arms and ammunition dropped via drones controlled through Pakistan along the International Border in Arnia sector. The NIA personnel were seen at the residence of Faisal Muneer, the main accused in the drone-dropping case, who was arrested last month. Jammu and Kashmir Police have made several arrests in recent months in the drone case.Police also recovered a consignment of arms and ammunition dropped by a Pakistani drone in Toph village located near the international border. As per reports, NIA sleuths conducted raids at Kathua, Samba, Doda and Srinagar districts in connection with recovery of arms and ammunition dropped via drones controlled through Pakistan along the International Border in Arnia sector. The NIA personnel were seen at the residence of Faisal Muneer, the main accused in the drone-dropping case, who was arrested last month. Jammu and Kashmir Police have made several arrests in recent months in the drone case.Police also recovered a consignment of arms and ammunition dropped by a Pakistani drone in Toph village located near the international border.(CNS)

Over 100 Mujavirs, donation boxes removed from major shrines in Kashmir

Srinagar, Aug 18 Following the fresh directions regarding ban on unethical practices at the religious places, the authorities in Waqf on Wednesday removed over 100 Mujavirs and dozens of donation boxes and other related stuff installed by them decades ago from major shrines in Srinagar and elsewhere in the Valley.Details available with the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that following the directions by the Waqf Board regarding ban on unethical practices at the shrines, the officials have removed the Muajvirs from the shrines where they had occupied the spots for decades.Officials said that it was a very hectic process to remove these Mujavirs from the shrines as they had occupied the spots a few decades ago. "We faced tremendous hardships while removing the Mujavirs from the spot, but successfully, we have managed to come up with the expectations of the people and all the Mujavirs from the major shrines in Srinagar, especially at Khanyar Dastgeer Sahab shrine were removed," they saidProviding the details, the officials said that the administrator with the staff removed 35 Mujavirs from Dastgeer Sahab shrine, Khanyar, while 52 Mujavirs were removed from Makhdoom Sahab shrine and 15 were removed from Khanqah-e-Moula shrine. The officials further said that 36 Mujavirs were removed from Ashmuqam Pahalgam shrine while 20 were removed from Chrar-e-Shareef and eight from Khawaja Naqshband Sahib Shrine in

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J&K first in country to implement NEP-2020: Rohit Kansal

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Srinagar, August 18: The University of Kashmir on Thursday held an orientation-cum-awareness programme on the National Education Policy-2020 for principals of degree colleges of Kashmir.Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan presided over the inaugural session of the confer-0 ence while Rohit Kansal, IAS, Principal Secretary Higher Ed- \mathbf{m} ucation Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, was the chief guest on the occasion. Director Colleges Prof Yasmeen Ashai was the guest of honor.

The conference—second of its

for NEP-2020 at the University and College levels.

In his special address, Rohit Kansal said Jammu and Kashmir is proudly the first place in the country to implement the National Education Policy and is ready to welcome its first batch of students under NEP from the current academic year.

"It has been an outcome of a great synergistic and symbiotic endeavor of our major stakeholders, including the University of Kashmir, that we have been able to take the first positive and definite step to implement the NEP-2020 in J&K, the first place in the country to do so," he said.

He said the University of Kashmir has kind in the last one month-was formulated the new NEP curriculum strategy, Kansal exhorted upon col-

organized by KU's NEP Cell to deliber- for colleges well in time, putting Kashate on the implementation strategies mir ahead of all colleges and schools in the country to make this happen.



Reiterating that time for deliberations on NEP was already over and it's time to get going with the implementation

lege principals and faculty to familiarise students with the new curriculum and align the time-tables and teaching-learning processes in accordance with the same.

Referring to the technological aspect of NEP-2022, the Principal Secretary said the virtual learning component under NEP will enable access, equity and democratization of higher education by offering 40 percent of credits to a student through the medium of online learning

Kansal also talked in detail about the UT's added initiative of offering 30 credit skill-embedded programs that aims to increase employability of the student pass-outs.

her presidential address said the "col- after

lective contribution and commitment of all stakeholders towards smooth implementation of NEP-2020 is bearing fruits and this synergy must continue so that the objectives of NEP are fully achieved.

"It is a moment of pride that our UT and our University have taken a lead in NEP implementation. This has indeed made our UT administration, its associated institutions and our University a role model for rest of the country, she said, complimenting the NEP Cell headed by Dean Academic Affairs Prof Academic Bank of Credits and the J&K Farooq A Masoodi for organizing regular orientation programs to ensure smooth implementation of NEP in the University and its affiliated colleges.

'This great transformation in the Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan in country's education sector is coming

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DC Srinagar reviews action plan under NMBA for the District

Calls for collective efforts from all stakeholders to make Srinagar Drug Free

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: In order to review the action plan and other measures to be taken for making Srinagar drugs free District under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today chaired an Officers meeting at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

The meeting held threadbare deliberations on the rising trend of drug abuse-a reason behind many other crimes. The challenges like cracking down on the peddlers, local drug supply hubs, consumption hotspots, rehabilitation measures were discussed in detail and strategies to tackle them were highlighted.

At the outset, the DC said that Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan was launched to focus on institutional support and also on community outreach programme to make society free from all kinds of harmful addictions like alcohol, drugs abuse etc.

On the occasion, the DC stressed upon the prevention and curability aspects of drug de-addiction so that youth would remain far away from the consumption of narcotic substances and simultaneously they are guided and rehabilitated under different self-employment



schemes.The DC emphasised for better coordination among all the line departments, stakeholders and Drug law enforcement agencies to keep a check on drug trafficking and related issues and ensure prompt sharing of inputs within all enforcement units so that timely action is taken against the drug peddlers for larger social and humanitarian causes. The DC also directed the concerned officers to ensure proper vigil in and

around the schools/colleges to keep check on supply and use of drugs across the District.

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The DC also asked for disseminating detailed awareness about the ill effects of Drugs in educational Institutions and

other important places by holding awareness workshops against the menace of drug abuse.

The DC also stressed on keeping proper vigil on the students bunking the educational Institutions during the schools/colleges timings to prevent chances of getting them involved in the drug menace.

During the meeting, the HoD Department of Psy-chiatry/Incharge Drug Centre, De-addiction SMHS, Hospital Dr Yassir shared his clinical experience in handling victims of substance abuse and also suggested several preventive measures to combat the drug menace and monitoring of Drug Trafficking. He said taking vigilant efforts to check drug trafficking will help in creating deterrence

Besides Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Dr Syed Haneef Balkhi and SP South, Lakshya Sharma, the meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, Chief Medical Officer, District Panchayat Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, District Programme Manager. NRLM, District Planning Officer, Education, HoD Department of Psychiatry/Incharge Drug De-addiction Centre, SMHS, Hospital and other con-

HT - CLASSIFIED HEADLINES TODAY Relief Organisation holds first of its kind grievances Redressal Camp at Purkhoo Migrant Camp

JAMMU, AUGUST 18: To provide doorstep delivery of services and on the spot redressal of grievances, the Relief & Rehabilitation Organisation (M) J&K on Thursday organized an interactive and grievance redressal Camp for Kashmiri Migrants at Purkhoo Camp.

The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) J&K, K.K. Sidha, along with Deputy Commissioner, Relief, Devender Singh Bhau, Riaz Ahmed, Assistant Commissioner and staff of Relief Organisation gave a patient hearing to the demands of the inhabitants of the Purkhoo Camp and redressed several grievances on the spot.

The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) J&K assured the migrants that the UT Government and the Relief Organisation is committed towards delivery of services and mitigation of all the inconveniences of the migrants.

The spokesperson from the Purkhoo Camp apprised the Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner about the problems, issues faced by the migrants. The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), K.K. Sidha said that the interaction has been organized to have firsthand appraisal of all the issues of inhabitants of Purkhoo Camp, listen to their suggestions and inputs for their welfare.

During the camp, the team issued 52 Ayushman Golden Cards, 12 Migration Certificates for Employment/ Education purpose, provided all services related to the ration cards



i.e, Inclusion, Bifurcation, 02 RBA Certificates, issued 12 Domicile Certificates and also assessed the issues related to civil works, sanitation, issues of electricity, water supply, supply of medicines in Health Centres, besides grievance related to property were also discussed.

The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) directed the Technical Officer to prepare estimates for all repair and renovations works of the Purkhoo Camp quarters and furnish the same to his office within one week.

During the session, several issues pertaining to Kashmiri migrants were discussed and the RRCM assured the participants of timely resolution of all their issues and concerns.

The inmates of Purkhoo Camp through their President, Dayakrishen expressed gratitude to Relief Organisation (M) for this outreach programme which cemented their faith in the system.

Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) Sh. K.K. Sidha stated that this is the first of its kind initiative of the Relief Organisation and similar camps would be organised in all other migrant camps and non-camp areas.

DC reviews progress under Capex budget, ADP, B2V and 14th FC works in Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, AUGUST 18: District Development Commissioner, Udhampur, Krittika Jyotsna, today convened a meeting of the officers and Field functionaries of Rural Development Department here in the District at Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex to review the status of AAA, Tendering, Allotment, Execution and Completion of works under District Capex budget 2022-23, Back to village, 14th FC and other schemes of RDD sector.

schemes of RDD sector. The DDC took an extensive blockwise review of the ongoing developmental works undertaken by the RDD department across different blocks of the district under District Capex budget, 14th FC, MGNREGA, Area Development Plan, B2V and other schemes respectively. The DDC stressed upon the officers to accelerate the developmental tempo in the district, adding that people were pinning high hopes on the Administration for quick and speedy development of the district.

The BDOs of concerned blocks briefed the DDC about the status of various ongoing developmental works under District Capex budget, 14th FC, ADP, B2V, MGNREGA and other allied schemes.

CS bids farewell to Pr. Secy GAD

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta bid farewell to Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi at a simple function organized at Civil Secretariat.

Calling Dwivedi an excellent officer, Dr. Mehta complimented the outgoing officer for his hardwork and dedication. He called him very

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Mohammed Ashraf Bhat S/O Mohammed Subhan Bhat R/O Bandey Payeen Tehsil kreeri Distt Baramulla passionate towards work and his contribution exemplary as a civil servant.

He also narrated various instances where the outgoing Principal Secretary showcased his vast experience in dealing with administrative matters.

While giving his best wishes to outgoing Principal Secretary for his future assignments, Dr Mehta

ble and experienced officer who can contribute at every level and post and can deal with most complex issues with his insight.

remarked that Dwivedi is a capa-

cerned.

He gave him best wishes for his next assignment and said that he would be the best ambassador of J&K wherever he would go in his long and promising career.

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Abdul Ahad Reshi S/O Ghulam Mohammad Reshi R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt.Baramulla

Newspapers Owners at the verge of Suspending Operation. Printers Association Kashmir Seeks Govt Attention.

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Srinagar, Aug 18: An important meeting of the Press Association Kashmir was held under the chairmanship of President Bilal Ahmed Qureshi in which the problems and issues related to the publishing of newspapers and printing presses established in the Kashmir Valley were discussed. Concerned from Khidmat Printing Press, Tameel-e-Irshad, Images Printing Press, Rising Kashmir Printing Press and Labab Printing Press were included. On the occasion, the members point-

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ed out that prices of printing materials, especially newsprint (paper), plate, ink, chemical, etc., have increased by about 40% in last one year and this trend is continuing unabated. During the meeting, the members drew the attention of the government to the fact that if the price of newspaper publishing material continues to rise, the publication of newspapers may become a big problem and the newspaper owners will not be able to afford to bear this burden. Such a situation, they said, was likely to force the newspapers owners to shut or suspend the operations. They appealed the government to pay attention towards the issue and prevent the printing operation from being deleterious affected. Another important decision was taken during the meeting that if a newspaper owner has outstanding printing charges of any printing press for the past one or two years, he or she should settle the accounts with the concerned press within 15 days otherwise after 15 days Publication of such newspapers will be suspended by the Printers Association.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir Directorate of Horticulture Kashmir

INCENTIVES UNDER DIFFERENT COMPONENTS

Department of Horticulture Kashmir is providing incentive under different schemes for welfare of the farming community. Some of the major components are given below.

S.NO	NAME OF THE SCHEME	COMPONENET	TARGET FOR THE YEAR 2022-23 (UNITS)	AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY/UNIT (In Rs.)
01	MISSION FOR INTEGRATED	REFRIGERATED VAN	09	13.0 Lakhs
02	DEVELOPMENT OF	LOW-COST PRESERVATION UNIT	30	1.0 Lakhs
03	HORTICULTURE	INTEGRATED PACK HOUSE	06	25.0 Lakhs
04	(MIDH)	PRIMARY MINIMAL MOBILE POCESSING UNIT	06	13.75 Lakhs
05	Sub Mission on Agriculture	ESTABLISHMEN T OF CUSTOM HIRING CENTRE	30	4.0 Lakhs
06	Mechanization (SMAM)	FARM MACHINERY BANKS	30	8.0 Lakhs

For further details feel free to contact

Directorate of Horticulture Kashmir, Rajbag Srinagar/

Concerned Chief Horticulture Officers of Kashmir Division.

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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.

Mohammad Ashraf Khanday S/O Mohammad Assadullad Khanday R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt.Baramulla

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Bashir Ahmad Reshi S/O Ghulam Ahmad Reshi R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt.Baramulla



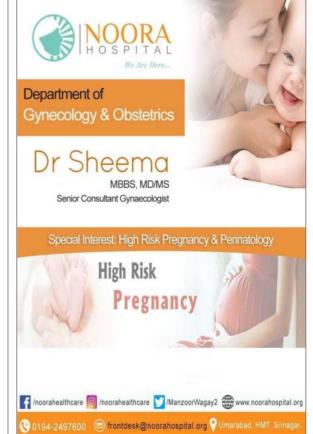
of tourism or Assistant Director Tourism Office Gulmarg within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained.

Ghulam Hassan Reshi S/O Ghulam Ahmad Reshi R/O Dandmooha Tehsil Kreeri Distt.Baramulla

Public Notice

I have applied for the issuance of DEE Class Contract card from R&B Office. if anybody having any objection in this regard he she may file his/her objection in the office of the Super Intending Engineer (R&B) Circle Baramulla /Kupwara within aperiod of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Name: Irshad Ahmad Najar S/0:- Mohammad Ramzan Najar R/o- Dandmooha



HT -REGIONAL NEWS /KASHMIR HEADLINES TODAY

DDC Kupwara holds Block Diwas in frontier village Keran Says development of border areas top priority of LG Administration

Lays foundation of Rs.4.45 crore WSS Keran under JJM, Tourism Rest House worth Rs.80 lakh

KUPWARA, AUGUST 18: The District Development Commis-sioner (DDC) Kupwara, Khalid Jahangir today stressed upon the officers and field functionaries to play proactive role in resolving public grievances, adding that the development of border areas is top most priority of LG Administration.

The DDC said this while addressing the Block Diwas func-tion at Keran, situated at Zero

Line (LoC). The DDC said that Dis-trict Administration is committed for equitable development of all hilly and border areas of Kupwara district including Ker-

gramme.

speech

an, Karnah, Jumangand, Kum-kadi and Machill. During the block diwas pro-

gramme, the DDC carried out various activities. The DDC laid foundation stone of Water Supply Scheme (WSS) Keran under Jal Jeevan

Mission in presence of con-cerned BDC Chairperson, XEN PHE and PRIs. It was informed that total cost of the scheme is Rs.4.45 crore and the scheme will provide water in better quality and quantity to the whole population of Keran area. Khalid Jahangir said

that on the directions of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&K UT, various initiatives have been taken to ensure over all development of habitations in Keran. He said Rs 35 lakh stands sanctioned for the electrification of uncovered habitations of Keran. Likewise, Rs 55 lakh shall be incurred for completion of Public Health Centre building; Rs.10



directed for resuming of work on the bridge and directed the concerned engineers for its completion within 2 months. During the Block Diwas function, the PRIs and the public projected their developmental issues before the DDC. The DDC heard them patiently and gave

onspot directions to the officers who accompanied him to resolve the issues. The DDC resolved several issues on the spot. BDC Chairperson Keran, ACD Kupwara, ACP, CMO, CEO, CAHO, Executive Engineer PDD, DSHO, Tehsildar, BDO, BMO, block officers, besides, PRIs and people in large number participated in the block diwas.

Addressing the block diwas function, the DDC urged upon the officers to play proactive role in resolving various issues of the public. He asked officers to work with added dedication and give appropriate time in the

field and maintain coordination with the public to yield better results at ground level. The DDC passed on strict directions to all officers to work in a mission mode for ensuring completion of all ongoing projects before the culmination of working season.

The CEO was directed to enhance monitoring of activities of the schools in the area. OC BEA-CON was directed for macadamization of the balance portion of Keran road on war footing basis, before the onset of winters.

The DDC also directed XEN R& B to extend road connectivity to all habitations within a vear. While as BMO was directed to take lead in coverage of uncovered persons with Golden Cards. XEN PDD was directed to ensure timely completion of the sanctioned project for electrification of uncovered habitations.

DLSA Kupwara holds Awareness Camp on Anti Ragging Regulations at GDC Handwara

cluding teaching faculty

Dr Abdul Qayoom

KUPWARA, AUGUST 18: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kupwara today organised an awareness camp on Anti Ragging Regulations at Govt. Degree College Handwara. The programme was organised in pursuance of Calendar of Activities of J&K Legal Services Authority for the month of August, 2022 which required such activities to be conducted in collaboration with schools and colleges

The programme was chaired by Secretary DLSA Kupwara, Muzamil Ahmad Wani and Advocate Ghulam Nabi Khan was nominated as resource person for the pro-



of ragging and highlighttrict Legal Services Authority Kupwara in his ed various judgements the mentioned and recommendations of importance of awareness Hon'ble Supreme Court of among the students and India. He impressed upon college administration inthe college management to develop an effective mechanism for dealing with the problem at an earliest.

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Walnut and Stone fruits. Be-

sides, one Sozini Centre has

been set up to promote handi-

craft skills among young girls

and women.

He said that the institutions have a primary and central responsibility to curb the menace and ensure no student is harassed, threatened or insulted in any manner by ragging throughout his/ her journey for education

On the occasion, Resource Person and the students spoke extensively on the topic.

After the programme a brief interaction with the students was also held. The faculty members of the college thanked DLSA Kupwara for choosing the college as a venue and requested for conducting such events in future also

ADDC Bandipora chairs meeting of DJJM Also chairs SOP committee meeting for relief cases

BANDIPORA, AUGUST 18: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Afsar Ali Khan today chaired a meeting of District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM) Bandipora at Mini Secretariat, here.The Meeting was convened to discuss the modalities for the formal allotments of a total of 32 works of various Water Supply Schemes (WSSs) of PHE Hyd Division Bandipora, Sopore and Gurez. The meeting discussed

vided a special grant for 100% AI coverage to upgrade the live-

stock breed for better yields in

While inspecting the stalled Keran Bridge, the DDC

the area.

32 total Works of Bandipora District including 23 works of PHE Hyd Division Bandipora, 02 works of PHE Hyd Division Sopore and 07 works of Special Sub Division Gurez to the total tune of Rs. 38 crore to be authorized for allotments by

the DJJM. ADDC insisted The upon respective Executive Engineers that all works after authorization may be immediately allotted and the works may be started on ground without any further delay, so that the approved schemes are completed within the devised timeline to ensure

100% Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC's) to the entire rural population of the district

The meeting was informed that the District Action Plan under JJM for an amount of Rs.447 Cr stands already approved for District Bandipora. The schemes have been

envisaged to provide the 100% Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC's) to the entire rural population of the district Among others, Superin-

tending Engineer, Joint

dipora Ab Rashid Dass, DIO Bandipora Showkat Hussain Ganie and other concerned Ex Er's were present in the meeting. Later, the ADDC chaired a meeting of the SOP Committee for discussing various aspects related to physical verification of Calamity relief Cases. The committee ap-

Director Planning Imti-yaz Ahmad, ACD Ban-

proved 09 relief Cases pertaining to Bandipora and Gurez subdivision related to Fire, landslides, cloud burst and other calamities.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav **Central Bureau of Communication organizes** outreach programme at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 18: The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India, Field Office, Anantnag today organized a Mini Integrated Communication and Programme Outreach (ICOP) on 'Har Ghar Tiranga' under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at G&B Hostel Anantnag.

A day-long programme was inaugurated by tion of the Union Territo-Shoaib Noor, Assistant

Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Anantnag. The programme was aimed to aware the tribal students about Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.Apart from these, the students from the tribal Gujjar and Bakerwal communities were informed about different scholarship programmes and initiatives launched by the Government of India and the administra-

ry of J&K for them. On the occasion, ACR appreciated the initiative of CBC, Anantnag to organize such programmes for the students of Gujjar and Bakerwal Communities. He impressed upon the students to take full advantage of the facilities and opportunities provided to them and contribute in the development of their own communities and the nation.He said that youth have an important

role to play in achieving the goals under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Sheikh Mudasir Amin, Media and Communications Officer, Press Information Bureau, apprised the audience about the mandate of the Central Bureau of Communication and Press Information Bureau.He presented a detailed overview of the objectives and vision behind the Har Ghar Tiranga and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign.

DC Kulgam reviews progress of Developmental Deliverables

The DC directed all the officers to

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, AUGUST 18: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers of various departments to review the progress and achievements under developmental deliverables

At the outset, the officers and heads of departments apprised the chair about the progress made in developmental deliverables

prioritize implementation of these developmental deliverables so that rest of targets are achieved on time with tangible results on the ground. He also directed them to redouble their efforts to ensure cent percent saturation of all parameters given under the deliverables programme. Officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Labour, Employment, Industries, Handloom and various other departments attended the meeting.



Progressing J&K **Rolling out of Accelerated Pulses** Production Program to make J&K self sufficient, boost pulses export



SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: In order to make Jammu and Kashmir self sufficient and subsequent boost pulses export, Department of Agriculture recently rolled out Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P).

A senior official of the department informed that the scheme would come up as biggest contributor of pulses in the country which otherwise has become heavily dependent on outside states and countries for its pulses requirements.

J&K has huge pulses requirement and dependency on outside states is more and the A3P scheme will not only make J&K self-sufficient in terms of pulses, but will also help the UT to become a major exporter of the pulses production for national and international markets.

The move would help to improve the production level of pulses in J&K and subsequently help in doubling the economy of farmers.

The official said that outside J&K, pulses have a good market and J&K fortunately can give satisfactory production of pulses than national level due to its good weather conditions.

He added that J&K has more opportunities due to better weather conditions and better soil quality which can boost the several measures to accelerate the production level of pulses

Notably, Bad-e-Nambal area in north Kashmir's Kupwara district never use any chemical fertilizer due to favorable soil for production and has distinction of producing a top variety of Rajma due to its fertile soil.

1 kg of Rajma produced in the area can fetch the price of 5 kg of rice.

According to a senior official in the administration, the scheme is aimed to demonstrate plant nutrients and plant protection centric improved technologies and management practices in compact units of 1000 hectares each for five major pulse crops viz. Bengal gram, Black gram (Urdbean), Red gram (Arhar), Green gram (Moongbean) and Lentil (Masur).

The scheme is funded by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and implemented under the NFSM-Pulses.

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Director Agriculture Kashmir kick-starts Onion seed sowing at Kitchen Garden Lalmandi

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: The Director to early harvesting.

Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal today kick-started seed sowing of Onion crop at Kitchen Garden premises Lalmandi, Srinagar.

On the occasion, the Director visited different blocks of the kitchen garden and interacted with the concerned technical staff.

The concerned officers briefed the Director regarding various initiatives introduced by the Department for the optimum utilization of the different resources. It was informed that an estimated 15 lakh to 20 lakh onion seedlings would be made available to the farmers from kitchen gardens Lalmandi, Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director said that early seeded crops will utilize available soil moisture in a better way. He said that early seeded crops avoid many insects and problems by beating the peak infestation or infection period and at the same time early seeding leads

He assured the concerned officers of every possible support for the successful implementation of the kitchen gardens programme. He asked the concerned officers to ensure that the farming community gets the seedlings of different agriculture crops including vegetable crops at the right time.

Later, the Director inaugurated the distribution of compost bags at Integrated Mushroom Development Centre Srinagar (IMDC). He directed the concerned officers to put in all the efforts so that more and more educated young farmers could be attracted towards the mushroom cultivation.

He said from the last three years mushroom cultivation is adopted by many farmers but there is last scope in this sector therefore all the necessary steps should be taken to ensure that more and more farmers take this enterprise on a commercial line.

Dist. Admin. Shopian provides financial assistance to NoKs of deceased Sunil Kumar

SHOPIAN, AUGUST 18: The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC) Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani along with SDM Zainapora, Tehsildar Hermain and Accounts Officer, today visited Chotigam, Shopian and expressed condolences with the family of Sunil Kumar, who was killed in a terror attack.

Officers and officials prayed for fast recovery of the injured brother of the deceased. They also handed over financial assistance of Rs 1.15 lac among the next of kin (NoK) of the deceased, injured brother duo. ADC said that the District Administration shall also provide ex-gratia relief to the family soon as per norms and assured them full support, whenever needed.

Dr Samoon reviews settlement of audit paras of SDD Congratulates officers for clearing 1093 audit paras

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: Department of Skill Development Department (SDD) has got cleared 1093 out of 1259 audit paras, hence leaving only 166 paras for perusal.

This was revealed today at a meeting chaired by Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon to review the settlement of audit para's pending with the office of Principal accountant General J&K (Audit) in respect of the Department.

While reviewing the settlement of audit paras in ITIs and Polytechnics of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Samoon congratulated the officers for this achievement and said that we build on this achievement and take steps to prevent piling of audit paras in future. He said that to enhance the quality of audit compliance, the officers need to play a more



active role in the resolution of audit paras. Most of the paras that have been cleared were old outstanding paras some of which were pending from the last two decades.

He further passed on specific directions to the concerned officers for clearing the pending 166 paras of the department by the end of this month.

For effective compliance of audit paras, Dr Samoon suggested that regular meetings be held to ensure timely replies to audit paras which will inturn make the resolution process of audit paras more efficient and convenient. He also directed the officers to visit the ITIs and Polytechnics to get a first hand appraisal of the different audit paras and take action accordingly.

During the meeting various issues came up for discussion and committees were constituted to submit reports for future course of action.

HT -CITY HEADLINES TODAY

Youm-e-Mehmood celebrations held at Mehmood Abad Dooru

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 18: The JK Tourism Department and J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages in collaboration with District Administration Anantnag and Mehmood Gami Working Committee today organised the Youm-e-Mehmood under the banner "Baseerat Tasawuf conference" at Dooru, here.On the occasion, the speakers highlighted the poetic skill, writing skills, prose, and developmental contribution of the Sufi saint Mehmood Gami towards Kashmiri language and literature. Director Tourism, Dr G.N. Itoo, while speaking on the occasion threw light on different aspects of the life of the Kashmiri saints, Sufis, poets, writers and particularly on Mehmood Gami. He said the area is lucky and fertile to have given birth to such poets like Rasool Mir, also known as John Keats of Kashmir and Mehmood Gami He stressed upon the new generation to have due respect and regard for Kashmiri culture and language as Kashmir is having a rich civilized culture and promotion of this culture is the duty of every citizen.He said that the Tourism department is committed to highlighting the rich culture through such functions and days like this will also be celebrated in future.Secretary DLSA Anantnag, Mir Wajahat while speaking on the occasion highlighted legal provisions meant for cultural preservation.A colorful sufi culture programme was also presented by different well known singers of Kashmir valley including Gulzar Ganie, Gh. Mohidin Shah, Aijaz Gundpori etc. The programme was attended by President MC Dooru, CEO VDA, SDM Doru, Tehsildar Dooru,

Chairman and members.

DC reviews developmental, regulatory requirements for smooth vehicular movement in Jammu City

asked the concerned officers to remove the encroachment on the footpaths by

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized to sensitize people regarding traffic



vendors and Shopkeepers. She directed for conducting a Joint anti encroachment drive to clear the footpaths. The traffic officers were asked to strictly

enforce no-entry on the one-way routes to decongest traffic in the old city.

rules, especially to park their vehicles in designated parking areas and not to enter from the wrong side of the road. She asked the concerned to install sign boards for no parking zone and one way traffic to restrict violations. She also

asked them to recover the fine from the violators as per law.

She asked to initiate the works regarding extension, construction and repair of dividers, installation of sign boards and drawing of zebra crossing at various locations and completed them at the earliest. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized upon all the stakeholder departments to work in close coordination and synergy to ensure smooth vehicular movement in the old city of Jammu. The traffic officers were asked to strictly enforce no-entry on the one-way routes to decongest traffic in the old city.

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NIT Srinagar inks MoU with CIIIT Baramulla MoU will encourage academic partnership, and research collaboration between two institutions: Dir

JAMMU, AUGUST 18: Deputy Commis-

sioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa today con-

vened a meeting with the senior officers

of concerned departments to discuss

regulatory and developmental require-

ments for smooth vehicular movement

ADC (L&O) Minga Sherpa; ADC (ADM)

Satish Sharma; SSP Traffic, Dr Koushal

Singh, ACR JMC Munisha and SP

North, Kuldeep Handa were present in

Threadbare discussion was held on cer-

tain issues regarding declaration of No

Vehicle Area, No Parking Zone, drawing

of Zebra Crossing at various locations,

installation of no parking boards and im-

position of fine on violators and exten-

The concerned official informed the

Chair that different areas/locations have

been identified for no parking and no ve-

hicular zones. It was also informed in the

meeting that roads from City Chowk to

Shaheedi Chowk, City Chowk to Pura-

ni Mandi and Purani Mandi to Parade

have been identified for one way traffic

to avoid the congregation of vehicles at

these areas. The Deputy Commissioner

sion, repair, construction of dividers.

RTO Jammu Ghanshyam

in the City.

Sharma:

the meeting.

Srinagar, Aug 18, 2022: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Centre for Invention. Innovation. Incubation. and Training (CIIIT) Government Polytechnic College Baramulla under the Directorate of Skill Development, Govt. of J&K.

The MoU was signed between Director, NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal and Principal Government Polytechnic College Baramulla Er.Altaf Gowhar.

Prof M.F Wani, Dean R & C, Dr. Shahid Saleem, Head T & P, Dr. Saad Parvez, Head IIEDC, and Dr. Dinesh Kumar, A.P MED, and other faculty members from Government Polytechnic College Baramulla were present on the occasion. In his key address, Director, NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said this MoU will further strengthen ties between two institutions. It is indeed of matter of great pleasure as technological institutions are coming together to sign the historic MoU, he said.

"We will take this MoU forward

for the benefit of students, faculty members, and other staff members of both respective intuitions.

Dean Research and Consultancy (R&C) NIT Srinagar, Prof. M F Wani said NIT Srinagar will col-



It will help us to serve humanity through technological dimensions", he said.

Prof. Sehgal said it is a very positive step that the MoU will encourage academic partnership and fruitful research collaboration between two prestigious technological intuitions of Jammu and Kashmir. We are aiming forward for the joint research projects and student exchange programs, he added.

laborate with CIIIT Baramulla in identifying the current skill gaps existing in the Technical manforce in the area of Manufacturing Technology and Automobile Engineering."NIT Srinagar will

suggest the training curriculum to be adopted for bridging this gap. Both the parties shall endeavor to promote and support promotional activities to be undertaken by them in the area of skill development," he said.In his message.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said this collaborative move will bring synergy in finding novel and innovative solutions to the problems faced by the

industry in the region. "I am confident that MoU between CIIIT Baramulla and NIT Srinagar will lead to major research works that will benefit the general public and residents of Jammu and Kashmir in particular," he said.

Prof. Bukhari said there is no dearth of talent among the youth of Kashmir but there is a need for proper guidance, counseling to enhance and encourage their capa-bilities.Dr. Shahid Saleem, Head Training and Placement Cell, NIT Srinagar said it is indeed of matter of great pleasure as two technological institutions are inking a historic MoU. "It will definitely benefit the students of both colleges,' he said."Both students will get internship opportunities across the country. This MoU will provide students valuable mentor relationships often start with a personal connection that enhances their experience as well," he said.

Sanjeev Verma chairs third **BoDs meeting of JKFDCL**

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment (FE&E) Department, Sanjeev Verma today chaired the third Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of J&K Forest Development Corpo-ration Limited (JKFD-CL) at Civil Secretariat here

During the meeting, the Board reviewed the implementation of decisions taken in the previous board meetings and the members stressed on the need for transparency and efficiency

in conduct of business. While reviewing the overall functioning of the Corporation, the Chairperson of the board, Sanjeev Verma appreciated the efforts of Forest Department in supporting the activities of the Forest Corpo-



ration, especially for the significant increase in markings handed over in 2021-22

The board also took note of the Audit reports of the erstwhile J&K State Forest Corporation for the year2020-21 and took on record the changes among Directors.

Gera, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests; Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary Tribal Affairs Department; Vasu Yadav, Managing Director, J&K FDCL, Director General Codes and representatives Rural Developfrom ment Department and Industries & Commerce Department.

tended by Dr. Mohit

Among others, the BoDs meeting was at-

Rs 2 lac fine imposed on erring **FBOs at Anantnag**

ANANTNAG, JULY18: The Additional Deputy Commissioner Anantnag who is also designated as Adjudicating Officer today imposed a penalty of Rs 2 lac in 11 cases filed by Food Safety Officers in District against various Food Business Operators (FBOs) for violating different provi**Secretary MEITY interacts with Chief Secretary Visits State Data Centre Jammu**

JAMMU, AUGUST 18: Chief

RAS feedback mechanism, ing in the era of smart, efficient,

Services Delivery Portal, SASB fice etc.

sions of Food Safety and Standards Act (FS&SA).

The erring FBOs were found involved in manufacturing/ sale of substandard/misbranded food products and for non-compliance of orders of Food Safety Officers for not obtaining license/registration and violation of Schedule 4 of FSSA, 2006 (Good hygienic & Good manufacturing practices)

All 11 FBOs were present in person along with their standing counsels and were given ample opportunities to defend the allegations leveled against them. However they failed to prove their innocence.

The ADC during the trial of these cases directed the Food Business Operators to adhere strictly to the provisions of Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 and desist from such unwarranted acts in future

JKAP-14th Bn. organizes Story Telling Competition at Sainik School Manasbal

GANDERBAL, AUGUST 18: As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the JKAP-14th Bn. Today organized a storytelling competition on Freedom Fighters under the "Har Ghar Tiranga" programme at Sainik School Manasbal.

A total of 100 students of the school participated in the event. The objective of the programme was to invoke the feelings of patriotism, national pride and belonging in the hearts of the students and to promote awareness about the Indian National Flag.Raj Singh Gouria-SSP (Commandant JKAP-14th Bn.) and Abdul Rehman, DySP in their address highlighted the significance of the national flag as a unifying force in India."It is us as citizens who can bring India up to its true potential, and secure its place on the world stage", they added. The programme concluded with Flag distribution among students followed by Flag March.

GM DIC Budgam takes review of **District Skill Development Plan**

BUDGAM, AUGUST 18: The General Manager DIC and Joint Director Planning today took review meeting regarding implementation of the skill development plan. The GM directed officers to involve youth in various skill development works and impart training to youth so that they can start up their units.

Officers highlighted various aspects of programmes which can uplift the youth and can be trained accordingly. The GM said that almost 4000 persons can be trained in different skills in various Delors like opening of cold storage, hiring of vehicles, mushroom cultivation, etc he further added for all these start ups already loan amount is available with us.Joint director planning focused on awareness of these programmes under skill development plan. Among others, CAO and other officers attended the meeting. Joint director planning focused on awareness of these programmes under skill development plan. Among others, CAO and other officers attended the meeting.

Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today held an interaction with Union Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), Alkesh Kumar Sharma who visited the J&K State Data Centre Jammu. On this occasion the Commissioner Secretary Information

Technology (IT), Prerna Puri and senior officers from ITD J&K, NIC J&K, CDAC and JaKe-GA were present.

The Secretary MeiTY reviewed the progress of e-Governance Projects and recent IT initiatives by the Government of J&K.

Commissioner Secretary IT apprised the Secretary MeiTY that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has embarked on an ambitious journey for usher-

responsive, transparent, citizen friendly and corruption free governance.

A number of major IT initiatives have been taken in recent times by the UT Government. These have brought about a paradigm shift in the structure of governance and the common people are really beginning to feel this transformation to forward looking, modern, people-friendly, empathetic and corruption free governance. The main emphasis is on G2C (Government to Citizen) Online Services, 213 of which have so far been launched and many of which have now been made available under a Unified Service Delivery Portal called e-UNNAT. These have been integrated with MeriPehchaan,

e-Payment gateway, SMS gate-Portal, BEAMS, Jan-Bhagidari,



way, DigiLocker, Aadhar eKYC and UMANG.

A presentation was made by the State Informatics Officer, NIC J&K, Mr. Mohammad Saleem Khan, highlighting recent projects like e-UNNAT Unified e-Kitabkosh and EPM (Employee Performance Monitoring).

Another presentation was made by Abhishek Sharma, CEO JaKeGA in which he highlighted major IT initiatives like JK MyGov, UT Dashboard, e-Of-

The Chief Secretary said that the Government of Jammu & Kashmir is firmly committed to reach out to the common public and make available to them the G2C services in an easily accessible, uncomplicated and transparent manner.The Government's resolve is to provide an enriching experience to the citizen / user and save them from physically visiting offices and having to deal with public officials in crowded offices and to go through complicated processes. At the same time, the objective is also to save the citizen from visiting too many online portals and having to remember all those website addresses and login credentials. There was a long felt need of the citizens to have easy access to all.

Toshkhana brought under the administrative control of Department of Culture

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the transfer of administrative control of Toshkhana Organization from the Hospitality & Protocol Department to the Department of Culture

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 'Toshkhana' houses the royal gifts and antique items of the erstwhile Dogra Rulers of Jammu & Kashmir. In Jammu, the articles of the Toshkhana have been stored at Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex, whereas, the articles in Srinagar have been kept in a locker at Saddar Treasury, Srinagar.

The decision to transfer the administrative control of the Toshkhana to the Department of Culture will synchronize its functioning with the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums under the Department of Culture and citizens will be able to have better information about their heritage

Further, the Administrative Council also sanctioned the transfer of sanctioned posts and incumbent staff of the

Toshkhana Organization to the Culture Department along with all records and immovable/moveable assets. The Ad-ministrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieu-tenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the transfer of administrative control of Toshkhana Organization from the Hospitality & Protocol Department to the Department of Culture.

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DG IMPARD chairs valedictory session training courses at Srinagar



SRINAGAR, AUGUST 18: Director General, J&K IMPARD, Saurabh Bhagat today chaired the joint valedictory session of three short-duration training courses held at IMPARD Main Campus, here.

The training courses were simultaneously held on Flood Risk Mitigation, Empowerment of Rural Women through UMEED and e-Governance and Digital India and were coordinated by Dr. G. M. Dar, Dr. B. A. Kumar, and Dr. Rukaya Amin, Associate Professors of IMPARD, respectively. Addressing the joint valedictory session, Saurabh Bhagat said that Disasters are natural phenomena and floods are the most common disasters and like other disasters they wipe out years of development within a short time. He said that

India is a flood prone country and it is incumbent upon the people and the Gov ernment functionaries alike to respond to all disasters and provide immediate relief to the disaster hit populations and rehabilitate them through reconstruction programmes. The Director General in his address laid stress upon the fact that we need to have behavioural change on community scale to tackle disasters efficiently. He further said that disasters especially in rural areas destroy crops and houses which increase poverty and indebtedness in those areas. The DG remarked that in order to ensure overall development of rural families the Government has launched National Rural Livelihoods Mission (named UMEED in J&K)

HEADLINES TODAY HEALTH

FIRST PERIOD: DURATION, PRECAUTIONS AND DIET TIPS YOU NEED TO KNOW

he onset of puberty is a physically and mentally-challenging period for all – for girls, it marks the beginning of menstruation, a cycle wherein the uterus sheds the lining of blood and tissues through the vagina. The average age of getting the first period is 12 years - while it may occur as early as 9 years and as late as 14 years of age. But before the first period begins, it is important to guide and counsel girls through the process so that they are not overwhelmed by the change or start panicking.

The first period is most likely to occur a year after the onset of puberty - this period is characterised by the growth of pubic hair, underarm hair, breasts, height, and changes in body shape.

What are the early signs of a first period?

One should be well-prepared for the first period and this can

Tricks to living (happily) with pets even when you are allergic

oving and living with animals helps in boosting your psychological as well as physical health immensely. But some people are allergic to pets - as their hair or droppings cause health issues that tearfully keep them away from being a pet parent

But with the advent of technology, many solutions have been explored so that the sufferer of allergies can control them and continue to live with their beloved furry friends

According to doctors, pets have a heavy coat, which carries a lot of dust, dander, hair that keeps flying and sticking to you, and even ticks that can cause infections

take the following precautions to get over any such issue:

is very important to under- It is always good to let the stand what allergies you allergens in your pet's fur as well as yours. Regularly have. You don't need to be and skin be washed away broom and mop the house completely allergic to your from time to time. You can wash your hands before pet, but maybe just pollen give a bath to your pet once eating, and do regular dustthat is bothering you because in 15 days but let them dry ing to keep the allergens of a change of weather. Also, properly as well. Conduct away,



all allergies are different and have different reactions in different people. It may just be mild sneezing, and sniffling to even severe asthma.

Groom your pet regu-But worry not, as you can larly: It is very important to groom your pet regularly. If you do not have time, take them to a grooming store Understand allergies: It and get the needful done.

a proper brushing session with a special pet brush so that extra hair, which keeps flying and can cause allergies, is whisked away. Take your pet for regular

check-ups: It is also very important to take your pet for a regular check-up and see if they suffer from any skin condition. If there is a diagnosis, it might be the reason for your allergies. Do not let the pet sleep

with you on your bed: Many people share their beds with their pets, which is not the right thing to do. The whole day pets lie on the ground or grass and catch various ticks, flies, and infections which they might bring to your bed, making you sick. Get separate bedding for your pet and let them be

comfortable in their space. Clean the house regularly: Pets cannot clean themselves and hence you must keep track of their hygiene

be achieved by being aware of the symptoms. The colour can be bright red, dark red, or dark brown. This could include:

Heavy flow with small clots Spotting Normal flow or blood Lower abdominal cramps Abdominal bloating Vaginal discharge Acne Mood swings

How long does the first period last?

The first period can begin with spotting for a few days followed by bleeding for an average of two to six days. In some circumstances, it is imperative to check with a doctor

If the period goes on for more than eight days When the gap between two

periods is less than 15 days Feeling dizzy

Unbearable pain during periods What to do when the first period starts?

- Before you feel overwhelmed or start panicking, follow these steps when the first period begins:
- Inform your parents or guardian Talk to an expert and learn how to use a menstrual cup, tampon or
- sanitary napkin Keep a hot water bag on the lower abdomen
- Drink warm liquids Try to stay active
- Use a painkiller only after consulting with a doctor

Carry extra sanitary pads on days when the flow is heavy - you may need to change them every 4-5 hours

move around, dance, and

enjoy, while le Pilates is a

slow-moving exercise that

and aerobics can be per-

formed all by yourself any-

where, Pilates needs to be

done with a trainer who

helps stretch according to

the equipment provided in

However, while Zumba

is done with bands.

Wash the pubic area well and track your period for irregularities between cycles.

Treat Chlamydia urgently before it causes severe infections, infertility

hlamydia can lead to very serious infections and infertility if you do not treat it well in time. This sexually transmitted disease (STD) is very difficult to detect since there are no different symptoms than any other infection.

Doctors stress getting regular STD testing to catch these dangerous infections, no matter how healthy you feel.

If you are suffering from chlamydia, the actual symptoms and signs will take several weeks before the infections build up. Symptoms of chlamydia however appear similarly in both men and women. The symptoms include:

- Immense pain and burning while peeing Severe pain during sexual intercourse
- Pain in the lower belly
- A yellowish vaginal discharge with a bad odour Irregular periods
- Pus and discharge from the penis
- Swelling and inflammation in the testicles Pain and swelling around the anus
- Chlamydia infects other organs as well Chlamydia can also spread to the eyes and skin

and can cause severe burning and pain around the eyes and rashes and redness on the skin. It can also infect:

- The anus and rectum areas cause discomfort and discharge, sometimes even bleeding
- Throat if you had unprotected sex, Eyes with pain and watery discharge

Who is at risk?

Chlamydia usually attacks people who are sexually active and indulge in various types like vaginal, anal, or oral sex without protection from a partner who already is infected.

Gay and bisexual men and lesbians are also high at risk of getting chlamydia as it spreads through oral and anal sex as well.

Doctors advise all young people of a sexually active age to get tested for chlamydia every six months.

What are the repercussions?

Since the condition does not have any specific symptoms, you might not get to know about chlamydia till it becomes really serious. It can be very harmful to health and can cause infertility and severe infection.

Chlamydia is treatable and you should consult a doctor whenever you experience a symptom.

Skin cancer: A seeminglyinnocent symptom may appear in the armpits

C kin cancer is often caused by uncontrolled exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays. While this can be managed well with regular application of sunscreen or by keeping oneself covered while going out, sometimes it may not be all that possible to dodge the disease. One of the most dangerous forms of skin cancer is melanoma and according to experts, a seemingly-innocent symptom of it may appear in the armpits.

What are the symptoms of skin cancer?

According to doctors, lumps under the armpits could be indicative of skin cancer and if you are noticing these even remotely but for a prolonged period of time, it is advised to get the same checked and treated before the cancer becomes metastatic. Like -most other cancers, this one too occurs when abnormal cells in the epidermis start to multiply uncontrollably.

Besides the lumps in the armpits, other symptoms of skin cancer are:

Brownish spot Moles that change appearances

Painful lesions than itch or bun

A lump that grows in size gradually or does not disappear over time is a cause of concern. Sometimes, these could be indicative of breast cancer or skin infections.

TX Te are all these days accustomed extra pressure on the veins of the lower and painful. to taking the phone in the bath- rectum which may eventually result in **What are the symptoms of piles?** room and then spending hours piles or rectal bleeding. Haemorrhoids The symptoms of haemorrhoids in there. But stop before you do it again or piles usually clear up on their own include: Pain during bowel movement as experts believe that spending over - however, when the infection becomes five minutes in the loo could be a huge severe, it may need medical support. Itching in the bottom Mucus release from the bottom mistake. Survey shows that an average Swollen blood vessels inside the anus person spends five minutes in the toilet Lumps in the bottom may form lumps. The high-risk groups for piles in this case at a time and makes four to seven trips Bleeding from the bottom after a in a day – this is often due to texting, bowel movement are: watching videos or reading a newspa-People who do not exercise Feeling the need to pass bowels even People who lift heavy weight per. Mayo Clinic, however, explains that after finished this could be a huge mistake along with Pregnant women For its management, doctors recompushing too hard or straining - it may Constipated people mend drinking lots of water and eating Straining too much could also cause raise haemorrhoids or piles risk in the enough fibre. Besides this, it is advised process. Sitting in the loo for long dura- anal fissures - a tear in the large intes- to not spend long hours in the loo or tions may damage the rectum – it puts tine near the anus which can be itchy strain too much to pass stools.

LEAVE YOUR PHONE OUTSIDE - STUDY

MORE THAN 5 MINUTES IN THE LOO

Which exercise should you prefer for a toned body? Zumba vs Pilates vs Aerobics

outs. It helps regulate heart

health and boosts immunity.

Aerobics increases good cho-

lesterol levels and reduces

sugar. It also enhances

Besides toning muscles,

Pilates also helps boost

endurance and strength.

weight loss.

Pilates

Properties of the starting the starting the starting the starting the starting the starting s there are a lot of activities that can help you lose weight, maintain a good figure or physique, and tone the body.

There are popular workouts today that combine fun activities like dancing, toning, cardio, and even strength training without boring you or making you averse to exercising.

Zumba

Zumba combines Latin dances along with exercises and weight training, making people perform lots of coordinated steps along with an instructor. Zumba makes the whole body work out and allows you to burn lots of calories while having fun. Zumba increases stamina and tones muscles; it also

increases body flexibility. A fast-moving session of Zumba easily helps lose 500 calories.

Aerobics

Aerobics consists of walking, swimming, cycling, and doing immense cardio work-

Pilates, however, needs some equipment to follow All three exercises are some moves along with great for mental and physisprings and bands. cal health and since they are done in groups, can reduce Comparison: which of the stress and anxiety and help three is better for you? you socialise and make While Zumba and aerofriends.

the studio.

They also help build bics are extensively helpful in quick weight loss, Pilates immunity and improve carhelps in building strength diovascular and digestive and toning muscles. Zumba systems. and aerobics also let you



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How to lower skin cancer risk?

In order to beat skin cancer risk, the first step is to avoid exposure to ultraviolet rays of the sun wearing sunscreen, covering the skin is much as possible and not going out during peak hot hours of the day to name a few. The Skin Cancer Foundation says that even one blistering sunburn in adolescence or childhood could double melanoma risk later.

Besides this, some dietary changes could also help – eating colourful foods, green leafy vegetables, fruits, and omega-3 fatty acids to lower skin cancer risk. These block the sun's ability to block an immune response.

Shocking! Child dies from suspected infection with rare brain-eating amoeba; what you need to know about Naegleria fowleri

n a shocking case recent-ly reported in Nebraska, La child passed away in a suspected case of being infected by rare brain-eating amoeba called Naegleria fowleri. It could be the first known death in the US state as per the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. A resident of Douglas County - including a city in Omaha, the child might have contracted the infection while swimming in Elkhorn River on Sunday. Soon after, he fell ill and passed away a week later - reported the Douglas County Health Department. The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues testing to confirm the same.

What is Naegleria fowleri?

Naegleria fowleri is a rare yet deadly amoeba that thrives in warm freshwater bodies such as hot springs, ponds, lakes and rivers. The organism can infect people when water containing



it travels up the nose and reaches the brain - often Safety tips to follow while diving or swimming. It does not infect people if

they drink the contaminated late summer when water is water or while swimming in warmed with a slow flow - in nose when going underwater a properly-chlorinated pool - explains the CDC. The fatality rate of the amoeba is over 97 per cent making trips to freshwater

and only four out of 154 bodies to reduce the risk of the US have survived since also advise people to avoid flushes it was first identified in 1962. certain activities when

water temperatures are high. Other tips include: Keep your head out of the

Naegleria fowleri-related infections mostly occur in water Use nose clips or plug the July, August and September. Avoid stirring and digging up the sediment at the As a precautionary measure, it is advised to abstain from bottom of the river or lake

Only use distilled, lukewarm or sterile water for known-infected people in infection. Health experts nasal irrigation or sinus

Spicy food lover? Ayurveda recommends these tips to prevent burning sensations

ndian food is often synonymous with spicy preparations – globally people see the country as the hub of some of the most delectable and irresistible flavours. thanks to the vast variety of spices used in the dishes. From curries to paranthas to even our salads and raita. there is a touch of spice in everything - and the country is proud of its legacy, one that also boasts of ancient wonders such as Ayurveda.

Health experts may sometimes warn against excess intake of spices - but according to Ayurveda, they have a role to play in the absorption, digestion, and metabolising of the food that we eat. Not only do they raise the health quotient of meals, but they also fight seasonal infections impressively, along with obesity, heart disease, and dental issues while inducing a natural detox.

But there still are some people who say no to spicy foods citing fear of burning sensations, acidity, and indigestion. Fret not, Ayurveda

has a way out for you – for the be enjoyed in the form of after meals. Pitta group of people (those raita or as is with some salt who cannot eat spicy food), and pepper and the spicy there are some simple tricks preparation will be neutralthat could help one enjoy a ised well enough to not cause delightful meal with a tadka the burning sensations anyof black pepper, green or red more.

chillies and garlic and that too, without fear of digestive meals: Licorice tea is a great distress

Add a probiotic: Dahi meals. Add a one-inch piece or yogurt is a great way to of licorice root to two cups of neurtralise the strong fla- water, boil and reduce it to vour of spices. It can either one cup and drink lukewarm

Eat spicy food in the mid of meals: Start your meals with a neutral, slightly sweet flavour, then proceed to something salty followed by something spicy, and end with something cool.

Reduce chillies: Instead of red or green chillies, use hing, garlic or black pepper. These spices are easier on the stomach and easier to digest as well.



Drink licorice tea after

way to ease the burn after

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Diverse percipitational patterns

nconsistent snowfall and snowfall pattern and unusual warm winters are some of the characteristics of the climate change in Jammu and Kashmir. The diverse types of ecosystems and communities, especially the poor rural people, living in the mountains across the state are among the most affected by climate change. Global warming is the certain cause of reduction in snowfall in Kashmir because global warming changes the precipitational patterns and thus leads to weather and eventually climate change. The climate of Jammu and Kashmir is to a large extent influenced by the mountains it is surrounded by. The temperature is greatly moderated by these mountains and the water bodies. As the altitude varies in Jammu Kashmir, all the three divisions experience a different environment. Effects that scientists had predicted in the past would result from global climate change are now occurring: loss of sea ice, accelerated sea level rise and longer, more intense heat waves. The effects of global warming include an increase in sea levels (leading to coastal flooding), changes in precipitation (leading to more floods and droughts), increased intensity of storms, and the spread of disease vectors. Jammu and Kashmir: moderately hot and wet. The climate of Jammu and Kashmir is characterized as moderately hot and wet. Jammu and Kashmir region shows high temperature throughout the year and receives a high amount of rainfall. All of these factors affect not only the climate of Jammu and Kashmir, but the climate of all over India. Weather changes frequently as compared to climate, because of change in various elements like wind speed, humidity, etc. that determine weather.

DECODING MY SEVENTY TWO YEARS IN INDEPENDENT INDIA: PART THREE

NITYA CHAKRABORTY

n 1984 Lok Sabha elections held during the national wave in favour of the Congress following the murder of Indira Gandhi. the ruling party got the maximum number of seats - 414. The BJP was decimated electorally with only two seats. The 40-year-old Rajiv Gandhi started his tenure with widespread goodwill. He belonged to the new generation and talked of building a modern India. He started well with his1985 address at the AICC session calling for the weeding out of corruption from the Congress party as also the government.

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His main achievement in this tenure was to bring about a telecom revolution in the country in collaboration with Sam Pitroda. Sam's program and vision led to the building of the telecom infra in the country, and for the reaching out of tele facilities to the remotest parts of the country. The unprecedented surge in telecom sector in the last three and half decades culminating in the latest 5G technology has its origin in the work which Sam Pitroda did during Rajiv's tenure.

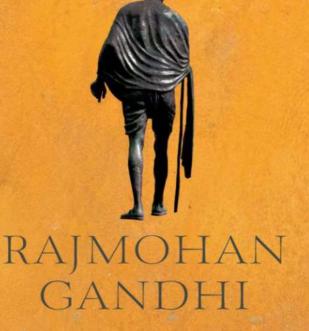
At the party level, Rajiv had a major dilemma in choosing his advisers. He had a big generation gap with the old guards of the Congress. He depended on his group of young friends, mainly buddies of Doon School like Arun Nehru. Suman Dubey, Arun Singh and Mani Shankar Aiyer. The Congress veterans like Arjun Singh, M L Fotedar, felt alienated. In 1987, his Finance Minister V.P. Singh was transferred as Defence Minister, and from that day, Rajiv's comfortable period ended. The young 'Mr. Clean' soon began facing a politically turbulent period during the rest of his tenure.

V P Singh resigned from the Rajiv cabinet and joined hands with the opposition. Bofors-I payoff became the core issue targeting Rajiv and alleging that he and his friends were corrupt. Arun Nehru also joined V. P. Singh and deserted Rajiv, who really could not rule in the second half of his term. He was constantly firefighting both in Parliament and outside against the opposition attacks. In 1989, Lok Sabha elections, Congress got less than 200 seats out of 543. The entire opposition combined against the Congress to form the government at the centre headed by V P Singh as the Prime Minister.

It was a three-way coalition; V P Singh led the newly-formed National Front combination belonging to several groups and he was supported by the BJP from one side and the Left from the other. It was an extremely difficult task for the V P Singh government to function properly. Senior BJP leader L K Advani who was the main coordinator with V P Singh during that brief tenure pushed a number of measures favouring BJP. V P Singh announced the Mandal Commission recommendations. Wide-

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landed in political turmoil. Chan- use of by an ace director to make drasekhar came out of the Janata a top-class eco-political film. The Dal combination with his SJP faction and formed the government with support by the Congress from outside. This government formed in late 1990 also fell after the Congress withdrew its support. Chandrasekhar continued as the caretaker PM as the country was getting ready for another Lok Sabha election in early 1991.

In the course of the process of the 1991 general elections, Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated on May 21. The polling in the remaining centres in the country was postponed for a few days due to mourning period. The last phase of polling was held normally. It was a hung Lok Sabha again, but the Congress was the single largest party.

On June 21, 1991, the 70-year-old Congress veteran P V Narasimha Rao took oath as the Prime Min- Fotedar and Natwar Singh were ister of a minority government very angry, and they were lookamidst massive political uncertain- ing for gaps in the measures being ty over its longevity. The Congress proposed by Rao. Dr. N K P Salve had got only 232 seats as against even met the Prime Minister and 21, Rajiv Gandhi was killed in the course of the campaign for the 1991 BJP, which was opposed to Lok Sabha elections. Sonia Gandhi an outsider. Rao told him to go was in mourning and Rao was also to July 24, the day, P V Narasimha PM and the Congress President Rao's first budget was presented by organised a series of meetings to the Finance Minister Dr. Manmo-National Front government fell on han Singh. It had all the elements ing Arjun Singh, N K P Salve and November 7, 1990, after a tenure of a high octane political and eco- Natwar Singh — the precarious

soft-spoken Brahmin, the former chief minister of Andhra Pradesh who knew 17 languages, created history by pioneering the economic reforms through his first budget and the new industrial policy presented on the same day, July 24, 1991

Dr. Manmohan Singh was his able implementer. Those who had the opportunity to observe the developments from close quarters in those days, saw how resolutely, he protected his finance minister from all attacks by his senior Congress colleagues and led the senior bureaucrats to go ahead with the reforms programme despite continuous feedback from the Congress seniors that Rao was deviating from Congress policies. Influential leaders like Arjun Singh, M K spread agitations by anti-Mandal the usual majority of 272 in the told him that Dr. Manmohan Singh Hugo: "No power on earth can stop under the leadership of the BJP Dr. Manmohan Singh was under tremendous pressure since he was ahead as planned and he assured that he would take care of the politi-The next 34 days from June 21 cal side of the budget. Rao as both explain to the seniors — includof 343 days. The country again nomic thriller which can be made status of the economy and why Dr. Singh wanted to impart a new

the steps proposed by him were dimension to that by conveying situation. But still, the draft new industrial policy was disapproved at the cabinet meeting on July 19. Rao agreed to make some changes, but peripheral to the main thrust of the policy, and finally succeeded in getting it approved at the meeting on July 23, just one day before its

presentation in Parliament. The big advantage of Rao was that despite all adverse talks in the media about the Chandrasekhar government, both the short-term Prime Minister and the Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha were persons with sharp mind, and they prepared an ad hoc programme for implementation by the new gov-The IMF-World Bank prescriptions were there and Rao's advisers, after taking over, found many of the Chandrasekhar government fit for implementation.

The foreign exchange reserves dipped to its lowest level and the situation was going from had to worse as the investors were losing confidence. The Rao government opted for rupee devaluation as per the IMF-World Bank prescription and the first phase of 9 percent was announced on July 1. This was followed on July 3 by another 10 per cent devaluation. The political tempers ran high as both the anti-Rao Congress MPs, BJP and the Left voiced strong protests against devaluation. Rao did not care for others, but he had to take into account the views of his party MPs.

But the Prime Minister in his stoic manner dealt with the dissidents resorting to different tactics and by the time the budget was being presented, the tempers in the Congress party came down. They were waiting for the final budget presentation and its impact on the parties and the people. At the trade policy level, the new Commerce Minister P Chidambaram got his job ready, and he presented a thirteen-point policy package which was announced on July 4. The tempo was thus being built up for the final budget presentation on July 24.

On the D-Day, July 24, Prime Minister was guite nervous in the morning. He confided to a senior journalist that he needed God's blessing since the day was his biggest test in his political career. He must have praved to God in the morning with his Sanskrit slokas. At the other end, Dr. Manmohan Singh was also equally strained. He was aware that he was performing a historic task and its failure in any way, would impact his fate as also of the future of this Government. He was determined that he would not let the PM down. He was looking nervous when he was entering the Lok Sabha but soon, he got back his composure.

vian dimension in his first budget May 1999. speech when he said quoting Victor an idea whose time has come." august house that the emergence midnight children of India now of India as a major economic power loud and clear. India is now wide tech revolution started dominatawake. We shall prevail. We shall ing the demography. India was in overcome." The speech had the the midst of a major generational ring of Nehru's address on the eve change when it entered the year of August 15, 1947. That was a call 2000, the first year of the 21st cento the world to take note of India tury and the third millennium. that had gained political freedom.

absolutely needed to salvage the that the world has to take note now of India's great battle for economic freedom that had started

At my professional level, this writing on the 1991 budget was my biggest challenge in the Hindustan Times, after taking over as the Business Editor. The owner, the veteran K K Birla was the chairman of the company and his daughter Shobhana Bhartia had just joined as Editorial Director and vice-chairperson. The new economic reforms would have impact on their industries which were being run till then as familyrun business and were comfortable in a sheltered environment under licence raj. I was not sure how to ernment which would take over. put this big event in perspective. Thankfully, no instructions came from the top and I organised the budget coverage in an objective proposals made by the erstwhile manner highlighting the major changes in the policies.

Prime Minister's finest hour in 1991 after his first budget presentation did not last long. 1992 was the year of big turmoil both on political and economic front. On the economic front, the big share market scam involving Harshad Mehta took place giving a big jolt to the small investors. The UTI funds, the mainstay of the middle class, especially the salaried and senior citizens, busted. Then came on December 6, 1992, the despicable demolition of Babri Masjid. PM was on backfoot politically, but the economic restructuring process continued under Dr. Manmohan Singh with full support of Rao.

In 1996 Lok Sabha elections, it was a hung Lok Sabha again. The BJP was asked to form the Government first. Atal Behari Vajpayee remained Prime Minister for 13 days as he lost the confidence motion in the house. A new United Front government was sworn in under the Prime Minister Deve Gowda, with Congress support from outside. This government fell after a year and a New Front government took over headed by Prime Minister I K Gujral. This also fell due to the same factor of Congress's withdrawal of support from outside. The Lok Sabha elections were held in 1998 and this time the BJP led by A B Vajpayee as the Prime Minister could form the government with its allies of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

This Vajpayee govt also fell after 13 months as the NDA ally AIADMK led by Jayalalithaa with drew its outside support. Another Lok Sabha election was held in 1999 and this time BJP and its NDA allies did well, getting a comfortable majority a total of 303 out of 543 seats in Lok Sabha. In 1999, a stable NDA ministry under Vajpayee took over. The Vajpayee era in1998-1999 is marked by India's Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998 and the victory Finance Minister gave a Nehru- in Kargil war against Pakistan in

India entered the new century

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supporters followed. In addition, Lok Sabha with the total strength was a bad choice, and he must be the attacks on Kashmiri Pandits in of 543. Only one month ago, on May removed. the Valley posed a big problem to the fledgling Prime Minister.

Mandal Commission recommendations, counter-attacked by acting as the Congress president. announcing Ram Rath Jatra by L K Advani. Soon, the saffron party withdrew its outside support to the V P Singh government. The

which had virtually no role in the Then he said: "I suggest to this independence of the country. The were greying on the wrong side in the world happens to be one such of fifties. A completely new genidea. Let the whole world hear it eration belonging to the emerging

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NEXT ROUND OF GST READJUSTMENT TO LEAD TO MORE PRICE INCREASES

K RAVEENDRAN

brief respite in retail inflation registered for July may not be of much assurance about price stability as another GST readjustment is threatening to push up prices of items of mass consumption.

Retail inflation was steady in June, although well above the Reserve Bank of India's tolerance limit for over sixth months. Inflation as measured by the consumer price index (CPI) was reported steady at an annual 7.03 percent in

June. down by 0.1 percent from the previous month. The improvement, though marginal, was attributed to lower fuel and cooking gas prices, which offset higher services and

food costs. The Reserve Bank has also been raising interest rates as part of its inflation management strategy.

But governor Shaktikanta Das has warned that inflation is unlikely to be brought within the mandated target, until at least the end of the

ther readjustment of the GST rates, which would warrant prices of items of daily use to go up further. It has now been revealed that the GST council may withdraw some more exemp-tions and raise the tax rates further to correct the remain-ing instances of inverted duty. An inverted rate struct that there is a move for fur-

year. It is against this setting

An inverted rate structure is a case where GST rates on inputs materials are higher

example, automobiles, electronic items, urea and other fertiliser inputs segments have duty inversion.

cil at its previous meeting had proposal was to levy a 28 per cent accepted a ministerial committee report on the correction of inverted is being reviewed lock, stock and duty and exemptions. As a result, barrel. pre-packaged and pre-labelled retail packs, including curd, lassi and butter milk, have since been labelled food items has been con-



issues relating to casinos, online gaming and horse racing, the conclusions of which are keenly watched due to the high interest tax on these activities, but the issue

The decision to enforce a 5 percent GST levy on pe-packaged and brought under GST. The panel is troversial right from the moment

created utter confusion among customers as well as merchants. Later on it was clarified that loose

will not attract the new rate.

Also attracting higher GST rates were hotel and hospital room rents while exemption given on services extended by RBI. IRDAI. SEBI, FSSAI and GST was also withdrawn. All this will have an implication for the inflation rates, but leaving a higher impact is the correction in the case of food and food-related items.

While a GST rate of 5 percent 18 per cent. was made applicable on branded

the new measure was cereals, pulses, and flour when the announced. It also new regime was rolled out, this was caused a lot of confusion amended to tax only such items over the tax liability on which were sold under registered loose items sold by retail brands on which enforceable right shops, particularly food was not foregone by a supplier. items. With the differ- However, soon rampant misuse of ence between branded this provision by reputed manuand unbranded products facturers and brand owners was having been eliminated noticed, with the result that the for GST purposes, it GST revenue from these items fell significantly.

The group of ministers, who could not reach a consensus at their last meeting on the inverted duty structure, has the mandate to review various items to help minimise refund payout, and review the GST exempt list with the objective

of expanding the tax base and eliminate breaking of input tax credit. Under GST, a four-tier structure exempts or imposes a low rate of tax 5 per cent on essential items and levies the top rate of 28 per cent on cars and demerit goods.

The other slabs of tax are 12 and

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than outward supplies. By way of currently further studying tax packed items sold by shop owners The decision by the GST coun- into these activities. The earlier

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Help and Show in times of Natural Calamity and Crisis



VIJAY GARG

ur society is a society of relatively more sensitive people. Despite the systemic inequality and the gap between rich and poor, there is no dearth ant surprise that many people do of good people. People and organizations in the country not only do their duty by coming forward to help the needy on the basis of humanity when the time comes, but are constantly engaged in service work. In times of natural calamity and crisis, this spirit comes out as an example. Many organizations engaged in the service of the needy of the society, such social workers Who have a passion for serving if doing him a favor. Every day we others and those in need. Many of them are wealthy and many are tributing clothes, fruits to the poor

poor for whom it is difficult to live for themselves, but helping someone in need is in their priority. If you look around you, some are seen providing medical facilities to the patients and some are busy in providing food to the hungry. Some are serving the physically handicapped and some seem to be helping the destitute. naked in the sun If he is wearing slippers on his feet, then someone is seen busy in arranging clothes to cover the bare body. How many people are doing the last rites of unclaimed dead bodies secretly for years. It is a matter of pleasthis service work in such a secret manner that no one is even aware of their work. But these days, in this time of personal selfishness, arrogance and pretense, many people and organizations are seen doing less work and more show off. The bright faces of big institutions are coming to the poor from all sides. Giving small help around him, he gets photographs taken as see pictures of social workers dis-



in the newspapers. Wearing a veil and intoxicating with that cash of social service, the goal of the so- are also coming out, who defame called social workers and institu- both the real needy and the helptions is sometimes more to make ers. There is no dearth of givers. economic profit, to be persistent in but finding the right recipients also the post and to make a face shine in the name of service. He keeps see how many fake helpless people an eye on the cream received in and women roam around outside the name of the needy. Due to such fake organizations and their fraud, even the true social workers who despite being physically capable, do real work will be punished.E is have also been seen using money often viewed with suspicion. On the other hand, like fake social workers, fake needy people are also hard work. Many times it seems coming out today. People selling a difficult task to find a deserving ration given, clothes selling cash

seems a difficult task. It is sad to temples, at shrines to beg for some alms. many times Some people, earned by playing with the feelings of people without doing any person when they go out to help

the needy, where instead of the really needy, such people forcefully break on food and goods, who were helpless, helpless and needy from nowhere. Today, there is a tendency to show off many times in those who help the needy. What is the difference between a person and a social worker who is secretly engaged in true service? There is more arrogance and an attempt to show oneself as capable and superior. Genuine help is scarce. Such people and organizations are seen in abundance today, who are aiming to get fruits for their selfishness and in the name of service. Such organizations, such people consider it a priority to promote themselves through photos, press notes. From the Mohalla level to the organizations pretending to be national and international and people wearing a fake face of social service, only cut silver. While helping someone in need, such people and It is important to recognize the deserving.

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BURGEONING STRATEGIC TIES OF INDIA WITH USA IS A THREAT TO SOVEREIGNTY

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he Narendra Modi government is deepening strategic ties with the United States on all fronts. Three events which took place in the last few weeks highlight this growing proximity to the geopolitical designs of the United States.

India has joined a new grouping called the I2U2 in West Asia which consists of four countries – Israel and India (I2), the United States and United Arab Emirates (U2). Why India has done so is unfathomable, except to facilitate President Biden's desperate attempts to assert US influence in the region.

Biden is attempting to create an anti-Iran alliance in West Asia and reverse the weakening US hegemony in the region in the face of growing economic and political challenges from China and Russia. Earlier, the Abraham Accords were initiated by President Trump to get Israel recognised by Arab states such as the UAE. Bahrain and Morocco.

The I2U2 virtual summit was held on July 14, 2022, during President Biden's tour to West Asia. Why should India join such an anti-Iran grouping and why it should endorse the Israel-Arab States' rapprochement, which would bury the Palestinian cause, is something which the government cannot satisfactorily answer.

If India has to strengthen its relations with the UAE, it can do so on a bilateral track and could have got the investment for the integrated food parks, which have been promised by the UAE through the I2U2 forum. The only reason India has joined this possible West Asia Quad is to buttress its strategic alliance with the US.

Soon after the I2U2 summit, India joined the US-led Combined Maritime Force based in Bahrain as an associate member. This is a counter-terrorism grouping aimed at protecting international waters which has been created with the United States Naval Forces Central Command leading the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). The 35-country maritime grouping consists mainly of allies of the United States including some of its NATO partners like France, Germany and the Netherlands.

If the four-nation grouping of the Quad comprising the US, Japan, Australia and India has been formed for the Indo-Pacific region, efforts are being made by the United States to group its allies in West Asia and India has agreed to be a willing partner.

The third event which has happened recently is the arrival of the first US navy ship for repairs at the Larsen & Toubro shipyard at Kattupalli near Chennai. This follows a decision taken at the US-India 2+2 ministerial meeting that ships of the US Maritime Sealift Command could use Indian shipyards for the upkeep and repair of its naval ships in mid-voyage. The US naval ship `Charles Drew' is the first US ship to undergo repairs in an Indian shipvard. This is the logical outcome of the logistic supply agreement signed between the US and India called the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA). Under this agreement, US air force and naval ships could use Indian air bases and ports for re-fuelling, repair and maintenance. Referring to the repair of the US ship, the vice chief of naval staff, S N Ghormade, stated that, it "shows the kind of mutual trust and also consolidates our role as a major defence partner of the US." The growing military cooperation, which is at the centre of the strategic alliance, was formalised by the Manmohan Singh government when it signed the Defence Framework Agreement with the United States in June 2005. The framework provided for agreements like the logistic supply agreement. The Modi government has gone forward to sign the so-called three foundational agreements which will be the basis for the interlocking and interoperability of the two-armed forces. Whether it is the Quad, the posting of liaison officers at the US Central and Indo-Pacific commands, or the expanding defence purchases from the US, India is on the way to becoming a military ally of the United States. That this is being undertaken by a BJP regime shows the close ideological and political proximity of the Hindutva right-wing forces with US imperialism.

WAR OF ATTRITION BETWEEN **NARENDRA MODI AND RSS INTENSIFIES** the reason that he is trying

ARUN SRIVASTAVA

he political spectre looming over the country points to bad days. The recent political actions of Narendra Modi without any ambiguity underline the threat of India turning into an authoritarian state. Modi has turned so self-aggrandizer that he is reluctant to stand to his critics belonging to his own party.

He is on the drive to weed out such elements, though done behind the veneer of revitalising the party and honouring the stalwarts. What made Modi to suddenly realise the importance of rehabilitation of the old leaders whom he had removed from the scene is really intriguing. The fact cannot be obliterated that Nitish Kumar's jolt has unnerved Modi and he has been using all kind of machinations to boost his image and position.

Claims by his friends that in his speech from the Red Fort he has unveiled a new vision is an instance. But these people could not cite even one tangible instance. Even his friends cannot deny

low esteem. Obviously, the reply lies in the wisdom that he has failed to fulfil the popular expectation of the people that he would come up to their expectations and provide good governance and maintain personal integrity. He has come to nurture

the feeling that he is even superior to the RSS and he instead of taking calls from the RSS leaders could dictate them. Modi who already arrogant. He did not like to have any adversary even in

his dreams. The latest move of dropping efficient union minister Nitin Gadkari and MP chief minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan from the Parliamentary Board of the party is a candid example.

In a major reshuffle ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP on Wednesday reconstituted its two top decision-making bodies, 11-member Parliamentary Board and 15-member Central Election Committee dropping Nitin Gadkari and Shivraj Singh Chauhan, indicating their diminishing stock in the party. Undeniably omission of Gadkari from the powerful board signals a major that Modi is in the prevailing generational and political



of the BJP in the Narendra Modi-Amit Shah era. Modi has sent a clear message that he was not willing to tolerate nursed egotism become more any kind criticism to his leadership

Gadkari is also a former BJP chief and by virtue of this he should have find a place in the board. The party keeps former presidents in the decision-making process. Gadkari is also known for his proximity to RSS, closer than

Modi. The party made six new entries, including Punjab cadre IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura and Haryana leader Sudha Yadav, in the Parliamentary Board. Headed by President JP Nadda, the two panels include who's who of the BJP — Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and general secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh.

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ice covered Nature!

Yediyurappa and union minister Sarbananda Sonowal have found place in the new committees. Yediyurappa was forced to resign as the Chief Minister on the alle gation of his being involved in corruption. Though his induction points to Modi's desire to expand in South India, it also aims at countering the domination of RSS. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi

Adityanath, who led the BJP to an unprecedented second term in the state, has not been "rewarded". He is not on good terms with Modi-Shah. It implied that he has no role to play in the decision-making process

Modi was working on the design to combine the RSS's traditional sense of organization with the populist nature of politics. Initially he succeeded to a large extent but now in the prevailing situpolitical situation is held in shift in the highest echelons nataka chief minister B S in a bind. Precisely this is prime minister?

Modi had helped the party to win municipal elections. But these utterly lacked the economic issues. It was purely based on caste equations. In a way Modi has mastered the art of using caste and communalism. And this has doing in the prevailing situation too. Using his skill, he strengthened the party's electoral base in Gujarat.

to present his image larger

than the image of the RSS.

Modi has been blue eyed boy of RSS, but his desperation to outgrow has of late strained his relationship with the RSS. The most recent example is his call "Har Ghar Tiranga". This move of Modi had actually put the RSS is an embarrassing situation. Just ahead of the final day, August 15, some of the RSS leaders put flags on the houses. This ambivalence of the RSS leaders had prompted the Congress leader Jairam Ramesh to say; "We are putting DP of our leader Nehru with tricolour in hand. But it seems that the message of the prime minister did not reach his family only. Those who did not hoist the flag in their headquarters in Nagpur for losing ground, though Modi ation he is finding himself 52 years, will they obey the is the only vote getter.

It is a fact that Modi's endeavour to flood social media profiles with the national flag has not moved RSS. It also did not obey Modi's directive to change the display profiles to the tricolour to mark the 75th year of Independence. The mood could be made out from the observation of a senior RSS functionary: "We don't take any decision under anyone's pressure. If the display pic of our official Twitter handle has to be changed, it will be

in due course of time. The RSS leadership is beleaguered with the sense that BJP leadership has been trying to deny its inherent right to oversee the BJP's morals and manners and it does not like drafting of the senior RSS leaders into the BJP. The party leadership is pursuing its own independent political line which are not approved by the RSS though it provides foot soldiers to ensure the victory of the BJP candidates in the elections. The feed backs received from RSS cadres working at the ground level has been quite disappointing and it feels that the BJP is IPA SERVICE

glacier which is considered as a 'Death Zone' but not for the Indian Army!

Operation Meghdoot: It was yet another big operation on the Siachen

M S NAZKI

'IN THE mountains you never leave anyone behind. For any reason. That's the way it is, and that's the way it has to be.

'Zone Siachen has several 'death zones'! When a soldier is in that zone, at very high altitude, he's living on borrowed time. He will almost certainly need a good oxygen supply. All living tissue is starting to die (necrosis) thanks to the cold and the altitude. For Indian soldiers, the higher that geniuses ascend, the more invigorated they become. the stronger their flesh and minds become. They experience the opposite of necrosis. They have entered the Life Zone.'! That was the soldier! Great things are done when men and mountains meet: this is not done by jostling in the street.'!

'Operation Meghdoot (Operation Cloud Messenger) after a famous Sanskrit poem by Kalidasa) was the codename for the Indian Armed Forces' operation to seize control of the Siachen Glacier in Kashmir, precipitating the Siachen conflict. Executed in the morning of 13 April 1984 in the highest battlefield in the world, Meghdoot was the first military offensive of its kind. The operation preempted Pakistan's impending Operation Ababeel (which was intended to achieve the same objective as Meghdoot) and was a success. resulting in Indian forces gaining control of the Siachen Glacier in its entirety.

'Currently, the Indian Army remains the first and only army in the world to have taken tanks and other heavy ordnance up to such an altitude (well over 5,000 m or 16,000 ft). Up to ten infantry battalions each of the Indian Army and Pakistan Army are actively deployed at high altitudes of up to 6,400 metres (21,000 ft) throughout

the region of the glacier! This is a story of Lance/ Chandrashekhar. NK Through a rarefied atmosphere they marched on with a great sense of duty geously'! and purpose. Unfortunately, the patrol party was struck by an avalanche and all 20 of the patrol party were lost to the disaster. Through a

search operation, 12 of the 20 bodies were recovered but the mortal remains of the rest including L/Nk Chanbeen recovered. drashekhar Singh continued to be a part of the icv glacier!'

But something was to happen later in fact much later in life!. In 1984, during the early days of Op Meghdoot, a patrol party of 20 soldiers of 19 Kumaon led by 2/Lt Pradeep Singh set out towards Shankar Top. Through the heavy snow fall, icy-cold weather! And things happened then! Snow storms, blizzards and avalanches are not uncommon on this all white covered mountains and that day one was to strike!

'The remains of a soldier, Lance Naik Chandrashekhar ierker! Harbol, who went missing in Siachen in 1984, had been not so much in conquer- remains: recovered after 38 years. He ing the glorious mountain joined the Kumaon Regiment peak but in simply having neither his nor the bodies of in 1971 and served courasurvived through a fatal



and deadly storm. But 'At times Mother Nature Chandrasheker could not! is not so unkind. For Chand-Perhaps he was so loved by Mother Nature'

'The body remains of the 'The mortal remains of a soldier from Haldwani city of soldier have been found after 38 years from the world's Uttarakhand who went missing in 1984 in Siachen have highest battlefield, notably when the nation is remem-'Lance Naik Chanbering the freedom fighters drashekhar Harbol joined and soldiers to commemothe Kumaon regiment in rate the 75th Independence 1971 and was part of the five-Day! That indeed was a member patrol when a mass great thing to happen! The of snow and rocks started hitbrave Veer Nari of Lance Naik, Shanti Devi, said that 'There were four others she was informed about too who slept in the lap of the the recovery by the army's 19 Kumaon Regiment. She 'When MSN ent me this said that upon hearing the story a huge bubble of tears information about recov-

came rolling into my eyes! ery, her mind went blank, It was at half past three and she could not talk for when I began this story with a moment as she returned my small eyes focused on to the memory of her brave the screen of one of my lap husband.'! She never forgot tops dedicated to the Indian about the brave man! She can Army! This indeed was a tear never! None of the Veers do that!'

'Sometimes, victory lies The recovery of mortal

> According to the officials, the other four members who

were part of the patrol were includes his wife and two found after the avalanche hit it.

The regiment of Lance Naik was part of India's preemptive action to stop neighboring Pakistan from taking control of the Siachen glacier in 1984 as part of the 'Meghdoot' operation.

Shanti Devi said, 'It has been nearly 38 years. And slowly, all the past wounds opened up again. I was 25 when he went missing. We got married in 1975. When he went missing nine years later, my two daughters were very young '! Veer Naris love their husbands in Olive Greens and what better

example than this!' 'Chandrashekhar must be smiling from the heavens for the dedication and devotion

to him by his beloved wife!' After performing the tarpan, which is offering water to the dead, his widow dedicated her life to raising their children. She mentioned that she raised the children in between many challenges and hurdles as a proud mother and wife of a martyr.

Lance Naik Harbol's daughter, Kavita, said, 'father has come home, but I wish he was alive and could celebrate the 75th Independence Day together! That is what an Indian daughter is!

The army officials have informed the martyr's family that the army number plate and a metallic disc helped identify the soldier's mortal

remains.'! Incidentally the soldier had two daughters! The family of L/Nk Chandrashekhar Singh which

young daughters never even had the chance to see his body and bid him a braveheart's farewell. But as fate

would have it, 38 years later a daring patrol conducted by a unit of Rai Rif led by Major Naveen through the same treacher-

ous terrain towards Shankar top came across a shelter which seemingly had been destroyed by an avalanche. As they searched the surrounding area they stumbled upon the mortal remains and managed to secure an army disc and torn clothes. It was a moment of extreme elation as they recovered the disc from the ruins of the shelter.

Just as the waves of happiness settled in these were replaced by a deep sense of sorrow as the realization struck that he was one of the

brave hearts i.e. a sentinel of the Siachen glacier.

The sacrifice made by this soldier shows the spirit of the Indian army which is 'Service before self '. His devotion to duty is manifested as even though the terrain is unforgivable, the climate ghastly he still kept advancing and eventually made the

> supreme sacrifice. This discovery augmented the sense of duty of every soldier who is currently serving in the Siachen glacier

I do not think I have to say more! With tears in my eyes I have written this story!

And I will conclude this with a one one liner, the mighty one with you, you are more than enough to move any mountain. And that that

is one an Indian soldier is!

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Jackky Bhagnani announces crime thriller 'Cuttputlli'

nilmmaker Jackky Bhagnani on Thursday announced his next crime thriller film, 'Cuttputlli', made under the banner of his production house, Pooja Entertainment.

Taking to his social media, Jackky posted an announcement video of his upcoming 'Cuttputlli', which is well loaded with horrifying background music and gives a glimpse of the horror game the producer is about to bring to the audience.

He mentioned in the caption, "Cuttputlli ka khel shuru ho raha hai. #ComingSoon on @Disneyplushotstar #CuttputlliOnHotstar".

With his penchant for mass entertainers, the young producer always brings up a renewed and fresh perspective to his content that emotionally resonates with the mass audience and 'Cuttputlli' looks like another feather to his illustrious career graph.

Next on Jackky's plate is the highly anticipated action entertainer 'Ganapath' starring Tiger Shroff and Kriti Sanon and 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' that brings together Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff for this action-comedy

Nia sees fierce competition coming up in 'Jhalak'

V diva and reality star Nia Sharma, who has won millions of hearts with her phenomenal style and acting, is super excited to participate in Season 10 of iconic "Jhalak Dikhhla Ja" show.

The celebrity dance reality show which is coming back after a five-year hiatus, will have Karan Johar, Madhuri Dixit and Nora Fatehi as judges.

Nia, who is among the 12 contestants, revealed her toughest competitors on the show.

In a statement, the "Jamai Raja" star said: "I am extremely excited to be a part of 'Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa'. I am a person who loves to dance her heart out at events, but I haven't performed professionally on a grand stage like 'Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa'.

"I do get nervous sometimes thinking about dancing in front of a live audience, but I am a professional and I believe I can take on anything that comes my way.

"This time the competition is going to be fierce as all the contestants are simply outstanding. I feel intimidated by trained dancers because I lack formal dance training.

"I saw some dance videos of Amruta Khanvilkar and Gashmeer Mahajani, both are excellent dancers. I'm apprehensive about competing with them because they are professionally trained dancers.

"Having said that, I can't wait to start my journey and am thrilled to be on such an iconic dance show.' 'Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa' will air on September 3 on COLORS.

Brahmastra: It's time for after party with Ranbir, Alia & Ayan

he makers of Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt starrer 'Brahmastra', are all set to launch the teaser of new song 'Dance Ka Bhoot', on Thursday.

Filmmaker, Ayan Mukerji on Wednesday took to his Instagram to share a special surprise with the fans with an 'After Party' chat, as they launch the teaser of the celebratory song 'Dance Ka Bhoot' from 'Brahm stra' tomorrow.

Women writers' perspective enrich, empower & inspire

ndian literature has a long history of powerful feminist voices like Savitribai Phule, Amrita Pritam, Ismat Chughtai. Krishna Sobti, Kamala Das and many more

In Zee Theatre's play anthology 'Womanly Voices,' director Lillete Dubey revisits some of the most memorable stories written from a female perspective.

In the teleplay, audiences are treated to Mahasweta Devi's 'Shishu', Wajida Tabassum's 'Uttran', and Gita Mehta's 'The Teacher's Story'. The stories, though set in different milieus and epochs, connect us deeply with universal themes that continue to be relevant till date.

1) Mahasweta Devi's 'Shishu'—

Jnanpith and Padma Shri awardee Mahasweta Devi was the voice of invisiblised tribals privilege and apathy that create and the marginalised. She fearlessly wrote about discrimination



steeped in social realism. In her short story, 'Shishu,' she laid bare the horror of starvation in a village where malnourished people sist on bare minimum resources have been reduced to pygmies and have seen rice only in their dreams. Deep-seated ignorance, situations like this are critiqued

remind us of our inability to look beyond urban preoccupations at fellow humans who have to subwhile we consume more than we need.

2) Wajida Tabassum's 'Utran'—

leading lights of feminist Urdu lit-

with an unthinkable action.

Story'-

Writer, documentary filmmaker, and journalist, Gita Mehta has an incisive perspective on gender

she saw around her. As one of the her book 'River Sutra', published in 1993, six different tales are erature, Wajida, along with Ismat connected through the thread of Chughtai, came to be known for human emotions and the ebb and flow of the Narmada.

'The Teacher's Story' is about the power of music to transform human lives, and how in a world without human tenderness, even a sacred bond between a teacher and a disciple can be destroyed by hate. The story revolves around a music teacher who finds meaning and purpose in his desolate life by teaching a blind child. However, an inhuman crime ends this beautiful relationship and the story ends with a reminder that in order to call ourselves human, we must first learn to love more and hate less.

Starring Joy Sengupta, Suchitra Pillai, Pranav Sachdev, Ira Dubey, Deepika Amin, and Adit Airtel and Dish TV.

Abhinav Shukla, **Yuvika Choudhary** enter 'Cyber Vaar'



oot's 'Cyber Vaar-Har It is a very interesting role to Screen Crime Scene', perform, and I am looking has announced two forward to seeing how my new entries to the show character pans out.

Abhinav said, "I did the

series purely because I loved

Abhinav Shukla and Yuvika Choudhary.

Abhinav will be playing the storyline of the show. I the character of Vikram knew I wanted to be part of as Akash's (Mohit Malik's) the show from the very first only friend who was a Spenarration. As an actor, I do cial Ops Commando, while not put too much thought into the length of a charac-Yuvika has been roped into the show to play Ananya's ter. For me, it is all about the script. If I like something (Sanaya Irani's) sister, who is a reputed journalist. and believe in it, I just do it.

Abhinav's character And that is exactly the case follows the story of a spewith this show as well." cial ops commando, who is 'Cyber Vaar - Har Screen wrongfully put in jail for Crime Scene' sheds light being accused of a girl's on the rising threat of murder who he had met. cybercrime looming over Mumbai. ACP Akash Malik Aakash was the only person along with Cyber Expert who believed that he was not behind that murder. Ananya Saini and team Ananya eventually helps in T.R.A.C.E. get on the quest getting him out of the jail to wipe out cybercrimes by proving the pieces of evi- from the city.

Mohit Malik, plays the dence wrong. Yuvika plays a reputed journalist and in protagonist in this crime the show, you will witness thriller alongside Sanaya a mystery revolving around Irani as the leading lady.

ment and filmmaker Nandita Das' highly anticipated film 'Zwigato' will make its world premiere at the 47th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2022

pplause Entertain-

film will be screened under the 'Contemporary World Cinema' section.

Nandita, the film features Kapil Sharma, who is a new food delivery rider, exploring the world of gig economy.

who to support his income, starts to work for the very first time.

of joy. It is life "bitter-sweet". Sameer Nair, CEO

Applause Entertainment said: "Zwigato depicts the lives of the often unseen people who are the heart and soul of this nation and its economy. Whilst the

nally), and the Song celebrates

Shiva's Spirit at the beginning

of his journey in Brahmastra...



not without shared moments we believe that the themes of this film transcend geo-

'BRAHMASTRA' MAKERS RELEASE TEASER OF 'DANCE KA BHOOT'

ollywood superstar could achieve the Vision we Ranbir Kapoor is all set b to steal hearts with his groovy moves in the foot tapping 'Dance Ka Bhoot' teaser from 'Brahm stra Part One: Shiva'

After the massive global Who at this stage is inspired chartbusters 'Kesariya' very much by the Bholenath and 'Deva Deva', 'Dance Ka aspect of Lord Shiva's grand Bhoot' is the "Celebration Of personality - innocent, fun Brahm stra". Composed by loving, easy to please and cel-Pritam and sung by Arijit ebrating life through... Dance.





An official selection, the

Written and directed by

Shahana Goswani plays his wife, a homemaker,

Set in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, the film captures what an 'ordinary' family

faces in the post-pandemic world. It is the story of

Like 'Manto', Wajida cared by the writer with unsparing nothing about decorum when it writing astutely depicts how and inequity and her works were honesty. This story continues to came to exposing the repression, social constructs shape the per-

hypocrisy and human frailties sonal destinies of individuals. In her forthright writing style.

One literary critic even referred to her as sahib-e-asloob (a writer with a distinct voice). The element of erotica in her stories invited a lot of controversies and her choice of themes created a furor many a time. In 1975, she wrote the Urdu story 'Utran' which spoke about how a subservient woman who has always received castoff clothing wrests her autonomy and power back

3) Gita Mehta's 'The Teacher's

and class issues in India and her Bhilare, the teleplay will air on

Nandita Das' 'Zwigato' to world premiere at TIFF

Toronto International Film Festival."

Nandita said, "Zwigato is finally ready! A story abou new urban India that is no just about the gig economy but also about everything that we normalise around us I found the perfect producing partner in Sameer Nair to tell this simple yet complex

slice-of-life film. "I am thrilled that it wil premiere soon at the Toronto International Film Festiva (TIFF). This means a lo to me personally as I have debuted there both as ar actor and director, with 'Fire

and 'Firaaq', respectively. "Over the years, several other films have taken me to TIFF. I hope the universality of the theme of the film wil resonate with the amazing attracts from all over the



Along with the video, Ayan wrote, "YOU-TUBE AFTERPARTY with Ranbir, Alia and Me... Tomorrow - Aug. 18th @ 1.30PM! We've had a big Kesariya hoarding up in Times Square NYC, and in LA - through a collaboration with YouTube, this last week! Tomorrow is a half hour YouTube Live Session to celebrate

the Music Journey of Brahmastra.. As we release the Teaser of our Third Song... Which vibrates with the Joy and Fun of Shiva's Spirit.. DANCE KA BHOOT & #dancekabhoot #brahmastra".

The movie is presented by SS Rajamouli in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam. Directed by Ayan, Produced by Fox Star Studios, Dharma Productions, Prime Focus and Starlight Pictures the magnum opus will release theatrically in five Indian languages - Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada with a stellar ensemble cast of Amitabh Bachchan, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Mouni Roy and Nagarjuna Akkineni

'Brahmastra Part One: Shiva' to hit the theatres on September 9.

Alia's 'Darlings' soars to no 2 on Netflix

Tetflix's most recent release 'Darlings' has been getting rave reviews for its impactful storytelling and great performances. Since its release on Netflix, it has been trending in the Global Top 10 in non-English films for two consecutive weeks. It has moved up from the number 4 spot to the number 2 spot globally, and has been viewed for over 24 million hours.

Currently, it is trending in the Top 10 in 28 countries including the United Kingdom, Brazil, Trinidad & Tobago and South Africa. The film also featured at the number one spot in 10 countries including India, Singapore, Bahrain and Hong Kong.

'Darlings' continues to be the highest viewed non-English Indian original film and has the highest global opening for a non-English original Indian film, clocking over a whopping 24 million viewing hours

The Red Chillies Entertainment and Eternal Sunshine production's film, stars Alia Bhatt, Shefali Shah, Vijay Varma and Roshan Mathew. It is directed by Jasmeet K Reen.

her suicide and whether or Apart from Mohit and not there is a devil's involve- Sanaya, the ensemble cast ment in the same. of this series boasts of

Talking about her role. Keshav Uppal, Neha Khan, Yuvika said, "It's a charac-Amitabh Ghanekar, and ter I haven't played before Indraneel Bhattacharya, in my life so I'm excited to among others, in key roles. try something different and Produced by Tanveer new. I have had a great time Bookwala and directed by shooting and I'm positive Ankush Bhatt, 'Cyber Vaarthat the series is going to be Har Screen Crime Scene' a super journey throughout. airs on Voot.

Singh, the lyrics are by Amitabh Bhattacharva.

Director Ayan Mukerji shared the teaser of the third song from the magnum opus on his social media. Along with it, he wrote, "our Third Song And..... our Biggest in terms of ambition and scale! Delayed twice because of the Pandemic but eventually shot with stubborn patience so we

Produced by Star Studios, Dharma Productions, Prime Focus and Starlight Pictures,

the movie will release theatrically on September 9, across five Indian languages – Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada with a stellar ensemble cast of Amitabh Bachchan, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Mouni Roy and Nagarjuna Akkineni.



Superstars': Anupam

Kher shares selfie with

KBC 14: NAGALAND DG PRISONS'S TALES OF BRAVERY AMAZES BIG B

he upcoming epi-sode of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' Season 14 will see Nagaland's Director General (DG) Prisons. Home Guards, Civil Defence and SDRF (State Disaster Response Force), Rupin

Sharma The 55-year-old contestant will be playing with amazing composure and presence of mind and also be indulging the host Amitabh Bachchan with some very interesting conversations about his life as an IPS officer.

Breaking the ice, the contestant will be seen talking about the state of Nagaland, gushing about its beauty and inviting the Bollywood industry to come and shoot films in the laps of its pristine locales.

Sharma will be presenting a special Naga scarf to Big B. Bachchan will wear the scarf throughout the episode.

Big B and KBC team will also surprise Sharma with a video of the people of Nagaland thanking him for his service to the state. BJP State President Temjen Imna Along Longkumer will also be seen in the video that will leave Sharma emotional.

The conversations will ormation in prisons. Rupin Sharma even hails also veer towards Abhishek Bachchan whose film Abhishek as better actor "Dasvi" will be discussed as than his father, which Big B the OTT success was on ref- graciously accepts.

Talking about more serious side of being in the force, Rupin Sharma would also narrate harrowing incidents like the nabbing of a terrorist.

Living the experience of being on the show, Rupin Sharma shared, "It was a very surreal but livid experience of being on the show and interacting with none other than the living legend, Mr Bachchan. I have been a fan of the show for many years and the fact that I got to play and win is a huge matter for me and my family.

"Talking about my life in the force, about Nagaland and Naga culture and the people of Nagaland with Mr Bachchan made me realise how humble and intent a listener he is. The response from the audience and crowd was overwhelming and promos about my presence at the show were enlightening and surprising for friends. Some friends are still getting used to the show. Adding to that, I hope viewers will enjoy the show and interaction as I play tonight," he

Watch 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' at 9 pm on Sony.

added

Kartik Aaryan artik Aaryan definitely left a mark on the audience as he imagined that a day wil delivered the biggest opening of the year 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2'

On the other hand, the content film, 'The Kashmir Files' starring Anupam Kher, grew to be the biggest grosser in Hindi surprising the unexpecting.

And recently, the superstars of these two biggest Hindi films of 2022, Kartik and Anupam met and shared selfies from their meeting, as a treat for their fans.

The senior actor took to his social media and shared the images. Anupam also penned a long note along with the happy pictures.

"SUPERSTARS: Since the criteria of calling an actor (however good he/she is) a #SuperStar depends on the money their movies make, I am sharing with you all a pic of two SUPERSTARS. At least this year for me! My film #KashmirFiles made 350 crores worldwide and @ kartikaaryan's #BhoolBhulaiyaa2 earned close to 250 crores," he said.

come, when my film like #KashmirFiles in the lead will do business of 350cr. I is a good churning! I wel come the change. Hope you all do too," the 67-years-old actor said.

"It was such a pleasure

to meet #Kartik recently He is going to be here for a long long time. Both, as ar actor and a superstar. I have been running for the last 40 years and have to run more and compete with young sters like Kartik. #KuchB hiHoSaktaHsi #SelfPraise #Truth #Journey #Magi cOfCinema", he added.

Both actors have had different journeys in Bol lywood, starting out from outside the glamorous world and making it so big on their own hard work and merit, to being the leading faces of the biggest films o the country today.

While, Kartik is the face of fan-made superstars Anupam Kher is the name associated with quality and talent, and both their fans always look forward to their "Time is changing and so films eagerly.



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DDC Rajouri reviews functioning of Cooperative societies, realization of deliverables

Asks for close monitoring to achieve results within set timeline

RAJOURI, AUGUST 18: Development ler Rajouri, District Commissioner Vikas Kundal today reviewed the functioning of the Cooperative societies here in a meeting of the concerned officers.

Officers present in the meeting were CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; Dy Registrar Cooperative societies, Antar Singh; AD Planning, Mohammad Rafi and other concerned officers.

Speaking at the meeting, the DDC said that strengthening and revival of the Cooperative societies is the need of hour and dedicated efforts must be made in this regard.

He also said that cooperative societies play an important role in self-employment generation ac-



ing. Detailed discussion on developmental deliverable

Asking for strengthening

in the district, he directed the department functionaries to put in dedicated

DEC Ramban finalises proposals for conservation, preservation of Ecology & Environment

RAMBAN, AUGUST 18: District Magistrate, Ramban, Mussarat Islam, to-

day convened a meeting of

the District Environment

Committee to finalize the

proposals for conservation

and preservation of Ecolo-

gy & Environment in the

areas affected due to earth

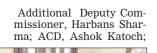
cutting for the National

Highway 4- Laning project

in the jurisdiction of For-

est Division Ramban and

Batote.



Divisional Officer, Pollu-

tion Control, Sanjay Ra-

thore, DFO, Ramban Dr.

Rajan Singh; DFO, Batote,

Kuldeep Singh; DMO, Kul-

want Singh and other se-

nior officers attended the

meeting.

financial implication of 1 crore each for the twin divisions. After a threadbare discussion on all the works proposed in the plan, the DEC approved the proposals for further submission to the J&K Pollution Control Committee for its placement before its ensuing Board meeting for approval and appropriate funding. During the meeting,

Divisions before the Dis-

trict Environment Com-

mittee (DEC) with a total

the DM who is also the chairperson of the DEC, discussed various other issues posing threat to Ecology & Environment due to the ongoing construction works on major projects across the district and suggested a wide ranging corrective measures for its protection. During the meeting, the DM who is also the chairperson of

During the meeting, the DFO Ramban and DFO the DEC. discussed var-Batote placed the propos-als for their respective ious other issues posing threat to Ecology .

Poonch: Deputy Registrar, Senior Scientist KVK interact with members of Poonch Farmers Producer Co-operative

POONCH, AUGUST 18: To kick start the activities of recently registered "Poonch Farmer Producer Cooperative", Deputy Registrar Cooperatives, Vishal Deep Chandan and Senior Scientist KVK, Ajay Gupta on Thursday Elaborating the concept note, the house was informed that Maize has been chosen as a central crop for all value addition and supply chain as local Poonch maize has a reputation of unique germ plasm with extra tasty

traits. Moreover, it is a staple food and has the potential to significantly improve farmers' income. Elaborating further, the Deputy Registrar apprised the farmers about the importance of cooperative farming to promote Sahakar se Samriddhi (prosperity through cooperation) through land pooling, crop polling etc to significantly improve income and employment generation.Senior entist KRISHI Vigyan Kendra, Ajay Gupta highlighted the importance of adopting modern farming practices throughout the value chain starting from farm mechanisation to market linkages through high yielding varieties and many more forward linkages.The meeting was attended by various progressive farmers of Degwar village, Director and CEO of Poonch FPC, staff of Cooperative Department.

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JKRLM concludes 2 day training cum workshop for Potential Homestay Owners

JAMMU, AUGUST 18: The two day train-ing cum workshop programme for the Home stays owners of Jammu division organised by Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) in collaboration with OYO concluded here today at Convention centre Jammu.

Mission Director, JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib, Additional Mission Director, JKRLM, Mridhu Slathia, Staff members and SHG members of JKRLM (UMEED) were also present during the workshop.

The workshop was organised in collabo-ration with the Global Travel Technology Company, OYO. The thrust area of the workshop was to educate the SHG members regarding the services offered in the homestays and the different ways by which the services under these homestays shall be improved. The dos and don'ts while dealing with the customers was also discussed to enable potential homestay owners (SHG members) to provide quality service to the guests.

The MD JKRLM urged upon the SHG members to take maximum benefit from the training programme and to make the homestay intervention of JKRLM a unique and successful model of entrepreneurship in J&K. Further, she asserted that the aim of such skill programmes is to build the capacity building of the SHG



members, so that they turn out to be the potential entrepreneurs of the J&K, UT. To keep the motivation of the potential

homestay owners (SHG members) intact, a cultural programme was performed by the artists of the cultural wing of the Information Department. The performance of the artists was fully cherished by the audiences.

The two day training cum workshop programme concluded with certificate distribution among the potential homestay owners (SHG members). The certificate training distribution ceremony among participants was presided by MD JKRLM and Director, Learning & Development, OYO, India, Swati Sharma.

Tourism Directorate Jammu organises **3rd Edition of Kite Festival**

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congratulate Directorate

of Tourism, Jammu for or-

ganizing such a sprightly

festival"While addressing

the media, Vivekanand

Rai, Director Tourism Jammu, said "Kites have

been a part of our tradi-

There is nothing more en-

joyable than flying a kite.

I would like to thank the

people of Jammu for mak-

ing our initiative a thor-

ough success and using

Indian Thread for Flying

Live commentary of snap

ping of kites enhanced the

excitement with the crowd

of spectators reverberat-

ing with "Chal Gayi Aaa".

As many as 100 Kite en-

thusiasts participated in

the event. The blue sky

was dotted with numerous

kites of different shapes, colour and sizes, which

Kites"

JAMMU, AUGUST 18: The skies of Jammu were coloured with Kites soaring in the sky as the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu on Thursday organized Kite Festival 3rd Edition here on the Tawi River Front Park.

It was a colorful jambotion since ancient times ree wherein friends and and even today they are family regaled under clear flown to celebrate various blue skies and enjoyed a festivals and sentiments. fun filled morning.

Owing to the enthusiasm Jammuites have for kites, the festival organized a day prior to Janamashtami, witnessed a huge crowd of people coming from different parts of the city. The event was inaugurated by Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu by releasing the string of a kite. Speaking on the occasion, he said "Kite flying has been an integral part of our Culture. Kites have the ability to drag us out of our homes and go back

added to everyone's delight.It is pertinent to mention here that the participants used only Indian Thread for flying Kites. It was ensured at the entry gate, by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu that none of the participants take Chinese thread inside the venue.

Arjun Singh secured first prize of Rs 3100/, while Mohit Verma and Anil Kumar bagged the second prize(Rs 2100/-) and third prize of (Rs 1100/-), respectively. All the participants were given certificates in the end. Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director Tourism said "The purpose of or-ganizing this event was to give Jammuites an exhilarating experience of Kite Flying with enthralling music and delightful feast. The event is not only a competition but a memory of one's childhood and a medium to connect to our

Newly elected Vice President Municipal Council Kishtwar takes oath of office



Horticulture department holds awareness camp in Nowshera to promote fruit plantation

JAMMU, AUGUST 18: The Department of Horticulture Jammu is making concerted

take all the benefits of the centrally and UT sponsored schemes of the department.

but also play an important department. role in enhancing the family Earlier, Chief Horticulture mental schemes and said that

ers about the various depart-

drive at multiple locations by planting Mango and Citrus plants in the compact farm-

held an interactive session with the management of the FPC.At the outset, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives gave a detailed presentation, highlighting the concept note of multi society cooperative model, with the forward and backward linkages. Individual projects were discussed in detail and suggestions for improvement were sought from all stakeholders.

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 18: Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Varunjeet Singh Charak today administered oath of office to newly elected Vice President, Municipal Council Kishtwar, Shabir Ahmed Butt in presence of President, MC Sajjad Ahmed Najjar and all the members of MC, here at Conference Hall DC Office complex Kishtwar. The post of Vice President was lying vacant, fresh elections were held and Shabir Ahmed Butt was elected as new vice president for the remaining tenure of the present council.Among others DIO Kishtwar Amit Kumar, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Kishtwar Tarig Balwan, besides other staff members of district administration and MC were also present.

efforts to generate awareness among the farming commu-nity about plantation of fruit crops amid the monsoon season. In this series, Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak today conducted an extensive tour of District Rajouri and chaired an awareness camp cum interaction programme at Panchayat Seri of Nowshera zone.Chief Horticulture Officer Rajouri, Madan Lal Tak and other officers besides a large number of farmers including women, sarpanches and PRI members of the area participated in the camp.Addressing the large gathering of farmers, fruit growers, the Director stressed the need to encourage High Density Plantation in the area and adopt cluster approach to establish new orchards. The department is providing all assistance to the farmers and they should He urged farmers to adopt integrated farming in their fields and avail the benefits on different components viz: Bore Well, water harvesting tanks, Drip irrigation, Custom Hiring Centres, vermicompost units, protected cultivation, tools & implements etc. for upliftment of their socio- economic status.

The Director also inaugurated a one month training programme on fruit and vegetable preservation at village Narian of Doongi block for women. He impressed upon the women participants to come forward, adopt fruit and vegetable preservation as a profession and establish new preservation and dry fruit processing units with the financial assistance from the department as the govt. is very keen to promote this sector and it will not only provide employment,

Drivers, Employees are

facing Great hardships in

Reaching Mendhar town

through the Route of BG

which became Headache

for the Students, Patients,

Travellers due to Non Seriousness of the BRO

Mendhar for Blacktopping

and Maintenance having

huge poth holes even re-

peated request by the Ad-

ministration and Protest

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President Association but

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all the issues Pertaining

to the General Public,

Shri Romesh Kumar, IAS

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given by them.

Rafiq Khan.

Mendhar

Balnoi Road

After listening



income. He also held discussions with the PRI members/ farmers gave a patient hearing to the demands raised by them and assured them of every possible help from the

Officer Rajouri welcomed the Director Horticulture and apprised him about the works going on in the field under different departmental schemes. He briefed the farm-

the border areas of Rajouri district have huge potential for horticulture crops due to diversity in agro climatic conditions.Later, the Direc-tor kick- started plantation

er's field at village Kangri of Sunderbani tehsil and Seri of Nowshera zone. He also visited Thannamandi area and inspected the Modified Ultra High Density plantation of apple trees.Besides Chief Horticulture Officer, Jyoti Parsad DL-SMS (pom.), Sunil Mahnoori MCC, Shafqat khan DHO and HDOs, Arun Kumar and Darvinder Kumar also accompanied the director during the visit. Later, the Director kick- started plantation drive at multiple locations by planting Mango and Citrus plants in the compact farmer's field at village Kangri of Sunderbani tehsil and Seri of Nowshera zone. He also visited Thannamandi area and inspected the Modified Ultra High Density plantation of apple trees.Besides Chief Horticulture Officer, Jvoti Parsad DL-SMS (pom.), Sunil Mahnoori MCC.

Mendhar Grievances Projected before Divisional Commisioner Jammu. Nadeem Rafiq Khan

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Jammu:Senior Leader PDP and Chairman Mendhar Youth Club Advocate Nadeem Rafiq Khan had made detailed discussion with Representation of Public Problems suffered by them in the Recently Heavy Rainfall and Flashfloods in a meeting with Divisional Commisioner Jammu Shri Romesh Kumar, IAS

He Apprised about the General Public issues of Mendhar Sub Division in which Public facing very hardship like Narole -Chattral Diver-sion of Naibat Chattral which washed away and blocked many times with flash floods due to which locals of different Panchayats of Upper side Kalaban, Pathanteer, Narole,

Chak banola ,Banola and adjoining are halted for daily Routine works. The Public of the Area frequently demanding bridge on this Diversion Nallaha since last 10years

He further Projected Behra- Salwah Road Diversion which also washed away many times after temporary repair by the locals where alternative Bridge Like Project is required as per Locals demand. The Roads Connecting links of Mendhar Sub Division whether under PMGSY and R*B PWD are damaged very badly by the flash floods and Heavy Rainfall of Balakote. Mendhar and Mankote Sectors.

The Poor family who having Kutcha House Shelter in Pathanteer, Dhargloon and other areas



are also become homeless with landslides damaged made to their houses for which whole details kept with SDM office Mendhar. The farmers of the Sub division Mendhar suffered great loss to there Standand timely action in the Written submission to ing Crops which need to be Compensiate for their livelihood.

The Public of Mendhar, Sumo

Kishtwar: 6 youth provided mini-Commercial **Vehicles under 'Mumkin' Scheme**

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 18: The District Administration Kishtwar today provided mini-commercial vehicles to six youth under "Mumkin" Scheme of Mission Youth J&K, here at a simple function held in the new DC Office Complex.Chairperson, District Development Council Kishtwar, Pooja Thakur handed over keys of the vehicles to the youth in presence of Deputy Commissioner, Ashok Sharma; Joint Director Planning, Mohd Iqbal; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Varunjeet Singh Charak; Assistant Director, District Employment and Counseling Centre. Amit Kumar; District Employment Officer, Wasim Hassan Khan, besides other officials District Employment and Counseling Centre Kishtwar were present on the occasion. This was the 2nd batch of youth who were provided commercial vehicles under the Mumkin Scheme in the current Financial Year 2022-23. Earlier this year, 29 youth were provided commercial vehicles under the same scheme, while 45 youth benefited under the scheme during FY 2021-22. On the occasion, DDC Chairperson and DC Kishtwar shared words of encouragement with the beneficiaries.

Briefing about the scheme, the AD Employment & Counselling, DE&CC informed that subsidy in favour of 44 sanctioned cases stand released out of which 06 vehicles were delivered today to disbursed cases.

This distribution is to be followed by delivery to another batch of 38 beneficiaries.Pertinent to mention that the Mumkin Scheme is an initiative of Mission Youth J& K and is implemented by DE&CC at the district level

Under the scheme, applications are invited through JK e-Services portal, scrutinized, verified and approved by the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) chaired by the Deputy Commissioner.

Approved applications of intending beneficiaries in the age group of 18-35 are sponsored to concerned J&K Bank branches for sanction.

After sanction, subsidy contribution from Mission Youth is released for disbursal of each case and vehicles are delivered to beneficiaries

Apart from 10% subsidy from mission vouth, vehicle manufacturers also provide an upfront discount of 10% to the applicants.

District Adm Ramban felicitates Coordinator SANJY Langer Organizations Ashish Sharma

RAMBAN, AUGUST 18: District Administration, Ramban Thurs-day felicitated Ashish Sharma, Coordinator, Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Langer Organizations constituted during SANJY-2022 in district Ramban. The DC felicitated all 33 langer

organizations on the occasion of 76th Independence Day Celebra-tions for providing quality food and other basic facilities to thousands of Yatries on daily basis at different identified locations across the district.While appreciating the key role of Ashish Sharma in organizing langers smoothly in the district, the DC said that efforts made by him greatly helped the Administration in providing food to devotees of SANJY-2022 as per guidelines. Ashish Sharma, on the behalf of all langer organizations, extended his gratitude to the District Administration for providing all necessary assistance like water, power supply, security, etc.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE... ALTAF BUKHARI

porters, Apni Party President said, "There is a lot of confusion about what the CEO has said. We are unable to understand how a person can be eligible to vote in two places —one's native place, and where he or she resides temporarily. If a Kashmir student studying in Bangalore cannot vote there, how can a person from Bangalore vote here in J&K?"

He said the Apni Party has assigned its legal team the job of examining the ramifications of the government decision enabling non-locals to vote in J&K.

Apni Party President said that the "statement of the CEO has disturbed the J&K people, who were coming to terms with the situation caused by the post-August 5, 2019, occurrences. Therefore, the GoI ought to come clean about the Chief Electoral Officer's confusing and controversial statement."

"Apni Part will fight with its full might to ensure J&K people are not disempowered further." he added.

Apni Party Altaf Bukhari-- have agreed to attend the meeting called by Dr Farooq Abdullah to discuss permission granted to non-locals living ordinarily to vote in Jammu and Kashmir.

Spokesperson of Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Alliance (PAGD) and General Secretary of Communist Party of India (Marxist) Mohammad Yousuf Targami told UNI that the meeting would be held on Monday, August 22, at 11 am. "I have been told that Dr Abdullah spoke to them personally and they have agreed to attend the meeting on Monday," Targami added.

NC President Dr Farooq Abdullah on Thursday called for an all-party meeting to discuss allowing non locals living ordinarily to vote in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was called an hour after Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti said she contacted Farooq Abdullah and requested him to convene an all-party meeting to discuss the future strategy.

NC said Abdullah spoke to the leaders of political parties and requested them to attend the meet.

"Dr Farooq Abdullah has invited leaders of all political parties for a meeting to discuss the recent announcement by the J&K govt regarding inclusion of non-locals in the voter lists. He personally spoke to the leaders & requested them to attend the meet at 11 AM on Monday, Aug 22," NC spokesman said.

The Chief Electoral Officer on Wednesday announced that about 25 lakh non-locals can cast their vote during the forthcoming state assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir which sparked resentment from several major political parties.

Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari on Thursday appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to clarify the statement given by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) on non-locals voting rights in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a press conference here, Bukhari said: "I appeal Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to clarify the confusion created among the people of Jammu and Kashmir by CEO seems to be a more serious one after the abrogation of article 370 in 2019."

"May be these attempts are being made to change the demography of Jammu and Kashmir," Bukhari observed. He questioned "how it is possible a person can vote in two places if he is residing outside of Jammu and Kashmir". He said: "If we go through the law of the land our children who are studying in outside states of Jammu and Kashmir are not being given the right to vote there...how is it possible that outsiders can vote here," he questioned.

He said the Indian government should come clean on this issue so that the uncertainty feeling among the people of Jammu and Kashmir should be clarified. He said the Political parties here have also raised this issue in their meetings.

He said on August 14, the Prime Minister had assured that the demography of Jammu and Kashmir would not be changed and "I want to remind the Prime Minister about his promise he made".

"I am sure that the CEO was not right if we go through the law of the land. We hope that they will clarify it from their side before it is too late. We will wait till Sunday and hope the government of India will clarify its stand," Bukhari said.

He said that the Apni Party will meet again on Sunday and hoped that the government of India will come clean by then.

In a question about whether he is going to attend the meeting called by the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), Bukhari said: "Unless the public interest is involved we have nothing wrong with any political party." He said: "We have no indifferences with the PAGD except Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 115 cases, Baramulla reported 98 cases, Budgam 53 cases, Pulwama reported 09 cases, Kupwara reported 26 cases, Anantnag reported 24 cases, Bandipora reported 07 cases, Ganderbal reported 08 cases, Kulgam reported 19 case while as Shopian reported 02 fresh cases for today.

Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 29 cases, Udhampur 00, Rajouri 04, Doda 03, Kathua 02, Samba 05, Kishtwar 10, Poonch 02, Ramban 03 while as Reasi reported no fresh case for today.

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Nisha Suman, Deputy Legal Remembrancer presently posted in the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs holding additional charge of General Administration Department is transferred and posted in the office of Service Selection Board, Jammu," reads the order.

It reads that Kamal Hussain, Deputy Legal Remembrancer presently posted in the office of Transport Commissioner, J&K holding additional charge of Managing Director, JPD-CL, Jammu, Managing Director, State Financial Corporation, Jammu and Directorate of School Education, Jammu is transferred and posted in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Jammu relieving Waseem Shokat Butt from his additional charge of the office of Divisional Commission, Jammu.

"However, he shall, continue look after the litigation work of the office of Managing Director, JPDCL, Jammu, Managing Director, State Financial Corporation, Jammu in addition to his own duties till further orders."

It added that Zahoor Ahmad Ganie, Assistant Legal Remembrancer presently posted in the Skill Development Department is transferred and posted in the Directorate of Litigation, Kashmir as Assistant Director Litigation relieving Mir Tafazul Majeed from his additional charge.

"Aruna Gupta, Assistant Legal Remembrancer presently posted in the office of Service Selection Board, Jammu is transferred and posted in the office of Managing Director, Medical Supplies Corporation, Jammu vice Rajni Bala. Zahoor Ahmad Wani, Associate Law Officer presently posted in the District Litigation Office, Budgam is transferred and posted in the Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir. Nadir Ali, Associate Law Officer presently posted in the Jah Shakti Department holding additional charge of Civil Aviation Department is transferred and posted in the office of Service Selection Board, Jammu."

It further reads that Saima Khursheed, Associate Law Officer presently posted in the office of Service Selection Board, Srinagar is transferred and posted in the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir vice Amjad Hassan Wani.

"Aeraz Mushtaq Laway, Associate Law Officer presently posted in the District Litigation Office, Kulgam holding additional charge of District Litigation Office, Shopian is transferred and posted in the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and Rajni Bala, Associate Law Officer presently posted in the office of Managing Director, Medical Supplies Corporation, Jammu holding additional charge of Director General, Accounts and Treasuries, J&K Jammu is transferred and posted in the Director General, Accounts and Treasuries, J&K Jammu on full time basis." it added.

As per the order Mohammad Younis Bhat, Associate Law Office presently posted in the office of Inspector General of Registration, J&K is transferred and posted in the office of Service Selection Board, Srinagar.

"Jatin Sabirwal, Associate Law Officer presently posted in the Directorate of Litigation, Jammu is transferred and posted in the office of Transport Commissioner, J&K vice Kamal Hussain. Syed Asrar Ul Hussain, Assistant Law Officer presently posted in the office of Service Selection Board, Srinagar is transferred and posted in the office of Inspector General of Registration, J&K vice Mohammad Younis Bhat."

It added that Rayees Ahmad Bhat, Assistant Law Officer presently posted in the office of Chief Conservator of Forest, Kashmir is transferred and posted in the District Litigation Office, Kulgam vice Aeraz Mushtaq Laway. "He shall also lookafter the work in the District Litigation Office, Shopian, in addition to his own duties till further orders"

It reads that Waseem Mohd Dar, Assistant Law Officer presently posted in the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir holding additional charge of the office of Conservator of Forest. North Circle Sopore is transferred and posted in the office of Pollution Control Board, J&K. "He shall also lookafter the litigation work of the Directorate of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing Department. It further reads that Sohil Mir, Assistant Law Officer presently posted in the office of Service Selection Board, Jammu holding additional charge of the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, J&K is transferred and posted in the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, J&K on full time basis. "Amjad Hassan Wani, Assistant Law Officer presently posted in the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir is transferred and posted in the office of Chief Conservator of Forest, Kashmir," it added.

said.

Director Colleges Prof Yasmeen Ashai appreciated the efforts of the Kashmir University and other relevant stakeholders in smooth roll-out of the NEP 2020.

She said proper awareness of the policy document, its purpose and the modus-operandi for its implementation are important to overcome any challenges that the new policy throws for academicians and administrators.

Dean Academics Prof Farooq A Masoodi said a close collaboration between colleges and the University will enable better understanding of different academic ecosystems in which the colleges and the University operate.

He also outlined the activities and achievements of the University's NEP Cell.

Dr Farzana Gulzar, Coordinator NEP Cell delivered the welcome address while Dr Javaid Rashid, Coordinator PG CBCS conducted proceedings of the inaugural session, which was attended by top KU administrators including Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, Controller of Examinations Dr Majid Zaman, Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments, Media Advisor and Director EMRC Dr Salima Jan, besides officials of the NEP Cell.

In the technical sessions, two panel discussions were held. The first discussion on 'Institutional preparedness for NEP, 2020: Curriculum, Infrastructure and Manpower' had the panelists including Prof Farooq A Masoodi, Prof Yasmeen Ashai and Dr Khurshid Ahmad Khan, Nedal Principal Kashmir Division Colleges, while the

Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division Colleges, while the second discussion on 'Operational Structure of NEP-2020' had the panelists including Prof M Ashraf, Consultant CBCS (UG, KU), Prof M Shafi, Department of Commerce KU and Prof Tehmeena Yousuf, Principal GDC Thindam Kreeri. Dr Zubair Masoodi from Govt Women's College Sopore and Dr M Younis Bhat from GDC Kulgam moderated the discussions.

Later, Dr Majid Zaman and Dr Ibrahim Wani, Coordinator ABC made a brief presentation on multiple Entry and Exit in academic programmes, National Academic Depository (NAD) and Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), while Dr Saleema Jan and Dr Farzana Gulazar made a presentation on introduction to SWAYAM and Floating of MOOCs.

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and were categorized as non- permanent resident (NPR) voters."During the last parliamentary elections there were approximately 32000 such NPR voters," they said. Those included the West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs)

Mamata orders ministers not to use pilot cars, red beacons

Kolkata, Aug 18 (UNI) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday barred ministers from using pilot cars in their convoys or red beacons on their vehicles.

"No minister should use pilot car, red beacon. Even if a minister from the district comes to the state capital, then also he should not use a poilot car," Banerjee said during a cabinet meeting at the statesecretariat Nabanna.Banerjee also allocated specific responsibilities to the ministers of state.The Chief Minister also asked her ministers not to propose any new project, and focus on finishing the pending schemes.According to sources, 18 industrial units and five industrial parks have been approved in the cabinet meeting.

This was the first meeting of the cabinet after the recent ministerial reshuffle.

Even as JD(U) president, RCP was behaving like agent of BJP: Lalan

Patna, Aug 18 (UNI) National president of JD(U) Rajeev Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh on Thursday alleged that RCP Singh was working as BJP agent even when he was JD(U) president.Lalan Singh told media persons here that RCP was behaving like agent of BJP when he was JD(U) president.RCP under a well hatched conspiracy with BJP, had played a very active role in bringing down.

Advisor Bhatnagar tours Kathua district Inspects ongoing development works GMC associated Hospital, ITI, Fisheries Farm

KATHUA, AUGUST 18: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today held a whirlwind tour of Kathua district and inspected various ongoing development works besides reviewing the district development profile. While inspecting the ongoing work of a 200 bedded additional building in Associated Hospital of GMC Kathua, the Advisor directed the executing agencies to hand over two floors of the multi-storey building so that augmented capacity can be utilised to provide health services. The Advisor also visited Government Medical College Kathua where he took a comprehensive review of the ongoing civil works of the remaining portion of Medical College besides taking stock of facilities being given to the medical students residing in the hostel of GMC Kathua. At Government ITI Kathua, the Advisor took first hand appraisal of training being imparted to the students in different trades viz. Phulkari art, automotive technology. CBT Lab etc. He also interacted with the students and enquired about their aspirations after passing out from the institute.

NEWS HEADLINES TODAY Janmashtami Celebration In Mendhar

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Mendhar :A Shobha Yatra was taken out on the occasion of Janamashtami from Hanuman Mandir Mendhar which passed through main chowk main bazar BusStand, and Main Market. A large number of people from all walks of life participated in the Shobha Yatra chanting Bhajan Kirtan. Number of refreshment stalls were established enroute SHO Menu Niaz Ahmed Senior BJP leader Satish sharma Bjp Leader Sandeep Gupta bablu Social Worker Balaram Sharma and others were present in the rally. Attachments area

DC Ramban reviews e-auction of minor mineral blocks

RAMBAN, AUGUST 18: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam today convened a meeting of concerned officers to discuss and review the status of minor mineral mining in the district.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Sharma, DFO Ramban, Rajan Singh, DFO Batote, Kuldeep Singh, DMO Kulwant Singh and other concerned officers.

At the outset, DMO gave a detailed presentation and apprised the meeting about the latest status of the minor mineral blocks.

During the meeting, a threadbare discussion was held on various issues related to the e-auction of minor mineral blocks. The DC also reviewed the status of NOCs required for the e-auction of existing and newly identified minor mineral blocks and directed the concerned departments to provide for the same under extant rules as early as possible. The Deputy Commissioner further directed the Police, Revenue, Forest, Irrigation, and Flood Control departments to keep a vigil on illegal mining, transportation, and dumping of minor minerals in the district by conducting frequent inspections.

District Environment Plan revised in Rajouri to strengthen conservation measures



RAJOURI, AUGUST 18: The District Committee on Environment today revised the Environment plan at its meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

The plan envisages to improve the overall parameters of the environment in the district by taking up widespread plantation, take measures to curb use of plastic/ polythene, improve the mechanism for disposal of solid waste and hospital waste, promote community participation and mass awareness, strengthening Green Clubs, soil and moisture conservation, water conservation, measures aimed at curbing air and water pollution and set up an effective grievance redress mechanism. Detailed discussions were held on methods and plans for solid waste management, biomedical waste management, plastic waste management, pollution abatement in non-attainment areas, restoration of identified polluted river stretches and industrial waste management, step to be taken to preserve forest, water bodies/ wetlands, installation of Real time Noise Monitoring and Air Quality monitoring system , installation of solar rooftops etc The meeting decided to conduct additional plantation drives to enhance the green cover and take up fencing of the Forests. The DDC also asked to incorporate the Real time Noise Monitoring system and Air Quality Monitoring System in the plan. The meeting also decided to conduct special social media campaigns to educate the public about different environmental problems and to encourage people globally to take positive environmental actions to help create a better future. It was also decided in the meeting to install solar rooftop panels in the Government Offices and hold special awareness activities to motivate the public to install solar rooftops at their households. While discussing the conservation of water bodies, the ADDC informed that RDD has already worked on this project and new water bodies would be taken up. The officers of the SPCB Rajouri and DIC Rajouri shall jointly inspect the working condition of industries

they are not speaking truth before the people."

"Jammu and Kashmir is different from other states of India although we all know after August 5 much water has flown down the well, but that does not mean that anybody will be allowed to change the demography," he added.

"Let me assure you all that the Apni Party will fight with all its might to see that the demography of Jammu and Kashmir is not being changed," Bukhari further added.

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Devansh Yadav, IAS (AGMUT:2016), Managing Director, J&K Trade Promotion Organization, holding additional charge of Managing Director, J&K IT Infrastructure Company and Managing Director, JKI Limited, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar.

Basharat Qayoom, IAS (JH:2016), Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag.

Syeed Fakhrudin Hamid, IAS (AM:2017), Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Budgam.

Khalid Jahangir, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, is transferred and posted as Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization.

Shahbaz Ahmad Mirza, KAS Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department.

Vikas Sharma, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, Doda, is transfered and posted as Director, Hortiaulture, Planning and Marketing, JK.

Ashok Kumar Sharma, KAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, is tansferred and posted as Director, Estates, Jammu, relieving Subash Chander Chhibber, JKAS, Director, Youth Services and Sports, 1&K of the additional charge of the post.

Vishesh Paul Mahajan, JKAS, Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, 1&K, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Doda.

According another Government Order No.955-JK(GAD) of 2022, Bhupinder Kumar, IAS, Transport Commissioner, J&K is transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department.

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Meanwhile, National Investigation Agency (NIA) carried out raids at multiple places along the International Border (IB) in three districts of J&K.

Official sources said sleuths of NIA carried out raids at multiple places along the IB in Jammu, Kathua and Samba districts.

Places raided include Kanachak, Ramgarh, Arnia, R.S.Pura etc, sources said adding that during the course of these raids vital evidence connected with drone weapon droppings in the area has been unearthed.

Weapon droppings through drones by terror outfits with the assistance of Pakistan intelligence agencies along the IB in J&K has become a major concern for the security forces.

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and focusing on responsibilities is inspiring for all.

The Advisor added that we should dedicate ourselves to virtues shown by Lord Krishna and strengthen our nation by contributing to the well-being of our people and society in large.

The Advisor also prayed for the peace, progress and prosperity of entire Jammu and Kashmir.

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more than three decades. There may be more challenges in the way of realising the NEP objectives, but it offers us an opportunity to realign our academic ecosystem to meet the new benchmarks in teaching and learning," Prof Nilofer The Advisor directed XEN PWD(R&B) to expedite the ongoing works and ensure time bound completion of all the works

While giving the details of steps being taken to revamp the skill development sector, the Advisor said that the existing curriculum of ITI and Polytechnic colleges is being overhauled to meet the market demands and mapping the skill set with the job profile of the industry.

During the visit, Advisor Bhatnagar also chaired a meeting of all district officers in the conference hall of the DC office complex here.

At the outset, DC Kathua, Rahul Pandey gave a detailed account of district development profile which was followed by department wise review, wherein the concerned officers apprised the Advisor about the issues and problems being faced by them.

After giving patient hearing to all the issues raised during the meeting, the advisor assured that the genuine issues will be resolved at appropriate levels and directed the concerned officers to put in their best efforts for accomplishing the outcomes of the deliverables.

The Advisor emphasized on the need for rationalization of staff of school education department to meet up the staff shortage and to focus on learning outcome for which government is making all out efforts. He called for laying special attention on pre-primary and middle school education as they require serious approach to mould the budding brains.

While highlighting the issue of drug menace in Kathua, Advisor Bhatnagar called upon civil and police administration to work in tandem to weed out the menace from the district.

Later, the Advisor accompanied by ADC Kathua, Chief Project Officer, National Seed Farms Kathua, Gopal Krishan, AD Fisheries Pawan Sharma and other district officers visited National Fish Seed Farm wherein he enquired about the species being cultured, status of seed production and activities undertaken by the department.

It was given out that the Department of Fisheries has taken up regular stocking of fish seed in Ranjit Sagar Dam reservoir which inturn has resulted in generating income to the tune of Rs 1.21 Cr annually. Besides the advisor was also apprised about stocking of fish seed in community ponds at panchayat level which has led to handsome income generation for the PRIs which can be used for development of panchayats.

PSAJK welcomes appointment of Alok Kumar as Principal Secretary Education

Srinagar, August 18: Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) today welcomed the appointment of Alok Kumar as Principal Secretary School Education Department. The Association said that Alok Kumar will bring new energy and new positive change in the entire education sector. "The previous officials have started number of good initiatives to streamline the education sector and make it among the best performing sectors. We hope that Mr Alok Kumar will continue the legacy of that positive work and also add new initiatives from his vast experience for the benefit of students and the teaching community," a spokesperson of PSAJK said.

The Association said that education sector in Kashmir has still not come out of the challenging period of the last couple of years. "There are number of challenges staring at us which need collective effort to resolve. We will be extending our full support in every initiative that is aimed to benefit the students, teachers and all stake holders," he said. "The LG administration is determined to develop the education on modern lines at par with global standards and we hope Mr Alok Kumar will help in fulfilling that vision."

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NATIONAL /INTERNATIONAL HEADLINES TO DAY

Northeast getting highest priority on developmental front: Dr Jitendra Singh

Itanagar, Aug 18 (UNI) Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi accords "highest priority" to the North East states so that they stride on the path to development at par with the rest of the country. "North East is getting highest priority now as Prime Minister focuses on bringing fast development in NE at par with rest of the country," Dr Jitendra Singh said after inaugurating the two-day Regional Conference on "Bringing Citizens and Government Closer through Administrative Reforms" with Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu at Itanagar today.

"Prior to 2014, Northeast was in the news all for the wrong reasons. But since the day Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister in 2014 things started to changing Huge transformations have happened in the NE over the period of last eight years with peace and development taking precedence over all the bitter experiences of the past," the Union Minister said.

Talking about this frontier state, Dr Singh said, "Arunachal Pradesh, the most peripheral state of Northeast located the China border, has the earliest sunrise and the day dawns before any other state of India, but could see the 'dawn of development' only after Narendra Modi took over as PM.³

Dr Singh said that under the leadership of PM Modi, India adopted the "Maximum Governance, Min-

imum Government" paradigm to "reduce human interference as far as possible" - a model which is being commended all over the world

with civil servants from across the world visiting India to pursue internships.

He said that the two-day regional conference that aimed at familiarizing officers with best governance practices is a step in the direction of reaping the benefits of good governance by bringing national and state-level organizations along with other stakeholders including NGOs, intelligentsia, media, etc on the same platform to share experiences in the formulation and implementation of good governance practices

The Minister has said that Modi Government is committed to transparency and "Justice for All", and the people-friendly reforms taken

in the last eight years have benefitted the entire country including the people of North-Eastern states. He cited several governance initia-



tives undertaken by Government for Arunachal Pradesh while emphasizing that the administration must reach out to the last man in

the queue. Referring to the long-pending issues including the one regarding the creation of a separate cadre for IAS/IPS/IFS for Arunachal Pradesh, the Union Minister said. "I hope, in the course of time, the issues will be taken care of as communicated by CM Pema Khandu previously.'

Regarding 'Armrit Kaal' (as the Prime Minister refers to) from 75 years to 100 years of India's Independence, Dr Singh said, "For next 25 years, we have to focus on the same by concentrating on capaci-

ty-building of all stakeholders. During the conference, an MoU was signed between the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (ARPG), the Government of India and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh regarding capacity-building initiatives

The conference, being attended by senior officers from NE states and Eastern states of Odisha and Bihar, was also addressed by Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu, Deputy CM Chowna Mein, Chief Secretary Dharmendra, DoNER Secretary Lok Ranjan (through video-confer-encing), ARPG Secretary V Srini-vas and Joint Secretary NBS Rajput, among others

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Nitin Gadkari Pitches For Alternative Fuels To Reduce Oil Import, Pollution

Mumbai: Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday pitched for the use of alternative fuels for vehicles to reduce the import of crude oil as well as cut down on pollution.

As much as 35 per cent of the pollution in the country is due to diesel and petrol, Mr Gadkari said, adding, "this is why we need import-substituting, cost-effective and pollution-free and indigenous products"

At the launch of the country's first electric double decker air-conditioned bus, the Minister for Road Transport and Highways said that electric automobiles are greatly cost effective when compared to diesel ones.

"In the Indian situation, import of crude oil is a big challenge. We are already experiencing the way rates are increased. It is also very difficult for the common man...," he said.

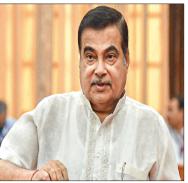
According to him, it is time to start using alternative fuels like electricity, ethanol, methanol, bio-diesel, bio-CNG, bio-LNG and hydrogen for the automobile sector.

Further, he said the current size of the Indian automobile industry stands 7.5 lakh crore and it has maximum employment potential besides giving maximum taxes to central and state governments.

"My dream is to make this industry 15 lakh crore by the end of 2024, and this is possible," he said.

Switch Mobility, the electric vehicle division of Hinduja group's flagship Ashok Leyland, unveiled the country's first electric double-decker air-conditioned bus EV 22. These buses, with a seating capacity

of 65 passengers, will replace the ex-



isting double-decker fleet of the BEST (Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport) undertaking.

As of now, Switch is operating its twin-floor electric AC buses in the United Kingdom.

Switch India has already secured an order of 200 electric double-decker buses from the BEST and it is looking at a dominant space in the electric double-decker segment across key regions in the country, the company said.

"We already have an order for 200 electric double-decker AC buses in Mumbai. We will deliver 50 of these buses this financial year. Many more cities are discussing with us for these buses," Mahesh Babu, CEO of Switch Mobility India and COO at Switch Mobility Ltd told PTI. "We already have an order for 200 electric double-decker AC buses in Mumbai. We will deliver 50 of these buses this financial year. Many more cities are discussing with us for these buses," Mahesh Babu, CEO of Switch Mobility India and COO at Switch Mobility Ltd told PTI.

US Embassy Reacts To Wait As Long As 500 Days For Visa **Appointments**

WASHINGTON: People planning to visit the United States are in for a rude shock as they will have to wait till 2024 to get a visitor visa. NDTV checked the website of US State Department and found that the average waiting time was about one-and-a-half years, which means those planning to apply now will get an appointment for March-April 2024. The website shows that average wait for a visa appointment in the US consulate at New Delhi is 522 days for visitor visas and 471 days for student visas.

If the location is changed to Mumbai, the average wait time for a US visa appointment is 517 days for a visitor visa and 10 days for a student visa, according to the website. The waiting time for all other non-immigrant visas is 198 days in Delhi and 72 days in Mumbai.

In case of Chennai, the waiting time for visitor visa is 557 days for visitor visa and 185 days for all other non-immigrant visas. Those applying from Hyderabad will have to wait for 518 days, to get a visitor visa, according to State Department website. "The estimated wait time to receive an interview appointment at a US Embassy or Consulate can change weekly and is based on actual incoming workload and staffing. These are estimates only and do not guar-antee the availability of an appointment," the visa page on the website said.

Sena MP Sanjay Raut Pleads Not Guilty In Defamation Case By BJP Leader

Mumbai: Jailed Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Thursday appeared before a magistrate in Mumbai through video conference in a defamation case filed by BJP leader Kirit Somaiva's wife Medha Somaiya and pleaded not guilty

Mr Raut is lodged at the Arthur Road iail in Mumbai following arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case.

Earlier in the day, the Sewri metropolitan magistrate, hearing the defamation case filed by the BJP leader's wife, asked the jail authorities to produce the Sena leader before the court through video conference at 12 noon.

Accordingly, Mr Raut appeared before the magistrate and pleaded not guilty in the case, Medha Somaiya's lawyer Vivekanand Gupta said.

The lawyer said the matter has been adjourned till September 19. Medha Somaiya in her complaint al-

leged that Mr Raut had made baseless and completely defamatory allegations against her and her husband, accusing them of being involved in a scam



worth 100 crore over the construction and maintenance of some public toilets under the jurisdiction of the Mira Bhayander Municipal Corporation in neighbouring Thane district.

She has urged the court to begin proceedings against Mr Raut on the charges of defamation as defined under sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code. Sanjay Raut is in the Arthur Road jail in Mumbai following arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case.

Algiers: Algerian firefighters were Thursday battling a string of blazes, fanned by drought and a blistering heatwave, that have killed at least 38 people

and left destruction in their wake.

"A tornado of fire swept everything away in seconds," he told AFP by tele-

Kabul: A huge explosion struck a mosque in Kabul during evening prayers on Wednesday, witnesses and police said, with many feared dead or in-

Police said there were multiple casualties but did not say how many. One Taliban intelligence official told Reuters that as many as 35 people may have been wounded or killed, and the toll could rise further. Al Jazeera quoted an unidentified official as giving a total death count of 20. Witnesses told Reuters

the powerful explosion was heard in a northern Kabul neighbourhood, shattering windows in nearby buildings. Ambulances rushed to the spot. "A blast happened inside a mosque.... the blast has casualties, but the numbers are not clear yet,

21 Dead, 33 Injured After

Huge Explosion At Kabul

Mosque: Police

Kabul police spokesman Khalid Zadran told Reuters. The Taliban intelligence official, speaking on con-

dition of anonymity, said the explosion occurred in a mosque among worshippers in Khair Khana area of Kabul. The Imam of the mosque was among those killed and the count could still rise, the source added. Intelligence teams were at blast site and investigations were ongoing. Other officials in the Taliban government did not reply to multiple requests to confirm the number of casualties. The Imam of the mosque

was among those killed and the count could still rise. (Representational) A huge explosion struck a mosque in Kabul during evening prayers on Wednesday, witnesses and police said,

He described scenes of panic in the city of half a million, where nearly 100 women and 17 newborn babies had to be evacuated from a hospital near the forest. Algerian TV showed people fleeing hoir hurning homes

media.A journalist in El Tarf described scenes of devastation" on the road to El Kala in the country's far north-east.

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Injured After Massive Forest Fire In Algeria

38 Dead, Over 200

nual scourge in the North African country, where climate change is turning large areas into a tinderbox.

According to multiple sources including local journalists and the fire service, at least 38 people have been killed, mostly in the El Tarf region near Algeria's eastern border with Tunisia which was baking in 48 degrees Celsius (118 Fahrenheit) heat.

At least 200 more people have suffered burns or respiratory problems from the smoke, according to various Algerian

Anst of those w siir rounded while visiting a wildlife park." Emergency services were still battling a blaze around Tonga lake, he said.

Local media reported that eight people had been burned to death in a bus near the city of 100,000 residents.

State television reported Thursday morning that Prime Minister Ayman Benabderrahmane was visiting the area.

Firefighters were also battling a large blaze in the mountainous area of Souk Ahras, a journalist in the area told AFP.

children in their arms. Local media said 350 people had fled their homes. - Lack of aircraft -

Some 39 blazes were rayaging various parts of northern Algeria, according to the fire service, and there were fears that hot winds could spark new ones that authorities are ill-equipped to fight.

The scenes sparked fears of a repeat of fires last year which killed at least 90 people and ravaged 100,000 hectares of forest and farmland in the country's north

I&B Ministry blocks 8 YouTube channels

New Delhi, Aug 18 (UNI) The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting on Thursday said eight YouTube channels, one Facebook account and two Facebook posts have been blocked for showing fake news and spreading communal hatred.

The I&B Ministry issued the order on Tuesday, utilizing the emergency powers under the IT Rules, 2021

The blocked YouTube channels had a cumulative viewership of over 114 crore, were subscribed by over 85 lakh users. The blocked YouTube channels include Loktantra Tv, which had 23,72,27,331 views and 12.90 lakh subscribers, U&V TV, with 14,40,03,291 views and10.20 lakh subscribers, and a channel called AM Razvi, which had 1,22,78,194 views and 95, 900 subscribers.

Other channels are Gouravshali Pawan Mithilanchal, with over seven lakh subscribers and almost 16 crore views, SeeTop5TH with over 24 crore views and 33.50 lakh subscribers, Sarkari Update with over 70 lakh views and 80,900 subscribers, Sab Kuch Dekho with over 32 crore views and 19.40 lakh subscribers and Pakistan based News ki Dunya

ment of India to have banned celebration of religious festivals, declaration of religious war in India, etc. Such content was found to have the



which had 61,69,439 views and 97,000 subscribers.

The I&B Ministry in a statement said the purpose of the content published by some of these YouTube channels was to spread hatred among religious communities in India. False claims were made in various videos of the blocked YouTube channels. Examples include fake news such as the Government of India to have ordered demolition of religious structures; Governpotential to create communal disharmony and disturb public order in the country. The YouTube channels were also used to post fake news on various subjects such as the Indian Armed Forces, Jammu and Kashmir, etc. The content was observed to be completely false and sensitive from the perspective of national security and India's friendly relations with foreign States."The content blocked by the Ministry was

found to be detrimental to sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, India's friendly relations with foreign States, and public order in the country. Accordingly, the content was covered within the ambit of section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000," the I&B Ministry said.

The blocked Indian You-Tube channels were observed to be using fake and sensational thumbnails, images of news anchors and logos of certain TV news channels to mislead the viewers to believe that the news was authentic, the ministry said. All the YouTube channels

blocked by the Ministry were displaying advertisements on their videos having false content detrimental to communal harmony, public order and India's foreign relations.With this action, since December 2021, the Ministry has issued directions for blocking of 102 YouTube based news channels and several other social media accounts. "The Government of India remains.

Jaishankar offers prayers at **Hindu temple in Thailand**

New Delhi, Aug 18 (UNI) External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar on Thursday offered prayers at a Hindu temple during his visit to Bangkok and highlighted "shared religious and cultural traditions" of the two countries. The Minister has been on an official visit to Bangkok from 16-18 August to co-chair the 9th Meeting of India-Thailand Joint Commission (JCM) with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand Don Pramudwinai."Offered prayers this morning at the Devasthana of Bangkok. Received the blessings of Phra Maharajaguru Vidhi. Underlines our shared religious and cultural traditions," Jaishankar said in a tweet.

"The JCM was held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. Both Ministers discussed wide ranging issues of mutual interest and reviewed the progress made in various areas, including political, defence and security, economic and commercial, connectivity, cultural, tourism and people-to-people ties," the Ministry of External Affairs said.

The Ministers welcomed the ongoing activities to celebrate the historic occasion of 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Thailand.Both sides also exchanged

views on regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest and reiterated their commitment to further strengthen the multi-dimensional partnership that exist between the two countries. The JCM was preceded by the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) held on August 16 where the two sides held detailed discussions on various areas of bilateral cooperation along with regional and multilateral issues. The Minister addressed and interacted with the Indian Community in Thailand and spoke about the special occasion of the 75th anniversary of India's Independence which also coincided with the 75th anniversary of establishment of India-Thailand diplomatic relations, the MEA said.

The Minister also invited the India community in Thailand to contribute actively in forging strong economic and commercial ties alongwith cultural and people to people exchanges between the two countries.

He also highlighted the initiatives of the government aimed at facilitating the Indian diaspora and bringing them closer to India.

The Minister called on Gen. Prayut Chan-o-Cha, the Prime Minister of Thailand and conveyed personal greetings and good wishes from Prime Minister Modi.

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Champions Cup Chogal Handwara Shiekh Faheem's All-Round Display Guides Talha Waseem Traders Club To Easy Win Against Star-XI Langate By 5-Wickets

Lone Musaib



Handwara 18th Aug .:- In the ongoing Champions Cup Chogal Handwara Talha Waseem Traders Club beats Star-XI Langate by 5-Wickets.Batting first Star-XI Langate put the paltry total of 103/7 in 20 overs with the help of Nasir Mir's 35 runs off 31 balls.Muntazir took 2 wickets for Talha Waseem Traders Club while Shiekh Faheem took 1 wicket.In response Talha Waseem Traders Club comfortably chase the alloted target in 13.3 overs for the loss of 5 wickets.Shiekh Faheem played a blistering knock of 66 runs off just 39 balls and was adjuged player of the match.

Super Smash Cricket Tournament Tarzova Edition-II Sagib Shareef's Heroics Helps United-XI Hail, Win Over Atoms Mandamus By 79 Runs



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Sopore 18th Aug. :- Saqib Shareef, Mohammed Momin and Faizan's Splendid performances helps United-XI Hail a 79 run Comfortable Win over Atoms Mandamus on Thursdav here at Shiekh-ul-Alam Stadium Tarzova. Batting first United-XI Hail put a decent total of 178/4 runs in alloted 20 overs. Saqib Shareef Played a Splendid knock of 83 runs off 50 balls while Mohammed Momin and Faizan added splendid 43 and 41 runs respectively for United-XI Hail.In response Atoms Mandamus were bundled out for 99 runs in 15.3 overs. Azim Pandith remain the highest run-getter with 36 runs off 26 balls for Atoms Mandamus Waseem took 3 wickets While Amir and Jordan took 2 wickets each for United-XI Hail. Saqib Shareef was awarded as player of the match for his splendid batting display.

India Thrash Zimbabwe By 10 Wickets, Take 1-0 Lead In The Series

Harare, Aug 18 (UNI) Shi- Evans in one over to push Chahar and Mohammad The wickets continued to khar Dhawan (81*) and Shubman Gill's (82*) unbeaten 192-run opening

stand helped India beat Zimbabwe by 10-wicket victory and went 1-0 up in the three-match ODI series here at Harare Sports Club on Thursday. India now have 13 consecutive ODI wins against Zim-

babwe - their most against a single opponent. Deepak Chahar was adjudged Player of the Match for his figure of 3/27. With a modest 190-run tar-

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91/6 runs in alloted 15

overs in which Shagufta

with 22 runs off 26 balls.

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Wickets each for Srinagar.

In reply Srinagar Chased

the target in 12.2 overs for

match of the day Srinagar

defeated Ganderbal by 8

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get to chase, India started fifties.

off with a bang signaling With the milestones under their intent from the first their belts, the two openers delivery. Shikhar Dhawan broke free, scoring runs began with back-to-back at a faster tempo. They fours off Richard Ngarava. scaled the target with all Both Dhawan and Shub-10 wickets in hand and man Gill were careful in 19.1 overs to spare.Earlier, putting Zimbabwe in to their approach but saw off the bad deliveries with bat first, the Indian pacers ease.Zimbabwe's bad run were aiming to exploit any in the field helped the vismovement the pitch had to itors, with Dhawan being offer in the morning. Taddropped on 32. Gill soon iwanashe Marumani and joined the party smash-Innocent Kaia had a circumspect start, with both ing three fours off Brad

India further. Both batters Siraj extracting some exbrought up their respective travagant movement.



After surviving some close calls, India finally had a breakthrough, with Deepak Chahar dismissing Kaia (4) courtesy a short delivery Marumani (8) was Cha-

har's next victim and Sean Williams (1) could not last long, with Siraj sending him packing for 1. Chahar got his third, with

some late swing trapping Wesley Madhevere's plumb in front of the stumps, reduced Zimbabwe to 31/4.

tumble for Zimbabwe as Axar Patel and Prasidh Krishna joined in on the

act. Both scalped two wickets apiece, reducing Zimbabwe to 110/8, with the lower middle-order failing to contribute much.

But Evans and Ngarava embarked on some late rearguard action, helping the hosts save their blushes. The pair saw their partnership last 65 deliveries, aggregating 70 runs, which took Zimbabwe close to a total of 200.

Ngarava scored 34 off 42 deliveries, smashing 3 fours and 1 six, before he was bowled by Krishna. Evans remained unbeaten on 33, also hitting 3 boundaries and a maximum.

Zimbabwe's innings came to an end when Axar dismissed Victor Nyauchi for 8, with the hosts putting up a total of 189 on the board. For India, Chahar, Krishna and Axar picked up three wickets apiece while Siraj got one

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"Even In A Room Full Of People Who Support And Love Me, I Felt Alone": Virat Kohli

Indian superstar Virat Kohli, who took his team to unprecedented heights, says he has struggled with his mental health throughout his career, local media reported Thursday. The 33-year-old ex-captain built a reputation for in-your-face aggression and exemplary batting, leading his team to the top of the five-day rankings. But the man dubbed "King" Kohli by Indian media has been plagued by a run of poor form and has been relieved of his captaincy of all formats since late last year after a dismal showing at the 2021 T20 World Cup.

Kohli told The Indian Express newspaper that the pressure of his career had at times had a negative impact on his mental health.

"I personally have experienced times when even in a room full of people who support and love me, I felt alone, and I am sure that this is a feeling that a lot of people can relate to," he said in an interview published Wednesday. "It is definitely a serious issue and as much as we try to be strong at all times, it can tear you apart."

Kohli said it was important for athletes to rest and recover from the pressures of sport and reconnect with their "core self".

"If you lose that connection, it wouldn't take very long for other things to crumble around you.'

His comments came just months after he revealed he had struggled with depression after failing to score runs during an England tour in 2014.

"It's not a great feeling to wake up knowing that you won't be able to score runs... I felt I was the loneliest guy in the world," he said on a podcast with English com-mentator Mark Nicholas in February.

Pakistan eye series-clinching victory against Dutch

ROTTERDAM: After seeing his side edge the Nether-lands by 16 runs in the opening One-day International of their three-game series, Pakistan captain Babar Azam admitted being concerned at times during the match in what he described as "tricky conditions".

It was hardly a convincing win the bowlers failing to maintain their lines and lengths against the Dutch middle-order and Pakistan will look to put those things right in the second ODI and secure a series-clinching victory on Thursday.

The onus will be on Babar and first-game centurion Fakhar Zaman to be among the runs again, while opener Imam-ul-Haq and the middle-order would be expected to step up. The good thing for Pakistan, however, was that spin-bowling all-rounder Shadab Khan was among the runs in the first game and he would be expected to maintain consistency

The Dutch, on the other hand, were poor with the ball in hand in the series-opener as they conceded a total well in excess of 300. Nonetheless, the batters showcased valiant performances with three half-centurions Vikramjit Singh, Tom Cooper, and Scott Edwards nearly doing the unthinkable.

Skipper Edwards remained at the crease right till the very end and scored an unbeaten 71 runs off 60 balls. He waged a lone war with hardly any support from the other end. His knock went in vain as the hosts were restricted to 298-8."We feel like more and more we are getting ourselves within reach of winning a few games but today we dropped two or three catches. We let ourselves down, said Edwards after the match.





the loss of 2 wickets alloted 10 overs and won the match by 8 wickets. Shaheena made 28 runs while Rafiva added 23 runs for Srinagar.Rafiya was

declared Player of the match for his brilliant all-round performances. In the second match of the day Baramulla Reds beat

Kupwara by 68 runs.

alloted 15 overs on the board.Mir Bgani played a splendid knock of 69 runs off 48 balls while Wahida added 24 runs for aramulla Reds.In response Kupwara failed to chase the target and were able to score only 67/8 runs thus lost the match.Bilguees and Nuzhat took 2 wickets each for Baramulla Reds.Mir Bgani was adjuged player of the match for his splendid all-round show. The tournament is being Conducted by 59 medium regiment under the aegis of dagger gunners.



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