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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### MeT predicts mainly cloudy sky, light rain in J&K

SRINAGAR, Sep 05: The Meteorological (MeT) department on Monday forecast mainly cloudy sky with light rain in Kashmir Valley and light to moderate rain in Jammu division during the next 24 hours.

“Mainly cloudy sky with light rain is likely in the Valley and light to moderate rain in Jammu division during the next 24 hours,” an official of the MeT department said. Join Kashmir Life Whatsapp Group to stay updated. Meanwhile, Srinagar had 18.8 degrees Celsius, Pahalgam — 13.8 and Gulmarg — 10.6 degrees as the minimum temperature this morning. Drass in Ladakh region had 11.2 degrees and Leh 12.5.

Jammu registered 20.1 degrees, Katra 20.2, Batote 15.5, Banihal 16.8 and Baderwah 15.9.

### KPCC employees demand salaries

SRINAGAR, Sep 05: Jammu and Kashmir Projects Construction Corporation (JKPCC) Limited employees have urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to release their pending salaries as lives of thousands of workers are at stake. The JKPCC employees claimed that they are without salaries for the past four months and could not even pay the tuition fee of their children.

“Our employees are facing miserable conditions as salaries are pending from past three months and our children are threatened by school authorities over nonpayment of school fee,” the president of Workers Union, JKPCC, Kashmir Masood Ahmad said. He said the employees cannot even manage transportation charges from home to reach office as the financial condition has turned pathetic due to nonpayment of salaries.

### Army organizes UCD for Kupwara Children

SRINAGAR, Sep 05: Indian Army organized an Unarmed Combat Demonstration (UCD) for the Children of Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district on Monday. The UCD event was held in the Schools at Zangli Garrison of the district during which 106 children including 24 girls participated, a defense spokesman said. The demonstration was aimed at developing self confidence and learning techniques of self defense amongst the children.

This demo will be followed by a workshop on self defense for three days from September 6 to 9 for selected students at Rehmat Alam Public School, Kupwara.

### Drug Abuse on rise in J&K as 1681 cases registered under NDPS in 2021: NCRB

Srinagar, Sep 05: Drug abuse cases in Jammu and Kashmir are on rise as 35 percent more cases under NDPS were filed last compared to 2020.

The report, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) states that 1,222 cases under NDPS, 1985 act were registered in J&K in 2020, however, the number has increased to 1,681 in 2021.

In 2020, among 1,222 cases registered, 289 cases were those where a convict was found to be in possession of drugs for personal use or consumption while 933 cases were found to be in possession of drugs for trafficking.

In the year 2021, among 1,681 cases registered, 357 cases were those where a convict was found to be in possession of drugs for personal use or consumption while 1,324 cases were found to be in possession of drugs for trafficking. In 2020, 1910 cases were registered under Liquor and Narcotic drugs related acts in J&K while as in year 2021, 2,399 cases were registered under liquor and narcotic drugs related cases.

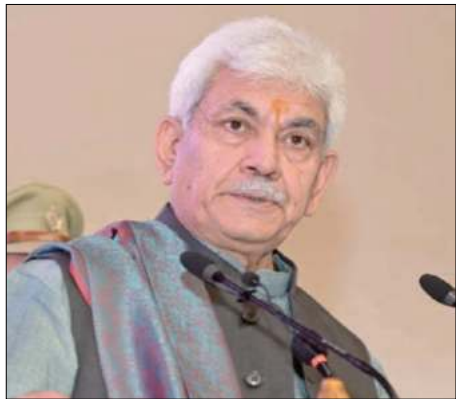
### Chief Secretary reviews revival of heritage sites

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 05: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired the meeting to take stock of sites to be taken up under the scheme “Revival, Restoration, Preservation & Maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu & Kashmir”. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Culture; Secretary, Tourism; Director

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## TEACHERS DAY : Inculcate Creativity, Quality Education, Independent Thinking among Students : LG Manoj Sinha to Teachers Honors finest teachers from across J&K with Union Territory Awards

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SRINAGAR, Sep 05: Extending greetings on the occasion of Teachers' Day, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today urged the teachers to allow independent thinking, creativity, inquisitiveness, knowledge for quality education by involving students and ensuring individual growth for appropriate learning experience.

Sinha also felicitated the finest teachers from across Jammu and Kashmir with Union Territory Awards at SKICC to mark the day. “A teacher is a bright lamp which has the capability of lighting hundreds of unlit lamps and imparts courage to innovate and invent. Holistic education as suggested by National Education Policy will provide equal opportu-

nities to teachers and students to use knowledge to transform”, said the Lt Governor. Achieving wealth of values in life should be the new aim of younger generation rather than the race for marks. Innovation, flexibility, creativity, value-based education, developing scientific temper, skill sets and independent ideas should be given priority in the education system, the Lt Governor added. Great educationist and former President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan always believed that education means wisdom, love, curiosity and creativity. Dr Radhakrishnan had a very clear message – “Teachers are not those who give knowledge to the students, but in the true sense, teachers are those who prepare the students for the future challenges”, observed the Lt Governor.

With the same spirit, the National Education Policy prepared under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the biggest revolution of the last 75 years with the potential to kindle the curiosity, creativity and scientific thinking through quality learning among the students, he added. Asserting that the last two years have been a period of transformation for education sector in Jammu & Kashmir, the Lt Governor said that new reforms, policies and schemes in line with National Education Policy have re-defined the entire education system and made the schools a centre of quality learning while restoring the teachers' respect in the society. The Lt Governor noted that initiatives like Teachers-Students mentorship program, Aao

School Chalein Campaign, TALAASH Survey, 500 Atal Tinkering Labs, modern skills training, scholarship programs, computer aided learning etc are bringing real transformation in the educational eco-system. Dedicated efforts are being made for bridging the gender gaps and ensuring that the quality education is accessible to common man. Necessary infrastructure for girls' education has been established and in only one year, 14 hostels for girls have been developed, he added. We are providing all necessary resources for individuality and independent thinking to grow in students and enhance their learning outcome. As many as 70,000 boys & girls are taking vocational training in 14 different trades and 1420 Computer Aided Learning Centers in Upper Primary Schools are promoting independent thinking in children, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor asked the younger generation to draw inspiration from the life of great personalities like Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam ji and Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan ji and learn higher values of life, make new discoveries & new innovations and dedicate themselves towards nation building. Any form of violence has no place in a civilized society. We all, in union must condemn the despicable killings of the innocent teachers, observed the Lt Governor.

There is also a need to ignite the feelings of national integration, righteousness and non-violence among the younger genera

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## 7 Die as two Cars plunge into Stream in Doda LG grieved over loss of lives,

KAMRAN ALI KAZMI

JAMMU, Sep 5: Seven people were killed after two cars veered off a mountain road and plunged into a stream in separate incidents in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Monday, police said.

One more person was injured in the two accidents that occurred on the Doda-Bhaderwah road within a span of six hours, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Doda, Abdul Qayoom said, adding that the victims included two married couples.

Around 6.30 am, a car plunged into the Neeru stream, near Galgandhar, after rolling down about 400 feet, resulting in the death of four people on the spot and critical injuries to another who died later, the officer



said. The deceased were identified as Naseeb Singh (62), his wife Satya Devi (58), son Vikram Singh (22), Lekh Raj (63) and his wife Satisha Devi (60), all residents of Shiva village, who were on their way to Bhaderwah as part of a marriage procession, he said.

Earlier, another private car fell into the stream from a height of about 300 feet at Mughal Market, two km from the site of the second accident.

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## Azad begins meeting delegations ahead of finalizing party name

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JAMMU, Sep 05: Several delegations on Monday visited former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad at his residence here, a day after he returned from Delhi to a warm welcome by his supporters after quitting Congress last month to launch his own party. The delegations comprising a large number of people from the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch and Chenab valley including Doda, Bhalessa, Khara, Batyas, Chilly and Gandoh, Kishtwar and Baniyal visited Azad at his Gandhi Nagar residence, Azad's close aide said. Addressing his first public meeting after returning from Delhi on Sunday, Azad said that he is staying for four days

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### Help achieve real demands of people of J&K: Soz to Azad, Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Sep 5: Former Union Minister Prof. Saifuddin Soz Monday appealed to Ghulam Nabi Azad and Altaf Bukhari to help achieving the real demands and not what they perceive to be the demand of the people. In a statement, Soz said that: “To the best of my ability, I can place before Gulam Nabi Azad Sahib and Altaf Bukhari Sahib, the real public demands.”

“Restoration of Statehood cannot be our demand. It was a folly of the Central Govt. to have reduced India's prestigious Jammu & Kashmir state into

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## SC dismisses PIL seeking info on India-China clashes at Galwan in 2020

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New Delhi, Sep 05: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a PIL that sought a direction to the Centre to provide information on whether the nation lost any territory during the clash with the Chinese military in June 2020, saying these are the matters for the State and not for courts. A bench comprising Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit and Justice S Ravindra Bhat was hearing the PIL which alleged that the official stand was “misleading” the citizens post the clash at the Galwan Valley in June 2020. The bench dismissed the plea of one Abhijeet Saraf, saying that it pertained to policy matters. “These are matters for the State... There might be skirmishes on

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## COVID-19: J&K records one more death, 34 new cases

SYED TAJAMUL BUKHARI

SRINAGAR, Sep 05: Jammu and Kashmir reported 34 new positive cases of COVID-19 which includes 09 from Jammu and 25 from Kashmir divisions, taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 478357. One person has also succumbed to the deadly virus in Kashmir valley. Moreover, 141 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 20 from Jammu division and 121 from Kashmir division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 478357 positive cases, 793 are Active Positive (224 in Jammu Division and 569 in Kashmir Division), 472781 have recovered and 4783 have died; 2350 in Jammu division and 2433 in Kashmir division. The Bulletin also informs that 11,427 doses of COVID Vaccine have been administered in the last 24 hours across Jammu and Kashmir bringing the cumulative number of doses administered to 2,43,68,193 till date.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 14 cases, Baramulla reported

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## Killing of youth in Shopian outcome of rivalry between militant groups: Police

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SRINAGAR, Sep 05: Police on Monday recovered a bullet riddled body of a man from an orchard in south Kashmir's Shopian district.

The deceased has been identified as 30-year-old Manzoor Ahmad Nangroo, a resident of Rajpura Pulwama. The body was lying in an orchard in suspicious condition with bullet injury, police said.

Police on Monday said the deceased was the brother of an active militant who was killed due to a group rivalry between militant groups.

“Deceased's one brother (Ashiq Nengroo) is active #militant of JeM outfit & presently in #Pakistan, 2nd brother (terrorist Abbas Negroo) was killed in #encounter in 2014 & 3rd brother (militant Reyaz Negroo) is presently lodged in prison in #militant attack case, “a police spokesman said.

“Preliminary #investigation reveals that killing is due to group #rivalry between

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## Body of militant handed over to Pak authorities via LoC in Poonch: ficials

M S NAZKI

POONCH, Sept 5: Authorities on Monday handed over the dead body of Tabarak Hussain, a Pak resident who died days after captured in injured condition by army along the Line of Control in Rajouri district, officials said.

The body was handed over to Pakistan authorities via Chakan-Da-Bagh gate here which opened at 1105 hours, they said. Hussain, a resident of Sabzakote in PaK, suffered injuries after troops fired upon him while he was infiltrating along LoC in Jhanger sector and later captured him in injured condition on 21st of last month. He was shifted to Army General

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## 245 SIs in state taxes department pass out in J&K

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JAMMU, Sep 5: As many as 245 Sub-inspectors in the State Taxes department, appointed under Prime Minister's special package for displaced Kashmiri Pandits, passed out here on Monday after successfully completing three-months training, an official spokesman said.

Additional Chief Secretary Finance department, Vivek Bharadwaj attended the passing out parade of the Sub-Inspectors, including 81 women, at Excise and Taxation Training Institute Nagrota, the spokesman said. He said the cadets were given the roll of completion along with two stars on their uniform as per their rank.

They presented an impressive march past after which a piping ceremony was held, the spokesman said, adding the parade was commanded by Sub Inspector M I Bhat.

Bharadwaj congratulated the passing out candidates and encouraged them to conduct their duties with sincerity and honesty. He called upon them to educate the public about the role of taxes and revenue extraction in building the nation and its defense.

## Digitization of records, land reforms turn ‘Naya Jammu and Kashmir’ hi-tech

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SRINAGAR, Sep 05: In October 2021, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched ‘Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani’ initiative to facilitate easy online access to the land records system, reduce manipulation, and improve efficiency of Revenue offices in the Himalayan region. Since then there has been no looking back.

‘Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani’ under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DIL-RMP) was aimed at modernizing management of land records and enhancing transparency in the maintenance mechanism. Introduction of the new system has reduced the scope of land, property disputes, and has facilitated conclusive titles



to immovable properties across the Union Territory.

The major components of the programme included computerization and digitization of land records, survey, resurvey and updation of all survey and settlement records, integration of property registration with land records and cadastral

maps for enhancing authenticity and security of data.

After the launching of ‘Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani’ 1553 Patwarkhanas have empowered the common citizens in ‘Naya Jammu and Kashmir.’

The work of digitization of land records is going on in all 20 districts across the Union Territory. Of 6912 villages, the process of digitization has been completed in 3049 villages i.e. land records of about 44.11 per cent villages have been digitized. The government has embarked on the mission to create a database of all the relevant records and information for extending all the help readily on a real time basis. These steps have made the Revenue officials accountable as the process is on to

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## Ladakh gets first community radio station

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LEH, Sep 05: In a first Union Territory of Ladakh gets its first Community radio station Rgazom (90.8 MHz) that was today inaugurated by Lt. General Anindya Sen Gupta during an event held at Army Good Will School Harka Bahadur, Kargil. Deputy Commissioner and CEO, LAHDC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve, SSP Kargil Anayat Ali Chowdhury, ADC Kargil Gulam Mohi-Din Wani, SE Irrigation and Flood Control Maqbool Hussain, Chief Medical Officer Dr Wilayat Hussain Wazir besides other concerned officials were present during the ceremony.

On the occasion, Gupta said it is a moment of pride that Ladakh's first community radio station will be on air which will specifically focus on youth and women empowerment. He said all sections of society will get benefit from this community radio station and it will contribute to the socio-economic growth of Kargil district. The community radio will air information, entertainment and news-related programs in Balti, Purgi and Hindi languages. Later, the Lt. General visited Veer Sthal, War Memorial at Kurbathang and

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## Nasha Mukht JK "Awareness programs, seminars held in Schools"

SRINAGAR, Sep 05: As part of Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan, several awareness programs and seminars were held in various Schools of the Srinagar District here on Monday.

The programs were held on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad by Chief Education Office, Srinagar at MP Higher Secondary School Baghi Dilawar Khan, Girls Higher Secondary School Gund Hassi Bhat, Boys Middle-School Drugjan and other City Schools. During the program, participants were

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## DEO Bandipora convenes meeting with representatives of various political parties

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 05: The District Election Officer (DEO), Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed on Monday convened a meeting with representatives of various political parties in view of post delimitation exercise at mini secretariat, here.

During the meeting, threadbare discussions were held on post delimitation exercises including the list of draft polling stations after the formation of new constituencies and the rationalization and reorganization of polling stations.

The DEO informed that the Draft list will be shared with political parties after publication.

It was given out that 06 new polling stations have been identified for Bandipora Constituency, 02 for Gurez and 01 polling stations for Sonawari Constituency. The DEO directed ERO, AERO,

BLO and other concerned to take up the summary revision process properly after notified dates.

He said, under SVEEP various programmes have been taken up and more intensified programmes shall be held in the District for awareness of the general Public.

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# ‘Teachers day’ celebrations held across Kulgam

### Colorful function held at GBHSS Chawalgam; teachers felicitated/ honored for their extraordinary services

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 05: Felicitations of teachers and a plethora of other activities highlighting the role of teachers in the society marked the ‘Teachers Day’ celebration in Kulgam. On the occasion, a mega and colorful function was held at LNK Nazir Ahmad Wani Model Higher Secondary School (GBHSS) Chawalgam to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, first Vice President of India.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat was the chief guest on the occasion. The function was also attended by Additional Development Commissioner, Chief Education Officer, Principals, ZEO’s, Headmasters, teachers and students.

During the function, scores of teachers and

heads of institutions were honored and felicitated for their extraordinary contribution in enriching the field of education.

Addressing the gathering, the DC extended greetings of the day to the teachers and said that Teachers are the true nation builders and this day provides the society an opportunity to thank them and recognize their contribution.

While stating that the education sector is our priority, the DC highlighted measures and steps taken to augment the facilities in educational institutions across the district.

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## DC Budgam visits Yousmarg, adjoining areas Says focus on to develop Yousmarg as all weather tourist destination; interacts with locals, tourism stakeholders

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 05: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today conducted an extensive tour of Yousmarg area of the district.

During the visit, the DC interacted with locals and different tourism stakeholders including Pony walas and exchanged suggestions regarding the tourism promotion at Yousmarg and in all surrounding areas.

He said that the District Administration is committed to promote Yousmarg as one of the best tourist destinations. He said that various initiatives are being taken up and special focus is being given to develop Yousmarg as an all weather destination for the tourists.

He said that aim is to promote tourist footfall and provide multiple resources of self-employment for locals in the tourism sector.

Later, the DC along with a team of concerned officers visited locals putting up in Dokas to take on spot assessment of their issues and demands.

The DC gave patient hearing to the demands presented by the tribal people and assured timely



redressal to all genuine grievances. Meanwhile, the DC also visited SDH Chadoora and took stock of health care facilities available for patients. He visited various wards and facilities in the hospi-

tal and interacted with patients and attendants to enquire about the patient care at the hospital.

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## ONDC and JKTPO joined hands to boost e-commerce in J&K

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 5: A workshop for familiarising Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) was organised by Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) at Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Pampore today. The workshop was attended by MD JKTPO, Director Industries & Commerce Kashmir and Director Handloom & Handicraft Kashmir.

Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is an initiative aimed at promoting open networks for all aspects of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks. ONDC is based on open-sourced methodology, using open specifications and open network

protocols independent of any specific platform.

The working of the ONDC network was explained in details and the working of the network was demonstrated. The participants were given the opportunity to interact with the ONDC team and their partners. The workshop was attended by women entrepreneurs, small entrepreneurs, E-Commerce Companies, Logistic Companies, Retailers, Artisans, FPOs and Industry Association of UT. Managing Director JKTPO, Khalid Jahangir while addressing the participants and experts emphasized that e-commerce is the new future of business ecosystem and there is need for business community adopt this as soon as possible, adding that the

volume of trade through digital platforms has witnessed upward trend and is likely to change face of trading pattern. Through ONDC sellers will be able to expand their business to new markets with increase in the visibility of their products to more buyers connected with ONDC.

Director Handlooms and Handicrafts, Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah, said that e-commerce has huge potential in the field and Handloom & Handicrafts to connect local artisans to markets of the world.

Director Industries & Commerce Kashmir, Saloni Rai congratulated JKTPO and ONDC for conducting such workshop on e-commerce and said that e-commerce is next big thing especially after Covid pandemic.

## DC Anantnag issues directions for establishment of IRC

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 05: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today held a meeting for finalizing the location to setup an Integrated Rehabilitation Centre (IRC) for addicts to provide in-patient and out-patient care 24 x 7.

The chair was informed that a drug de-addiction centre providing out-patient care is already functional in the district. He was informed that the centre is providing rehabilitation facilities to victims of drug abuse.

The DC directed attendees to ensure that the facilities at the already functional centre are augmented as per need. He said that 10 beds must be kept reserved in GMC Anantnag for victims of drug abuse.

He further set a deadline of one week to finalize the location for setting up an IRC. He said the centre may be established either within the premises of a functioning health facility or in an easily accessible area.

HoD Psychiatry department apprised the chair regarding footfall of patients to the drug de-addiction facilities and briefed on the service being provided.

The DC emphasized that counseling, necessary medicines and rehabilitation facilities must be extended to all patients in need.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, ADC, and DSWO among others.

## Pinning ceremony of Forest officials held at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 05: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today attended the Rank Pin/ pinning ceremony of Forest Division Anantnag as Chief Guest.

District Forest Officer (DFO) Anantnag, speaking on the occasion, briefly introduced the functioning of the department and its efforts to save the forests and to cover more area under green belt.

He said that under ‘Green JK Drive’ and ‘Har Ghar Hariyali Program’, vast afforestation has been taken up not only in forest areas but near habitation also.

The DC while congratulating the elevated forest officials on the occasion said that forest officials have to continue the efforts for safeguarding the forests with involvement of the general public and creating awareness.

He said that the services offered by the Forest Department have been instrumental in increasing the green cover in the district. He said that the role of forest officials in preventing exploitation of natural resources is critical in the global fight for preventing climate change.

Eight officials of the rank of forest guards were promoted to Deputy Foresters. The said ceremony was attended by DFO Anantnag, officials of Forest department, members of the media fraternity among others. He said that under ‘Green JK Drive’ and ‘Har Ghar Hariyali Program’, vast afforestation has been taken up not only in forest areas but near habitation also.

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# DDC Chairperson Ganderbal inaugurates 4-day long Fun Fair Mela at Qamaria Park

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 05: The District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson, Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq along with Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Shyambir Singh today inaugurated a 4-day long Fun Fair Mela at Qamaria Park, here.

Chairman Municipal Council Ganderbal, Hilal Ahmad Tantray and Additional District Development Council Ganderbal were also present on the occasion.

Kick-starting the fair, the DDC Chairperson said this event is being organized in connection with the Urs Mubarak of Hazrat Qa-

mar-ud-Din Bukhari which is being celebrated after 33 years. This mela would continue till September 10, she said, while congratulating organizers for holding the event in the Ganderbal as it would enable people to connect with the rich cultural legacy of Kashmir.

Notably, the fair showcased a wide range of pottery, soft toys, Exciting Magical Games, Swings and a number of stalls for children and other items besides special attractions in the Mela are daylong Music programme, Gymnastic show, range of Fresh Food stalls etc. Meanwhile, Nuzhat along



with other dignitaries went around the stalls put up in the Mela and showed keen interest in the exhibited goods. She interacted with the stall holders and appre-

ciated the quality of products put on display.

She visited each counter and said on the one hand, such fairs give a glimpse of the expertise of handicrafts

and on the other it displays the rich culture of the country. She interacted with the traders who have come from different parts of the country besides others who have set up several stalls displaying a wide range of products. Nuzhat called upon people of Kashmir especially Ganderbal to participate in the Urs mubarak of Hazrat Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari at Reshipora Saloora and also visit this fun fair mela in large numbers so as to revive the different cultures of country and show great enthusiasm in purchasing goods on sale, eating food of various kinds which is being served.

## A university in Iran enrolls 2 female Kashmiri Seminarians for PHD.

Iran/ Qom/06/09/22: The females in Jammu and Kashmir are proving their mettle in every field and are leading from the front. They don't want to look back, as they are out to conquer the world. Kashmiri girl Shumaila was selected for a PhD in ‘Interpretation of the Holy Quran’ and another, Rayeesa, ‘Islamic Family Jurisprudence.’

The ambidextrous actor, poet, scriptwriter and famous comedian of Central Kashmir Budgam Nazir Ahmad Josh's daughter Miss Shumaila Zainab and another renowned Cleric of Ahmadpora Magam Agha Syed Tanveer Rizvi's Wife Miss Rayeesa Akhtar cracked the prestigious examination held here at Jamia Al-Mustafa International Universities Qom for Doctorate PHD. It is first time that, Shumaila and Rayeesa, two Kashmiri girls have touched such a great height in higher education in Iranian seminary. Both students belong to Seminary college, Jamia Bintul-Huda of Jamal Al-Mustafa University. In a message, both Kashmiri Scholars reiterated that we belong to Kashmir and have put ourselves at the disposal of our women folk for any sort of educational guidance and help. Added that we went through a series of tests before we were declared qualified to pursue PHD. Both observed that Kashmiri girls should choose seminary education because the comprehensiveness of the teachings of this section with the lessons of Arabic literature, Quran and Hadith, religious beliefs of Islam rulings, jurisprudence and principles, Islamic ethics



and education, history of Islam and the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), logic and philosophy, issues of women and family in Islam as well as methods and skills; It is clear, like the preaching method, the research method and the teaching method that form the main foundations of seminary education. ‘I am really thankful to my husband and teachers who always stood by my side. In Kashmir, husbands force their wives to pursue studies according to their taste, but to me that is not right,’ said Rayeesa Akhtar. While contacting him, a known sociopolitical activist, Syed Karar Hashmi, studying at Jamia Al-Mustafa International University said that After the glorious Islamic revolution in Iran, women's interest in seminary education increased significantly. It should be noted that the clergy and seminaries enjoy high status among the people. It should be assessed that the strengthening of religious beliefs and the dissemination of Islamic culture and ethics among the people depends solely on them.

## Police organises awareness programmes cum rallies against drug abuse and illicit trafficking in Awantipora & Pulwama

Pulwama: In view of growing menace of drugs and to spread awareness among the general public about ill effects of drug menace, Police organized drug awareness programmes cum rallies in Awantipora and Pulwama. Besides, wild bung was also destroyed in Awantipora.

In Awantipora, the awareness programme was held at Global School Tral. The programme was attended by students of different age groups and other respectable of the Tral area.

Moreover, Police launched drive against bung cultivation and destroys huge quantity of wild bung in Awantipora and Pampore areas.

In Pulwama, awareness rally against drug abuse started from Middle School Kakapora to Main town Kakapora which passes through various routes of town Kakapora and back. The rally was attended by DySP PC kakapora, SHO Kakapora, ZEO Kakapora, members of civil society, students, youth and respectable of the area participated in the rally.

Similarly at Litter, awareness rally started from Hr Sec. School Chakoora to Grawgund passes through various villages of litter. The rally was attended by SDO Litter, SHO Litter, Principal along with staff of the school, students, youth, respectable of the area and other civil & Police officers.

In addition, a seminar was also con-



ducted by SHO Litter at Higher Sec School Chakoora to spread awareness ill effects of drug abuse on society. The officer complimented the participants and highlighted the need to protect our young generation from the menace. He also made aware the participants about the devastating impact of drug abuse and said that drug abuse poses a serious challenge to our society. He also stressed upon the parents to closely monitor their children and urged them to help their wards choose different career avenues through which they channelize their potential and energy in a positive way.



# Teachers’ Day celebrated across Kupwara

## DC addresses students at GDC Handwara, Kupwara, My New School Drugmulla

“Says best way of celebration is to respect a teacher”

Dr Abdul Quyyom

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 05: On the eve of Teachers’ Day, hundreds of functions were held in Kupwara district to celebrate the Teachers’ Day.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray himself visited various Educational Institutions including Government Degree College (GDC), Handwara, GDC Kupwara and My New School Drugmulla. He was accompanied by CEO Kupwara and other concerned officers.

The Deputy Commissioner was given warm welcome by the enthusiastic and jubilant students and the faculties were celebrating Teachers’ Day at each institution.

Addressing the functions, the Deputy Commissioner threw light on the significance and historical background of the Teachers’ Day which also marks the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

“Teacher is the real architect of a society and as such deserves respect and honor from all walks of life. The best way of celebrating Teachers’ Day is to respect and honour the teacher in real essence and to recognize the efforts of a teacher in shaping the students”, said the DC, adding that it was the prime duty of the student to respect this teacher as he (the teacher) is likewise a father. He made the students familiar with the values of the Teacher now and then.

The Deputy Commissioner also asked students and the youth to be aware of the disastrous affect of drug menace and advised them not to fall prey of enemies of humanity and society, who are hell bent upon to involve society in the drugs. He asked them to follow and support the programme of

District Administration, envisage to from the district and make Kupwara a completely eradicate the drug menace drug free district.



HOI’s and other dignitaries also spoke on the occasion and threw light on the significance of Teachers’ Day Celebration. The DC has earlier interacted with the students and the faculties.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the infrastructure and other facilities available in the Institutions.

Meanwhile, Teachers’ Day was celebrated in all the other Educational Institutions of Kupwara district. The students participated in different activities including singing, dancing, speeches and other cultural variety programmes and expressed their love and respect for their teachers.

The Students and the Teachers watched the live telecast of Teacher’s Day Function from SKICC.

Chief Education Officer Kupwara along with other officers and teachers watched the live streaming of the telecast from SKICC, at DIET Kupwara.

## Bipul Pathak takes over as DG IMPARD

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 5: Bipul Pathak today assumed the charge of Director General, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD).

He received charge of the post from Saurabh Bhagat, who had joined IMPARD in March last year.

Pertinently, the outgoing Director General, Saurabh Bhagat, has been transferred few days back but was looking after IMPARD in addition to his new posting as Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology Department.

Under his leadership IMPARD was able to organise three National level conferences including Regional Conference on Replication of Good Governance Practices, launching of District Good Governance Index and Regional Conference on Bringing Citizens and Government



closer through Administrative Reforms. Besides, MoUs with more than 30 prominent national level institutions had also been signed under Bhagat’s supervision. The MoUs enabled capacity building in various areas including Public Administration, Finance and several government schemes. Saurabh

Bhagat, introduced the capacity building programs for officers in Grievance redressal mechanism. During his tenure the newly constructed buildings were completed thus adding more infrastructural facilities to the Institute. Besides, KAS, IFS and more than 5000 Senior and Junior assistants were imparted necessary training apart from routine training courses.

During Covid -19, IMPARD conducted all training activities online and launched Knowledge Management System (KMS).

It is worthwhile to mention that under JKIGRAMS (J&K Integrated Grievance Redressal & Monitoring System), in pursuance to LG Mulaqat Programme (of 2021), Lieutenant Governor observed that all the departments of the UT should strive to ensure timely and quality disposal of grievances.

## DC Ganderbal chairs RTA, DRTC meeting

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 05: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) meeting at VC Room of DC office, here.

During the meeting, a brief discussion was held on proper regulation of public transport on various routes throughout the district. Plan for finalization of routes for the operationalization of e-Rickshaws on various routes especially where availability of public transport is poor in the district also came under discussion.

After threadbare discussion, the DC directed the ARTO to undertake a comprehensive survey to check the feasibility, cost benefit analysis and identify poor public transport routes in different parts of the town so that an efficient and effective route plan is finalized to implement a better traffic management system to overcome the traffic issues in the township.

In the meeting, it was also decided that subsidies under the MUMKIN Scheme shall be provided to the youth for purchase of small transport vehicles which shall solve the problem of hungry routes of the district.

After threadbare discussion approval was accorded for operation of e-Rickshaws on four routes in the town.

The DC directed the concerned Officers to undertake a comprehensive survey to check the feasibility, cost benefit analysis and identify hungry routes in different parts of the district so that public transport is managed accordingly to facilitate the general public.

Meanwhile, the meeting also discussed the present traffic scenario in the district besides measures being taken to overcome traffic jams to ensure smooth regulation of traffic movement in the town and provide better transport services to the people.

Later, the DC also chaired the District Road Safety Committee meeting during which an action plan for road safety measures was discussed.

The meeting discussed threadbare agenda points including raising awareness about Road Safety, Removal of Encroachments/hoardings, Traffic Management, identification of black spots, fixing of road signages and erecting of crash barriers, strict implementation of provisions of Motor Vehicle Act-2019, implementation of GPS in commercial vehicles and other allied issues.

Addressing the meeting, the DC stressed for identifying black spots, initiating remedial measures, installation of signage and painting of roads at appropriate spots and generation of awareness for making roads safer in the district.

ADDC Ganderbal, SDM Kangan, ARTO Ganderbal, Ex. Engineer R&B, EO Municipality, DySP Headquarter, DySP Traffic and other concerned officers were present in the meeting. After threadbare discussion approval was accorded for



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## DDC Shopian reviews progress under ADF 2022-2023

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 05: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today convened a meeting of officers of Rural Development Department to review the status and progress of development works taken under Area Development Fund (ADF) of District Capex, Budget 2022-23. During the meeting threadbare discussions were held on various aspects related to expeditious execution of developmental works under Area Development Fund (ADF) including Works of PRI, DDC and BDC Grants. The DDC took block wise

progress of works completion from ACD and BDOs and expressed satisfaction over the progress achieved till date. It was appraised on the occasion that more than 900 works have been completed under ADF, which aggregates to more than 70 percent works completion till date.

The DDC also took stock of bills submission to Treasuries and emphasized upon BDOs to submit the bills in a time bound manner so that expenditure is booked for timely release of expenditure claims.

The meeting reviewed the status of pending work of NTPHC Ramnagri

and it was impressed upon the Police Housing Corporation to complete the remaining finishing work of the hospital immediately. Executing agencies were instructed to ensure that the allotted works were completed within the given time frame and bills are submitted to the treasury as soon as works are completed.

Among others, the meeting was attended by ADDC, Manzoor Hussain; JDP, Khursheed Ahmad Khatana; ACD, Hilal Ahmad; DTO, M Ayoub; DIO Showkat Hussain; Ex. Engineer, REW; BMO Shopian, BDOs of the district besides other officers.

## Teachers Day: DC Budgam announces ‘One Officer – One School initiative’ for quality education



BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 05: In a major development, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today announced a mega, One Officer- One School initiative to ensure quality education and effective conduct of co-curricular activities at all schools in the district.

This was announced by the DC while attending a Teachers Day function at Conference Hall Budgam, presided over by Lieutenant Governor J&K virtually in Srinagar. At the outset, the DC extended his greetings to all teachers of the district for their dedication and hard work in shaping the future of the nation.

He said on this day, District Administration Budgam is starting an initiative, under which each gazetted officer shall adopt one or two schools voluntarily in the district. DC, who himself adopted five Primary schools, said the aim is to ensure that all schools in the district are adopted by October- 02, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. In this regard, a MoU was signed between ADC Budgam, Dr Nasir Ahmad and CEO Budgam, Mushtaq Ahmad under the supervision of DC. The DC said that 34 schools have been adopted in the first

phase of the initiative, under which the concerned officer shall visit adopted schools twice a month and provide mentorship, arrange motivational speakers, resource persons on different subjects and help in organising co-curricular activities and massive student involvement at all schools of the district.

He said the concerned officers shall look after overall development and keep on highlighting administrative issues and submit the list of issues and demands with the higher ups for redressal at the earliest. Terming the initiative as important for improvement in dissemination of quality education and overall development of the students, the DC said that concerned officers shall work as bridge between school and the administration to take our education sector to new heights.

He said though the imparting education shall lie with teachers only, however, main objective is to ensure teachers remain for teaching purposes. Among others, ZEOs, Principals and a good gathering of senior school teachers attended the function along with other senior officers of the various departments.

## DC Kulgam reviews arrangements for Mega Aharbal festival

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 05: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today convened a meeting of Officers at mini-secretariat here to review arrangements for mega Aharbal festival scheduled to be held at Aharbal tourist destination on Sunday, 11th of September.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed arrangements for different activities including cultural programmes, installation of stalls and conduct of cultural programmes besides other activities.

The DC directed the line departments to set up stalls at the venue to display and promote the rich traditions, culture and crafts of the valley so that tourists become familiar with them.

He also directed them to ensure smooth conduct of the festival with all basic facilities available to the visitors. He stressed on



coordination between police, civil government and civil society to fight the menace. Drug Control officer spoke on the occasion and highlighted negative impact of drug addiction on society. During the meeting, the DC reviewed arrangements for different activities including cultural programmes, installation of stalls and conduct of cultural programmes besides other activities.

## DEO flags-off SVEEP mobile vehicle at Shopian

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 05: In the run up to Special Summary Revision starting on 15th of September 2022, the District Election Officer (DEO) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today flagged-off a mobile vehicle for disseminating Information and Awareness regarding the Special Summary Revision 2022 to masses. The vehicle through the medium of print, banners and boards carries in detail all the messages and information related to the revision activities. Besides, the vehicle plays an audio jingle in Kashmiri and Urdu languages urging people for greater participation in the process.

The vehicle was flagged-off from the District Headquarter Shopian and shall cover all the tehsils and subdivisions of the district. A large number of the local officers and general masses participated in the flag-off programme.

## Teachers are the Torch-bearers, have pivotal role in shaping generations: DC Baramulla

BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 05: Recognizing and appreciating the role of teachers in our society, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today called teachers the torch bearers who have pivotal role in shaping the generations. Dr Sehrish said that a teacher plays a multidimensional role among which the role of a mentor for the students is of paramount importance. The DC made these remarks for a teacher during a seminar organised in Govt Higher Secondary School Delina to commemorate 'Teachers Day' being celebrated throughout the country today on 5th September marking the birth anniversary of India's first Vice President

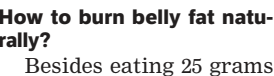


Dr S Radhakrishnan. Exhorting the students to imitate human values, Dr Sehrish said that a teacher not only makes students capable of reading and writing but makes them perfect human beings

through character building and moral up-bringing. She recalled her experience as a student and her respect for the teachers and said that those students, who did not give the teachers their due respect, are likely to get indulged in different types of social evils like drug abuse etc. The DC further stated that teachers are the pillar of strength having the most exemplary quality of self sacrifice. She added that the service, duties and responsibilities undertaken by teachers are immense, and thus deserve to be recognized and appreciated. 'Education is not just cramming facts or hoarding degrees but it means holistic development.'

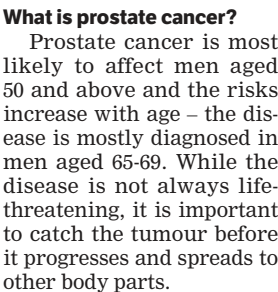


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 Berries  
 Whole grains  
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 Complex carbs like oats  
 Apple cider vinegar  
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 and abstaining from them  
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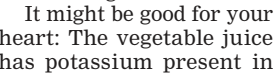
- Waking up too often at night to urinate
- Unexplained weight loss
- Testicular pain
- Loss of appetite
- Bone and back pain

Reduce your stress: When you are stressed, your body releases cortisol which helps to manage your stress. However, when the stress becomes chronic, it can impair your hormonal mechanism which causes your cortisol levels to remain high. This in turn might increase your calorie intake which will eventually lead to obesity.

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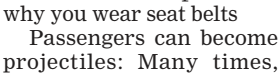
- Intense headache, Back pain, Fever, Intense lack of energy, Intense headaches, Swollen lymph nodes,
- Skin lesions on the face, soles of the feet, palms, and genitals, Chills, Muscle aches, Sore throat, Cough,
- Nasal congestion

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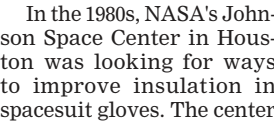
it which helps to dilate the blood vessels and that helps to lower blood pressure levels and also prevent the chances of stroke. Along with that, the antioxidants present in it helps to reduce the oxidation of lipids.

However, officials say that it is also the carelessness of the passengers who disregard their safety by not wearing seat belts, which are available in all car variants today.



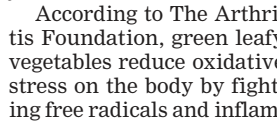
Prevents auto insurance from declining to cover damages: Most of the insurance policies in accident coverage have a clause that states you will not be reimbursed for any damages, both personal injury, and vehicle damage if you were not wearing your seat belt.

While exploring high tech fabrics for regulating temperatures, Fifty One's owner Louise Nicholson found that these products tended to be cooling fabrics, which ignored the cold flashes that often follow hot flashes during menopause, said the



entered into a Small Business Innovation Research contract with the Triangle Research and Development Corporation to explore the use of phase-change materials, which maintain a steady temperature as they change phase from solid to liquid or

Arthritis is a chronic condition characterised by tenderness and swelling of one or more joints. Mainly it is characterised by joint stiffness and pain which worsen with age. While doctors recommend moderate-intensity workouts for the management of the condition, diet could also help alleviate the discomfort and manage the condition better with the nutrients on offer. Amidst this, experts name a crucial eating habit that could be life-saving for arthritis patients – it is



Additionally, a study published in the *International Journal of Preventive Medicine* suggested that antioxidants can also help improve disease-fighting abilities essential for rheumatoid arthritis patients. In another study in the *American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine*, it was stated that dark leafy greens contain oodles

- Kale
- Spinach
- Bok choy
- Collard greens
- Swiss chard



HEADLINES TODAY

EDITORIAL

Capacity building a feature to be braced

Though training of teachers – their capacity building is an ongoing feature which has been going on all along, but obviously this has not yielded desired results so far, as is evident from the very dismal performance of the government schools. So if the government really wants to improve the performance of its schools, it will have to start with the teachers. It is the teachers who need to change and this is because they are “the super-engines of change”. Living in the third or say fourth wave society as we are, the dynamics and settings of both schools and classrooms have changed a great deal. During the yesteryears, it was more or less a one-way communication, top-down model that would be followed inside schools and classrooms with teachers at the apex and students at the bottom. But today the same has been replaced with two-way linear models of communication wherein the teacher is at best only a participant observer in class-room activity. He/she is a friend and a facilitator in a teaching-learning process which has to be mutually enriching, enriching, interesting and fulfilling for both – the teacher as well as the students. Western world has proven the success of this linear model beyond doubt. For instance, the punishments of any sort are an outdated concept in school systems there, and obviously outright illegal. Yet we see the education system thriving there and this is one of the reasons for them having left the global south or the third world way behind on the educational super-highway. There is nothing wrong in emulating any concept or model, irrespective of its origin, if it is thought worthy of copying for the larger interests and benefit of the society, much like the way we copy modern medical and diagnostic techniques of the West to help the ailing people in this part of the world. So if we have to bring in better and scientific pedagogical concepts into our school system and in our class-rooms, it is the teachers who will have to be willing to change and adapt to the newer concepts first. They will have to give up the ‘my way or the highway’ rigidity of a traditional teacher and be flexible to changes that hold big promise for the society and the nation. It is the teachers who will have to be willing to change because given that they have access to a whole lot of students in an assembly line manner (although a very mechanical concept), they are the ones capable of multiplying that change into a ripple effect that would transform the entire society for good. So the capacity-building of teachers will have to start off from exposing them to new concepts of pedagogy, wherein focus is – as much as on what teacher says in the classroom, also on how he or she says it, and mediates and moderates interactions within the classroom. The teachers need to be exposed to, and made to think beyond the traditional lectures and ‘dictating notes’. They need to be taught about other techniques like simulations and role-plays, use of teaching aids and other techniques that would ensure active communication and participation of the students.

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The greatness of the teacher & responsibilities

*"Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding"*

(William Arthur Ward)

The teaching profession is simply a profession that creates all other professions. Of all the relationships in the world, the most sacred is considered to be that of a teacher and a disciple.

There are many human relationships in the world, some of which are blood relationships and some are spiritual relationships. One of these relationships is the student-teacher relationship. In Islam, the teacher's status is equal to that of the biological parents'. In fact, a teacher is said to be the second parent of a student. After parents, it is the teacher who teaches us the real meaning of life –how to behave, how to live, how to differentiate between right and wrong etc.

In the importance of the teacher, the beloved Prophet (Pbuh) said that I was sent as a teacher. This shows how high the status of the teacher is that the Holy Prophet (Pbuh) also introduced himself as a teacher. The Holy Prophet (Pbuh) came to this world to give the necessary divine knowledge to all of us. Thus, the beloved Prophet (Pbuh) has primarily the status of a teacher. That is why, teaching is designated as the prophetic profession and teachers are true heirs of prophets.

Parents also play a role of a teacher and the home is considered as the first university of children. Whatever the Children learn from their parents till the age of puberty shapes their future life.

A good teacher should have good qualities. He should have a pure character and a smiling face. He should have a sweet and eloquent speech. He should know his job well by being well-educated and well-spoken. Therefore, if you are a teacher, be a role model for your students. Be a diligent and passionate teacher; revise and repeat previous lessons; don't overburden children with homework, check their performance sympathetically; don't scold them and don't make 'anger' and 'thrashing' your teaching aids. Take into consideration the feelings, emotions and self-esteem of your students.

Adopt a careful and individualized method of disciplining them and avoid corporal punishment under all circumstances. Be aware of children's psychology and sociology. Help the slow learners separately. Be concerned about supporting underprivileged students. Be interested in their physical and aesthetic development, for, all work no play makes Jack a dull boy. In addition, Pay special attention to the children's character development. Try to develop their mental and spiritual abilities to the maximum limit possible. Use appropriate methods of communication and present yourself as a role model in words, actions, morals and intellect for children.

Teacher and the modern age

The teacher can impart others the same knowledge that he himself has access to.

The teaching profession is not an easy task. It requires constant hard work, up to date knowledge, dedication, passion, ethics, humanity, consciousness, spirituality, and calm human behavior.



Appreciation & Criticism

In the present age, it is necessary to take special care of moral education as well as secular education because without moral principles education is like a fruitless tree. It is like a futile endeavor. Knowledge, which does not lead to moral change and purification of one's character, is certainly a mental luxury but it is not productive. The main topic among the holy Qur'anic topics is 'moral education'. The subject of many verses is the formation of good character and the embodiment of morality.

Thus, 6236 verses in Umm Al-Kitab are related to Positive Values or Negative Values. But in both cases there is moral education. "The ethics of the Prophets and the righteous" is one of the most important topics in the Qur'an.

The concept of knowledge is connected with the concept of morality. Knowledge that is only for the sake of the womb, not for the sake of a high standard of living, is poisonous.

Often we have read and heard a lot about some government teachers who do not know how to write even 'a simple application'. Such teachers are being unfaithful to this great profession by taking huge salaries and big positions. We have also seen some teachers in this epidemic who have been sitting idle at homes for almost three years, and they too are proudly celebrating 'Teachers' Day'. They have no qualms of conscience and they are certainly unaware of the status of teaching profession.

We also saw in this Covid-19 such teachers who were performing their duties sincerely. Some teachers joined hands with doctors to defeat the covid-19 and at the same time, they were justifying their monthly salaries by teaching online. We also saw some honest Govt teachers who were providing home tuition for free in pandemic. Such teachers are to be admired, respected and honored because they have played a key role in

raising the standard of education in Govt schools. Otherwise, it is an open secret that Govt teachers send their children to private schools because they know the standard of education in private schools is multiple times better than Govt schools. Usually, the results of Govt school in annual examinations are not commendable due to a number of reasons. One of which is that Govt teachers spend most of their time and energy in their private institutes [coaching centers], and the same passion dies when they reach Govt schools.

How we can uplift Govt Schools

It's an important need of the hour to introduce in-service training courses to equip teachers with modern education so that teachers can acquaint children with modern science and technology. In order to test the intelligence of the teachers, the teachers should be tested every year like the students are examined annually so that the standard of education remains high in the government schools aslo and parents can think about enrolling their children in the Govt schools. If the government really wants to raise the standard of education in government schools, it should made compulsory for all Govt teachers to enroll their biological children in government schools.

"To criticise is not finding fault but to exploring the other sides of something and thus is different than to oppose."

I would like to sum up this write-up with the beautiful words of Scott Hayden said in praise of teachers: "Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together."

India's GDP growth belies its tax collection spurt

NANTOO BANERJEE

The country's encouragingly high tax collections — indirect and direct — during the April-June quarter (Q1) of the current fiscal may have more to do with price and profit spurt than any magical growth of its economy and consumption. High wholesale and retail prices of consumables and industrial inputs are choking the growth of several sectors of the economy. The revised GST (goods and service tax) rates, which came into effect from July 18, are harsher at several mass consumption items. This is bound to impact the government's future indirect tax collection growth and actual economic output.

In Q1, 2022-23, direct tax collection stood at Rs. 354,569.74 crore, up by 41.32 percent from Rs. 250,881.08 crore in the same quarter last year. Net indirect tax collection in Q1FY23 was Rs. 344,056 crore, a 9.4 percent increase from Rs. 314,476 crore in Q1 last year. The finance ministry expected GST collections to grow 27 percent in August to nearly 1.43 lakh crore. The actual collection exceeded the figure. The government said the economy is on course to grow at 7-7.5 percent during the current financial year.

If the high GST collection expectation is based on the lately revised tax rates, it

may not hold good for long. According to the latest official data, GST collections in July at Rs 1,48,995 crore are the second-highest mop-up ever. The states to contribute the most were Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. In absolute terms, Maharashtra collected the highest GST at Rs 22,129 crore, followed by Karnataka (Rs 9,795 crore), Gujarat (Rs 9,183 crore), Tamil Nadu (Rs 8,449 crore), Uttar Pradesh (Rs 7,074 crore), Haryana (Rs 6,791 crore), Telangana (Rs 4,547 crore), West Bengal (Rs 4,441 crore), Delhi (Rs 4,327 crore) and Rajasthan (Rs 3,671 crore), according to the latest official data.

The collection figures did not include GST on the import of goods. In terms of growth, Lakshadweep witnessed the highest jump in GST collection at 69 percent as compared with July 2021. It was followed by Puducherry and Ladakh (54 percent each), Nagaland (48 percent), Karnataka (45 percent) and Goa (43 percent). All major states reported growth above 15 percent. There are 28 states and eight union territories in the country.

In fact, GST collections exceeded Rs.1.40 lakh crore for the last six months in a row showing a growth of 28 percent. This could be almost entirely due to price inflation instead of higher consumption, production and com-



pliance growth. Therefore, there is nothing exciting about the large monthly GST collection growth trend. The prices of commodities and finished products have been shooting up since the end of last year. The wholesale price inflation had spiked to 15.18 percent during the month of June while WPI for May was revised to 16.63 per cent from 15.88 percent. For July, WPI eased to 13.93 percent.

The entire economy is reeling under price pressure. The latest cut in India's 2022-23 GDP growth forecast by several rating agencies, including SBI, Citibank and Moody's, should be a matter of concern for the government. SBI has forecast the GDP growth at 6.8 percent. Moody's had cut it further to 5.2 percent. They are far below the annual GDP growth forecast by the country's National Statistical

Office (NSO) on the basis of India's GDP increase in the April-June quarter. It is not clear if the NSO forecast is on the 'nominal' basis. Nominal GDP doesn't strip out inflation or the pace of rising prices, which can inflate the growth figure.

It may be noted that tax revenues in the last fiscal (2021-22) grew by a record 34 percent to Rs.27.07 lakh crore. Direct tax collections went up by 49 percent while indirect tax showed a growth of 30 percent. The collection of corporate tax, which is part of direct tax, was up by 56 percent. Undoubtedly, this is a remarkable testimony to India's rapid economic recovery after the successive Covid-19 waves in 2020 and part of 2021. In fact, the tax collection trend should have induced the government to take an encouraging lesson form the result of its historic direct tax rationalisation

— from over 90 percent in the early 1980s to barely 30 percent at the highest level, now — to bring down the GST rates too and compress the slabs from five to three. Corporate Tax Rate in India may reach 25.17 percent by the end of 2022, according to Trading Economics global macro models and analysts expectations. India's direct tax rates are globally competitive. However, the same cannot be said about its GST and outside GST items such as petroleum products and alcohol for human consumption. Excise duties on petroleum products are extremely high.

India has the highest standard GST rate in Asia and the second highest in the world, after Chile. It has the largest number of tax slabs. The GST regime, after the latest tax revision, does not spare even householders' daily dire necessities. GST is imposed on pre-packaged and unbranded items such as wheat, rice, maize, fox nuts, specified flour, meat and curd. Apart from raising the costs for customers, the enhancement of the GST net is bound to further fuel inflation. In fact, the prices of several consumer products further shot up last month, following the expansion of the GST coverage. Higher taxes on inputs for processed grains, pulses and dairy, accounting for around 20 percent of the consumer price

index basket, are expected to put further pressure on consumer prices and hit the poor people's stomach. It is difficult to justify the latest GST revision which belied the expectation of the reduction of the number of slabs and overall rates.

Unfortunately, the policy makers — at both the centre and states — are yet to appreciate the logic of bringing down the GST rates and slabs to grow consumption, production and economy to collect more taxes in the process and ensure better compliance. It is well known that increase in demand for consumption leads to higher supply and production which ultimately helps grow the economy.

High level multi-prong GST will, in due course, reversely impact consumption and economy. Economic growth boosts GST collection. And, low GST rates can help boost consumption, investment and production in the long run. On the other hand, high and complex GST rates can affect consumption and economic growth. Therefore, future GST collections will depend on the growth performance of the Indian economy. The latest GST revisions are expected to worsen the problem of high inflation and reduce public trust on government measures to boost the economy.

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Leveraging Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY ecosystem to help Transgender Community

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To drive Universal Health Coverage (UHC), inclusivity is as essential to the core of a public healthcare system as transparency is to governance. These endeavours for public health in India were bolstered when the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) was launched on 23rd September, 2018 by our Hon'ble Prime Minister. As we celebrate four years of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY next month, we will also be celebrating a landmark addition to the biggest public health assurance scheme in the world.

The healthcare benefits under AB PM-JAY are now being extended to the transgender community through a collaboration between the National Health Authority (NHA, MoHFW) and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) under the Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE). This is in continuation to the objectives of AB

PM-JAY scheme for fostering equity and inclusivity in the delivery of healthcare services. This collaboration would add to the efforts of upliftment of the transgender community, which has been marginalized due to decades of stigma and exclusion from the care benefits accorded to the larger society.

Through this collaboration, any individual holding a "Transgender Certificate" issued by the National Portal for Transgender Persons can avail the healthcare benefits with dignity and self-reliance at any AB PM-JAY empanelled hospital across the nation. As per the countrywide census conducted in 2011, the estimated number of transgender populations stood at 487,803. Till now, 8,172 Transgender certificates have been issued for transgender persons. As efforts are made to drive education and awareness of the scheme, many more such certificates shall be issued in the days to come. Till now, transgenders had not been able to avail benefits of health insurance schemes in our

country for various healthcare procedures such as facilitating gender re-affirmation surgeries. In many instances, the individuals undergoing such operations did so at their own risk, without any accountability from health facilities. In extreme cases, transgenders ended up availing such treatments from unqualified individuals in often hazardous circumstances.

Tout an end to this practice and enable individuals from the transgender community to lead a healthy life, the scheme will provide various healthcare services free of cost at its empanelled hospitals. Apart from the treatment packages covered under AB PM-JAY, around 50 more packages have been defined specifically for the transgender community, which also include the packages on Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS). The construct of the packages includes genital surgeries, hormone therapy, laser therapy, and follow-up packages for certain procedures to ensure the continuum of care for transgenders. Additionally, health

facilities which specialize in providing SRS have been identified and will be empanelled under the scheme to provide a bigger network for availing health benefits.

The AB PM-JAY scheme is at the same time fulfilling its primary objective of significantly reducing the out-of-pocket expenditures (OOP) of the beneficiaries and rapidly expanding its reach of providing healthcare benefits to people across rural and urban areas.

Since its implementation, Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY has steadily expanded its footprint across the country and into the lives of the beneficiaries. As of 29th August 2022, a total of 18.9 Crore beneficiaries have been enrolled under the scheme and provided with Ayushman cards. Approximately 3.78 Crore hospital admissions have been authorized, with hospitalization expenses worth over 45,000 Crores, under the scheme through a network of 25,000 hospitals.

Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY also envisages the integration and

consolidation of the health insurance landscape in India. Henceforth, after the launch of AB PM-JAY, the National Health Authority (NHA) started the convergence of health insurance/assurance programmes through the NHA IT platform, creating an ecosystem catering to different beneficiary categories like ESIS, Ayushman Arogya Mantra (AYAM), BoCW, CGHS and PM CARES for Children schemes.

With its vision of inclusivity and healthcare for all, NHA has embarked its journey for helping the communities which require the utmost attention. This momentous program will be a significant step in that direction. Transgender social inclusion and equality is a pivotal path to developing the community, which will not only help in gaining trust with the community but shall also provide equity in terms of health care services and reduce the social stigma attached to it.

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# CONGRESS'S BHARAT JODO YATRA IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RAHUL TO REINVENT

## SUSHIL KUTTY

A distance of 3676 kilometres separates Kashmir from Kanyakumari. Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' aims to unify India, and Indians. India had come unstuck after Narendra Modi took charge of India. Before Modi, there was Atal Bihari Vajpayee, but Atal's language was not jarring as the one the Hindutva spoke. Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' is an effort to prise India out of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's divisive fist.

Rahul's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' will set off from Kanyakumari on September 7. Rahul seems to have drawn inspiration from the 'Time' magazine, which headlined Prime Minister Narendra Modi 'Divider-in-Chief'. The title stuck and faded, to be remembered now and then, if and when the occasion arose

'Jodo' is Hindi for 'unify'. The Modi years, beginning May 26, 2014,

sharpened the divides in India, both ideological, and communal. The line separating rightwing and leftwing became more starkly etched. Sixty years of Congress, and Congress-backed rule, could not divide India, but with Modi at the helm, India unravelled, and India came unstuck, and India was divided.

Now, eight years on, this effort to unify India, the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', and the haste to get it on the road. The yatra is political; and primarily aimed to serve the Gandhi family's interests. The party's interests served will be a bonus. But, at its most basic and fundamental, the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' will not unify the religiously divided Indians.

Not making a clean slate of Partition cannot be repaired by a yatra. But if the aim is to get both Muslim and Hindu to vote Congress, then it makes sense and might even work. The two major religions of India

cannot bridge the gap that separates them; least because Rahul Gandhi sets off on a 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'.

Rahu Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' parallels Narendra Modi's avid wooing of the Pasmanda Muslims. That's Modi's idea of unifying India, Modi's 'Bharat Jodo' route. But neither of them are going to succeed. The Ganga-Jamuna tehzeeb has been muddled beyond repair in Modi's India. By 2024, suspicions will be in too bad a shape to ebb.

The point is, the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' of the Congress will go to waste if Rahul Gandhi fails to get the Muslims to once again aggressively vote for the grand old party, not just in Kerala and Karnataka but in all the states the Congress has a presence. Things Hindu-Muslim have come to such a pass that the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' must unify the majority of Muslims behind Rahul Gandhi. However,

it's hard to believe people will fall for 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' and vote Congress. Second, after religion, there's ideology! People are divided along ideological lines. Ever since 2024, people have been wearing ideology on their sleeves. And except for politicians, nobody else changes from being left-liberal to be right-conservative, and vice versa, just because there's a Congress 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' on its way to "your town". And just so that it's understood, the ideological demarcation matches the religious/communal separation. The left-liberal had long ago appropriated 'secular', and the rightwing were automatically apportioned and given the hard option to choose between 'communal' and 'secular' with 'secular' already taken!

The division now is so stark that no 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' will make a difference for the "deplorables". Talk of unifying today's Bharat requires a complete overhaul of

the human mind. That said, Bharat is divided by income as much as it is by religion/language/caste/sub-castes. To add to these, Rahul Gandhi also talks of the love/hate divide that separates "Indian" from "Indian". Rahul implicates and indicts Modi with the charge of "spreading hate" even as he brands himself as a harbinger of love. Unfortunately, Rahul's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' will not make an ounce of difference to love/hate. Cynicism has sunk too deep in the Indian psyche to recognize the difference. Many would rate Rahul Gandhi as too idealistic to be true.

That being said, like Narendra Modi has, and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal seems to be able to commandeer, Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' should get saturation media coverage, from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, the entire 3676 km distance, to unify India with his 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'.

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# NEW BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAS A TOUGH TASK TO CONTAIN HIGH INFLATION

**NILANJAN BANIK**

The newly elected British Prime Minister Liz Truss will have an arduous road ahead. While the inflation in the United Kingdom has hit a 40-year high and growth in the Euro region has fallen the cry for subsidy has become bigger than before. Inflation is expected to rise further from 9.4% in June this year to 13% during the year end. Meanwhile, the UK public is angry about subsidized meals for British MPs in the Parliament, while there is no budget to provide meals to poor children in schools.

Historically, the UK is run by insiders including pensioners, trade union leaders, and public sector workers. During the last two months, the UK has seen a rise in the number of labor agitations, starting with train and airline workers. Higher energy and food prices are making people restless, demanding for higher wages. The Russia-Ukraine war has also broken the food and vegetable supply chain, raising the price of daily necessities items, further. A bulk of edible oil and wheat imported by Europe comes from Ukraine and Russia. Both these countries are one of the largest producers of wheat and edible oil. Added to this is the climate change with scorching heat destroying 4259 square miles of agricultural land in Europe.

The impact of a rising food and energy price is going to hit the consumer further as most of the energy bills are paid up front up to 6 months in advance. A halt of a major gas supply from Russia means a higher gas price, and an estimate suggests an 80% increase in energy price in the UK as early as next year. And most of the poorer in the community can be up for a rude shock justifying the need for further government support.

The question is how to finance this extra bit on welfare activities. For the government to spend money the economy needs to grow. But the UK economy is slowing down. The Bank of England predicts there can be a deceleration in growth until the end of 2023. This makes another bout of quantitative tightening to control inflation untenable. The Bank of England has already raised policy rates, but with real household income projected to fall during the later part of this fiscal, and with a fall in disposable income (income less tax), any further increase in policy rates will push the economy to stagnation.

At the time of a recession or war, when businesses are down, energy prices are high, and agricultural output is weak, tax collection will be inadequate to fund such expenses. The financial crunch is already visible. The government debt in the UK is already hovering around 100% of gross domestic product. This means a less amount of money available for productive investment that creates jobs, as most part of the government revenue will go towards providing subsidies and meeting interest payment on the earlier debts. An increase in social security payments also has its downsides to with people preferring not to work and live on government subsidies. Already, big cities in UK are facing labour shortages, in particular gig-type service workers such as cab drivers, delivery boys, restaurant workers, etc., driving up the price of services further.

A way out is institutional reforms. But that may not also be forthcoming. The UK is known for the presence of strong trade unions. The presence of a strong trade union has prevented creation of new jobs, and at times prevented foreign companies investing in the UK. Lack of institutional reforms has been responsible for a gradual rise in government deficit. In a socialist capitalist structure, wages are protected by trade unions irrespective of labour productivity and companies' ability to earn profit. The UK has had one of the lowest manufacturing investments among its OECD peers and strong trade unions have to be blamed for that. It also has fewer younger people to work and to pay for the expensive welfare programme. Reform in the labour and pension laws (dubbed as austerity measures) and slacken the immigration laws may not happen. Poll results indicate that the voters in the UK would rather punish the parties that are in favour of austerity measures. Earlier, this may have led Rishi Sunak (one of the 2 final candidates for the UK PM election) to make a U-turn on tax.

Another respite to handhold the fragile economy may be through trade. But here also BREXIT is playing a spoilsport with the Office of Budget Responsibility, UK predicting a 15% fall in trade value. Not surprising the British pound is taking a beating. Higher domestic inflation and a falling trade have been responsible for depreciating the value of the British pound. It has fallen by almost 10% from the high of 2020-21. Analyst predicts it to fall further to 1.05 pound to a dollar, which when it happens, will be a 37 year low. A depreciating pound may further worsen the trade balance; resulting in a higher domestic fuel, energy, and food price, as it becomes costly to import.

People are also frustrated with the continuation of the Russia-Ukraine war, and the support of the UK government in providing ammunition and other military equipment, thereby draining the already fragile national exchequer. This year, the UK already spent 3.8 billion pound towards military assistance to Ukraine.

Madam PM has a tough job in hand and will have to tread cautiously. **IPA SERVICE**

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# LONG AGO I WAS ALONE AND DEPRESSED



PENNED BY YASMEEN AHAD

Unhappy dejected and so distressed  
I bow my head before Almighty  
My tears were flowing so gently  
was praying for sweet baby so kindly  
h Allah! Please listen my pray urgently  
accept my Dua and gave me a sweet doll  
blessed Almighty for answering my call  
My life became so joyful because of you  
You has wiped my tears and give me rescue  
Your pretty smile makes my all day new  
You shines in my life's garden as morning dew  
You are charming loving caring and kind  
You leave special marks in everyone's mind  
Your loved nature and cool attitude  
Attracts everyone ohh! Maheem you cute  
Your fascinating face gives tons of happiness  
You got sorrows as you spread the brightness  
You are the best daughter of this world  
Your Greif anxiety distress all you hurled  
I love you more than anything in my life  
You are a precious gem Yasmeen got in her life

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**BRIEFLY NEWS****Sidharth Sagar makes a comeback on 'The Kapil Sharma Show'**

Stand-up comedian Sidharth Sagar, who last appeared on the Zee Comedy Show, has been roped in to play a pivotal character on 'The Kapil Sharma Show'.

He talks about making a comeback on the show after 2017: "I was doing a show, 'Case to Banta Hai', in which my performance was appreciated a lot. I guess that's how I was offered 'The Kapil Sharma Show' and here I am."

He is quite happy about the opportunity to share the stage with Kapil Sagar: "It is always amazing to perform with Kapil bhai. He has a great sense of humour. It gives me immense joy when we occasionally exchange looks on stage and I see him enjoying my performance. It is a sign of a true artist as he will always appreciate another talent."

After doing his last comedy show on TV in 2021, he is making a comeback with Kapil's popular comedy-based reality show.

On talking about what kind of acts viewers will see him doing on the show, he replied: "Energetic performance, dance, comedy and fun, which the audience will get hooked on and will watch with their families. When I am on stage, I don't feel any pressure. I don't let it affect me because talent blossoms only when there is no pressure. One needs a stress-free atmosphere to deliver his best."

Sidharth added: "I have learnt that art comes from within and can't be learnt. Yes, you can hone it by observing others but it's a gift of God. You need talent to begin with. It can't be borrowed or inculcated."

Though the ace comedian has his own style of performing acts on stage, he is a great admirer of Charlie Chaplin, Jim Carrey and Rowan Atkinson.

"I have my own imagination, ideas and characters and plan my scripts and style on my own. However, I really admire Charlie Chaplin, Jim Carrey and Rowan Atkinson," he concluded.

**Sharwanand, Raashi Khanna film goes on floors with pooja**

Acclaimed Telugu writer and director Krishna Chaitanya's next film, featuring actor Sharwanand in the lead, officially began on Monday with a simple pooja.

The film, which happens to be Sharwanand's 33rd, is being bankrolled by one of Telugu cinema's most successful producers T. G. Vishwa Prasad along with Vivek Kuchibhotla.

Sources say that the yet-to-be-titled film, which is tentatively being referred to as #Sharwanand33, will be a political action drama.

For the muhurtham shot, Trivikram Srinivas sounded the clapboard, while Krishna Chaitanya himself directed it. The film's regular shoot is to commence from October.

Krishna Chaitanya's powerful script will be showcasing Sharwanand in an intense character. Raashi Khanna plays the female lead while Priyamani will be seen in a pivotal role in the film.

Yuvan Shankar Raja will be scoring music for this film which will have cinematography by Jimshi Khalid.

**'KGF' makers release stunning trailer of 'Kantara'**

The makers of 'KGF' and 'Salaar' on Monday released the trailer of their upcoming movie, 'Kantara'.

The trailer of the film, which features actor Rishab Shetty in the lead, gives away the fact that the story revolves around sandalwood smuggling. Set against a rural backdrop, the trailer gives the impression that the film will be an intense and exciting drama.

The background music of 'Kantara' meticulously brings together a tale of myths, legends and superstition.

Rishab Shetty, who sports a thick moustache and beard, looks menacing and makes a solid impression in just a few seconds. The trailer begins with the story of a king who gives a piece of a land to tribesmen. The great duel and the drama begin when a group of police officers threaten the village. The general belief is that a deadly curse can be unleashed when the village is harmed.

Shot across rugged landscapes and the hinterland of coastal Karnataka, the story speaks of sacred customs and traditions, hidden treasures and generational secrets. It also has an element of local sports and folklore involved in it.

The trailer shows how mythical and super natural elements can come together to create fear in people's minds.

**Madhavan on 'Mere Dil Gaaye Jaa': To recreate an iconic song is a great honour**

Actor R. Madhavan will be seen featuring in a remake of the groovy dance number 'Mere Dil Gaaye Jaa', from the 1987 film 'Dance Dance', in the upcoming movie 'Dhokha - Round D. Corner'.

He finds it an honour to feature in the number. 'Mere Dil Gaaye Jaa' is a remake of the legendary song 'Zooby Zooby'.

Speaking about the song, R Madhavan said: "It's been a while since I worked on such a song that makes you want to dance. 'Mere Dil Gaaye Ja' was extremely fun to shoot and to recreate an iconic song is a great a pleasure and honour. I am not much of a dancer myself but this song will definitely make you groove with its classic retro vibe."

R. Madhavan will be seen sharing screen space with Aparshakti Khurana, Darshan Kumar and Khushali Kumar in the film, which is slated to release on September 23.

Kookie Gulati's suspense drama marks the debut of Khushali Kumar.

'Dhokha - Round D Corner' is a multi-perspective pacy film. Based on a day in the life of an urban couple, the movie takes you on an unexpected journey with twists and turns showcasing a grey shade of each character. The movie is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Dharmendra Sharma and Vikrant Sharma.

**Kangana says 'filmmaker is a myth; it's the movie makes a maker'**

Actress Kangana Ranaut, who is currently busy with her film 'Emergency', recently shared her thoughts about the craft of filmmaking and how the film has made her understand the nuances of storytelling. In her opinion, "a movie makes a maker" and it's not the other way round.

'Emergency' is Kangana's second directorial after 'Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi' and the actress is leaving no stone unturned to make the film a compelling watch.

Taking to her Instagram, Kangana shared a picture of herself briefing someone off the camera about a particular close-up/mid close-up shot.

Captioning the picture, she wrote: "Filmmaking is a fine blend of prep, practice and spontaneity. That's why it can be the most difficult or the easiest thing to do, depends how efficiently you can be rigid and fluid both at the same time."



She went on to share that despite all the preparation, a story or a sequence may demand to ditch all things

that were a part of the prep and start afresh with a different approach. "If you know how to prepare hard to shoot what must be shot yet in the last moment you demolish that mental structure/road map/blue print and be free to find something entirely different based on your instincts then you know how to make a movie .... And if you know how to make a movie you will know in actuality one can't make a movie."

In her opinion, the terms film-maker is nothing but a myth as a story finds its true expression and the maker is merely a vehicle for the story.

"Film-maker is a myth, there is no such thing. If anything, a movie makes a maker because story has its own seed and soul which finds expression and manifests and so-called maker simply watches bewildered, enchanted as she finds herself transform in to a role she must play #setstories #Emergency."

**Janhvi Kapoor reminisces playing 'teacher-teacher' with sister Khushi**

On the occasion of Teachers' Day on Monday, actress Janhvi Kapoor has recalled how she used to play 'teacher-teacher' and enact scenes from the Hollywood blockbuster 'Titanic' with her younger sister Khushi.

During a conversation on the platform Moj, Janhvi reminisced her childhood days with Khushi, revealing her undying love for ice cream, and sharing many more fun anecdotes.

On being asked how Janhvi Kapoor used to celebrate Teachers' day, the actress said: "As a child, I had a big white wall in my room, and whatever I used to learn in that week in school, I used to make Khushi sit and played 'teacher teacher' with her. The white wall used to be my white board."

Reminiscing her filmy childhood days, Janhvi added: "I used to play the role of 'Rose' and Khushi used to play the role of 'Jack' from Titanic. We used to make the bed our boat and enact



the iconic scene from titanic together.

"Moreover, I used to also play the role of Deepika Padukone, and Khushi used to play the role of Shah Rukh Khan. We used to enact the scene from 'Om Shaanti Om' where Deepika waves at the audience."

On the acting front, Janhvi is currently shooting for 'Bawaal', which also stars Varun Dhawan. It is produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, under the banner of Nadiadwala Grandson. The film is directed by Nitesh Tiwari and will hit the screens on April 7, 2023.

Khushi is all set to make her acting debut with Zoya Akhtar's directorial 'The Archies', which is produced under the banner of Tiger Baby Films. It also stars Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana Khan, megastar Amitabh Bachchan's grandson Agastya Nanda, Mihir Ahuja, Dot, Yuvraj Menda, and Vedang Raina. The film is due for a 2023 release on streaming platform Netflix.

**Nimrat Kaur, Radhika Madan start shooting for 'Happy Teachers' Day'**

A new social-thriller film titled 'Happy Teachers' Day' starring Nimrat Kaur and Radhika Madan, has started rolling cameras on Monday on the occasion of Teacher's Day. The makers of the film dropped a special video announcing the project.

The short clip begins by highlighting the fact that teachers educate, enlighten,

empower, and shape our lives, it ends on a deep and thought-provoking questioning note - "But can't they have a life?"

Apart from portraying teachers as important pillars of society, a vast majority of the film's details are currently kept under wraps. The film is being directed by Mikhil Musale, and has been written by Mikhil in asso-

ciation with Parinda Joshi. While Nimrat is known for her acting prowess in films like 'The Lunhbox' and 'Airlift', Radhika has been a television star and has moved on to films with titles like 'Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota', 'Pataakha' and 'Angrezi Medium'. Produced by Dinesh Vijan, 'Happy Teachers' Day' will release on Teachers' Day next year on September 5, 2023.

**Revenge killings in R. Balki's 'Chup': Acts of a panned film's director?**

The trailer of 'Chup', directed by veteran ad filmmaker and director R. Balki, was released on Monday. A film centred around revenge killings, the needle of suspicion in it points to a filmmaker, who's believed to have committed the murders after critics panned his movie while being generous to what he believes less-deserving films.

The serial killer thriller stars Dulquer Salmaan, fresh off his success in Sita Rama, who plays the film director, Pooja Bhatt, Sunny Deol and Shreya Dhanwanthary.

The film seems to come from a very personal space of Balki, whose some films have failed to impress the critics. He even went on to call out the critics in the past over their pretentious attitude towards movies with mainstream elements.

Talking about the germ of the idea, Balki said: "I had this idea for the story a long time ago and I don't know why I took so long to pen it down and get it on to the screen."

"It is a proper thriller that makes you get into the psyche of an artiste and the makings of a murderer. It's a project I hold dear to my



heart and I am very proud to share it with the world."

The serial killer leaves stars (like the ones that critics give along with their reviews) on the bodies of the victims by carving their skins with a sharp object.

The trailer, naturally, doesn't point to the killer, but it shows Sunny Deol in the avatar of a cop in pursuit of the serial murderer. Deol lauded his director for his clarity of vision.

Commenting on the trailer release, Sunny said in a statement: "It was an interesting shoot for me person-

ally. Balki's vision for this story was so crystal clear that the film seemed to have its own pace during shooting."

'Chup' also marks the third Hindi film of Malayalam superstar Dulquer Salmaan. The actor, who has earlier worked in Hindi films such as 'Karwaan' and 'The Zoya Factor', mentioned that this film is quite unique to him as an artiste.

He said, "I have done different films in my career, however this one really hits it out of the park in terms of the character and its story. It

feels like you're looking into someone's inner workings and the character I play is especially unique so it was an altogether new experience for me."

The film, to be released on September 23, has been co-produced by Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, Anil Naidu, Dr Jayantilal Gada (PEN Studios) and Gauri Shinde.

The original story is by R. Balki, the screenplay and dialogues have been co-written by Balki, critic-turned-writer Raja Sen and Rishi Virmani.

**Sargun Mehta calls 'Sohreyan Da Pind Aa Gaya' a mix of love, revenge**

Actress Sargun Mehta, who was recently seen in the Akshay Kumar-starrer 'Cuttputti', shared that her Punjabi film 'Sohreyan Da Pind Aa Gaya' presents a delectable mix of romance and revenge making it a perfect family entertainer. The film also stars Punjabi actor-singer Gurnam Bhullar.

Elaborating on the same, the actress said in a statement: "I had a lot of fun shooting for this film as it is not your typical romcom. This film starts with romance but very soon leads to revenge which is the most fun part about this film. Viewers will get to see a different kind of chemistry between me and Gurnaam in this one. We definitely see a greater traction towards the film as this is the perfect family entertainer one would want to invest in."

The film takes its title from a popular Punjabi folk song and revolves around the love between the characters of Bhullar and Mehta, who hope to get married to each other. However, an unexpected twist in the tale leads to Mehta getting married to someone else. This

leads to problems between the two lovers who then engage in a game of one-upmanship.

Talking about the film, Gurnam said: "It was a fun ride shooting for this film as the story is so unique and exciting. Love stories usually end with a happy ending but in this one, it starts with romance and ends with an attempt to seek revenge from an ex-lover."

During the narrative course, Bhullar's character decides to spoil the fun of getting married for Mehta's character and is determined to tie the knot with a girl from her village so that she cannot ignore him. The battle between the two enraged ex-lovers that starts from hereon is hysterical and the USP of the film.

Produced by Ankit Vijan, Navdeep Narula and Gurjit Singh, 'Sohreyan Da Pind Aa Gaya', directed by Kshittij Chaudhary and written by Amberdeep Singh, also stars Jass Bajwa, Jasmin Bajwa, Shivika Diwan, Hardip Gill and Mintu Kapa in key roles. The film will have its world digital premiere on ZEE5 on September 23.

**Aayushi Khurrana finds a mentor in co-actor Shoaib Ibrahim**

TV actress Aayushi Khurrana shares a great bond with co-actor Shoaib Ibrahim and she says that she found a good friend in him and he is always there to help and guide her wherever she finds any difficulty.

She shares: "I found a mentor and a guide in Shoaib Ibrahim. Having said that, I'm really overwhelmed to have him as my co-star who is so generous and someone who guides me throughout."

The 'Mann Sundar' actress for the first time is seen playing a lead role of Ajooni in the show, who is very strong and intelligent and can do anything to achieve her goal. But at the same place, it is not easy for Aayushi to portray a strong character on-screen and Ibrahim helps her in making her job easier.

"This is my first debut as a lead actor in a show and Shoaib has been very kind and helpful towards me in everything. He is playing the role of Rajveer opposite my role of Ajooni. I must say, he has some incredible skills that come out effortlessly and naturally," she adds. 'Ajooni' airs on Star Bharat.





## Bharadwaj attends passing out parade of PM Special Package appointees of State Taxes Deptt

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 5: Additional Chief Secretary Finance Department, Vivek Bharadwaj today attended the Passing Out Parade of SIs appointed at the State Taxes Department under Prime Minister's Special Package Excise and Taxation Training Institute Nagrota here.

245 such Sub-Inspectors, comprising 81 girls and 164 boys, successfully completed three-month course and got the roll of completion along with 2 stars on their uniform as per their rank.

Vice Chairperson KVIB, Hina Shafi Bhat and Principal CDA Northern Command Jammu, Arti Bhatnagar joined as distinguished guests on the occasion.

Joint Commissioner Central GST, Amit Sharma; Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Neetu Gupta and other senior officers of

civil administration were also present on the occasion.

The passing out Parade began with a general salute to the ACS Bharadwaj, who was the chief guest on the occasion, followed by inspection of parade and oath Ceremony.

The cadets presented an impressive march past after which a piping ceremony was held.

The parade was commanded by Sub Inspector MI Bhat. It was followed by an award ceremony where SI Monika Jammwal was adjudged as All Round Best Female, SI Abhimanyu Zutshi as All Round Best Male, SI Ayush Bhat as Indoor Best and SI M. I. Bhat as Outdoor Best cadet.

Speaking on the occasion, Bharadwaj congratulated the passing out candidates and encouraged them to conduct their duties with sincerity and honesty.

The ACS called upon the candidates to educate and Services Taxes (GST). He asked them to highlight



the public about the role of taxes and revenue extraction in building the nation and its defence.

The very revenue that you collect is used to run the nation, build schools, roads and hospitals and to maintain our security systems, he said.

He also encouraged the candidates to educate the masses about the Goods

and Services Taxes (GST). He asked them to highlight

that the tax has replaced 17 odd taxes into one simplified form and is in no way affecting the taxpayers extraordinarily. Commissioner State Taxes J&K, Dr. Rashmi Singh in her welcome address highlighted the importance of the State Taxation Department in revenue generation which forms the bedrock of effective

and efficient administrative machinery.

She highlighted the background of commencing this training and innovative measures introduced to hone the skills of the functionaries who would now play a significant role in the department.

The three months training included classroom orientation, field visits, group activities, yoga/ meditation sessions and field attachments.

Classroom orientation focused on the provisions of GST Act, J&K Excise Act, J&K Motor Spirit Act 2005 etc. During on job practical training emphasis was laid on GST portal, data analysis, assessments, field visits and other enforcement activities so as to give a first hand knowledge of implementation of GST Act and functioning of State Taxes Department.

## IIM Jammu hosting 3-day Orientation Program for new batch of Integrated Program in Management

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 05: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu will be holding a holistic 3-day Orientation Program for the second batch of Integrated Program in Management (IPM).

The Orientation Program will be held in offline mode with all necessary precautions against COVID-19, ensuring the safety of everyone. The idea associated with this Orientation Program is to acquaint the incoming students with the culture, academic opportunities, ethos, and general rules of IIM Jammu. The program will help in facilitating a welcoming environment for the new aspiring students and their families to meet and have open communication with the faculty, staff, senior students, and all key activity heads of the Institute under one roof.

During the Orientation Program, each day will commence at 6:00 AM with 'Maximize Happiness and Mindfulness' sessions conducted by TBF, Yoga, and Meditation Trainer, Gautam Verma. It is imperative to build strength, awareness as well as harmony in both mind and body. The orientation program will also feature a non-site visit to IIM Jammu state-of-the-art campus at Jagti.

Prof. Manoj Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu will be the Chief Guest and Sanjeev Verma, will be the Guest of Honor on the

occasion. The program will be formally inaugurated on 5th Sept 2022. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, will deliver the welcome address. Dr. Milind Kamble, Chairman, BoG, IIM Jammu, will preside over the function and deliver the presidential address. The program also features addresses by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, and Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Chairperson Admissions and Dr. Kapil Manohar Gumte. The vote of thanks will be delivered by Dr. Minakshi Kumari, Chairperson Alumni Affairs, IIM Jammu.

Top bureaucrats, industry speakers, and corporate leaders ranging from Neeru Monga, Manager HR-Talent Business, Neeru Monga, Manager HR-Talent Business, Mr. Arjun Mohan, CEO, Upgrad, Gaurav Saini, Director HR, Nokia, Kushal Bhat, Director-HR, Razorpayare also invited to address the new batch and motivate them for their academic journey at IIM Jammu. The orientation program also involves a session by Government official Shri Raghunath Singh IPS (Retd.), AnvyLavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu and Dr. Harbaksh Singh, Chief Medical Officer, Jammu. The orientation program will also be featuring different interesting sessions by the faculty and officers of IIM Jammu.

## Teachers' Day Celebrated At GGHSS At Bhadarwah

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Sep 05:



Teachers' Day 2022 was celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr S Radhakrishnan with fervor across additional district Bhadarwah.

The main function was organised at Govt HSS Girls Bhadarwah. Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhadarwah Dil

Mir Choudhary. Prominent teachers including Ajeet Singh Kot-

wal retired principal, Altaf Hussain Khan rtd. Chief Education Officer, Falail Singh retd Principal and Naseer Mehboob(Chairman YAC) were special invitees in the program.

Principal Girls Higher Secondary School Bhadarwah Bharat Bhushan Sharma in his welcome

address paid tribute to Dr S Radhakrishnan and congratulated the teaching fraternity on Teacher's Day.

Staff and students besides other teaching fraternity were also on the occasion.

The proceedings began with the singing of national anthem. Teachers and students from various educational institutions presented colourful cultural programmes to highlight the importance of teachers and pay respect to them.

In his presidential address, the Chief Guest congratulated and appreciated the teachers for putting their tireless efforts to mould the character of the learners. He asked the teaching fraternity to maintain the sanctity of the noble profession.

## Special Summary Revision

3-day training hosted for BLOs at Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 05: training programme,



BER 05: A three day training programme for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) was conducted by District Election Authority here under the supervision of District Election Officer, Kritika Jyotsna in connection with special summary revision of Electoral Rolls.

As many as 240 Booth level Officers (BLOs) participated in the training programme in two shifts.

During the training session, District level master trainers Mohammad Latif briefed the trainees about the process of Summary Revision.

While addressing the

ERO, 59 Udhampur West and 60 Udhampur East Rafiq Ahmed Jaral said that the objective of organizing this training programme was to increase the election participation during electoral process. He said that the role of BLOs in the process of purification of the electorate is very important. He called upon the BLOs to maintain close coordination for better results.

During the training BLOs were also sensitized about display of voter lists, claims and objections, addition, deletion and modifications in the voter lists.

## Training on Special Summary Revision held at Kathua

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER

05: A day long training programme on Special Summary Revision and SVEEP activities for Supervisors and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of Hiranagar Assembly constituency was held today here in the premises of CFC, Hiranagar town today.

A total of 120 officials attended the daylong session.

Interacting with trainees, Deputy District Election Officer, Abhay Gupta explained about the processing of prescribed forms under ongoing Special Summary Revision. He explained that for updating the data forms viz Form VI for register as Elector/ Voter, Form VI-B for Information of Adhaar no. by existing electors, Form VII for objection and self deletion and Form VIII for correction/ shifting of voters name to be filled and process on ERO-NET



by respective BLO. He also explained the role of supervisor and BLOs in checking the prerequisites before processing the prescribed forms.

The DDEO said that the ECI has initiated various measures to fine-tune the electoral rolls for which ERO-NET is being used for making error-free voters list, besides lessening the paper work as correct forms filled at the entry level will be accepted through the system.

The participants were

explained about various steps involved in the ERO NET including online processing of forms.

Regarding SVEEP activities, the DDEO asked the BLOs concerned to undertake the task of spreading awareness along with the current Special Summary Revision exercise.

During the training session, enrollment process and other relevant queries and doubts raised by the BLOs were also answered by the DDEO.

## DIPR Cultural wing joins students to celebrate Teachers Day



JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 05: To mark the Teachers Day, the Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today organized a cultural program at Springdale Higher Secondary School Krishna Nagar Jammu.

Principal of the school, Rashmi Malhotra was the chief guest on the occasion.

Artists of Cultural Wing Jammu and students of the school presented a scintillating cultural program featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi patriotic songs, dance items which were highly appreciated by the audience.

Principal of the school lauded the Information Department for organizing the event in the school and urged it to hold such programmes in future also.

## One month sanitation campaign launched in District Doda

## DC urges people across all walks of life to join ambitious Clean India movement

DODA, SEPTEMBER 05: Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on Monday across Doda district amid conduct of a series of cleanliness drives and awareness events held in different parts of the district.

The launch also coincided with the celebrations of Teachers Day. The district administration Kick-started the month-long campaign from the district headquarters Doda.

The campaign was flagged off by the District Development Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan in presence of President MC Doda, Ved Prakash Gupta; ADDC Doda Pran Singh; Councillors of MC Doda, District and Sectoral officers, besides students of different educational institutions were also present on the occasion.

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organised in other areas of the district including at all Panchayats of the district.

The local administration in Bhaderwah carried out a Cleanliness drive in the premises of all government offices. The main event was held at New Bus Stand adjoining the ADC office where

NCC cadets, NSS volunteers and students of GHSS Boys, GHSS Girls, GHSS Sartingal and staff of ADC office and M.C Bhaderwah cleaned the surroundings.

Similar program was held at old Bus stand Bhaderwah, adjoining the Municipal office, under the supervision of MC Vice President Rishi Kumar. The campaign was flagged off by the District Development Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan in presence of President MC Doda, Ved Prakash Gupta; ADDC Doda Pran Singh; Councillors of MC Doda, District and Sectoral officers, besides students of different educational institutions were also present on the occasion.

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## Govt miserably failed to tackle unemployment in J&K: Rattan Lal

JAMMU, SEP 5: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President National Conference Jammu has asserted that students are future leaders of the society and future development depends on their wisdom.

He expressed this while addressing a gathering as Chief Guest during a function held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here today in which the NC Jammu University NCSU unanimously nominated Harsh Vardhan, scholar in the University of Jammu as President of NCSU Jammu University.

While congratulating Harsh Vardhan for his declared President NCSU and welcoming him as President of the NCSU, Rattan Lal Gupta hoped that Harsh Vardhan will highlight the issues concerning students community and get the same addressed in their best interest. He said

that National Conference is well aware of the issues concerning students/ youth including the most significant issue of unemployment and the party will leave no stone unturned in getting all their issues addressed at the earliest.he senior National Conference leader said that the present regimes i.e. Administration as well as the Govt at the Centre have highly disappointed the youth of Jammu and Kashmir especially those who are struggling for survival due to unemployment. He said that the failure of the Govt on this front is quite evident from the fact that presently unemployment is at its peak while the situation was never so disappointing during the successive National Conference governments in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rattan Lal Gupta asserted

that the data available from reliable sources reveals that during NC regime unemployment was restricted to a meager 7 per cent while as today it has gone totally out of control reaching a whopping figure of 24 per cent.

The National Conference Provincial President made a pointed reference to the present government accusing it of having miserably failed to address the serious issue of unemployment among the youth. He said that it is due to unemployment that the youth are falling victim to drug addiction which has turned out to be a more serious issue than the unemployment a matter of great concern for the society. He appealed to the newly appointed NC Jammu University NCSU President Harsh Vardhan to remain present among the youth and work relentlessly

ly to save them from falling prey to drug addiction.

Those who were present on this occasion : Khalid Najeeb Suharwardy Vice President Jammu Province, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu, Vijay Lochan P.P SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli P.P OBC Cell, Laxmi Dutta, Rita Gupta, Waris Gill, Jatin Bhat, Mohinder Kumar Rana, Sajjid Malik and others. The National Conference Provincial President made a pointed reference to the present government accusing it of having miserably failed to address the serious issue of unemployment among the youth. He said that it is due to unemployment that the youth are falling victim to drug addiction which has turned out to be a more serious issue than the unemployment a matter of great concern.

## GDC Bhadarwah Celebrated Teacher's Day With Fan Fare And Enthusiasm

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Sept, 5:The College kick started 7 Days Shikshak Parve where different activities are intended to be organized during the week.

To start with, on the occasion of Teacher's Day, a program was organised by Govt Degree College Bhadarwah in which a large number of students and staff participated.The welcome address was presented by Prof Pinky Kotwal after which students displayed their talents by singing songs,poetry, fun plays and speeches.Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the College congratulated the students and the staff and motivated the students for the hardwork under the NEP 2020.He also encouraged teachers to set the example by making innovative contributions.During the programme, the teachers profile was shared through power point presentation with the students for the information and knowledge of the freshers.The event ended with the vote of thanks by Prof Prithvi Raj.The entire programme was arranged and organised by the students. The welcome address was



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## Rotary Club Jammu Baahu Felicitates Dedicated Teachers on the Teacher's Day

JAMMU,Rotary Club Jammu Baahu felicitated two excellent teachers and one student of Naveen Shiksha Kendra (NSK) High School at Channi Himmat, which is being run by Sawera, a non-government organisation (NGO). Geeta Swain and Rashmi Sharma, teachers of the School, were honoured for their devotion towards duty and dedication in imparting value based education to the students, who mostly come from the deprived sections of the society,peaking on the occasion R.D.Sharma, former Vice Chancellor of Jammu University, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, said that teachers are the builders of the nation for it is they who groom the gen-next for undertaking greater.



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tion. Debates, Essay Writing and other such competitions on the theme of “Truth and Non-Violence” will be organized in educational institutions across the UT, announced the Lt Governor. Students who excel in these competitions will be awarded on 2nd October to commemorate the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, he added. Speaking on the occasion, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor said that teachers ignite curiosity and sow the seed of knowledge and wisdom in students. He also highlighted the reforms introduced in the education sector in J&K in the last two years. Tassaduq Hussain Mir, Director School Education Kashmir in his welcome address highlighted the invaluable role and contribution of teachers in laying a strong foundation for the future. Earlier, the Lt Governor inspected the stalls put up by the students of various schools, and appreciated the students for showcasing the traditional artifacts, heritage, art, crafts and culture of Jammu and Kashmir. Manisha Sarin, Secretary JKBOSE, senior officers of UT administration, large number of teachers and students were present on the occasion. Students and teachers from across the UT also joined through virtual mode.

ACCIDENT

The accident occurred around 12.30 am and the bodies of Sajad Ahmad (38) of Tangorna-Bhaderwah and Ravinder Kumar (33) of Himote-Bhaderwah were retrieved from the vehicle, the SSP, who supervised both the rescue operations, said. Piyush Kumar of Chinta was rescued in a critical condition, he added. The latest deaths in road accidents came just a week after eight residents of Bonda village were killed when their taxi plunged into a 300-foot gorge in the Chatroo area of adjoining Kishtwar district. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed grief over the loss of lives in the two accidents. “The two unfortunate road accidents in Doda are deeply distressing. Extremely pained over the loss of lives. Condolences to families of the deceased. My prayers with the injured. Directed district administration to ensure best possible treatment to the injured,” Sinha said in a tweet. Union minister Jitendra Singh, a member of the Lok Sabha from the Udhampur constituency, which also covers Doda and Kishtwar districts, has assured the victims’ families of full assistance.

SOZ

a Union Territory. Both of them – PM Modi and HM Amit Shah became a laughing stock that time! It was, therefore, that Shri Amit Shah said in the Lok Sabha on October 23, 2021 that statehood to J&K would be restored soon as the Union Territory status was required for a short time.” “Azad Sahib and Bukhari Sahab should support the J&K Peoples’ real demand i.e. “Restoration of our Internal Autonomy that was enshrined in the Article 370 of the Constitution of India”. This provision was removed by the Central Govt. illegally and unconstitutionally,” Soz said. He said that Jammu and Kashmir State’s position as a state is guaranteed in the Constitution of India and the Constitution of J&K State. That is why; there is a petition before the Supreme Court of India for adjudication. “Whatever the Supreme Court’s decision, the J&K Peoples’ struggle would continue in the larger interests of the people.” (KNT)

AZAD

in Jammu to meet delegations from different parts of the region before visiting Doda, Kishtwar and Kashmir. “The process of interactions started this morning with various delegations visiting Azad and extending their support to him. The process of interactions will continue till Wednesday,” the aide said. Azad, 73, ended his five-decade-long association with the Congress on August 26, terming the party “comprehensively destroyed”. He also lashed out at Rahul Gandhi for “demolishing” the party’s entire consultative mechanism. During the public meeting, the veteran leader said he would announce the name of his new party after consulting people and leaders of Jammu and Kashmir, but added “it will be in neither Maulana’s Urdu nor Pandit’s Sanskrit”. He, however, spelled out the agenda of his yet-to-be-named party – the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir’s statehood, protection of land and job rights of its residents, and the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits.

PIL

the border. Whether there is a loss of territory or no loss of territory, whether there has been encroachment from the other side or whether we have advanced into their territory, these are not matters for the courts, it said. Reacting to the order, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said the Supreme Court has taken a correct stand on the matter. “Supreme Court is absolutely correct. These matters should not be brought to the apex court. Govt has to handle such matters and citizens should trust Indian Army about the sensitive ground realities,” the minister, who is a Lok Sabha member from Arunachal Pradesh, said on Twitter.

COVID

05 cases, Budgam 02 cases, Pulwama reported 02 cases, Kupwara reported00 cases, Anantnag reported00cases, Bandipora reported 00 cases, Ganderbal reported 00cases, Kulgam reported 02 cases while as Shopian reported no fresh cases for today. Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 05 cases, Udhampur 00, Rajouri 00, Doda 01, Kathua 01. Samba 01, Kishtwar 00, Poonch 01, Ramban 00and Reasi also reported no fresh case for today. The bulletin informs that in case of any help, the general public can call J&K UT Centralized Health Helpline- Toll Free No. 104.In case of emergency, people can avail free ambulance services 24x7 by calling toll free number 108 while as pregnant women and sick infants can avail free services by dialing toll free number 102, the bulletin reads. It also informs that the public can reach national helpline by dialing 1075. Further the bulletin also informs the public that for any kind of COVID-19 query, logon to www.covidrelief.jk.gov. in The readers can also reach us on the official Twitter account of DIPR-J&K @diprjk; website: http://www.jkdirinf.in; Webportal: jkinfoNews.com and Facebook: @dipr.jammu.kashmir.

POLICE

#militant groups. Investigation of case is vigorously going on in a very professional manner & those militants involved in the crime will be identified soon & dealt strictly under law, “ADGP Kashmir said in a separate statement.

BODY

Hospital Rajouri where he died late Saturday evening. Hussain was earlier also arrested in 2016 when he made a

similar infiltration attempt from the same area and was later repatriated to Pakistan after serving a jail term of 26 months, the officials added. A senior police official said the body was handed over to Pakistan authorities. He said Hussain’s postmortem was conducted by a team of doctors at SDH Surankote on Sunday last.

HI-TECH

make all the records available online so that every inch of the land owned or possessed by anyone remains in public domain. Before August 5, 2019–when the Centre announced its decision to abrogate J-K’s special status and divided it into two Union Territories–there was no mechanism available for citizens to view or monitor the status of their revenue records online. They had to move from pillar-to-post to obtain even a copy of land records like Jamabandi or Khasra Girdwari. The opacity in the system encouraged corruption, putting citizens at the mercy of the system. The digitization of land records has ushered transparency and accountability. The so-called elite class in J-K since 1947 to 2019 used to believe that it’s above the law and it could keep whatever it wants. During the past three years noose has been tightened around big business families that were allotted land on lease at throw away prices at prime locations by the former regimes. The properties under their possession are being re-evaluated and the records are being put straight. Lease period of many properties has expired. These families are being asked to either renew the lease as per the present market value or surrender the properties under their possession. The land leased out at prime locations to the influential people had remained away from the public glaze for 70 long years but after the digitization process commenced everything came to fore. ‘Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani’ initiative has made the revenue records accessible at one click. The public users can now search and view copies of the scanned data online on CIS Portal- http://landrecords.jk.gov.in/. Nearly 7.70 crore pages of revenue record and 55216 Musavi (maps) have been scanned, besides 3895 ground control points have been established, and a web-based enterprise Geo-Information System (GIS) has been developed. After the notification of Jammu and Kashmir Agricultural Land (Conversion for non-agricultural purposes) Regulations, 2022 was issued Change in Land Use process has been simplified. The applications for the same can now be filed online and disposal shall be within 30 days. Under Jammu and Kashmir Land Pass-Book Rules 2022, Land Pass-book with verifiable QR Code, Unique Numbers are being issued to the land owners this has led to decline in number of land dispute cases and has made it easy to check fraudulent transactions.

LADAKH

paid rich tributes to Martyrs and hoisted a 40-feet long National Flag. Further, he unveiled statues of Martyrs and Veer Chakra awardees, Fateh Mohammad and Tsewang Rigzin, both belonging to Kargil at Veer Sthal War Memorial.

NASHA MUKT JK

apprised about various sections of NDPS ACT and strategies were discussed and designed to reach out to masses to make the Nasha Mukat campaign effective. Awareness on ill effects of the drugs was also given. Pledge ceremonies were also held to uphold the promise for eradication of the drug menace in the society and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. The Students were also apprised about the harmful effects of drugs.

CEO

and the abrogation of Article 370. With its special status scrapped, the RPA applies to J&K now. Earlier, only those holding permanent residency certificates could vote in the state elections in J&K. Many parties, particularly those based in Kashmir, see this as an attempt to enrol “outsiders” to tilt the demographic scales and numbers in favour of the BJP. CEO Kumar’s earlier statement that the revision would see addition of 25 lakh new voters further fuelled those fears. The government had earlier come out with a statement saying that the increase was as per Census projections and would include only those who had become eligible since the last revision. At Monday’s meeting, J&K National Panthers Party leader Anil Gaur objected to October 1, 2022, being fixed as the cutoff date for registration of new voters – anybody 18 or above by then can apply – when the recent delimitation of Assembly constituencies had taken place on the basis of the 2011 Census. The Jammu and Kashmir Aam Aadmi Party boycotted the meeting over the delay in holding of Assembly elections, while also alleging inclusion of “outsiders” in the electoral rolls. AAP leader and former J&K minister Harsh Dev Singh raised slogans accusing the Election Commission of being hand in glove with the BJP. Singh said: “Such meetings were held by the EC in the past as well, but elections did not follow as the BJP did not want them.” J&K Apni Party leader and former minister Manjit Singh seemed satisfied with the CEO’s clarification that only those who submit proof of residence in J&K and fulfill other criteria laid down by the EC can register as new voters. He said the Apni Party had asked the EC to provide them a geographical map of all the Assembly constituencies. The PDP was represented at the meeting by Pervez Waffa and Amrik Singh Reen.

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Tourism, Jammu and several other government officers from the concerned Departments. The Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers to include as many sites as possible that have rich cultural importance and social appeal. He underscored the need of striking the balance in selection of sites belonging to different socio-religious communities. Dr Mehta advised the officers to take best care of the original ingredients and architecture while carrying out the restoration works on these heritage sites. He stressed on maintaining the aesthetic, cultural and historic aura of each site while taking up any new works at these sites. The sites include dozens of sites from both the divisions of UT. Some of the prominent sites to be taken up for revival and restoration includes Basohli Fort Kathua, Machail Mata Temple, Sarthal Mata Temple, Shriomani Deri Nangali Sahib Gurudwara Poonch, Sharika Devi Tempke Srinagar, Baba Shukoor-ul-Din Baramulla, Shamas Faqeer Budgam, Sheikh ulAlam Shrine Qaimoh Kulgam and dozens of others across all the districts of J&K. On the occasion the Chief Secretary also asked the officers to have close coordination between the School Education, Higher Education, Rural Development, Urban Development and Youth Services & Sports Departments in order to give fillip to the cultural and sports activities at the Panchayat level. Dr Mehta observed that each person irrespective of age, gender or economic background has some inherent talent in him and only needs some encouragement to showcase it. He maintained that our younger generation is exceptionally talented and deserves handholding to bring best out of them. He underlined the need of providing them opportunities at each level for making big in their lives.

He asked the departments to integrate the ongoing Sports activities with those of cultural activities. He told them to use these events for promotion of ‘Nasha Mukht Abhiyan’ and ‘Digital Literacy’ for the benefit of masses. The Chief Secretary further emphasised on making the twin cities vibrant cultural hubs where some sort of activities are going on daily basis. He made out that the relevant places like Bahu Fort, Mubarak Mandi, Char Chinar, Nehru Park besides the infrastructure present in these cities should be fully utilized to promote the local culture and artists here. The Chief Secretary also took stock of the process of selecting sites for the revival and restoration of heritage in different districts of J&K. The meeting also provided the accord of Administrative Approval for carrying out the restoration, preservation and maintenance of Salal Fort, a heritage site in the Reasi district of the UT.

Educational Institutions across Jammu Division buzz with activities amid Teachers’ Day celebration

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 05: Overwhelmed by the special occasion, elated students and Teachers across the educational institutions Jammu Division celebrated the Teachers’ Day with great enthusiasm and gusto, today. Students greeted their teachers and expressed gratitude for their dedication towards imparting knowledge to their pupils amid exchange of gifts and cards. Special functions were held wherein students and staff paid tributes to Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his Birth anniversary, which coincides with Teachers’ Day. AT DODA, Teachers’ Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and verve across Doda district. The main function was organised at Govt Higher Secondary School Boys. Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan was the chief and ADC, R K Bharti and ASP, Master Popsy were guests of honour. Prominent teachers including Shoket Hussain Mughal, retired lecturer, Mohammad Shafi Rishu, retired Principal, Hafizullah Khurwani retired lecturer, Abdul Hamid Sheikh, retired Master and Ramesh Kumar Councillor MC Doda were special invitees in the program. Teachers and students from different educational institutions presented colourful cultural programmes to highlight the importance of teachers. In his address, the Chief Guest congratulated and appreciated the teachers for putting their tireless efforts to mould the character of the learners. He asked the teaching fraternity to maintain the sanctity of the noble profession. Earlier, Chief Education Officer, Prahlad Bhagat, in his welcome address, paid tributes to Dr. S Radhakrishnan and congratulated the teaching fraternity on Teachers’ Day. Meanwhile, a scintillating programme was organised by the staff of Government Higher Secondary School Bhaderwah boys to mark the celebration of the Day. Cultural items, skits etc were presented by the students of the school. Students delivered speeches and thanked all the teachers for their valuable guidance. Tehsildar Bhaderwah was the Chief Guest, while Renowned Educationists, Jaswant Singh Charak and Abdul Jabbar were the guest of honour. The programme was presided over by the School Principal and the stage was managed by Mujeeb ul Rehman and Vansh Kotwal. The guests and the Principal shared their valuable thoughts with the students of the school. AT KATHUA, the National Teachers’ Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in schools, colleges and other educational institutions across the district. A series of events, highlighting the significance of a Teacher and their contribution towards society, were organized in the institutions of the district. The day at the schools started with a special assembly and a tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the first Vice-President of India and the second President of India. Dr. Radhakrishnan was also a scholar, teacher and renowned philosopher and Teachers’ Day also marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The teachers and students also delivered speeches on the life and teaching of Dr. Radhakrishnan. The students emulated their teachers in classes and participated in activities such as poster making, writing poems, and drawing inspired by their teachers and the life of Dr. Radhakrishnan.AT RAJOURI, to mark the birth anniversary of the country’s second President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Teachers’ Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence across the border district Rajouri.

CEO along with DEPO, Education Officers Inspected over 57 Schools in a Mega Inspection Drive in Poonch

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Poonch: On the direction of Chief Education Officer Poon-



ch,Bishamber Dass, Massive surprise inspection was yesterday conducted by DEPO, Principals and ZEOs of Poonch district in over 57 Schools of different Zones in Poonch district.Twelve teams of Principals and ZEOs were constituted to visited different Schools to check the presence of the staff and to monitor the academic performance of the Teaching staff in the schools.CEO, Bishamber Dass, along with DPED N. M Suri and ZEO Mandi, Mohd Bashir, visited MS Bhainch, MS Khaneter, GMS Tanda, PS Safeda, GMS Kalsian, PS Sangwan, PS Kallar, G S Tanda, GMS Kalsian Baila, whereas, Eleven other Teams visited over 48 Schools in all the 11 Zones in Poonch district and interacted with the Teachers and students to know about the overall development of the schools.During the inspections some of the Teachers were found unauthorizedly absent from their duties, whereas, some of the teachers were found unauthorizedly attached in the schools. The Visiting Officers directed all the unauthorizedly attached Teachers to report to their original place of postings, moreover, the salary of some of the teachers has been kept withheld for the month of September. The visiting officers also found poor performance of some of the PEMs and PETs and District Youth and Sports Services officer was requested to stop the salary of such PEMs and PETs for the month of September. Some of the heads of schools were found poor in administrative skills and were directed to report to some of the Senior Principals to learn administrative skills.The teams conducted the inspection from 08 AM to 2 PM and a total 25 Heads of schools and teachers were asked to explain their positions for dereliction of duties. The Chief Education Officer said that the surprise inspection was conducted to maintain punctuality and quality education in government schools. He also said that disciplinary action will be initiated against the officers/employees, who were found poor performers or absent from their duties.The CEO also emphasized upon the Principals and ZEOs and Heads of Schools to maintain punctuality in the schools as any kind of laxity with regard to discipline would not be tolerated in future.

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Harni - Surthi road in totally dilapidated condition

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Mendhar, The road leading to Harni Main Chowk to Surthi Road in Mendhar area of district Poonch has been in a bad condition for the last one year According to the report, there are about Dozens houses in this village Harni Main Chowk to Surthi road in Mendhar area of Poonch district but the road leading to this village is in such bad condition that people have to face a lot of trouble in reaching the village. The condition of the road leading to Harni village is bad for the last several years and the people have taken up the issue with concerned PWD authorities’ number of time but till date no one has paid attention to this road. A local resident of the village said,“ We have made the Executive Engineer PWD aware of it urging him to repair the work on it immediately but he did not pay any attention to solve the grave problem despite the fact that this road has become a death trap. Due to the deteriorating condition of the road there are accidents on it and people driving their vehicles on it are facing a nightmarish experience”, he added. The people of the village Harni have appealed to DC Poonch and demanded that the road be repaired as soon as possible, he added.

HDFC installs organic waste digester under CSR

ICICI Bank has installed an Organic Waste Digester under



the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Act in Baramulla garrison at an approx. cost of 41 lakhs rupees. The Organic Waste Digester is designed to allow continuous processing of a wide range of organic waste material. The worms supplied with the unit are composting worms and break down, and process the organic material, just as in nature but within an optimized environment, within the digester. The Organic Waste Digester is a part of Swach Bharat Mission undertaken by ICICI Foundation. It produces nutrient rich compost, work on low power consumption and requires very less maintenance. It does not emit Greenhouse gas and has a low carbon footprint. It is a highly engineered unit that overcomes the drawback of conventional composting to give real benefits to the end user and the environment. On 05 Sep 2022 the organic waste digester was inaugurated by Maj Gen Ajay Chandpuria, VSM in the presence of ICICI Bank representatives.

PSAJK expresses condolences with Muzamil Jaleel, G M Tibetbaqal and Sheikh G M Lone

Srinagar, Sept 5: Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) has expressed condolences with renowned journalist Muzamil Jaleel over the demise of his mother, G M Tibetbaqal former Director Higher Education over the demise of his mother and Ghulam Mohammed Lone Chief Education Officer Baramulla over the demise of his father.While expressing sympathies with Muzamil Jaleel the Association said that its prayers are with the departed soul and they pray for the courage to be granted to the bereaved family. The Association said that G M Tibetbaqal has been a family to entire education fraternity and the demise of his mother has caused anguish among all of us. The members of the association expressed their solidarity with the Tibetbaqal family. The Association also expressed grief and sorrow on the demise of father of Gh Mohammed Lone Chief Education Officer and Father-in law of Mohammed Iqbal Sheikh Zonal Education officer Baramulla who left for heavenly abode after brief illness at his residence Bandipora.The Association particularly its officer bearers in Baramulla have expressed their deepest sympathies with the bereaved family. Number of officials of the Association also visited the bereaved families to personally convey their condolences. The Association while expressing their deep sorrow and grief over the demises prayed for eternal peace to the departed souls. The Association members expressed their deepest sympathies to the bereaved families and prayed to Almighty Allah to give strength and courage to them at this juncture and also prayed for eternal peace and the highest place in Jannat for the departed souls.

Teacher Day Function organised ilahia public school Surankote

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Today a grand teachers day function was organised at ilahia public school surankote in which respected CMO retired Dr.Ghulam malik Surankote was the chief guest and respected HAJI mohd shokeen(retired TSWO) Surankote and Madam Nusrat jabeen (TSWO) (Guest and teacher of ilahia public school) Dr.Akhter Hussain (was the guest of honour. Student perform a grand cultural program and a speech competition take place.At the end the principal of the instruction Mr Mohd Ali thanks all the guests, parents, students and staff members. At the end a prize distribution function was held in which best teachers and students trophy and medals. were given



# Left Behind Those Who Ruled India for 250 Years: PM On India’s conomy

New Delhi: Surpassing the UK to become the world’s fifth largest economy is special because India has left behind those who ruled it for 250 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday. According to International Monetary Fund (IMF) projections, India has overtaken the UK to become the world’s fifth-largest economy and is now behind only the US, China, Japan and Germany.

The prime minister, who was interacting with National Teacher Award winners, said the country has broken the shackles of thousands of years of slavery and will only move forward. “The pleasure of surpassing the UK, who ruled over India for approximately 250 years supersedes the mere statistics of improved ranking from the sixth largest to the fifth largest economy. It is special,” he said. PM Modi highlighted the spirit of the Tiranga which led to India achieving new heights in the world of today. “This spirit is essential today. I urge everyone to ignite the same spirit of living, toiling and dying for the country as seen from 1930 to 1942 when

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“I will not let my country stay behind. We have broken the shackles of thousands of years of slavery and now we will not stop now. We will only move forward,” the prime minister reiterated. A decade ago, India was ranked 11th among the large economies while the UK was at the fifth position. With the record-beating expansion in the April-June quarter, the Indian economy has now overtaken the UK, which has slipped to the sixth spot. Surpassing the UK to become the world’s fifth largest economy is special because India has

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# Two Russian embassy staff dead, four others killed in suicide bomb blast in Kabul

Two Russian embassy staff in Kabul were among six people killed when a suicide bomber detonated explosives near the entrance of the embassy, in a blast that injured at least 10 others, the Russian Foreign Ministry and Afghan officials said on Monday. Police said the attacker was shot dead by armed guards as he approached the gate, in one of the first such attacks since the Taliban took power last year. “The suicide attacker before reaching the target was recognised and shot by Russian embassy [Taliban] guards ... there is no information about casualties yet,” Mawlawi Sabir, the head of the police district where the attack took place, told Reuters. The Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that an unknown militant set off an explosive device near the entrance to the consular section of the embassy around at 10:50am Kabul time. “As a result of the attack, two employees of the diplomatic mission were killed, and there are also victims among Afghan citizens,” the ministry said. The four others killed were Afghan civilians, Khalid Zadran, a Kabul police spokesman said. Russia is one of the few countries to have maintained an embassy in Kabul after the Taliban took over the country more than a year ago. Although Moscow does not officially recognise the Taliban’s government, they have been in talks with officials over an agreement to supply gasoline and other commodities. The United Nations’ mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) condemned the



blast. “In light of recent events, UNAMA stresses the need for the de facto authorities to take steps to ensure the safety and security of the people as well as diplomatic missions,” the UN wrote on Twitter, in reference to the Taliban government. During the decades-long Taliban insurgency against the western-backed Afghan government, bombings targeting foreign missions were a regular occurrence in Kabul, especially in recent years, with embassies and hotels fortifying themselves with razor wire and blast walls. Such incidents have decreased dramatically since the group swept to power in August 2021. Since then, attacks — some of them claimed by the militant Islamic State group — mainly targeted the Taliban and civilian targets such as mosques. No group has claimed responsibility for Monday’s blast.

## Leaders from Pan India join the National Council Meeting with JDU National Leader Nitish Kumar



Patna: Leader and office bearers from all the states gathered in Patna, Bihar to join the meeting organized by Nitish Kumar. Different points were discussed in this meeting. Leaders also put forth their points and party chief listened them very patiently. Nitish Kumar briefed everyone regarding the membership of JDU. The JDU membership drive has been started and it will be opened till the next one month. He has asked everyone to work towards the strengthening of the party. The reach of the party should be at grass root level so that everyone can contribute on their own way. The members from J&K delegation present was Party President G m shaheen , State Secretary general Mirza Sajad Beigh, State General Secretary Vivek Bali, Youth National General Secretary Mudassar Ganai. Party chief Nitish Kumar instructed everyone to listen to public grievances and put them in front of the administration and work towards the betterment of India. He added that “Janta dal united is a cadre-based party and hence believes in the holistic welfare of its workers who would then go on to work for the welfare of society, touching the lives of everyone, irrespective of their colour, creed or religion. Shaheen said It is thus very crucial to strengthen the organization at the grassroots level and we have to abide by team spirit to make this organization even greater,”

## 56% Indians Facing Call Drop Issues, 82% Doing This To Overcome It: Survey

New Delhi: Around 56 per cent of respondents surveyed across India, covering 339 districts, shared that they are facing severe call drop and call connection problems, online platform LocalCircles said in a report on Monday. According to the survey, 82 per cent of people have been making data or wifi calls to overcome network issues. “56 per cent citizens say they are facing severe Call Connect and Call Drop issues,” the survey said. In response to the question that approximately what per cent of their mobile phone calls have had a bad connection or call drop issues in the last 3 months, 37 per cent of respondents said that 20-50 per cent of their calls experienced the issue. The question on call connection and drop received 8,364 replies. Out of the total, 91 per cent of respondents said they face the problem, while 56 per cent said that problem was severe in their case. The survey, which focussed on the quality of a call, received over 31,000 responses, comprising 42 per cent of respondents from tier 1; 31 per cent from tier 2 and 27 per cent from tier 3, 4 and rural districts, the report said. However, the number of responses to each question was different. In response to a question on issues that citizens have faced the most while using mobile voice services in the last 3 months, 45 per cent of respondents referred to “call drops” and 42 per cent indicated “call connect failures”. According to the survey, 78 per cent of citizens have not experienced an automatic call drop within 30 seconds

despite a bad connection. On an aggregate basis, 82 per cent of citizens who have a data or wifi connection have been making data or wifi calls frequently as they face difficulty in getting or staying connected on a regular mobile network, the report said. The survey, which focussed on the quality of a call, received over 31,000 responses, comprising 42 per cent of respondents from tier 1; 31 per cent from tier 2 and 27 per cent from tier 3, 4 and rural districts, the report said. However, the number of responses to each question was different. In response to a question on issues that citizens have faced the most while using mobile voice services in the last 3 months, 45 per cent of respondents referred to “call drops” and 42 per cent indicated “call connect failures”.

## Liz Truss named as Britain’s next prime minister

Liz Truss was named as Britain’s next prime minister on Monday, winning a leadership race for the governing Conservative party at a time when the country faces a cost of living crisis, industrial unrest and a recession. After weeks of an often bad-tempered and divisive leadership contest that saw the foreign minister face off against former finance minister Rishi Sunak, Truss came out on top in a vote of Conservative Party members, winning by 81,326 votes to 60,399. “We need to show that we will deliver over the next two years. I will deliver a bold plan to cut taxes and grow our economy,” Truss said after the result was announced. “I will deliver on the energy crisis, dealing with people’s energy bills, but also dealing with the long-term issues we have on energy supply.” The announcement triggers the start of a handover from Boris Johnson, who was forced to announce his resignation in July after months of scandal saw sup-



port for his administration drain away. He will travel to Scotland to meet Queen Elizabeth on Tuesday to officially tender his resignation. Truss will follow him and be asked to form a government by the monarch. Long the front-runner in the race to replace Johnson, Truss will become the Conservatives’ fourth prime minister since a 2015 election. Over that period the country has been buffeted from crisis to crisis, and now faces what is forecast to be a long recession.

## At least 10 dead, 15 wounded in Canada stabbing rampage

A stabbing spree in an Indigenous community and a nearby town in Canada’s Saskatchewan province left at least 10 people dead and 15 wounded on Sunday, police said, as they launched a manhunt for two suspects in one of the nation’s deadliest incidents of mass violence.

Police responding to emergency calls found 10 dead in the remote Indigenous community of James Smith Cree Nation and the nearby town of Weldon, Saskatchewan, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Assistant Commissioner Rhonda Blackmore told a news conference. She said at least 15 other people had been wounded and transported to hospitals.

“It is horrific what has occurred in our province today,” she said. “We are actively looking for the two suspects.” The alleged attackers fled in a vehicle and have been identified as Myles and Damien Sander- son, aged 30 and 31 respectively, both with black hair and brown eyes. The James Smith Cree Nation, with a population of 2,500, declared a local state of emergency, while many residents of Saskatchewan province were urged to shelter in place. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the attacks “horrific and heartbreaking” in a tweet, offering condolences and urging residents to heed authorities’ instructions.

Blackmore said authorities believe “some of the victims were targeted by the suspects and others were attacked randomly.” “To speak to a motive would be extremely difficult at this point in time,” she added. No information was released about the victims. Television images showed a few rural homes in fields of tall grass and trees, cordoned off with police tape, while on social media locals shared images of the attacks’ aftermath, such as the broken door handle to a burgled home. Weldon resident Diane Shier told local media her neighbour, a man who lived with his grand-

son, was killed in the attack. “I am very upset because I lost a good neighbour,” she told the Canadian Press news agency. “Maximum” police resources. In recent years, Canada has witnessed a rampaging gunman masquerading as a policeman kill 22 people in Nova Scotia, another kill six and wound five worshippers at a Quebec City mosque, and a driver of a van mow down pedestrians in Toronto killing 10 and injuring 16. The death toll from the van attack rose to 11 when an injured woman who had spent more than three years in the hospital also succumbed to her injuries. “There are no words to adequately describe the pain.

# Ukraine’s PM seeks more weapons during Berlin visit

BERLIN: Ukraine’s Prime Minister Denys Shmygal on Sunday voiced hopes that Germany would become a leading player helping Kyiv to build up its air defences, as he sought more heavy weapons for Kyiv from Berlin. Shmygal is the first high-level Ukrainian official to visit Germany in months, in a sign of eased tensions between Kyiv and Berlin after a rocky patch. Germany’s initial stuttering response on providing military support to Kyiv following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine had sparked consternation. But Shmygal acknowledged during his visit that Germany has since significantly stepped up its military aid, with heavy armaments such as the tank howitzer 2000 or MARS rocket launchers all “working well on the battle field”. The air defence system Iris-T is expected to be delivered in the autumn, he said, adding that Ukraine “hopes that Germany will become one of the leaders in the process of developing Ukrainian air defence”. In a speech on his vision for Europe on Monday, Chancellor Olaf Scholz had said he

saw Germany taking on “special responsibility” to help

with President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, where Shmygal



Ukraine build up its artillery and air defence systems. Defence ministers of Nato allies are expected to arrive in Germany on Thursday for a meeting led by the United States to coordinate military needs for Ukraine. Ahead of the talks, Scholz stressed Germany’s commitment to bolstering Ukraine, but added that it would be done in coordination with “our friends and allies”. The Ukrainian prime minister had made the first stop on his trip to Berlin a meeting

said he “discussed the military situation, strengthening sanctions and the need to provide weapons for Ukraine”. Shmygal also thanked Germany “for solidarity with Ukrainians and support”. Germany will “continue to stand reliably by Ukraine’s side,” Steinmeier reassured Shmygal, according to the German president’s spokeswoman. The cordial read-outs of their talks marked a clear change in tone from previous months, when a row had erupt-

ed in April because Steinmeier’s offer to visit Ukraine was rebuffed. Steinmeier, a former foreign minister from Scholz’s Social Democratic Party, had been shunned over his years-long detente policy towards Moscow — something which he has admitted was a mistake following the outbreak of war. Germany’s SPD has historically championed close ties with Russia, born out of the “Ostpolitik” policy of rapprochement and dialogue with the then Soviet Union, devised by former SPD chancellor Willy Brandt in the 1970s. That tradition contributed to Germany initially refusing any weapons deliveries to Kyiv, with a previous decision to send only 5,000 helmets sparking anger and mockery. But Scholz’s coalition, which also includes the Greens and liberal FDP, has since made a sharp U-turn. Howitzers, rocket launchers and anti-aircraft missiles are among the weapons that have arrived in Kyiv. Heavier weapons like the IRIS-T anti-aircraft systems, rocket launchers mounted on pick-ups and anti-drone.

## China Accuses US Of “Tens Of Thousands” Of Cyberattacks

Beijing: Beijing on Monday accused the United States of launching “tens of thousands” of cyberattacks on China and pilfering troves of sensitive data, including from a public research university. Washington has accused Beijing of cyberattacks against US businesses and government agencies, one of the issues over which ties between the two powers have nosedived in recent years. China has consistently denied the claims and in turn lashed out against alleged US cyber espionage, but has rarely made public disclosures of specific attacks. But a report released on Monday by its National Computer Virus Emergency Response Center (CVERC) accused the US National Security Agency (NSA) of carrying out “tens of thousands of malicious attacks on network targets in China in recent years”. It specifically accused the NSA’s Office

of Tailored Access Operations (TAO) of infiltrating the Northwestern Polytechnical University in the city of Xi’an. The university is funded by China’s Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, and specialises in aeronautical and space research. CVERC alleged that TAO infiltrated the university’s networks and took “control of tens of thousands of network devices” including servers, routers and network switches. Using dozens of cyber weapons and exploiting previously unknown flaws in the Su-nOS operating system, the unit gained access to “core technical data” including passwords and the operations of key network devices, the report said. TAO has “stolen over 140 gigabytes of high-value data” in recent years and received assistance from groups in Europe and South Asia, CVERC said in the report, which was co-authored by the private Chinese.



# North Kashmir's Oldest literary Organization Kruhen Cultural forum Kreeri held a day long Mushaira at Muradabad Kreeri



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Muradabad Kreeri, Sept 04 : Kruhen Cultural forum Kreeri, the oldest and noted literary Organization of North Kashmir held a day long literary Session. Well attended General Mushaira was held after a meeting of general body of the forum. Threadbare discussion was held to work out the strategy to strengthen the Organisation from grass root level. Various important decisions were taken to streamline the cultural activism for which Cultural forum Kreeri is known for. President of the forum jinab Tanha Nizami discussed the issues of the forum and devised measures to put the house in order. The Mushaira was held at Government Higher secondary School Kreeri and was presided over by Noted poet and former President of the forum Syed Nazir Hussain Hussain. Well read and renowned Poets who participated in the symposium included President of Kruhen Cultural forum Kreeri Tanha Nizami, former President Syed Nazir Hussain Hussain, well read poet Hosh Wanigami, Syed Abdul Hameed Nadim, Sharief Hussain Qadri, Syed Ishaq Majrooh, Syed Roshan Qamar, Showkat Hashmi, Syed Shameem Ahmad Shameem, Rashid Roshan, Sagar Nazir, Syed Jahangir Bukhari and Syed Mumtaz Hussain.

## Teachers Day celebrated in BHSS Uri



Srinagar:-Teachers Day was celebrated in BHSS Uri. The students were very joyful and happy to celebrate the teachers day. Various fraternities visited the institution to wish the teaching faculty and to greet them on this occasion. Station House Officer Uri Mr Imtiyaz Ahmad alongwith his colleagues visited the institution and presented various flower bouquet to the principal and staff. Other dignitaries who visited the school during the occasion include Block Medical Officer Uri Dr Mohammad Ramzan Mir, Zonal Education Officer Uri Mr Shah Mohammad, Press Fraternity Uri, Aman Amaan Cultural Club and civil society

forum. After that a brief ceremony was organised by students during which various poems were dedicated to the teachers and also presented various colorful programs. Students presented various flowers and gifts to the teachers and thanked teachers for their selfless efforts in moulding them. In the second part of the program BSF 63 BN organised a program to wish the teaching faculty of this institution in which Commandant BSF 63 BN Mr Mukesh Tiyaagi and Dy Commandant BSF 63 BN Mr Alok graced the occasion. The Principal alongwith all staff members of BHSS Uri

thanked all the dignitaries, guests, and students who wished & blessed teacher community on this special occasion. At the end of the day Zonal Education Officer Uri Mr Shah Mohammad also joined the program and he honoured with the certificate of appreciation to the Best three teachers of the institution for their exemplary performance during the academic session. The teachers who were appreciated include Mr Shafique Ahmed Sheikh Sr Lecturer Pol Science BHSS Uri, Mr Mohd Younis Kakroo Lecturer Commerce and Mr Kosar Iqbal Master BHSS Uri.

## Govt Hr Sec School Muradabad Kreeri Celebrated Teachers Day

Aashiq Hussain



Kreeri,05 Sep- Govt Hr sec school Muradabad Kreeri celebrated Teachers day Students in general participated with the different beautiful expressions re-

garded them highly and emotionally. On the same date a teacher has been mentioned with the plenty of adjectives like Honorable, respectable, martinet etc. Infact a teacher is the example who strive every nerve to build the nation. The program was inaugurated by the welcome address by one of our dedicated teacher Mr syed Shameem Ahmad . the function was presided over by the worthy principal Mr showkat hussain. Besides the different programs those who spoke on the occasion were respected Mr M A Sofi, Mr Farooq Ahmad Mir, Mr G N Ganie Vice principal , Principal syed Shameem Ahmad and the program incharge Mr.Ab Waheed Ganaie. the appreciation certificates were distributed among students, media personals and some teachers including SYED SHAMEEM AHMAD Master , Ab waheed ganie teacher and Mohd Rafi Sofi Phy education teacher for their best performance and dedication.

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## سرگز کی دوروزہ ادبی کانفرنس ٹیگور ہال میں منعقد کرنے کا فیصلہ



ادبی مرکز کمر از جموں و کشمیر کے اہتمام سے آج مرکز کے صدر دفتر کا پچھورہ بارنمولہ میں ایک عظیم الشان حسینی مشاعرے کا انعقاد کیا گیا مشاعرے کی صدارت بزرگ شاعر اور قلم کار سید سعد الدین سعدی نے کی جبکہ معروف شاعر شہناز رشید اور سید الخاق شمس بھی ایوان صدارت میں موجود تھے۔ ادبی مرکز کمر از کے بزل سکرٹری بشیم تلگانی نے مہمانوں اور شعراء کا

والہاد استقبال کیا۔ مشاعرے میں جن شعراء نے امام عالی مقام حضرت امام حسین اور شہداء کے بلا کو خراج پیش کیا ان میں شیری مشغول، سید اختر منصور، غلام الدین بہار، رشید روشن، سید ممتاز بخاری، غلام محمد گشن، جاوید اقبال ماواری، ضمیر انصاری، محمد اکبر سیکین، جبرون کشمیری، غلام حسن درویش، بشیر طائر، سید سرور ہاشمی، شہناز رشید، سعد الدین سعدی، عبدالحق شمس

شامل ہیں تقریب کے اختتام پر مرکز کے صدر محمد امین بٹ نے فر کا محفل کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ مشاعرے کی نظامت کے فرائض بطور بانگانی نے انجام دئے۔ مشاعرے سے قبل ادبی مرکز کمر از کے ایگزیکٹو کونسل کی مابین شہناز رشید، سید اختر منصور، غلام الدین بہار، رشید روشن، سید ممتاز بخاری، غلام محمد گشن، جاوید اقبال ماواری، ضمیر انصاری، محمد اکبر سیکین، جبرون کشمیری، غلام حسن درویش، بشیر طائر، سید سرور ہاشمی، شہناز رشید، سعد الدین سعدی، عبدالحق شمس

کا نفرس اکتوبر مہینے میں منعقد کرنے اور 11 ستمبر کو عقد ادب عائن اور وہاب پچھل سوسائٹی عائن کی طرف سے یوم عزیز حاجتی میں ممبران کی شرکت کے حوالے سے بھی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ بینک میں ادبی مرکز کمر از کے سینئر ممبر اور سالیق سکرٹری پچھل ایڈیٹیو ڈائریکٹر رفیق مسعودی اور ایگزیکٹو ممبران نے شرکت کی۔