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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mysterious blast in Poonch

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Jammu, Sep 16 (UNI) A private vehicle of a District Development Council member was damaged after an explosion in Surankote area of Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir. No injury was reported, police said.

'The personal vehicle of DDC member Surankote, Sohail Malik got damaged late last night after a mysterious explosion took place in front of his house, within the boundary wall," the police said.

Army to Commence **Agniveer Recruitment** at Patttan

Srinagar, Sep 16:Agniveer Recruiment Rally for male candidates will commence on 17 Sep 2022 at Haiderbeig area of Pattan in North kashmir's Baramulla district, army said on Friday. The PRO defense in a statement issued to KNS said that male candidates of ten districts of UT of J&K and two districts of UT of Ladakh will be appearing for the recruitment for next few days. He said that the candidates who have applied for the rally have been allotted specific dates to appear for the rally. The rally has received overwhelming response, he said. He futher said that the military, UT and district authorities have joined their hands to make the event a great success, which shall provide employment to large number of youth of the region. "All candidates are advised to beware of false promises made by various frauds and touts. The entire recruitment process is automated and no person can influence the result of any candidate. They should have faith in their own capabilities," he said.

Tremors Felt In Ladakh

Ladakh, Sep 16, : An earthquake of magnitude 4.8 on the Richter scale occurred 189 km north of Leh's Alchi, said National Center for Seismology on Friday.

The earthquake occurred at 4:19 am with a depth of 10 km below the ground. "An earthquake of magnitude 4.8 occurred 189 km north of Leh's Alchi. The depth of the earthquake was 10 km below the ground," National Center for Seismology (NCS) said in a tweet.

Recently, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed over 8 earthquakes in a span of three days.

Police refute reports

Empowering Divyangjan is and will remain the Topmost Priority of the Government : LG Manoj Sinha

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Jammu, Sep 16 Stating that our objective is to achieve 100 percent saturation of schemes for Divyangjan, women, senior citizens in the current financial year. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that aids and assistive devices for empowerment of Divyangjan and bringing them in the mainstream of society have always been one of the topmost priorities of the Government.

"Such initiatives are fitting tribute to the ideals and values that our society stands for," said the Lt Governor after inaugurating a free artificial limbs and calipers distribution camp at SKUAST, Jammu to mark birth centenary celebrations of Late Dr Uttam Chand Shastri.

The Lt Governor appreciated Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli, Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahavir Seva Sadan and Abha Bagrodia Charitable Trust. Kolkata: SKUAST-Jammu and Central Sanskrit University, Ranbir Campus, Jammu for the remarkable, self-less and noble initiative.



The Lt Governor felicitated Dr Sanjav Sharma of GMC Jammu and Dr Vikas Padha of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super speciality Hospital for their exemplary service and endeavour towards the noble cause of serving the people.

Selfless efforts to help others in need are the true service of mankind. It is our primary responsibility to mobilize resources for the Divyangjan, create infrastructure and facilities to make them equal partners in the nation's development journey," said the Lt Governor

He added, "enlightened citizens of the society and voluntary organizations must come forward and complement the government's efforts to provide succour to the sufferings of the people and contribute to the accessible India campaign.'

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the UT Government is making dedicated efforts to bridge the gap

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Decision of Sept 23 Holiday acknowledgment of Maharaja's great contribution: LG Sinha

Jammu, Sep 16: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that the decision to declare the birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh as a public holiday was taken to acknowledge the contribution of late Maharaja and respecting the sentiments of the local people.

Ashraf, Member; Syed Mo-hammad Rafiq, Member; "The decision of Holiday (Sep-tember 23, Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh) uis a Dr. Abdul Salam Mir, Executive Officer; Irshad Ahmad Budoo, Haj Officer and tributes and acknowledgment of Mohammad Irfan Akhoon, contribution of Late Maharaja,' Accountant attended the the Lt Gov said, who recently anmeeting. nounced public holiday on late Maharaja Hari Singh's birth anniversary. Maharaja Hari Singh was born on September 23, 1895 and died on 26 April, 1961."Respecting the sentiments of the local people, this decision has been taken in view of the contributions of late Maharaja Hari Singh. I expect the official orders to be issued in a 2 or 3 days, CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 10

Chairperson, J&K Haj Committee convenes meeting at Haj House Take overview of Haj-2022, discusses preparation for Haj-2023

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER

16: Safina Baig, Chairper-son, J&K UT Haj Committee

convened a meeting at Haj

House Bemina, here to take

an overview of Haj-2022

and discuss preparation for

Haj-2023, Budget Estimates,

repair/ renovation of in-

frastructure and auction of

unserviceable/ scrap Items.

Among others, Talib Hus-

sain Choudhary, Member;

Mohammad Rafiq Chishti,

Member: Molvi Mohammad

with HCoI / CGI Jeddah to avoid recurrence of such accommodation problems during Haj – 2023.

It was also decided that two members from J&K UT Haj Committee shall be kept in the Selection Committee for the interview of KhadimUl-Hujjaj and no repeater KUH shall be selected for next Haj - 2023. Regarding the performance

of KhadimUlHuajj, it was informed that there would be more accountability, reception of daily updates from KUHs, besides recommendation of strict disciplinary action to the respective departments of KUHs against the defaulters.

It was also given out that two members of J&K UT Haj Committee shall proceed to Saudi Arabia to see the arrangements for the

The meeting held threadbare discussion regarding ensuing Haj 2023. For the convenience of Haj the agenda points and it was decided that the matter Pilgrims in Azizya Categoregarding hardships faced ry, HCoI shall be requested by Haj pilgrims of J&K to have a system of a single UT on account of haphazbus service instead of two ard grouping/ congestion for ferrying the pilgrims to in rooms and distant acand from Haram Sharief. commodation for old aged The meeting decided pilgrims shall be taken up

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New Curtailment schedule with less Power cuts on cards this winter

Schedule to be out next month: CE KPDCL

Srinagar, Sep 16: With the augmentation of power infrastructure further in Jammu and Kashmir, the Valley would likely witness less power curtailments in the upcoming winter season while as the officials said that the new power curtailment scheduled will be announced in next month.

Talking to the news Chief Engineer, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Javed Yousuf Dar, said that the power infrastructure has further been augmented in the past one year."There were less power curtailments in the last winters and with the further augmentation of power infrastructure, more relief is expected to the consumers this winters as well." Dar said Asked about the new power curtailment scheduled for winters, he said that the present schedule will continue for the next one month and new schedule will be announced once the temperature plummets in Kashmir-Asked about the new power curtailment scheduled for winters, he said that the present schedule will continue for the next one month and new schedule will be announced .

Govt accords sanction for shifting of paediatric services of GB Pant to Children's hospital Bemina TER PANTCHILDREN HOSPITAL

For shifting of CD hospital to GB Pant, Principal GMC asked to share detailed action plan

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Srinagar, Sep 16: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday accorded sanction for shifting of paediatric services of GB Pant hospital to 500 bedded children's hospital Bemina.

According to an order, a copy of which lies with the news Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Surgical services will continue to function at GB Pant hospital. In order to shift CD hospital Srinagar to GB Pant hospital Principal GMC Srinagar has been asked to share a detailed proposal delineating holistic action plan. "In the interest of seamless patient

care, sanction is hereby accorded to shifting of entire pediatric services of GB Pant Hospital Srinagar to newly constructed 500 Bedded Children Hospital Bemina

Srinagar, by Principal, GMC Srinagar after assessing the proper functionality of all vital aspects and continuation of Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Surgical Services along with dispensaries and commercial services at GB Pant Hospital Srinagar as per the Memorandum of Understand-

ing (MOU)," reads the order. CONTINUED ON ≫ PAGE 10

CBI arrests 3 accused in J&K over alleged irregularities in **JKSSB SI recruitment case**

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New Delhi, Sep 16: In a recent update on the Jammu and Kashmir Sub-Inspector recruitment scam, three per-sons have been arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday morning. Notably, this came two days after CBI registered a case against 33 accused in allegations regarding malpractices in the examination for the posts of Sub-Inspectors. Police constable Raman Sharma, Akhnoor Tout Suresh Kumar, and Akhnoor Teacher Jagdish Sharma have been arrested by CBI. The residences of all three accused were raided on Tuesday. Several digital devices and documents have been seized by CBI and more arrests are likely in Jammu over alleged irregularities in Jammu and Kashmir SI recruitment. CBI raids multiple locations in Jammu Notably, the Central Bureau

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Minor girl taken away by leopard in Uri, search ops launched

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Baramulla, Sep 16: A minor was taken away from outside her home in Gawashar village of Uri in North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday evening even as a massive search opera tion has been launched. An official told the news that

the leopard entered into the courtyard of her house and took her.

He said that the family members tried to chase the leopard but it disappeared into the dark

He said that the family members later raised alarm and gathered the villagers following which they along with police launched a massive search operation to trace the minor girl. The official identified the

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of kidnapping of minor children by non-locals in Ganderbal

Ganderbal, Sept 16: Jammu and Kashmir police on Friday refuted the reports of kidnapping of a minor child by some unknown non-locals in Yanihama locality of Lar in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. In a statement, issued to the news, a spokesperson said that some media groups have circu-lated news on social media platforms that some unknown non locals tried to kidnap minor children at Yanihuma, however, the matter got verified on ground. The statement reads that statements of house owner and other eye witnesses have been recorded which confirms that they were not involved in any criminal act. 'They also stated that they were begging in the area and neither they tried to kidnap any mi-nor children nor they indulged in any theft attempt," it reads. It added that social media platforms circulated this video without verifying the facts from local Police. All Social Media platforms are directed not to circulate this fake news on social media. Whosoever shall be involved in circulating such fake and baseless news shall be held under relevant sections of law. Moreover, rumour mongers will be dealt strictly under law," it reads-

ACB raids Sonamarg **Development Authority** office in Ganderbal

Ganderbal, Sept 16 The Anti Corruption Bureau on Friday raided the office of Sonamarg Development Authority in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, officials said here. An official told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer that a team of ACB raided the office of SDA today afternoon. He said that the team was scrutinising some records regarding permission granted to hoteliers for construction purposes-

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CS chairs 5thGoverning Council Meeting of Ayushman Bharat

Gives concurrence to adoption of 'e-RUPI' for meeting out of pocket expenditure made by patients



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JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 16: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired the 5th Governing Council Meeting of State Health Agency (SHA) and also reviewed its performance regarding the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aar-

Additional Chief Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment; Secretary, Health; Secretary, IT; Principals of Medical Colleges, Srinagar/Jammu; Directors of Health Kashmir/Jammu, Nodal Officer, SHA; SGNO, SHA; and other officers of the concerned Departments.Jammu based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to ensure that each person is facilitated to obtain the available benefits. He asked them to work for registering each person under the scheme so that the end person receives free medical care as envisaged under the scheme. The Chief Secretary also emphasized upon the health authorities to work towards creating health history of the patients starting from those of students in our schools. He urged them to make it convenient for every person to register for the scheme at his doorsteps. He maintained that the scheme should be saturated fully in both urban and rural areas.He ogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)/AB-PMJAY Sehat exhorted upon them to conduct the Governing here in the UT.The meeting was attended by body meetings quarterly for timely CONTINUED ON » PAGE 10

COVID: J&K reports 23 fresh cases, no death

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Srinagar, Sep 16: Jammu and Kashmir Friday reported 24 fresh cases of Covid-19, taking the number of active cases to 269 while no more death was reported in the UT in last 24 hours and death toll stands at 4,784.An official told the news agency-that among 23 new cases, 16 belong to Kashmir division while as 07 to Jammu division.He said that the total number of positive cases in Kashmir have reached to 304,987 including 302,417 recoveries and 2,433 deaths, while total number of positive cases in Jammu division have reached to 173,907 including 171,444 recoveries and 2.351 deaths. He further said that the total number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 249 including 137 from Kashmir division and 112 from Jammu division.With 43 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in J&K has reached to 473,861 which is 98.95 percent of the total cases."Among the fresh 23 cases today, 05 are from Srinagar, 02 from Baramulla, 06 from Budgam,

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Ahead of Navratras, DIG reviews security of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

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Jammu, Sep 16 In view of forthcoming Navratri festival and visit of pilgrims, the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Udhampur-Reasi Range Mohd Suleman Choudhary on Friday conducted security review meeting for Shri Mata Vaishino Devi Shrine at Katra town in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Amit Gupta SSP Reasi, Commandant CRPF, SP Katra, SDPO Katra, Dy.SP Bhawan, SHO Police Station Katra & Bhawan and Officers from Army, IB, CID, Railway and other intelligence agencies.

During the meeting special emphasis were given to ensure fool proof security of the vatries at track upto Bhawan in which strict directions have been passed to to carryout thorough checking of all the suspected people, so that no unwanted elements is allowed to indulge in any kind of criminal activities or any action which may prove prejudicial to the security of the area, besides this joint long range patrols of JKP/CRPF have also been launched round the clock in the entire area of Katra and Bhawan and its surrounding areas

SSP Reasi presented a detailed security grid in place for Katra town, discussed various security

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Willow shortage hits Kashmir bat industry, manufacturers worried Hundreds of families staring at job losses if shortage continues

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Srinagar, Sep 16): Kashmir's bat manufacturers are facing losses in the face of willow shortage. A spokesperson of Bat Manufacturers Union Fawzul Kabeer told agency-that news the industry has been producing bats and is meeting about 85 percent of the total demand of world cricket since 1920. Fawzul, who is also

owner of the GR8 Sports and has provided bats to international cricketers, said that nobody plants willow trees now causing the ongoing shortage

'The government can intervene by planting willow saplings on wetlands, banks of water bodies, state land, marshy land and other land available so that the willow will remain available in abundance and then bat can reach to every corner of the world, he said

Fawzul said that presently there are one lakh skilled and unskilled labourers associat-



ed with the industry besides five thousand families who are completely dependent on this industry and if this industry collapses, they will be jobless

The 50 percent of our work is getting affected as there is shortage of supply and manufacturers are just able to produce 30-40 percent of bats as compared to their demand," he said.

Willows are on the verge of extinction now in Kashmir and if the government won't intervene, it is going to collapse

Firdous Ahmad Khan, owner

of Khan International Sports and senior member of the association told KNO that out of 205 units in Halmulla-Sethar area of Anantnag, 50 have already closed their units while rest are not even able to produce 50 percent of the demand

He said that willow is being given to other sectors like ply which must be stopped and willow must be kept only for bat industry as other sectors have options available. He thanked the government that last they distributed 1500 willow saplings among

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Two week long Swachhata Pakhwaada concludes at NIT Srinagar

Srinagar, Sep 16: The two week long Swachhata Pakhwaada 2022 concluded on Friday at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar and during the program many activities were organized by the organizers.

The program was organized by the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Committee of NIT Srinagar from 1st September 2022 to 15th September 2022. Both faculty members and students took active part in all activities

on the campus. Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal along with Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari and Dean Students Welfare Prof. Abdul Liman felicitated the winners with mementoes and certificates.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Sehgal said "Swachhata Pakhwada" is a part "Swachhta Abhiyan" of and it was initiated, with the objective of bringing a fortnight of intense focus on the issues and practices of cleanliness.

"The main purpose of this Programme was to create awareness among our students about the need and importance of a clean environment," he said

Prof. Sehgal said they will get complacent and the



continue to support such programs on the campus, so that everyone will benefit from these initiatives. Institute's Registrar. Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said it is not just the re-sponsibility of one person, but the entire society should come forward and make their surroundings neat and clean.

the individualistic level. "People should fear the EBSB Committee memconsequences of pollution bers Dr. Ranjeet Kumar and filth. As long as the Rout, Dr. Vijay Kumar, fear exists, people won't Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Sha

keel Wasim, Dr. Mukund Dutt Sharma, Dr. Mohsin Khan, Dr. Omkar Singh, and Dr. Jaya Srivastava jointly organizing are Swachhta Pakhwaada to motivate the students towards a clean and green initiative.

Prof. Sehgal, Prof. Bukhari, Prof. Liman, and EBSB Committee members along with all other faculty members and student volunteers Swachhta Shapath took (Oath) to make the country clean. They also initiated a "Cleaning March" around the campus.

The two week program awareness cammega included, cleanpaigns liness of public places including canteens and health centre, collection of polythene bags from campus, hand wash and mask distribution campaigns, and Personal Hygiene

Day. "Green Institute Drive (Sapling Plantation and their survival), community outreach among the public in adjacent areas, Swachhata Action Day and prize distribution day in which students were encouraged to continue such initiatives



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Women carry food for relatives working in the rice field during the harvesting of paddy crop on the outskirts of Srinagar on Friday. UNI PHOTO-17U

DC Ganderbal chairs meeting of District Level Plastic Waste Management Cell

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 16: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired a meeting of District Level Plastic Waste Manage-ment Cell at VC Room of DC Office, here. At the outset, threadbare discussions were held on the action plan of Plastic Waste Management and present status with regard to implementation of the Action Plan to eliminate the plastic waste in the district.After a threadbare discussion, the DC gave necessary instruction for elimination of single use plastic from all places including Govt. Offices, schools and colleges in the district.

To implement the Action Plan on ground, the DC directed the Municipal Council Ganderbal to prepare the list of shops who are selling plastic material for marriage purposes and guide them to use eco-friendly biodegradable substitutes for single use plastic and polythene. Divisional Officer, Pollution Control

Board was directed to keep vigil if any

supplier is involved in transporting single use plastic and polythene from outside districts and action as per law shall be initiated against such persons involved.On the occasion, the DC called for mass mobilization for elimination of sing use plastic and stressed upon the concerned authorities for taking measures so that the plastic waste is properly and adequately collected, segregated and reprocessed. The authorities of all Colleges of the district were asked to start sanitation drives in nearest villages/ar-eas involving their own resources, PRIs and civil societies so that such villages are made garbage free to preserve the ecological balance. To ensure cleanliness of water bodies, the ACD was directed to prepare a list of water bodies that are in vicinity of Colleges of district and share the same list to the college authorities who shall maintain the cleanliness of such water bodies. The GM, DIC was directed to ensure proper disposal of industrial waste and was asked to iden-tify eco-friendly biodegradable material suppliers and manufacturing units and share the list so that people are encour-aged to use such materials as substitutes for single use plastic and polythene.

The enforcement wing was directed to launch a massive drive against the violators selling and purchasing items in polythene bags. The DC also stressed on better coordination among the line departments and other stake holders so that desired results are achieved regard-ing elimination of single use plastic in the district. The meeting was attended by ADC, Farooq Ahmad Baba, ACD, GM, DIC, Exen R&B, Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Board, AD, FC&CS, Dean Faculties of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry SKUAST-K Shuhama, Forestry SKUAST-K Benhama Lar and Fisheries SKUAST-KRangil, officers from Degree College Kangan, Engineer ing College Safapora.

Atal Dulloo directs officers to ensure priority passage to fruit laden trucks

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 16: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS). Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to discuss the issues/ difficulties pertaining to the movement of trucks carrying Fruits & Vegetables on Na tional Highway from valley. While chairing the meeting. Atal Dulloo directed the con

cerned authorities to take immediate measures so that fruit laden trucks are provided a smooth passage ACS directed Police and

Traffic authorities to provide round the clock and hassle-free safe passage to the fruit laden trucks on the interior roads and highway on priority basis and avoid unwarranted stoppages en-

He further directed them to monitor the fruit transportation on daily basis besides they will hold review meet ings with fruit growers and other concerned officers and

take further course of necessary action. Atal Dullo said that fruits and vegetables being perishable commodities, need has sle free passage of movement from Kashmir valley and all

campaign won't lose foot-

falls," he said, adding that

such campaigns are the

Prof. Bukhari also dis-

cussed various initiatives

with the students to make

NIT Srinagar a green cam-

pus. He also urged stu-

dents to protect and con-

serve the environment at

need of the hour.

The meeting was attended by Secretary Tribal Affairs, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary in Agriculture Production Department Mohammad Akbar Wani, senior officers from Horticulture, Agriculture, Traffic, Police Departments and fruit grow-

measures shall be taken to

ensure early, prompt and re-

munerative marketing.





SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 16: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS). Agriculture Production Department (APD). Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to devise a roadmap for implementing A-Help

Police solves cattle theft case within 24 hours in Bandipora, accused arrested

September 16: Police in Bandipora have solved a cattle theft case by arresting an accused person involved in the commission of crime and recovered stolen cattle from his possession. Police Station Bandipora received a complaint from a shepherd namely Abdul Khaliq son of Mohmmad Abdullah resident of Rajouri Kalakote stating therein that during the intervening night of 14/15 September, some unknown thieves have stolen his 7 Sheeps near Rangerkhan (Ajar Chowk) Bandipo ra. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 159/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered in PS Bandipora and investigation was taken up.

On receipt of this information, a police party headed by SHO PS Bandipora under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Bandipora Shri Shafat Mohmad-JKPS, after strenuous efforts and human/technical inputs arrested one person within 24 hours. He has been identified as Zubair Ahmad Ganie son of Gh Mohmad Ganie resident of Nowpora Bandipora, During questioning, he confessed his involvement in the commission of crime and on his disclosure 7 sheeps were also recovered from his possession.

During the further course of investigation, the arrested accused person also confessed the involvement of his father Gh Ahmad Ganie son of Ab Ahad Ganie resident of Nowpora and

UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI FEROZPORA BASIN IRRIGATION DIVISION TANGMARG.

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PFMS under 14th FC(B2V3) account of concerned Panchayat Halaqa with Panchayat secretary as first signatory and concerned Sarpanch 2nd signatory.

4. The contractor has to arrange all key construction and any other material required for the execution and successfully completion of the works, as per orders of Engineer in charge, on his own. However, if any such material is available in the divisional stores, the same shall be supplied on stock issue rates prevailing at the time of the supply of such material including rapidite etc. if required atsite.

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7. If L1 fails to start the work within 15 days of the issuance of letter of intent or allotment, whichever is earlier, the department shallAllot the work to the other willing Lowest bidder likeL2, L3,L4 and EMD additional Security Performance of the lowest bidder shall be forfeited, besides debarring the Contractor for a period of two years for participating in the e-Nit's issued by the this division.

8.Material component will be supplied by the department as per available stores and the cost will be recovered on Stock rates from the billed amount

9. The tender documents can be down loaded one-procurement Portal http://jktenders.gov.in The tender documents can be down loaded as per schedule shown in thee-nit. Thee-tender so uploaded shallbeaccompanied with ae-Challanor Treasury Challan/Govt. Receiptdrawnin favour of Executive Engineer JSD FBI Division Tangmarg towards the cost of the tender documents (Non-transferable /Non-refundable) as shown against each work above in thee-NIT, which shall not be refunded and shall be submitted up to the date mentioned above. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" asperinformationTechnologyAct2000.Bid escargot digital certificate for Approve vendor. The bidders have to submit their Bids online in electronic form along with digital signature No. financial bid will be accepted in physical form. Bidders are advised to down load bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well asfrom "Bidders Manual Kit" on Website http://jktenders.gov.ir acquaint bid submission process.

10.Performs Guarantee

a.Performance guarantee 3% of allotted cost in the form of CDR/FDR/DD/BG shall be submitted be for the allotment is issued which will be released after the maintenance period is over.

DIPK-10099/22 Dated:-15-09-2022

> **Technical Officer FB I Division Tangmarg**

Sd/-**Executive Engineer**, (Jal Shakti)

Program (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Representative of Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Gol, Representative of Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development, GoI, Director Sheep Husbandry Kashmir/Jammu, Special Secretary Agriculture Production Department, Managing Director JK Rural Livelihood Mission, Director Animal Husbandry Kashmir/Jammu, Director Finance Agriculture Production Department, Deputy Director Planning Agriculture Production Department, Technical Officer of Agriculture Production Department and other officers. Jammu based officers attended the meeting through Video Conferencing.

While chairing the meeting, Atal Dullo highlighted that the dovetailing and synergizing efforts of the Department of Animal husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) & Department of Rural Development (DoRD) especially in the context of the common objective of helping the farmers will go a long way in helping the farmers double their income. He directed the concerned officers to work in a coordinated manner so that a well defined road map is prepared for successful implementation of A-Help in J&K.Atal Dulloo said that the success of A-HELP scheme will depend on how well the scheme is implemented and monitored and said therefore, a well defined and yet flexible and participatory institutional structures will be put in place at all levels.A-HELP is being implemented across the country by using the existing cadre developed under DAY-NRLM for livestock (Pashusakhis) by providing further training and accreditation as A-HELP worker and will be inaugurated in J&K in the month of October. A-HELP worker will be the first port of call for any health-related demands of livestock population in a village, especially those who find it difficult to access the veterinary health services.A detailed presentation was also given out on the occasion and was given out that A-HELP will help the farmers for Ration Balancing programme and also support animal owners in conservation of feed, Vaccination, ear-tagging and Artificial Insemination for the animals after training and information on calf birth.

Important Notice

It is for general information that I have lost my 10th Pass Marks Certificate and Qaulification Certificate bearing Roll No: 723574 session BI-Annual 2004. Now I have apply for its duplicate copies. In this regard if anybody have any objection may contact the concern office of JKBOSE Bemina Srinagar within seven days. After completion of time no objection will be entertained.

> Mukhtar Ahmad Mir R/o: Drusso, Pulwama M: 9622391922

efforts are on to arrest him. Further investigation of the case is going on.Community members have applauded the efforts made by the Police in cracking/solving the burglary case. Our consistent actions shall assure community members that Police has resolved to act tough against individuals involved in any kind of criminal activities.



I Muhammad Rasheed Mir S/O Jumma Ali Mir Resident of Sultan Dikki Baramulla, want to make it public that I want to change the Power Supply connection from my name to the name of Nafeesa Bano.

The said connection bearing Registration number/ Consumer No-0206050013220 is installed at Umar Colony lane no-04 Gund Hassibhat Lawaipora Srinagar. The said property/house which was in the name of my daughter Razia Bano. Now as my daughter has sold the said house to Nafeesa Bano, It has become imperative to change the name of the consumer from to Anybody having any objection may contact the said office of PDD situated at Gund Hassibhat Lawaipora Srinagar within seven days of publication of this notice.

No objections shall be entertained after the said date.

Name Muhammad Rasheed Mir S/O Jumma Ali Mir Resident of Sultan Dikki Baramulla



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Director I&C Kashmir visits Industrial Estates of Shopian

SHOPIAN, SEPTEM-BER 16: The Director Industries and Commerce (I&C), Kashmir, Salooni Rai today visited Industrial Estate Aglar and Industrial Estate Gagren in Shopian and met Unit holders there to redress their issues

General Manager DIC Shopian; General Manager SICOP Kashmir, Dy. General Manager SICOP and Industrial Association of Aglar Industrial Estate were present on the occasion.

The Industrial Association on the occasion apprised the Director of various development deficits in the Estate and sought their redressal.

The issues flagged-off by the Association include better road connectivity, widening of interior roads, better and regular supply of electricity, circular road towards Industrial Estate, boundary

walls, macadamization, construction of drainage system in and around the Industrial Estate, removal of encroachments of land and redressal of Toll

issue. Director I&C assured the association that she will take up the issue with the concerned authorities for redressal and timely ac-

tion The Director passed on spot directions to the General Manager DIC regarding conduct of periodic inspection of units operating in Industrial Estates to ensure effective operation of the units.

Later, the Director ac companied by General Manager DIC and other officers inspected the newly established units of Industrial Estate Aglar and expressed satisfac tion for well established units.

SRINAGAR, SEPTEM-BER 16: The Department of Public Administration, Amar Singh College, Cluster University Srinagar today organized an extension lecture on the theme "Public Service and Crisis Management: The Role of

the Office of the Divisional Commissioner during the Covid-19 Pandemic", by Tahir Ahmad Magray. Tahir Ahmad Magray is a JKAS Officer who served as Incharge Divisional Covid Control Room Kashmir and Incharge Shri Amarnathji control room and works with Divisional Commissioner Kashmir. The function was attend-

ed by Principal Amar Singh College, Professor Bashir Ahmad Rather, faculty members and students of various departments of the college.

In his inaugural speech Prof. Bashir Ahmad Rather highlighted the role of administration and public servants during crisis management.

He also reflected on the role of faculty and students during Covid-19 and close coordination among various departments to deal with the pandemic. He elucidated how the higher education sector during the pandemic introduced various disruptive innovations with positive impact on academic culture.

With vast experience in crisis management. Tahir Ahmad Magray in his lecture presented a detailed account of the working of the office of Divisional Commissioner and reflected on the various innovations and reforms in this institution over the years.



AS College holds programme on 'Public

Service & Crisis Management'

He explained the various steps that were taken by the administration to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic from strategic planning to

coordination with various departments to augment human resources, medical infrastructure and technical expertise besides keep-

at work during crisis management.He highlighted the role of social media during Covid-19 and also highlighted the efforts to tackle fake news. He added that crisis management utilizes all the principles of administration during implementation policy and monitoring. Magray put effort into creating a Toll free mental health helpline for

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Dr Zubair Nazeer, Head of

the Department of Public

Administration reflected

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Besides, he also presented his ideas for rationalization of the use of the internet to protect youth from wasting valuable time and pandemic.ct.

DDC Kulgam reviews implementation of Amnesty

scheme of PDD for domestic consumers

Prof. Tafazul Hussain from the Department of Political Science in his concluding remarks stated that the crisis management tests the resilience of the administration. He stated that public servants use their experience and decision making in tackling crisis like Covid-19

Awareness on Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan held across Shopian

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 16: As part of the 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan' campaign of the government, a number of programmes against drug addiction were held across Shopian today to make participants aware about substance abuse and way to get rid of this menace and its total eradication from society.

Speakers deliberated on the drug abuse and highlighted the need of taking preventive measures to eradicate the menace of drug addiction and other social evils in the district. The participants were asked to play a pro-active role in eradicating drugs from society and not to indulge in drug abuse.

The participants pledged to make the Shopian district free from drugs with the active support of District Administration, Police and Civil society.

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against drug menace were held in various educational zones of the district in which teachers, staff and students of various educational institutions took part. The participants also raised slogans against drug menace and conveyed upon the concerned to take concrete measures against the ever-increasing drug abuse and also to raise awareness

against drug abuse. The aim of the programme was



to spread awareness amongst the people in general and youth in particular to take necessary steps for curbing the drug abuse. As part of the 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan' campaign of the government, a number of programmes against drug addiction were held across Shopian today to make participants aware about substance abuse and way

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Farooq Rather KULGAM, SEPTEMBER

16: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of Officers of PDD and reviewed implementation of Amnesty Scheme of PDD for domestic consumers having arrears of more than Rs.10k.It was informed that under this scheme consumers shall have to pay only the principal amount and all surcharges shall be waived off after successful payment of basic principal amount. Besides, the consumer can also pay his basic principal amount in installments up to a maximum of 12 installments. Dr Bilal impressed upon the concerned to make wide publicity of the scheme through various mediums so that all domestic consumers eligible for amnesty are able to take advantage of this scheme. The DDC direct-



ed the Officers of Revenue department and Block Officers to facilitate the smooth implementation of consumer friendly amnesty scheme across the district.Executive Engineer KPDCL, Tehsildars, BDOs, AEEs and other officers also participated in the meeting. It was

informed that under this scheme consumers shall have to pay only the principal amount and all sur charges shall be waived off after successful payment of basic principal amount. Besides, the consumer can also pay his basic principal amount in installments

Forest Division Bandipora issues licenses under JK Single Window System

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 16: Forest Division Bandipora today distributed licenses to private Depot owners and firewood among fire victims in a programme organised at Divisional Forest Office Chitternar, here. The programme was presided over by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests J&K, Dr Mohit Gera. The PCCF distribued the licenses among the private Depot owners in order to promote ease of doing business under JK Single Window System.

Dist Admin Ganderbal for organizing Bird Festival in Shallabugh wetlands

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER Water Ways for navigation, wa-

proposing to organize a First-of- required for the successful con- bodies are identified for con-

He also distributed timber among fire victims and also distributed Solar lights through WUCMA to people living in adjoining villages of Wular Lake.

Later, Dr. Gera also reviewed the functioning of the department in Bandipora in a meeting held with all concerned officers. The PCCF was accompanied by APCCF Kashmir, Rabi Kumar. Conservator Srinagar Circle, Zubair Ahmad and Divisional Forest Officer Bandipora, Mudasir Mehmood among others were also present on the occasion.

Whip against illegal extraction continues in Kulgam

Kulgam, CNS, 16-Sept;In yet another operation one extracting machine (JCB) seized by Geology and Mining Department kulgam drifting 3rd in last 24hrs.

On being contacted DMO kulgam Dr Khurshid Ahmad said that on directions of Deputy commissioner kulgam Dr Bilal Mohidin, the team of Geology and Mining Department kulgam raided the area in complaint namely Chowgam wherein people had been requesting for action against offenders involved in illegal mining.

"The moment directions were received swift action was applied and the machine seized tactfully. The machine was latter on handed over to P/ S Devsar", DMO said.

He further added that zero tolerance against illegal and unauthorized mining will continue until people in general and habitual offenders in particular will shun the illegal practice.He further added that zero tolerance against illegal and unauthorized mining will continue until people in general and habitual offenders in particular will shun the illegal practice.

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16: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to discuss the restoration of Shallabugh wetlands and revival of other water bodies in the district.

During the meeting threadbare discussion was held regarding the restoration / rejuvenation of Shallabugh wetlands and revival of other water bodies in the district.

The officials of J&K Wetland Authority briefed the DC about Integrated Management the Plan for scientific management of Shallabugh wetland and said that various works are identified for conservation and management of the wetland. Brief discussion was held upon

the works identified including

ter regulatory gates, bio-diversity conservation, construction of ring bund for tapping of water, watch towers and other works for development of eco-tourism in the area.

While interacting with the officers the DC said that this year district administration is

its-kind Bird Festival in Shallabugh wetland which would be instrumental in development of eco-tourism in the area and provide opportunities of livelihood to the locals. He directed all the concerned departments to prepare action plan jointly on priority covering all aspects duct of the festival.

He urged the J&K Wetland Authority to expedite the work progress on identified works to complete them on time besides work on ring bund shall be completed in stipulated time which will be instrumental in tapping water in wetland.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stressed upon all the concerned to take innovative ideas in conservation and preserva-Shallahugh wetland tion of which is a bird paradise so that its pristine glory is restored for maintaining ecological balance and overall development of the area.

Meanwhile the meeting also reviewed the rival of identified water bodies in the district and it was informed that 83 water

servation out of which 31 wa ter bodies are already revived besides work on other water bodies is also going on in full swing

The DC gave necessary instructions regarding the revival of water bodies in the district and urged the concerned departments to ensure conservation works on all identified water bodies are completed in stipu lated time frame.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Mushtaq Ahmad Sim-nani, CEO Wullar Manasbal Development Authority, ACR, ACD, DFO Wetlands, Exen I&FC. District Officer, pollution Control Board, Range Officer. Shallabugh Wetlands and other concerned.

Surprise inspections of Deaddiction Centers, Pharma **Dealers & Chemists Shops conducted at Anantnag**

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 16: In view of the complaints regarding unethical trade and misuse of allied pharmaceutical preparations by the anti social/ nefarious elements for the purpose of addiction and intoxication especially amongst the youth, a special drive has been initiated by the Drug Control Organisation Anantnag in its endeavor to curb the misuse of such narcotic and psychotropic substances.

During the first phase of the drive, surprise inspections of Deaddiction Centers, Pharma Dealers and Chemist Shops were conducted by Drugs Control Officers to ensure that such pharmaceutical preparations are being sold in consonance with the prescriptions being generated by Registered Medical Practitioners.

During the special drive, it was observed by the inspecting teams that some of the firms were found stocking Drug Formulations comprising of Tapentadol, tramadol and were being stocked/ sold in gross violation to the mandatory provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

During the said drive, operations of seven Medical Establishments in Dialgam, Ashajipora and adjoining areas were disallowed u/s 22 (d) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 on the spot for indulging in unethical trade practices particularly sale of habit forming formulations without maintaining records.

In light of the observations, the Department has directed all the Authorized Stockists dealing with such kind of formulations to strictly restrict sale and distribution of aforementioned restricted drugs for the legitimate requirements only.

They have been further directed to submit distribution details of formulations comprising of habit forming ingredients on monthly basis through designated mail, so that the Drugs Control Officers (Concerned) shall check the rationality and curb the unethical trade of such drugs, failing which severe action shall be taken against such erring firms.

Assistant Drugs Controller, Anantnag has emphasized that since both the formulations which are otherwise Drug of Choice for patients.

Director Agriculture Kashmir visits Khanda, **B.K Pora zones of Sub-division Chadoora**

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 16: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited various areas of sub-division Chadoora including Khanda, B.K Pora zones of district Budgam to inspect different vegetable growing areas of the sub-division. He also interacted with commercial farmers and agri-enterpreneur of the area.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director said that amid our unique agro-climatic conditions we are able to produce a wide range of agricultural crop including vegetables and this gives farmers an edge over the farmers of rest of the country.

He impressed upon the farmers to take full advantage of prevailing agro-climatic conditions and diversify their crop cultivation operations to get maximum out of it. He said our season for vegetable production is on when it is off-season for rest of the country and this gived us the opportunity, to export our fresh vegetable to other states of that country and earn more returns for our produce. Director Agriculture

instructed CAO Budgam and SDAO Chadoora to chalk out a modus operandi for operation of installed community based bore wells for irrigated farmer's fields in phased manner. He asked the concerned officers to work in close co-ordination with the farmers and agri-enterpreneur's of the concerned area and make sure that every latest intervention reaches the farmer, it is adopted and implemented by the farmers successfully. Later, the Director visited different villages including wathoora, Bugam, etc and interacted with the farming community of the area. He assured farmers of every possible technical support from the department for their successful agriculture operations.

Earlier Chief Agriculture Officer Budgam Syed Tafazul Hussain Madani informed Director Agriculture of various interventions and initiatives introduced and implemented by the department in the district. He also gave the details of various trials of different agriculture crops laid in the district.

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Comm Secy calls for effective management of forests with active participation of PRIs, people Attends Annual Passing out parade for 69th, 70th Batch of Forest guards Training Course at KFTS Bandipora

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 16: The annual passing out parade for 69th and 70th batch of Forest Guards was held at Kashmir Forest Training School (KFTS), Chitternar Bandipo-

Commissioner Secretary Forests, Ecology and Environment, Sanjeev Verma was chief guest on the occasion.

The event was attended by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Dr. Mohit Gera, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, T Rabi Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed, Conservator of Forests, Kashmir North Circle Sopore, Irfan Rasool Wani and senior officers from Department of Forests, civil administration and Police.

The programme started with presentation of guard of honour to the chief guest followed by passing out parade by the trainees of 69th and 70th Forest Guard Training Course, contingent of Forest Protection Force, Army GoodWill School Bandipora, NCC and the Police Band of J&K Police

Tawheed Ahmad Deva, Conservator of Forests Working Plan Circle delivered the welcome address while Riyaz Malik, Principal Kashmir Forest Training School, Chitternar Bandipora presented the course report. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary congratulated the trainees for completing six month's training successfully.

He praised the frontline staff of Forest Department for their presence in field which creates a deterrence among forest offenders. He applauded the role of Forest Guards in providing ecological security to the forest resources.

He called for effective management of forests with active participation of PRIs and people. He asked the passed out trainees to gear up for protection of forests against hazards like forest fires, encroachments so that the forest wealth is effectively protected. He assured that all cadre related issues of Forest Department will be addressed in the coming months. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mohit Gera applauded the Principal, faculty and supporting staff for successfully completing the training course. He said that the forest frontline staff plays an important role in meeting

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DIC Shopian conducts Media tour to Zampathri, Keller

Bringing Zampathri on Tourism map by the Government appreciated by locals

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 16: To highlight and promote the virgin tourist destinations being developed by District Administration Shopian under the aegis of J&K UT Govern-

ment, the District Information Centre (DIC) Shopian today conducted a media tour to Zampathri, one of such picturesque destinations in the district.

As Nature has bestowed Kashmir with majestic mountains, beautiful valleys, lakes, rivers, picturesque places etc., the present dispensation has been working to develop and tap the potential of less known or unknown destinations in the district to give tourists the chance to enjoy colours of nature. Zampathri, 20 kms away from Shopian Town, in Keller Block has many breathtaking things on offer, ranging from mesmerizing beauty of lush green meadows and plains, views of gushing waters of Romshi River, other streams, and captivating rich tribal culture. The area is also suited for Trekking, Paragliding, Camping and other adventurous activities. Gaddar Meadow, once of the largest in Valley, Ringward, Chotimarg shall be a detourists o are

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Media persons belonging to different national and local organisations took part in the exposure tour and highlighted the significance of the government's historic decision of notifying the area under TVNP of Mission Youth.

The locals while speaking to the media expressed happiness about the inclusion of the village under TVNP. They appreciated UT and rict Ad the

ministration for leaving no stone unturned to bring He further added that it

will ensure balanced and equitable development of tourism in the area.

The UT administration has notified Zampathri along with five other plac-es in the district as Tourist attractions under the network, including Dubjan, Hirpora along Mughal Road, Sedow near Aharbal Waterfalls, Devpora and Kapal Mochan.

This move shall benefit the people of these notified villages in many ways once they come forward and take the benefits of financial assistance and subsidy under Mission Mission Youth Youth. shall provide financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh, of which Rs 1.5 lakh is given as special upfront incentive/ subsidy and Rs 3. 5 lakh as special subsidy towards repayment of loan to banking partners under self employment activities in Tourism and Hospitality in these notified villages.Similarly, for development of home-stays, financial assistance up to Rs. 01 lakh shall be provided of which 0.15 lakh and 0.25 lakh shall be provided as special upfront incentive/ subsidy to male and women applicants respec-

tively and Rs 0.35

DC Kupwara reviews progress of registration of clinical establishments Directs for registration of all clinics within a week's time

Dr Abdul Qayoom

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 16: The District Registration Authority (DRA) for Registration of Clinical Establishments met here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commis-sioner, Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray to review the progress of registration of clinical establishments in the district.SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas; ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat; CMO Kupwara, Medical Superintendents of District Hospital/SDH Kupwara and other concerned attended the meeting.Addressing the meeting,



the Deputy Commissioner said that the health sector is a very sensitive sector which receives top priority of the Government adding that the registration and regulation of clinical establishments will ensure bet ter health services to the people.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure registration of all private clinics functioning in the district within a week's time and warned about imposition of hefty fine on the clinics found unregistered after a week. Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner got a detailed feedback for procedure of the clinical registration in the district and was informed that 41 clinics have been registered by District Registering Authority under Clinical Establishment Act 2021 so far.

Authorities not implementing LG's statement on Mirwaiz's release: Anjuman

Srinagar, Sep 16: Anju man Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar has expressed deep concern that its head and the top-most religious leader of Jammu and Kashmir Mirwaiz Dr Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq, has been under continuous arbitrary and illegal house arrest for the past 38 months – since 5 August 2019 - due to which he is unable to fulfil his responsibilities that the office of Mirwaiz enjoins upon him.

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Mirwaiz for the last more than three years have not only affected his centuries-old responsibilities but also the sentiments Manoj Sinha regarding and emotions of a large number of people from the release of Mirwaiz nook and corner of the has not been acted upon by the authorities to date. valley who come to the historic central Jama Masjid Srinagar – the Even all sections of society in Jammu and Kashlargest place of worship mir have strongly reacted in Kashmir - to listen against the detention of to the sermons of Mir-Mirwaiz and termed it as a violation of human waiz-e-Kashmir, are be-

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DC Kupwara inspects Training Session under Zimadari Programme at BHSS Nagri



KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 16: The Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray today visited Boys Higher Secondary School Nagri and took stock of the ongoing Training Session under 'Zimadari' programme aimed for Qualitative Assessment of schools in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner interacted with the Trainees and Resource Persons and got feedback from them regarding implementation of the Zimadari programme in their respective schools. He directed the Resource Persons to use ICT and Multimedia resources to make the training more dynamic and vibrant. He asked them to show online videos to the trainees about best practices of enhancing teaching-learning outcomes so that they can get ideas from them and implement in their respective schools. Referring to the Building as Learning Aid (BaLA) plan, the DC stressed the need for implementing the plan which assumes that the architecture of school can be a resource for the teaching-learning the quality education.

processes, thus motivate students to attend the school on regular basis. He also directed the training participants to impart learning of basic life skills to the children which will help them in personality development.

Referring to the need for development of kitchen garden in schools, the Deputy Commissioner said that these kitchen gardens will provide hands on learning exposure of environment science to the pupils, besides, they will get necessary nutrients from the vegetables.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner was informed that 34 Head of Institutions of Drugmulla zone are participating in the day long training session under 'Zimadari' Programme who will make grading of their schools on the basis of qualitative parameters.

Meanwhile, on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, training sessions have been started in all 13 Zones of the district for qualitative assessment of the schools which is aimed at improving

DC Bandipora reviews progress of CAPEX plan projects Take all possible measures for time bound completion of works: Dr. Owais

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 16: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed today convened a meeting to review the progress achieved under different $components \, of the \, District \, Capex$ Plan, UT Component, and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes. During the meeting, a threadbare discussion was held on progress under DDC, BDC, PRIs', Area Development Funds, Aspirational Block Development Plan 2022-23 and other developmental fronts. The meeting was informed that the District has made expenditure of 1617.46 lakh under regular, ADF, NABARD and CSS components. It was given out that 377 works

have been completed under regular, ADF, NABARD and CSS components till date.



Samridhi Seema Yojna, 7 works have been tendered out of 12 approved works.

The DC reviewed the projectwise progress and directed the executing agencies and concerned Departments to speed the set physical and financial targets under the Area Development Fund and other schemes. He also directed to accelerate the pace of construction works keeping in view the approaching winter

season.

Dr Owais stressed upon officers to resolve all grievances with priority and complete all works within a set timeline besides maintaining transparency and accountability of officers and officials.

He also stressed on all concerned to take all possible measures for time bound completion of works.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Bandipora Afsar Ali Khan, DPO ICDS Mohd Ashraf Hakak, ADC Bandipora Waseem Raja, ACR Bandipora Parvaiz Rahim, ACD Bandipora Ab Rashid Das, ACP Bandipora Syed Altaf Hussain Mosavi, Joint Director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad, Tehsildars, BDOs and District Officers of various departments.

Traffic plan for transportation of fruit crops reviewed at Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 16: The Additional Development Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather today chaired a meeting at Mini-Secretariat here to review the arrangements for smooth transportation of fruit crops to outside Valley. During the meeting, the traffic plan was discussed threadbare to facilitate smooth transportation and to avoid traffic jams. The ADC stressed to enforce traffic diversion plans especially during the peak fruit season. He impressed upon the officers to sensitize officials at checking points for better



regulation and management of traffic to ensure smooth passage of fruit trucks. On the occasion, the representatives of fruit mandies/ Traders also put forth their suggestions for making the process of transportation of fruits smooth.

The meeting was attended by ARTO, Dy-SP HQ, Tehsildar Hq, Area Market-ing Officer Kulgam and other officers besides, President Fruit Growers association, different Transport Union operators of the district. The meeting was attended by ARTO, Dy-SP HQ, Tehsildar Hq, Area Marketing Officer Kulgam and other officers besides, President Fruit Growers association.

HEALTH **DIARRHOEA AND WEIGHT LOSS:** WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



MEHAK SHAH

oes diarrhoea make you lose weight? The answer is yes. But is it a holistic or healthy way to lose weight? Or is it something you should be worried about? Well, it may not be a good idea if you want to have a long-term, stable and sustainable weight loss. Almost all of us have experienced diarrhoea at some point in our lives. Even though it is not a severe but short-term condition, the symptoms aren't comfortable.

Weight loss and diarrhoea are not the same things. Some people with diarrhoea may unintentionally lose 1 or 2 pounds if it extends up to 3 days. According to research, diarrhoea is a common digestive problem that leads to weight loss due to poor absorption of nutrients. However, there is no assurance that everyone will rapidly drop some pounds just because of diarrhoea since the body is constantly processing food and passing waste.

Do you want to learn more about the mysterious connection between diarrhoea and weight loss and how to deal with the condition? Scroll on to discover!

Is Diarrhoea a Concern of Diet?

Diarrhoea is a widespread condition, happening in most people a few times every year. It causes bowel movement frequency. It will

as vomiting and lack of appetite, also make it difficult to hold any food or liquid nutritional sources in Celiac Disease the stomach. These symptoms will decrease the intake of calorie levels, aiding in the involuntary weight mediated condition that induces loss process. The rate of weight loss depends on how prolonged and intense diarrhoea is. However, any lost weight due to diarrhoea is primarily water weight. Once your bowel movements and appetite are and weight loss. restored, you will also regain the weight back to normal. Moreover, the weight loss caused by diarrhoea depends on the type you are affected by. It is of two types, acute unique mechanism for weight loss.

maximum amount and frequency of bowel movements can range from 5 to 7 times a day. It may cause sudden energy flush due to a lack of nutrition absorption.

Chronic diarrhoea may affect a person for several weeks, and nutritional loss will take place for bowel movements range from 3 to 4 ing in weight loss. times per day.

And by the way, there are more Keto Diet watery and loose stools, increasing weight loss. Here is a laundry list of known as keto, make it challenging surprising health conditions direct- for your body to process the food. It ly or indirectly related to diarrhoea that can lead to weight changes.

loss of body fluids may impact colitis affect the digestive tract and your weight. The other symptoms its normal function. As a result, it Note accompanied by the condition, such prevents nutrient absorption, causing anaemia and weight loss.

Also known as Gluten Intolerance, celiac disease is an immunean autoimmune response against gluten, a specific protein. As a result, it may cause severe damage to intestinal walls, resulting in malabsorption of nutrients, diarrhoea,

Chronic Infections

Constant exposure to contaminated water and food with bacteria or parasites can lead to chronic and chronic diarrhoea, each with a microbial infections and persistent diarrhoea. As a result, it damages Acute diarrhoea usually affects the intestines, leading to malnutri- tips to deal with diarrhoea. a person for 24 to 48 hours, and the tion and unexpected weight loss.

Malabsorption Syndrome

In this condition, the body lacks certain digestive enzymes. As a result, it causes the food to remain unabsorbed and undigested. Also, over time, it might lead to weight loss due to malnutrition. Similarly, a longer duration. A person may injury to the intestinal wall will feel fatigued most of the time. The block nutrient absorption, result-

Diarrhoea leads to short-term

weight loss, affecting your appetite Eat Good Fats or energy levels. And yes, if you were wondering, diarrhoea is not a solution for your weight concerns. The actual weight loss journey is anything but fast and requires a balanced diet and proper exercise.

Tips to Deal With Weight Loss Caused by Diarrhoea

Enduring diarrhoea that extends for several days and up to a week can be severe and discomforting to your routine life. In addition, it will cause unintentional weight loss. It can lead to various health problems, including fatigue, malabsorption, and lack of nutrition. Here are some of the effective

Drink Plenty of Water

When your body becomes dehydrated due to diarrhoea, it leaches out the retained water from muscles and internal organs, trying to compensate for the lack of water. Hence it is essential to consume plenty of water when you experience diarrhoea which also aids in weight management. However, other fluids

manage diarrhoea without relying on medications.

People experiencing diarrhoea might crave foods with high-fat content because of the imbalance and improper functioning of their digestive system. To avoid more effects of upset stomachs, try to include good fat foods such as nuts, seeds, and avocados. These will help you gain the extra energy to keep you active throughout the day.

Note

Weight loss due to irregular bowel movement is temporary, as it is only the loss of water. Hence it would help if you did not consider it an ideal way to shed some kilos. However, including more fibre in the weight loss diets will support weight management and ensure regular bowel movements. If you're experiencing prolonged diarrhoea or concerning weight loss, it's worth talking to your doctor.

Conclusion

Some people believe diarrhoea is a form of dieting. Even though it causes weight loss, diarrhoea is not an ideal means of the process. avoid drinking too much water or Such sudden unexplained loss of weight may indicate underlying health issues. Intentionally inducinsights about diarrhoea and The high fat and low carb diet, Avoid Consumption of Excess Sugar ing diarrhoea will cause abdomi-When you are suffering from nal pain and digestive problems diarrhoea, you should avoid con- and might even cause a decline in



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Cabbage Soup

Cabbage soup will help you get in better shape and improve your metabolism. The recipe contains high fibre and assists with better immunity. In addition, as a low-calorie recipe, it is completely dairy and gluten-free.

Ingredients

Extra-virgin olive oil: 2 tbsp, Onions (chopped): 2 cups, Carrots (chopped): 1 cup, Celery (chopped): 1 cup, Green bell pepper (chopped): 1 cup, Garlic (minced): 4 large cloves, Cabbage (sliced): 8 cups, Tomato paste: 1 tbsp, Chipotle chiles (minced): 1 tbsp, Cumin (ground): 1 tsp, Coriander (ground): 1/2 tsp, Low-sodium vegetable broth: 4 cups, Water: 4 cups, Black beans: 2 cans (15 ounces), Salt – ³/₄ tsp, Cilantro (chopped): ½ cup, Lime juice: 2 tbsp Directions

Put the olive oil in a soup pot on medium heat., Add the onion, carrot, celery, bell pepper, and garlic., Stir the veggies in the vessel for 10 minutes., Add cabbage and cook until softened. It would take another 10 minutes., Add the tomato paste, chipotle chiles, coriander, and cumin., Cook for another minute., Add the broth, water, beans, and salt and cover it to a boil., Cook for 10 minutes on low heat, partially covering the pan., When the veggies are completely soft, serve and enjoy.

Tofu Soup

Tofu is one of the most recommended foods to promote weight loss, increase metabolism, improve digestion and boost brain function. It is high in protein and can also help with reducing bad cholesterol. As per USDA, 100 grams of tofu holds nutrients including fibre, calcium, iron, sodium and potassium.

Ingredients

Garlic (minced) – 6 cloves, Canola oil – 2 tsp, Brown sugar -1 tbsp, Tofu - 14 ounces, Soy sauce - 1/4 cup. Chile-garlic sauce - 2 tsp, Bok choy greens (thinly sliced) – 4 cups, Whole-wheat Noodles – 8 ounces, Cilantro (chopped) – $\frac{1}{2}$ cup , Vegetable broth or reduced-sodium chicken broth - 4 cups, Mushrooms (stemmed and sliced) - 2 cups (4 ounces), Ginger (grated) – 2 tbsp Directions

Rinse the tofu and pat it dry., Cut the block into 1-inch cubes., Heat a pan on moderate flame, and add the oil., Add ginger and garlic, then cook for about a minute., Once it is fragrant, add in the mushrooms. Cook it for 2 to 3 minutes., Add the sugar, broth, soy sauce, and chile-garlic sauce., Cover the pot for 5 minutes and bring it to a boil., Add bok choy and tofu to the pan. Cover it and cook for 3 minutes on low heat., Turn the flame to high and add the boiled noodles., Close the pot for 2 to 3 minutes., Once you finish that, add the cilantro for garnishing.

Red Chilli Pepper Soup

A study shows that Red Chilli pepper contains a significant component known as Capsaicin, which restricts the growth of cancer cells. In addition, according to research, the component capsaicin helps improve the body's metabolism. So, if you wish to shed some pounds or improve your body metabolism, including some chilli pepper in your diet might help you speed up the process

Ingredients

Canola oil – 2 tbsp , Onion (diced) – ½ cup, Red bell peppers (diced) - 1 cup, Green Thai or serrano chiles (chopped) – 1 or 2 (according to your spice pallet), Sweet Hungarian paprika – 2 tsp , Sea salt – 1 tsp, Cardamom (ground) – ½ tsp , Unsalted pistachios (shelled) - 1/2 cup , Vegetable broth -2 cups , Non-fat buttermilk – 1 cup , Whipping cream - 2 tbsp, Cilantro or basil (finely chopped fresh) – 1/4 cup Directions

Warm the canola oil over moderate heat in a pan., Add onion, bell pepper, and chillies according to your taste., Stir the veggies until the onion becomes golden brown., Sprinkle in salt and cardamom powder and stir for another 2 minutes., Add the vegetable broth and pistachios. Bring it to a boil., Keep the pan on low flame for 10 to 12 minutes to let the veggies soften., Once you finish that, leave it to cool down and move it to a blender., Blend it to form a smooth paste., Whisk the buttermilk and cream and gently blend them into the soup., Put the soup back to the flame on low heat for a minute., Sprinkle the cilantro and serve in a bowl.

make the affected person feel weak and tired as the body has to lose a lot of fluid quickly, resulting in dehydration. Prolonged diarrhoea is a dietary concern since it can cause significant weight loss. It's normal for your weight to fluctuate a bit due to digestive issues. However, it does not imply a healthy weight loss.

How Diarrhoea Causes Weight Loss?

Chronic diarrhoea, which Inflammatory Bowel Disease lasts more than weeks, makes the body lose plenty of fluids. The

Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Irritable Bowel Syndrome is a Lactose Intolerance common disorder that leads to persistent diarrhoea or constipation. It ent in milk and other dairy prodoccurs due to gut microbial imbal- ucts. However, most people have ance and can cause symptoms like lactose intolerance, an inability to gas, bloating, anaemia, and unexplained weight loss.

Inflammatory Bowel Diseases the gut, leading to abdominal pain like Crohn's disease and Ulcerative and short-term weight loss

will eventually result in diarrhoea, affecting your weight and overall health.

Lactose is a sugar naturally presdigest lactose, which results in diar- Increase Intake of High-Fibre Foods rhoea after consuming dairy products. In addition, the undigested lactose will cause an imbalance in

suming food with high sugar concentrations. It includes soda, sports drinks, and other carbonated drinks. Instead, drink a healthy unsweetened tea instead of sugary beverages if you want to maintain optimal weight.

Fibres play a critical role in helping the individual shed weight without bingeing on unhealthy snacks. In addition, eating high-fibre foods is a great way to shed pounds and

overall health

Be it acute or chronic diarrhoea, you will lose weight due to loss of body fluids, severe dehydration, substitute such as plain water or and reduced intestinal absorption of nutrients. Therefore, aim to lose weight only through the aspects of diet and exercise, not by influencing bowel movement. Simply put, a healthy weight loss journey should perfectly combine a balanced diet, regular exercise, and active lifestyle changes, improving overall health.

Soups and Stews for Metabolic Health

LIENNA MAY

is essential to take good care of it. To understand the importance it sometimes becomes challenging to of metabolic health, it becomes vital note every detail, even if you try to to understand what metabolism is. Metabolism is a type of chemical reaction responsible for the breakdown of health with a click of a button. It comes food and provides energy to the body. This process changes the food we eat into energy.

organic matter. The process includes you lose weight correctly the breakdown of molecules to produce energy in the body. Anabolism occurs when your body requires the synthesis of compounds by the cells. Your body utilises this energy to form other vital components like protein or nucleic acids

THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF DIET IN METABOLIC HEALTH

Diet plays a significant role in metabolic health. For example, one of the most visible signs of metabolic syndrome is having a large waist circumsyndrome. Therefore, it is imperative to maintain healthy eating habits if you are already not doing it. For example, suppose you have been or are a person that case, sticking to a personalised diet

that reverses the condition is advisable. Tracking the foods you consume etabolic health is the key to throughout the day is essential for your overall health; hence it reversing metabolic syndrome and improving metabolic health. However, organise a journal. HealthifyMe Pro 2.0 will help you manage your metabolic with a smart scale that enables you to understand specific areas to focus on while embarking on a weight loss jour-There are two types of metabolism: ney. In addition, the smart scale helps Catabolism and Anabolism. Catabolism you know your body fat percentage and is a type of metabolism which breaks muscle mass, and the coaches can help

> It syncs wirelessly with the app. You are a boon for picky eaters. Mix some be mindful of it. In that case, make a get insights on a real-time basis with the help of a CGM wearable device that records your body's reaction to food and activity levels through the spike in blood glucose levels. As a result, the coaches and the AI helps you to modify your existing lifestyle and food habits.

HealthifvPRO works as an enabler. Knowing how your body reacts to foods and activities, you learn to manage your lifestyle better. Continuous feedback and conversations with the coachference. In addition, physical inactivity es help you form healthier habits. As a and extra weight can lead to metabolic result, you lose weight healthily and work to improve your metabolic health.

You must incorporate some foods to have better health. Also, soups and stews are easy to make. It takes little suffering from metabolic diseases. In time to cook them and is ideal for all age if you are putting on weight and have groups. They are nutrient-dense and



ingredients, cook and season them and conscious decision to lose weight and have your daily dose of health.

Note

Metabolic syndrome is a cluster of bolic Health parameters that increases your risk of heart disease, stroke and diabetes. These conditions are an abnormality in blood sugar, blood pressure, triglycerides or cholesterol, excess body fat and high waist circumference. Suppose you have any of the conditions and do not rectify them. In that case, you are at a day-to-day life to prevent any disorders. higher risk of developing these illnesses. Since it takes time for one to realise the onset of these irregularities and frequently requires medical supervision, it is good to be self-aware. For example, a high waist circumference, you must

incorporate physical activities into your life.

Other Tips to Improve Your Meta-

It is essential to take care of your lifestyle and learn how the way of living affects your body. For this, you must be aware of your daily habits and how you can improve them. If you are worried about your metabolic health, implement the below-mentioned tips in your effect instantly, but it weakens the body

Drink Plenty of Water

According to research, water plays a significant role in metabolic health. Adequate consumption of water can help transport substrates across membranes. It also helps in temperature

regulation and promotes blood circulation.

If you are among those who forget to drink water frequently, you might want to take it more seriously. It is essential to drink approximately 2.5 litres for women and 3.5 litres for men. If you consume less than the sufficient level, it might cause an imbalance in vour metabolic system.

Pay Attention to Your Diet

It is crucial to track what you include in your diet. It will help you reduce snacking on unhealthy foods. For example, it is advisable to have fresh vegetables and fruits over frozen. unsweetened dried fruits, grains including brown rice, quinoa, and buckwheat. Furthermore, consuming homemade soup instead of one made of soup powders will increase your metabolism.

Take Ample of Rest

Most people often overlook the importance of rest in the metabolic rate. Nonetheless, having adequate amounts of sleep is extremely important. You might not realise the adverse over time and makes it prone to diseases. Thus, having uninterrupted sleep of 7 to 8 hours at night is vital.

Exercise Regularly

keep ourselves fit and active. Lack of physical exercise will make the body

weak and stiff, ultimately lowering the metabolic rate. Research has pointed out the importance of regular exercise for overall health.

Note

Soups and stews can be a great way to boost your metabolic health and burn fat naturally. Also, they contain fibre, protein and other essential nutrients. So it will help you shed pounds and keep you hydrated, energetic and fit. When you eat well, it impacts how vou feel. When you are metabolically healthy, your quality of life improves. You are more productive at work and more invested in your personal life.

Conclusion

Metabolic health creates an energy balance within our bodies. Thus, taking care of our metabolic health is inevitable as the imbalance can cause many health complications. The problems can be obesity, high blood sugar, and blood pressure and even lead to lifethreatening situations. There is also a direct link between metabolic health. diet, and lifestyle.

Hence, improving your lifestyle can enhance vour metabolic health, eliminating the health risks. Some healthy lifestyle habits include drinking lots of water, physical exercise, a nutritious diet, and getting proper sleep. Overall, Every day we need to exercise, to a healthy lifestyle and balanced diet can assist with better metabolic processes and contribute to holistic health.

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Collective Efforts to Tackle Global **Problems is need** of the hour

ith every passing day United Nations Organization is losing its importance because of the fact that it's role has attained zero level. The purpose for which UNO was established has gone astray as most of the Nation's have lost faith in this once prestigious Organization.

UNO has not succeeded in resolving the pressing socio-political issues or for that matter the humanitarian issues across the globe. It has been rendered as a rubber stamp of few powerful Countries which are using UNO for Political mileage in global arena.

The 77th UN General Assembly is underway as the world faces multifold crises on several fronts from food insecurity to climate concerns, to worsening human development index and an impending Ukraine war. There are several pressing concerns before world leaders to deliberate on in the UNGA 77 being held from September 13 to 27. The need for world cooperation was never as pronounced as it is now. If they can reach a consensus on some issues, it would be good news though the chances of that happening are bleak as the members have their interests and issues to handle. However, it is a big opportunity to talk and then walk the talk for the betterment of the world. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who returned from Pakistan after firsthand witnessing floods, has asked the leaders to work towards lowering the temperature. Guterres said that in Pakistan, he looked through a window into the future: "A future of permanent and ubiquitous climate chaos." Guterres rightly said that G20 countries are responsible for 80% of emissions. They are also suffering the impact of record droughts, fires and floods - but climate action seems to be flatlining.

This year, External Affairs Minister Jaishankar is likely to present India's point of view to the world. Last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed UN General Assembly, Prime Minister Modi had made all the right noises, terming 'India as the mother of all democracies.' The Prime Minister had also launched a veiled attack on Pakistan and China for being irresponsible. India's concern of military buildup in Afghanistan and terror activities of non-State actors in Pakistan remains its two primary concerns. However, the two biggest issues of the moment for the world remain the rising temperatures and the war in Ukraine, which are both sources of unimaginable misery to the people around the world. The Ukraine war has put the food security of the world haywire and drought and famine are looming large. It is unfortunate though that UNGA, being one of the biggest world bodies, doesn't have any real powers to implement its resolutions which are still controlled by the five countries with the veto power. India had rightly pointed that out last year. This year too, the efforts to reform the world body need to be taken up more seriously than ever before if we are to see some concrete action on the plethora of problems the world is facing today.

CONGRESS GEARS UP TO PICK NEW CHIEF, LEADERS BAT FOR CONSENSUS

POLITICAL DELICACIES BY RAHIL NORA CHOPRA

ith the process for electing the new Congress president round the corner, senior party leaders have started batting for consensus in selecting the new AICC chief and seek to uphold the presence and prominence of the Gandhi family in the organisational matters in any sort of emerging situation. While Shashi Tharoor, Manish Tewari, Anand Sharma wish that a democratic contest for the Congress president's post will restore new life to the Congress, some Congress leaders expressed apprehension that some state units could pass resolutions expressing faith in leadership of the Gandhis, or even urging Sonia Gandhi to continue as party chief.

NCP STILL NOT SAYING WHO WILL STEER **POST-PAWAR LEADERSHIP**

The uncertainty looms large in NCP. whether Sharad Pawar would pass on his political legacy and supremacy to his nephew Ajit Pawar, or to his daughter Supriya Sule, an MP from Baramati. This important matter was still not clear or even talked about at the national convention, as Sharad Pawar, 81, was re-elected to the post of NCP president, which he has held since the party's formation in 1999, with

no discussions on the post-Pawar era for a series of corruption charges. Karnathe party. The buzz is that Sharad Pawar is not keen on spelling out the future course of events

AKHILESH YADAV EXTENDS OLIVE BRANCH TO UNCLE SHIVPAL

In what is being seen as a sign of harmonious relationship between the warring chacha and bhatija, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav has sought a front-row seat for estranged uncle Shivpal Yadav in the Vidhan Sabha. The monsoon session of the Assembly is expected to begin on September 19. The SP chief seeking a front-row seat for his uncle comes days after Shivpal launched the Yadukul Punarjagran Mission. The newly floated outfit will reach out to all disgruntled leaders in the Samajwadi Party, particularly those belonging to the Yadav community. Shivpal indicated his stance that he would contest the Mainpuri seat only if Mulayam Singh Yaday does not. This is the first time that the SP leadership seems to soften its stand towards Shivpal ever since the latter took exception to not being invited to the first key meeting of SP MLAs in March held after the 2022 polls.

CONGRESS LAUNCHES BIG CAMPAIGN AGAINST KARNATAKA BJP CORRUPTION

The Karnataka Congress launched the '40% Sarkara campaign to attack the Basavaraj Bommai-led government over

taka Congress chief DK Shivakumar and leader of opposition in Karnataka legislative assembly Siddaramaiah talked about purported rates detailing the commission sought by the BJP government for various works and grants. The Congress also launched a helpline number (8447704040) and a website (www.40percentsarkara. com) for people to register complaints of corruption with evidence. On the other hand the BJP is getting ready for a fierce battle in Karnataka early next year, the party wants to focus on the weakest links like the old Mysore area that sends 80 legislators to the assembly and where the party is comparatively not strong. CM Basavaraj Bommai will be holding rallies and his predecessor BS Yediyurappa will take rounds of the region motivating the electorate to vote for the BJP.

NOW KCR WANTS TO GO NATIONAL; MEETS SOREN, UDDHAV, NITISH, PAWAR

Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao declared that he would soon launch a national party and the planning is in progress to formulate policies. Rao has met a number of opposition leaders, including Nitish Kumar, Sharad Pawar, Uddhav Thackeray and Hemant Soren to stitch a united front against the BJP.KCR discussed the BJP's alleged anti-people

policies with the fellow leaders and wants to form an umbrella front geared towards bringing about a qualitative change in the country. Moreover. former Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy met Rao in Hyderabad where they discussed the development of Telangana and the role of regional parties in national politics

NITISH TO MEET MAMATA, NAVEEN FOR **BOLSTERING ANTI-BJP FRONT**

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar will be visiting Bengal and Odisha to meet his counterparts Mamata Banerjee and Naveen Patnaik to discuss opposition unity with a sole aim to make a main front. JDU secretary general K C Tyagi said that Nitish would be knocking all possibilities in his efforts for a broad-based opposition unity. But BJD insiders claiming the party is unlikely to be part of any national bloc in the run-up to the 2024 elections. The political observers says that Odisha CM is not in haste he will most probably wait and watch till the election is over and take a decision only after that. Meanwhile, Bihar deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav confirmed that the meeting of Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and RJD chief Lalu Prasad with Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi will happen in future. Nitish has been meeting opposition leaders and claiming that a united non-BJP formation can oust the ruling party from power in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. IPA SERVICE

PRIVATISING PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS BY MODI GOVERNMENT IS A DANGEROUS MOVE

PRABHAT PATNAIK

here are fundamental objections to the plan privatise at least some of the centre around the fact that pattern of deployment of activities towards speculation, away from peasant agriculture towards big business (with dangerous implications for peasant viability, food and away from domestic to

global destinations. These objections are wellknown and have been much discussed, and their pertinence has been underscored by the fact that Indian public sector banks were completely untouched during the "subprime-lending crisis" of concerned more with pleasbig business than with the is to point to another serious infrastructure projects, with danger from privatisation the government pushing

ment sources, such as the profits of the Reserve Bank of India, and gave loans at low of the government to interest rates, lower than the rates that the banks charged, public sector banks. They and often even at negative real interest rates (i.e., the such a move will change the nominal rates they charged were lower than the rate of credit, away from productive inflation) in order to encourage investment. With "liberalisation" however this entire arrangement

changed. The earlier specialised financial institutions security and employment), disappeared in their old form, some like IDBI converting themselves to banks. Longterm financial needs of units were now supposed to be met through the capital market,

from where also whatever financial institutions existed for giving long-term loans, were to raise their funds. But if an investment project 2008; but the government, was not profitable enough, or was too risky, then capitaling domestic and foreign ists, instead of approaching the market, started approachnation's well-being, predict- ing public sector banks even ably ignores them. My pur- for long-term loans. And the pose here however is not to banks have ended up giving reiterate these objections; it large loans, especially for ture projects, which have a investment projects. This risks across the spectrum, ing them will be an act of

got their funds from govern- ing short to lend long", which giving "stressed loans". They mismatch. During the Great exposes them to a potential illiquidity crisis. If many depositors decide suddenly to withdraw their deposits, then the bank collapses; and even if only a few depositors wish to withdraw, and word gets around that the bank may face illiquidity, then there is a run on the bank making it collapse. To prevent such a possibility, banks whose liabilities are short-term, generally hold assets too that are short-term; since short-term assets, by definition, can be liquidated without involving much loss of value, the danger posed to a bank by a sudden withdrawal of deposits is thereby minimised. But if the assets are long-term, then their sudden sale involves a substantial loss, which therefore makes a sudden withdrawal of deposits from the bank much more difficult to negotiate.

The public sector banks have not just given loans for the acquisition oblong-term assets: much of the loans they have given are for infrastructime and cost-overruns are

are in short sitting on top of Depression the Roosevelt a volcano that can erupt at any time.

The reason it has not yet that had strictly separated erupted and continues to remain dormant is because these banks are governmentowned; the public whose deposits have been used for such financing is not panicky: it has the confidence that if the banks face a crisis. the government that owns them will necessarily come to their rescue. And this confidence is precisely what prevents the banks from facing a crisis.

Everywhere in the world stock market, a run that had crises of the financial system been stemmed only through considerable effort on the have arisen when privately owned financial institutions part of the US government, have developed over time an asset liability mismatch. The East Asian financial was repealed in 1999; and that crisis towards the end of the last century provides a clascreated the conditions under sic example. Take the case which the financial system of the South Korean banks. once more faced a severe They had attracted foreign crisis. To be sure, it was not currency deposits, and used the only factor behind the the proceeds to make loans crisis; there was a serious domestically for long-term underestimation of lending long gestation period, where meant a double mismatch which is why an investment utter irresponsibility. It will between their assets and lia- bank like Lehmann Brothers not only expose the ordinary common, and where profits bilities: first, they were "borappear, if at all, only after rowing short to lend long", i.e. using resources garnered through bank deposits to too were exposed to the finanfinance investment projects; and, second, they were bor- had been giving loans against of the banks should come as rowing in foreign currency no surprise. But even that to finance projects that during the dirigiste period, were themselves not foreign exchange earning Inevitably, the crisis came, and, of "stressed assets". Thus when it did, it was particu-

depositors' faith in the public sector. If they are privatised administration had passed then the volcano on which the Glass-Steagall Act in 1933 they are sitting will erupt and the depositors will be commercial banking from hugely and adversely affectinvestment banking. Comed. This will not just affect mercial banks, being deposthe depositors; it will have a it-financed, were confined serious and damaging impact to giving short-term loans, on the Indian economy. It may be thought that the while investment banks, not being deposit-financed could engage themselves in giving

depositors will entertain the belief, even in the event of privatisation, that the government will come to the rescue of the privatised bank just as it would have done if the bank had remained in the public sector; and that this belief itself will prevent any crisis affecting the banks. But this belief has very little justification: the kind of political pressure that can be mounted on the government if it is the direct owner of the bank, will be absent if the bank is privately-owned. In short, given the assetliability mismatch of the public sector banks that has been forced on them by the

government, its washing its hands off them by privatis-

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Even the financial crisis because of government armlong-term loans but into was a reflection of such a been spared because of the

went down. But given this depositors of the country underestimation of risks, the to the possibility of severe fact that commercial banks financial loss, but will also eliminate for a long time the cial crisis was because they public's faith in the banking system, causing a shift in its assets that had earlier, i.e., asset-preference towards currency hoards and away from not been part of their usual bank-deposits. This would be a retrograde move that business.

In India public sector would damage for long the banks too have been exposed to unprecedented risks

loans for stock-market activi-

ties. This Act was in response

to the fact that the Depres-

sion had seen a run on banks

as they accepted deposits but

used their resources on the

including Roosevelt's famous

'fire-side chat" broadcasts.

Glass-Steagall however

prospects of development. IPA SERVICE COURTESY: PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY

VEDANTA-FOXCONN IS ANOTER EXAMPLE OF THE PARTISAN ATTITUDE OF MODI-SHAH

SUSHIL KUTTY

ome of the headlines make it sound like there was a fair Didding between Maharashtra and Gujarat for the Foxconn-Vedanta semiconductor project and Gujarat won the project, as well as the fair-play trophy, fair and square! Far from the truth! The fact is, Maharashtra never stood a chance, not when Gujarat is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home-state with Home Minister Amit Shah an unmoving stumbling block by Modi's side.

Modi-Shah is the unbeatable combination in current-day India. The Vedanta-Foxconn project didn't move to Gujarat on its own volition. There was push, and there was subtle pressure. This, despite the far better offer from the previous

Uddhav Thackeray Government. The reality is. Maharashtra's chances dimmed the minute Uddhay Thackerav left the official CM residence Varsha for homestead Matoshree. Now, it emerges Uddhav's suc-

meeting with Foxconn-Vedanta

JV be set up in Maharashtra. But Foxconn-Vedanta sought "central alignment", i.e., Shinde was advised to get the Modi government on his side; meaning the Centre was the hurdle, and the Centre was favouring Gujarat over Maharashtra, so correct it, please!

There could be only one reason why the Centre wanted the project to go to Gujarat as opposed to the better-placed Maharashtra, the unspoken "Gujarat is Modi's home-state" pressure that wouldn't go away unless Narendra Modi was suddenly to go, which wasn't going to happen! So, Dholera in Gujarat bagged the project, and Talegaon near Pune in Maharashtra lost despite its many advantages over the "inconvenient" Dholera

Imagine what the Taiwanese must have thought of these shenanigans. Taiwan must by far have more commercial and industrial tie-ups with China compared to with India, but it is unlikely Chairman Xi Jin-

cessor Eknath Shinde had held a ping's home province would have been a factor in deciding venues to

officials and had urged that the set up industrial projects. Now, after the project has gone to Maharashtra: and disappointment at the "missed opportunity".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called it an "important step", but he rubbed Gujarat salt to Maharashtra injury when he spoke of the project's "impact" on boosting the economy, coolly ignoring the fact that but for him and his home state, the project would have gone to Maharashtra, boosted Maharashtra's economy, created jobs in Maharashtra along with, in Modi's own words, the "huge ecosystem for ancillary industries and MSMEs."

In Vedanta's words, "history has been made" but the fact remains that but for the "central alignment" in Gujarat's favour. Maharashtra would not have been on the wrong side of history. The alleged favouritism will remain a blot on Modi's record as prime minister, one more reason why history will not judge him favourably.

The fact that Foxconn-Vedanta offered "capital subsidy of up to 30 mentioned the need for "central

alignment" was an indictment that ed in favour of Gujarat despite the there was central interference, and Dholera, there is consternation in central pressure on the joint venture and Foxconn-Vedanta. promoters. There is no other expla-

> nation for the demand to secure "central alignment". Why should the Prime Minister's "vision of creating a robust manufacturing base in India" favour Gujarat, and not Maharashtra?

> Also, Modi thanking and expressgovernment and the Union IT Minister" for "helping tie things up so quickly" couldn't have been more paradoxical. It conveniently covered up the Centre's role in the switch. The blame-game that has now erupt-

ed between the states, and between the Maha Vikas Aghadi and the BJP, cannot have a salutary effect on the body politic, and the industrial climate in the country. Maharashtra Chief Minister

Eknath Shinde will forever carry the "missed opportunity" tag. Talegaon is not far from his home-base Thane. The MVA government had

percent" but the project was decid-

meeting between Shinde-Fadnavis

Current Maharashtra Industries Minister Uday Samant questioned the MVA government for the "missed opportunity", which is hogwash because the Shinde meeting with Foxconn-Vedanta took place two months before the deal was closed in favour of Gujarat; and ing "deep gratitude" to the "Gujarat Foxconn-Vedanta had already given CM Shinde and Deputy CM Fadnavis a last chance, asking for "central alignment" to set up the project in Maharashtra.

There is doubt if the Shinde-Fadnavis government even wrote to the Modi government seeking "central alignment"; such courage would be alien to Devendra Fadnavis, and Eknath Shinde wouldn't make a move without Fadnavis making the first move. The fact is, if Gujarat gave to India the 'Father of the Nation'. Gujarat has also given to India, the 'Stepfather of the Nation'. And for obvious reasons, Gujarat is favourite child.

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HEADLINES TODAY **OPED**

ONLINE EDUCATION SYSTEM CANNOT BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR CLASSROOM EDUCATION



VIJAY GARG

he online education sector is emerging as a huge industry; Online education is being established as the dominant educational model. Important information has come out about the company named Baiju Edutech that this company has suffered a loss of during the academic year of loss is being presented by These studies have also come

during the covid-19 epidemic has grown Crises were faced and the online education system got a big boost. The main question is that online education can replace the studies conducted in schools, colleges and universities? The issue is not for a company to make a loss or profit but to become the leading educational model of online learning. In a country like India, this matter has been in discussion because for many reasons, a large majority of students do not succeed in adopting this system. They buy smart mobile phones more than 4500 crore rupees and data online It does not have the capacity to pay the 2021 compared to 2020. The fees of such institutions.



the company's executives out that online educational Such a huge loss shows how to ask the question that if will be the earnings from as a change in the rules on system cannot be a substi- commercialized education there is a loss of thousands this sector. Education and how revenue is generated. tute for classroom education. has become. It is natural of crores of rupees, how big health have been perceived

as social responsibility apart from commercial lines. It is the responsibility of governments to invest in these areas to strengthen and To create an educated society. Governments are shying away from investing in education and health sectors while the private sector is poised to profit from them. These fields are considered to be more profitable than other trades. The paradox is that the private sector is dominating the education sector while the government institutions are running out of money to pay teachers' salaries and provide basic facilities to students. Governments need to think about their policies for the future of society.

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LOVE AND HATE ARE TWO CONSTANTS THAT LIVE **SIDE BY SIDE BUT WHICH IS MORE POWERFUL?**



JASWINDER PAL SHARMA

Hate is the Almighty

Some may say that hate is far stronger than love. Love is usually confused with desire, but hate is a thing of its own. Hate consumes our natural reticence and opens us to previously unthinkable actions to "even the score". It is something that brews inside of us. getting stronger and stronger while we try to repress it and be content.

On the other hand, love can be ended by a thoughtless word or action, but hate is unswerving in its single-mindedness. Does that make it more precious then? Something we are more likely to envy, giving it power and sustenance?

I guess hate requires little complex thought or understanding, springs up to defend against the and it receives support from the selfish ego which is where most people choose to house their minds letting it sit and settle as it starts to manifest their minds with rage and turmoil

It is a rash impetuous thing that



new and strange before the rational mind can determine whether

mind in this cloud of rampage.

have the amount of power the the threat is real or not, and it blocks understanding once an inilove and hate, in my opinion, are tial threat is perceived, hazing the have one without experience the ruling detestation. other. I've often heard the saying

Love is the True Victor

that if you hate someone you will However, hate and love only have to forgive that person because that hate will eat and sap your person expressing it gives it. Both energy and destroy their life. However, from this animosity love and intertwined and it is difficult to tenderness can be achieved over-

Aversion is surely a powerful

feeling but love, in turn, is more familiar and desirable in human beings which we crave and yearn for.

It is something which is beneficial for everyday life, and unlike hate, it benefits our well-being. So in this sense, love is more powerful.

All in all judging both of these emotions by their 'strength' is a pretty complex and subjective variable. I don't think there can be one clear answer to this question.

There is one thing that does become clear in the end and from my own general experiences with love and hate, is that love tends to be a deliberate and voluntary response to life, while hatred seems to be more visceral and involuntary. Both as contagious as each other but both also having different stimulus and triggers to activate one or the other.

We have the choice to give our love to someone, while we are often impulsively bewitched by our own hatred. From this, I would say that love provides us with the greater power because it gives us more active options rather than being restrained by the ever rupturing hate

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IT IS AN 'INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY, THE **FIRST IN ASIA**

DEVASIS CHATTOPADHYAY

'ith only a fortnight to go, this edition of Durga Puja in Kolkata has a special significance. Hailed as a public art exhibition on par with Venice Biennale and Rio Carnival, Durga Puja, this year, begins on October 1 in Kolkata and all over India. During the event, class, religion, and ethnicity will unite as crowds of spectators walk around to admire the installations. Last year, UNESCO declared that Durga Puja is the best instance of the public performance of religion and art, a thriving ground for collaboration of artists and designers.

Venice or Rio never had the devotional aspect of Durga Puja, which celebrates the homecoming of the ten-armed warrior goddess and worships her. In Bengal, it is also known as the autumn festival or Sharod Utsav. It is the first Asian festival to receive prestigious recognition from UNESCO. The honour will show the spotlight internationally and bring international tourists who want to witness the grandeur of the Puja in Kolkata and possibly all of West Bengal.

Tapati Guha Thakurta, a renowned art historian, and her team helped prepare the dossier sent to UNESCO by the Union Cultural Ministry of the Government of India. Submitted to UNESCO in March 2019, Durga Puja has been declared an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by 2021.

While speaking to the media, Tapati Guha Thakurta recently said, "Durga Puja is a religious festival that has become a cultural and secular event. It has also become a space for social and artistic activities. This prestigious tag will open up this thriving festival to the world,".

With the inclusion of Durga Puja in the international heritage list, the economy that flourishes around the festival will get a considerable boost. According to the report - Mapping the Creative Economy around Durga Puja 2019 - research commissioned by the British Council and supported by the Department of Tourism, Government of West Bengal, the total estimated economic worth of creative industries around Durga Puja is INR 32,377Cr (GBP 3.29 B) (excluding corporate sponsorships). The report also stated that the actual financial value of Durga Puja was 2.58% of the GDP of the state of West Bengal in fiscal 2019-2020, just before the onset of Covid19.

The centre of attraction of Durga Puja, like any other socio-religious festival of India, is the majestic and beautiful idols, Protima or Murti, with innovative and startling designs. The pandals or marquees those houses the idols and their lighting and decoration are also marvels to watch.

While traditionally, potters would start making the idols in June-July on the day of the RathYatra or the Chariot Festival, many began even earlier to cope with demand. The process of idol making starts with a customary obeisance paid to lord Ganesha, who is believed to ensure commercial success.

Idols are built with bamboo, straw, jute husk, wood, and alluvial soil. The attires are of cotton or silk. embroidered with zari and brocade. while the jewellery pieces are made of papier-mâché, thermocol, and foils. Colours are created by mixing Khori Mati, a special clay prepared from sea foam, with colouring chemicals and glue prepared from tamarind seeds, which help the paint to last.

Finally, an organic varnish known as Gham Telliterally meaning sweat oil - is applied to create the glaze. Thin iron foils or aluminium are primarily used over weapons. All materials, including paint, are blo degradable and organic to avoid polluting the water after immersion.

NEW CENTRAL OBSERVERS ARE MAKING FRESH EFFORTS BEFORE PANCHAYAT POLLS

TIRTHANKAR MITRA

iven Bharatiya Janata Party's goal of becoming the ruling dispensation in West Bengal, the saffron camp has put its best foot forward in the state even when it is in a twilight zone. The areas of darkness are formed by successive electoral defeats and desertions while some passages in its path are lit up by some of the Trinamool Congress leaders being summoned by probe agencies on alleged corruption charges while a few find themselves behind the bars

A stumbling block in BJP,'s way to emerge from the Opposition benches and become the new ruling party is Trinamool Congress supremo and chief minister, Mamata Baneriee who happens to be the principal vote catcher and the most credible face of the ruling party. On the other hand, not only the state BJP lacks a single credible face which can be projected as a chief ministerial candidate, it remains till date a divided house.

Even as BJP is on the job, it has to accept that it is no cakewalk for the principal Opposition outfit in party. Desertions of former Union a series of electoral reverses since rackpore MP Arjun Singh wors-2021 state Assembly polls. The BJP leadership is telling its supporters that winning in West Bengal elections is very much on BJP's electoral radar with 20-odd seats in 2024 improved electoral performance in panchayat elections scheduled in early 2023.

chase to the seat of power, the act together. saffron camp was upbeat about



of the state BJP's poll machinery. Of the BJP's tally of 77 MLAs, the backdrop of its smarting under minister, Babul Supriyo and Bar- an almost daily. ened matters.

ing defeat in Kolkata Municipal Shah crowd pullers in their own Corporation election followed by a string of electoral reverses espeparliamentary polls and a much cially in Asansol by-election in risma who are scheduled to criss the saffron fold emerged as the victorious Trinamool candidate with

Having captured 18 seats in 2019 a margin of . three lakh votes were the the Trinamool Congress a hot organisation's inability to get its

Aware of these shortcomings, its chances of pipping the ruling the central BJP leadership has Singh, Ajay Bhatt, Rameshwar Teli is facing an anti-incumbency factor adrenalin into the leaders and the party to the post in 2021 polls. But rolled out a grand game plan of and Hardeep Singh Puri will tour in its third term of office. But the activists during the campaign trail the state assembly polls held two revival to seize the reins of power West Bengal to find out the issues fact remains that the feeling is not for the coming panchayat polls. years later exposed the inadequacy from Trinamool. And it is not quite the people are aggrieved about.

at variance with the strategy of 2021 assembly polls following which a odd constituencies which by no seven walked over to the ruling clutch of senior leaders flew to the stretch of imagination can be stated state from the National Capital on

Prime .Minister, Narendra .Modi supporters singed by post-poll vio-Desertions apart, a humiliat- and Union home minister, Amit rights. It would be senior organ- by them against Trinamool attacks isational leaders not short on cha- on their hearth and home. morale of the party rank and file.

As part of the attempt to brush away the memories of the electoral parliamentary polls and giving clear pointers that the saffron camp reverses a new people's outreach supporters. programme is on the cards. To achieve this end, leaders like Jyoti- of protest against Trinamool Conraditya Scindia, Rajkumar Ranjan

The leaders will home in on 140-

to be BJP strongholds. It would be on the BJP leaders priorities to Only this time, it would not be assuage the feelings of local party lence and nursing a grouse against the leadership that it did not stand

Consolidating Hindi-speaking which Shatrughna Sinha, once in cross West Bengal to shore up the voters is also on the agenda. This is part of a strategy of herding voters who some leaders of the saffron camp consider to be their core

> Given the string of programmes gress government, it is clear that it yet widespread among the people

that BJP is a credible alternative. This is where the presence of touring BJP leaders is expected to make a difference between similar efforts of their predecessors. If they can make a strong pitch for their party and establish it as an alternative to Trinamool, some favourable results can be achieved.

But grandiose. plans of the central BJP do not quite gel with the state of affairs of the party's West Bengal unit. Intra party strife is barely concealed.

Some of the leaders of the old guard are wary of newcomers. If former state party chief and Kharagpur MP, Dilip Ghosh who gracefully handed over his baton to his successor Sukanta Majumdar. the latter is vet to consolidate his position in the party.

Another BJP leader, Anupam Hazra got away after passing derogatory remarks about the state party chief. On the other hand, Jai Prakash Majumdar an old BJP hand found himself in the wilderness and then in the Trinamool camp after stepping out of line.

State BJP chief, Majumdar has recently given a call to all Opposition outfits including the Left and the Congress to close ranks with his party against ruling Trinamool. Majumdar's call does not display much confidence in his own party's ability to take on the state's ruling party. The call has sent a wrong message to the BJP cadres as if the party admits its inability to face the Trinamool on its own.

Unless a self correction course is soon charted and set upon, it will be a tall order for the state BJP to hope for a better political fortune. Otherwise, neither game plans nor tours by party heavy weights will pump IPA SERVICE

This contrasts with the Ganapati idols worshiped in Mumbai, which are made mainly of Plaster of Paris. The armaments that adorn Durga idols are never immersed; hence, the metal foils do not pollute the water.

Individual bamboo frames are made first for all the seven figurines - Durga, her lion and Mahisasura. Saraswathi with her swan, Lakshmi, and her owl, Ganesha with his mouse, and Kartik with a peacock.

Potters then use straws and sticks to shape the limbs and the torso. The sticky, smooth, alluvial clay mixed with jute husk and fibre is then put on the skeletons. They are then left to dry in the sun, following which they are hand polished to give them the required anatomical shape and hand-painted.

Heads are then attached to the idols before the painting begins. The heads are sculpted separately because the head needs detailed measurements of the physiognomy to ensure the right proportion. They also require expert handling to create the correct expression.

The eyes are painted last, usually on the morning of Mahalaya, which marks the end of Pitri Paksha or Shraddh, the 16-day mourning period for ancestors. Devotees believe that Ma Durga, with her children, starts her journey to her father's home on earth on this day from Mount Kailash. Only the senior-most potter is given the privilege of drawing the eyes of the Devi, which finally makes the idol come alive.

Four elements-deemed to be pure-are considered essential in the making of idols. They are the mud from the banks of the Hooghly River- a tributary of the Ganga - called Ganga Mati, urine of a cow - Gomutra, cow dung or Gobar and soil from a prostitute's doorstep referred to as the sacred earth.

Historically, Kumartuli potters have been fetching the sacred soil from adjacent Sonagachi, the largest red-light neighbourhood in Asia. Earlier, a senior potter or priest would formally beg a sex worker for her consent to carry the soil from her doorstep.

The tradition stems from the belief that when a man enters a brothel, he leaves all his virtues behind. Hence, the soil of a courtesan's doorstep is the purest as she absorbs all the evil of society to keep society pure and safe.

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BRIEFLY NEWS

DID Super Moms: Judges shake leg on 'Pinga'

Tee TV's 'DID Super Moms' is all set to announce the winner, and the upcoming 'Farewell Special' episode has lots of fun and exciting performances for its viewers.

While all the super moms were putting their best foot forward to entertain the audience as well as the judges, it was contestant Anila's performance that won everyone's hearts.

Anila's spectacular dance performance to Remo D'Souza's choreographed song 'Pinga' was so good that it made the judges get off their seats, go on stage and shake a leg to the hook step.

'DID' has an exciting panel of judges - Remo, Bhagyashree Dassani, and Urmila Matondkar. It airs every Saturday and Sunday at 9 pm, on Zee TV.

'Vikram Vedha' makers reveal **BTS videos of Hrithik-Saif**

he makers of Saif Ali Khan and Hrithik Roshan starrer 'Vikram Vedha' on Friday unveiled the behind-the-scenes (BTS) action on the sets of the movie, with two new videos

The first video gives a glimpse of all the action, team work and fun that went into bringing Saif as Vikram to life for the big screen.

Saif as Vikram is seen in action on the hunt for Vedha, as he struts holding a pistol under the direction of Pushkar & Gayatri.

The video also showcases Saif goofing around and immersed in discussions between takes, gearing up to deliver the best version of Vikram.

A separate video highlights the journey of Hrithik immersed into the process of becoming Vedha.

Beginning from BTS shots of working on his look, to showcasing the different shades and quirks of Vedha, Hrithik features in a never seen before avatar.

The newly released content piece from the sets of 'Vikram Vedha' delves deep into the action, drama and hard work that went into the making of Vedha.

'Vikram Vedha' is an action-thriller written and directed by Pushkar-Gayathri.

The story is full of twists and turns, as a tough cop Vikram (Saif) sets out to track and chase a dreaded gangster Vedha (Hrithik). What unfolds is a cat-and-mouse chase, where Vedha - a master storyteller helps Vikram peel back layers through a series of stories leading to thoughtprovoking moral ambiguities.

Presented by Gulshan Kumar, T-Series and Reliance Entertainment in association with Friday Filmworks & Jio Studios and a YNOT Studios Production. The film is produced by Bhushan Kumar & S. Sashikanth and Reliance Entertainment.

It will hit the big screens globally on September 30

Exciting to collaborate with Juhi: Ayesha on 'Hush Hush'

rime Video's highly-anticipated crime drama series, 'Hush Hush', will see the return of 90s superstars Juhi Chawla and Ayesha Jhulka.

Even though the duo has been working in the film industry for the past three decades, surprisingly, they have never worked together.

With 'Hush Hush', not only do they mark their digital debut but it also a project together.

Recently, Ayesha opened up about how the

Ayushmann-Ananya team up for 'Dream Girl 2'

🗖 alaji Motion Pictures on Friday announced 'Dream Girl 2' starring Ayushmann Khurrana and Ananya Panday.

The makers have dropped a teaser giving a sneak-peak into the second part of the 'Dream Girl' franchise, which is all set for a worldwide release on June 29th, 2023

Ayushmann will reprise as Pooja and the effervescent Ananya will play his lady love. Joining the leading pair will be a pool of talented actors known for their impeccable coming timing, being the likes of Annu Kapoor, Paresh Rawal, Vijay Raaz, Manoj Joshi, Rajpal Yadav, Seema Pahwa, Manjot Singh and Abhishek Banerjee. 'Dream Girl 2' traces the

Dream Girl 2." Ayushmann on being a journey of a small-town boy Karam (Ayushmann) who is part of 'Dream Girl 2' said, trying to live a serious life "I am super stoked about Dream Girl 2! This is my in Mathura and falls in love with Pari (Ananya) but life second outing with Balaji is hell bent on not taking Motion Pictures and I am him seriously. In a turn thankful to Ektaa that she of events Karam becomes has carried this franchise Pooia which creates further forward and made it bigger. chaos in his already chaotic I have found a friend in Raaj life. The film directed by and its exciting to team up Raaj Shaandilya and prowith him again. Ananya duced by Ektaa R Kapoor Panday has been paired with and Shobha Kapoor under me and I am looking forward the banner of Balaji Motion to see the audience reaction Pictures will be a whacky, to our chemistry. Along comic caper that will defiwith a cracking ensemble nitely entertain the audicast of Annu Kapoor, Paresh ences, leaving them in splits. Rawal, Vijay Raaz, Manoj Producer Ektaa R Kapoor Joshi, Rajpal Yadav, Seema on the announcement of Pahwa, Manjot Singh,

Saab; Dream Girl 2 is sure "Ayushmann has always been my 'Dream Girl', be it to take the audiences on in the orginal or the upcoma hilarious roller-coaster ing sequel. The immense ride."

love that we got for Dream On joining the second instalment of this super Girl got us to turn it into successful franchise Ananya a franchise to bring more to the audiences. Audiadded, "I am excited to be a ences can expect double the part of Dream Girl 2 and fun, double the pun and a working with the dream doubled dose of comedy in team of Ayushmann Khurrana, one of the finest actors of Bollywood and the true

boss lady Ektaa Kapoor herself. I'm so grateful to be working with the most talented ensemble and ofcourse the captain of our ship, the super Raai sir. This one is going to be a treat for all those who loved Dream Girl. Can't wait for the audiences to see it."

Bhavini Sheth, COO Balaji Motion Picture concluded, "Dream Girl 2 is sure to take the humour and entertainment quotient a notch higher with this stellar cast, and the audiences can only expect an absolute laugh-riot coming to cinemas near them in June Abhishek Banerjee, Asrani 2023.

Viral pic of Sonakshi-Zaheer deleted leave fans wondering



candid picture of Sonakshi Sinha and both the stars in a posh Zaheer Iqbal has restaurant that sparked been making the headlines with the photo getting after actor Varun Sharma posted it with the caption deleted interest has further piqued. 'Blockbuster Jodi'.

Now, it has come to light white bodycon dress paired that the picture posted last night on Instagram was with a white blazer while deleted prompting neti-Zaheer looked dapper in zens to wonder what could be the reason.

It was a candid click of and the duo surely looked Uber stylish. Did Varun accidentally rumours instantly. Now

confirm the relationship between Sonakshi and Zaheer! He put up the story of

the couple and then deleted it a couple of hours later. Big blunder by Varun but great news for us, as

white and black print shirt we have a new celebrity paired with a black pant, couple in B town!

Sidharth, Nora's 'Manike' out

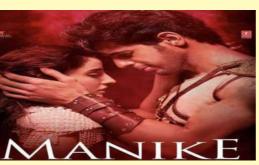
Cidharth Malhotra known for his iconic style "munda" style and Nora Fatehi who adds oomph to every song she features in has set the Internet on fire with their first song 'Manike', from film 'Thank God'.

'Dream Girl 2' shared,

Since the release of the trailer, audiences have been waiting to catch the chemistry between Sidharth and Nora. The song has been sung

by Sri Lankan singer Yohani, who first burst into stardom among the Indian audience and global ones with the same song amid the pandaemic.

This time she sang it ences react to this one!" in the movie along with Jubin Nautiyal and Surya has been recreated by Tan-



Jubin added, "Manike is Nora said, "Manike is an one of my favourite songs. Yohani is incredibly talentexceptional song and I had a great time collaborating ed and Tanishk has added his blockbuster touch to it. with the entire team. From To add to it we will see two the visuals to the tempo and the choreography, I am extremely hot actors Sidharth Malhotra and Nora excited to see how the audi-Fatehi creating magic with Yohani commented, their moves.

"The opportunity to A T-Series Films & Ragunnathan. The song rework this song with Maruti International T-Series for the movie production, 'Thank God', ishk Bagchi, and further Thank God is an honour directed by Indra Kumar

Living my dream with 'Hush Hush': Soha Ali Khan

Sonakshi was seen in a

Drime Video on Friday unveiled a new character promo from upcoming crime drama 'Hush Hush', featuring Soha Ali Khan as Saiba Tyagi.

'Hush Hush' boasts a stellar female cast including Juhi Chawla, Soha Ali Khan, Kritika Kamra, Shahana Goswami, Karishma Tanna, and Ayesha Jhulka. The Amazon Original series promises a thrilling ride and viewers' are curious to unravel the mysteries.

Soha plays an ex-journalist, who is now wholly dedicated to her family and two children. But to protect her loved ones from some unforeseen situations, she dons her hung hat again to wade through lingering dangers and threats.

On one hand, inspector Geeta Tehlan (Karishma) is hunting for the culprit, on the other, ex-journalist Saiba is on a mission to root out dreadful facts. Who will ultimately find the truth?

Talking about playing an ex-journalist



ENTERTAINMENT HEADLINES TODAY

two actresses never got a chance to collaborate in their early days

"Juhi and I go back a long way in the industry. However, 'Hush Hush' gave just the right scope for us to gel along like the good old days!

"Imagine romancing the same actors, but never sharing screen space before! On set, most of our conversations revolved around how exciting it is to finally collaborate on a project," shared Ayesha in a statement.

Talking about working with Juhi, Ayesha said: "We laughed and had lots of fun on sets. Ishi and Meera's relationship is based on bonding, and our off-screen camaraderie translated onscreen

"We had some really powerful scenes together and it was a very nice give and take. For you to perform well, you need a mutual power exchange, and it was quite a help from Juhi's side. We should do more work together."

Directed and co-produced by Tanuja Chandra, 'Hush Hush' also stars Soha Ali Khan, Kritika Kamra, Shahna Goswami, and Karishma Tanna, and will release on Prime Video on September 22.

Teaser of 'Naane Varuven' will stir up your intrigue

lli AvrRam has been making quite a splash with her back to back film announcements. Ы, What has got all her fans on the edge of their seats is the newly released teaser of the film 'Naane Varuven', starring Dhanush and Elli.

The teaser packs quite a punch and movie lovers are in for quite a treat with Elli's performance in the same. The teaser doesn't reveal too much but is enough to urge you to want more details on what the versatile actress' role is all about.

Elli is said to essay the character of Dhanush's wife in this film and to star alongside the phenomenal actor Dhanush is surely the icing on the cake for all Elli AvrRam fans!

"It's a surreal feeling to be in a film that has already gained much popularity prior to its release. The teaser has got a great response and I would absolutely love to share more details on my role with my fans but only time will tell! I'm happy to also see how everyone are loving mine and Dhanush chemistry," said Elli on the release of the teaser.

With 'Naane Varuven', Elli will solidify her position as one who step out of her comfort zone and delves deep into each character she portrays.

penned by Rashmi Virag and is an immeasurable is produced by Bhushan with additional Rap lyrics have always been a fan of by Mellow D.

Talking about the song Tanishk Bagchi's music Sidharth shared, "Manike and it was a dream come is a perfect fit in the film true to collaborate with where my character is him. Jubin undoubtedly stuck between lust and is one of the most talented 'what is right'. I really hope and coolest musicians I've audiences enjoy it as much had the pleasure of workas we did while shooting ing with.'

highlight in my career. I Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Ashok Thakeria, Sunir Kheterpal, Deepak Mukut, Anand Pandit and Markand Adhikari and co-produced by Yash Shah.

The film is all set to release this Diwali on October 25.

on screen. Soha said. "It is very exciting for me because I wanted to be a journalist in real life. One of my many dream careers was to be a lawyer or a journalist as I'm very fond of reading, writing, and investigating, until my father shut down my investigative business at home because I used to go into his office and make notes. So I get to live my dream onscreen with Hush Hush."

Directed and co-produced by Tanuja Chandra, 'Hush Hush' will release on Prime Video on September 22.

ZEE5 unveils trailer of 'Atithi Bhooto Bhava'

TEE5 on Friday released the trailer of their direct to digital movie, 'Atithi Bhooto Bhava'.

Presented by Dr Jayantilal Gada (PEN Studios), 'Atithi Bhooto Bhava' is romantic comedy starring Jackie Shroff, Pratik Gandhi, Sharmin Segal in the lead roles and Divinaa Thackur, Simran Sharmaand, Prabhjyot Singh in prominent roles as well.

A ZEE5 exclusive film, 'Atithi Bhooto Bhava' is a story of Srikant Shirodkar (Pratik), a witty standup comedian who takes his relationships for granted including with his beautiful livein girlfriend Netra Bannerjee (Sharmin).

Things take a turn when a ghost named Makhan Singh

(Jackie) enters their lives and asks Srikant to fulfil a promise made by him. Confused

Srikant then realises that he has been reborn and that he was Makhan Singh's – Darji (Grandfather) in 1975. The movie explores the journey of

Bhooto Bhava was something different. Portraying a two love stories in different Ghost was very exciting and time zones and how Makhan thought it would be captivate

Singh helps and guides Sriing for the audience to see me in this role as well. There are kant in his relationship with Netra Jackie said, "I have por-

traved enormous characters. but Makhan Singh in Atithi enjoyed making it.'

many instances and scenes that the audience will connect with. It's a beautiful romantic movie! I am hoping that the audience enjoys it as much as we (Partik, Sharmin and I)

Pratik commented, "Atithi

ing film and full of emotions. I was inclined towards the

Bhooto Bhava is an entertain- ences and make them believe in love again. Sharmin shared, "I strong-

script because it had a differ- lv believe that love should be ent narrative. In times when expressed when felt and that's there are thrillers and murder one of the main messages of mysteries, Atithi Bhooto this film. My character Netra Bhava is a light-hearted craves for attention, affecromantic musical film which tion, from Srikant which he will connect with the audi- is unable to give her until he

realises the value of love. The movie showcases a beautiful journey of two love stories and Jackie sir's character helps our characters understand how rare it is to find love and how important it is to appreciate it. Love is a very complex emo tion. There are multiple interpretations of love that exist. I wanted to understand wheth er, "True Love really exists" and that's why I couldn't refuse this script.

Director Hardik Gajjar, added, "Atithi Bhooto Bhava is really close to my heart, but at the same time it's also an important film. In the times when there are countless platforms to express your views, we are finding it difficult to express our feelings. That feeling of true love is so

pure, but sometimes why do we undermine the importance of expressing it? This film focusses on the same thing and also highlights that the power of love can transcend beyond life and death.

Directed by Hardik Gajjar, the movie will stream on ZEE5 from September 23 in Hindi.

A ZEES ORIGINAL FILM

HT - PIRPANCHAL/ JAMMU HEADLINES TODAY

DDC Rajouri reviews achievements under RDD Sector schemes

by contractors, work start-ed on the allotted works.

Asking the Block Devel-

opment Officers to adopt

a proactive approach to

start all projects under

District Capex, he set a

two week timeline for com-

pleting 993 works

SEPTEM-RAJOURI. BER 16: To review the block-wise progress of the ongoing Rural Development sector works under the annual plan 2022-23, Development District Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, on Friday, chaired a meeting of Of-ficers of the Department and Engineers of Rural Engineering wing.At the outset, Assistant Commissioner of Development, Vijay Verma, gave a Power-Point presentation about the block-wise progress of ongoing developmental works and execution plan under different RDD Sector schemes. The chair was informed that against a target of 1.30 lakh soakage pits, work has been started on 8294 across different blocks.

The DDC directed the Block Development Officer

in the set time frame. He also stressed on resolving interdepartmental Coordination issues, which hamper the achievements.A detailed discussion was held about the implementation of District Capex

complete the target with-

to put in extra effort and ing of works, allotment of "To ensure use of quality works, submission of CDR material in the construc-

field visits," he added.

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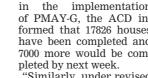
Rashtriya Gokul Mission,

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tion of the projects, the BDO shall conduct regular block development officers The meeting was also apprised that the department set for each work by mehas set a target of generatticulously utilizing all the ing 549615 person days unavailable resources. He MGNREGA.Reviewbottlenecks on priority. ing the progress achieved

in the implementation of PMAY-G, the ACD informed that 17826 houses have been completed and 7000 more would be com-

"Similarly, under revised target 10249 houses are being constructed under AWAAS Plus and the work has been started on the majority of the houses" the ACD informed further. The DDC also held threadbare deliberation regarding the Swachata Hi Seva campaign, location plan under SMBM-G, 14th FC, establishment of segregation units and construction of a sanitary Complexes. The DDC directed the

to adhere to the timelines also directed to resolve the

DC Ramban reviews progress on formation, promotion of FPOs

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 16: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Is-lam reviewed progress on the formation and promotion of "Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)" at the 5th District Level Monitoring Committee meeting, here today. The meeting was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer, Ashwani Sharma; DSHO, Dr. Vikas Gupta; CAHO, Dr. Bharat Bushman; DSMS, Horticulture, Pradeep Gupta; DDM NABARD, Arushi Sharma; Area Marketing Officer, Sunil Bakshi; LDM, and members of FPOs, besides other officers of allied departments. Detailed discussion was held on the status of FPO functioning in Sangaldan and Batote with the objective to scale-up production, branding, and marketing of Anardana as a major commodity and vegetable and quince as a minor commodity under the centrally sponsored scheme of NAB-ARD sector. The DC also reviewed progress on the formation of FPO by NABARD in Ramban to enhance the production, branding, and marketing of agricultural products. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Agriculture and Horticulture Department to sensitize farmers about the advantage of FPO for taking maximum benefits from their crops by selling their produce in an organized way. He direct-



ed CAO to provide Sun Dryer to FPOs for improving the quality of their dry agricultural products for maximum benefits.

The DC directed DDM NABARD and other concerned officers to guide FPOs in improving the standard of packaging of their products to compete with other products in National and International markets. While interacting with the Members of FPOs, the DC said that FPO which is an institutional mechanism to reduce the cost of production, increase per unit production and facilitate better market linkage so as to enhance the income of farmers would be registered under the Companies Act. The FPO will provide an end-to-end solution to the problems confronted by the farmers. The farmers will be free to manage their affairs from the production level to post-harvest and marketing of their branded products, this will eliminate the clutches of the middle man.

Director Ayush Visits Kishtwar, Doda Takes Stock Of the Functioning Of The Department

improvement measures

and presented the overall

scenario of the depart-

ment so as to provide ba-

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During his visit, Direc-

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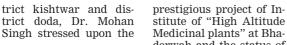
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medical staff.

2022-23, including Tender-

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Sept 16:





Director Ayush Jammu and Kashmir Dr Mohan Singh visited Kishtwar and Doda districts of Chenab Valley on Friday

During his visit to these districts, he took stock of various activities undertaken by the department especially in respect of the extension of health care facilities to the public in the far off area of the union territory.

In a meeting with the He was also briefed about Medical officers of disexecution of work on the

Padma Shri Padma Sachdev PG Women **College hosts extension** lecture on Polycystic **Ovary Syndrome**

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 16: Depart ment of Home Science, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for women, Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with MEYER Vitabiotderwah and the status of the construction work

of various AYUSH institutes in district Doda. The Director AYUSH was also informed about the distribution of biometric attendance machines to all AYUSH institutes and the attendance accordingly thereof.

The Director issued on the spot instructions to the district officers of both the districts regarding regular monitoring of AYUSH institutes and ensuring 100% biometric attendance.

He further gave instructions about early completion of construction work of AYUSH dispensaries. Director AYUSH appre-

ciated the efforts of the District officers and subordinate staff of district Doda and Kishtwar.

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sion, the experts from Genus ABS Pvt. Ltd Pune-Maharashtra informed the participants that the main aim of using Sexed semen for breeding in bovines is to obtain superior quality female calves only, which shall act as a game changer not only by enhancing milk pro-

Program initiated in Jammu Province JAMMU, SEPTEMBER duction but also limiting 16: A day long orientation

Accelerated Breed Improvement

stray cattle population. The CEO Livestock Development Board Jammu, Dr. Tariq Parvez, while addressing the gathering, said that with the introduction of sexed semen in bovine-breeding, the profitability of dairy business is bound to increase further. The training programme, among others, was attended by Joint Directors, Deputy Directors besides officers and staff of the Animal Husbandry Department Jammu. Organised on the instructions of Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Krishan Lal, the Training was attended by the Nodal officers from across the districts of Jammu province who shall act as Master Trainers in their respective districts in this regard.Speaking on the occasion, the experts from Genus ABS Pvt. Ltd Pune-Maharashtra informed the participants that the main aim of using Sexed semen for breeding.

SEPTEM-JAMMU, BER 16: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta launched the Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW) system for all gazetted officers of the Union territory

Government today at Civil

Secretariat, Jammu. On the analogy of Performance Appraisal Reports of AIS and JKAS officers, the Government of J&K has now decided to switch over Annual Performance Reports from manual to online generation and recording in respect of all gazetted officers on this system. The URL for the new SPARROW instance would be https://jaksparrow.jk.gov.in.

The technological intervention is going to benefit all gazette officers in the UT Government and is aimed at bringing more transparency, avoiding loss of appraisal reports during transition, ensur-

Chief Secretary launches SPARROW portal for Gazetted Officers

ing better monitoring and timely completion of performance appraisals. The Project is being im-

plemented by the General Administration Department in collaboration with the Information Technology Department and the National Informatics Centre. The Sparrow System will not only overcome the delay in the processing of the manual recording of APRs but will also facilitate the electronic filing through a user-friendly interface – anywhere, anytime. Recording and movement of e-APR forms will be seamless, quick, and convenient due to in-built alert mechanisms and online status checks through different modes during the workflow.The system would streamline the APR life-cycle and would be a major administrative reform.In the new system, the departments as Custodian would send online blank APR forms to the

individual officer being reported upon. The concerned officer would fill self appraisal online for its submission to his/her Reporting Officer. The APR would move from Reporting Officer to Reviewing Officer and finally to the Accepting Authority in a time-bound and seamless manner.The Chief Secretary, while inaugurating the portal, directed that all APRs of gazetted officers pertaining to 2021-22 and earlier years will now be processed only in online mode on this portal and there be no more physical processing of APRs in respect of all gazetted of-ficers. As such, even the officers who have already submitted physical APRs for the year 2021-22 will now have to compulsorily file their APRs electronically on the portal. The timelines, in respect of filling self-appraisal will be extended from 15th September earlier to 31st.

JD(U) holds Executive Body meet in Jammu and started the membership drive

JAMMU, J&K JD(U) held its population. The primary agenda leaders to increase their working

sion took place regarding the future course of action. Beside this, the district units were directed to organise "Youth Samelans and "Mahila Samelans" as well. JDU is always available for the well being of public and anyone who is facing problems can contact JDU District Presidents of respective area. The membership drive started in Jammu region and overwhelming support for the JDU was visible during its membership drive. The interest from all the segments of the society joined the party in large numbers. Micky, Balvinder were among the other prominent Team leaders present in the meeting. committee meeting at Jammu. The working committee meeting was addressed by J&K JDU State General Secretary Vivek Bali, R s pura President Prem Paul, R s pura vice President Raj Kumar, R s pura youth President Rahul Mandi, Mahila Wing President Sudesh Kumari and other senior leaders of party. Vivek Bali appreciated the strong working by the activists. He asked them to organize mass awareness

programme in the rural areas in order to ensure that the schemes of Centre and state government like Kisaan Sammaan Nidhi KCC card veterinary schemes fishers and agriculture schemes reach to the intended farmer population. And the any rumours created by the unscrupulous elements will be cleared in no time, he further said. Vivek Bali also said that Executive Team will organize awareness camp at various levels and assured the senior party leadership that the team will not leave any stone unturned to reach the intended population. The primary agenda of the meeting is to discuss and strengthen the organisational set up of JD(U) in all districts of Jammu region and in order to carry forward this basic agenda the District body of District Jammu got reconstituted.

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ics organized an extension lecture on "Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) under the guidance of the principal of the college Prof. Minu Mahajan. The lecture was organized to create awareness about PCOS among the students of the college as September is considered as PCOS awareness month.

The resource person on the occasion was Dr. Nirmala Pandita, Gynaecologist from LifeScan hospital, Jammu. The programme started with a formal welcome address by Dr. Irvinder Kour, Head of the department of Home Science. She welcomed the Principal Resource Person, faculty members and students. She maintained that a lecture on PCOS was the need of the hour because the hormonal imbalance in women causes irregular periods, weight gain, infertility, acne and excessive hair growth which is a serious medical condition and requires immediate attention.

More than 150 students of Arts, Science and Commerce stream attended the lecture and benefitted from it.

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and be ready for the forthcoming elections. The state executive welcomed the new faces in the organisation and urged them to work with the utmost dedication for the welfare of school going Kids in particular and society and nation in general. Moreover, detailed discus-

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ICSI Jammu holds teachers conference

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 16: Celebrating contribution of teachers and educators in shaping society and in appreciation of their significant role in building the future of the Nation, the Jammu Chapter of Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) under the Chairmanship of Company Secretary, Sonia Chib, organised teachers conference cum faculty development program for giving impetus to Company Secretary Course in Jammu and Kashmir..Company Secretary, Vikram K Gupta, who is MD JK Minerals Limited, was the chief guest on the occasion. He lauded the contribution of teachers in the society. He apprised the gathering about the scope and domain of Company Secretaries while describing how it's an exciting and promising career option. TheGuest of honor,



Professor Pramod K Srivastav, Principal Model Academy School talked about the integrity and high ethical standards of teaching. He emphasized that a teacher should be a role model for the students.On this occasion, Chairperson CS Sonia Chib and CS Nitin Gupta enlightened the gathering about CS profession.

The event was also at tended by Dr Atul Hans who is an author, Re-

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Director Principal of International Daily Rising School Jammu. He emphasised that in today's world if someone has to opt for his career one should prefer a skill based or vocational course or training as it allows students to gain practical experience in their chosen careers before they even

graduate. He also threw light on implementation of NEP 2020 and the role of teachers. Guest of honor, Professor Pramod K Srivastav, Principal Model Academy School talked about the integrity and high ethical standards of teaching. He emphasized that a teacher should be a role model for the students.On this occasion, Chairperson CS Sonia Chib and CS Nitin Gupta enlightened the gathering about CS profession.

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JKPCC hosts symposium for students to observe "World Ozone Day"

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 16: To mark the observance of "World Ozone Day", Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee on Friday hosted a Symposium on the `theme "Montreal Protocol @ 35: Global Cooperation protecting life on earth" for school students of Jammu with the objective to understand the need for collaborative accountability and preventive actions to ensure prevention of any further damage to ozone layer.

Dr. Yash Paul Scientist, Head labs JKPCC, Jammu welcomed the participating schools and students along with Eco-clubs Nodal Officer, Jammu Division Dr. Shashikant Lakhanpal here at the Conference Hall, JKPCC, Jammu. He gave a detailed overview regarding Montreal protocol and Kigali Amendment 2016 to focus on phasing out use of industrial chemicals leading to climate change. K. Ramesh Kumar, Member Secretary, JKPCC pointed out that there was a need to make students aware about the International Commitments to understand the status of the Environment which

our country has inherited and main-

tained throughout ages and initiatives taken in our country to address various climate challenges to improve quality of life for future generations. Students from different Government Schools, viz., Govt Girls HSS Rehari, Govt. Boys HSS Sarwal, Govt. Girls HSS, Mubarak Mandi, Govt. HSS Channi Himmat, Govt. Girls HSS Shastri Nagar, SRML HSS Parade Jammu, Govt. HSS Jhulaka Mohalla, Govt. HSS Satwari and Govt. HSS Hari Singh participated in the Symposium. They were very enthusiastic and energetic and communicated well in the symposium touching all important aspects related to depletion of Ozone layer and remedial measures that can be helpful in further deterioration of this fragile layer.Dr. Neelu Gera, Chairperson J&K Pollution Control Committee, appreciated and lauded the communication skills of students and encouraged them to practice an environment friendly way of living for their better future and also sensitize their family and friends

Cooperative Department hosts drawing contest at Sainik School Tikri

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 16: National Cooperative Union of India, in collaboration with Cooperative Department Udhampur organised a drawing competition here at Sainik Cooperative Public High School Tikri, on the other Day.

Secretary Ex-Servicemen Coop erative Consumer Store, Durga Singh was the Chief Guest on the occasion. As many as 30 students of the institution participated in the contest. In the competition, Ritiki Manhas bagged first position, while Sneha Jamwal and Kasak clinched second and third positions, respectively.

While speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest said that the ob jective of organizing this compe tition was to provide an opportunity to the students to showcase their hidden talent.

Among others, Principal Sainik Cooperative School, Vandhana Gupta, Inspector, Yash Pal, Treasurer, Baldev Anthal, Supervisor, Sarvagya were present.

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the unit holders which they planted on their own land but it is not going to cater even units as each unit on average needs 15000 trees annually and needs to take immediate steps in this regard

HAJJ

that there shall be no hike in the State Haj dues and the amount shall remain same as Rs. 850/= per pilgrim during next Haj.

Meanwhile, in view of various complaints received from the pilgrims of Haj – 2022 regarding shortage of space in Spicejet Flights, the HCoI shall be asked to select better Airlines like Air India/ Saudi Airlines for ensuing Haj – 2023.

The Chairperson directed that the height of already existing brick wall along the hospital side shall be raised to avoid trespass into the Haj House premises.

She also instructed that a Committee of concerned officers shall be constituted for auctioning the scrap items lying in the Haj House premises.

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between the aspirations of the citizens and the administrative delivery for the development of an inclusive society in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

Sinha added, "last year, we decided to distribute a total of 4000 motorized tricycles to provide universal access, accessibility and a dignified life to the specially-abled across the UT."

1000 motorized tricycles were distributed in the first phase in the month of July this year and this has brought a paradigm shift in the lives of those 1000 beneficiaries. The government is committed to reach out to all those seeking assistance, noted the Lt Governor.

Divyangjan in J&K have been brought under the ambit of Pension Scheme. There was no integrated system for physically and mentally challenged people. For the first time, Jammu and Kashmir has been linked with the National Trust Portal so that they are given all the facilities and rights granted to them by the Central Government, added the Lt Governor.Social Welfare Department is implementing a comprehensive plan to reach out to the beneficiaries and a special enrolment campaign was launched. With the dedicated efforts, the number of beneficiaries receiving the pension benefits has doubled, observed the Lt Governor.

The Central Government Act for the Welfare of the Senior Citizen which was not applicable in J&K prior to August 2019 has been implemented. Elderline helpline is meeting their needs and geriatric wards have also been started for the care of the elderly in all the district hospitals, observed the Lt Governor.

There has been an increase of 206% in the scholarship to the children of poor families as compared to 2018-19. Till 2018, only 9500 girl children got the benefit of Ladli Beti Scheme. In three years, more than 1 lakh girl children have been linked with this program and Rs 150 crore has been transferred directly into their bank accounts.

Earlier, financial assistance for marriage of poor girls were provided to 100-200 beneficiaries, but we have covered 9309 such beneficiaries in one year with overall financial assistance of Rs 37.15 crore, the Lt Governor noted. Our ancient texts are a beacon of light for humanity. The source of our prosperous present and future is deeply rooted in Sanskrit scriptures. I convey my best wishes to Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan for social service and promotion of Sanskrit, the Lt Governor said.

DIG

measures going to be placed in view of Navratri Festival, enroute and the SMVD Shrine.

DIG highlighted upon the major challenge for the deployed security forces in coming days is to manage fool proof protective bandobast measures for Navratri festival at SMVD Shrine at Katra.

He reviewed each & every security drill of the Shrine, yatra enroute, safety and security of pilgrims visiting to pay obeisance to the Shrine on daily basis and huge volume of visitors during the festival.

Deputy Inspector General of Police also directed to conduct joint security drill with CAPF for security of the shrine and mentioned it as top priority of police of this jurisdiction. Choudhary further stressed upon frequent verification & census of migrants in and around Katra town. Character antecedents Pony porters and other people entering the town should also be checked on priority reamounting to Rs 236.84 crores had already been disbursed with 35536 claims under the process at various EHCPs.

It was further revealed that 25.74 lakh eligible beneficiary families has been insured for the current policy period. It was given out that apremium amount of Rs 1840 per family is paid by government to provide free health care in 209 local hospitals (118 public+91 private) to our population across the 20 districts of J&K. Highest average claim size of Rs 18004 has been registered in this policy period from 15th of March to 31st August this year, as was informed in the meeting.

Earlier in the 4th Governing Council meeting of State Health Agency, J&K held on 08.11.2021 it was decided that State Health Agency, J&K will go ahead with the fresh tendering process by using Model tender document issued by National Health Authority.

A tender document for selection of Insurance Company for implementation of AB PM-JAY/AB PM-JAY SEHAT was floated. Pre- Bid meeting was held on 23-11-2021 at NHM Office Old Secretariat Srinagar, in which following five insurance companies participated including IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance Co. Ltd, Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Pvt. Ltd, United India Insurance Company and National Insurance Company.

It was found that four Insurance Companies have submitted their bids including Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Pvt. Ltd, National Insurance Company, IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company, Oriental Insurance Company, the meeting was apprised.

The committee had deliberation as per GFR 2017. The procurement process for selection of an insurance service provider for implementation of ABPMJAY/ABPMJAY SEHAT has followed the "transparency, competition, fairness and illumination of arbitrariness in the procurement process/NIT has been advertised widely. Further it was ensured that the qualification criteria indicated is very minimum and used the same qualification criteria notified by National Health Authority.

The text of the bidding document wasself-containing and comprehensive without any ambiguities besides all the clarifications, modifications have been notified to the bidders and also placed on the www.jktenders.gov.in. The bidders are provided sufficient time to prepare and submit their bids, in this case, 22 days of time has been provided. As stipulated in NIT a pre bid meeting was organised and the minutes of meeting was circulated. The technical bids were opened publicly as stipulated in bidding document. Bids received were evaluated as per the criteria notified in NIT, the meeting discussed.

Amidst a technical evaluation carried out by Central Tender Committee, it was found that three out of four bidders viz: IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company, National Insurance Company are meeting the requirements and hence qualified in the technical evaluation stage.

The financial bids were opened on 08-01-2022 PM and the IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Ltd. was found to be lowest (L1) bidder with the quoted rate of Rs 1840/-per family (Annexure B).

Since the policy with Bajaj Allianz GIC was expiring on 25th December 2021, the State Health Agency, J&K was compelled to seek an interim arrangement to ensure no disruption in services to the people of J&K. In normal course of time, the tendering process takes a minimum of one month to complete and in order to ensure that there is no disruption of the services, it was deemed proper that a suitable arrangement be established with the current insurer in compliance of the directions received.

In furtherance, the State Health Agency also requested Bajaj Allianz GIC to consider the request for extending the current policy from 26th December 2021 onwards. In response, the Bajaj Allianz GIC intimated that they are ready to continue to implement the scheme for the duration requested on the price quoted by them @ Rs 3,261.60 per beneficiary family unit, on Pro-Rata basis for the period for which coverage is requested as they have already quoted this bid price in the new tender process, as was stated in the council meeting.

In order to avoid any break in the services provided under the Scheme, SHA J&K as per the deliberation stated above entered into an agreement with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company to continue the services as insurer on Stop Loss basis till selection of new Insurance Company is finalized. The Insurance Company shall not share any risk of loss of claims and entire claims outgo shall be borne by the Government of J&K and National Health Authority (For AB PM-JAY). Insurance Company shall be paid an administrative cost @ 15% on the discovered premium of Rs. 849 of previous policy period (26th December, 2020– 25th December, 2021) for the interim arrangement starting from 26-12-2021 till the finalization of new insurer is selectpeople and contribute to accessible India campaign, he added.

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Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanad Dev Tirtji Maharaj, while speaking on the occasion, appreciated the development works carried out by UT Administration, especially for the promotion of Sanskrit. He also lauded the government's arrangements for this year's Shri AmarnathJi Yatra. Not only the government, but everyone should come forward to serve mankind, he added. Prof J.P Sharma, VC SKUAST-Jammu, in his address, highlighted the initiatives taken by the University while discharging social responsibility.

Sham Lal Sharma, former Minister, while complementing the organizers for the camp, said that this message should be conveyed to every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir so that the maximum number of needy persons can be helped—(KNO)

CBI

of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday conducted raids at multiple locations in Jammu after a case was registered against 33 accused in allegations over alleged irregulari ties in Jammu and Kashmir Sub-Inspector recruitment. The premises covered in the searches include Kha-Jehangir, the former chairman of the Jammu lid and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) and Ashok Kumar, the Controller of Examination JKSSB. CBIconductedsearchesatJammu,Srinagar;Karnal,Mahendergarh, Rewari in Haryana; Gandhinagar in Gujarat; Delhi;GhaziabadinUttarPradeshandBengaluruinKarnataka Several people including the PRO of former Deputy Jammu and Kashmir were under the scanner. The raids started early morning on Tuesday and over a dozen locations were raided by CBI. Raids were conducted in the Domana area of Jammu, and the Khod area of the Akhnoor sub-sector of Jammu. Several people have been named in the FIR of the CBI af ter gross, undue favour was given to many people in Jammu's, Rajouri, and Samba districts. J&K police conducted a preliminary inquiry which found that there was a gross violation of the rules and norms in the SI recruitment. Allegations in the SI recruitment examination "The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has regis tered a case on the request of the Jammu and Kashmir administration against 33 accused on the allegations of irregularities in written examination for the posts of Sub-Inspectors in the J&K Police on 27.03.2022, conducted by J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB),' the CBI said on August 5 after registration of the FIR. The CBI further informed that the accused entered into a conspiracy among officials of JKSSB, a Bengaluru-based private company, beneficiary candidates and others, and caused gross irregularities in the conduct of written examination for the posts of Sub-Inspectors. "It was further alleged that there was an abnormally high percentage of selected candidates from Jam-mu, Rajouri and Samba districts," the CBI has said. Violation of rules by JKSSV was allegedly found in assigning the task of setting question papers to a Bengaluru-based private company.-(Republic)

GB HOSPITAL

constructed 500 Bedded Children Hospital Bemina by Managing Director, J&K Medical Supplies Corporation Limited and utilization of CT Scan machine available at makeshift DRDO, hospital Srinagar for paediatric services at 500 Bedded Children Hospital Bemina Srinagar, by Principal GMC Srinagar According to an order, a copy of which lies with the news Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Surgical services will continue to function at GB Pant hospital.

No to plastic: JMC opts for Bartan Banks

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 16: Jammu Municipal Corporation may soon be lending crockery for small parties and gatherings to discourage single use plastic and plastic utensils/ disposables.

The Bartan Bank of the civic body owns utensils made of steel, including cups, plates, glasses & spoons etc. The people can borrow on minimum Charges. The Bartan Bank was launched today by Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Deputy Mayor Advocate Purnima Sharma and Municipal Commissioner Rahul Yadav. Also present on the occa-

NEWS HEADLINES TODAY

DDC Rajouri Flags off Swasth Rath to promote Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan



RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 16: To promote Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today flagged off a Swasth Rath here from the DC office.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC said that District Administration is working on a multi-pronged strategy for the welfare of the youth and to enable them to achieve the best and live a respectful life in the society.

He also said that Drug addiction is the cause of many social and psychological problems and there is an impending need to contain substance abuse.

"To provide necessary treatment to the drug addicts, a drug de-addiction and rehabilitation center has been made functional in the district" he informed.

Saying that the Stakeholder Departments are organizing multifarious activities to curb the menace, he said that the main focus is to channelize the potential of the youth towards productive activities and keep them away from drug addiction.

"Besides de-addicting the drug users, there is a dire need to address the major reasons which provoke the youth to take drugs," said the District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

He advised the youth to take part in constructive activities like sports and choose life, not drugs.

The DDC also urged the public to work hand in hand with the District Administration to eliminate drug abuse from the district and make Rajouri a Nasha Mukt district.

3 dumpers transporting mineral to Punjab seized

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 16: Geology and Mining Department seized 03 Punjab based vehicles involved in illegal transportation of crushed minerals, here today.

As informed by DMO Kathua, a naka was laid on National Highway in the morning hours by the department during which three vehicles bearing no:- PB46M-9886, PB-02BV-7195 and PB02BV-7802 along with 84 MTs of crushed ineral were seized.

"The seizure was made during routine checking by the department being carried out on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey to put check on illegal mining activities in the district", he added

The DMO further informed that the seized vehicles were immediately handed over to the police post Bhagtali and shall only be released after realization of penalty as per the rules of the department. It was also informed that a total amount of Rs. 74,000 shall be paid by the vehicles.

It is pertinent to mention that after the imposition of ban on mining activities in Punjab, the miners have turned towards Kathua and try every sort to purchase mining material but district administration and police have set up a sound mechanism to deal with the situation.

DC Ramban hands over Vending Cart to beneficiary farmer

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 16: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam handed over the keys of Vending Cart to a Farmer, Ghulam Mustafa of village Halla in the presence of Chief Agriculture Officer, Ashwani Sharma and other senior officers here today.

The Vending Cart (Load Carrier Auto) has been provided to enhance the income of the beneficiary by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare under CAPEX Budget's initiative of Area Expansion Intensive Vegetable Development Programme of the Agriculture Department. The Beneficiary Farmer thanked the Deputy Commission er and Agriculture Department for providing him financial assistance from the bank and a subsidy component of

quired to segregate the suspicious elements. DIG also directed to conduct checking of the hotels and other residential accommodations on regular basis for verification of character antecedents of the person visiting there.

Further directed all concerned officers to revisit the list of OGW's of the Police Stations, monitoring social media including Facebook, whatsapp to curb the new pattern of radicalization.

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, 01 from Anantnag, 00 from Bandipora, 00 from Ganderbal, 01 from Kulgam and 00 from Shopian in Kashmir division while 07 are from Jammu division that include 06 from Jammu district, 00 from Udhampur, 00 from Rajouri, 01 from Doda, 00 from Kuthua , 00 from Samba, 00 from Kishtwar, 00 from Poonch, 00 from Ramban and 00 from Reasi," said the official.

As per the daily information bulletin 6,793,671 persons in J&K are under observation while 530 persons have been kept under home quarantine besides 249 persons are in isolation.

According to the bulletin, 6,787,532 persons have completed the surveillance period and 576 persons are under home surveillance besides so far results of 26,573,544 samples are available.

"Out of 26,573,544 the number of samples tested negative stands at 26,104,650 while 478,894 have tested positive, among them 249 cases are active, 473,861 have recovered and 4,784 persons have died," it added

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decisions taken during this period. He made out that both audit and accounting of the scheme should be strengthened at every level for maintaining transparency in the effective implementation of this welfare scheme.

Dr Mehta advised the health agency to study the claims of other state to make the scheme more sustainable and promising for the beneficiaries. He asked them to work out the best sustainable model in consultation with different stakeholders for extending maximum benefit to the needy patients of the UT.

The ACS, Finance made out that the administration did best to extend the health benefits uninterruptedly to the people. He reiterated that it is the endeavour of the administration to devise policy that is in the best interest of people.

In this meeting the Council gave approval to SHA for introducing 'e-RUPI Concept'as a pilot project in selected Tertiary Care hospitals in the UT. It was given out that the primary objective of using e-RUPI is reducing out-ofpocket expenditures (OOPE) borne by the beneficiaries on diagnostic tests not performed in these government run health facilities.

The meeting was informed that among the 196149 received claims amounting to Rs 353.74 crores, 147180 claims

ed through a proper tendering process. The proposed period of coverage was originally for 30 days only.

Thus, in the situation where the existing contract was expiring and the Flagship scheme of the UT was facing disruption, State Health Agency J&K accepted the company's offer to run the Scheme on Stop Loss basis in public interest with 15% administrative charges, as earlier.

The tender for Policy 5th was floated well within time but the premium rates quoted by L1 was very high. Therefore retendering was done by SHA J&K. As such there was a need of an interim arrangement with the existing insurance company to continue AB PM- JAY/ AB PM-JAY SE-HAT Scheme without disruption in the public interest till the time new insurance company was taken on board. The very fact that 69,000 and more persons derived benefits of the Scheme during the Interim Arrangement is a testimony to the public interest which was served, as was culminated in the said meeting.

The Council further deliberated upon different aspects of the working of the health agency to make it more effective. It discussed agenda items including Long term sustainability of AB-PMJAY Sehat scheme, Claim utilization guidelines, augmentation of s

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LG Sinha said as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

The announcement was made by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha following his meeting with a delegation comprising prominent political leaders, members of the Yuva Rajput Sabha, and civil society members, including the head of the Jammu and Kashmir transport union.

Earlier, LG Sinha inaugurated free artificial limbs and calipers distribution camp at SKUAST, Jammu to mark birth centenary celebrations of Late Dr Uttam Chand Shastri Ji. The Lt Governor appreciated Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli, Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahavir Seva Sadan and Abha Bagrodia Charitable Trust, Kolkata; SKUAST-Jammu and Central Sanskrit University, Ranbir Campus, Jammu for the remarkable, self-less and noble initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, LG Sinha said aids and assistive devices for empowerment of Divyangjan and bringing them in the mainstream of society have always been one of the topmost priorities of the Government. Such initiatives are fitting tribute to the ideals and values that our society stands for.

The Lt Governor felicitated Dr Sanjay Sharma of GMC Jammu and Dr Vikas Padha of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super speciality Hospital for their exemplary service and endeavour towards the noble cause of serving the people.

Enlightened citizens of the society and voluntary organizations must come forward and complement the government's efforts to provide succour to the sufferings of the sion were Chairpersons of various standing committees of JMC.The idea behind this initiative is to shun use of plastic utensils such as spoons, plates, sheets, cups, glasses etc. The steel utensils available for public in Bartan Banks can be availed by any one on minimum charges. The central idea for launching Bartan Banks is to discourage growing use of single use plastic. Further increasing use of plastic and plastic utensils has a tendency to deteriorate the favourable environment. Abreast that such plastic materials are environmentally hazardous. Hence surfacing of Bartan Banks is an environmentally friendly step and a proper substitute for plastic utensils and disposables. The Hon'ble Mayor started the campaign for availing facilities of steel utensils from Bartan Banks.Assistant Commissioner Revenue Manish and Secretary

Drug control organization Anantnag in action,curb the unethical trade Faroog Rather.

Anantnag:16, September, As is evident from various news sources regarding unethical trade and misuse



of allied pharmaceutical preparations by the anti social /nefarious elements for the purpose of addiction and intoxication especially amongst the youth, a special drive has been initiated by the Drug control organisation Anantnag in its endeavor to curb the misuse of such narcotic and psychotropic substances. During the first phase of the drive, surprise inspections of Deaddiction Centers, Pharma Dealers & Chemist Shops were conducted by Drugs Control Officers under the direct supervision of Assistant Drug Controller Mrs Nighat Jabeen to ensure that such pharmaceutical preparations are being sold in consonance with the prescriptions being generated/ prescribed by Registered Medical Practitioners. During this special drive, it has been observed by the Inspecting teams that some of the firms were found stocking/ selling Drug Formulations comprising of Tapentadol,trmadol etc in gross violation to the mandatory provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act. During the said drive, Operation of seven Medical Establishments in Dialgam, Ashajipora, and adjoining areas were disallowed u/s 22 (d) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 on spot for indulging in unethical trade practices particularly sale of habit forming formulations without maintaining records.

Rs. 50,000 under the scheme for purchasing the Vending Cart.

DC Budgam reviews preparations for B2V4 programme

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 16: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today chaired a meeting of officers to take stock of preparations for the upcoming Back to Village phase- 4 programme at Dak Bunglow, here.

At the outset, the DC directed all line departments to submit proper action plan for the smooth conduct of B2V4 programmes across all Panchayat halqas of the district.

On the occasion, ADDC Budgam Dr Akramullah Tak was designated as district level nodal officer and SDMs as subdivisional level nodal officers for proper monitoring and liaisoning.

He directed line departments to submit action taken reports on all works and targets identified and taken up in previous B2V programmes.

The DC issued instructions for the 100 percent grievance disposal and target achievements.

He called for smooth arrangements are put in place in all panchayat halqas to ensure smooth conduct of B2V4 programmes.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, ADC, JD Planning, GM DIC, SDMs, ACD, ACP, CMO, CEO, Executive Engineers of different engineers wings, BDOs, Tehsildars and other district and sectorial officers.

DDC Chairperson, DC Gbl jointly kick-start regeneration work of Nagpaw

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 16: The District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq and Deputy Commissioner, Shyambir today kick-started the work for regeneration of Nagpaw near the District Hospital Ganderbal.

On the occasion, the Executive Engineer I&FC informed that the regeneration of Nagpaw has been approved at the cost of Rs 38.73 lakh under Amrit Sarovar.

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SRINAGAR, September 17, 2022 SATURDAY

Zelensky says Ukraine wants to join EU single market

KYIV: Ukrainian President Volo dymyr Zelensky said on Thursday his war-scarred country wanted to join the European single market ahead of a decision on whether to grant Kyiv full EU membership.

Zelensky was speaking at a press conference with EU president Ursula von der Leyen who came to Kyiv to work out a roadmap for Ukraine's long-standing aspiration to join the union.

'For us, a pressing issue is the question of Ukraine joining the EU single market while we're on the way to EU membership status. I'm sure it will happen and it will be one of our country's most im-portant victories," Zelensky said. Ukraine applied for EU membership just five days after Russia's February 24 invasion.

The EU formally accepted Ukraine's candidacy to join the 27-nation bloc on June 23, in a strong signal of support.

Zelensky thanked von der Leyen, who was visiting Kyiv for the third time since the beginning of the invasion, for her "personal presence in the life of our country and your personal support of Ukraine." The two spoke about Ukrainian energy facilities repeatedly hit by Russian forces and a European energy crisis as Moscow halts of disrupts vital supplies. "We should help each other" on energy, the Ukrainian president said. "We're thankful for having joined European power grids," Zelensky said.

"It's in everyone's interest: European countries can get cheap electricity from Ukraine" and "we'll be able to get money for salaries and

February, but this one was different. "We will never be able to match the

sacrifice that the Ukrainians are



social payments in such difficult times".U chief Ursula von der Leyen's trip coincided with a meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his increasingly close ally Chinese leader Xi Jinping in ex-Soviet Uzbekistan, where the men hailed their strategic ties in defiance of the West.

It also comes as Ukrainian forces consolidate gains against Russian forces in the east of the country in a dramatic offensive aided by Western weapons. Von der Leyen said Thursday's visit was her third to Ukraine since Russia invaded in

making," she told reporters during a joint press conference with Ukraine leader Volodymyr Zelensky. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Thursday his war-scarred country wanted to join the European single market ahead of a decision on whether to grant

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HT NATIONAL /WORLD HEADLINES TODAY

PM Modi Meets Turkish President On Sidelines Of Regional SCO Summit

Samarkand: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of the Shanghai **Cooperation Organisation Summit** in Samarkand during which they reviewed bilateral relations and discussed ways to deepen cooperation in diverse sectors.

The two leaders are in the historic Uzbek city of Samarkand to attend the SCO summit.

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The SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.Over the years, it has emerged as one of the largest trans-regional international organi-



sations. India and Pakistan became its permanent members in 2017. Turkiye is a dialogue partner.

Iran is likely to be given the status of a permanent member of the SCO at the Samarkand summit. The two leaders are in the historic Uzbek city of Samarkand to attend the SCO summit.

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"Unpalatable Food": P Chidambaram Slams Minister Over 1991 Reforms Remark



New Delhi: Former finance minister and senior Congress member P. Chidambaram on Friday reacted to Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's remarks on India's 1991 economic reforms.

The finance minister during a BJP party function in Mumbai on Thursday reportedly said that the 1991 reforms, taken up by Manmohan Singh when he was the finance minister during the Narsimaha Rao-led government at the Centre, were "half-baked"

On Friday morning, taking to Twitter, Mr Chi-

Marital Rape: Supreme Court Notice To Centre On Plea Over High Court Order

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice to the Centre and others on a plea against the Delhi High Court's split verdict on an issue related to criminalising marital rape.

A bench of justices Ajay Rastogi and Justice BV Nagarathna agreed to examine the issue and listed the matter for further hearing in February 2023.

All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) among others has moved the Supreme Court against Delhi High Court's split verdict on issues relating to criminalising marital rape matters.Two- judges Bench of Delhi High Court on May 12 pronounced a split verdict on an issue.Delhi High Court's Judge Justice Rajiv Shakdher ruled in favour of criminalising while Justice Hari Shankar disagreed with the opinion and held that Exception 2 to Section 375 does not violate the Constitution as it is based on intelligible differences. According to the order passed by Justice Rajiv Shakdher, husbands can be held criminally liable for sexu-



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Mumbai: The book on Prime Minister Na-rendra Modi titled 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' can be used as a management text book, said Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman while speaking at a BJP party event on Thursday in Mumbai.

"Can't Doubt All Madrasas," Says BJP Leader **MA Naqvi, But Questions Row Over UP Survey**

Lucknow: As the Uttar Pradesh government began a survey of private madrasas, senior BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Friday said all such institutions should not be treated with suspicion but also asked why a fuss was being raised over the exercise.

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to conduct a survey of all private madrasas in the state. This survey work will be completed by October 15 and the report will be submitted to the government by October 25 The former Union minister said communal politics was being done on the survey. "We should not raise doubts on all madrasas, but the row over



the survey itself raises the question - why create a hubbub when there is nothing to hide," he asked.

ers on the final day of a three-day training proof the Uttar gramme Pradesh BJP Minority Morcha at the Visvesvaraya Hall here, Mr Naqvi said the heinous history of brutality against humanity can

never be a part of the DNA of any Indian community. But when people try to identify with the cruelty of foreign invaders, they actually help "nefarious elements" in their design to harm communal harmony in the country, he said. Mr Naqvi said some peo-

ple were trying to defame India through a fake and prejudiced propaganda of "Islamophobia". "We have to remain cautious Addressing party work-

of the caucus of conspiracies which wants to malign India's inclusivity and glorious cultural heritage," he said. The BJP has demolished

the "deceit of appeasement politics" with the "determination to development with dignity",

it is ensured that schemes reach the last



able," she added. The book about prime minister Modi was launched in early May by former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu. It may be noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi completed 20 years in 2021 as the

dambaram while backing Manmohan Singh for his reforms said at least he did not serve "overcooked and unpalatable food." "The FM is reported to have said that the 1991 reforms were "half-baked" Thank God, Dr Manmohan Singh did not serve over-cooked and unpalatable food like Demonetisation, multiple-rates GST and savage taxes on petrol and diesel," the former finance minister tweeted. In another post attached to the initial tweet, he wrote: "We thank the FM for revealing that she took bakery and cooking courses in University."

Used As Management Textbook, Says Finance Minister

Book 'Modi@20' Can Be

She made the remarks while addressing an event on the book 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' organised by the party's Mumbai

unit. "It's a book which tells how modern-day governance in a complex economy like India can happen, and also how self-made leaders can make a difference because they're committed to the country," minister Sitharaman said

Speaking about PM Modi's leadership, she said all the schemes for the poor were made available with transparency to the last mile beneficiaries

"Under the dynamic leadership of PM Modi

mile," Ms Sitharaman added. "PM Narendra Modi understands technolo-

gy well and puts it into the system which is why direct benefit system was made avail-

head of government from becoming Chief Minister to Prime Minister of India. First, he became Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001 and remained in that post till he became the Prime Minister of India in 2014 and was re-elected in 2019.

Published by Rupa Publications India, the book is written by eminent intellectuals and writers like Nandan Nilekani, Sudha Murty, Sadguru, P.V. Sindhu, and Amish Tripa-thi, among others. The book also elaborates on Modi's model of governance which has touched the lives of a cross-section of the people of the society.

Taiwan warns Russia, China ties 'harm' international peace

Taiwan said on Friday ties between Russia and China were a threat to global peace and that the international community must resist the "expansion of authoritarianism'

Russia's Vladimir Putin met Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping for their first face-to-face talks since the start of the conflict in Ukraine on Thursday, hailing their strategic ties in defiance of the West.

In the Uzbek city of Samarkand, Xi told Putin he was "willing to make efforts with Russia to assume the role of great powers".

Putin reiterated Russia's support for China's claim over self-ruled Taiwan which Beijing regards as its own territory and has vowed to one day seize.

The relationship between the two authoritarian leaders has rattled Taipei which fears Xi might one day follow Russia's lead and invade a neighbour it has long threatened to subdue.

In a statement, Taiwan's foreign ministry said it "severely condemns Russia for following the Chinese Communist Party's authoritarian expansionist government to continue to make false statements at international venues that demean our country's sovereignty"

"(Russia) calls those who maintain peace and the status quo provocative, which highly demonstrates the harm caused by the

alliance of Chinese and Russian authoritarian regimes on international peace, stability, democracy and freedom," the statement added

'No limits'



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For a week after her visit, China sent warships, missiles and fighter jets into the waters and skies around Taiwan, which condemned the drills and missile tests as preparation for an invasion. Xi has tied the "unification" of

Taiwan to his signature "great rejuvenation" of China policy.'No limits'

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Putin, Xi hail 'great power' ties at talks defying the West

MARKAND (Uzbekistan): Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping met for their first face-to-face talks since the start of the conflict in Ukraine on Thursday, hailing their strategic ties in defiance of the West.

Sitting across from each other at two long rounded tables and flanked by aides, the two leaders met on the sidelines of a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in ex-Soviet Uzbekistan.

The meeting was part of Xi's first trip abroad since the early days of the pandemic and for Putin a chance to show Russia has not been fully isolated despite Western efforts.

'China is willing to make efforts with Russia to assume the role of great powers, and play a guiding role to inject stability and positive energy into a world rocked by social turmoil," Xi told Putin at the talks.Russian, Chinese leaders

hold first face-to-face meeting since start of Ukraine conflict Chinese state broadcaster CCTV also quoted Xi as saying China was willing to work with Russia to support "each other's core interests".Putin took a clear broadside at the United States, which has been leading efforts to support Ukraine and impose sanctions on Russia."Attempts to create a unipolar world have recently acquired an absolutely ugly form and are completely unacceptable," Putin said."We highly appreciate the balanced position of our Chinese friends in connection with the Ukrainian crisis," Putin told Xi, while reiterating Moscow's backing for China on Taiwan."We adhere to the principle of one China. We condemn the provocation of the US and their satellites in the Taiwan Strait," Putin said, after a US Senate committee on Wednesday took the first step towards Washington directly.

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03 Days Orientation/ Refresher course for field staff of YS&S Dept concludes at Bandipora

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 16: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Bandipora organised a three days orientation cum refresher course for more than 60 Field staff officials of District Youth Services and Sports (DYS&S) office Bandipora at S.K Stadium, here. Senior PEM Nasir Hussain Khan informed that the orientation cum refresher course was organised in the disciplines of Rugby, Athletic and Hand Ball. The concluding ceremony was attended by Joint Director Planning Bandipora, Imtiyaz Ahmad who was chief guest on the occasion and Faisal Ali Dar (Pad mashree Awardee) who was the guest of honour. Speaking on the occasion, Jt. Director Planning appreciated the Youth Service and Sports Department for organising various sports activities and providing a platform for youth to showcase their talent. He said refresher courses for the field staff will help them to increase their efficiency and enable them to learn new games and promote excellence. The trainees were felicitated with sports Track suits on the final day.

YSS Organises Annual Athletic Meet at Kangan.



Gandebal Sep 16: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) organised an Inter Zonal District Level Annual Athletic Meet for Girls of All Age Groups (AAG) on Friday at Shiekh-ul-Alam Public School Ground Kangan here. A total of 236 Girls from across the District participat ed in the mega sporting event. District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Ganderbal Sheikh Shafqat Iqbal was the organising Secretary of the meet. He inaugurated & welcomed the guests and participants.While speaking about the importance of such activities for students in particular he stated that when students are participating in any sports matches or competitions, then they need good teamwork, cooperation, and coordination. Learning these skills during sports activities also helps them in various phases of their life, like in academics or future careers. Scores of Departmental officials were deputed for the successful conduct of the field and track events

J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Team **Boys/Girls Selected**



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Srinagar,16th Sep.:- The J&K U/19 Tennis Ball Cricket Boys/ Girls team was selected during two days held at Gindun Sports Ground Rajbagh Srinagar in which almost 200 boys from both boys and girls participated on 15-16 September 2022 under the banner of J&K Tennis Cricket Association.14 players from both boys and girls selected for 30th Junior U/19 National Tennis Ball Championship which is scheduled to played at Haridwar (U.P) from 21st September to 24th September 2022, Mr. Nazir Ahmad Lone District Secretary Tennis Ball Cricket Association Baramulla, Vice District President J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association was the Chief Selector for the selection of both boys/girls teams. The Screening of both the selected teams is scheduled to be on 17th September 2022 at Polo ground Srinagar and the teams will leave on 18th September 2022 for the 30th Junior National Tennis Ball Championship.

My Youth My Pride: Thang-Ta championship concludes at Srinagar

Mr. India bodybuilding competition to be held in J&K

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 16: The District Srinagar Thang-Ta championship concluded today at Thang-Ta Hall, Bakshi Stadium, here

The championship sponsored by J&K Sports Council was organized by District Srinagar Thang-Ta Association in collaboration with J&K Thang-Ta Association. More than 300 players participated in the

championship. Dr. Zaffar Iqbal, Chief Accounts Officer, Sports Council presided over the closing ceremony as the chief guest and Jahangir Ahmad Mir, Public Relation Officer Sports Council was the guest of honour on the occasion. While addressing the gath-

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Meanwhile office bearers competition is slated to be of the concerned associaheld in the last week of Oction said that so far comtober making way for winpetitions for Mr. Jammu, ners to participate in Mr. and Mr. North India were India 2021-22 competition organized earlier this year later this year in Ludhiana, and Mr. India 2022-23 shall Punjab. Secretary Sports Council

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kind "Chinab Valley Body-Building Competition" on 24th and 25th September 2022 in district Kishtwar followed by "Mr. Kashmir' next month.

Moreover, a bodybuilding competition is slated to be held in the last week of October making way for winners to participate in Mr. India 2021-22 competition later this year in Ludhiana, Puniab.Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gull has directed the concerned association to activate the district units across the union territory immediately.She said that under the "Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan" concerned association will run a campaign across the J&K and aware youth about the positive impact of the healthy life style on the routine.

Nuzhat Gull said that sports policy rolled out last year has made sports a good career option and bodybuilding as a sport of-

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"Be Very Careful Against Him": Muttiah zuralitharan Warns Batters At T20 World **Cup Facing This Bowler**

Sri Lankan great Muttiah Muralitharan on Thursday sounded a warning to the teams ahead of next month's T20 World Cup, saying they will have to be careful against Wanindu Hasaranga as the mystery spinner would be a threat on Australian pitches. Hasaranga took nine wickets to power his team to the Asia Cup title win and Muralitharan said he would be one to watch out for during the T20 World Cup. "He's a great T20 bowler. Last 2-3 years, he's done really well. He's a young guy," Muralitharan told reporters in an interaction on the eve of the second edition of the Legends League Cricket. "In Australia, definitely the leg spinner will have more chances then finger spinners. He will be a difficult opponent to bat against. You have to be very careful against him.'

Talking about Sri Lanka's Asia Cup campaign, Mura litharan said: "We had a very young team in the past few years, we played best cricket in the Asia Cup. They looked like the best team and deserved to win the Asia Cup." Sri Lanka will have to take the qualifier route in the T20 World Cup where they are clubbed with Namibia, UAE and the Netherlands. Top two teams will make the main round -- Super 12.

"We are looking forward to the World Cup as well. They are formidable but unfortunately we have to play the qualifiers to get into the main round," he said.

The past few ears we didn't play well to get a straight entry. But at the moment I'm very, very confident of doing well in the World Cup as well.

Muralitharan, who is the highest wicket-taker in Tests with 800 scalps, said Australian leg-spin legend Shane Warne was "better" than him.

Warne died of heart attack while he was on a vacation with his friends in Thailand earlier in March this year. "I think he was better than me, when I was playing I looked up to him and learnt things from him. We all miss him," an emotional Muralitharan said.

Pakistan Pacer's "Cheap Selection" Tweet Over World **Cup Team Slammed On Twitter**

Pakistan announced its 15-member squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup on Thursday and, contrary to what was expected, decided to stick to most of the players who were part of the squad that recently lost to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup final. The announcement was followed by scrutiny from fans and former cricketers alike. Mohammad Amir, the former Pakistan fast bowler, also tweeted after the squad was announced but he has since been slammed by fans of Twitter for his choice of words.

"chief slector ki cheap selection," is what Amir tweeted This has not gone down well with the fans who criticised him for his comments. Amir had in the past retired from international cricket accusing the team management of being unfair towards him. While he has received sympathy from fans in the past, this tweet of his has not gone down well with the Pakistan cricket faithfuls. India's squad composition for the T20 World Cup seems a "bit risky" as they are probably '

'Always responsible for arranging medical care for players': **PCB responds to allegations on Shaheen Afridi's treatment**

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), in response to allegations by former cricket skipper Shahid Afridi regarding pace bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi's medical treatment in London, has said that the board was committed and "responsible for arranging medical care for all its players". In an interview on SAMAA TV programme Game Set Match on Thursday, Shahid claimed that Shaheen was bearing all the

42-year-old all-rounder said. "Shaheen is staying in England with his own money. I arranged a doctor for him there and he contacted him. PCB is provid-ing nothing to Shaheen," Afridi alleged.

However, in a late-night press release the same day, the PCB said that Shaheen was making "excellent progress in his rehabilitation in London" and was on track to make a full recovery in

"It goes without saying that the

PCB has always been and will

continue to be responsible for

Cup Australia 2022.



on the matter.It is pertinent to mention here that the star bowler injured his right knee during the first Test against Sri Lanka in Galle in July and missed the second Test of the series as well as Pakistan's tour of the Netherlands and the recently-concluded Asia Cup. His rehabilitation period was initially slated to end on Aug 28 but he was then also ruled out of this month's seven-match T20 series against England at

that the authorities at the reha bilitation centre in England will allow Shaheen to start bowling at the start of next month and he will join the squad without having played a match in almost three months as he will also not be part of the Pakistan squad for their tri-series in New Zealand. which also features Bangladesh. ahead of the World Cup.Fakhar Zaman to depart for London todayMeanwhile, the cricket gov-

expenses for his rehabilitation abroad.

"Shaheen Afridi has gone on his own to England. He has even paid for his own ticket," the

time for the ICC Men's T20 World

arranging medical care and rehabilitation of all its players requiring any treatment," it pointed out.Shaheen is yet to comment

home after Pakistan Cricket Board's medical panel decided to send him to England as he wasn't unable to recover from the injury.Dawn learnt on Wednesday

erning body added that batter Fakhar Zaman will depart for London on Friday to undergo rehabilitation."Fakhar had landed awkwardly on his right knee.



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