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Section 144 imposed in Rajouri over land dispute between two communities

MS NAZKI

JAMMU, Sep 09: District authorities on Friday imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC and advised people to stay indoors in Rajouri district following a row between two communities over a land dispute. Official sources said restrictions prohibiting the assembly of four or more people have been clamped amid apprehensions of law and order situation over a piece of land situated in Naban Mohalla, Ward No 12 of Rajouri town and claimed by two communities. "High-speed internet also remained affected for few hours to prevent rumor mongering." "Barbed wires have also been placed in some sensitive areas to prevent movement of people, besides deployment of additional police forces." Official sources added that the students having their final examinations with a

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LG chairs review meeting on functioning of Revenue Department

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SRINAGAR, Sep 09: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today reviewed the functioning of Revenue Department at the Civil Secretariat. The Lt Governor appraised implementation of several initiatives undertaken by the department for ensuring smooth delivery of services to the public. The Lt Governor was briefed about Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani; Dig-

itization of Land Records; Change of Land Use; issuance of Land Passbooks and Property cards; SVAMITVA Scheme etc. Obsolete rules should be repealed and replaced with a more people-oriented regulatory system for ease of living, ease of governance and overall improvement of the efficiency of the Revenue department, the Lt Governor directed the officials. The Lt Governor instructed the senior officials

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Sustainable Farming is An Answer to Ensure Food Security and Growth : LG Manoj Sinha

Highlights farmer's efforts in fulfilling PM's vision to reduce use of chemical fertilizers



HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, Sep 09: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha on Friday said that sustainable farming is the only way forward to ensure food security and growth. "Farmers are ultimate entrepreneurs and our effort is to provide them with better infrastructure, easy access to credit, access to modern machinery and benefits of agriculture extension services, observed the Lt Governor,"

LG Sinha said while inaugurating farmers awareness conference on the use of 'Nano Urea', here at SKICC. The Lt Governor highlighted the farmer's efforts in fulfilling the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and transition to sustainable alternatives to protect soil health, plants and environment. The Lt Governor Congratulated the entire team of IFFCO for developing

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AC approves engagement of project implementing agency for RDSS works

SRINAGAR, Sep 09: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the engagement of project implementation agency for the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in Jammu and Kashmir. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The Administrative Council (AC) authorized both the DISCOMs i.e JP-DCL & KPDCL to execute smart metering works under Totex model and loss reduction works, sanctioned under RDSS by engaging the central public sector enterprise - RECPDCL/PGCIL as the project implementing agency. The decision is aimed at improving the quality, reliability and affordability of power supply to consumers through a financially

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16 JKAS officers now part of IAS; 8 more to join soon: Jitendra Singh

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NEW DELHI, Sep 9: Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Jitendra Singh on Friday said 16 officers from the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) have been inducted into IAS and another eight vacancies will be filled up shortly after a long gap of 12 years.

The minister said the Centre has also relaxed deputation rules to encourage IAS and other All India Service Officers as well as officers of central services to get posted in Jammu and Kash-



mir, according to a government statement.

In an interaction with the media on the steps taken to address the officers' shortage in the newly created Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir, Singh said due to the relaxation

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06 IAS, KAS officers transferred as Govt orders reshuffle in administration

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, Sep 09: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday ordered transfer of five IAS and JKAS officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect. According to the order, Mohd Yasin (IAS) Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K, has been transferred as posted as Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, against an available vacancy. Ayushi Sudan (IAS), Chief Executive Officer, Ayushman

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Azad to hold public rally in Baramulla on Sunday



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SRINAGAR, Sep 09: Former J&K chief

minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is forming his own political party, will hold his first rally in Kashmir on Sunday. The rally will be held at Dak Banglow, Baramulla, and workers of Azad expect a good show in north Kashmir. After the Baramulla rally, Azad will be holding separate rallies in Kupwara and south Kashmir. In south Kashmir, three former ministers and legislators have resigned from Congress in support of Azad. After the resignation of Azad from Congress, so far half a dozen former legislators and former ministers have joined the Azad camp.

Three former legislators Shoiab Lone, Taj Mohiuddin and Haji Rashid have resigned from the Apni Party and Congress to become part of Azad's

party. The name and the party symbol of the new party hasn't been finalized yet.

"We are busy in the process, the name and symbol of the new party will be decided in the coming weeks," said Azad's close aide Salman Nazimi. He said that the rallies and meetings by the former Union minister could bring more and more leaders to the new party. "So far we are getting very encouraging response from people as well as leaders of different political parties," he said.

Azad's first rally in north Kashmir is an indication that the new party will be hoping for at least three to four seats from Baramulla. Likewise, Altaf Bukhari who will contest elections from Uri also hopes to get maximum

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COVID-19: J&K reports 64 new cases

SYED TAJAMUL BUKHARI

SRINAGAR, Sep 09: Jammu and Kashmir reported 64 positive cases of COVID-19 which include 15 from Jammu and 49 from Kashmir divisions, taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 478626. Moreover, 154 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 46 from Jammu division and 108 from Kashmir division. According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 478626 positive cases, 55249 Active Positive (152 in Jammu Division and 400 in Kashmir Division), 473290 have recovered and 4784 have died; 2351 in Jammu division and 2433 in Kashmir division. The Bulletin also informs that 10,370 doses of COVID Vaccine have been administered in the last 24 hours across Jammu and Kashmir bringing the cumulative number of doses administered to 2,44,16,113 till date.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 17 cases, Baramulla reported 11 cases,

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PM to inaugurate Centre-State Science Conclave Today

New Delhi, Sep 9 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Centre-State Science Conclave on Saturday at 10:30 AM via video conferencing. He will also address the gathering on the occasion. "In line with the Prime Minister's relentless efforts to facilitate innovation and entrepreneurship in the country, the first of its kind Conclave will strengthen Centre-State coordination and collaboration mechanisms - in the spirit of cooperative federalism - to build a robust science, technol-

ogy and innovation (STI) ecosystem across the country," the PMO said. The two day Conclave is being organised at Science City, Ahmedabad on September 10-11.

It will include sessions on different thematic areas including STI Vision 2047; Future Growth Pathways and Vision for STI in States; Health - Digital Health Care for All; Doubling Private Sector investment in R&D by 2030; Agriculture - Technological interventions for improving farmers'

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1st J&K Athletic Meet concludes at IUST

AWANTIPORA, Sep 09: The 1st J&K Chancellor's Athletic Meet concluded at Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) on Wednesday with IUST and Jammu University bagging the top two positions. Earlier on Tuesday, the LG of J&K and Chancellor of IUST, Manoj Sinha had inaugurated the 400 meter Synthetic Athletic Track, before kick starting the two-day athletic tournament.

With IUST leading from the front, the athletic tourney was marked first of its kind in Jammu and Kashmir organised at university level, offering a key platform for men and women athletes from various universities of J&K to showcase their talent and skills.

Jammu University won the first prize followed by Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) grabbing the second prize while as both NIT Srinagar and Cluster University Srinagar put the joint show for third reward.

Felicitating the winners, Vice Chancellor Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, also the chief guest of the event, applauded the sportsman spirit of athletes and the efforts of Physical Education department, organising the event.

MeT predicts dry, pleasant weather in J&K

JAMMU, Sep 9: The Meteorological (MeT) office said on Friday that weather will remain dry and pleasant in Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours.

"Weather is expected to remain dry during the next 24 hours in J&K," an official of the MeT office said. Jammu had 20.7, Katra 21.6, Batote 18.2, Banihal 17.8 and Bhaderwah 16.6 as the minimum temperature. Srinagar had 17.6, Pahalgam 12.7 and Gulmarg 10.7 degrees Celsius as the minimum temperature.

Drass town in Ladakh had 6.3, Leh 11.2 and Kargil 10.9 as the minimum temperature.

Youth dies in road accident in Budgam

SRINAGAR, Sep 09: A youth from Srinagar died on spot in a road accident in the Magam area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district.

Sources said three brothers were on a bike on way towards Baba Reshi when a truck hit them near Magam resulting in the on-spot death of the biker identified as Rahil Firoz Khanday of Bilal Colony Qamarwai area of Srinagar (at present Parimpora).

Sources two brothers received minor injuries and were discharged from the hospital after first aid. Meanwhile, police have registered a case and launched a hunt to trace the erring truck driver.

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Some private schools breach court verdicts by fixing fee on their own, says FFRC

Srinagar, Sep 09: The Committee for Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Private Schools (FFRC) Friday said that some private schools in Jammu and Kashmir breached the mandate of the judgments of Supreme Court and High Court by fixing the fee structure on their own.

"In view of the law laid by the Supreme Court and the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, and in view of the mandate contained in the Act of 2002, Draft Rules and Rules of 2022, it was duty of each private educational institution or school to submit its proposed fee structure along with the record to FFRC," said FFRC in

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Anantag girl's body reaches Delhi from Bangladesh

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SRINAGAR, Sep 09: Body of the MBBS student was on Friday flown to New Delhi from Bangladesh and would reach her home in Katoo Bijbhara in south Kashmir's Anantnag district by this evening, officials said.

The female MBBS student, Khushboo Manzoor daughter of Manzoor Ahmad of Katoo Bijbhara, died on Wednesday, after falling off the terrace of Khwaja Yunus Ali Medical College hostel where she was studying in Bangladesh on the evening of September 6.

Quoting officials' privy to the development, a local news agency reported that a flight carrying the corpse left from Bangladesh at around 10:30 a.m. this

morning and reached IGI Airport Delhi at 12:30 this afternoon.

"The body is now supposed to reach Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport in Srinagar this evening," they said.

"All necessary arrangements have been put in place for hassle-free receipt of the body here", they said, adding, "The administration has already kept a dedicated ambulance and medical team at standby to receive it".

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom said the authorities made concerted efforts throughout to see the arrival of body from Bangladesh at the earliest. "Jammu and Kashmir

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Barbeque seller's son in Baramulla cracks NEET

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SRINAGAR, Sep 09: In a commendable feat, son of a barbeque seller from Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir has cracked the prestigious NEET-UG 2022 examination.

Mehraj-ud-din Khan, who secured 591 points in the examination, credited hard work and support of his family and friends for his success.

"My family has been a pillar of support for me. They used to tell me to just focus on my studies. But, sometimes, I used to help my father at the shop where he sells barbeque," Khan, a resident of the Guivwa area of Pattan in Baramulla in north Kashmir, said in videos that appeared on social media.

Khan did his basic education from Hanfia Model School in the Warpora area and studied till Class 8 at Army Goodwill School Zeran. He enrolled at MMK school in Niharpura for Class 10 and then at government boys higher secondary school Baramulla



for Classes 11 and 12. Khan's family, which had little resources, managed to send him for private tuitions. However, due to the Covid lockdown, he had to study at home.

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Pr. Secy SDD, VC IUST inaugurate newly constructed Govt. Polytechnic College at Awantipora

AWANTIPORA, SEPTEMBER 09: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon inaugurated the newly constructed Government Polytechnic College here in presence of Vice Chancellor (VC), Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo.

The campus has been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 19 crore and has been completed recently.

After inaugurating the college, the Principal Secretary observed that some machinery and equipments have already been installed in the lab and directed the IUST represen-

tatives of college to install the remaining machinery

placement of pass outs should also be looked into.



and equipment immediately. The Principal Secretary further instructed the college representatives to ensure 100% admission besides apprenticeship with Industry for better

He highlighted that the college being centrally located shall be made as a placement hub keeping in view the industry requirements of the area. Dr. Samoon also stressed

upon representatives of college that various government initiatives aimed at the promotion of skill and talent in universities and colleges across J&K should be publicized regularly so that maximum youth are attracted to them. He added that government is determined to make all universities in Jammu and Kashmir as the successful skill hubs of the innovation. Talking about the importance of skill-based learning, the Principal Secretary instructed the Director SDD that strenuous efforts should be made to build the highly sophisticated skills in students across all institutions in J&K.

DC Ganderbal reviews developmental scenario, implementation of various schemes in district

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC)

departments in the district. He sought details from the con-



Ganderbal, Shyambir today convened a meeting of officers from line departments to review the physical and financial progress on the projects besides implementation of various schemes in the district.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed the physical and financial progress on the projects that are under the execution of KPDC, Education, R&B, Jal Shakti, RDD and other

cerned departments and executing agencies regarding the progress achieved on projects and threadbare discussion was also held regarding the delay in completion of various projects for which the timelines were fixed. While reviewing the education sector in the district, the CEO Ganderbal was directed to ensure all basic minimum facilities including water, power and functional toilets are

available in all schools. He was also asked to present reasons of low literacy among females and measures initiated for enhancing the same.

The meeting also discussed the power scenario in the district and SE KPDCL was asked to finalize the list of transformers that need to be upgraded so that damage of transformers is minimized in winters and was asked to take measures to reduce the transmission and distribution losses and risk percentage. The DC stressed upon the concerned agencies to monitor the execution of ongoing works in the district by way of frequent field visits and exhorted the concerned officers to identify the bottlenecks, if any and bring them into the notice of District Administration so that they are sorted out as early as possible. Meanwhile, the DC also reviewed the status of implementation of various beneficiary oriented schemes in the district and directed all the departments to start vigorous awareness campaigns regarding the beneficiary oriented schemes and self-employment generation programmes so that deserving beneficiaries are benefited.

"Poshan Maah" Celebrated by Ayush At Bhadarwah

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Sept 9: Under the much publicised program, "Poshan Maah", Department of Ayush organised a program in this connection at Passri Mohalla (AWC Passari B) Bhadarwah today as per the directions of Director Ayush Jammu and Kashmir and under the guidance of District Ayush Officer Doda.

Students, Anganwari Workers, Helpers, Pregnant Women and locals participated in the camp. Special awareness sessions were held on this occasion in which participants were cautioned about the deficiency diseases like anaemia. They

were also told to take precautions regarding diseases

feeding and balanced diet which if addressed on time

and weight monitoring of children and were prescribed to use green leafy vegetables, seasonal fruits while avoiding the rising junk food habits.

Health expert of the department Dr Jabeena delivered a lecture during the session and detailed the participants about the impacts of malnutrition on the growth and development of the children. Yoga session was also conducted by Dr Nidhi Padha depicting different postures and Asanas.

A total of more than 50 patients were diagnosed of different ailments and were given medicines free of cost. Officials from ICDS were also present in the camp.



es like Diarrhoea, typhoid, Malaria and other communicable diseases. They were also familiarized with the life style disorders, water hygiene, breast

can save the vulnerable population from developing various life long disabilities. The stakeholders were further advised to be concerned about height

Wild goat dies after hit by car in Mendhar Poonch

M S Nazki



Poonch, Sept 9 A wild goat was killed after being hit by a car near Bandpara forest Compartment in Nar area of Mendhar in this district on Friday.

Official sources told HT that after being hit, the goat was unconscious and following which forest beat guard Mushtaq Khan reached the spot. However the animal died. Later the beat guard handed over the goat to wildlife department, they added.

Ex-MP Karan Singh for holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh's birth anniversary

Jammu, Sep 9 (UNI) Former Member Parliament and veteran leader, Dr Karan Singh on Friday endorsed the demand raised by the youths of Jammu region regarding a gazetted holiday on September 23 to mark the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh—the last ruler of the kingdom of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued here, the former Member Parliament said "There has been a long-standing demand and agitation among the youth in Jammu for a holiday on the birthday of my respected father Maharaja Hark Singh, which I strongly support. Babu ji was a highly respected figure not only because he signed the historic Instrument of Accession to India but also because of the many progressive measures that he undertook during his reign."

"These include throwing of Dharmarth Temples open to the Dalits, abolishing the obnoxious policy of 'begar', forced labour in Kashmir, building fine colleges and hospitals both in Jammu and Srinagar and so on," he said.

"I understand that the agitation is on hold for a few days. I would urge the U.T. Government to reconsider the whole matter and accept the demand which will be widely appreciated not only by the youth of Jammu but by citizens of the State in general.

Non-BJP parties to hold All Party Meet at Jammu on today

Jammu, Sep 9 (UNI) The non-BJP parties including the brigade of People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) will hold All Party Meet at Jammu on Saturday in the backdrop of alleged voting rights to non-locals in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Polls.

The meeting is scheduled to be held at the Jammu residence of National Conference president and former J&K Chief Minister and sitting Member Parliament, Dr Farooq Abdullah.

"The meeting is to be held to garner support of more political and social parties against the 'inclusion' of non-locals in Jammu and Kashmir's electoral roll," said a senior leader.

He said that the meeting will take place under the leadership of PAGD president Farooq Abdullah and almost everyone including former minister and president Dogra Swabhimani Sangathan Party Choudhary Lal Singh, Harsh Dev Singh of AAP, Ex MLA Balwant

Mankotia group, Ghulam Nabi Azad's fraction have also been invited.

Confirming the meeting, former MLA, M Y Tarigami, who is also the PAGD convener and spokesperson, told UNI, "Each and every section and political social group is invited except the BJP."

"All Non-BJP parties are invited for the meeting," he added, adding that the agenda of the meeting is inclusion of non-locals in the electoral process.

Div Com Kashmir reviews infrastructural development at Shiekh ul Alam (RA) Shrine, Chrar-e-Sharief

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 09: Ahead of celebration of Urs Mubarak of Shiekh ul Alam, Shiekh Noor ud Din Noorani (RA) at Chrar-e-Sharief, Budgam, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole Friday reviewed the infrastructural development at the shrine to enhance its aesthetic view and increase facilities for devotees.

The review meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Budgam, SF Hamid; ADC Budgam, Dr Nasir Lone; Director Tourism, GN Itoo; Chief Engineer R&B; Chief Town Planner; CEO Yumarg Development Authority; SDM, Chadoora; Deputy Director ULB; CEO, Waqf board; Officers of Floriculture, JKPC, JKAACL, Police, BSNL and other concerned Departments.

On the occasion, Div Com stressed on the officers to prepare a short term master plan for the infrastructural development at the shrine to enhance the



beauty and aesthetic value of the place.

He exhorted for removal of tin sheets at the entrance and concertina wires from the premises of the shrine.

Div Com asked for proper maintenance of parks

impressed on the architectural design of sabat to present the beautiful sight of the place.

To facilitate devotees, Pole underlined the immediate requirement of repair of toilets, completion of pending work and construction of septic tank. He also directed for construction of shoe racks and a place for lighting of candles at the appropriate place outside the shrine to avert the threat of fire incident.

For distribution of blessed food 'Tahri', Div Com asked concerned for construction of Bless Food Counter at one place besides he directed for installation of CCTV cameras which shall be monitored by police and Waqf officials.

The District Administration Budgam was asked to set up stalls at the shrine and make arrangements for crowd management, SRTC Buses besides electricity, drinking water and health facilities.

Training on Special Summary Revision held at Shopian

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 09: A day-long training programme on Special Summary Revision and SVEEP activities for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of Shopian was held today at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat, here.

The training session was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, who is also the District Election Officer.

ERO/SDM Zainapora, Mushtaq Ahmad and Dy.DEO Shopian were also present in the training sessions.

The training was attended by ENT Bashir Ahmad, Master Trainers, officials of Election Department and BLOs of Shopian District.

Speaking on the occasion, the DEO asked BLOs to work with dedication and enthusiasm to ensure effective registration of new voters besides take maximum benefit of training sessions and get acquainted with requisite knowledge of election processes for better outcomes.

Dy.DEO on the occasion explained the process of prescribed forms under ongoing Special Summary Revision. He said the objective of the programme was to sensitize the BLOs regarding their role in the upcoming special summary revision being undertaken from 15th of September 2022 to 25 October in Jammu and Kashmir.

The master trainers briefed the participants regarding update of the data via Form 6, 6A, 6B, Form 7 and Form 8.

It was informed on the occasion that Form 6 is exclusively meant for registration of new electors, Form 6A for inclusion of name in electoral roll by an overseas elector, Form 6B for capturing Aadhaar no. by existing electors.

Similarly Form-7 is meant for objection to proposed inclusion/ deletion of name in existing electoral roll with a slight modifications that a provision of attaching death certificate has been incorporated and Form 8 for correction in electoral roll, shifting of residence (within or outside constituency), replacement of EPIC and marking of a person with disability.

They also explained the role of BLOs in checking the prerequisites before processing the prescribed forms.

It was stressed upon BLOs to undertake the task of spreading awareness along with the current Special Summary Revision exercise.

An interactive session was also held to clear the doubts regarding enrollment process and other relevant queries.

DEO Kulgam holds meeting with representatives of various Political Parties on SSRERs

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 09: The District Election Officer (DEO) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din-Bhat today convened a meeting with representatives of various Political Parties of the district for Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls (SSRERs).

During the meeting, the DEO asked the representatives of Political parties to appoint Booth Level Agents, Polling Station wise for all the polling stations of the district so that the summary revision of electoral rolls be completed well in time.

The representatives from Political Parties were also informed that the process will commence from 15-09-2022.

It was impressed upon Political Parties to ask Booth Level Agents to coordinate with BLOs so that purification and updation of electoral roll be made as per given timeline.

The meeting was also attended by Dy-DEO Bilal Ahmad Kamgar and other officers from election office Kulgam.

DLC approves 03 cases for change of land use at Kulgam

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 09: A meeting of District Committee on change of land use was held on Friday under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at Mini-secretariat here to discuss and dispose-off applications submitted for change of land use.

Officers present in the meeting were ACR (Member Secretary), CAO, CHO, GM Industries, Tehsildars and other officers and members of the committee.

After threadbare discussion, the chair approved three cases for change of land use. The DC instructed concerned to ensure timely issuance of NOCs to the applicants after proper verification.

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Public Notice

I have applied for registration of my residential house located at village sheikhpora under Home Stay/paying Guest House Scheme to facilitate tourist trade vide order no 89-Jk (TSM)of 2022 of Department of Tourism Jk if anybody has any objection in this regard he /she may file his/her objection in Department of tourist or Assistant Director Tourism office Gulmarg within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained

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LEAD launches India's first Student Confidence Index

Anantnag, Sep 9, KNT: School Edtech company LEAD announced the launch of India's first Student Confidence Index, a study that assesses the confidence levels of school-going students across regions, cities, demographics and various other parameters.

Developed in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, LEAD's Index reveals several powerful insights into Student Confidence. While India stands at a Confidence level of 75 on a scale of 100, 36% of students have indicated top-bracket Confidence levels (81-100). LEAD's Student Confidence Index assesses the five 21st century Confidence-building attributes that are critical for students to succeed in life: Conceptual Understanding, Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Exposure to opportunities and platforms.

Commenting on the Index, LEAD Co-founder and CEO Sumeet Mehta said, "Our students need to have self-confidence. But there was no way of knowing the confidence level of students of our country. LEAD's Student Confidence Index developed in partnership with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (LMRF, SMLS), fills this gap."

"We are delighted to partner with LEAD in developing India's first Student Confidence Index. The tool for building this Confidence Index followed a rigorous research process by the LMRF team at TISS," added Dr. Rahul S, Assistant Professor, LMRF, SMLS, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

Nasha Mukh J&K Abhiyan Day 9 Anti Drug squads formed, rallies held across Kupwara district

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 9: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dolfode Sagar Dattatray, various activities including formation of anti drug squads, rallies were held in different educational institutions and medical blocks across the district to observe 9th Day of month long 'Nasha Mukh J&K Abhiyan'.

In all 53 Higher Secondary schools of the district, anti drug addiction squads were formed. All the Heads of the Institutions, staff and the students participated in the Programme. These anti drug squads shall carry out various awareness and mass sensitization programmes in different localities across the District.

AT GDC Vilgam a rally under the aegis of 'Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan' was held in which students and staff members of the College participated. The rally went through various Government offices and Vilgam market. The students carried placards and banners themed on drug abuse including, "Choose life not death", "Stop Drugs", "Drugs ruin Lives" etc.

Suggestions boxes regarding drug de-addiction and identification of drug abuse victims were also installed in various Degree Colleges including GDC Kralpora, GDC Women Kupwara and GDC Boys Kupwara.

At Government Middle School Chitterkote Karnah, posters were made under the ongoing 'Nasha Mukh J&K Abhiyan' reading, "Stop Drugs", "No Smoking" etc.

DC Ganderbal chairs meeting of DLIC on Mission Youth

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir who is also Chairman District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) today chaired a meeting of the DLIC on Mission Youth to review implementation of the spurring entrepreneurship initiative in the district.

At the outset, Assistant Director Employment gave a brief on the scope of the scheme. It was informed that the objective of the scheme is to encourage innovation and job creation through creation of new businesses units.

During the meeting, the DLIC put forth 21 best profitable start-ups/ business ideas for which the DC asked the concerned to generate mass awareness among the educated and unemployed youth of the district about the scheme and ensure maximum coverage of the eligible persons.

The Chairman, DLIC directed the Assistant Director Employment to check the feasibility/viability of the units/projects by way of checking the detailed concept notes submitted by the applicants and whose units are found viable/feasible as per the scheme guidelines shall be put up in the DLIC in the next meeting for selection accordingly.

While interacting with the members of the committee, the DC said that all members shall provide handholding/ guidance to the applicant in the establishment of an innovative and employment generating unit.

Besides, General Manager, DIC was directed to nominate the designated member from the successful industrialists in the district who shall apprise/ make familiar the committee about the innovative ideas and establishments to be faced by the fresh entrepreneurs in the establishment of units and DLIC accordingly shall make arrangement for rectification of the same so that the applicant does not face any inconvenience.

The meeting was attended by CPO, Irfan Giri; General Manager, DIC Ganderbal; District Social Welfare Officer Ganderbal; Assistant Director Employment, (Nodal Officer DLIC) Ganderbal; District Officer, KVIB, Ganderbal, Nodal Officer, JKEDI, Ganderbal and Lead Bank Officer, Ganderbal. The meeting was attended by CPO, Irfan Giri; General Manager, DIC Ganderbal; District Social Welfare Officer Ganderbal; Assistant Director Employment, (Nodal Officer DLIC) Ganderbal; District Officer, KVIB, Ganderbal, Nodal Officer, JKEDI, Ganderbal.

LSD awareness camp held at Bandipora ADDC stresses on Fogging and fumigation of epicenters

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 09: The Department of Animal Husbandry, Bandipora today organised a Lumpy Skin Diseases (LSD) awareness camp at Town Hall, MC Bandipora. The camp was attended by ADDC Bandipora, DDC Hajin B, DDC Arin, CAHO, BVO, Nodal officer LSD, VASs of the Block Bandipora, PRIs, besides a huge number of dairy farmers. Additional District Development Commissioner, Afsar Ali Khan in his speech appreciated the efforts of the Department of Animal Husbandry Bandipora in controlling the disease so far in the District.

He further directed CEO, MC Bandipora to initiate Fogging and fumigation in and around all the epicenters of Block Bandipora.

CAHO, Dr G A Lone while addressing the gathering advised them

to follow all the SOPs viz. reporting, isolation and treatment of affected animals followed by disinfection and spray of fly repellants in and around the premises.

On the occasion, Dr Syed Sharik Shakeel (Nodal Officer, LSD Bandipora) informed the participants on the methods and ways to prevent the spread of the disease among bovines. BVO, Dr M Ramzan Chopan stressed on the importance of vaccination to combat the disease.

DDC Hajin, Dr Ghulam Mustafa and DDC Arin Ghulam Mohuidin in their address advised the dairy farmers to abide by all advice given by the officials of Animal Husbandry Department regarding LSD.

In the concluding session, dairy farmers raised queries regarding LSD which were duly addressed by the experts.

DE&CC, S.P. College organize One-day Camp for registration of unemployed youth on employment portal Also raise awareness about self-employment schemes

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 09: The Jammu and Kashmir District Employment and Counseling Centre (DE&CC), Srinagar in association with the Career Counseling Cell and Dean Students Welfare of S.P. College Srinagar today organized a 'One day Camp for Registration of Job seekers/ Unemployed youth on employment portal' and also raised awareness among students about various self employment schemes in the college auditorium, here.

The session was chaired by Dean Academics, Prof Bashir Ahmad Mir and Dean Students Welfare Dr. Khailda Hassan and Dr. Shazia Mushtaq.

The officers from Employment Department were welcomed by Prof. Zarka Malik member Ca-



reer Counseling Cell S. P. College.

The Career Counseling Officer, Manzoor Ahmad Rather and Employment Officer Ishfaq Ahmad Wani from DE&CC, Srinagar demonstrated the convenient and user friendly online registration on J&K employment portal. They also deliberated upon the multiple services and schemes offered by employment department.

Prof Falak Naaz member Career Counseling Cell S. P. College, presented a formal vote of thanks. The Jammu and Kashmir District Employment and Counseling Centre (DE&CC), Srinagar in association with the Career Counseling Cell and Dean Students Welfare of S.P. College Srinagar to-

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DC Bandipora reviews status of various Schemes Asks Officers to work actively to implement Youth Oriented schemes on ground level

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of various schemes in the district.

The DC reviewed performance of individual beneficiary schemes including Social Security schemes (Old age pension, Widow pension scheme, Disability pension scheme, Women in distress pension scheme), PMAJY (central), PMAJY (Sehat), PMAY-G, PMAY-U, and schemes for students and farmers.

The meeting also discussed various issues of Jal Jeevan Mission and Industrial Development.

Dr. Owais also took feedback from officers regarding various online services and youth Oriented schemes.

The DC directed the concerned to monitor online services on regular basis for fast disposal of applications.

He also reviewed revenue mat-

ters especially digitisation process, removal of encroachments,

age employees/ migrants.

He directed for immediate re-



mutation registration, status of patwar khana along with progress on key infrastructure projects and grievances of PM pack-

removal of bottlenecks in way of key projects and welfare schemes.

The meeting was attended by

ADDC Bandipora Afsar Ali Khan, ADC Bandipora Waseem Raja, Joint Director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad, ACD Bandipora, Executive Engineers and other concerned. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of various schemes in the district.

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FoA.SKUAST-K Wadura started 10-days training programme on "Mushroom cultivation and compost preparation"

DR.AB QAYOOM

Sopore, Sep, 09: Under a DST sponsored project entitled "Technological interventions to address needs of tribal farming people of Ladakh region" Division of Plant Pathology, Faculty of Agriculture, (FoA) SKUAST-Kashmir Wadura camps is started a 10 days training programme on 'Mushroom cultivation and compost preparation' today. In which Twenty five tribal farmers from Leh Ladakh participated through proper way. This training programme was formally inaugurated today by Prof. Ali Anwar who was the chief guest of the occasion, in presence of Heads of Divisions, other scientists, students and more importantly the trainees. He highlighted the importance of mushrooms in the livelihood of people in general and the scope of this enterprise in present day farming in cold-arid region like



Ladakh in particular. In order to boost the morale of trainees, he also highlighted the achievements of PG student who have successfully come up with technologies for cultivation of some medicinal mushrooms. The proceedings continued with a brief address of Dr. Vikas Gupta (Course Director) in which he justified the importance of such a training programme in entrepreneurship devel-

opment. The inaugural session was concluded by Dr. Baby Summa (Course coordinator) who, while acknowledging facilities provided by SKUAST-Kashmir and DST, expressed whole hearted gratitude to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Director Research, Dean FoA and all the participants including chief guest of the occasion, various Heads of Divisions, other scientists.

ADC Kupwara reviews progress under PMJAY-SEHAT scheme

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 9: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress of registration of left out beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat (PMJAY-SEHAT).

The meeting was informed that out of total 643545 targeted population, 436191 beneficiaries constituting 67.78% have been enrolled under PMJAY-SEHAT scheme in the district.

On the occasion, the ADC stressed upon the concerned officers to work with added efforts and coordination and ensure cent percent coverage of the target population by 20th October. He directed the BMOs and CDOs to extend their support to VLEs in identification and mobilization of the target beneficiaries.

Block Medical Officers, Child Development Project Officers, Manager CSC and other concerned attended the meeting.

Special training imparted to BLOs at Town Hall Handwara Training regarding special summary revision imparted at Handwara



KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 9: In pursuance to the directions of chief Electoral Officer J&K, a training programme regarding Special Summary Revision of Rolls 2022 of all Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Supervisors was today held at Town Hall Handwara. On the occasion, training was imparted to 255 BLOs of 5-Handwara and 6-Langate assembly constituencies during which components of special summary revision schedule for new form 6, 6B, 7, 8, GARUDS App, Aadhaar linkage with Electoral Rolls, 100 percent photo coverage in Electoral Rolls, marking of PWDs, uploading of AMF/ EMF were discussed.

Meanwhile, ADC Handwara who is (ERO) Electoral Registration Officer Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir stressed upon the filed staff to ensure cent per cent enrollment of electors and purification of Electoral Roll date. Tehsildar and other concerned were also present in the training.

Dulloo reviews progress under Capex, CSS, NABARD for Animal, Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 09: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to take a review of progress made under UT CAPEX, RIDF-NABARD, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Deliverables 2022-23 being implemented by Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries (ASH&F) Departments. The meeting was attended by Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Special Secretary ASH&F, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Director Fisheries, Director

Finance ASH&F, Technical Officers, ASH&F. Jammu based officers attended the meeting through video conferencing. During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on physical and financial progress made by the Departments under Capex 2022-23 and CSSs during the current financial year. Atal Dulloo discussed activity wise capital expenditure of Animal, Sheep husbandry and fisheries departments under these schemes in Jammu and Kashmir. He laid stress on realization of targets and spending the resources strictly under the budgetary provisions.

While chairing the meeting, Atal Dulloo impressed upon

the officers to gear up the field staff so that substantial

effectively so that maximum people are benefited from



progress under UT capex and other schemes can be achieved. He said that any lackadaisical approach of any officers will be dealt with strongly. He also asked them to utilise the resources

these schemes. ACS further directed the officers that co-ordinated efforts should be put in place so that the two semen stations in Jammu and Kashmir are certified by Central Monitoring Unit.

He also said that the certification of Animal and Sheep husbandry laboratories should be worked upon. He also said that focus should be laid on the census and insurance of livestock so that more and more people are benefited. While reviewing the progress made on the deliverables for the year 2011-23 by the Animal & Sheep husbandry and fisheries department, Atal Dulloo directed the officers to put in strenuous efforts so that all the deliverables are met within the set deadlines. A detailed presentation was made giving a detailed overview of approved outlay and expenditure under various schemes.

Himalayan Khardungla Challenge 2022 concludes in Leh City on Himalayan Day

Leh, Sep 9, KNT: The ninth edition of the 72-kilometer-long Himalayan Khardungla Marathon, also celebrated as Himalayan Day, the world's highest Ultra Marathon came to a close on Friday.

The finish point of the Marathon was the Leh Main Market while it kicked off from Khardung village. The Marathon was jointly organized by Himalayan, the premium mineral water brand from Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) and Ladakh Marathon to support the cause of protecting local communities affected by melting Himalayan glaciers. The Marathon was run on the route from Khardung village and back to Leh City with nearly 200 participants. Deemed one of the most challenging marathons globally, The Khardung la Marathon also happens to be one of the world's highest races starting at 17,618 feet. Nawaz Hussain emerged as the winner of the challenge by touching the finish line in 6 hours 47 minutes and 20 seconds followed by Jigmet Stobdan who touched the finish line in 6 hours 56 minutes and 35 seconds while the second runner up Tsewang Kundan reached the finish line seconds apart at 6 hours 56 minutes and 39 seconds. The three winners were felicitated by Tashi Gyalson, Chairman and Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Leh and the Ladakh Marathon team at the Leh Main city.



Commenting on the success, Vikram Grover, MD, NourishCo Beverages Ltd, the liquid beverage arm of TCPL states, "We are delighted with the success of the Himalayan Khardungla Challenge 2022 and are honored to be affiliated with a cause that supports our source, the Himalayas." Speaking on the success of the Himalayan Ladakh Marathon, Chewang Motup Goba, Founder & Race Director, Ladakh Marathon said, "The Khardungla Marathon has seen tremendous success this year, thanks to the collective support of brand Himalayan, police, volunteers, military forces, and healthcare professionals." (KNT)

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan Student rallies, Awareness programmes, Debates, Painting competitions held across Bandipora

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 09: As part of month-long 'Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan', various activities including student rallies, awareness programmes, debates and painting competitions were held in different educational institutions including HSSs of Aragam, Arin, Nowgam, Sumbal, Badugam Gurez, Badugam Tulail; HS Hakhara; GHS Kaloosa; MSs of Dachigam, Kulhama, Kaloosa, Aloosa; BMS Badwan Gurez; New Land Mark Institute Hakbara Hajin and New Galaxy School Chanderger. On the occasion, awareness programmes were held in various schools and pledges were taken to uphold the promise for eradication of drug menace in the society and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. Debates regarding Drug Abuse and its ill effects were conducted, besides, student rallies were also held by the educational institutions in which staff and a large number of students participated. Teachers and hundreds of students participated in the rallies and raised different slogans including "Zindagi Se Rishita Jodo, Drugs Se Nata Todo" and "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life" besides other slogans. They also carried placards denouncing the addiction to disseminate awareness among the common masses about the adverse effects of drugs.



Rallies went through streets and corners of the villages to spread information about the deadly effect of drugs on society and the importance of a healthy life.

At Hr. Secondary Aragam, the programme was organised in collaboration with the department of Ayush. During the programme Doctors from Ayush unit of Bandipora deliberated upon various ill effects of drugs. Anti - drug rally was held in Block Ganastan. It was a mega rally to create awareness on the growing menace of drug addiction. Students from GHS Ganastan, RDD Officials, DO Police post Nowgam and PRIs participated in the rally.

DC Srinagar resolves land acquisition issues of various Power Sector projects

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 09 : In order to resolves the land acquisition issues of various Power Sector projects in District , a meeting was today held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Ajiz Asad here in the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Besides, Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr Syed Haneef Balkhi, and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Faz lul Haseeb, the meeting among others was attended by Collector R&B, Assistant Commissioner, Nazool, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Sub Divisional Magistrates of East/ West, Executive Engineer, R&B CD-1st, Executive Engineer, TLMD, 1st/4th/6th/7th/8th, all Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars.

At the outset, the Deputy Commis-

sioner took a comprehensive review of various issues related to Revenue sector of the District including land acquisition issues of various Power Sector projects, disposal of Migrant grievances, process of issuing beneficiary certificates under PSGA, updation of backlog mutations, recoveries under PMAY-Urban, pending land acquisition, pending Mutations removal of encroachments on Kahcharai and State Land, , uploading of revenue record regarding PM-Kisan.

On the occasion, the DC stressed the officers to work with added zeal and dedication to ensure a prompt and better public delivery system in the District to ensure people are provided hassle-free services in a time bound manner.

With regard to anti-encroachment drives, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Tehsildars to submit



a detailed anti encroachment plan by Monday and launch an anti-encroachment drive on a massive scale in all the Tehsils of the District so that all identified encroached State/ Kahcharie land is retrieved from the land grabbers in a time bound manner.

While reviewing the process of recoveries under PMAY-Urban, the DC asked the Tehsildars to go for a mass hearing and complete all recoveries by or before September 30.

Regarding pending land acquisition process/ROW related to notification process of transmission towers, the DC asked the collector to ensure all 27 locations are notified within set timelines and the works on ground are carried out without any hassles.

The DC also emphasised on completing the target of integration of revenue related records regarding PM Kissan on the designated portal

at the earliest. He asked the officers to submit detailed information with regard to rejection of the people under PM-Kissan. The DC also stressed on timely updation of mutations in the District.

On the occasion, the DC reviewed the disposal status of migrant grievances and instructed all the Tehsildars to pay special thrust on the complaints registered on the portal to ensure quality redressal to the best satisfaction of the complainants.

During the meeting, it was informed that all 137 Revenue Villages of Srinagar Digitized.

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Equitable development of all remains benchmark of NC: Dr Farooq Abdullah

Jammu Sept 09 (KNS): The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President and Member of Parliament from Srinagar Dr Farooq Abdullah on Friday said that only NC understands the aspirations of different stakeholders and that equitable development of all sections of the society in J&K has remained the benchmark of the National Conference since its inception.

This he said while interacting with a delegation of prominent members from

Azmatabad Thanamandi , who had called on him at his Bathindi residence, Jammu.

Exhorting the delegation members to reach out to people, he said, “We have set about a greater calling to have the democratic and constitutional rights restored. We are working on multiple levels and fronts. On one hand, we are striving to have our rights restored and on the other hand, we are raising the issues confronted by our people in terms of de-

velopment deficit and administrative inertia.”

“Need of the hour calls for strengthening our ranks and taking the party vision to every doorstep. Our functionaries, delegates, and workers in Jammu, Pir Panjal and Chenab are committed and working tirelessly. We have an added responsibility of safeguarding the plural ethos of J&K. We have to work harder to protect our social fabric,” he added.

On the occasion congress functionaries joined the

party fold. Provincial president Rattan Lal Gupta s and YNC Provincial President Ajaz Jan were also present. Those who joined NC include Sharief Khan, Md Rafiq Khan, Md Iqbal, Mushtaq khan, Md Shakel khan, Md Shakor khan, Taj khan, Masood Khan, Md Jameel, Sohail, Rehan Shakor and Khalid Ahmad. They vowed to strengthen the party on grass root level in Thanamandi. The party president hoped that the joining would benefit the party.

2-day capacity building program for artisans concludes

Srinagar September 09 (KNS): The PHDC-CI-Kashmir in association with Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir and with the support of Department of Commerce-Ministry of Commerce & Industry Government of India launched a series of two Day Capacity Building Programmes for the Artisans of Traditional crafts of Kashmir. In this series the first Capacity Building programme for the Artisans of Sozni Embroidery Work was conducted on 8th -9th September at Conference Hall of Numaish (Kashmir Haat) Srinagar.

The programme was attended by 42-Artisans of Sozni Embroidery Work from various areas and craft clusters of Srinagar District. The programme was inaugurated jointly

by Mr Vicky Shaw, Co-Chair PHDCCI, Mr Riyaz Kawoosa Assistant Director (Publicity & Exhibitions). The resource person Ms Amina Asad, Chief Designer School of Designs highlighted on topics, importance of design in crafts, creation of refine design for export quality, New & Innovative Design Development & Quality Improvement. She also showed design motifs and demonstration on various crafts that were shown to Artisans at Craft Museum. She emphasized the artisans that the Design of a handicraft product should be in accordance with the tastes and preferences of customers. She told them that the young independent designers are actively collaborating with artisans to trans-

form the aesthetic of traditional crafts to appeal to global consumers. Ms Amina gave a detailed presentation covering all aspects of Sozni Art design development. While concluding her session she said that the Craft is quite literally a spiritual journey that can lead to the development of skills, confidence and the joy of being someone who can create. It's very tempting to see craft as a skill and skill alone, after which you go out and get a job. In fact, to engage in a craft is to take on a practice and a lifelong journey.

Dr Danish Assistant professor Department of Management Studies IUST University made an attempt to highlight the role of E-commerce in the development of artisans in India and Kash-

mir by illustrating some efforts of Government and Non-Government agencies. Dr Danish explained in detail to the artisans that the growth of e-commerce platforms particularly online marketplaces has activated avenues for artisans to connect with patrons. He gave examples how in other parts of country artisans upload their products online with pictures on various social media platforms, along with pricing details and design specifications. In his lecture he told that the seasoned artisans may hesitate to embrace technology but does not lack will as they take assistance from younger family members. Many craftsmen took advantage of the difficult times to reinvent themselves online, enlisting.

Srinagar Smart City project confined to papers, media dazzle: Tanvir Sadiq

Says people of Srinagar living a never ending nightmare

Srinagar Sept 09 (KNS): The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Friday said the Srinagar Smart city project has failed to live up to its hype and the pressing issues continue to remain undressed.

Party's Chief Spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq said this while expressing concern over the massive urban mess, the city of Srinagar finds itself in. “Projects which did not see the light of the day are smart parking, cleaning of water bod-

ies, solid waste management, affordable housing, and improving basic public utility services. It will not be wrong to say that the Srinagar smart city project is only confined to papers and media dazzle,” he said.

The Project, he said, is yet to acquire a definite shape for want of proper vision and strategies. “There are just cosmetic works that are being carried out. There has been hardly any headway towards improving water supply, disposal

of waste, sanitation including solid waste management, efficient urban mobility and public transport, affordable housing, especially for the poor,” he added.

He said that the cosmetic and ill-planned concretization of the city will only increase the vulnerability of the city to weather vagaries. “It is important to have all the stakeholders on board. There are no custom made solutions to the issues faced by our urban masses in Srinagar.

Solutions have to be reached by wide ranging consultations. Therefore, it is imperative for the government to work towards that direction and retrieve the city from the unexamined development deficit it finds itself in. There is a crisis like situation in Srinagar. This has to end. Our people deserve better services and environment for living a better life, like their counterparts in other parts of the country,” he said.(KNS)

JK BJP to launch Seva Pakhwada Fortnight of Service) from Sept 17

Srinagar Sep 09 (KNS): National General Secretary & J&K incharge Tarun Chugh along with J&K BJP General Secretary Sunil Sharma chaired a meeting of “Seva Pakhwada” (a fortnight of service)

with party state office bearers and senior leaders at Srinagar, to take stock of preparations for “Seva Pakhwada” starting from September 17, which will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 72nd birthday,

to hold several events till October 2, Gandhi Jayanti .Chugh said that the Campaign will also be run to promote tree plantation and cleanliness, as well as make people aware of the need to conserve wa-

ter and Blood donation camps and health check-up camps will also be organised.BJP leaders have been asked to propagate the welfare schemes of the Modi government and also publicise the messages.

Nidhi Aapke Nikat”for September 2022 conducted by EPFO Jammu Regional Office

Twenty-Nine Visitors from across J & K attend Outreach Programme from 9.45 AM to 5.00 PM

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 09: “Nidhi Aapke Nikat” and “Pension Adalat” for the month



of September, 2022 was conducted by EPFO Regional Office, Jammu today from 10:30 AM for the stakeholders of Jammu & Kashmir.

The EPFO is servicing the entire area from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with regard to settlement of claims, redressal of grievances, and facilitating stakeholders and so on. Considering the large number of grievances and to ensure service delivery at doorstep, various online initiatives of EPFO such as balance enquiry, filing of online claims including transfer and advance claims and members' basic details were explained with hands-on demonstration.

Ratan Lal is working with M/s Raptor Services and had worked earlier in BD Security, attended Nidhi Aapke Nikat. His online claim (form-13) was submitted from Office which has been approved by his previous Establishment M/s B D Security. Joint Declarations of Ramesh Kumar and Darshan Lal were processed by Subhash Chandra, SSSA immediately (members had grievances for the previous few months). Chetan Sharma's claim was rejected earlier as Bank Account detail was not properly matching. His undelivered

amount was returned in his P F Account yesterday.

He was advised to submit his online claim immediately. The Joint Declaration of Pawan Kumar was processed within fifteen minutes at all levels. The JD was initiated by Chiranji Lal Sharma, verified by Rajan T, DPA and finally approved by Rizwan Uddin, P F Commissioner. Mohammad Sharif from CAPD, Poonch approached P F Commissioner, whose UAN was provided to him (searching the same through his Aadhar in Computer System). Mohd Rafiq from CAPD, Poonch also visited and his UAN was provided, as obtained telephonically from their Employer. Arjun Dev Singh ex-employees of Exide Life Insurance visited with old P F details. His details got verified through J K EPFO and he was provided his UAN, and a Joint Declaration was provided to him to get it submitted to his Establishment in Bengaluru. The above JD will be received through e-mail and processed. M/s Qurat -Ul- Ain Shah, who had worked in Narayana Hospital, Katra came all the way from from Bhaderwah. Her JD was processed immediately within twenty minutes at all levels. Rajander Kumar, SSSA initiated the formation of the system. Passbook of Abdul Lateef (who was not able to see the same) of M/s Peregrine Guarding Pvt Ltd was provided. Veena appeared from Ambedkar Convent School, Bantalab for User ID and Password, which was provided to her to enable the School to remit monthly P F contributions. Jeevan Pramaan of two pensioners namely- Janak Raj and Shakti Pandita were processed by Ms Kanchan, DEO.

Rekha Jamwal from M/s G D Goenka School appeared along with her old grievance, whose joint declaration was processed by Sanjeev, SSSA (who has already processed more than five hundred claims a day on many occasions) within five minutes.

DC Poonch discusses special Summary Revision with political representatives

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 09: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet discussed the activities under Special Summary Revision with political party representatives regarding Special summary revision of electoral rolls.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi; Deputy Election Officer, Gurbinder Singh; SDM Mendhar, Jahangir Khan; SDM Surankote, Naheem Un Nissa Bhatti; Election Naib Tehsildar, Zulfkar Malik, besides district president, representatives of political parties.

The meeting discussed the process regarding Special Summary Revision 2022.

The DDC directed the EROs

The Deputy Commissioner



and AEROs to work in close coordination and carry out maximum enrolment.

asked the political leaders, EROs & AEROs to create awareness in coordination with Panchs,

Sarpanchs about registration as electorate. “Any person of 18 years is to be enrolled as an elector in the Electoral Roll” he added.

The meeting was told that the Summary Revision was scheduled to start on September 15, 2022 and continue till October 25, 2022 and people can file their claims and objections in the Electoral roll to rectify or enter their names.

Special camps at Polling Stations will be held on September 24, 2022 (Saturday), 25.09.2022 (Sunday), 01.10.2022 (Saturday), October 2, 2022 (Sunday), October 15, 2022 (Saturday) and October 16, 2022 (Sunday). Disposal of claims and objections.

Div Com reviews repair, maintenance of Jammu city roads Directs for speeding up renovation works for timely completion

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 09: Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Ramesh Kumar today reviewed the repair and maintenance of Jammu city roads here at a meeting with concerned officers.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; VC JDA, Pan-kaj Magotra; SSP Traffic, Koushal Sharma; Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta; besides Superintendent Engineers of PWD, UEED and other concerned officers, while DC Jammu participated in the meeting through

video conferencing.

The Div Com took serious note of slow renovation work of important city roads and directed the concerned departments to expedite the pace to avoid inconvenience to the commuters.

While inquiring about the status of work on university road, the Div Com directed the UEED, Smart City and PWD to expedite the work on drains, tile laying and maintenance by executing work in double shifts.

The SE PWD informed that the tender has been floated

and the blacktopping work of the road would be started soon.

The Div Com also directed PWD for repair of Gujjar Nagar Bridge and speed up ongoing work on Bikram Chowk bridges.

The UEED was also instructed to expedite the pace of work on all the sewerage, drainage projects being executed in the city and complete all the works in a time bound manner.

The Jammu Smart City Ltd was asked to speed up ongoing works of tiles, footpaths

in Gandhi Nagar and other areas.

The Div Com asked DC Jammu to constitute a team of officers from PWD, JMC, Traffic for conducting survey of all the main roads and internal roads where the repair work is required. The committee will submit its report within 3 days.

The Div Com directed for proper maintenance of roads, bush cuttings, carrying out drain clearance operations and resolving parking issues in the city.

BRIEFLY NEWS

A team of researchers has discovered that early life exposure to antibiotics has long-lasting effects on the nervous system and can lead to gastrointestinal issues.

If you are mindlessly scrolling through your mobile till late at night is a recurring issue there seems to be some problem with your sleeping cycle. Lack of sleep or insomnia can keep one awake even if the body is tired, causing a dip in concentration and productivity.

Apart from the sun, other sources of vitamin D are found in fatty fish like salmon, tuna, mackerel, fortified cereal, and dairy products, etc.

According to the USDA, 100 ml of almond milk contains:

- Energy: 12 Kcal
- Protein: 0.31g
- Fat: 0.3g
- Carbohydrate: 0.62g
- Sugar: 0g
- Fibre: 0.3g
- Calcium: 185mg
- Iron: 0.33mg

Cow's milk is a common food source for many people. However, there are several situations where you might need to avoid cow's milk. In case of diabetes, it's crucial to monitor your milk intake. Fortunately, as was already indicated, there are plenty of excellent choices. Make sure to select unsweetened products and stay away from additional sugars while making your selection. Additionally, confirm that your non-dairy milk is fortified with vitamin B12 and calcium. Finding the best replacement may take some time because of the wide variations in taste, nutrition, and price of various substitutes.

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They also exfoliate the skin, eliminating chances of acne buildup. Simply mix the juice with Fuller's earth (multani mitti) into a mask-like consistency, apply on the face and neck and leave on for 20 minutes. Finally, wash off with cool water. The sugar contained in sugarcane juice is natural, but keep in mind that it is essentially sugar. Consume this healthy beverage in moderation and run it past our Coaches if you suffer from a medical condition.

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High frequency flash-floods

Although there is variation in scale of devastation due to flash floods, the frequency has increased recently. Many lives have been lost while damage to property has been on large scale with vehicles and bikes washed away at many places and residential houses and household goods suffering deterioration due to entry of gushing waters. The tragedies which unfold also frame different imperatives including reexamining the ways in which mountains and high-altitude regions are infringed upon or development activities carried out. In fact, these incidents are a call to the scientists and academicians to investigate the numerous nuances of regions glaciology and to policymakers to be abreast with such research while taking decisions that impact fragile ecosystems. The assessment of flood prone areas of the country has been carried out by different expert committees in the past but there is urgent need for specific measures and appraisal concerning this region. Pertinently the Rashtriya Barh Ayog in the year 1980 estimated the total area liable to floods in the country as 40 million hectare (mha). The extent of maximum area affected by floods in any year during 1953-2010 as per the Working Group Report (year 2011) on Flood Management and Region Specific Issues for XII Plan is 49.815 mha including 0.514mha in Jammu and Kashmir. In the present scenario, flood management including erosion control measures need to be revised. Prominently, flood management and anti-erosion schemes are formulated and implemented by local Governments as per their priority. Various measures need to be revisited. While conventional flood control including reducing flood flows by diversions work at times, flash floods happen in a jiffy and as such measures against them need to be worked out on scientific basis for the areas prone to it. There is also need to work as regards non-structural measures including facilitating timely evacuation of the people and shifting of their movable property to safer grounds by having advance warning of incoming flood through setting up a flood forecasting system. There is as such the need for putting in place an integrated flood management approach to provide a reasonable degree of protection against damages. There should be more investments in forecasting systems in order to provide more lead time to the local authorities to plan evacuation of people and take other remedial measures.

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Indian Fisheries: March to Prosperity



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A ‘fish’ finds a prominent place, not just in the cycle of evolution, but in the stories of all major ancient civilizations as well. Our Puranas talk about the Matsyavatara, the first incarnation of Lord Vishnu. The beautiful Sangam literature of ancient Tamil Nadu vividly describes the life of fishermen and the curved boats (Akananuru). Indus Valley excavations lead us to appreciate the prevalence of fishery related activities in ancient India. India with its extensive coastlines and mighty rivers is endowed with rich fishery resources, and the fish and fishermen have, since the beginning, occupied a central place in our culture.

After independence Indian fisheries developed at varying pace and directions depending on the initiative, priorities and resources of the respective States. With little involvement or investment from Centre (Reports indicate that total Central Government Releases for fisheries sector as low as Rs 3682 crore since independence till 2014)

Indian Fisheries remained hugely neglected. The brave Indian fishermen continued to venture into the oceans, on the rickety boats, with little support in terms of insurance, safety kit, credit facility, post harvest and marketing support. After 67 years of Independence, the sector which was an important source of food, nutrition and livelihood to crores of Indians, was left adrift like a rudderless ship in open seas.

The problems were numerous, and issues inexhaustible. In 2014, the people of India, fed up with corruption, policy paralysis of the then government, took a decision and elected a decisive government at the Centre, under the dynamic leadership of Narendra Modi, a leader, who could understand the pain of this sector, and the pulse of the nation.

First and the foremost thing that Modiji did was, he brought the focus of the Centre back to the Fisheries sector. The last eight years have seen rollout of investments worth more than Rs 32000 crores in the form of Blue Revolution Scheme, Fishery and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), apart from many other initiatives.

These steps removed the bottlenecks and unshackled the sector, following the mantra of ‘Reform, Perform and Transform’. This ensured phenomenal growth in

India’s fish production, from 102 lakh tons in 2014-15 to 161 lakh tons in 2021-22. The fisheries sector grew at an average annual growth rate of 10 % in the first five years of Modi Government, as against 5.27% from FY2009-10 to 2013-14.

Fulfilling his election promise, Prime Minister Modi created a separate Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, for more focused and holistic development of fishery sector. In 2020, the Prime Minister announced the highest ever investment of Indian Fisheries at Rs 20050 crore, through the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat. The PMMSY is proving to be the main driving force to take Indian fisheries to new heights. The scheme, by 2024-25, envisages to increase the production, productivity and exports of fishery products exponentially. It also envisages to reduce post-harvest losses significantly, and to increase the fish consumption in India.

The reforms and initiatives have seen core infrastructure development and modernisation in Indian fisheries, especially the push for new fishing harbours/landing centres, modernisation and motorisation of traditional fishermen crafts, deep sea going vessels, provision of post-harvest facilities, cold chains, clean and hygienic fish markets, two wheelers with ice boxes and many more.

Fishermen are provided with insurance cover, financial assistance and a facility of Kisan Credit Card as well.

Ease of doing business is rigorously being pursued. The Digital India has drastically reduced the processing time for obtaining Sanitary Import Permits(SIPs), from 45 days to just 48 hours. The requirement of SIPs for import of SPF Shrimp Broodstock from approved sources has been done away with, helping hundreds of shrimp hatcheries. The government also reduced import duty on many inputs required for shrimp aquaculture, thus helping to promote their exports.

Our fishermen are our pride. Modi government has been continuously working, with the motto of ‘Seva, Sushasan and Gareeb Kalyan’ for the welfare and empowerment of fishermen and women. The sector is being diversified. Now, women from Tamil Nadu are working for seaweed cultivation, while those from Lakshdweep develop Ornamental Fisheries. Our Assamese fisher-men can develop river ranching in Brahmaputra, while Andhra entrepreneurs show strong results in aquaculture, getting more crop per drop. Young women entrepreneurs from the Kashmir valley are setting up cold water trout units. Saline lands of Haryana are being productively used for fisheries, converting waste lands into wealth lands.

New Start-ups in aquaculture are attracting talent, technology, finance and entrepreneurial spirit to the fisheries, ushering in, a silent social revolution too. A glorious sub-chapter of Indian fisheries, in the form of aquaculture is being scripted currently, catapulting India to a leading position in global Shrimp production and exports. India has become 2nd largest aquaculture producer, 3rd largest fish producer, and 4th largest exporter of fish and fisheries products taking Brand India from ‘Local to Global’.

With the bottlenecks removed, technology infused, welfare re-directed to actual beneficiaries, entrepreneurial spirit encouraged and women empowered, Indian Fishery has broken away from the shackles that bound it for more than six decades since independence. With ‘Sabka Sath’, ‘Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas’, the eight years of Modi government have laid a strong foundation of Indian Fisheries. Today, as we celebrate the second anniversary of PMMSY, the Indian Fisheries has already started its march towards glorious days ahead. From here, it can only grow higher, generating more income and happy smiles for our fisher brothers and sisters.

Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, And Information and Broadcasting.

CELEBRATING 2-YEARS OF PRADHAN MANTRI MATSYA SAMPADA YOJANA: BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR 'NEELI KRANTI SE ARTH KRANTI'



PARSHOTTAM RUPALA

Fisheries, an emerging sector amongst the primary producing sectors, plays a crucial role in socio-economic development of our country, especially of the rural India. Considered as a ‘sunrise sector’, it envisages to bring in mammoth potential in an equitable, responsible, and inclusive manner. The sector employs approximately 28 million fish farmers and fishers in the at the primary level and almost twice the number along the fisheries value chain.

Foreseeing the huge scope of development, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in Dec 2014, called for ‘Blue Revolution’ in the Fisheries sector and took several measures to harness the potential of fisheries in a sustainable way. Some of the key Central measures include: (i) Creation of Separate Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, (ii) Formation of Department of Fisheries with independent administrative structure, (iii) Policy reforms initiatives (iv)

Creation of Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) in FY 2018-19 worth Rs. 7,522.48 crore, to address critical infrastructure gaps. So far, proposals worth Rs. 4923.94 have been recommended to States/UTs, including 20 fishing harbours and 16 fish landing centres in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha & Andhra Pradesh, along with 25 proposals from private beneficiaries worth Rs. 120.23 crores.

Building on the success of ‘Blue Revolution’ scheme, the GoI launched its flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana- PMMSY, with the highest ever investment of Rs. 20,050 Crore in the Indian fisheries sector. PMMSY was launched by Hon’ble Prime Minister, on 10 Sep 2020 under the Atmanirbhar Bharat package, aiming to double the income of small and artisanal fish farmers. It aims to transform the sector holistically, focusing on production & productivity growth, increased domestic consumption & export earnings, and reduced post-harvest losses. It gives me immense pleasure to write this column today as we

complete two years from the launch of PMMSY.

To enhance the fish production and reduce post-harvest losses, uptake of modern aquaculture, capture fishing and post-harvest management prac-

tices are essential. For this, PMMSY lays special focus on skill and capacity building of fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders to address their training requirements.

Being implemented across the country, the scheme has got overwhelming response from all States/UTs, and during the last two years, the Department has sanctioned projects worth Rs 8562.72 crores for the sectoral development. It is inspiring to share that the fish production has increased from 141.64 lakh tonnes during 2019-20 to 162.53 lakh tonnes, as on date.

On the other hand, India’s fisheries exports stood all time high at Rs 57586.48 crores. Indian export market is dominated by shrimps particularly by L. vannamei. To achieve the target of achieving exports worth Rs 1 lakh Crores under PMMSY, the Department has been focusing on diversifying the export basket by increasing production and quality of tilapia, trout, pangasius, cobia, pompano, and many other species.

The sector-wise activities and projects sanctioned till date have generated employment for around 3.5 lakh beneficiaries directly, and over 9.7 lakh beneficiaries across the value-chain. The Central assistance of Rs. 3000/beneficiary/year has provided livelihood & nutritional support to total 6,77,462 marginalized fish farmers’ and their families during the fishing ban/lean period.

To augment and replenish fish production, promote sustainable fisheries

practices, and support bio-conversation, PMMSY has introduced sea and river ranching programme, as special sub-activity.

For the next few years PMMSY aims to emphasize on strategic interventions where fishing vessel insurance, promoting sustainable Aquaculture, extension support services for the fishers and fish farmers, technology infusion, Integrated Aqua Park building, Fisheries Cooperatives/formation of FFPOs are some of the crucial components.

PMMSY puts special emphasis on employment generation for women, SC/ST communities by providing alternate livelihood opportunities such as seaweed cultivation, ornamental fisheries, and other associated activities. Women in fisheries are instrumental and therefore, PMMSY provides 60% subsidies to women beneficiaries, including special benefits to women entrepreneurs and encourage them to enter the fisheries sector. So far, projects worth Rs. 1534.05 crores have been sanctioned for women beneficiaries, supporting a total of 37,576 women beneficiaries.

Encouraging private sector participation, innovation & entrepreneurship, PMMSY has earmarked a separate fund of Rs. 100 Crore under the Entrepreneur Models and urges

young entrepreneurs to come forward and offer solutions through technology interventions in the fisheries sector.

To facilitate the access to institutional credit & meet working capital requirements, the GoI has extended KCC facilities to fish farmers from FY 2018-19. To saturate the eligible fishers, KCC national level campaigns are being organized across the country in close association with Ministry of Finance and State departments.

Towards boosting domestic consumption, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), nodal agency for PMMSY implementation has been supporting in organizing fish festivals, culinary seminars, exposure visits in various states to highlight the nutritional benefits, especially for the women and children. Adding to these, the Department has released a coffee table book named ‘Fish & Seafood – a collection of 75 gourmet recipes’ on 10 August 2022.

With many such interventions including policy reforms and specific measures in pipeline, the GoI has been simultaneously making efforts to develop the Indian fisheries sector towards becoming global leader in sustainable fisheries and aquaculture sector.

Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying of India.

RAHUL COMMENCES AMBITIOUS ‘BHARAT JODO YATRA’ FROM SRIPERUMBUDUR

POLITICAL DELICACIES

RAHIL NORA CHOPRA

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi launched his most cherished “Bharat Jodo Yatra” after paying homage to his father Rajiv Gandhi at Sriperumbudur, where he was assassinated in 1991. It might lead to a turning point in Indian politics and could end up projecting Rahul Gandhi as the popular challenger to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rahul Gandhi said: "India is the institutions that protect this flag. India is free media that protects this flag. India is a judiciary that protects this flag. And today every single one of our institutions is under attack by BJP, RSS. They think this flag is their personal property. They think they can determine single-handedly the future of this people, state of this country," Rahul will walk all the way from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, where the Yatra will conclude. He will be staying in a mobile shipping container cabin, which will have a bed, toilet and an air conditioner. Containers have been set up for other yatris as well, who will walk the entire route with Rahul. Bharat Jodo Yatra is the largest mass mobilization programme the Congress has undertaken in

Independent India. It will cover 12 states and two union territories in five months.

NITISH JOINS FORCE WITH ANTI-BJP FRONT, MEETS OPPOSITION LEADERS

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is busy interacting with a host of Opposition leaders, believed to be as an effort to form a united anti-BJP front ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Nitish is aiming for the main front, not the third front. Nitish indicated and gave clues that he would return to Delhi to take this dialogue forward to unite all parties, even political opponents such as the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress together. Nitish also said he would meet Congress president Sonia Gandhi after she comes back from abroad where she has gone for a medical check-up. Recently, Nitish had interacted with Rahul Gandhi, Sharad Pawar, CPI(ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, CPIM general secretary Sitaram Yechury, CPI general secretary D Raja, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and his father Mulayam Singh Yadav, as well as the INLD leader OP Chautala. Despite buzz that Nitish could emerge as the prime ministerial face of the opposition, the JD(U) leader once again dismissed the speculation, saying it

would be consensually decided later.

BJP'S GUNA MP KP YADAV FEARS 2024 TICKET MAY GO TO 2019 LOSER SCINDIA

BJP’s Guna MP KP Yadav seems to be annoyed and worried since Jyotiraditya Scindia joined BJP. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, KP Yadav defeated Scindia. But now that Scindia himself is in BJP, Yadav has an inkling that the party would give Lok Sabha ticket to Scindia, instead of him. So he is now looking for a new home. Recently, Akhilesh had offered Guna MP KP Yadav a place in SP. But the question remains whether Yadav would join Congress or the Samajwadi Party, or if he would stay on in the BJP?

SHIVPAL ACTS AS LOYALTY DIVIDER, BJP EYES MULAYAM'S MAINPURI SEAT

To damage Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, his estranged uncle and president of the Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party Lohia (PSPL), Shivpal Yadav has 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. Will Shivpal’s only end up Fragmenting anti-BJP votes in the state

or will he joins hand with either Congress or the BJP? Meanwhile, Shivpal indicated that he would contest the Mainpuri seat if Mulayam Singh Yadav does not. On the other hand, after capturing Azamgarh and Rampur, the BJP in Uttar Pradesh is now eyeing Mainpuri, which is presently held by SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav. The party is focusing more on Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat to prepare the ground to win the seats. State minister Jaiveer Singh said: "We are working towards winning Mainpuri in the 2024 general election."

BJP WANTS RAEBARELI IN 2024, TASKS TOMAR WITH PREPARING GROUND

The BJP has commenced the preparations for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh. The party’s main agenda is focusing more on Raebareli to prepare the ground for winning the coveted seat, so far the Lok Sabha constituency of Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Union Agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar has been tasked by his party to work in the Raebareli region. Tomar has spent two days at Raebareli, a Gandhi family bastion. After conquering the fort of Amethi, now BJP is eyeing Raebareli seat.

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Time to get serious about Climate Change



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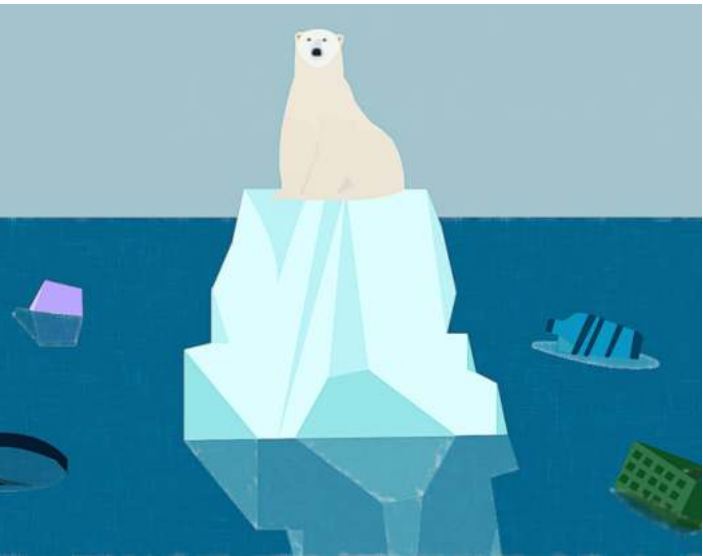
Climate change is one of the most important problems we face. It is also truly a global problem in the sense that no country alone can influence the outcome. It can only be solved if all countries mount a global response. With development activities picking up once again, it’s important to keep in mind that we’re already fighting climate change and global warming. Our choices, actions and behaviour should be based on that premise so that we can inch closer to reducing the impact of climate change.

India is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, and will be severely affected with an increase in natural calamities

such as floods, tsunamis, droughts, and heat waves. Our country has already taken a few progressive steps such as the target of clean energy and reduction in emissions by 22 per cent. In fact, extensive plantation efforts, water body rejuvenation, and buying local and organic produce are already being encouraged and implemented. However, regardless of the policies and strategies implemented by the government, our environment will heal only if ‘care for nature’ comes naturally to us.

While you might think that climate change policies and strategies are the work of the government and political bodies, this is a reminder that we are going through the repercussions of climate change as a country. It is each individual’s responsibility to do their bit in making the fight against climate change easier and more effective. Healing the environment starts in the kitchen, in our bedrooms, at work, and even in the garage.

To prevent further decline in our environmental health, we need to be wary of every small action that



can contribute to temperature rise, sea-level rise, and pollution. We need to reduce emissions of Green House Gases, especially carbon dioxide and devise eco-friendly substitutes to products that have a high carbon footprint. In fact,

achieve a low carbon footprint. This could be an incentive to reduce polluting behaviours and to invest in cleaner energy choices.

Increasing energy efficiency and promoting renewable energy is also crucial to reduce pressure on our natural resources. So many people in India still lack access to electricity and rely on solid fuels for cooking such as coal, wood, and charcoal which causes harmful indoor air pollution. Opting for energy-efficient appliances, using LEDs and using renewable energy is a great way to not only mitigate climate change but also let businesses know that the demand for renewable energy sources is on rise. Given the extreme climate conditions that India faces and the loss of life and economy attributed to it, India should also strengthen its current targets and given its immense renewable energy generation potential, aim to lead by setting an example.

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NDTV’S SREENIVASAN JAIN ALLOWED DONALD TRUMP TO PLAY ON HIS OWN TERMS

SUSHIL KUTTY

In the United States former presidents continue to be ‘President’ for the rest of their lives. And so, ‘President Trump’ gave an interview to NDTV and but for the fact that seven seas separated India from the United States, Trump wouldn’t have agreed to the interview for the simple reason that within earshot Trump would have known years ago that of the hundreds of Indian TV media, NDTV comes the nearest to aping CNN in its reportage philosophy.

And everybody knows how CNN decimated and demeaned the 45th POTUS. And continues to do so as an addiction can only be fought, not defeated. The grouse against President Donald Trump since the time he was forced to vacate the White House is that to this day he refuses to concede President Joe Biden defeated him “fair and square” in 2020. CNN, especially, went to town with this Trump infringement and NDTV also made no bones about it.

Of course, Donald Trump did not know NDTV well when he sat down with the channel’s Sreenivasan Jain and “Hindu American” Shallabh ‘Shalli’ Kumar for the interview. As it happened, Sreenivasan Jain turned out to be no match to the CNN’s then White House correspondent Jim Acosta whose volatile encounters with Trump at White House pressers made him a poster boy of the left-liberal who hated Trump from his shoelaces up.

Unlike Acosta, Sreenivasan Jain gave the impression he didn’t want to touch a raw Trump nerve. To his audience at home, this was not the Sreenivasan Jain they had come to accept as a natural-born tough cookie. Jain’s line of questioning of ‘The Donald’ was tame, acetone-free and aseptic; perhaps the most docile journalist Donald Trump had ever faced in a career of journalists.

NDTV’s Sreenivasan Jain allowed Trump slack and more. This interview wouldn’t stand for a “roast” if the stove itself was on fire. For example, Trump told NDTV that “Prime Minister Narendra Modi is doing a terrific job” and Jain let it go, scot-free! He didn’t counter Trump with even a whimper. Jain could have put his foot down and disputed Trump’s carte blanche, asked Trump to explain himself; told him most Indians wouldn’t give Trump the time of the day after hearing this.

That would have disabused Trump of his long held view that Modi held India by its pulse. At the ‘Howdy Modi’ event in Houston, the Trump-Modi bonhomie was at its peak. And “yesterday at the interview” was the chance for NDTV to puncture Trump’s Modi-balloon. But Sreenivasan Jain let the opportunity slip out of NDTV’s hand and this was, perhaps, the ultimate lost opportunity in the history of lost opportunities.

At another point, to another question, President Trump told Jain, “I’ve had a great relationship with India and with Prime Minister Modi. We were, we’ve, been friends. And I think he’s a great guy and doing a terrific job. It’s not an easy job he’s got. But we’ve known each other a long time. Good man.”

Jain let that too go without raising a middle-finger equivalent. Donald Trump isn’t the sort who doesn’t like revelations. For sure, his understanding of Modi must only be skin deep despite the heavy hug-holding. He would have been intrigued if he was told a brief history of Narendra Modi in the best-NDTV rendition. But Sreenivasan Jain didn’t ask Trump to explain the “terrific job” Modi has been doing.

Instead, he gave President Trump a clear route to take potshots at POTUS Joe Biden, and the Democrats. Sreenivasan Jain appeared too keen to position NDTV as a global media channel with this “world exclusive”. Post the interview, the channel was congratulating itself on being the first in the world to make Trump confess there would be a Trump 2.0, and that Trump was continuing to allege “vendetta”.

Trump was asked “But you say this vendetta?” and the reply came from “Hindu-American” Shallab ‘Shaili’ Kumar: “Hindu Americans and India must know there’s a big parallel from 2002 to 2014, everybody wanted to put Narendra Modi in jail. He was being vilified...Now he’s the most popular man. The same thing is happening...President has been, you know, witch hunt. First, the Russian collusion - nothing. Impeachment - nothing”.

NDTV let that, too, to go. In fact, it seemed like Sreenivasan Jain was in awe of the “Hindu-American” go-between, and the two had come to an arrangement on the particular line of questioning Trump; and, while at it, also give Modi slack. So, India “has never had a better friend than me”, and Trump had given the “broadest hint (to any channel worldwide) yet that he may be running for office again in 2024” became the punch-lines for this “NDTV world-exclusive”.

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My master is not dangerous but if he is in danger I will take on the enemy wanting to destroy him!



M S NAZKI

The Dogs of War..... This is a story about trainers, in other words teachers and their students, in this case dogs!

‘It has to be wonderful and it is!’

‘People talk a lot about human instincts but animals have only one as far as love goes! They love the humans who love them and perhaps their instinct is ‘do I say ‘This is where it starts?’ There’s nowhere where it starts. Life is constant creation, change and destruction. The trick is knowing one from the other. They cannot speak but the body language speaks a lot and the trainer/master can make it out easily!’

‘Trust me when put on a job, detection or a confrontation the trained dogs of Indian army have performed far better than humans since they know the sniff and snuff out trick! They are the real ‘Dogs of War’

‘Dogs of War has been a title created by any great authors, obvious Fredrick Forsyth is the name that will come first to everyone’s mind ‘... Shannon’s fingers itched to smash the man in the face. Inside his head he kept telling himself, Keep cool, baby, absolutely cool! Are one the best lines in the book by a character, fictional or otherwise but still a human

‘Since the title ‘Dogs of War’ always fascinated me I got a book off the shelf from Yak Book depot Jammu and it was by Adrian T’chakovsky and the name was the same! Some lines enthralled me which read, ‘I feel sad about Hart, then. Hart was not Master, but he was kind and I have good memories of him. And those good memories are now sad memories because all of them are tagged with my knowledge of his death. I try to remove these tags so I can enjoy the memories, but something goes wrong and I can’t.’ Dogs do remember that, especially the Dogs of war!’

‘You could do to dogs what you could not do to man: you could make them superhuman, give them all the advantages they would need to rule the battlefields of the future. All you needed was sufficient dogs!’ This was what an expert from Indian Army Dog unit told me in an evening conversation over a drink! He is a very close relative of mine and a dog lover!’

‘The conversation was over dogs since I have six (German Shepherds and Doberman’s three each) of them and a Vet doctor at home (niece) and it was a dinner meet on the birthday of my daughter! That is the reason as to why I gave you the reference of the two books because Rajveer was going to tell me something big and unknown about the Indian Army dogs!’s

‘Everyone said it would be robots. Robots would fight the wars for us: drones and metal soldiers and tanks with electronic brains. And they’d rise up against us and exterminate the human race, granted, but up until that point it would be robot soldiers on every battlefield on earth. But robots cannot do what the ‘Dogs of war can do in present times because like humans they back their instincts as their trainer’s/master’s backs!’

‘Therefore one can realize that there is some unimagined coordination between two plus four legs



making it six and that means natural force is strengthened! That is what seek and destroy missions are all about!’

‘I knew that I was in mid thirties but at 53 he was strengthening my belief! He was to tell me about several dogs of army but first he asked the names of mine! Why so, I never knew and I rattled Romeo, Don and Hyder (all German Shepherds) then Sultan, King and Brutus (All Doberman)! My wife too is a dog lover and suddenly my younger daughter Shriya walked in with a pup in hand! It was another addition to the family! ‘Papa my friend gifted this special specimen of living beings that you love the most!’ The name was immediately to follow from Rajveer’s mouth-piece ‘Julio!’ Today it is almost five years! The being on four legs was a Labrador again trained by Rajveer! That time my daughter was just nine studying in Presentation Convent Jammu! Julio has grown big as she has!

‘The war had been fought with guns and men – militias and private security forces clashing, with units of the army on both sides. For the first few months it had all been almost civilised, everyone trying to be gentlemanly about the whole thing.’ But some moving creature on four legs had provided the greatest of assists! Had to be a trained dog told about everything! His master had told him everything! The Dog could not talk back but a bark or a slouchy long tone, though musical but pleasing or hurting to the ears told everything! Or maybe a big yawn telling me that ‘I’m

tired!’ We humans also have these habits. We can speak but the Dog’s of war do not have that capability!’ Perhaps that is where the word loyalty came into existence!’

‘This was the storyline I had in my hand ‘dogs are humans’ best dogs are humans’ best friends but in Kashmir, they are the souls which protect our Armed Forces, often at the cost of their own. Not all heroes are humans...!’ I thought about myself as a human and then from the brain of a Dog and I called Rajveer on the next Sunday, years back. Do not remember how many! Thus came up this story!’ But now the strength of my own Dog unit had grown to eight with Buzo making an entry (the breed Boxer gifted to my niece, the name Mark)! My mother and wives at home, though dog lovers were in the most horrible of moods and so was ‘Kancha’ (the chef for the dogs)! I know by evening that day the tempers will calm off by mother saying ‘Jeev Hai, Palna toh Hai’

‘These are the words that were told to me by Rajveer about the posture of dogs when they want to rest and dream, ‘I am a dreamer. I know so little of real life that I just can’t help re-living such moments as these in my dreams, for such moments are something I have very rarely experienced. I am going to dream about you the whole night, the whole week, the whole year.’! They do not know about what but may be the next task the next morning! They are the first to wake up and we do not wake them up!’That is the sincerity towards the job at hand all the way!’

They are known for their excellent agility, endurance, stamina, bite work, olfactory acuity, intelligence and trainability.

Back in 2016, Army dogs, who saved the lives of numerous soldiers in counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations, took part in the Republic Day Parade on 26 January after a gap of 26 years

Some great heroes:

Rex: Born in 1993 at RVC Centre & School Meerut, this golden Labrador named Rex was posted to 14 Army Dog Unit under Delta Force and assigned the areas adjoining the town of Bhaderwah, to help troops in trailing and tracking militants. In 1995, he tracked a militant injured in an encounter for over 3 km in the thick of militant fire. In a chase that lasted for over four hours, he managed to recover one AK 56 rifle and a haversack containing 92 rounds. In 1998, out on a patrol in the area of Gulgandhar, security forces killed two dreaded militants and badly injured one, who managed to escape. Rex picked up the scent and, hot on his trail, moved with speed and stealth for 2 km across the mountainous terrain. He traced the body of the militant in a hide-out where he had succumbed to his injuries. He again performed exceptionally well during an avalanche rescue operation, and that too without any formal training in this field. Rex succeeded in locating the bodies of three militants buried under six feet of snow, after which he went on to locate three separate hideouts having an assortment of

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Tamil pride and Chola kings: Vikram explains the connection

Recalling the glorious deeds of the great Chola kings who ruled Tamil Nadu in the ninth century, actor Vikram said that the benevolent and thoughtful acts of the great kings who ruled Tamil land was one of reasons why the popular Tamil phrase, 'Tamilan Endru Sollada, Thalai Nimnirndhu Nillada' (Say you a Tamilian, Hold your head high) existed.

Participating in the audio and trailer launch event of director Mani Ratnam's eagerly awaited 'Ponniyin Selvan: I', in which he plays crown prince, Aditya Karikala Cholan, Vikram said: "You would have used the phrase 'Tamilan Endru Sollada, Thalai nimnirndhu Nillada' several times. You might have it as even your DPs on social media as well. But there are several reasons for that phrase to have been formulated.

"One of the several reasons why that came into existence is the way our ancestors lived on this very soil several thousands of years ago. The way they ruled. The small small things that they did which made the entire world love them.

"This reminds me of a story. An elderly woman was heard making a prayer to a deity in a

temple that she would light a lamp at the temple for 100 years if her prayers were answered. The king of the land got to know of the prayer request of the woman and got her

"The king then asked the minister to find the poorest man in his kingdom. When the poor man was bought, the king

would have 96 cows as the cows would multiply."

"The king is believed to have asked the minister to monitor him. After two years, the minister was asked to take 48 cows from this man and give it to the next poorest man in the kingdom. This is not a story. This happened in Thanjavur and the man who did it was Raja Raja Cholan. The temple I am speaking about is the world famous Brihadeeswarar temple.

"Raja Raja Cholan set up a small banking system a 1000 years ago to eradicate poverty. At that point itself, they had elections to select village elders. Free medication was provided 1,000 years ago itself.

"They had a separate water body ministry to manage water resources," Vikram said and pointed out that this film would be a story about that era.



asked him what he would need to fulfill the old woman's promise. The man is believed to have asked for 48 cows. When asked if that would be enough, the man is known to have said that the first year, he would have 48, the next year, he

fulfilled. He also got his minister to take the money for lighting a lamp at the temple for 100 years from the woman, assuring her that he would appoint a person to fulfill her promise."

There's no time to be jealous

Stating that there was no time to be jealous of another's success, actor Kamal Haasan said that this was a fact that both Tamil Superstar Rajinikanth and he realised at a very young age.

Participating in the audio and trailer launch event of director Mani Ratnam's 'Ponniyin Selvan I' that was held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium on Tuesday night, Kamal said: "The film industry is a small family. In this family, there is no time for jealousy."

"When I don't have the time to do my work, there is no time to be jealous. This is something that he (pointing to Rajinikanth) and I realised at a very young

age." "We have seen victories. Big ones. Double victories. Defeats. When victories come (irrespective of whom it comes to), we rejoice, because one's defeat will affect the whole industry and a one's victory will lift up the entire industry."

Congratulating AR Rahman, the music director of 'Ponniyin Selvan', Kamal said that every song that the composer had scored for the film had increased his heart beats.

Calling Rahman's music 'unique', Kamal said that he had played out his songs to the actor after returning from Bali where he had gone to do research for the songs of the film.



Tejasswi Prakash grabs attention with her fake accent in 'Naagin 6'

Post her stint in 'Bigg Boss 15', Tejasswi Prakash is making a buzz, either for her relationship with Karan Kundrra or her looks, and most recently, her exaggerated accent in 'Naagin 6'.

To portray the character of a foreign-returned lookalike of Pratha (the lead character of 'Naagin' played by Tejasswi), she changed her accent to sound like an NRI from London, but it got so exaggerated that many of her fans trolled her for it and others made fun of it.

In fact, Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor also made a reel reprising the character and shared it on Instagram which made her fake accent more viral.

Though in a recent interview, Tejasswi pointed out that it was all meant to make her fans laugh and also to educate them and if it is going viral her purpose is served.

In the video, she can be heard talking to her on-screen sister Mahek (played by Maheek Chahal).

Mahek asks her: "Aadhi raat ko walk kar rahi ho" (You are walking in the middle of the night?) and she replies: "Listen, jab walk karte hai tab time nahi dekhte aur time dekh ke kabhi walk nahi karte ... kyunki koi agar dekhte hai to humara figure dekhte hai aur mai apna figure maintain karti hu so isliye walk karti hoon."

This video grabbed a humongous number of eyeballs and while speaking to a YouTuber Janice Sequeira, Tejasswi said: "I wasn't following any accent, it wasn't legitimate. I just wanted to make it sound extremely funny. And if people found it funny, that's great."

"Whatever sells. In a time when there are such good things being made, with everything nice and it doesn't work. My show is working even when not everything happening in it makes sense. You do it convincingly and it sells."



The hilarious video and speaking style in the show has become talk of the town. Now, the show has taken a leap and Pratha's twin daughters have made their entry. It has to be seen how Tejasswi woos her fans once again and what new she brings in her look and character.



Ranbir calls 'Highway' Alia's best, became a fan of hers after seeing film

Bollywood star Ranbir Kapoor, who is awaiting the release of his highly anticipated movie 'Brahmastra', recently opened up on his favourite performance of his wife, Alia Bhatt. Alia, who made her debut with the 2012 film 'Student Of The Year', has had quite an eventful journey in cinema as she has constantly delivered terrific performances one after the other but, after all these years, Ranbir's favourite performance of Alia remains her second film, 'Highway'.

Talking about it, Ranbir said in an IMDb Original video, "She's probably had the best year any artist has ever had, in the history of actors. She's had 'Gangubai', she's had 'RRR', she's had 'Darlings'.

And now she's going to have 'Brahmastra'. "The obvious choice would be 'Gangubai', but I actually became a fan of Alia from her second film onwards, and that was 'Highway' Ranbir added: "I was really looking forward to this film and I actually saw it in the edit. I just knew that this was the birth of an actor which is probably... Indian cinema and world cinema weren't ready for. I hadn't seen an actor deliver what she did in that film and I think I became a huge admirer of her work since then."

For Alia, Ranbir's performance in 'Barfi!' (which incidentally released in the same year when she made her screen debut) takes the cake.

Talking about her husband's performance in 'Barfi!', the actress said, "I think it is just so simple, funny at the same time, so heart-breaking. He literally did not speak through the film, did everything through his eyes, and that was the most beautiful part. It is one of my favourite, most impactful Ranbir Kapoor performances."

As 'Brahmastra' nears its release, the film has become a part of their DNA now as Ranbir mentioned in the video, "It's been five years. Ayan, Alia, and I are also really close friends, so on every occasion in our lives, if it's a birthday, if it's Diwali, if it's Christmas, if it's our marriage, we were always talking about 'Brahmastra'. So, it never really left our system." 'Brahmastra', directed by Ayan Mukerji, will drop in theatres on September 9.

Anushka Sharma reveals 'moment from a story that needs to be told'

Bollywood star Anushka Sharma took to social media to reveal a glimpse of 'Chakda Xpress', which is inspired by the life and times of women cricket's all-time greatest fast bowler Jhulan Goswami. In the image, Anushka is seen recreating a moment from Jhulan's life.

A thoughtful Anushka as Jhulan is seen making an important phone call while pouring rain beats down on everything around her.

She captioned it: "A moment

from a story that needs to be told!"

Anushka has always strived to be a perfectionist in her career and she is doing the same for 'Chakda Xpress'. She is currently prepping before she starts another schedule of the film.

The Netflix Film, which is



tracing the glorious journey of one of the fastest female pacers in the history of world cricket, will showcase how Jhulan moves up the ladder despite countless hindrances to fulfil her only dream: to play cricket.

Jhulan went on to captain the Indian women's national cricket team and is a role model for aspiring cricketers in the country. In 2018, an Indian postage stamp was issued in her honour.

She holds the world record for the highest number of wickets taken by a woman in an international career.

OTT release locked for Karthi, Aditi Shankar-starrer 'Viruman' on Sep 11

Director M Muthaiah's superhit action thriller 'Viruman', featuring actors Karthi and Aditi Shankar in the lead, will release on OTT on September 11.

The film, which had an impressive run in theatres, will release on the OTT platform Amazon Prime. Apart from Karthi and Aditi Shankar, the daughter of ace director Shankar, the film also features Raj Kiran, Prakash Raj and Soori in pivotal roles.

"It was rather interesting to play the character of Muniyandi because he is a completely different, opposite person from whom I am in real life," Prakash Raj said.

He added: "It was an unfamiliar territory that I'm glad I chartered into with such hardworking and talented artistes like Karthi and Aditi. I hope with the worldwide premiere of this movie, the audiences have a great time watching it."

"Viruman was an experience that will stay fresh in my heart for a long time," Karthi said.

"It was such a contrasting experience since Prakash sir and I have a very jovial and happy rapport." He said further: "Our characters on screen, however, are totally different and as father and son, we are at loggerheads. This movie will give the audiences a glimpse into a never-before-seen chemistry between the two of us. Watch out for us as we take you on a roller coaster ride of entertainment with the world-



wide digital premiere of 'Viruman'."

"Prakash Raj sir and Karthi are two of the finest actors in the nation and no artiste can wish for a better debut than sharing the screen with them," lead actress Aditi Shankar noted.

Set in Madurai, the movie follows the story of Viruman, a village youngster who leaves his house when he finds out that his father, Muniyandi, is the reason for his mother's suicide.

An intrepid and good-hearted person, he fights to make his arrogant father pay the price for his sins and save his brothers from the man's grip.



Rasika Dugal starts shooting for another schedule of 'Mirzapur' Season 3

Actress Rasika Dugal has started shooting for the third season of 'Mirzapur' in the City of Nawabs, Lucknow. Rasika has received immense love for her portrayal of Beena Tripathi in both seasons of Mirzapur and is now all set to reprise her role for the third season. Rasika says: "Shooting in Lucknow is always wonderful, the energy and the vibe of the city is exhilarating. I always look forward to the 'Mirzapur' shoots, feels like coming back home. I am looking forward to good food and an amazing shooting experience."

For the two seasons of the said series, Rasika walked away with praises for embodying the role of a woman from a small town with the power to change the course of events in the series. 'Mirzapur' Season 3 also stars Pankaj Tripathi, Ali Fazal, Shweta Tripathi, Vijay Verma and Isha Talwar, and is backed by Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani's production house, Excel Entertainment. Rasika's upcoming projects

include 'Adhuraa', 'Spike', 'Lord Curzon Ki Haveli' and 'Fairy Folk'.

DEO Doda briefs Political parties about Special Summary Revision 2022

'BLOs appointed for each polling station to achieve 100% enrollment of new voters'

DODA, SEPTEMBER 09 District Election Officer Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan today chaired a meeting of representatives of national and regional political parties, in his office chamber and briefed them about ensuing Special Summary Revision 2022.

The participants were informed that the special summary revision 2022 is going to start from September 15 and would continue till October 25, 2022. The schedule for holding special camps and constituency wise list of polling stations along with a list of BLOs and their contacts were also shared with the representatives of polling parties. The DEO urged them to extend their cooperation to the District Elec-

tion Authority to ensure



100% enrollment of new voters. The Political parties were urged to appoint the Booth Level Agents to conduct error free exercise of enrollment, addition, deletion and transpo-

sition. The representatives

Meanwhile, Dy DEO, Amresh Kotwal also briefed the participants about the activity schedule of Special Summary Revision 2022 and scheduled dates of polling station level Special campaign, besides the

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measures being adopted by the District Election Authority to generate mass awareness through different mediums. "For error free enrollment of new voters the First schedule of training of BLOs have been completed for cent per cent registration of persons attaining the age of 18 years as on 1st October 2022, besides processing of electoral forms like 6, 6B, 7 and 8," the Dy DEO informed the participants. He further briefed them about citizens portal www.nvsp.in for corrections, deletions and transposition and to download Voter Helpline App for Aadhaar seeding that will be available for both Android and IOS users.

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Secretary H&ME visits Psychiatric Hospital Jammu, reviews functioning

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 9: Secretary, Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Bhupinder Kumar, today visited de-addiction Centre at Government Psychiatric Disease Hospital, Jammu.

He had an extensive round of the existing infrastructural facilities besides a detailed review of functioning of the Centre. Secretary was apprised of several issues including certain shortcomings in the existing centre which need an urgent consideration and resolution as well. Besides, he was also informed about need for proper security in and around the centre.

He ensured complete financial and logistical support to the de-addiction centre for further streamlining of working of this vital healthcare.

Bhupinder Kumar instructed the officials to ensure adequate OST services in the hospital for larger interest of patients. He directed the HOD Psychiatric Hospital and Medical Superintendent Psychiatric Hospital for preparation and submission of a comprehensive action plan regarding up gradation of infrastructure facilities including creation of regional level Rehabilitation Centre under Nasha Mukth Abhiyan at the earliest.

Secretary emphasized upon the concerned officers to further step up their efforts towards effective implementation



of ongoing Nasha Mukth Abhiyan in Jammu and Kashmir.

Principal GMC Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma; Administrator Associated Hospital; HOD Psychiatry; Medical Superintendent Psychiatric Disease Hospital; Nodal Officer, Nasha Mukth Abhiyan; Assistant Professor and other staff of Psychiatric disease Hospital Jammu was present on the occasion. Principal GMC Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma; Administrator Associated Hospital; HOD Psychiatry; Medical Superintendent Psychiatric Disease Hospital; Nodal Officer, Nasha Mukth Abhiyan; Assistant Professor and other staff of Psychiatric disease Hospital.

Special Summary Revision-2022 DEO Doda flags off SVEEP Express to generate mass awareness

DODA, SEPTEMBER 09: District Election Of-



ficer Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan today flagged off a "SVEEP Express" from DC office here this morning to spread mass awareness about Special Summary Revision-2022 aimed at to enroll the left out voters to make electoral rolls healthy and error free and to enroll those who have attained the age of 18 years on or before 1st October 2022.

Among others present were SSP, Dy DEO, Nodal Officer SVEEP, ENT,

besides other concerned office staff of the election

department. The DEO, while speaking on the occasion, directed the Nodal officer SVEEP to ensure that all the activities scheduled under SSR-2022 be adhered in letter and spirit. He urged the left out voters and those who have attained the age of 18 years as on October 1st 2022 to contact their BLOs or apply on www.nvsp.eci.in to register as voters.

The Nodal officer SVEEP informed that "SVEEP

Express" has been flagged off to generate mass awareness among the locals of the district with regard to the Special summary revision 2022 being conducted from September 15 to October 25, 2022 with special thrust on enrollment of all left out voters as well as those who have turned 18 as on October 1st.

The SVEEP Express will go to every panchayat, Patwar Halqa, Village and education institutions across the district and will disseminate information about SSR-2022 among the public. "Besides, it will share the names and contact numbers of BLOs, the schedule of Special campaign dates and other IEC election material including electoral forms like 6, 6B, 7 and present demo for filling these forms" he added.

DC Kathua reviews implementation of e-office system of working

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER

09: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today convened a meeting of officers of different departments, here at DC Office Complex to review the switch over to the e-office system of working in the offices. At the outset, the DIO NIC apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the status of information furnished by different departments for smooth implementation of e-office. He also shared the details of training sessions conducted to acquaint the employees with the e-office process and procedures. The DC directed DIO NIC to devise a format wherein the department wise details of employees dealing with e-office, file heads besides flow chart of file movement is incorporated. The DC shared about the benefits of switching over to e-Office which

includes time saving and efficient management of works, quick disposal of files besides bringing transparency and accountability in the system. The DIO NIC briefed the officers about the role of VPN to have secure access to files and regarding registration of e-mail through NIC. The DC further directed DIO NIC to ensure mapping of email of respective departments on priority so that the process for shifting of official work on the e-Office platform could be achieved by the end of September. The DIO NIC briefed the officers about the role of VPN to have secure access to files and regarding registration of e-mail through NIC. The DC further directed DIO NIC to ensure mapping of email of respective departments on priority so that the process for shifting of official work.

KVK, ICDS Poonch organise awareness programme on Balanced Nutrition

POONCH, SEPTEMBER

09: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Poonch of Sher-e-Kashmir University Jammu, in collaboration with Mission Directorate ICDS on Friday conducted an awareness programme on National Nutrition Week at KVK Poonch campus.

The programme was conducted under the leadership of Prof J P Sharma, Vice Chancellor and overall supervision of Dr S K Gupta Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr Ajay Gupta, Sr. Scientist & KVK Head informed that National Nutrition Week is celebrated every year from September 1 to 7 to create awareness about good nutrition and health and this year Nutrition week is celebrated with the theme "Celebrate a World of Flavours". He explained that the objective was to generate awareness about the importance of nutrition for good health which has far-reaching implications on economic



growth and National Development.

Speaking about the problem of malnutrition in India, he said that India has marginally improved to address the issues of stunting, underweight and severely wasted among children and women. He elaborated various Government schemes to fight malnutrition especially among Women and Children and also spoke on the importance of pulses and millets in human diet for balanced nutrition.

The programme was attended by more than six-

ty Anganwari workers of Block Haveli.

Dr. Ramandeep Kour highlighted the need for sensitizing rural and household women regarding the importance of nutritional food, vegetables and fruits in human diet. He informed that malnutrition is a serious problem in Poonch district among adolescent girls, pregnant women and children.

The programme ended with the vote of thanks presented by Dr. Ramandeep Kour.

Permission granted to Govt Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor for Academic Session 2022-23

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 09: National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India has granted permission to Government Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor for Academic Session 2022-23.

As per the management of the College, the Secretary Health and Medical Education Department and higher authorities have given utmost importance to this newly inaugurated institution, hence current year Permission (LoP) has been granted without demand of any type of Undertakings/Indemnity Bond/Affidavit from UT of J&K. The Management further said that the Government Ayurvedic Medical College was commissioned in the year 2017 and the first batch of BAMS was started in a makeshift arrangement from Government Ayurvedic Hospital Indira Chowk Jammu after a lapse of 44 years. Later, the institution was shifted to the newly constructed building at Akhnoor on the banks of Chenab River and inaugurated by LG, UT J&K. "Within a short span of time the institution has witnessed incredible progress in all spheres. With the consistent hard work and cooperation of all faculty.

Implementation Of FSSAI To Curb Adulteration, Malpractices Priority Of Food Safety Department, Assistant Commissioner DFCO Doda

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Sept 9:

To implement upon the provisions including the merits & objectives of the FSS Act & earmark the "Eat Right initiatives" as also to eradicate the food adulteration & snub the malpractices, Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Department Doda Taraq Ahmad Butt stated that the department is committed to eradicate adulteration of food and other malpractices from the society.

In this backdrop, continuing with the drive, Food Safety Officer Assar launched outreach operation in very inaccessible area of Marmat tehsil with real themes of the initiatives of "Eat Right India" today. The Enforcement Officer/Food Safety Officer Assar visited the scattered markets, carried out the inspections and collected 03 Enforcement suspicious samples of different categories of essential commodities for analysis under

FSSAI. The Officer Concerned educated the Food Business Operators about packaging & labelling norms under FSSAI. He also organised an awareness camp of Food Business Operators of the Area & thoroughly explored the objectives, rules & regulations of the Act.

The officer also visited HSS Mangota Marmat and comprehensively detailed about the "Eat Right initiatives" including Registrations of "Eat Right Schools", Fortification, RUCO, Hygienic practices, Cleanliness and Sanitation.

During the visit, the Officer Concerned convened a meeting with the staff of Govt. HSS Mangota and cross checked the Mid Day Meals being served to the students. Importantly, the Enforcement Officer stressed on the use of the product which have been declared as fortified so that the issue of malnutrition, "Anemia Mukh Bharat" could be addressed in letter & spirits. Further,

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SMVDSB adds Satellite Dental Clinic to healthcare

Katra, Sept 9: Taking another significant welfare step as per the directions of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, JK-UT who is also Chairman, SM-VDSB, for the employees and their families stationed at Sanjichatt and adjoining areas, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board established Satellite Dental Healthcare Clinic at Sanjichatt by expanding the dental healthcare facilities now on the track, inaugurated today by Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SM-VDSB. Earlier in 2015, Shrine Board established "Maa Durga Dental Clinic" at Katra for the benefit of staff, pilgrims and community at large.

This newly established clinic in the premises of Medical Unit, Sanjichatt will provide basic dental services like extraction, cleaning of teeth, filling and preventive dental care to the visiting pilgrims, staff and largely their families stationed at Sanjichatt and adjoining areas. It is well equipped with modern equipment and other

allied facilities like one dental chair, dental X-ray machine, scalers, sterilisation



equipment and other allied facilities. Dental surgeons, technicians and other staff would be available to address the dental treatments. Provisions are also made to refer and treat patients at Katra dental clinic for specialized treatments.

Speaking on the occasion, the CEO said that this newly established facility as per the directions of Hon'ble Chair-

man would benefit about 1200 employees and their families at large stationed

at Sanjichatt and adjoining areas like Bhawan, Bhairon Ji, Himkoti and Adhkwari besides, the visiting pilgrims. Now, the staff and their families need not climb down to seek medical assistance for oral health problems. The clinic will provide the primary dental care, which would help resolve the dental problems and would go a long way in providing dental care services

to promote oral health among staff and their families, he said. He also enumerated various other measures that had already been taken for the general welfare of the shrine board employees. CEO also interacted with the staff and issued on the spot directions to the concerned for time bound disposal of personnel matters of the employees. He lauded the efforts made by the Shrine Board Staff to ensure greater facilitation of the pilgrims visiting the Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji. Noteworthy, recently on Raising Day celebrations of SMVDSB, Lt Governor announced hardship allowance for 1450 SMVDSB employees posted at Higher Altitude.

Besides, CEO thanked Dr. Inder Dhir, a dental surgeon serving in Canada and a devotee of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji, for her support in setting up this dental clinic for the facilitation of pilgrims and staff. The clinic would be visited by Dental Surgeon Dr Oshin, Dr Kritika Rajput.

Javed Rana appeals people to maintain peace, brotherhood at all costs

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Mendhar, SEP 9: Senior National Conference leader and President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Pirpanjal, Javed Ahmed Rana raised serious concern over the tense situation in and around Rajouri town due to a land dispute between two groups, appealing people of the region to maintain peace, calm and communal harmony at all costs. In a statement issued to media here today, Javed Rana said that it has come to his notice that the District Administration has imposed restrictions in Rajouri Town to maintain law and order situation that has arisen on account of land dispute between two major communities i.e. the Hindus and Muslims. He made a fervent appeal to the members of both the communities to maintain peace and harmony at all costs. The senior NC leader said "We have full trust and confidence in the District Administration and its law enforcing agencies including the DC and the SSP and asked the people to fully cooperate with the authorities and not get swayed away by some vested interests who are trying to exploit the situation." He said that the dispute shall be settled as per the rule of law and the decision shall be just and the disputing parties must honour it whether the subject matter



of dispute is declared as state land or Awaq land. The National Conference leader stated that the people of the region are already passing through tough times as vested interests are making all efforts to create hatred and communal divide to satiate their political agenda and people are expected to be aware of such disruptive elements. He said that history bears testimony to the fact that the people of Pirpanjal Range have always stood united to defeat the communal forces and maintain the communal brotherhood and harmony so that peace prevails in the region. Exuding confidence in the people of the region, .

PSPS Govt PG College for Women hosts Poster Competition on topics of Physics

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 09: Department of Physics, PSPS Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu organized Poster Presentation Competition on the topics "Vector Analysis, Electric Currents, Magnetostatics and Importance of Optical Phenomenon in day to day life."

The function started with the formal welcome of Chief Guest, Principal Prof. Meenu Mahajan by Dr. B.D. Seghal HOD Physics. In this competition, as many as 30 students participated with 19 posters and covered a variety of phenomena related to above mentioned topics. The event was judged by Prof. Hitesh Basotra and Dr. Pankaj Bhandoria, Associate Professors of GGM Science College. Poster competition was adjudged on the basis of Content, Knowledge and Presentation.

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the world's first Liquid Nano Urea. Sustainable farming is the only way forward to ensure food security and growth. Farmers are ultimate entrepreneurs and our effort is to provide them with better infrastructure, easy access to credit, access to modern machinery and benefits of agriculture extension services, observed the Lt Governor.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has become the fifth largest economy in the world overtaking England. It has also sent a strong message that a sustainable and innovative agricultural system is significant for the holistic growth of any region or nation, observed the Lt Governor.

Highlighting the reforms introduced in the agriculture sector in J&K, the Lt Governor observed that being agriculture based economy and having more than 70% of the population dependent on agriculture, special impetus has been given to make J&K's agriculture system sustainable and profitable.

Introduction of progressive land reforms and efforts towards diversification, allied activities and high density plantation have enabled farmers with small land holdings to earn more, the Lt Governor said.

Integrated approach of farming has already been initiated and the government is promoting agro-based employment generating activities. Revival of traditional crops with market linkage support, GI tagging of local produce, high density plantation and allied activities have successfully brought prosperity for the farmers, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor further highlighted that various strategies are being adopted for promotion of allied enterprises such as dairy farming, apiculture, sericulture and food processing in augmenting farmers income to reduce losses and open greater opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship.

Underlining the need to make necessary interventions to ensure food security for the growing population, the Lt Governor called on stakeholders to work on mission mode for effective implementation of the Millet mission, Exotic Vegetables Farming, promoting micro-irrigation and reducing crop waste.

Dileep Sanghani, Chairman, IFFCO, speaking on the occasion said that IFFCO is continuously engaged in finding solutions to problems confronting the agriculture and allied sector. He informed that trials of the World's first Nano Urea were conducted at more than 11000 places in every nook and corner of the country on around 94 crops.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, in his address said that J&K's Agriculture Sector will emerge as a role model not only for the country but the whole world. A new J&K is recording unprecedented growth and development in every sector and is figuring as a top performer in several categories, he added.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, informed about the Apex Committee constituted under Dr Mangala Rai to find ways to double the growth rate of the agriculture sector. He said that various technical working groups have been formulated to suggest a policy framework to the Government.

Dr. U.S. Awasthi, Managing Director & CEO, IFFCO, highlighted the features and benefits of Nano Urea. It will immensely benefit the production in horticulture and agriculture sector, he said.

To mark the occasion, the Lt Governor also handed over sanction letters for Sprayers to Farmers, FPOs, Cooperative Societies and SHGs as part of the intervention of the Agriculture department for changing the public perception in the field of agriculture.

Balvir Singh, Vice Chairman, IFFCO; Yogindra Kumar, Director Marketing, IFFCO; Board of Directors, IFFCO, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal, Director, Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Kashmir, members of PPO, Cooperatives & SHGs and large number of farmers were present on the occasion.

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sustainable and operationally efficient power distribution sector. It will further reduce the AT&C losses to pan-India levels of 12-15% and ACS-ARR gap to zero by 2024-25 by improving the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of all DISCOMs/ Power Department.

Under RDSS scheme, conditional financial assistance shall be provided to the DISCOMs for strengthening of supply infrastructure based on meeting pre-qualifying criteria and achieving basic minimum benchmark.

The decision aims at achieving 100% smart pre-paid consumer metering and 100% system metering with communicating features aimed at reducing AT&C losses besides improving operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of DISCOMs.

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in deputation rules, 22 officers belonging to various services and different cadres have been posted in the UT at various levels at a crucial time, the statement said.

He said the DoPT played a major role in facilitating induction of JKAS officers into the IAS by coordinating with UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Ministry of Home Affairs and the UPSC.

“As a result, recently 16 officers from JKAS have been inducted into IAS and another eight such vacancies will be filled up shortly giving opportunities to the JKAS officers to become part of prestigious IAS service after a long gap of 12 years,” Singh said.

The minister said mid-career training of JKAS officers of various seniority was carried out in collaboration with LBSNAA and it provided a new level of exposure to the JKAS officers and more than 200 offices.

Singh said central government employees working in the Kashmir Valley in attached and subordinate offices or PSUs falling under control of the Centre have been extended special concessions for a period of three years from August 1, 2021.

The incentives include an additional house rent allowance, composite transfer grant, per diem allowance, incentive for period of temporary duty, messing allowance, facility to draw pension at the place of settlement in relaxation of relevant provisions, he said.

The minister said retention of general pool accommodation available to officers who have served in the central government has also been extended to officers posted in Jammu and Kashmir on the pattern of the northeast states.

Singh said in view of home LTC, it can be availed to visit Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh for which guidelines have been notified by the DOPT.

It will enhance tourism in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and also provide an opportunity to all central government employees to visit the two UTs, he said.

The minister said the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) has helped the UT administration to switch over to online functioning, as a result of which the UT exchequer would save over Rs 200 crore incurred in transport of records etc during 'Durbar move' - shifting of capitals from Srinagar to Jammu during winters and vice versa.

“The government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gives high priority to Jammu and Kashmir and there is no dearth of support forthcoming, as far as the Centre is concerned,” he said.

IAS

Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna, has been transferred and posted as Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K.

“She shall continue to hold the additional charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Ayushman Bharat-Prad-

han Mantri Jan Arogya Yojno, till further orders,” the order reads.

Minga Sherpa (IAS), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (IKTDC), against an available vacancy.

Faz Lul Haseeb (IAS), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar holding additional charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Urban Development Agency, Kashmir has been transferred and posted as Director, Tourism Kashmir.

Harvinder Singh (IAS), Sub Divisional Magistrate, Uri, holding additional charge of Sub Registrar, Uri, has been transferred and posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu.

Dr. Ghulam Nabi Itoo (JKAS), Director Tourism, Kashmir has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Jal Shakti Department.

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venue in PG College Rajouri shall be allowed to move from within town towards the examination venue on the condition of showing valid examination card/roll number slip only.

They added that the administration is also holding talks with prominent members of the communities to find a solution to the row.

REVENUE

of the revenue department to work out viable solutions to address issues and challenges.

The Lt Governor emphasized on streamlining of on-line-Revenue Services to make the system more transparent & accountable to the common people.

He further advised for mapping of forest land, besides creating a dedicated IT cell in the Revenue department.

While reviewing the progress made under Land Records Information System, the chair was informed that a total of 8,21,40,595 of scanned documents, including Jamabandis, Mutations and Girdawaris have been uploaded till date.

Shaleen Kabra, Financial Commissioner, Revenue gave a detailed briefing on the steps taken to achieve the core objectives of Revenue Department and the progress registered under Digital India Land Record Modernization Program; Digitization of Maps and its updation/Survey through latest Geo-reference technology; Ground Truthing through Mobile App; Online-Revenue Services and End to End Integrated Workflow.

It was informed that the Revenue department is using a grievance redressal portal for timely disposal of grievanaces & complaints online.

Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Revenue Department gave a comprehensive overview of the working of Evacuees' Property Department; Registration Department and Haj & Auqaf Affairs Department.

Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Achal Sethi, Secretary to Government, Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs and senior officials of Revenue Department attended the meeting.

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seats from his native district.

Former legislator and senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Monga said the rally in Jammu wasn't so big. "In Baramulla also, the participation won't be big," he said.

COVID

Budgam06 cases, Pulwama reported 07cases, Kupwara reported04 cases, Anantnag reported01case, Bandipora reported 01case, Ganderbal reported 00cases, Kulgam reported 00caseswhile as Shopian also reported 02 fresh cases for today.

Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 11 cases, Udhampur 01, Rajouri 01, Doda 01, Kathua 01, Samba 00, Kishtwar 00, Poonch 00, Ramban and Reasi also reported no fresh case for today.

The bulletin informs that in case of any help, the general public can call J&K UT Centralised Health Helpline- Toll Free No. 104.In case of emergency, people can avail free ambulance services 24x7 by calling toll free number 108 while as pregnant women and sick infants can avail free services by dialling toll free number 102, the bulletin reads.

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administration, Ministry of External Affairs, Indian High Commission and several other offices intervened in the matter to make sure the medico-legal formalities were conducted in a shortest possible time to and that body reaches as soon as possible,” he said.

Resident Commissioner New Delhi, he said, coordinated continuously along with other officers involved in return of the body.

He said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Principal Secretary Higher Education and Divisional Commissioner Kashmir personally intervened and monitored the process at various levels to ensure mortal remains reach back to the residence of the deceased girl at an earliest.

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died. The beat guard later handed over the goat to wildlife department.

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rationalization of staff were passed by him during a meeting of committee of secretaries (CoS) held under his chairmanship on August 16, 2022.

“CS observed that some of the officials who have tenure of more than five years need to be relocated immediately. All departments were asked to identify and recommend transfer of employees having tenure of more than five years, within seven days,” reads the documents.

Subsequently, the General Administration Department (GAD) on August 24 wrote to the administrative secretaries to identify and recommend the transfer of employees in their subordinate offices who have completed a tenure of more than five years.

The GAD again wrote to the departments on Friday to furnish action taken report(s) in the matter for appraisal of the chief secretary—(KNO)

SCHOOLS

a communiqué according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

“In most cases, in which the fee regulation order of FFRC has been stayed, as already stated, had approached FFRC for the first time. In these schools, in view of non-submission of proposed fee structure and record to FFRC previously, the fee was not determined and regulated by FFRC in respect of previous academic sessions,” it said.

According to the communiqué, ‘in violation of judgments of the Supreme Court and the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, and mandate of the law, such schools have fixed the fee structure themselves’.

“The act of such school managements is per se illegal and void ab-initio, as fee structure has been fixed in breach of the mandate of the judgments of the Supreme Court and High Court and the statute occupying the field,” the FFRC said.

It also said that such fee structures cannot be recognised in law.

The question of public and legal importance arises when the Court stays the fee regulation order of FFRC, can a school be permitted to charge and collect the fee which it has fixed itself and which in view of the mandate of the judgments of the Supreme Court and High Court and statute, is impermissible? Can such schools charge and collect such fees from the students?

FFRC said, “The answer in law is that such types of schools have no authority in law to charge and collect fees fixed by themselves. Such schools shall have to request the High Court to decide their writ petitions or seek clarification from the High Court about the fee which in law they are entitled to charge and collect from students.”

“In the other type of schools, fee structure has been earlier regulated by the FFRC, and who not being satisfied with the latest fee regulation order of FFRC, challenged same in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, and wherein the fee regulation orders of the FFRC have been kept in abeyance,” reads the communiqué.

The FFRC, however, said that such type of school managements in law would be authorized to charge and collect only that fee from the student which was earlier regulated by the FFRC. “Such types of schools cannot fix the fee themselves and charge and collect the same from students.”

“Keeping in abeyance of fee regulation order of FFRC by, the High Court would not and shall not authorize school managements to fix fee structure at their sweet will and charge same from students, same being not permitted by the Supreme Court and Hon'ble the High Court and the statutes occupying the field,” it reads.

It added that in such type of cases, the High Court has only kept in abeyance, stayed fee regulation orders, and has not authorized school managements to fix fees of any type themselves.”

“All the private school managements falling in this category shall have to follow the mandate of law and charge and collect fees accordingly. In view of legal position, they, in no circumstances, can fix fees themselves and charge and collect it from the students,” it reads—(KNO)

Drivers, commuters complain lack of facilities on Mughal road

Shopian, Sep 09 (KNO): Due to lack of facilities on the historical Mughal road, commuters and drivers travelling on it are facing inconvenience.

As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the 84-km long road which connects Poonch district with Shopian at Buzliaz has been accorded National Highway status two years ago.

Passengers and drivers while talking to KNO said that though travelling through Mughal road from Shopian's Hirpora gives you a feeling of heaven but lack of facilities on the roadside makes the journey cumbersome.

There are no washrooms, shops and eateries along the road for kilometres because of which people travelling on it are suffering, said a local traveller.

“If your vehicle has any issue you won't be able to rectify it as no such facility is available on the road,” said a driver. He said that travelling along this road throws one incomunicado for hours due to lack of telecommunication.

“In case of an emergency or an accident no SOS call can be made. Hence many avoid travel on the road,” said a commuter.

In absence of a washroom facility, women face immense hardship while urging the government to act on the complaint on priority, said a woman tourist from Srinagar—(KNO) In absence of a washroom facility, women face immense hardship while urging the government to act on the complaint on priority, said a woman tourist from Srinagar—(KNO)

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income; Water - Innovation for producing potable drinking water; Energy- Clean Energy for All including S&T role in Hydrogen mission; Deep Ocean Mission and its relevance for Coastal States and Union Territories as well as country's future economy.

The first of its kind Conclave will witness the participation of Gujarat CM, Union MoS Science and Technology, Ministers and Secretaries of States and Union Territories, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, NGOs, young scientists and students.

PM discussed bilateral issues with Norwegian counterpart on phone

New Delhi, Sep 9 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister of Norway Jonas Gahr Støre and discussed bilateral and international issues of mutual interest.

The two leaders discussed initiatives to mobilise climate finance for renewable energy projects in developing countries, the PMO said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the importance of ensuring equitable, timely and adequate climate finance for the developing world, and appreciated Store's commitment to this cause.

The two leaders reviewed various ongoing bilateral co-operation initiatives, including under the Task Force on Blue economy, the PMO said.

They also expressed satisfaction at the increasing India-Norway collaboration in areas like green hydrogen, shipping, Science and Technology and education.

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DDC Chairperson Kishtwar flags off "Swasthya Rath" to promote Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 09: District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson, Kishtwar Pooja Thakur in presence of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Devansh Yadav today flagged off Swasthya Rath" to promote Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, besides dedicated a new Ambulance to PHC Dachhan, here from DC Office Complex.

The Ambulance has been donated by Chenab Valley Power Projects Pvt. Ltd (CVPPPL) and dedicated to Public.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairperson congratulated the general public and said that the Ambulance will augment the emergency Medicare facility and benefit the people of that far-flung area.

She also expressed her gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner, CVPPL and Health Authorities.

Meanwhile, District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson Kishtwar Pooja Thakur in presence of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Devansh Yadav flagged off "Swasthya Rath" a Mobile Medical Unit to spread awareness about the harmful and fatal effects of the menace of drug abuse under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

The Swashtya Rath fitted with louder speakers shall spread awareness across the host spot areas of District Kishtwar.

Additional District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Sham Lal, DSWO Kishtwar Zubair Ahmed CMO Kishtwar Dr. Chandner Prakash, Dy. CMO Kishtwar Dr. Balbir Kumar; HOP General Manager/JC Pakal Dul, Ramesh Mukhiya; General Manager Electrical Pakal Dul P. K Ray; GM HR Pakal Dul Anand Kumar; BMO Padder Dr. Anil Sharma; Manager Environment Pakal Dul Nasir Ahmed Ganaie besides members of Medical Fraternity.

DEBATE COMPETITION ON INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY AT GOVT HIGH SCHOOL PAYERPORA

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Srinagar Going by the literal meaning, Literacy is the ability to read, write, speak and listen in a way that helps us communicate effectively. The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) declared *8 September* as “International Literacy Day* in the year 1966. Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) celebrations have taken place annually around the world to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights, and to advance the literacy agenda toward a more literate and sustainable society.

To mark the occasion, A debate competition was held at *Govt High School, Payarpora* by Indian Army in its continuous efforts to reach out to the youth with an initiative in mind to further tinker the young minds with a debate topic, **Working women can support their families in a better way**“.

A total of 12 students (6 boys & 6 girls) participated in the debate from classes 8, 9 and 10. The students spoke for and against the motion and put up an exceptional display of oratory skills with both confidence and quality content.

Best three speakers were awarded with cash prizes of 1500, 1000 and 500 each. It is a matter of great pride and signifies the very positive change and thus imperative to note that top three candidates came out to be girls. Also, to keep students encouraged and to reward them for their efforts, all participants were given appreciation prizes.

The pgme concluded with a patriotic song by the girls students and speech by the school principal on the benefits of education and literacy on society which is guiding the youth to tread the correct path of hard work and focus on becoming responsible citizens of the country.

DDC Doda distributes Baby Kits among mothers of newly born babies

DODA, SEPTEMBER 09: District Development Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan today visited the Associated Hospital, Government Medical College and distributed baby kits among the mothers of newly born babies.

The kits were provided by “HUMANITY AID”, an NGO. The DDC appreciated the efforts of the NGO and urged them to contribute to Nasha Mukht Bharat and Swachh Bharat mission campaign by mobilising youth of the district.

Meanwhile, the DDC also conducted surprise inspection of the District Library and enquired about the facilities being provided to the students including provision of the books and journals for preparation of competitive exams.

The DDC directed the concerned officials to provide the best latest journals and books to the students, keep the library open from 8 am in the morning upto 8 pm in the evening besides maintain cleanliness in and round its premises.

Book Reading, Debate Competition held in Govt G.L.D.M Degree College Hiranagar

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 09: Five Day Programme was organized to celebrate Teachers' Day at Government Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Degree College Hiranagar which witnessed a series of activities.

On the 1st day, faculty members were felicitated by the Principal of the college with the certificates of appreciation. The 2nd Day witnessed a variety Cultural programme and different games like musical chair, picking of slips, lemon race, skit on the role of teacher etc. for teachers.

On Day 3 a Debate Competition was organized in which Tania bagged 1st position, Ganakshi stood 2nd and Reema clinched 3rd position.

Jury Members were Prof. Sujat Khan, Prof. Gurdayal, Prof Arun Kumar.

The Book Reading Competition was organised on day 4 in which Sushil Rana bagged First position, Mansi bagged 2nd and Payal Jasrotia bagged 3rd position, while Meenakshi got consolation prize. Jury members were Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Dr. Neeru Devi Anand, and Dr. Preeti Verma.

On the last day of celebration, students presented a scintillating dance and Singing programme. Certificates were distributed among the winners and participants. The Programme was organised under able guidance of Dr Pragya Khanna, Chief Patron and Principal of the College.

The programme was coordinated by Prof. Sujat Khan, (Coordinator IQAC); Dr. Davinder Kour, convener Cultural Committee and Prof. Rakesh Sharma, Programme Officer, NSS Dr. Sukhdeep Singh, ANO NCC.

Others present on the occasion were Prof. Parveen, Prof. Ajay, Prof. Manjot, Prof. Bhavana, Dr. Anju, Dr. Jyoti, Prof. Kiran, Dr. Chinky, Prof. Ritika, Dr. Arun, Prof. Arvind, Prof. Anil, Prof. Nidhi, Dr. Arun, Prof. Neha, Prof. Kamlesh, Prof. Bharat, Prof. Mukesh, Mrs Ritu, Mr. Vikram.

DLSA Udhampur organises Legal Awareness Programme for students

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 09: Following the Common Minimum Programme provided by J&K Legal Services Authority and under the Chairmanship of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Y.P. Bourney and overall Supervision of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur, Rajni Sharma, a Legal Awareness Programme on NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and their Protection) Scheme, 2015 was today organized by District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur at Government Higher Secondary School Jaganao.

The Resource person of the programme was Panel Lawyer Adv. Sanjeet Kumar Bavouria, who was assisted by PLV Rachna Devi.

The programme was attended by the Principal teachers and students of the school. The resource person threw light on the NALSA Scheme and reiterated the mission of legal services institutions to provide all possible help to the downtrodden sections of the society especially children.

Special Summary Revision, 2022 DEO Ramban discuss prescribed activities with political representatives

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 09: District Election Officer, Ramban, Mussarat Islam, on Friday convened a meeting with representatives of political parties to discuss the Special Summary Revision, 2022.

Dy. DEO, Lal Chand; Tehsildar Ramban, Rafiq Ahmed; Election Naib Tehsildar Mohan Lal, other officials of the election department also attended the meeting.

The DEO informed the representatives of political parties about post delimitation exercises made by the administration including rationalization of polling stations, and the creation of new polling stations in Ramban and Banihal Assembly constituencies of the district.

The DEO informed the representatives that Special Summary Revision, 2022 shall be conducted for 40 days and start from September 15, 2022.

The DEO stated that any person “attaining the age of 18 years on or before October 1, 2022, and is otherwise qualified to be enrolled as an elector in the Electoral Roll, can apply online or offline mode for his registration during the Special Summary Revision. The DEO urged the political parties to submit the list of their BLAs, and cooperate with the election staff deputed for SSR in their areas.

Responding to the certain issues raised by the representatives regarding the inclusion of news voters, correction in names, duplication of voters, relocation of polling stations, etc, the DEO said that BLOs have been trained and sensitized regarding the Special Summary Revision exercise. He informed that special camps are being.

World leaders remember Queen Elizabeth II

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8: The London, Sep 9 (UNI) World leaders and dignitaries have paid tributes to Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away at the age of 96.

They have honoured her deep sense of duty and her resilience, as well as her sense of humour and kindness. As monarch for seven decades, the British Queen lived through times of extraordinary change, and this was reflected in several tributes, the BBC said.

France's Emmanuel Macron led the tributes, remembering "a kind-hearted queen" who was "a friend of France".

Former US President Barack Obama said the Queen had "captivated the world" with a "reign defined by grace, elegance and a tireless work ethic".

"Time and again, we were struck by her warmth, the way she put people at ease, and how she brought her considerable humour and charm to moments of great pomp and circumstance," Obama, who met the Queen on several occasions, said in a statement. He noted, she lived "through periods of prosperity and stagnation - from the Moon landing to the fall of the Berlin Wall".

Current US President Joe Biden - who first met Her Majesty 40 years ago - described her as "more than a monarch - she defined an era".

Remembering his visit to the UK in 2021 as president, Biden said "she charmed us with her wit, moved us with her kindness, and generously shared with us her wisdom".

Queen Elizabeth II met 13 US presidents during her reign, including Donald Trump, who said he would "never forget Her Majesty's generous friendship, great wisdom, and wonderful sense of humour".

"What a grand and beautiful lady she was - there was nobody like



her!" the former president wrote on his online platform, Truth Social. And another former US president, George W Bush, reflected fondly on the time he spent having tea with Her Majesty and her corgis, describing her "great intellect, charm and wit".

From Canada - where Queen Elizabeth was head of state and seen 12 prime ministers during her reign, an emotional Justin Trudeau said she had "an obvious deep and abiding love for Canadians".

"In a complicated world, her steady grace and resolve brought comfort to us all," the prime minister said, adding that he would miss their "chats" where she was "thoughtful, wise, curious, helpful, funny and so much more".

"She was one of my favourite people in the world, and I will miss her so," he said, holding back tears.

Flags have been lowered to half-mast around the world - including at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium.



EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the Queen's "empathy and ability to connect with every passing generation, while remaining rooted in the tradition that truly mattered to her, was an example of true leadership".

King Willem-Alexander of The Netherlands - who is Queen Elizabeth's fifth cousin - said he and Queen Maxima remembered the "steadfast and wise" monarch with "deep respect and great affection". Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf, also a distant relative to the Queen, said: "She has always been dear to my family and a precious link in our shared family history".

And Belgium's King Philippe and Queen Mathilde said she was "an extraordinary personality... who, throughout her reign, showed dignity, courage and devotion". German Chancellor Olaf Scholz

paid tribute to the Queen's "wonderful humour" and said in a statement that "her commitment to German-British reconciliation after the horrors of World War Two will remain unforgettable".

Saudi Arabia's King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman sent their condolences, with the king describing her as "a role model for leadership that will be immortalised in history".

Chinese President Xi Jinping offered "sincere sympathies to the British government and people" following the Queen's death, adding: "Her passing is a great loss to the British people."

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida expressed his "deep sorrow". "The death of the queen, who led Britain through turbulent times in the world, is a great loss not only for the British people but also the international community," he told reporters.

Irish President Michael D Higgins honoured the Queen's "extraordinary sense of duty", which he said would "hold a unique place in British history".

"Her reign of 70 years encompassed periods of enormous change, during which she represented a remarkable source of reassurance to the British people," he said in a lengthy statement.

António Guterres, the UN's secretary-general, said Queen Elizabeth was "a reassuring presence throughout decades of sweeping change, including the decolonisation of Africa and Asia and the evolution of the Commonwealth".

In a statement, he paid tribute to "her unwavering, lifelong dedication to serving her people."

Jaishankar to visit Saudi Arabia

New Delhi, Sep 9 (UNI) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia from September 10 to 12.This will be his first visit to the Kingdom as EAM.

During the visit the Minister will co-chair the inaugural Ministerial Meeting of the Committee on Political, Security, Social and Cultural Cooperation (PSSC), established under the framework of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council, with the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

The two Ministers will undertake a comprehensive review of the entire bilateral relationship and will discuss the progress under the four Joint Working Groups of the PSSC Committee namely Political and Consular, Legal and Security, Social and Cultural and Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation, the Ministry added.

The meetings of these Groups and Senior Officials (at Secretary level) have been held over the past few months.

Both sides will also discuss regional and international issues of mutual interest including their cooperation at the UN, G20 and GCC, the Ministry added.

During the visit S Jaishankar will also meet other Saudi dignitaries as well as Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Dr Nayef Falah Mubarak Al-Hajraf.

Both sides will review the bilateral relations and discuss ways to enhance them.

The Ministry will also interact with



the Indian community in Saudi Arabia.

India-Saudi Arabia relations have strengthened considerably over the past few years including in political, security, energy, trade, investment, health, food security, cultural and defence fields.

The top leadership of both countries remained in close touch even during the Covid pandemic. The two Ministers will undertake a comprehensive review of the entire bilateral relationship and will discuss the progress under the four Joint Working Groups of the PSSC Committee namely Political and Consular, Legal and Security, Social and Cultural and Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation, the Ministry added.

The meetings of these Groups and Senior Officials (at Secretary level) have been held over the past few months.

Both sides will also discuss regional and international issues of mutual interest including their cooperation at the UN, G20 and GCC, the Ministry added.

Journalist S Kappan Gets Bail, Supreme Court Stresses Freedom Of Expression

New Delhi: Kerala Journalist Siddique Kappan, jailed in Uttar Pradesh for nearly two years, was granted bail today by the Supreme Court, which said "Every person has freedom of expression."

Siddique Kappan was arrested on his way to Uttar Pradesh's Hathras, where he said he was going to report on a 19-year-old's gang-rape and murder. He was charged under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for alleged terror funding.

"The person (Kappan) has been in custody for two years," the Chief Justice of India, UU Lalit, noted.The court said the journalist has to report to the police in Delhi for the next six weeks and in Kerala after that. He will be produced before a trial court in three days and he has to submit his passport.

A reporter for Malayalam news portal Azhimukham, Siddique Kappan was arrested by UP police on the charge of trying to disturb law and order in Hathras. He had links with the Popular Front of India (PFI), said the cops. The journalist has always said he is being framed.

In court today, the Uttar Pradesh government argued that Mr Kappan was paid to incite riots and that he is not even an accredited journalist. "He was trying to create a riot situation and use explosives. He belongs to the PFI and that is a terrorist organization," said Mahesh Jethmalani, lawyer for UP, adding that he had incriminating literature.The Supreme Court questioned the evidence against Mr Kappan. "What was found with Kappan? No explosives were found, material was not found with him but in the car and they weren't used for propagating," Chief Justice Lalit said.Mr Kappan's lawyer Kapil Sibal asked the prosecution to read what was in that literature.

"What material was dangerous. Is there any literature which shows anything damaging," asked the Chief Justice.

In 2024 election there will be a bigger 'Khela' says Mamata Banerjee

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Kolkata: A party meeting, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said that in the 2024 Lok Sabha election there will be a bigger "khela" (game) as all the opposition parties will unite to beat the BJP.Once again raising 'Khela Hobe' (Game is on), Mamata said that after a "peaceful" panchayat election next year, the game will start from Bengal. "The opposition (parties) are now together. Akhilesh (Yadav) is there, Hemant (Soren) is there, Nitish (Kumar) is there and we along with our friends will fight the BJP in 2024. BJP is flying high as they have near 300 mark seats. Even Rajiv Gandhi had 400 seats but had to lose. The states which I have mentioned over there will make them lose at least 100 seats," said Mamata.



Announcing a new party programme, the TMC supremo said that soon the TMC will start a campaign that 'We want jobs and not BJP agencies'.No matter how much the BJP-led central government threatens us and harasses us by their central agencies, we will not bend down. We will fight back as the TMC is the only party that can fight against the BJP. "Even if they put more leaders behind bars, even then we will fight back," added Mamata. The Chief Minister also questioned why the BJP

is afraid of TMC and mentioned that even though nationally the unemployment rate has gone up, in Bengal the unemployment rate has decreased."I have got invitations from China, Chicago, and other places, but the central government didn't allow me to go. Why are they so afraid? They (BJP) can go and visit places, as I feel in Bengal there is everything. We will develop it further," claimed the Chief Minister. Mamata also stated that the Trinamool Congress is the only political party with an "ideology" for which it will fight in the 2024 Lok Sabha election to form a "pro-people" government."The well being of the common people is the last word for me. The present BJP government is selling everything and is telling lies to people. TMC will fight to make a pro people government in 2024,"

India's Indo-Pacific Economic Policy To Focus On National Interest: Centre

Los Angeles: Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal on Friday said that a robust Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) is being proposed to be presented soon in the Parliament, and India will take its decisions on different aspects based on the national interest.

Mr Goyal said that India is a big provider of technology services to US companies and a robust framework is being proposed to be presented to Parliament soon.

"India is looking to have contemporary and modern laws in the digital world while maintaining high levels of data privacy," he added. He said that

within the framework, "we can begin engaging among member countries on different areas of mutual interest. India will take its decisions on different aspects of the IPEF framework based on our national interest."

"We had a useful engagement among member countries of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity. Officials have worked to prepare the ground for useful interactions between ministers. By tomorrow we hope to create a robust framework," Mr Goyal said.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal is on a six-day visit to San Francisco and Los Angeles to attend the first Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) ministerial

meeting. Mr Goyal met US Trade Representative Katherine Tai ahead of the meeting.

"I've also had the opportunity to have bilateral discussions with USTR Ambassador Tai and US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo. Both were very excited about the good work happening between India and US," Mr Goyal said.

"They were extremely favourable to expanding ties in trade and investments including hi-tech areas. They were also wishing to further resilient supply chains between India and US," he added. US Trade Representative Katherine Tai on Thursday said that Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity

(IPEF) presented an opportunity to deepen the partnerships with member countries and will also address the challenges collectively.

She said that the IPEF also allows working together to build a platform to address future challenges and bring sustainable and equitable growth to the Indo-Pacific region.

The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) was launched jointly by the US and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region on May 23, 2022, in Tokyo. India joined the IPEF and Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the launch event along with US President Joe Biden,

King Charles III starts reign as mourning begins for late queen

King Charles III on Friday readied to address his mourning subjects on the first full day of his new reign as Britain and the world commemorated the extraordinary life of his late mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

At 73, Charles is the oldest monarch yet to ascend the throne of the United Kingdom, following the death of his "cherished" mother at her Scottish estate of Balmoral on Thursday.

Read: All the queen's kingdoms: Where did Elizabeth II reign?

He was due to return to London from Balmoral, where the 96-year-old queen died "peacefully" after a year-long period of ill-health and decline, at the culmination of a record-breaking reign of 70 years.

"During this period of mourning and change, my family and I will be comforted and sustained by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which the queen was so widely held," Charles said in a statement.

One of the planet's most recognisable people, she was the only British monarch most people alive today had ever known.

The tributes were universal, including from Russia and China.

New York's Empire State Building was illuminated after sunset in silver and royal purple, while the Eiffel Tower in Paris dimmed its lights in tribute.

US President Joe Biden described Queen Elizabeth as "a stateswoman of unmatched dignity", and relayed the comforting words she gave when the United States was plunged into mourning on 9/11.

They were the same words chosen by the Daily Telegraph for its som-



bre front-page: "Grief is the price we pay for love."

Other British newspapers also printed special editions to mark the occasion.

"Our hearts are broken," headlined popular tabloid the Daily Mail.

The Mirror wrote simply: "Thank you."

A photograph taken on September 9, shows the front pages of British news papers a day after Queen Elizabeth II died at the age of 96. — AFP

Charles's inaugural address, set to be pre-recorded, was expected to be broadcast on Friday evening, part of 10 days of plans honed over decades by Buckingham Palace and the UK government.



The new king was also expected to hold his first audience with Prime Minister Liz Truss, who was only appointed on Tuesday in one of the queen's last official acts before her death.

Truss acclaimed the "second Elizabethan age", five centuries after the celebrated first.

"We offer him (Charles) our loyalty and devotion just as his mother devoted so much to so many for so long," she said in a televised address on Thursday. "God save the king."

Charles was also due to meet officials in charge of the elaborate arrangements for his mother's lavish state funeral, which will be attended by crowned and elected heads of state from around the world.

He will decide on the length of the royal household's period of mourning, which is expected to last a month, while the UK government will observe at least 10 days of official remembrance, when limited business is conducted.

Gun salutes — one round for every year of the queen's life — will be fired on Friday across Hyde Park in central London and from the Tower of London on the River Thames.

Muffled church bells will toll at Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral and Windsor Castle, among other places, and Union flags will fly at half-mast.

Truss and other senior ministers were set to attend a public remembrance service at St Paul's, while the UK parliament will start two days of special tributes.

The queen's death and its ceremonial aftermath comes as the government strives to rush through emergency legislation to tackle the kind of war-fuelled economic privation that marked the start of Elizabeth's reign in 1952.

A person carries floral tribute in front of Buckingham Palace, following the passing of Queen Elizabeth, in London, Britain, September 9. — Reuters

Arvind Kejriwal Meets Lt Governor 1st Time Since CBI Raids Sparked Scam-vs-Scam

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met with Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena for their regular Friday meeting today, having skipped the last four times after CBI raids on his deputy, Manish Sisodia. He later said the 40-minute meeting was "held in a cordial environment".

They last met on August 12, but did not on August 19, the day the CBI raided Mr Sisodia's house over an alleged scam in the liquor policy. The probe was ordered by Mr Saxena in July. The AAP says it's all a ploy by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP government, via the Lieutenant Governor

The next Friday, August 26, the AAP leader was in Gujarat, PM Modi's home state, for poll campaigning. And he was travelling again on September 2.

The meeting today had routine administrative matters to be discussed. Its agenda is not shared with the media, but Mr Kejriwal told reporters after it: "I requested L-G sir that to-

gether let's fix the MCD a little so that Delhi is cleaner." The MCD (Municipal Corporation of Delhi) is controlled by the BJP.

Mr Kejriwal, when asked about the recent rows, said, "Whatever happened is unfortunate and I hope the situation should improve." On no meeting the past few Fridays, he said, "I was not in Delhi by chance. Today's was a good meeting held in very good environment."

A lot has happened between the AAP and Centre-appointed Lieutenant Governor since the CBI raids over the New Excise Policy. The policy, which brought private players into the liquor trade, was in force for eight months before it was withdrawn in July, after the Lieutenant Governor ordered a CBI probe.

The AAP — besides seeing "a ploy by PM Modi and BJP" — hit back at VK Saxena directly, too, with scam allegations over his seven-year tenure as Khadi and Village Industries.

Machhal Mela Celebrated with Great Fanfare at the Macchal Cricket Ground

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Kupwara, Machhal Mela was celebrated with great fanfare and enthusiasm at Machhal Cricket ground. This year for the first time the mela was organised at the village ground. All the events of the Machhal Mela were organised and conducted by the villagers with the support of Indian Army.

General Officer Commanding, Vajr Division was the chief guest for the Machhal Mela. In addition, many dignitaries from army and civil administration were also in attendance for the entire event. The event commenced with the unveiling of Foundation stone of the Macchal Stadium by the village representatives. Thereafter, NCC Cadets of the Machhal Bowl enthralled everyone with their synchronised march past and received standing ovation from the entire gathering. The finale constituted many cultural events to including dance performances by school children, rap song and many more.

The main highlights of the event were the performance by Ms. Prithika Simani, Musical performance by Meri Zindagi Female Rock Band, Musical Concert by Abid Ali and Dance performance by troupe of Save Youth Save future foundation.

Ms. Prithika Samani is a renowned Bharatnatyam dancer from Mumbai. She has a vast experience of twenty years in this field. She is also President of Rotary Club Mumbai. She had performed three classical dance routines and involved local girls as well, which amazed the entire gathering. The concert from Meri Zindagi Female Rock Band, Abid Ali and the dance performance by the troupe amazed all present for the event and made them dance to their musical numbers.

To add on to the beauty of the mela, number of games were organised for the villagers which included Jalebi Race, Lemon Race, Needle Race, Sack Race and Musical Chair. People of the Machhal Bowl enjoyed each and every event and participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.

At the end, all the participants of the games and cultural events were felicitated with awards and lunch was organised for the entire village at the Machhal ground.

First-ever inter-department women's cricket tournament concludes at KU

Srinagar, Sep 9 (KNS): The first-ever inter-department women's cricket tournament concluded at the University of Kashmir on Friday.

Ten teams from various departments and centres of the main/satellite campuses participated in the tournament, organised by Directorate of Physical Education and Sports (DPES). The finals match was played between the Department of Computer Sciences and the Department of Persian, where the Department of Computer Sciences emerged as winner of the first trophy. Speaking at the prize-distribution ceremony later, KU Registrar Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir, who was the chief guest, called upon female students to continue participating in different games, and highlighted different sports facilities coming up in the university.

Prof Aneesa Shafi, Dean Students Welfare, who was a guest of honour, expressed her happiness to see active participation of girls in the cricket tournament.

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Sarmad Hafeez flags off Adil Teli's Leh to Manali cycle Yatra from Srinagar

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 09: Secretary Tourism and Youth Services & Sports, Sarmad Hafeez flagged off Leh to the Manali cycle yatra of cyclist Adil Teli from TRC here today morning. Prior to the flagging off, while addressing a press conference flanked by cyclist Adil Teli and Director Tourism Kashmir, Dr GN Itoo, Hafeez said that Jammu and Kashmir has produced champion cyclists who have excelled in sports and have done great in this field.

Hafeez said that Adil is attempting to pedal for the Leh to Manali circuit on Friday morning in around 30 hours.



The Leh to Manali circuit is a high altitude area for cyclists. The current Guinness Record for the distance is 34 hours and 54 minutes. He said Teli is eyeing the world record and would attempt to finish the circuit in 30 hours. He said sports persons like Teli are inspiring

clists from the country. He said J&K has a huge potential for cycling as it suits for mountain biking and cycling alike and the government is supporting in this endeavour to the cyclists like Teli. The Tourism Secretary added that the government is reviving old cycling and mountain biking routes besides other destinations in south Kashmir like Verinag, Achabal, Sinthan pass. On the occasion, he congratulated Teli for eyeing to create another Guinness World Record and added that the feat would definitely bring more laurels to the UT as well as the country. Director Tourism Kashmir, Dr GN Itoo also extended his wishes to Teli and hailed his previous record of cycling from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. Adil had last year set a Guinness World Record for covering Kashmir to Kanyakumari in '8 days, 1 hour and 39 minutes'.

Naseem Shah is auctioning the cricket bat he used in match against Afghanistan for flood relief

Naseem Shah, the teenage all-rounder who has been impressing cricket fans across the world, is proving that his heart is as big as his sixes. Shah is auctioning the bat he used to smash two sixes and win the Asia Cup match against Afghanistan for flood relief.

On Thursday, the PCB shared a video of Shah and Muhammad Hasnain announcing that the bat will be auctioned off for a good cause. In the brief video clip, Hasnain said "By now you know about the inning played by Naseem, which he played outstandingly and led Pakistan to victory by repeating the time when Javed Miandad hit a sixer and this time it was our Naseem, our shehzada [prince], our tiger. So this bat that he played with last night was mine and now I'm gifting it to him so he can do whatever he wants with it."

After taking the bat from Hasnain, Shah thanked him and added that he would like to auction the bat. He said that half of the proceeds will be given to the people affected by floods in Pakistan.

Singer Uzair Jaswal dropped in the comment section and said he is "proud" of the boys.

The cricket board, after the win



against Afghanistan, shared a clip of the two young cricketers explaining how they exchanged bats during the game. Hasnain said that when Shah was going to the crease to bat, he asked to play with his bat. Hasnain told him that if he hits a single, he had to return the bat to him. He did not, in fact, hit a single. Instead, he smashed two sixes that won the game for the Pakistan team.

Shah was known for his bowling skills but showed everyone during

the match that he is definitely an all-rounder. He was appreciated by captain Babar Azam, teammate and man of the match Shadab Khan who said after Miandad and Shahid Afridi, everyone will remember Shah's sixes, and former cricketer Younus Khan. Shah was known for his bowling skills but showed everyone during the match that he is definitely an all-rounder. He was appreciated by captain Babar Azam, teammate and man of the match Shadab Khan who said.

Secretary YSS inspects sports infrastructure at M. A Stadium, other sports facilities at Jammu

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 09: Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS) and Tourism departments, Sarmad Hafeez along with Secretary, J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gull toured many sports facilities of district today and inspected the newly set up and existing sports infrastructure here.

The Secretary during the tour also made surprise visit to sports centres, inspected

coaching classes and also interacted with trainees. He sought feedback from them to improve the standard of coaching and learning in these centres.

During the tour, Sarmad Hafeez also inspected the historic M. A Stadium and adjoining Indoor Sports Complex and gave on-spot directions to the concerned officers for necessary repairs and renovations.

Secretary YSS during



the tour also visited the ongoing "Yon-

DC Budgam calls for massive youth participation in sports activities for overall personality development

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today called for massive youth participation in sports related activities for their overall personality development.

The DC said this, after declaring Annual Inter-Zonal District Level Athletic Meet Girls open at Sports Stadium Budgam.

Competitions in different athletic disciplines were held during the event organised by District Youth Services and Sports Office Budgam. As many as 300 participants from different Zones of District Budgam participated.

Earlier, DC accompanied by Gurmukh Singh Dutta DYSSO Budgam, DIO Budgam, other field staff and participants took pledge against drugs under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

Speaking on the occasion, DC lauded YSS Budgam for conducting a series of sports events in almost all disciplines to promote sports culture among the students in Budgam.

He also encouraged the participants for their active participation and said sports help both physical and mental development of the participant.

The DC said that special focus is being given on the infrastructure development and promotion of sports in the district.

He urged youth to take active part in sports activities as a remedy to keep themselves away from drug abuse and other unhealthy activities.

In the felicitation ceremony the winners and runner up teams were awarded with medals, trophies and certificates.

Matthew Hayden appointed Pakistan team's mentor for T20 World Cup

Former Australian opener Matthew Hayden has been appointed as the Pakistan team's mentor for the next month's T20 World Cup, a statement from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Friday.


Hayden will join the national side in Brisbane on October 15, the PCB said.

According to the board, the decision is a continuation of Hayden's involvement with the national men's side after he inspired them to the semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2021, defeating India, New Zealand, Afghanistan, Scotland and Namibia in the league matches.

Hayden had been appointed alongside South Africa's Vernon Philander as batting and bowling consultants, respectively, for the last year's T20 World Cup after becoming PCB chief.

"I welcome Matthew Hayden back in Pakistan colours. He is a proven performer with his credentials acknowledged and recognised world-over," PCB Chairman Ramiz Raja said in a statement.

Raja said the former opener brought with him a wealth of knowledge about conditions in Australia, saying: "I am confident his involvement will significantly benefit our extremely talented cricketers for the World Cup and future tours Down Under." Hayden also expressed excitement at joining Pakistan for the mega tournament, according to the PCB statement.



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