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NEWS IN BRIEF

Target Killing of **Kulgam Sarpanch: NIA** files Charge-Sheet against 6 accused

Srinagar, Sep 10: National Investigating Agency (NIA) Saturday field charge sheet against six accused in the case of target killing of a Sarpanch from Adoora area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

In a statement to news, the NIA spokesman said that on September 9, the NIA filed Charge-Sheet in NIA Special Court, Jammu in the case of the targeted killing of Sarpanch Shabir Ahmad Mir of village Adoora, Kulgam by the militants of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM)."The case was initially registered as FIR no. 32/2022 dated 11.03.2022 at PS Kulgam, J&K and re-registered by NIA as RC 01/2022/NIA/JMU on 08.04.2022," the NIA statement said, adding that the investigations have revealed that the handlers of proscribed organization Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) operating from Pakistan, hatched a criminal conspiracy in collusion with militant associates/OGWs and militants of HM active in Kashmir Valley, to carry out the target killing of Sarpanch namely Shabir Ahmad Mir of village Adoora, Kulgam.

4 burglary cases solved in Ganderbal 8 held: **Police**

Srinagar, Sep 10: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday claimed to have solved four burglary cases by arresting eight accused persons involved in the commission of crime and recovered stolen property worth lacs in Ganderbal

"Earlier this month, Police Station Ganderbal received two written complaints regarding burglary at Govt. High School Kujjar Ganderbal and burglary in a residential house at Saloora Ganderbal. Two more complaints regarding theft of domestic animals from cowsheds at Tengpora village were lodged in PS Ganderbal," a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Accordingly, cases under FIR numbers 257/2022, 146/2022, 216/2022 and 240/2022 under relevant sections of law were registered in PS Ganderbal and investigation was set into the motion.On receipt of these complaints, a special team led by SHO PS Ganderbal was constituted by SSP Ganderbal under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ganderbal.

Srinagar Police Takes Exception Over Assault of Youth By Woman Near **Pratap Park**

Srinagar, Sep 10): Days after a video-clip went viral on social-media sites showing a woman purportedly assaulting a youth near Sri-Pratap Park in Lal Chowk, district police Srinagar has asked citizens not to take law into their own hands and instead inform law-enforcement agencies for redressal of their grievances. Senior Superintendent of Police Srinagar Rakesh Bhalwal told GNS that it was unpleasant to watch the video. "I strictly ask people not to take law into their own hands, there are various means through which any aggrieved citizen can seek action against anyone, but then engaging in such an act is simply unacceptable", he said. 'There are law-enforcement agencies like police and courts to deal with such things and if anyone comes across any misbehavior, he or she can even contact us on our helpline numbers", he said adding we also have dedicated women's cell functioning roundthe-clock to facilitate the women.

Good investigation with good prosecution will help in increasing conviction rate in UAPA cases: DGP

Srinagar, Sep 10: The Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh today chaired a meeting at Police Headquarters of senior officers of Police, Prosecution and NIA.The meeting was regarding augmentation of investigation, prosecution capabilities and scientific investigation facilities for quality investigation in order to enhance conviction rates under UAPA, Narco and other sensitive cases in the courts of law. As per a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the meeting was attended by Spl. DG CID J&K R.R. Swain, DG Prosecution J&K Deepak Kumar, ADGP Headquarters PHQ M.K. Sinha, ADGP Coordination PHQ Danesh Rana, ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar, IGP Headquarters PHQ B.S. Tutti, CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 10

J&K Emerging as major Hub for Golf in the Country: LG Manoj Sinha

HT News Network

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 10: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today attended the finals of the second edition of "J&K Open 2022" Golf Tournament at Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Sidhra.

Organized by Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) and presented by J&K Tourism, the tournament, with a prize purse of Rs. 40 lakh, has brought together the National and International Golfers for the first time in region, marking their debut in Jammu's Golfing circle. The tournament is part of J&K Tourism's unique initiative of promoting golf tourism in the region. Pertinently, the UT Government is making dedicated efforts to popularize Golf among youth and make the game more inclusive and accessible to common masses to bring Jammu & Kashmir on the international Golfing map with an opportunity for local talent to showcase their skills.

J&K is emerging as a major hub for Golf in the country. The adminis CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10



Civil Society hails decision of LG Shri Manoj Sinha for providing Power Amnesty to domestic consumers

the backdrop of one time amnesty scheme launched by the Government for domestic power consumers on Thursday, representatives of several Trade Associations Saturday called on Principal Secretary

SRINAGAR SEPTEMBER 10:- In to the Lieutenant Governor, Nitishwar Kumar here at Srinagar. Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Mohammad Aijaz Asad, MD KP-DCL, Mohammad Yaseen Chowdhury, Chief Engineer KPDCL CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 10

Centre's reach-out to J&K's Gujjar community President nominates Gulam Ali Khatana as Rajya Sabha member

HT News Network

Srinagar, Sep 10: In a significant move, the President of India on Saturday nominated Gulam Ali Khatana from Jammu & Kashmir as Rajya Sabha member.

The Union Home Ministry today evening issued a notification, announcing nomination of Khatana as RS member.

'In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (a) of clause (1) of article 80 of the Constitution of India, read with clause (3) of that article, the President is pleased to nominate Shri Gulam Ali to the Council of States to fill the vacancy caused due to the retirement of one of the nominated member," reads the notification issued by the MHA, a copy of which is in possession of news agency-Kashmir News Observer

Khatana is native of Bhatindi Jammu.

The move is seen as a major move by the BJP-led central government to reach out to Gujjar community of Jammu and Kashmir, which constitutes around 10 percent of the UT's population.

Talking to KNO, Khatana said that it is a moment of pride for the people of Jammu and Kashmir that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chosen a native of Jammu & Kashmir for Rajya Sabha.

'It is for the first time that any person from Jammu and Kashmir has been nominated to Rajya Sabha," he said, adding that the Prime Minister has empowered the polit-



ically marginalized tribal community in

Twelve members are nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the President of India for a six-year term for their contributions towards arts, literature, sciences, and social

It is pertinent to mention that all four Rajya Sabha berths of J&K are vacant due to ab-

sence of electoral college for them. The RS members are elected by members of the Legislative Assembly.

Khatana joined BJP in 2008 and has held key positions like state secretary and vice-president—(KNO)

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Lashkar module busted: 4 OGWs arrested in Sopore

Srinagar, Sep 10 (UNI) Security forces have busted a module of Lashkar-e-Taiba by arresting four overground workers in Sopore sub district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said.

They said initially two OGWs were arrested at a joint checkpoint set by police, Army and CRPF at Gousiabad Chowk Chinkipora. "During checking, a suspicious move

ment of two persons was noted and they were asked to stop, but they tried to flee from the spot. However, they were tactfully apprehended. Upon their personal search two grenades were recovered," a police officer in Sopore said on Friday.

The two were identified as Shakir Akber Gojree of Kuloosa Bandipora and Mohsin Wani of Chinad Baramulla.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the arrested persons are OGWs of proscribed organization LeT and were in a constant search of an opportunity to carry out attacks on security forces and civilians," the officer said.



"During the course of investigation apprehended OGWs further revealed names of other two members which led to the arrest and recovery of further arms and ammunition which includes one Chinese pistol, one pistol magazine, seven live pistol rounds, 25 AK 47 rounds and explosive material," he

Police said the other two arrested OGWs were identified as Himayun of Gousiabad Chinkipora Sopore and Faizan Ashraf Wani of Nadihal Rafiabad.

Amid India-China disengagement, **Army Chief witnesses 'Parvat Prahar'**

HT News Network

Leh, Sep 10 (UNI) Amid disengagement process between Indian and Chinese troops in the Gogra-Hot Springs (PP-15) area, Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande on Saturday visited Ladakh Sector and witnessed wargame 'Parvat Prahar'.

Gen Pandey was briefed on operational preparedness by commanders on ground. Gen Pande interacted with the officers and troops and complimented them for their steadfastness and professional standards, the Indian Army said.

The disengagement process between Indian and Chi-

nese troops in the Gogra-Hot Springs (PP-15) area started on Sept 8 at 0830 hrs will be completed by Sept 12

and the landforms will be restored to pre-stand-off period by both sides, the Ministry of External Affairs had said on Friday.

The two sides have agreed to cease forward deployments

ordinated and verified manner, resulting in the return of the troops of both sides to their respective areas. It has been agreed that all

in this area in a phased, co

temporary structures and other allied infrastructure created in the area by both sides will be dismantled and mutually verified.

According to the agreement reached between the two countries, the LAC in this area will be strictly observed and respected by both sides, and that "there will be no unilateral change in status quo".

The decision to disengage in the PP-15 area has been CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10

PM to inaugurate **World Dairy Summit on Monday**

New Delhi, Sep 10 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022, being organised at India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida on Monday.

The four-day long IDF WDS 2022 being held from Sep 12th to 15th is a congregation of global and Indian dairy stakeholders including industry leaders, experts, farmers and policy planners centring around the theme of 'Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood', the PMO said.

Around 1500 participants from 50 countries are expected to participate in CONTINUED ON » PAGE 10

73 per cent educators in J&K Govt Schools teach Primary, Upper Primary level students, reveal Official figures

HT News Network

Srinagar, Sep 10 (KNO): Of total teachers posted at government-run-schools of Jammu and Kashmir. at least 73 percent of educators were only teaching the Primary and Upper Primary Level students, reveals official figures.

The news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) has leant that at least 37 percent of educators were only teaching the Prima-

ry Level students only. Besides, it also states that over 36 percent of the teachers were teaching the students of Upper Primary Level only.

maintained by Unified District for Education System (UDISE), there were a total of 1,016,72 teachers in School Education Department across Jammu and Kashmir out of which at least 38.300 teachers were

posted at Primary Level only followed by 36,908 at Upper Primary Level. UDISE has also maintained that only 15,570 teachers were teaching the secondary level stu-

According to the figures dents in Jammu and Information Kashmir. Likewise, the figures also reveal that only over seven percent of teachers were posted at senior secondary level. "At this stage, only 7839 teachers

The data also states that only 2893 teachers were teaching the students at both Pre-Primary and Primary level followed by 85 teachers at secondary and senior secondary level. It also reveals that only

21 teachers were teaching the students of Primary and Upper Primary level and 56 teachers at Upper Primary and Secondary level respectively—(KNO) were teaching the stu-

Youth who introduced football in Shopian village cracks NEET

HT News Network

from Shopian who introduced football in his area qualified NEET UG-2022 in the very first attempt with flying colours.

As per news agency-Kashmir News Observer, Suhaib Ayoub Bhat son of Mohammad Ayoub Bhat of Pargochi area of South Kashmir's Shopian has secured 659 points in NEET UG-2022. Suhaib told KNO that he

things."It is not necessary to be a bookworm to qualify for the exam but studying for a few hours on a daily basis is must to qualify any prestigious exam," he said. "I worked hard and also gave time to playing football and was going to other villages to learn and play football," he said, adding, presently there are dozens

a way that he was able to passion but it was possible give time to studies, sports, only due to my efforts.He Srinagar, Sep 10: A youth helping family and other gave credit of his success to the Almighty, parents and teachers saying shortcuts don't work but hard work matters.

"Becoming a doctor was my dream which has come true," he added—He gave credit of his success to the Almighty, parents and teachers saying shortcuts don't work but hard work matters."Becoming a doctor of youth in his village for was my dream which has had divided his time in such whom playing football is a come true," he added-

21st National Neuro Pedicon 2022 conference begin in Srinagar

HT News Network

Srinagar, Sep 10: The 21st National Neuro Pedicon 2022 conference began on Saturday at SKICC Srinagar in which neurologists from prestigious institutions across India are participating to share their experience with doctors of Kashmir. Dr Muzzafar Jan Professor and head of Department of Paediatrics GMC Srinagar in his welcome speech, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that Neurological diseases are very common in children and "we need to keep ourselves updated and that this conference is being held here after 33 years. He said that conferences and workshops be

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COVID: J&K reports 59 fresh cases, no death

Srinagar, Sep 10 Jammu and Kashmir Saturday reported 59 fresh cases of Covid-19, taking the number of active cases to 480 while no more death was reported in the UT in last 24 hours and death toll stands at 4.784. An official told the news

agency that among 59 new

cases, 46 belong to Kash-

mir division while as 13 to

He said that the total number of positive cases in Kashmir have reached to 304,840 including 302,047 recoveries and 2,433 deaths, while total number of positive cases in Jammu division have reached to 173.845 including 171,374 recoveries and 2.351 deaths.

He further said that the total number of active CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10

body started decompos-

ing as the authorities there didn't provide a

mortuary box till the body was sent home. It

was only possible when

the students from Kash-

mir there contributed



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J&K Consultancy Association calls for blacklisting of some Bangladesh colleges 'Deceased students didn't even get mortuary box, students contribute 50,000 dollars from their pocket to avail facility'

HT News Network

Srinagar, Sep 10 Days after Kashmiri students died in Bangladesh, Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Consultancy Association, Suhail Ahmad Khan on Saturday said that the colleges who have failed to ensure better facilities to the students will be blacklisted.

Addressing a news conference here, Khan, as

per the news agency-Kashmir News Observer who died in Bangladesh didn't even get the venti-

(KNO), said that it is unfortunate that an MBBS student from Kashmir,

lator when she was battling with her life "After her death, her from their own pocket and provided 50,000 dollars to ensure the body is kept in a mortuary box till it is sent to her home for last rites,' Khan said.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION TRAL.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS Short Term e-NIT NO: 17 OF 2022-23

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT J&K e-tenders are invited on item rate / percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Government for below mentioned work:

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. cost in Lacs	Earnest Money	Class of Contract	Time of Completion	Head of Account	Cost of Tender Doc	Position of AA	Position of Funds
1.	Rejuvenation of water body (Batnag) (under Amrit Sarovar Mission AMRUT 2.0)	37.53	75060/ =	BEE / CEE	30 Days	CSR	500/=	Accorded	Available

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.Jktenders.gov.in from :-					
1	Publishing date	09/09/2022 @ 1800 Hrs			
2	Download date start	10/09/2022 @ 1000 Hrs			
3	Bid Submission date start	10/09/2022 @ 1000 Hrs			
4	Bid Submission date Ends	16/09/2022 @ 1800 Hrs			
Dat	e of opening	17/09/2022 @ 1100 Hrs			

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.Jktenders.gov.in.

1. The bids uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time, will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Tral in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case of holiday or any event ampering official work on opening date, the same bid will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

2. The Department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. The bid submission date is the final date and can't be extended in any manner.

3.Documents to be appended by the contractor / executing agency:-

a. Scanned copy of Registration card along with renewal for the year 2022-23.

b. Scanned copy of card Reg. verification certificate from the competent authority.

c.Scanned copy of CDR @ 02 % of contract value in shape of CDR / FDR else bid will be rejected for which he will be himself responsible and shall be released after completion report of the work will be submitted by concerned Assistant Executive Engineer

d.Scanned copy of updated GST registration along with verified PAN Number.

e.Scanned copy of Tender Document fee in the shape of E-Challan (with S.No of work / Name of work else tender will be rejected) deposited under MH-0701 Remittance in favour of Ex. Engineer Irrigation Division Tral payable at any

f.Scanned copy of Contact No. and valid email-ID.

If the tenderer fails to append any one of the above mentioned documents, his tender will be rejected instantly by the tender opening authority on his own responsibility.

All above mentioned documents must be scanned in color format, documents in Grayscale / black & white will be rejected by tender opening authority.

4. Tender Opening authority can reject any bid of the contractor subject to the working performance of the contractor. 5. The earnest money shall be forfeited if:

a.Any bidder / tenderer withdraw his bids / tender during the period of bid validity or make any modification in terms and conditions of the bid.

b.The contractor fails to execute the agreement within 10 days after fixation of contract

6.Instruction to bidder regarding e-tendering process: - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.Jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submis

a.To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per information b.The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. No Financial bid will be

c.Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

7.On completion of contract the contractor shall be responsible to remove all un-used material and restore all work in its original position at his own cost

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz-a-viz Adv. Cost	Additional Performance Security to be deposited on quoted bud by L1
1	Up to and including 15 % Below	Nil
2	> 15% up to and including 20% Below	5%
3	> 20% up to and including 25% Below	10%
4	> 25% up to and including 30% Below	15%
5	> 30 % Below.	20%

8.Contractor who will be allotted the work has to start the work within 03 (Three) days after the issuance of allotment Letter of Intent, as the work is of very emergent nature .

DIPK-9751/22

Executive Engineer

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER **MECHANICAL DIVISION ANANTNAG**

Telephone/ Fax 01932-222559 email id: xenmedang@gmail.com E-TENDER

No: MDA/TS/E-Tender/55 of 2022-23 Dated: 07-09-2022

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division Anantnag, invites E- Tenders in two cover system on item wise basis from reputed and registered firms/Workshop holders or/ Mechanical contractors for the following

S.No	Name of work	Estt. cost (In Rs)	Cost of T/Doc.	Bid Security.	Time of Comple	Administr ative	Technic al
		` ′	(In Rs)		tion	Approval	Sanction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Repairs to Departmental Truck No.JK03A-6239 and JK03A-6572 of Mechanical Workshop Sub Division Khanabal.	48600.00	200.00	2% of the estimated cost in the shape of CDR/FDR.	05 days	Accorded	Yes

The tender documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of quantities (BOQ), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from Government website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule given in the "Abstract" appended to this notice: **Instructions to Bidders:**

01. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format with digital signature on the official website www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers ; viz Techno- Commercial/ Financial cover

1.1 Cover 1st shall contain:

- 1.1.1 Bid security/Earnest money:- Equivalent to 2% of the estimated cost in the shape of CDR/FDR from any nationalized bank having a working branch in Anantnag. The CDR/FDR shall be pledged to the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division Anantnag, without which tender cannot be entertained
- Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST No.
- Scanned copies of PAN Card/ GST Registration/ latest GST Clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.
- Scanned copies of the Annexure "A", & "B" duly signed and accepted.
- Scanned copy of E- Challan/DD etc. for an amount of Rs.200/= duly signed with date.
- Cover 2nd shall contain:
- 1.2.1_ **Price bid,** as per BOQ uploaded by this Department/Division.
- The Department/ Division will not be responsible for delay in submission of bids due to
- The cost of tender documents is Non- Refundable and Non- Transferable.

DIPK-9640/22

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division Anantnag

612 Beneficiaries of 133 schemes extended benefits by various departments

Div Com Kashmir instructs Officers to register maximum number of people, provide on spot benefits

SRINAGAR, BER 10: A mega Registration camp of beneficiaries was organised by Divisional Administration today at TRC to extend benefits of Centrally and Union Territory sponsored schemes to the general public.

Over six hundred benificieries under 133 schemes were extended benefits while hundreds of people were given awareness about the various profitable schemes and assistances.

The departments that took part in the awareness cum registration camp included Urban Local Bodies, Rural Development Department, Horticulture, Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Rural Sanitation, Housing Board, Social Welfare, School Education. Rural Sanitation

The departments shared information regarding



facilities, subsidies and assistances provided to the eligible under various schemes which include machinery, capital, finances etc.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole during his visit inspected the processes of registration at the stalls establishment by respective departments.

On the occasion, he asked officers to register maximum number of people and complete the process of extending benefits on

While interacting with the public who had come from various districts to avail the opportunity provided by the departments, Div Com asked them to register for different schemes which is suited to their eligibility to get the benefits.

Necessary forms for schemes were also distributed to the people who thronged to the camp and shall be collected back on September 17 by the respective departments at TRC. The departments that took part in the

awareness cum registration camp included Urban Local Bodies, Rural Development Department, Horticulture, Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Rural Sanitation, Housing Board, Social Welfare, School Education, Rural Sanitation etc.

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DC Kulgam reviews progress in implementation of **Mission Youth Schemes**

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 10: The Deputy Commissioner



(DC) Kulgam Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers to review the implementation and progress of Mission Youth schemes in the district.

During the meeting, progress of all the Mission Youth Schemes viz. Mumkin, Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative, Tejaswani and HomeStay were discussed. The DC impressed upon all the stakeholders to ensure

proper implementation of all schemes. He also instructed the concerned to cover most of the unemployed youth under Mission Youth J&K's Home Stay Scheme in the identified Tourist potential areas of the District. Besides, the chair stressed for conduct of awareness

camps regarding the Home Stay Scheme in the recently approved tourist villages viz. Banimullah, Qaimoh, Malwan, Behibagh, Kutabal, Hallan Manzgam, Chimmer, Badibehak, Vaseknag with the involvement of PRIs, youth clubs and NRLM SHGs along with the local youth of the area for the decent livelihood generation for unemployed youth of the area.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director Planning, General Manager DIC Kulgam, District Statistics and Evaluation Officer, Assistant Director Employment

Government of Jammu & Kashmir MECHANICAL HOSPITAL & CENTRAL HEATING **DIVISION, SRINAGAR**

(Phone No: 0194-2496089, www.medkmr.org, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

Subject: 1. Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 250 litres capacity Semi-automatic autoclave along with allied works for ENT Extension, at Govt. SMHS Hospital.

2. Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Central Heating System to
ENT Extension Block at Govt. SMHS Hospital,

References: 1. This office NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2022-23/86/e-tendering dt: 30.08.2022.

2. This office NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2022-23/87/e-tendering dt: 30.08.2022.

CANCELLATION

Srinagar.

In view of Administrative reasons, the above subject work(s) tendered vide above referred eNITs are hereby cancelled and shall be issued afresh

DIPK-9671/22

Sd/-Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

Public Notice

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

S/o Charan Sing
R/o Daradpora.Tehsil pattan Distt Baramulla

DC Kulgam visits D. K. Marg, lays foundation stone of BDO Office

FAROOQ SOFI



KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today visited far-off area D. K. Marg area of the district and laid foundation stone of Block Development Office (BDO) for D.K Marg block.

It was informed that the BDO Office will come up with an estimated cost of Rs. 33 lac and the executing agency for this work project is Rural Development Department. Present on the occasion were ACD, Mohammad Imran Khan; SDM-Noorabad, Bashir Ul Hassan; ACR, Mir Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz; Executive Engineer REW, Kaisar Amin and other officers.

The DC instructed the officers of the executing agency to work in double shifts on the work project to ensure completion of this BDO Office building before December

Later. the DC presided over a grievances redressal camp which was attended by people from D.K.Marg, Nagam, Boh, Ringeth, Chimer, Bahadijahalan, Gulzarabad and other areas.

People from all these areas apprised the DC about their issues and grievances besides the developmental requirements of their areas.

off issues and put forth their demands.

All the issues and grievances were listened to patiently by the DC and scores of the issues were redressed on

Speaking on the occasion, the DC complimented the PRI members for their proactive role and efforts for development and progress of their areas. The DC also added that Administration is focused to

make the villages clean. People were also urged to be proactive regarding war against drugs to eliminate the menace from the district.

DC Ganderbal presides over Qamaria day on eve of Urs Hazrat amar-ud-Din Bukhari

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir and SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar today jointly presided over the Qamaria Day being celebrated on eve of Urs Hazrat Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari at Ganderbal.Qamaria Day was organized by Qamria Model Higher Secondary Educational Institute Saloora Ganderbal in the lawns of the school. The DC in his address appreciated the efforts of the school management in building a befitting institution in the district. He said that district Ganderbal has produced personalities with leadership qualities and complemented the students who acquired excellence in curricular and co-curricular activities. He also assured full support to the school management in its endeavors. Principal, Nazir Ahmad Kanth while paying rich tribute to Sufi Saint Hazrat Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari (R.A) gave a brief about the functioning of the school and said that the school is a community based

school which is run by the Qamria Wakaf Trust.
Chairman Qamria Muslim Wakaf Trust, Sheikh Ghulam Rasool gave a detailed background of the school and said that initially Islamic teaching was only taught in the school and later formal education was also introduced. Later, Annual award ceremony was also held in which students of the school who excelled in academics and co-curricular activities were felicitated. School Tarana

was also presented by the school children. **DDC Anantnag reviews** progress of RDD

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 10: The District Development Commissioner (DDC), Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today directed the officers of Rural Development Department (RDD) to put extra efforts for completion of all ongoing works within the stipulated time frame.

The DDC was addressing a meeting of officers of RDD here, convened to review the pace/ progress of works by the Rural Development Department.uring the meeting, the DDC took scheme wise detailed reviews and received feedback and updated status of development works from

Mahatma Gandhi-Shanti March held at Kulgam



Faroog Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 10: In order to Commemorate the 153th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the District Administration Kulgam in collaboration with Chief Education Office Kulgam today organised Shanti March by taking Mashal in the form of March from Wanpoh to Rangez mohalla Kulgam. The Shanti march was organised to spread the teachings of Mahat-Gandhi to masses Students were costumed in iconic Ma-Gandhi dress. hatma The Shanti march event

started at Wanpoh Kulgam where the Chief Education Officer Anantanag and Principal Govt High er Secondary Wanpoh handed over the Gandhi Mashal to the Additional Commissioner Deputy Kulgam Showkat Ahmad Rather and CEO Kulgam in presence of Principal Govt HSS Qaimoh. Later, this Shanti march reached to Kulgam and CEO informed that Peace march will continue tomorrow and it will start from L/K Nazir Ahmad Wani Boys Higher Secondary School Kulgam at 10:00am sharp.

Amit shares J&K initiatives during National Mines Ministers' conference

HYDERABAD, SEPTEM-BER 10: Secretary Mining, Amit Sharma, while representing Jammu and Kash mir in two day National Mines Ministers' conference held at Hyderabad, shared recent initiatives taken up by the UT administration towards ensuring added transparency and raising productivity in the Coal and Mining sectors. The conference was presided over by Union Min-

forward in these key high potential sectors. Amit Sharma, during his address, mentioned about several key initiatives undertaken in J&K recently which inter alia included launch of G2B2C portal for

provisioning of e-Market

ister of Parliamentary

Affairs, Coal & Mines,

Pralhad Joshi, who shared

his vision of taking nation



introduction of QR-code based e-Challans to ensure transparency in working of department, initiation of Mining Surveillance System, hi-tech mineral

project of using drone and PTZ cameras for random checking of illegal mining at vulnerable points.

Amit also requested Coal and Mining Ministries to support Kalakote mining coal (usually found in Australia) for revamping the coal mining operations there. He further urged upon them to help in exploitation of Padder Sapphire (Neelam) reserves and huge underlying Lithium reserves (used for electric batteries) which have been discovered offlate in Reasi and Rajouri belts of the Union Territory by Geological Survey of India (GSI).

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Meanwhile, Union Coal Secretary, Anil Kumar Jain and Director General, GSI, Dr S.Raju also expressed commitment for total support on issues flagged by Mining Secretary J&K while mentioning that they shall conduct visits soon here for addressing most of these issues instantaneously. Later, Amit Sharma ex-

pressed gratitude towards Union Government team for their overwhelming response to issues regarding coal and mines sectors of J&K. He invited them to J&K for carrying forward the ongoing progressive reforms in the Union Territory. Union Minister assured complete support to the UT in further streamlining these vital sectors having vast potential in the region.

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Law students visit different educational institutes in Ganderbal

Gandrbal, CNS, 10-Sept; An initiative by District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal for the benefit of Law students from School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir, a schedule of activities organized by DLSA Ganderbal under the guidance of Mrs. Tabasum, Secretary District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal. Law students made visit to different educational institutes of District Ganderbal and children's home Kangan where awareness programmes were conducted by law students on different topics.

In the guided tour, students were briefed on the functioning and procedures of the Children's home kangan.

The programme at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School Nunner was held "NALSA Scheme on the topic (A scheme for legal services to disaster victims through legal services authorities)" in which Law students made participants aware about the scheme. The objective of the program was to provide information regarding role of Legal services authorities to disaster victims. They highlighted that the Legal services authorities have to Ensure immediate help by Governmental and Non-Governmental Agencies to the victims Coordinating activities of different departments of the Government and the NGOs for bringing immediate relief, Supervising the distribution of relief materials, construction of temporary shelter or transporting the victims to a safer place, reunion of families, health care and sanitation of the victims and preventing the spread of epidemics, needs of women and children, Ensuring the availability of food, medicine and drinking

water, etc. The programme at the Government Boys Higher Secondary School Manigam was held on the topic "NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016" in which Law students made participants aware about the scheme.

The objective of the program was to provide information regarding different legislations, NALSA (services to senior citizens) scheme 2016 and different government schemes pertaining to senior citizens. Law students informed the participants about different legislations as enacted by the legislature and various schemes formulated by the government from time to time keeping in view of the interests of senior citizens. The program was followed by a question-and-answer session.

The programme at the Government Boys Higher Secondary School Chattergul was held on the topic "NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally ill and disabled persons) Scheme, 2015" in which Law students made participants aware about the scheme. Law students pointed out that persons with mental disabilities are also entitled to all human rights. It is the prime concern of the legal services authorities to, protect and ensure full and equal enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by the persons with disabilities.

The programme at the Government Boys Higher Secondary School Kangan was held on the topic "Solid Waste Management & Environmental Laws" which Law students made participants aware about Solid Waste Management & Environmental Laws. The programme was aimed to educate the students of different educational institutes about the significance of cleanliness and hygiene for sustainable development of the society besides ensuring safety and protection of children in educational institutions. Emphasis was made upon complete enforcement of ban on use of polythene bags and proper disposal of both degradable and non-biodegradable waste. They stressed upon the need of strict adherence to all rules and laws of solid waste management for creating a healthy environment. Importance of proper management of solid waste for a healthy.

Atal Dullo Impresses for sustainable Commercial Agriculture in J&K in ISGPB Conference in SKUAST-K.

DR.AB QAYOOM

Srinagar, Sep, 10: Shri Atal Dullo additional chief secretary J &K inaugurated a three day national symposium on "Renaissance of Hill Agriculture Through Advanced Genetics & Crop Breeding under Scenario of Climate Change' at SKUAST-K. The conference is being jointly organised by SKUAST-Kashmir and Indian Society of genetics & Plant Breeding. During his Inaugural address Atal Dullo impressed upon the scientists and policy makers to work towards promoting sustainable commercial agriculture in J&K with focus on niche crops and harnessing the biodiversity. He informed the house that J&K Govt. is already working on developing modalities for such transformation and is developing appropriate R&D base and policy support for transforming J&K in a model sustainable economy in country. Prof Nazir



in his address echoed the concerns over obvious climate change implications in an ecologically fragile ecosystem in J&K and stressed upon taking climate research towards building resilience in the farming systems by developing climate resilient varieties and breeds as well as develop matching technology and management support for improving climate resilience of farming systems in the state, He stressed upon much needed efforts to-

diversification, crop biodiversity conservation and harness niche advantage. Prof Ganai informed the house that SKUAST-K and J&K Govt, are working proactively towards the new structure of policy planning with active support from SKUAST-K in shaping up new farm policy of state. The experts also spoke on the occasion and stressed need for collaborative research with national institutions for leveraging research out-

Advisor Bhatnagar condoles sad demise of Dr. Ritu Gupta

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar has condoled the sad demise of Dr. Ritu Gupta, Professor of Physiology at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu.

Dr. Ritu was an excellent teacher and mentor who always showed great empathy towards her students and others. The Advisor further said that due to her empathetic nature, Dr. Ritu had pledged to donate her eyes for any needy patient and her eyes were successfully transplanted to two needy patients on the day of her death.

The Advisor also said that the remarkable achievements of Dr. Ritu spoke itself of her glorious career and her death is a great loss to medical fraternity as a whole which will be very difficult to fill again.

Advisor Bhatnagar also expressed deep sympathies with her family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Scores of political activists join Sheikh Mohammad Imran at Konakhan-Khanyar

Srinagar, September 10 (KNS): Scores of political activists hailing from Konakhan and Nowpora area of Khanyar Constituency on Friday joined Khadim-e-Qaum Sheikh Mohammad Imran where various Mohalla Committees were also framed followed up by a turban tying ceremony to the newly appointed Mohalla Committee heads.

Khawaja Mohammad Yaseen, Parvez Ahmad Chachoo, Tariq Ahmad, Abdul Majid Chachoo, Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, Arooj Ahmad Bagwan, Mohammad Saleem Kak, Mohammad Shafi Dar and Mohammad Shafi Chopan were also present on this occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Khawaja Mohammad Yaseen said the people of Khanyar Constituency have been viciously neglected by the previous governments and criminally deprived of the essential infrastructural facilities.

"If the former representatives had been sincere towards the welfare of people, I have no doubt that youth from these areas wouldn't have to yearn for dignified jobs. The condition of roads, drainage and wooden bridges is appallingly pathetic that continuously haunts the locals living in these areas who have been always emotionally blackmailed by these so-called "stalwart leaders" for their ulterior motives," he said.

Khawaja Yaseen also deliberated over enormous irregularities & misappropriations with regards to the implementation of ICDS Scheme in Khanyar Constituency where the Anganwadi centers have been strategically allocated to the workers of a specific political party tainting the very purpose of this central sponsored scheme.

Commissioner Secretary visits Bandipora, reviews revenue matters

Emphasizes intensive awareness on Apki Zameen Apki Nigraani; enhanced anti encroachment drives

BANDIPORA, BER 10: Commissioner Secretary, Revenue, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, on Saturday visitea Banaipora district and took stock of progress on various revenue services in the district.

Commissioner Secretary took a detailed review of recent initiatives including Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani" Land Records Information System, Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAM-ITVA) besides digitalization of land records.

Commissioner Secretary also took stock of progress on encroachment drives, demarcation of government land, inspection of revenue records, progress on digitization of Jamabandis/ Girdawari, missing Land Record, status of Patwar Khana and other vital issues.

Commission-Deputy er, Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed apprised that Bandipora has two sub divisions, 7 Tehsils, 24 Naiabats, 35 Patwar halgas, 124 Revenue villages, 12 CD blocks and 151 Panchayats.

Regarding the status of Kanhchara land, Deputy informed Commissioner that District Bandipora has 66410 kanal and 18 marla Kanchara Land, out of which, 20887 kanal and 7 marla was under encroachment and 14485 kanal and 19 marla have been evicted from encroachments till

Dr. Owais informed that Bandipora district has total

Regarding Change of Land Use, it was apprised that 23



153271 kanal and 7 marla government land and 20925 kanal and 13.5 marla was under encroachment, out of which, 10897 kanal and 17 marla has been evicted till

applications were received in the district, out of which, 17 were approved, 3 rejected and 3 are under process.

Deputy Commissioner informed that Bandipora district has achieved 62.35 percent target in digtilization of khasras, 58.01 percent in digitlization of khatas and 61.10 percent in digitlisation oi knewats.

Deputy Commissioner informed that digitisation for most of the villages is near completion while the process for 13 villages shall be completed within two days. Regarding progress of SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages Aabadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas), it was informed that CORS station has been established by JK&L GDC survey of India in Bandipora. Besides, IEC campaign regarding Apki Zameen- Apki Nigraani and SVAMITVA is being implemented in letter and spirit. Speaking on the occasion.

Awareness programme on Nasha Mukt **Bharat Abhiyan organised by ICDS in Kulgam**



Farooq Rather

Srinagar, 09-Sep:Poshan project qazigund kulgam organized a rally under Nasha mukt bharat abhiyan in ICDS zone Batengu kund area.

On the directions of CDPO poshan project qazigund Parveena Akhter, Supervisor Sharifa Akhter, urged upon concerned departments and educational institutions to aware students regarding ill effects of drugs in order to eradicate drug menace from society. She urged the participants to take

message of "fight against drug" to every corner of the district. She thanked the organiser and district administration for organising the said programme. The rally passed through various areas while highlighting the effect of drugs and its prevention. Anganwadi workers and helpers of 21 Anganwadi centers, Pregnant women, lactating mothers, Children of Government primary school Batengu kund and locals of several area participated.

Apni Party submits memorandums to respective DMs in all 10 districts of the Valley

Srinagar, CNS, 10-Sept: Apni Party's District Presidents across the Valley Saturday submitted memorandums —seeking restoration of J&K's statehood; release of detainees who have been kept behind bars in the name of 'precautionary measure'; swift recruitments; simple verification process for the job aspirants; and so on — to their respective District Magistrates (DMs) in all 10 districts of the Valley.

According to a press statement issued to CNS, Apni Party District President Anantnag Abdul Rahim Rather, District President Baramullah Yawar Dilawar Mir, District President Bandipora Shafaat Kazmi, District President Budgam Muntazir Mohiuddin, District President Ganderbal Javaid Ahmad Mir, District President Kupwara Raja Manzoor, District President Kulgam Abdul Majeed Padder, District President Pulwama Ghulam Mohammad, District President Srinagar Noor Mohammad Sheikh, Party's Youth Wing General Secretary, and Vice Chairman DDC Shopian Irfan Manhas along with their teams met with the respective District Magistrates (DMs) and submitted the memorandums to the government through these officials (DMs).

The memorandum contained demands including the key demand of restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. The

rest of the demands include the release of those prisoners who have been kept in jail in the name of 'precautionary measure', swift recruitments, a simple verification process for the job aspirants or those who have just got appointed in various departments and are now waiting for the CID clarifications. "The move is a supplementary activity of the party's recent initiative in which the party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari led a top party delegation to Raj Bhavan in Srinagar and handed over a memorandum, demanding restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. "The statement reads. "As the party has already started a movement for J&K's statehood, all the district level leaders of the party today emphasized the demand for statehood vigorously by submitting memorandums to the government through District Magistrates (DMs) of every district across the Valley." The statement adds."The purpose of this exercise is to emphasize the fact that people of Jammu and Kashmir desperately want their identity, in terms of statehood to J&K, returned. Since Apni Party has been in touch with the people through its ongoing public outreach program across J&K for the past two years, it can confirm the fact that the J & K people.

Justice Magrey visits Central Jail Srinagar, reviews facilities for inmates

Says 'incarceration has many consequences on family, dependents of alleged offender'

utive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, accompanied by Additional Chief Secretary Home, R K Goel and other senior officers of government and Legal Services Institutions today visited Central Jail Srinagar to take stock of condition of Central Jail Srinagar including facilities for

On the occasion, Justice Magrey was presented guard of honour by

Afterwards, DGP Prisons, H K Lohia, accompanied Justice Magrey to male and female blocks of the in-

Justice Magrey had interaction with the inmates there regarding the facilities being made available to

them. He directed the legal services officers to ensure that no UTP should remain unrepresented in the court. Later, Justice Magrey visited the vocational centres including barber shop, bakery, tailoring centre, carpentary, kitchen, hospital, VC facility, e-mulakatcentre, Gymnasium and Drug De-addiction Centre.

Justice Magrey appreciated the efforts made by the government in general and the department of Prisons in particular for maintaining high standards of living in jail and providing all the basic facilities like hygienic food, medical facilities and skill training to the inmates.

Justice Magrey, while addressing the inmates, stated that Access to Justice for all includes justice to all irrespective of which section of the

the criminal justice system speaks

society they belong to. He said that

But there is another section which

the victim(s) and the offender(s).

system and is looked down upon by the society, that is, the family/dependents of the offenders. The fact of incarceration of the offender has many consequences on the family/ dependents of the offender.

He said in many cases, the convict/ under trial prisoner (UTP) is the sole bread earner of the family. Due to his absence, the family gets trapped in the vicious circle of poverty and other economic, socio-legal or psychological issues, he added. This itself constitutes barrier to access to justice for the family members. Therefore, it is the duty of J&K government to ensure the well being of dependents of the inmates, so that the goal of access to justice for all is achieved. Additional Chief Secretary, Home, while speaking on the

raised by the inmates and officers regarding court hearings through virtual mode shall be addressed expeditiously.Later, a mesmerizing cultural programme was presented by a group of jail inmates comprising Umer Noor, Waseem Feroz, Irshad & group. The cultural event was impressively compared by Sadat Magsood, an inmate. The other officers present on the occasion included M K. Sharma, Member Secretary, J&K LSA, Jawad Ahmed, PDJ& Chairman DLSA Srinagar, Anoop Sharma CPC, High Court, Noor Mohammad Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, Abdul Bari, Joint Registrar (Judicial), Daljit Singh, Superintendent, Central Jail Srinagar and Sabha Shawl, Staff Officer to DGP Prisons.

DC Kupwara inaugurates Jio Tower at Babitop Budnamal, people express gratitude for first time mobile connectivity

KUPWARA, SEPTEM-BER 10: Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray e-inaugurated Jio Tower at Babitop in Budnamal area from D.C Office Kupwara to-

Additional Deputy Commissioner Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir; ACR Kupwara, SDM Lolab, DFO Kamrai, DFO Kehmil and other officers were present at the occa-

The Deputy Commissioner said that it was a long pending demand of local people of Budnamal



which has been fulfilled with much effort by the District Administration. He said the people from different walks of life espe-

cially students were facing

a lot of hardships due to non-availability of the mobile network

Meanwhile, the local people from Budnamal area have expressed their

towards the gratitude Commissioner Kupwara for fulfilling their long pending demand within a short span of time. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir; ACR Kupwara, SDM Lolab, DFO Kamraj, DFO Kehmil and other officers were present at the occa-

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DC Kupwara inaugurates renamed GBMS Kupwara Highlights role of Martyrs in nation building

KUPWARA, SEPTEM-BER 10: Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray today inaugurated Martyr Abdul Hameed Chara Memorial Government Boys Middle School Kupwara which was renamed after Martyr Police Constable, Abdul Hameed Chara.

Chief Education Officer Kupwara, Abdul Hameed Fani, Teachers, School Children were besides, Next Kin and Kith of Matyrs were also invited on the occasion.

Meanwhile, It was informed that 14 out of 17 schools have been renamed in the district so far on the names of Martyrs of respective areas as per the directions of the Government.

Addressing the students on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the role of Martyrs in building the students to make eftyr were delighted and

forts for their overall perdevelopment. sonality The Deputy Commissioner also interacted with the family members of the Martyr and expressed sympathies with them. He assured all

of nation. He urged upon

possible support to the family from the District Administration. Meanwhile, the famexpressed their gratitude

towards the Government

and District Adminis-

tration for naming the

school after the Matyr, Abdul Hameed Chara. Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Government High School Magam in Handwara sub division and took part in the Anti Drug pro-

Speaking at the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner stressed upon the students to focus on their personality and career development which will assure them a prosperous life and become good citizens. He directed them to get inspiration from young officers and achievers who have made name and fame in the country in different

Regarding drugs, the Deputy Commissioners said that the drugs ruin the career and life of a person and urged the students to keep themselves away from social evils like drugs.

He said that this is the land of knowledge and gave examples of various IAS officers, Doctors, Engineers and young achievers from the district who inspire the vouth.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Announces Prices for The Urban Cruiser Hyryder

Srinagar, Sep 10, KNT: Toyota Kirloskar Motor today initiated the announcement of the prices of its brand-new Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder. To be announced in a phased manner, the top four grades of the latest offering from Toyota are competitively priced between Rs. Over 15 to 19

The brand-new SUV was unveiled in early July and the bookings were also announced at the same time. As one of Toyota's sustainable mobility offerings, the Urban Cruiser Hyryder inherits Toyota's

famed global SUV lineage with bold and sophisticated styling, along with advanced technology features making it a perfect choice for the customers. Mr. Atul Sood, Associ-

ate Vice President, Sales. and Strategic Marketing, TKM, said, "We are truly humbled and honored to receive such an overwhelming response for the Urban Cruiser Hyryder and we are grateful that our customers have put their faith & trust in brand Toyota. The prices for the remaining grades will be announced short-The first of its kind

brid electric vehicle in the B SUV segment, the Urban Cruiser Hyryder is aimed at delivering exemplary performance, bestin-class fuel efficiency, quick acceleration, and connected car features and is designed for a greener future," he said.

Available in two powertrains-Self-charging Strong Hybrid Electric powertrain & Neo Drive, the Self-Charging Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicle is powered by an e-drive transmission and runs 40% of the distance and

shut-off, offering a fuel efficiency of 27.97km/l. Additionally, the Neo Drive comes with a 1.5-liter K-series. The brand-new SUV was unveiled in early July and the bookings were also announced at the same time. As one of Toyota's sustainable mobility offerings, the Urban Cruiser Hyryder inherits Toyota's famed global SUV lineage with bold and sophisticated styling, along with advanced technology features making it a perfect choice for the

customers.

Police organised anti-drug awareness rally in Budgam

Police in Budgam have organized an awareness rally under the banner of "Prevention of Drug Addiction'

The rally was attended by students and staff members of Government Boys Hr. Secondary School Magam, Government Girls Hr. Secondary School Magam, RMP School Magam and Green View School

Magam. Besides, Traders Union Magam, vouth and other respectable citizens of Magam area participated in the rally.

The awareness was flagged off by SDPO Magam Shri Mohammad Saleem Bhat-JKPS at Government Higher Secondary School Magam along with SHO Magam & other

Principals of participating schools and senior members of Traders Union Magam. The rally passed through Bus Stand Magam, Main Market Magam and returned to Government Boys Higher Secondary School Magam where the rally culminated.

The main aim of the rally was to spread awareness officers of Budgam Police, about ill effects of drug es. SDPO Magam on the event appealed the general public to join hands with Police in curbing the abuse of drugs & related substances to eliminate this social evil from the Students/Participants were holding banners and placards in their hands with messages

abuse and its consequence

Dulloo reviews progress of CSS implemented by LDD across J&K



SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10: Additional During the meeting, Atal Dulloo also Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo chaired a meeting to review the progress on several Central Sponsored Schemes (CSS) being implemented by Livestock Development Board (LDB) of Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

During the meeting, Atal Dulloo took district-wise review of schemes implemented by LDB and the progress achieved on implementation of these schemes. He impressed upon the officers to work with full commitment and dedication so that the desired results can be obtained on ground.

During the meeting, the ACS also discussed ways to improve milk production rate across Jammu & Kashmir. He asked the officers that field staff needs to be trained so that they can contribute to the objective of amplifying milk production here.

The ACS reviewed progress on uploading data on the Information Network for Animal Productivity and Health (INAPH) online platform. He asked the officers dedication so that the desired results to expedite the process of uploading can be obtained on ground. data on the portal.

took stock of setting up National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) call centres in Jammu and dictated that the same be set up throughout J&K as early as possible.

The meeting among others was attended by Secretary in APD, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Special Secretary, APD, Director Finance, APD, CEO, LDB, Jammu/Kashmir and other concerned officials of the department both in person and through video conferencing. Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo chaired a meeting to review the progress on several Central Sponsored Schemes (CSS) being implemented by Livestock Development Board (LDB) of Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here. During the meeting, Atal Dulloo took district-wise review of schemes implemented by LDB and the progress achieved on implementation of these schemes. He impressed upon the officers to work with full commitment and

DDC Baramulla reviews developmental works of RDD, PDD under ADP Scale up efforts to get timely results: Dr Sehrish to Officers

BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 10: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired a meeting of Rural Development Department (RDD) and Power Development Department (PDD) authorities where she took a holistic and sector wise review of all developmental works taken under the Area Development Plan (ADP).

On the occasion, the DDC took a comprehensive and scheme wise review of all the works wherein the concerned officers briefed the chair about the current physical and financial position.

During the meeting, it was given out that, under PRIs/BDCs/DDCs grants, 862 works with an cost of Rs.40 crore have been allotted, out of which 754 works have been tendered while as 480 works has been taken up in



which 103 works have been completed. The DDC also took a detailed review about the pace and position of houses being constructed under the centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) during which she was informed that 1112 $cases \, have \, been \, approved \, under \, PMAY(G)$ for financial assistance, out of which 422 beneficiaries have received their 2nd installment of their approval financial

After taking a thorough review, the DDC directed the Officers to scale up efforts and put extra energy for completing all ongoing work well within the stipulated time frame. She also set a fixed timeline for completion of some of the works and applauded some of the officers who had achieved their targets within the set time. The DDC also directed to undertake all current non-feasible works in the next financial year developmental plan.

Meeting was attended by Joint Director Planning, M Yousuf Rather; Assistant Commissioner Development, Yaar Ali Khan; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat.

DDC Chairperson, DC inaugurate Blood Donation Camp on eve of Urs Hazrat Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari at Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, SEPTEM-BER 10: The District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq; Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir along with SSP Ganderbal Nikhil Borkar today inaugurated Blood Donation Camp as part of Urs Mubarak Hazrat Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari (R.A), here.

The camp was organized by Sheikh Ishfaq Jabbar, Ex MLA Ganderbal and Founder Shaheed Sheikh Abdul Jabbar Foundation in the memory of Shaheed Sheikh Abdul Jabbar (EX MLA Ganderbal)

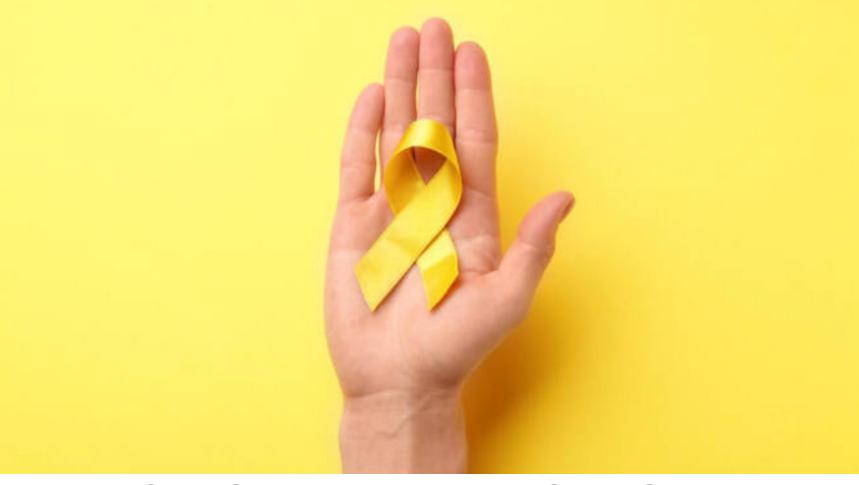


and Sheikh Gh Mohd (Ex Defence Director).

To motivate the youth towards blood donation, both Sheikh Ishfaq Jabbar and Jahangir donated blood during their visit to the also donated blood. Emphasizing the relevance of such camps, Jabbar said, "Blood donation camps have been a regular feature of Shaheed Sheikh Jabbar Foundation but due to the pandemic we were not able to conduct them for the last 2 years".

He said they are planning to organize at least one blood donation camp every year as blood is a vital resource that can only be donated and not manufactured, adding that the path shown by the Shaheed Sheikh Abdul Jabbar is reaping fruits today.

Ishfaq also expressed gratitude to the District Administration and youth of Shaheed Sheikh Jabbar Foundation for making this blood donation camp a success.



TIPS TO PREVENT SUICIDAL **THOUGHTS IN ADOLESCENTS**

RANJIT KUMAR

for adolescents all over the world. Many adolescents miss important developmental milestones, which contributes to feelings of loss and psychological distress which in turn leads them to suicidal

These days adolescents and teens face life changes that can But how do these thoughts ideate put them in turmoil. Discontinuing their education, losing their passions, health problems, and a variety of other life events can all have an impact on their emotional and physical functioning, especially leading them to anxiety and depression.

Anxiety and depression in teenagers and adolescents are not Not everyone who has suicidal medically separated. However, the symptoms of these diseases may manifest differently in teenagers of it, you should seek help or guide than in adults, yet both result in them immediately. suicide ideation. Are you perplexed? Whv?

and adolescents could be because put them at greater risk. Suicide of the various developmental and risk increases after recent or social obstacles that teenagers consignificant losses. The death of a related performance front, such as hormone changes, family member, friend, or even a maturing brains and bodies, and pet is an example of a loss. Other peer pressure.

best of people at any age, especially and breakups are all risk factors. adolescents. Some people consider difficult times result in depresthrough suicidal thoughts.

Suicidal Risk Factors In Adolescents an adolescent mind. and Young Adults

is the fourth leading cause of death—help protect them from suicide. For file of a young suicidal person? You—their state of mind, don't minimize among people aged 15 to 19. It is ife is changing at an expo-critical to understand that suicide nential rate, physically, is never the answer, even if the mentally, and emotionally answer doesn't seem obvious as anyone struggles through a difficult time.

> During the path of growth, i.e, adolescence, it is normal to face obstacles. At these times, a few emotions like depression and anxiety begin to over dwelling in their minds causing suicidal thoughts. in their minds?

What is a suicidal Ideation?

Suicidal ideation occurs when you consider killing yourself. The thoughts may or may not include a plan to commit suicide.

Suicidal ideation is sometimes referred to as "suicidal thoughts." thoughts acts on them. However, if you or a loved one has any signs

It's impossible to tell if a young person will become suicidal. How-This situation happens in teens ever, there are some factors that types of losses are also risk factors. Unfortunately, life can get the Divorced parents, homelessness,

Other risk factors are mental suicide as their only option when health problems like depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. sion or anxiety. But there is hope Suicide attempts in the past and a because it is possible to stop suifamily history of suicide may. Body cide. Hence here is my collection dysmorphia, gender dysphoria, of the top five strategies that can any kind of abuse, corporal punhelp you or anyone who is going ishments, emotionally unavailable parents, and unsupportive friends can also trigger severe reactions in

However, there are some According to the WHO, suicide aspects of a teen's life that may

who feel loved and supported are actions listed below. less likely to consider suicide. young adults who have access to **offer support.** good healthcare and mental health care. Importantly, teens and young adults having guardians who identify the struggle and are willing to seek assistance when their child requires also reduces their risk of suicidal Ideation

What is a suicidal Ideation?

Suicidal ideation occurs when you consider killing yourself. The 2. Be open and honest thoughts may or may not include a plan to commit suicide.

Suicidal ideation is sometimes referred to as "suicidal thoughts." Not everyone who has suicidal thoughts acts on them. However, if you or a loved one has any signs of it, you should seek help or guide them immediately.

Symptoms of Suicidal Behaviour

Adolescents at risk of suicide have the following tendencies: Anger Irritability

Withdrawal Comments on death and dying, feeling worthless, or depressed Disinterest in activities

Hence, it is always critical to begin the healing process by assist- tions stand upright before the ety, children, parents, friends, coling teens and adolescents in finding hope and understanding their emotional struggles. Understand- 4. Ask questions and have convering at home is important but the sations. treatment should be directly from a professional as they help you understand and heal soon

5 Actions To Caress Adolescents' With Suicidal Thoughts

loved one fits the proexacerbate-

example, teens and young adults can help them by performing the

That also applies to teens and 1. Recognize negative emotions and

Provide support, seek support if you or your loved ones are going through a difficult time. Hear out their concerns and let them know you're here to help. Look for ways to offer spiritual and personal support, as well as inform them about coping techniques that can be helpful in the situation.

This pandemic caused isolation among people and has shown us its potential to worsen existing problems. Hence, ask your loved ones about their well-being and address their feelings periodically. Furthermore, narrate your difficult past experiences and put forth the path to overcome their hardships.

3. Encourage social interactions

Identify ways to connect more trusted friends while adhering to Changes in academic or work- safe distancing guidelines. Oppor- is critical that they share their contransition from feeling lonely and ing signs of suicide, just approach, helpless to being loved and listened listen, and fortify. to.

"After all, humanity and emo-

loved ones undergo the hurdled note to your teens and adolesphase of adolescence. Not to worry, just approach them with a warm smile and embrace them with con-So, what will you do if you or a way, but not worth hurting your- alive for a reason and don't ever self". If your adolescent confirms give up'

the situation. how you can assist, express your concerns about his or her feelings, and seek professional assistance.

5. Look for expert assistance.

There are numerous treatment options available to people having suicidal thoughts. More than 90% of suicides are caused by one or more treatable mental illnesses. Even if the underlying cause is not a mental illness, coping techniques and emotional support are triedand-true methods of assisting those in need. In addition, Clinical intervention for suicidal thoughts is a direct attempt to prevent a person from intentionally being a threat to their own life. Hence, it is always advised to talk to a professional, to rule out the concerns.

Never hesitate to approach for assistance: International Suicide

Conclusion

Suicide is a multifaceted probas a family and create virtual or lem, so it needs to be handled mulin-person social experiences with tifaceted. Mostly, adolescents and teens are the victims of suicide, it tunities to connect with peers and cerns with you and be heard. If you family members can help your teen see your loved ones with alarm-

No matter what role we play. whether we are members of socileagues, or people with lived experience, let's support those experiencing or bereaved by suicide.

Ations. Hence, for this "World Suicide Indeed, it is hard to see our Prevention Day" Always give a cents about overcoming suicidal thoughts and tell them: "Place your hand over your heart, can you feel versation like "It is ok to feel this" it? That is called purpose. You're

BRIEFLY NEWS

Amazing benefits of sitting crossed-legged on the floor while eating

Inlike now when everyone prefers sitting at the dining table and eating, the traditional Indian method of dining on the floor with legs crossed was a wonderful idea.

Apart from India, many eastern and south-east Asian cultures also follow the same tradition and that has a solid reason behind it, endorsed by health

The following are a few significant reasons why you should sit crossed-leg while eating on the floor:

Helps lose weight: Sitting on the floor and then getting up either to close the plate or take a refill helps in smooth body movement that regulates blood circulation. It also helps lose weight and is effective in relaxing and calming your mind, thereby not letting you overeat.

Improves posture: Sitting cross-legged on the floor is like performing a yoga asana. This position helps in maintaining a good posture by keeping the back and spine straight. It gives flexibility and strengthens the bones of the lower body area.

Improves digestion: The position aids digestion and boosts the regulation of digestive juices that keeps you in the pink of your health. It also triggers abdominal muscles that help increase stomach acid.

Relaxes the mind: the position is ideal for meditation and helps relieve stress by keeping the mind relaxed and calm. Helps improve family bonding: Traditionally

Indians sit together as a family for meals. It helps in knowing how each other's day went, bonding, and even unwinding, thus making everyone happy

Promotes mindful eating: Eating on the floor with your family has a lot of benefits. While it keeps you chatting with them, it also promotes healthy

Why does period pain keep getting worse with age?

'enstrual cramps are a nightmare, but you cannot do much about them. As you age, you think period pains would ease off, but

Women in their 30s and 40s experience unbearable pain that comes along with other symptoms like irregular timings, pain during sex, and a smelly vaginal discharge

But why does it even happen? Gynecologists believe that when you near menopause the hormones that regulate your menstrual cycle being to fluctuate causing an imbalance. But why do the hormones fluctuate? Doctors give out these reasons:

Polyps: Polyps begin growth along the inner walls of the uterus once the women are nearing their menopause. They are caused by the excess growth of cells in the uterus lining and are one of the reasons why you scream in pain.

Fibroids: Apart from polyps, a non-malignant growth of fibroids also develops around the uterus when there is too much estrogen generation. Fibroids do cause immense pain and can cause heavy bleeding as well. There is no specific treatment for fibroids and they shrink when estrogen levels drop.

Endometriosis: Many young women suffer from endometriosis, a condition where the womb tissue begins to grow even in the ovaries and fallopian tubes. It leads to pain in the lower stomach, and back, very heavy bleeding, and even pregnancy complications.

Pelvic inflammatory disease: It is an infection of the reproductive organs caused due to sexually transmitted diseases. It usually affects the uterus. fallopian tubes, and ovaries and causes a lot of pain.

Stress: Too much stress can also disrupt periods, many times delaying them and causing an imbalance in the hormones. They make the period pain worse and when the body is in stress, it causes inflammation and aches

How to manage the pain

Apart from taking painkillers, the natural methods of managing pain are: $\boldsymbol{Exercising:}$ Do get regular exercise and work out

to keep the blood circulation regulated and inflammation away.

Heating pads: They help reduce pain. **Supplements:** There are many supplements one

can take to manage the symptoms. Omega-3 fatty acids, magnesium, and vitamins fortify body cells.

Oatmeal for Weight Loss: Here's How It Can Help

PARUL DUBE

atmeal has a sense of association with wholesome goodness. The imagery is that of a healthy and active person with a hearty bowl of oatmeal. So yes, when one reads about celebrities and magical weight loss stories, the humble oatmeal always plays a significant role. Oatmeal is a nutritious, versatile addition to your breakfast. However, how you serve your oatmeal can influence its effect on weight loss. Avoid sugary toppings that add extra calories to make oatmeal a total game changer.

A dish made of dry oats, be it quick, rolled or steel cut, oatmeal is a good staple food for your diet. With antioxidant properties, oatmeal stems from a nutrient-rich whole grain that remains low-calorie and satiating. So adding oatmeal to your morning breakfast plan is a no-brainer. It's an easy way to up the fibre intake. Further, not only is it quick and easy to make, but you can customise oatmeal any way you like.

Is Oatmeal Good for Weight Loss?

Oatmeal is full of nutritional and soluble fibre, which helps you feel full after a meal. Essentially, this means that you feel more satiated after having oatmeal than eating a piece of toast. As a result, you feel less inclined to eat something additional to feel full. In addition, a study shows that oatmeal, both old-fashioned and instant oats, is

more effective for satiety than ready-toeat cereals. Therefore, you may be able to resist snacking by starting your day off with a hot bowl of oatmeal

Oatmeal has several nutritional benefits, but its protein content remains a concern. So, if you're eating a bowl of oatmeal for breakfast, then incorporating some protein into that meal is a good idea. In addition, it will help those looking to lose weight stay full for even longer, which means that the calories consumed by the end of the day will also reduce.

Oats are gluten-free whole grains and contain a host of vitamins, minerals, fibre and antioxidants. So, besides being an effective weight loss food, it also helps you improve your health. Oatmeal can lead to lower blood sugar levels, reduce cholesterol and lower the risk of heart diseases. However, oatmeal lacks protein. However, you can add any form of protein into your bowl, be it an egg, some yoghurt or even peanut butter.

Ways to Eat Oatmeal for Weight Loss

Oatmeal is as versatile as a dish gets. Steel-cut, crushed, or rolled oats are the way to go if you're looking for a quick way to fill your stomach. Oat groats, on the other hand, take longer to cook, so don't put that on the menu if you have a busy schedule. Usually, oats come with



it is best if you follow the steps on the ever you like to it! For example, suppose package. The cooking time can range from 5 to 15 minutes, depending on how vou like vour oatmeal. You can cook your oats with water, milk or a plantbased alternative.

That is the beauty of a good bowl of oatmeal, the 'anything you like' part. Yes, you can go for an excellent ol' plain instructions on how to cook them, so cup of oatmeal, or you can add what-

you're a vegetarian with fewer protein options. In that case, you can mix a scoop of protein powder into your oatmeal or even a spoonful of your favourite unsweetened nut butter.

As healthy as oatmeal can be, you could unknowingly add hundreds of calories to your breakfast if you add too much brown sugar, maple syrup,

or table sugar. If you like to sweeten your oatmeal, choose fresh fruit instead celiac disease, it is a good idea to go of dry fruit and a pinch of cinnamon. for gluten-free oatmeal. Pure oats are And making your oatmeal with a dairy-gluten-free. However, oats often face avoid fatty toppings next time you mix as gluten-containing grains. Additionup a bowl for breakfast.

 $Protein\ is\ always\ an\ essential\ part\ of$ the weight loss diet plan. Eat oatmeal with a side of egg whites, nuts, Greek yoghurt or cottage cheese to ensure you Note get extra protein in addition to the 5 grams in oatmeal.

Oatmeal Mistakes to Avoid

There are no significant risks to eating oatmeal, but there are some caveats. Firstly, avoid overeating oatmeal in the hope of losing weight quickly. Oatmeal is rich in dietary fibre, and consuming too much of it strains the stomach and intestines, causing constipation and diarrhoea.

Something to also be aware of is that instant oats often come with blended flours, artificial dyes, and added sugars. As a result, it raises the total glycemic index, which can quickly raise blood sugar. High GI foods are not what you can prepare your oatmeal overnight. transforms oatmeal from a weight loss weight loss. breakfast to a fattening disaster.

free milk substitute could support your the risk of gluten contamination when weight loss efforts. You also want to they get processed in the same facilities ally, prepackaged oatmeal with added sugar can be counterproductive for weight loss.

If you are allergic to flour or have

Prepackaged oatmeal sounds like a convenient option. But it does not favour your waistline. In addition, added flavourings and sugars in prepackaged varieties can raise your blood sugar levels and lead to a higher-calorie meal than you intended. Interestingly, on a day you want to slow on dinner, you can make a savoury version with some tofu, egg whites and chicken.

Oatmeal is one of the healthiest breakfast choices you can make to lose weight. But only if you prepare it properly and avoid inevitable mistakes. You must buy plain, unflavored oats for healthy weight management. To add a want to consume to lose weight. To zing to your plain oatmeal, try tossing prevent yourself from falling into the in some chopped apple slices, a handtemptation of a quick breakfast, you ful of blueberries, or some chia seeds. Oatmeal is rich in high-quality dietary Overdoing it with maple syrup and fibre. Add a scoop of protein powder tossing it in the brown sugar packet and nuts to enhance your oatmeal for

SUNDAY SPECIAL

Heritage tree of Kashmir, 'BOUIN' at the verge of extinction



JAHANGIR BUKHARI

he growing concern

world over about the environment protection and saving mother down ruthlessly. Revenue, earth from further degradation gaining momentum day in and day out. However in our part of the world different parameters are being adopted. Majority of the water bodies across rural as well as urban Kashmir have dried up. Great sain of Kashmir Nund RESH (RA) had predicted and given lessons on environment long back when he said. ANN POSHE TELI

YALI WAN POSHE.

'BOUIN', the tree which was historically introduced to Kashmir by the Islamic missionaries, which later became an identity of Kashmir has turned out to be the victim to unplanned and so called developmental activities. With every passing year 'BOUINS'- The Chinar trees, are becoming a rare sight. Thanks to the unplanned construction activities and absence of any future planning to save this heritage tree. Gracing the paths and gardens of exotic Kashmir, over the years the Chinar is now at the verge of depletion because of human apathy and the administrations indifference.

As spring dawns into Kashmir and plantation season begins. Administration will soon be seen holding ceremonial plantation drives across Kashmir. However these Chinars, once abundant, are increas-

ingly becoming a rare sight. Gods of nature have always taken mercy on Kashmir. If there is a heat wave there is rain immediately after. If there is drought there has been snow too, but despite this mercy Kashmir continues to suffer. That is because the cruel human hands continue to destroy what nature has given in abundance. Cruelty with nature and is eating up the vitals of the paradise. Take for example the environment: immense damage is done to it undermining the nature's benevolence. The natural environment is getting decayed due to rapacious interference by human beings. All its facets like rivers, jungles, pastures, gardens are on the verge of destruction. Nothing has been spared, not even its unique feature, the majestic Chinar tree. Due to the apathy of administration and lack of selfdiscipline of the people, this 'king of trees' is under the axe of smugglers and their mentors among the officialdom. Visit any corner of the valley, including the protected Naseem Bagh on the shores of Dal Lake, one gets the impression that the gracious chinar tree, which has added to the picturesque beauty of Kashmir for centuries is close to extinction. Every year, the number of Chinars is decreasing. The Chinar trees, which flourished everywhere in the valley, is increasingly becoming a rare sight even though there is a lot of clamour about the rule of law, economic prosperity and environmental awareness. The chinar was considered to be a wealth, because it contributed not only to the beauty of Kashmir but also to its resources. Chinar wood

is as good for furniture, as for making 'papier machie items like wall hangings. It has also been one of the main sources of firewood for the rural lot whose firepots (Kangris) are filled by charcoal of red chinar leaves in winter. Gone are the days when one would come across gigantic chinar trees. These have been and are still being cut



forest or police agencies either do nothing or con-

nive actively. The laws are

flouted. It is unfortunate that there is no government agency, which would use government land, parks or gardens or even highways for the conservation of this majestic tree. Both the administration as well as citizens seem to be totally apathetic to this great loss. People shun its growth to save land. It is also normally planted in kitchen gardens for ornamental purposes. Chinar leaves engraved on Kashmiri traditional pots like 'Samavar' (tea pot) etc and other decorative items are used to adorn drawing rooms. The chinar tree is grown in Greece, Macedonia, Armenia and Northern Persia, besides Kashmir and western Himalayan region. Chinar or oriental tree (botanical name - Platinus orientalis) popularly known as 'bouin' in Kashmir is a large, graceful deciduous tree, which is closely associated with the culture and folklore of Kashmir. It is considered to be the manifestation of nature's bounty that the valley is blessed with. There are frequent references to the grandeur of chinar in Kashmiri literature. The famous mystic poetess Lal Ded. also known as Lal made the reference to this tree in an epigram containing: "Virtuous and loving wife to the cool and refreshing shade of bouin (chinar) on a hot summer day." In the Akbarnama written by Abul Fazal, it is mentioned, "The emperor took 34 persons inside the hollow trunk of an aged chinar tree." Similarly, emperor Jahangir, in his memoirs has made mention of a huge plain tree, in the hollow of which he and his seven companions could be comfortably accommodated. These and other references were used as a source to try and establish the date when the Chinar was introduced in Kashmir, which usually has been ascribed to the Mughal emperor Jahangir (1605-1627 AD) and Shah Jahan (1627-1658 AD) who brought it from central Asia. But history was rewritten some years ago when an investigation on charcoal remains from archeological site at Simthen in South Kashmir revealed that this tree was in existence centuries before. The history of the tree has been traced back to 500 AD and the importance of the majestic tree has increased in archaeological context. But no one has awakened to the danger to its actual existence, neither the people

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RAHUL GANDHI HAS TO BE CAREFUL IN MEETING RIGHT PEOPLE DURING YATRA

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he 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' of the Congress was in the "land of Kamaraj" when Rahul Gandhi met two people, a teenage girl of about "12/14", and a Catholic "father" of no mean controversies If the girl's curiosity was a welcome diversion for Rahul Gandhi the Congress leader's curiosity was fodder for the Catholic father to brew hate.

The girl asked Rahul "what is Bharat Jodo Yatra?" Rahul countered with "What is Bharat?" The girl answered: "Bharat is all the people living in harmony" and Rahul's next question: "Are all the people of Bharat living in har-

That in one question was Rahul Gandhi's rendition of "What is Bharat Jodo Yatra?" The teenager went home satisfied, but the many journalists at the presser chose not to press Rahul Gandhi to elaborate. Instead they pestered the Gandhi scion with questions about the Congress presidency and when would he take on the mantle?

Rahul Gandhi told them to give it a rest and that he has made up his mind, and that he was "very clear in his head", but that everybody would be made aware of what it was when the "elections are held": that, for now, he was too busy with the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', which was being "not led by me" as "I'm only a participant.

Spoken like a true Gandhi. But, who was fooling whom? It is easier to believe the weatherman and tomorrow's rain than a

the Congress president's post. The sycophancy surrounding Rahul Gandhi wouldn't let anybody else dare take the post. On the road with Rahul Gandhi, it's clear that this is

'Bharat Jodo' for Rahul Gandhi and

nobody else.

That said, there are spoilers everywhere, and there's somebody George Ponnaiah of Kanyakumari a human person.' wouldn't have been a "stop" en

made the mistake of asking Father Ponnaiah: "Jesus Christ is a form of God, is that right?

With that sort of wide opening, Father Ponnaiah wouldn't have missed the woods for the tree. Jesus Christ is the real God, not like Shakti," the Tamil priest told Rahul Gandhi in Tamil, a video clip in the Kanvakumari to Kashmir of which is now going viral. "God yatra who is giving Rahul Gandhi reveals him(self) as a man, a real incorrect advice. Otherwise, Father person...not like Shakti...so we see

For the BJP, this couldn't be route. Rahul Gandhi didn't know more welcome. The 'Bharat Jodo Nehru-Gandhi family member and likes taunting Hindus. Also, Rahul disadvantage for the Congress, and number of people in the Congress,

Rahul Gandhi has himself contributed to the "disharmony" in Bharat that he had warned the teenage girl about. Also, the BJP may deny as much as it can, but the 'Bharat' of today is not one where all the people are living in harmony.

For as long as people like Father George Ponnaiah are allowed a free rein, the 'Bharat' that was spelled out by Rahul Gandhi to the teenage girl would elude India. Rahul Gandhi shouldn't allow himself to be led by the nose by Congressmen who haven't been vetted by trusted George Ponnaiah is a priest who Yatra' has started with a glaring Congress leaders. There are any errand.

and out of the Congress, ready and willing, waiting, to throw a spanner in Rahul Gandhi's works.

For the BJP, Father George Ponnaiah is just what the doctor ordered. Adept at the kind of games Father Ponnaiah played, the BJP will match provocative statements with equally provocative statements, dogging the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' all the way from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. And Rahul Gandhi instead of delivering the message of unifying Bharat would be left defending his own compendium of faux paus.

Father Ponnaiah was arrested in 2021 for making a hate speech in Madurai, targeting among others Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. There is also groundswell of feeling that Tamil Nadu has become a haven for Christian missionaries out to "harvest pagan souls" by converting them to Christianity. Once before, Ponnaiah was arrested for his remark "I wear shoes because the impurities of Bharat Mata should not contaminate us.'

Rahul Gandhi's 150-day 3676 km Bharat Jodo Yatra' has only just begun and has a long way to go. A lot of young people, tens and thousands of them who will be voting for the first time in 2024, would be keenly following Rahul Gandhi on his quest to deliver what he preaches. The aspirational young people of India want a better life. and bagsful of opportunities. You cannot have bigots bog them in wasteful pastimes by sending the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' on a fruitless

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INDIAN ECONOMY NEEDS FRESH PUSH BUT PEOPLE'S INTERESTS ARE SUPREME

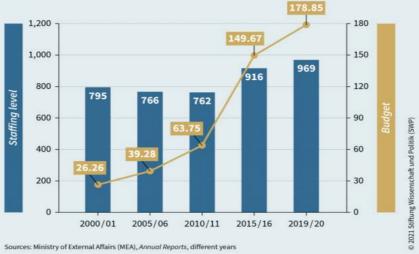
HARIHAR SWARUP

he Indian economy was expected to collapse due to pandemic. But its recovery has been better than most countries. Appropriate counter - cyclical policy enabled this but it worked because reforms had reached a threshold of adequacy. In the recent past growth suffered because of an excessive focus on structural reforms while neglecting the smoothening of shocks. Current policy has responded to the latter. But talk of necessity of reforms is again in the air. So what reforms are required?

A major objective of international institutions such as the IMF-WB is to ensure tries from India's growth, financers who are the large capital exporting countries. ensure freer markets and types of capital flows. Much of this is in India's interest since we need more capital and better integrating with ingreturns. Whatever is feathe world markets. But a democracy cannot ignore in motion by now. Further the concern of its own citi- organic reforms will take

Left axis: Staff level (Class IV); Right axis: Budget in INR bn (Indian rupees

Staffing Level and Budget of Indian Foreign Ministry (MEA)



and, beyond a point, runs imposes large political costs.

Liberalization has reached a point of diminishsible in the above is surely zens. The IMF--WB holy place as the states complete.

in particular to the main trinity of structural land, Improving the supply side tive advantage, the possibillabour and other market has many other aspects. In ity of supply chain diversiopenings reforms harms choosing from the reform fication away from China, It follows that they want to many domestic citizens menu, the centre must be moving into a net zero guided by feasible and prageconomy and harnessing fewer restrictions on all into severe resistance that matism and ensure that ben-green initiative as a source

given to digital aspect, ing logistics and other busi-

efits accrue to a majority. of investment and invoca-The focus should be on tion. Attention should be leveraging the special cir- given to developing skills cumstances that currently and capabilities, improving favour India. These include employability, augmentathe impetus Covid-19 has tion infrastructure, reduc-

and enhancing the quality of governance and counter cyclical regulation with good incentive. Much can be done to improve data and privacy functioning of courts and police. Instead of wasting political capital on reforms that encounter large resistance and shock the system, reforms should enhance favourable trends.

Privatization of Banks is one of the reforms agenda. There is a recommendation to privatize most public sector banks, starting with those doing well. But the nrivate banks and withstood lending was to private companies. Therefore, a full resolution had to wait the setting regulatory framework ments in PSB governance will prosper. where India has a comparances costs through better and risk based lending pro-

centre-state coordination, files have resulted in falling NPA ratios and strong capital adequacy even under the Pandemic shocks. Social schemes that were a drain on PSB resources are now largely financed through direct subsidies by the government.

Diversity in institutions and approaches makes for a more stable financial sector. PSBs are trusted by many savers. They have garnered Rs. 1.7 trillion in their Jan Dhan accounts, while private banks have hardly any .PSBs can leverage their advantages in low costs argument that BCBS are a deposits through co-lending drain on tax pavers' money opportunities and partneris based on the experience of ships. The economy has sufthe last decades. In the 2000s, fered very low credit growth they were doing better than through last decades and is ready for a turn around Pri the global financial crisis vate banks alone could not better, NPAs rose because increase credit adequatelythey were pushed into lend- when lending from PSBs had ing to infrastructure where slowed. This is not the time there are inherent asset lia- to disrupt the recovery in bility mismatches for com- credit growth. PSBs should mercial banks. Moreover, it be allowed to compete and was the first time that the raise resources on their own. Only those who can not do so, or have other serious weakness should be allowed exit through privatisation for bankruptcy. Improve- or merger route. The strong

SUPREME COURT KEEPS ITS WORD FOR PROTECTING RIGHTS OF UNDERTRIALS

K RAVEENDRAN

he Supreme Court has kept its word in terms of protecting the rights of undertrials by granting bail to journalist Siddique Kappan, who has spent over two years in UP jails without trial in connection with the Hathras conspiracy case.

The decisive action comes within weeks of the apex court having warned the UP government as well as the Allahabad High Court for not taking prompt action to release undertrial prisoners languishing in jails for more than $\bar{10}$ years despite an earlier order from the court.

A two-member bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and M M Sundresh had declared that the Supreme Court was ready to 'take the burden' on itself and grant the affected people relief if the government and the courts did not do justice to them. That these were not just hollow words

and grandstanding was proved beyond any doubt when earlier this week when a bench headed by Chief Justice U U Lalit and Justice S Ravindra Bhat passed an order allowing the appeal filed by Kappan against the Allahabad High Court's order denying him bail.



almost two years behind bars, was arrested along with other accused by the UP police in October 2020 while proceeding to report the Hathras rape-murder crime. While initially he was arrested under the apprehension of causing a breach of peace, subsequently, he was booked under the UAPA alleging that he and his co-passengers were trying to incite communal riots and disrupt social harmony in the wake of the Hathras gangrape-murder

While Kappan claimed that he had gone grape and the trouble over it, various UP Kerala-based Kappan, who has now spent had rejected his plea saying he had 'no work'

The Chief Justice-led bench, while not going into the merit of the case, declared that the denial of bail was unwarranted. The judges said they were not impressed with the evidences cited by the prosecution for denial of bail by asking whether possession of 'provocative' literature by the accused meant that he was practising whatever was contained there. As long as that cannot be proved, there is no ground to continue to hold him in prison without bail, the court

Undertrials languishing in jails has been consecutive chief justices raising alarms over the issue. According to data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, four-fifths of all prisoners in the country violation of the fundamental rights of such a large population.

Former Chief Justice N V Ramana had raised this issue before his retirement and stressed that there was need to increase the system. From indiscriminate arrest to difing to prolonged incarceration of undertrial

while calling for a holistic solution to the problem. The outgoing CJI listed this as the most important planks for judicial reform.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also recently spotlighted the plight of undertrials and called upon the National Legal Services Authority to provide prompt legal help to these people so that they can secure bail and be released from jails. The problem has been widely considered as a collective failure of the Indian state.

The worst part is that a large number of these undertrials may have been wrongly a bane of the country's judicial system, with confined on faulty or fabricated charges. Thousands are presumably innocent and are in jail because they are only accused of a crime that is still not proven in a court of law and there is no effort from the agencies are undertrials, which amount to a gross concerned, including the courts, to either speed up trail or help the victims with legal recourse against their illegal confinement. The result is that they end up spending their best years in jail. When their cases finally come up for consideration, the courts treat there to report on the situation after the gan- efficiency of the country's criminal justice those as routinely as anything else and not a thought is spared on how such large popucourts, including the Allahabad High Court, ficulty in obtaining bail, the process lead- lation of citizens are wronged by a faulty

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Do not let plastic become a part of everyday life



VIJAY GARG

lastic bags hanging in their hands may be convenient for people to bring any goods from the market, but due to this, the challenge that has arisen in front of the environment today, it is not hidden. The condition is that today plastic is playing a big role in polluting the surrounding areas and the everyday life of the people is also badly affected. This is when the pollution caused by polythene bags for a long time has caused many problems in the environment.New challenges have arisen and due to this common people are also worried. It can be gauged from this that in view of the future crisis arising out of this, strict steps have

ban single-use plastic bags, but even today the required awareness to stop using it could not be created. Is. It is not without reason that even today people do not feel hesitant to bring any goods in plastic bags. Whereas these bags, which accumulate one by one, become one of the biggest factors of pollution. Haven't done Significantly, about two months ago, the government completely banned single-use plastic across the country. Despite this, it continues to be used almost everywhere. The shopkeepers give goods to the people in such bags and the common people without any question or hesitation go home with any item in these bags. According to a recent report by the Union Environment Ministry itself, despite the ban, people are using single-use plastic the most in public places in the country. However, in the months of July and August More than ninety nine thousand people were fined for violating the ban on single-use plastics across the country, but the impact it has had on the ground is been taken by the government to generally visible everywhere. After identified airports, railway sta-settlements. I am It's hard to under-



the implementation of the new law, tions and bus stands and found the investigative teams of the Ministry most violations of these. In addiof Environment and local bodies tion, it is still used today in the across the country specifically shops and markets of residential

stand why people don't try to avoid using single-use plastics despite knowing the dangers of it! There was a time when people used to take clothes or any other bag from their house if they went to the shop or market to buy something. That bag was in use for a long time. Bags made of cloth rarely cause pollution or harm to the environment in any way. But today people go to the market empty handed and bring goods in plastic bags.Considered a measure of hobbies or status. How such bags accumulated in homes are thrown away carelessly, it is well known. Since the process of their destruction is very complex, they carry out chemical reactions that pollute the climate by going through drains and through rivers or by depositing in garbage dumps. Many people are now aware of its danger. But there are many people who, even knowingly, are making single-use plastic a part of everyday life. the question is Who will ultimately bear the brunt of this?

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FORGOTTEN MEMOIRS: BUT THE MEN WHO FOUGHT IN THIS OPERATION WERE HEROES!



MS NAZKI

peration Pawan: War is not just the shower of bullets and bombs from both sides, it is also the shower of blood and bones on both sides!

-'But the success of a military campaign is evaluated based on the degree of achievement of planned goals and objectives through combat and noncombat operations. This is determined when one of the belligerent military forces defeats the opposing military force within the constraints of the planned resource, time and cost allocations.

-'The employment of an armoured regiment in a built-up area manifested with jungles, sea and lagoons was unique. The ingenuity of the officers and the troops ensured that casualties were bare minimum. The bravery, leadership and camaraderie displayed has been etched in the ethos of the regiment and it continues to perform at its peak combat efficiency. he Regiment lived up to its motto of Maan Ya Mrityu, Jai Hind!......

(A tribute to IPKF from a veteran) 'We Indians celebrated the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav! Operation Pawan was also a great operation, where Indian soldiers performed extraordinarily well but the operation taught us many things!

-'The most important lesson it taught us was how to fight an enemy in a hostile terrain where the enemy was unknown but it was known that their (LTTE) leadership was far too dangerous)!

'Though several years after Op-Pawan Sr Lankan Army vanquished Prabhakran led LTTE but memories just take you back into the nostalgia!

-'This story is all about Operation Pawan where we lost many to get nothing but Indian soldiers always stood firm there also!

-'Complex operations, in which agencies assume complementary roles and operate in close proximity-often with similar missions but conflicting mandates-accentuate these tensions. The tensions are evident in the processes of analyzing complex environments, planning for complex interventions. and implementing complex operations. Many reports and analyses forecast that these complex operations are precisely those that will demand our attention most in the indefinite future.

'Thirty-Five years later with 1300 killed in action and approximately 3500 grievously injured have been kept away from public memory on the sacrifice of the Indian Servicemen in a foreign country!' They were honored!

-'Lt Col Manoj K Channan (Veteran) wrote this (bad habit of mine I carry a diary with mE and I noted this one, Operation- Pawan was launched on 30th of July 1987 on pressure from its Tamil nationthe signing of the Indo Sri Lanka Peace Accord between Late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Sri Lanka President Junius Richard Jayewardene on 29th July 1987.

-'This was the first overseas tri service peace keeping operation launched to bring relief to the Tamils of Sri Lanka who were under duress; the local laws had been amended by an act of parliament to bring the stature of the the Tigers, had not participated



Sri Lankan Tamil to a status of a second-grade citizen.'

-'As an essayist Barton and O'Connell note, our intelligence and understanding of the root cause of conflict, multiplicity of motivations and grievances, and disposition of actors is often inadequate. Moreover, the problems that complex operations are intended convoluted, and often inscrutable. They exhibit many if not all the lems," as enumerated by Rittel and Webber in 1973: they defy definitive formulations; any proposed solusecond chance at a solution; every situation is unique; each wicked problem can be considered a symptom of another problem. This political maneuver was to fail and it..... It is up to the animalists to analyze?

-'Again this s not the part of our Jaffna Peninsula story! Operation Pawan had many heroes and about one we will talk about today! This sequence will keep going on and on.

name assigned to the operation by the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) to take control of Jaffna from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), better known as the Tamil Tigers, in late 1987 to enforce the disarmament of the LTTE as a part of the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord. In brutal fighting lasting about three weeks, the IPKF took conthe LTTE, something that the Sri Lankan Army had tried but failed to do'!

-The Tamil Tigers had fought to establish a Tamil homeland, separate from Sri Lanka, in the northern and eastern portion of Ceylon (Tamil Eelam). This effort led to a Sri Lankan military. In the late 1980s India, feeling considerable als, began to intervene on both a diplomatic and military basis. Negotiations led to the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord, signed in Colombo on 29 July 1987, under which the Sri Lankan government agreed to give the nation's provinces more power and autonomy and with- talion of 5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier draw its troops to their barracks.

their arms as well! -Most Tamil groups, including ning!

to the Indian Peace-Keeping Force so, many rebels did not surrender quickly flared into active confronintent to continue armed struggle for an independent Tamil Eelam and implemented to address are and refused to disarm. The IPKF soon found itself engaged in a bloody police action against the characteristics of "wicked prob- Tigers, which culminated in the rebels being cornered on the Jaffna Peninsula, at the northern end of the island. The IPKF set out to comtion or intervention causes the plete its mission of disarming the problem to mutate, so there is no LTTE by taking Jaffna by force!"

> Staff (CoAS) had issued directives to the IPKF, laying down its operational parameters. It was to: -Seize/destroy LTTE radio and

-By 7 October, the Chief of Army

TV transmission equipment in the

-Seize or jam the LTTE communications network

-Carry out raids on LTTE camps, caches and strongpoints

-Detain and interrogate person--'peration Pawan was the code nel manning LTTE offices in the East to gain information. In case of resistance, force to be used.

-Actions to further consolidate the hold of the IPKF in the region! -But something heroic did

happen: The first battle signaling the real beginning of Operation Pawan was the heliborne assault on the Jaffna University headquarters trol of the Jaffna Peninsula from of the LTTE by a detachment of Indian Para (Special Forces) and Sikh Light Infantry soldiers on the night of 12 October. This was planned as a quick commando raid to capture the top LTTE leadership and local commanders who, according to Indian intelligence, were supposed to be in the building series of armed conflicts with the at the time and was thus expected to cut short the battle for Jaffna. The plan was to land 17 commandos from the 10th battalion of the Parachute Regiment to secure the

football field. -A second wave was to follow with a platoon (30 troops) from the 13th battalion of the Sikh Light Infantry. The heliborne troops were to link up with the 4th bat-Force) of 72 Brigade and the Sikh The Tamil rebels were to surrender Light Infantry troops advancing on the ground. That was the begin-

-Thirty-Five years later with

in the talks. Only reluctantly did 1300 killed in action and approxithey agree to surrender their arms mately 3500 grievously injured have been kept away from public as provided by the Accord. Even memory on the sacrifice of the Indian Servicemen in a foreign their weapons, and the situation country. This year on 29th July 2022 is the day when the Bravehetation. The Tigers declared their art's of OP Pawan were honored at the National War Memorial.

-'The Tamil youth took to the gun and this movement was supported by the Sri Lankan Tamils overseas who launched a campaign for an Elam (freedom) from the shackles of the Sinhala regime.

-At the same time the Indian Army simultaneously undertook Brass Tacks series of exercises, culminating in Exercise Brass Tacks IV, which involved the mobilisation of India's offensive corps in the deserts of Rajasthan along with the Indian Air Force and the Indian

-All attempts to get Prabhakaran on board were failing. In a last resort attempt. Prabhakaran was flown by his R&AW handlers from Chennai to New Delhi to meet with the PM. Prabhakaran refused to change his stance, to consent to the peace accord. The LTTE supremo was left to himself to manage his way back to Jaffna. This insult was not forgotten and the revenge was taken on 21 May 1991 at Sri Perumbudur, in which a suicide bomber targeted Rajiv Gandhi, Recently the co-accused were released from jail having completed their prison terms.

-But on First August 2022 something else was also happening! I have told you all time and again that no one knows the future.

-This ceremony was successfully held for the second time to commemorate its 35th Anniversary by the Veterans of OP PAWAN who engaged with the Army HQ and were permitted a silent ceremony.

-The ceremony was attended by approximately 100 officers, ladies and the NoK of those who had made the supreme sacrifice. Mrs Surject Bedi mother of Late 2/Lt Amardeep Singh Bedi, Vr C (P). The Braveheart laid down his life on 18th of Jan 1989

-The 65 Armoured Regiment was the only armoured regiment on the island, as GOC IPKF called it, his hammer to knock out any enemy who posed a threat to the IPKF. Col SP Khanna, was the then Comman-

Regiment's overseas deployment. -The Regt was awarded two galVr C and Capt Sudhakar Madhavan, Sena Medal Gallantry, Post-

-The Regiment sacrificed 1 Officer, 1 JCO and 15 OR. The Regt lost five T 72 M1 tanks in OP PAWAN. Two T 72 M1 tanks were killed by the use of Improvised Explosive Devices. One was an M Kill, and two tanks were rendered unoperational due to extensive hits by RPGs and accurate small arms fire destroying the day and night vision devices.

-It would be pertinent to mention that the Commandant Col SP Khanna and the second in command Late Lt Col Jasbir Singh Luthra the names of the Squadron Commander that time Major Ajit Singh Bhinder, Captain Abraham Alex, Captain Tarundeep Kumar, Captain Satnam Singh, Captain Ratan Chandra Shaw, Captain Sanjiv Kumar who led the troops in multiple operations with Six Brigade Headquarters and Twelve Infantry Battalions.

-In the subsequent operations, Major Ashok Sirohi, Major IP Singh, Major KSS Guleria, Major Jaideep Singh Sandju, Major Rajeev Mannali, Major Rajeev Verma, Maj Nalin K Jaini, Captain Taranjit Singh, Captain Parminder Singh, Captain Rajeev Pandey, Captain Rummy Pannu, Captain Harish Katoch and young 2/Lt Satinder Pal Singh who was grievously injured while leading a Quick Reaction Team to assist 59 Mountain Brigade under attack by the LTTE. Our OC LRW Major Vidosh Sabharwal and Quarter Master Late Lt Col VV Luke each contributed to the success of the operations.

-On cessation of a brutal engagement with the LTTE, its cadres were forced to melt away to the jungles of Vavuniya and Mullaitivu.

-GOC IPKF was released additional troops and the IPKF, which had 54 Infantry Division and 36 Infantry Division at Jaffna and Trincomalee, was now augmented by 4 Infantry Division to Vayuniya and 57 Mountain Division to Batticaloa, 57 Mountain Division was a specialist formation highly skilled in Counter Insurgency Warfare in Nagaland and Manipur. On their induction, the LTTE was further reduced in its capabilities and capacity to wage a successful campaign against the IPKF.

-The mechanised forces were also restructured as Combat Groups in the following manner.

-Combat Group 65 Armoured Regiment shed Alpha (Dogras) and Bravo (Jats) Squadrons and was allocated a company of 13 Mechanised Infantry to be deployed at Batticaloa, under command of 57 Mountain Division and co-located with 59 Mountain Brigade.

-Combat Group 13 Mechanised Infantry was deployed with Bravo Squadron at Trincomalee to ensure the protection of the harbour and the airfield under command 36 Infantry Division.

-Combat Group 15 Mechanised Infantry was deployed at Vavuniya with Alpha Squadron and under command of 4 Infantry Division.

To amplify each action fought would be impossible to narrate in a short article, the list of Honours and Awards The include one PVC, 6 MVC and scores of other awards and Mention in Dispatches is adeguate to state that the Government of the day awarded the brayery and sacrifice of the men in uniform. The gallantry displayed and sacdant for the entire duration of the rifices made in Op-Pawan were no lesser than that displayed during Operation Vijay

QUEEN ELIZABETH HAS LEFT BEHIND AN **UNEQUAL AND POORER BRITISH SOCIETY**

ARUN SRIVASTRAVA

n the death of Queen Elizabeth II, a divided Britain finds itself in a mystified situation where the country's economy under the new prime minister Liz Truss not only faces the worst nature of shattering, it also confronts the threat of losing the emblem of being one of the super powers. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the loss of the Queen will test the political and governance skill and acumen of the rulers of divided Britain

More than being a litmus test for the new king Charles 111 as to how he would help the political executives to cope with the emerging situation, the future will pose a serious challenge for Truss to preserve the status of super power and take out the country out of the quagmire of crumbling economy. At this juncture it is imperative that the troubled economy and wounded civil society of Britain rise and face the situation sensibly as her death will have wider impact on the future development and resonate politically and constitutionally.

Some people may hate Queen, but it cannot be denied she has been the most powerful unifying force. Brexit failed to have any significant impact on the body politic of the country. Britain had faced much upheaval during last 70 years of her monarchy, but it emerged unscathed. But the future challenges are more complexes and are laden with the danger to inflict damage. Obviously there is no need to underestimate the upheaval in British life. It is absolutely clear that with her absence on the political horizon of Britain, the nation will realise the non-appearance of the unifying force

A look at the prevailing economic condition of the country will make it explicit the gravity of the threat. As Duncan Weldon, correspondent of Economist, points out "Britain is supposed to be a major world power, and yet if you take away London, statistically the U.K. is roughly as rich as Romania. I have no idea how this happened."

In 2007, the U.K. was richer than the U.S. Its GDP per capita was roughly \$50,000. Now, 15 years later, , the U.K. has not just stagnated, it is poorer by one-fifth than it was 15 years ago. Its GDP per capita is closer to \$40,000. Things are almost certainly going to get worse. This is stunning and confusing because the U.K. represents the birthplace of modern capitalism, the special relationship, the birthplace of the industrial

The British economy has got inflation in double digits, just over 10 percent. That's the highest inflation since 1982, about 40 years ago. So the highest inflation in four decades. At the same time, wage growth is running at about 5.5, 6 percent. So people are seeing their real incomes fall. If forecast of the Bank of England are any indicator the real household disposable income—that's the income of households is going to fall this year. It's going to fall next year. If one looks at the most recent forecast from both the government, the Bank of England, the consensus of private-sector forecasters is the economy is slipping into recession. That's expected to last for most of next year, 2023. So the immediate outlook is pretty grim.

The experts nurse the feeling that Britain is facing the worst economic crisis and it is unlikely that the new prime minister Liz Truss would succeed in salvaging the situation. It is taking note that the Bank of England has already come out with the projection that a deep and lasting recession is knocking at the door. This comes after a 15-year period of utter economic stagnation and Brexit. It is really sad and disgusting that past prime ministers did not apply their minds to find a way out to salvage the situation and simply

helped the crisis deepen further, for the worst. Of late Britain and its people have been witness to the alarming energy price rise. The people say that they have not experienced such a situation since the oil shock in 1973, but in many ways worse. The fact is Queen's death has pulled down the business and economic activity in Britain when the government, Bank of England and companies are battling to contain inflation and mitigate a deep economic crisis. Though Truss has announced support package, to cost more than 100 billion pounds, it is not yet clear how far it would help salvage the situation. It is designed to protect households and businesses from the surging

energy prices. Since 1952, Queen Elizabeth's image and cryptogram have appeared on nearly all government-issued items, including coinage and passports. However, following Queen's death, the UK will see lots of changes and updates from coins to passports. The exercise to replace the image on currency, stamps, and cyphers of Queen Elizabeth II with King Charles III will cost a considerable sum to the UK. All UK passports will also

According to government data, a fifth of UK households now faces an average shortfall of £60 per week between what they earn and what they need to pay for necessities like electricity bills, rent, transportation, and food as people's disposable income is at its lowest level in almost five years. BBC reported that this week, on Wednesday, the Sterling fell 064% to \$1.145, a level not seen in over 35 years. Bank of England also said that a weaker outlook for the UK economy in the backdrop of a stronger dollar was putting pressure on the sterling. The Bank anticipates that the economy will contract in the final three months of 2022 and continue to contract through the end of 2023

Undoubtedly death of Queen Elizabeth marks the start of a new era for the U.K. which is fraught with economic uncertainty and dampening national sentiment. The British pound has already been on a downward trajectory over the past several months, hitting a 37-year low of \$1.1469 on Wednesday. The economic downturn that Britain is facing will also affect its associate countries. Developed countries such as Australia, New Zealand, and Canada are constitutional monarchies, and their political systems are oriented in a way that the new monarch of the United Kingdom will as part of the usual process become their head of state. The colonial past of these countries will have impact their political economy. The new era, beginning post Queen's death, will witness a lot of changes that would directly change the way and mode of Britons lives.

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BRIEFLY NEWS

Neelam Kothari to star in 'Made in Heaven 2'

eelam Kothari Soni is garnering praises for her splendid portrayal in Netflix's 'Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives.'

Neelam has been receiving accolades for being herself in the show. This is the second installment of the popular Netflix show. The show depicts the reality behind the lives of the glamorous Bollywood wives.

Neelam plays herself and she has successfully struck a chord with the audience due to her adorable and graceful persona. People have been sharing clips of Neelam from the show that depict her not-much shown, funnier and outgoing self.

In one of the episodes, Neelam shared the news about her stint in Zoya Akhtar's celebrated and much talked about 'Made in Heaven 2.'

'Made in Heaven' garnered rave reviews and season 2 of the same has been highly anticipated by the fans. Neelam's stint in the second season of Zoya's pop-

ular web series that shall also feature her husband Samir Soni and Sanjay Kapoor has left fans cheering and rooting for their favourite actress

Neelam said, "I was elated when I heard the script. Zoya's craft is really unmatchable. The fact that I get to share screen space with Samir is absolutely thrilling! Neeraj Ghaywan is a gifted director. I am sure the audience is going to love seeing me, Samir and Sanjay, together on the screen."

Neelam glorified the Indian film cinema with her 'girl-next-door' aura in the late 80s and 90s era of Bol-

Martial Arts is meditation for me: Reyhna Pandit

ee TV's 'Kumkum Bhagya', has been an audience favourite, courtesy of its intriguing plot and authentic portrayal of relatable characters like Ranbir (Krishna Kaul), Prachi (Mugdha Chaphekar), Rhea (Tina Philip), Shahana (Aparna Mishra) and Aaliva (Revhna Pandit).

While all the stars have been working round the clock to keep their viewers entertained, it looks like Reyhna has also been catching up with her muchawaited bucket list hobby amidst her hectic shooting schedule.

It's not usually easy for an actor to take out time from their hectic schedule, that too for a hobby that requires consistency. But it looks like Reyhna a.k.a. Aaliya has figured out a way to tick off learning martial arts from her bucket list.

After trying every other form of fitness, Reyhna has started learning martial arts and is setting a benchmark high for everyone who is into fitness.

Reyhna said in a statement, "I have been a fitness enthusiast for a long time now, be it a workout form or maintaining a style of diet, I have tried pretty much everything. Martial Arts was in my bucket list for a while now, and in spite of my busy schedule, I have always managed to take out time for it, because it's like a meditation for me."

"I must say martial arts is one of the great forms of exercise, as it has a number of health benefits. It helps us in not only improving our physical health but also our mental health. It helps develop flexibility and losing weight, keeps blood pressure in check, and many more. I would personally recommend everyone to join martial arts to maintain a healthy lifestyle,"

'Kumkum Bhagya' airs every Monday to Friday at 9 pm, on Zee TV.

Priyanka announces opening of 1st Victoria's Secret store in India

\rceil lobal icon Priyanka Chopra Jonas on Saturday announced that the American lingerie, clothing and beauty retailer Victoria's Secret, will open its first ever grand store in Phoenix Palladium

Sharing a video on social media, Priyanka wrote, "the first Victoria's Secret store opens in Mumbai, India. I can't wait for you all to experience all that the brand has to offer.

In the video, Priyanka said: "I am so excited to make this announcement, because it is finally here. Drumroll please, the Victoria's Secret store opens in Phoenix Palladium mall in Mumbai, with the entire assortments of lingerie, sleepwear, beauty, and accessories, basically all my favourite things. So head to the store to experience first Victoria's Secret in India".

'The store offers features like streamlined naviga tion to guide customers throughout the space and a modern fitting room. It has Victoria's Secret lingerie, PINK and beauty," a statement said.

On the film front, she will be next seen in 'Citadel', 'It's All Coming Back To Me', 'Sheela', 'Tulia', 'Cowboy Ninja Viking', and 'Jee Le Zaraa'.

Mohd Danish sings 'Maha Aarti' in Sony SAB's 'Mahasangam' episode

he much-awaited 'Mahasangam' of Sony SAB's two most beloved shows, 'Wagle ki Duniya' and 'Pushpa Impossible', is set to air on September

'Indian Idol 12' finalist, Mohd Danish has lent his voice to the 'Maha Aarti' track that is dedicated to Lord Ganesha. The singer is on cloud nine and feels highly honored to be a part of the 'Mahasangam'

Sharing about his work in the show, Danish said in a statement, "I was hooked the moment I got to know about this opportunity to sing for the Mahasangam. As I learned more about the song, I fell in love with it and knew it had to be me performing it! Just saying that the final track was good would be an understatement."

"It was an out of the world experience for me when I heard it. The song is sure to give goosebumps to the listeners. Seeing the buzz around this tune makes me feel appreciated as a singer and having Bappa's name in it makes it all the more better! I'm honored and grateful to be a part of this track and to Sony SAB for this opportunity," he added.

The Mahasangam episodes will feature prominent characters from both shows coming together to help each other in times of crisis, with Lord Ganesha's blessing. The episodes promise to be a roller-coaster of drama and thrilling twists, all while capturing the

magnificence of Ganeshotsav. It will air on September 12-13 at 9PM, on Sony SAB!

Disney+ Hotstar announces 3 Indian titles

of exciting content, Saturday announced three Indian titles at the global Disney fan event D23 Expo.

The new lineup includes talk shows 'Koffee with Karan' (Season 8), along with 'Showtime' and 'Mahabharata'.

This announcement further strengthens the platform's collaboration with ace Bollywood filmmaker and host Karan Johar (Koffee with Karan and Showtime), and mints a new association with maverick producer Madhu Mantena, Mythoversestudios and Allu Entertainment (Mahabharata).

'Koffee with Karan' (Season 8) is produced by Karan Johar, Apoorva Mehta and Aneesha Baig (Dharmatic Entertainment Production) and the fiction series 'Showtime' is produced by Karan, Apporva Mehta and Somen Mishra (A Dharmatic Entertainment Production).

Gaurav Banerjee, Head - Content, Disney+ Hotstar & HSM Entertainment Network, Disney Star joined a panel on international content, along with Rebecca Campbell, Chairman, Inter-

SVP, Media Distribution India and beyond. & Prod., LATAM, Jessica

Kam-Engle, Head of Content

& Development, APAC and

Lee Mason, Director Scripted

Content, EMEA.

tions, The Walt Disney Com- lighting Disney+ Hotstar's boundaries. pany, Fernando Barbosa, role in shaping content in

Sharing his views on the upcoming Indian lineup, Banerjee said, "Over the last several years, India has emerged as a content pow-The discussion focused erhouse, pushing the enveon eclectic global content lope with stories that trannational content and Opera- trends, particularly high- scend language and cultural

"For a nation at the center of the OTT revolution, Disney+ Hotstar's pioneering stories have been dominating viewers' preferred content library. We couldn't have asked for a more profound curtain raiser on our upcoming lineup at a glob-

as D23 Expo 2022, where we the glimpse of soon to be launched shows Showtime, Mahabharata and Koffee

with Karan Season 8." Karan said: "I am excited to associate with Disney+ Hotstar for our new colally coveted platform such the prestigious D23 Expo. added.

er exciting season of my beloved show, Koffee With Karan (Season 8), happy to announce an all-new Dharma Production series, Showtime, which will lift the curtain on India's entertainment industry's biggest trade secrets.3

Madhu Mantena said: "For centuries Indian epics have captured the imagination of billions around the world. These epics are deeply woven into the very fabric of our nation. The Mahabharata - one of the oldest epics in India, despite being as old as time, is still relevant today for the many lessons and words of wisdom hidden within its ancient verses.

"It is said that every known emotional conflict experienced by mankind finds form in Mahabharat through its complex characters and storylines. We at have an opportunity to share Mythoverse are absolutely delighted to have this opportunity provided by Disney+ Hotstar to bring out a rendition of this great Indian epic Mahabharata and for announcing this news on a prestigious global platform laboration, announced at at the D23 Expo," Madhu

'SIYA' role of lifetime: Pooja Pandey

ic gems like 'Masaan' and 'Newton' are all set to release another important work of storytelling, 'SIYA'.

Produced by Drishyam Films, the film takes audiences through a tale of a small-town girl who despite all hurdles, decides to take down oppressive patriarchy and fight for justice. 'SIYA' marks producer

Manish Mundra's directorial debut and though the hard-hitting film starring Pooja Pandey and Vineet Kumar Singh is based out in one of the northern states in India, much like most of Drishvam's films, it speaks to a global audience.

While the teaser of 'SIYA' had created much intrigue with audiences, the trailer is gripping from start to finish as we can't help but relate and empathize with the protagonist's plight. Raw and as real as it gets, 'SIYA' is an uncompromising look at the harsh reality women around the world continue to face.

A plight for justice, a fight for what's right, the trailer takes audiences through the journey of the protagonist who navigates a man's



glimpses of the stellar per- director-actor and I'm happy formances in store as Pooja Pandev and Vineet Kumar debut. Pooja shared, "This is Singh truly push the envelope as performers.

issue itself is sensitive and

I'm always on the lookout as heinous as this and some for new and challenging times I feel I haven't come roles and Siya is one of out of this character. them. It's always special because while I've worked world. The trailer of the with Manish on three films on September 16.

to be part of his directorial

a role of a lifetime. It chal-Director Manish Mundra lenged every aspect of me said. "It is a labour of lot of as an artist. Victims have effort and hardwork that endured so much and I had we all have put together to ensure that the character in making this film. The reflected the roller coaster of emotions that goes through needs to be dealt with lots a woman's mind when some of empathy and emotions. I thing this terrible happens hope when the film releases to her. I hope I've done justhe audience bestow their tice to the character and I love to it and hopefully like still get goosebumps thinking about the woman who Vineet said, "As an actor, had to deal with something

Produced by Drishyam Films, 'SIYA' will release

'Dhokha-Round D Corner' trailer promises pacy thriller

The trailer of a pacy, edge-of-the-seat thriller 'Dhokha-Round D Corner' was unveiled on

'Dhokha' is a multi-perspective thriller starring R Madhavan, Khushalii Kumar, Darshan Kumaar and Aparshakti Khurana. This film by Kookie Gulati is a suspense drama based on a day in the life of an urban couple that takes vou on an unexpected journey with twists and turns showcasing shades of grey in each character.

Producer Bhushan Kumar said, "Dhokha is an finish." unconventional, commercial potboiler. The treatment of the film is extremely different from what you've seen before. Apart from the story and the screenplay, the performances in 'Dhokha' are truly breakthrough and will make an impact on audiences.

Director Kookie said. One day can change your life and Dhokha will compel the audience to ponder over what is true and what is false. It will leave you gripped from start to clutter-breaking."



Madhavan shared, "Dhokha is driven by its performances and storytelling. The characters are not simply black or white. There are no good guys or bad guys; every single one of them has something beneath the surface"

Khushalii commented. "There can be one truth, but there are always different perspectives to it and that's what 'Dhokha' plays on. I was thrilled when I read the script and the film is truly

Darshan said, "Dhokha will leave audiences at the edge of their seats. It's a thriller that doesn't have an ultimate answer and always leaves you guessing. Aparshakti added, "This

is definitely one of my most challenging films because the character is very lavered, eccentric and unlike anything I've done in the past. I look forward to how audiences react to it."

Produced by T-Series, 'Dhokha- Round D Corner' will hit the theatres on Sep-

'Brahmastra' mints Rs 75 cr on day 1

anbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt starrer 'Brahm stra Part One: Shiva' has deliv-Lered a massive opening day of Rs 75 crore, igniting celebrations across the film Industry, theatre owners and audiences, with the weekend total expected to be huge.

'Brahm stra' has received phenomenal audience reactions from India and across the globe, calling it the must watch 'big screen' experience of all time and a complete family entertainer with action, romance, drama and grand VFX for all age groups.

Director Ayan Mukerji took to the social media and shared the news. He wrote, "BRAH-MÄSTRA DAY 1 Gratitude. Excitement. Hope. A Big Thank You to Everyone Everywhere



who has gone to the Cinemas to experience Brahmastra, keeping our movie- going culture, vibrant and dynamic. Looking forward to the next few days.

Produced by Star Studios and Dharma Productions, the magnum opus is currently in theatres in 2D, 3D and Imax 3D in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada with an ensemble cast of Amitabh Bachchan, Ranbir, Alia, Mouni Roy and Nagarjuna Akkineni.

Brahmastra: Oscar winner 'Prime Focus' behind stunning VFX

film 'Brahmastra: film Brannac.
Part One – Shiva' has finally hit the theatres, and the film has garnered positive response from across movie lovers and critics for its astounding visual effects.

With Alia Bhatt, Ranbir Kapoor and Amitabh Bachchan in the lead, it is however its VFX capabilities which has turned out to be the hero of the film. The first edition of Ayan

Mukerji's epic fantasy magnum opus 'Astraverse' has captured the imagination zation. of viewers after its Friday release. An ambitious story direct-

ed by Ayan that took a decade to hit the screens, along with a diverse pool of talent, the benchmark was set high enough to represent Indian films at a global level.

To help achieve this, Namit Malhotra, Founder of Prime Focus Limited, Chairman and Global CEO of a seven-time Oscar-winning company DNEG came on board as a Producer and joined the team of renowned studios like Fox Star Studios, Disney and celebrated producer Karan Johar's Dharma

'Brahmastra' is an ambitious trilogy that is a unique confluence of ancient Indian mythology, spirituality, cul-

Tighly-anticipated ture, and modern technology creating a visual spectacle, the likes of which have never been seen before in the history of Indian Cinema, the makers have said It is the first of its kind to

envision a cosmic universe that has been made true to scale through the lens of VFX and Technology. Prime Focus, partnered

with the creators of Brahmastra at every stage of the process, ensuring creative enablement, workflow efficiencies and project optimi-The ripple effect of this

partnership with Prime Focus (PF) led to 'Brahmastra' being the first project during the ongoing pandemic to extensively use Prime Focus's incubated technology CLEAR and Media ERP suit ensuring seamless data transfer of high quality shots and data security from inception to delivery.

Modern technology has played a massive role in the creation of this adventure fantasy film and couldn't be achieved without the technical advancements and expertise of a truly global media integrated studio.

The makers of 'Brahmasteams of Prime Focus Group that delivered 3D Conversion on critically and tech-



nically acclaimed movies like Avatar and Gravity. Prime Focus teams were also entrusted with the task of cloning and mastering of the digital assets for regular and IMAX 3D screens.

The PF group also provided the colour grading (DI) services for the film and this complex task was achieved to blend the fantasy world with the real seamlessly. The editing of Brahmastra was under the supervision by PF's very own co-founder, Prakash Additionally, Brahmas-

tra was also supported with On-set Camera Equipments and state of the art sound stages. Jam8, a music and sound design studio led by Pritam in partnership with tra' roped in the talented Prime Focus contributed to the epic sound effects and scores for Brahmastra that are sure to tantalize the view-

ing experience.

With a proven track record of 25 years in media integrated solutions, Prime Focus' renowned VFX studios DNEG and ReDefine's global teams collaborated with the makers to produce the magnificent visual effects that we see today in the shots of 'Brahmastra'

The same teams from DNEG have also contributed to Oscar-winning movies like Dune, Tenet, Bladerunner 2049, First Man & more. This massive feat was achieved by over 3000 artists from the Prime Focus group over the period of the last four years.

In comparison to 'Avengers: End Game's 2,400 VFX shots, 'Brahmastra Part 1: Shiva' boasts over 4500 VFX shots, making it a potential record holder for the most visual effects in any film

set to land the audience in worthy cinematic experian immersive experience, ences, it's been quite a long the creative and technical and rewarding journey for teams across London, North us. All these experiences over America, and India worked the past 25 years combined in synergy under the guid- with technological and VFX ance of Namit Malhotra, who advancements have helped was involved in the making us bring Ayan's vision, of this movie right from its Brahmastra to life - our biginception to final delivery.

my heart. The idea of Brahmastra was ploughed into my mind way before I even realized it. I grew up listening to the stories of Indian history and mythology and was always fascinated by them. I wanted to create a story that and research have gone into was deeply rooted in Indian spiritual history but also had modern twists and turns.'

"Inspired by many movies that brought fantasy worlds to life, I envisioned creating the world of Brahmastra in a way that would challenge the limits of Indian cinema. Namit and his teams were an integral part of this journey and have worked hard alongside me to bring this adventure film to life. The relentless work of his team and the hard work of the entire team and cast of Brahmastra has allowed us to bring to the audience, a film like never

before," he added. Namit Malhotra, said, "From editing small budget 2D and 3D across the country.

gest Indian project to date. I Avan said in a statement, feel truly honored to be a part "Brahmastra is very close to of such a project alongside Ayan, Karan Johar, Dharma Productions, Disney and Fox Star Studios.

"The concept of the Astras is deeply rooted in Indian mythology and immense attention to detail creating them for the screen. Our goal was to enable Ayan to create a first-of-its-kind Astraverse that would have the audience at the edge of their seats. This couldn't have been achieved without the unabating hard work from teams across Prime Focus, DNEG, and ReDefine. Today, I am truly proud of the work we have done with Brahmastra and I hope it sets a benchmark and inspires many filmmakers and artists to push the envelope," Namit

'Brahmastra' has been released in five languages; Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Telugu, in both

Doda: DLC approves 4 Trout units under PMMSY, Capex Budget

DDC calls for identification of potential source areas to create more units

10: District Development Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan today chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) here in the mini meeting hall of the DC of-

Four cases were presented before the Committee under PMMSY and Capex budget for the year 2022-23 and after detailed discussion the Panel Chairmanship of DDC approved all the cases for the creation of Trout rearing units.

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is a central scheme aimed at harnessing the fisheries sector potential in a sus-

tainable manner to double concerned department to



the income of Fish Farmers and Fishers The DDC directed the

closely monitor the establishment and management of existing and newly

the role of supervisor and

approved Fish Farms by conducting regular inspec-He further asked the department to identify more potential areas with a good source of cold stream and spring water for establishment of more units. He also inquired about the functioning of Trout hatchery Bheja with regard to production of fish seeds and fingerlings and the same being provided to farmers of the district for rearing in their

partment to encourage Fish Farmers to create cooperatives and to explore the full potential of this lucrative sector.

The DDC urged the de-

units on priority basis.

Besides, the department was directed to launch

an intensive campaign for implementation of the scheme across the district by roping in the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

The DDC further directed all the members of the Committee to synergise their efforts to realize the aim and objective of the scheme in letter and spirit. The meeting suggested exploring the possibility of implementing the scheme in convergence with RDD and other departments.

Among others, those present in the meeting were SE Hydraulics, CPO Doda, ACD Doda, CAO, District Head KVK, AD Fisheries, District Manager Lead Bank, besides progressive farmers and other concerned.

DC Kathua chairs DLTF meeting on safety of bridges

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey today chaired the maiden meeting of District Level Task Force mandated to ensure safety of the bridges and removal of accumulated materials here at DC office com-

CPO Kathua, XEN PWD (R&B) Kathua, XEN PWD (R&B) Basohli, XEN PMGSY Kathua, XEN PMGSY Basohli, XEN Irrigation, XEN Flood Control, XEN JKPCC, DMO Kathua, JE NHAI and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

At the outset, the DC impressed upon the functionaries of different executive agencies to identify bridges which are affected by recent flash floods and rains, like erosion or accumulation of material posing threat to their safety.

The DC also laid thrust on carrying out the safety audit of the bridges which require immediate intervention, besides formulation of a plan for scientific removal of accumulated materials to minimize The DMO Kathua was asked to work out

the mechanism for procuring material required to restore the affected bridges in the district.

It was given out in the meeting that similar exercise is to be done by BRO author-



ities who are looking after a number of bridges in the district, especially in hilly and border areas of Kathua.

SDM Hiranagar was also directed to identify and bring up the matter of safety of bridges which is under threat due to flash floods in border Tehsil of Hiranagar. CPO Kathua, XEN PWD (R&B) Kathua, XEN PWD (R&B) Basohli, XEN PMGSY Kathua, XEN PMGSY Basohli, XEN Irrigation, XEN Flood Control, XEN JKPCC, DMO Kathua, JE NHAI and other con-

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Special Summary Revision-2022 3 Day Election training programme concludes in Samba

BER 10: Three day long

training programme on

vision for Supervisors

and Booth Level Officers

(BLOs) of Vijaypur(71),

Samba(70) & Ramgarh(69)

Assembly constituencies

concluded today here at

conference hall of DC of-

visors and 358 Booth Lev-

el Officers attended the

Interacting with train-

Deputy

A total of 35 Super-

Special

fice Samba

training session.

Summary Re-

Election Officer, Divakar Khajuria explained about

the processing of pre-

scribed forms under on-

going Special Summary

Revision. He elucidated

that Form VI is for regis-

tration as Elector/Voter,

Form VI-B for Informa-

tion of Adhaar no. of ex-

isting electors, Form-VII

for objection and self de-

letion and Form VIII for

correction/ shifting of

voters name, which needs

to be filled and process on

ERO-NET by respective

BLOs. He also explained

BLOs in checking the prerequisites before processing the prescribed forms. The training programme was conducted under overall supervision of District Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Anuradha Gupta.
The Deputy DEO said that the ECI has initiat-

ed different measures to fine-tune the electoral rolls for which ERO-NET is being used to generate an error-free voter list, besides lessening the paper work as correct forms filled at the entry level will be accepted through the system.

The participants were explained about different steps involved in the ERO NET including online processing of forms.

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

Ninety Five Years Old Pensioner welcomed by P F Commissioner

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office Jammu is functioning in flexi hours to offload the work related to claims by capitalising on system speed. Saturday, being a holiday the system works faster and most of the SSSAs and AOs attend Office to clear the backlog. In the meanwhile, Shri Prem Nath (PPO No. LDASR00031176) 95 years old visited the Office along with his son Shri Rampaul as he was not able to submit his digital life certificate. Archana (DEO) helped him submit a digital Life Certificate-Jeevan Praman in the Chamber of RPFC-I (being a holiday one system was available with a scanning device in RPFC's room). Another Member Ms Simranpreet Kaur who had worked in M/s Unique Sanitation and Outsourc-Services attended

Office with a grievance

approved her KYC (Bank Account) which she had uploaded through her

ŪAN. Mukesh Kumar, Sr. SSA requested P F Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin that two visitors have a long pending grievance, who heard them personally and action was taken immediately. The Bank Account of Kaur was approved by the employer within ten minutes. E-nominations of Ms Simranpreet Kaur and Shri Pervinder Kumar were processed by Shilpi (DEO) within Office and got e-signed today. Arif Ahmed Teli had visited the Office for filing of missing details in the member's profile; Anita Devi attended the Office for KYC and the claim process. They were guided by Ms. Archana (DEO). Mukesh Kumar, Sr. SSA requested P F Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin that two visitors have a long pending grievance,

Special Summary Revision, 2022 DEO Ramban flags off SVEEP express

10: District Administration Ramban has intensified activities under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation program (SVEEP) on Special Summary Revision, 2022 to sensitize the people especially youth attaining the qualifying age of 18 years to register themselves as an elector in the Electoral Roll.

Today, Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam, who is also the District Election Officer, flagged off a van designated as SVEEP Express to create awareness among the masses about Special Summery Revision, 2022 here today. Meanwhile, the Election

Department, Ramban on the directions of DEO, organized a function at Government Model Higher Secondary School, Batote under SVEEP to sensitize the masses in general and newly eligible voters in particular about SSR 2022.



students skits in Dogri, Gojri, and Urdu languages to spread awareness about SSR 2022 and urging the newly eligible voters to register as voters during SSR starting from September 15, 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, the School Principal Dev Raj Bhagat stressed upon the students to create awareness about SSR in their respective areas and register themselves as voters through offline or

online mode. Among others,

Planning Officer, Dr. Kasturi Lal; Tehsildar Batote, Vijay Kumar Sharma; ENT, Mohan Lal; EA Ikhlag Ahmed, PRIs, teachers, Students, and prominent citizens were also present on the occasion. The students presented skits in Dogri, Gojri, and Urdu languages to spread awareness about SSR 2022 and urging the newly eligible voters to register.

DDC Doda felicitates winners of Essay, Singing and Debate competition organised by JKAACL

DODA, SEPTEMBER 10: District Development Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan today felicitated the winners of Essay writing. Singing and Debate competitions or-Academy of Art, Culture and Languages under "Azadi Ka Amrit Ma-

The college level competition was organised by JKAACL in all colleges of the district and the first and second winners in each category were awarded with cash prizes the DDC in his office chamber today.

The DDC congratulated winners on their achievement and advised them to actively participate in the ongoing Nasha Mukt Bharat and Swachh Bharat Mission campaign. He urged them to also focus on extra co-curricular activities side by side academ-

Chief Education Officer, Prahlad Singh Bhagat, Chief Medical Officer, Dr M Y Mir, Dy Director Employment Mohammad Idrees Lone, DSWO Doda Tariq Qazi, CHO Doda, District Culture Officer Doda Sheikh Slah ud Din Tahir, EO MC Doda Ninad Sen were also present on the occasion.

"Eat Right Activities" By Food Safety Department In Far Off Areas Of Kishtwar

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Sept 10: Chasing the valued targets of Eat Right challenge 2, relating to the Actvities including A3, a, b, D 2, 3 & E 2, 3, a team of Food Safety DFCO Kishtwar led by Prithpal Singh, Food Safe-

Kishtwar/Enforcement Officer assisted by Shamim Akhtar, Field worker inspected markets at Saroor. During inspection, they 04(Four) random Enforcement Samples of Paneer & loose milk for analysis under FSSA.

In order to implement laws and acts under FSSA, the team specifically imparted awareness regarding Food Safety & Fortification to the FBO'S and

Consumers. On this occasion, demonstrations were held on the spot by the usage of Magic Box utilized for on the spot testings. They also convened

interactions with FBO'S & Meanwhile, the team vis-Govt Girls Prima-

Kishtwar and explored the theme 'Fortifition of the Fortification. The Head of the institution the Hygienic conditions including Personal Hygiene,



cation'. Mid Day Meals was prepared in front of the Staff of School & freshly prepared food was served to the students. The team members issued Guidelines to the MDM

was instructed to get the School Registered Under "Eat Right School" & obtain wellness Certification to go ahead for 4th & 5th step. During inspection, the kitchen, Utensils and store

Sanitation and Cleanliness & the concerned were instructed to follow the guidelines for better environment & making availability of Safe & Healthy diets for the School Children so that

Meals Scheme is fulfilled in the interest of public. The concerned were apprised that proper implemention of MDM would address malnutrition & Anaemia in Chil-The team advised the school

children to avoid junk foods and instead prefer local foods with a message of "Eat Right, Eat Healthy and Eat Fortified"

Further, the team revisited the markets issued instructions to the Food Business Operators to desist from the malpractices if any & help the Department to eliminate the adultrants lest stringent action would follow in event of violation. "The awareness program

was also organized under COTPA which was conceived to facilitate the school children ,Food Business Operators, Consumers & the public with the knowledge of Food Safety & hazardous effects of Cigarette Smoking ,Chewing Tobacco(COTPA)," said Assistant Commissioner Food Safety

adding that a pledge was also administered in favour of "Nasha Mukt Bharat". During inspection, the kitchen, Utensils and store were checked for examining the Hygienic conditions including Personal Hygiene, Sanitation and Cleanliness & the concerned were instructed to follow the guidelines for better environment & making availability of Safe & Healthy diets for the School Children so that real purpose of the Mid Day Meals Scheme is fulfilled in the interest of public. The concerned were apprised that proper implemention of MDM would address malnutrition & Anaemia in Children.

Kishtwar Taraq Ahmad Butt

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organised an interactive session with students of Government Higher Secondary School, Bani under its SVEEP activity to educate eligible voters about their Right to Franchise.

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DDC Rajouri reviews livelihood generation activities under NLM

Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the livelihood generation activities being carried out in the district under NLM. A threadbare discussion on the future action plan for the SHG formation, SHG Bank linkages, financial Inclusion, livelihood activities was held in the meeting.At the outset, the concerned officer from NRLM informed that as many as 16000 active members are associated with SHGs in the district. He further informed that there are 279 Village organisations and two cluster level federations. It was informed that Rs 3.26 crore has been disbursed as Revolving Fund while Rs 6.20 crore has been disbursed as Community Investment Fund. The DDC also inquired about the number of SHGs linked with the Bank wherein the concerned officer apprised that 1495 SHGs have been linked with banks. The concerned officer also briefed the meeting that two more blocks of the district have been

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 10: District



selected under NLM. The DDC asked to constitute SHG at SAGY village Patrara also. Taking stock of the status of Rural Haat, the DDC asked them to keep new products and take innovative measures to enhance the sale.

The DDC stressed upon the officers to ensure that the SHGs make collaborative efforts to diversify the livelihood activities and improve income.

He also directed the officers to assist the SHGs in channelizing their efforts in carving out successful businesses.

Training on special summary revision for 6BLOs held at Sunderbani

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 10: A

day long training programme on Special Summary Revision activities for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) was held in Sunderbani. The training program was conducted under the overall supervision of the ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behnal.During the training program, the master trainer asked the 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 processesThe trainees were explained about the processing of prescribed forms under ongoing Special Summary Revision. The role of the BLOs in checking the prerequisites before processing the prescribed forms was explained in detail.

ARMY

taken as per the understanding reached in the 16th round of talks between the Corps Commanders of India and China which was held at Chushul Moldo Meeting Point on

Since then, the two sides had maintained regular contact to build on the progress achieved during the talks to resolve the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector of India-China border areas.

The areas that still remain to be resolved in Eastern Ladakh are Demchok and Depsang where the Chinese have so far remained adamant.

The lingering border standoff in Eastern Ladakh has entered in its third year.

Altering the May 2020 status, the PLA has also carried out construction of infrastructure near the LAC to ensure long survival of troops in the high altitude area.

LG

tration has ensured world-class facilities for international golfers and advance coaching for students of government

The PGTI has expanded its geographical footprint in the region with this maiden professional Golf tournament at Jammu. The tournament is in line with the long-term objective of PGTI for promoting professional golf in different parts of the country.

Sh. Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI thanked J&K Tourism, Jammu Tawi Golf Course and the UT Administration for their support for making the tournament a grand suc-

Sh. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sh Mukesh Singh ADGP Jammu; Sh Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary to Government, Tourism & Youth Services and Sports; Ms Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Sh. Minga Sherpa, Managing Director JKTDC; Sh Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism Jammu; Ms. Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director, Tourism Jammu; Sh Manav Gupta, Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course, besides officials of PGTI & JTGC; professional and budding golfers were

CIVIL SOCIETY

Javaid Yousif Dar and all senior Engineers and Officers

were present in the meeting.
At the outset, the representatives of the trade Associations welcomed the decision taken by the Government with regard to waiver for domestic power consumers of J&K on the interest accumulated in the power bills on account of non-payment of timely dues.

They expressed their gratitude to Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha for providing one time amnesty for domestic power consumers.

The representatives demanded for extending the ambit of the power bills amnesty scheme to commercial and industrial category consumers so that they are benefitted from the amnesty scheme.

With regard to the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) approved by Government of India, the traders also hailed the initiative to improve the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability by providing result-linked financial assistance to DISCOMs for strengthen supply in-

frastructure based on meeting pre-qualifying criteria. The Principal Secretary listened to all the suggestions and demands of the traders fraternity of Kashmir and assured them that their demands will be looked into on priority.

Pertinent to mention that the One time amnesty/waiver for domestic power consumers was approved by the Administrative Council (AC) which met in Srinagar under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj

With the decision more than 5.50 lakh domestic consumers will be benefited by waiving off an amount of Rs. 937.34 crore, accumulated as surcharge or interest, on account of non-payment of timely dues.

The Administrative Council has provided this last opportunity to the consumers in view of not being able to avail the benefits of last scheme due to spread of Covid-19 pandemic during the scheme period.

The new scheme envisages that the outstanding principal amount arrears accumulated upto 31.03.2022 after waiving off 100% interest/surcharge shall be paid in a maximum of twelve monthly (12) installments.

The scheme further entails that the failure of payment of any installment/installments within the prescribed twelve (12) months period shall invite penalty and legal action under Electricity Act, 2010, in addition to the accrual of compound interest on the outstanding dues.

The Traders, businessmen, Hoteliers, Houseboat owners among other stakeholders participated in the meeting and requested the government to accord due consideration to their demand for extending Amnesty Scheme to Industrial and Commercial establishments.

the event.

The last such Summit was held in India about half a cen-

The Indian dairy industry is unique in the sense that it is based on a cooperative model that empowers small and marginal dairy farmers, especially women.

Informing about the program, the PMO said that the government has taken multiple steps for the betterment of the dairy sector resulting in an increase of milk production by more than 44% in the last eight years.

The success story of the Indian dairy industry, accounting for about 23% of global milk, producing around 210 million tonnes annually, and empowering more than 8 crore dairy farmers, will be showcased at the IDF WDS 2022, it said. The summit will also help Indian dairy farmers to gain exposure about the global best practices.

NEURO

come means to share ideas and experiences and he expressed hope that in the next two days they will be able to gain much experience from renowned doctors attending

"Neurological problems are very common in children and 10-15 percent of hospital admissions have neurological issues," he said,, adding that they have tried to accommodate most of the neurological disorders.

He thanked government for upgrading pediatric section of GMC Srinagar from 250 bed GB Panth to 500 bedded super speciality hospital Bemina, which will be functional in a weeks time.

'We are also planning to make a paediatric super speciality training institute and in next 10-15 years, we shall have trained pediatric super specialists in every nook and corner of J&K," he said.

He also said that the infant mortality rate has gone from 32.4 in 2015 to 16.3 in 2020 and for the first time in the last five decades Neonatal mortality rate has touched single digit which is 9.8 now—(KNO)

COVID

cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 480 including 360 from

Kashmir division and 120 from Jammu division. With 131 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in J&K has reached to 473,421 which is 98.90 percent of the

"Among the fresh 59 cases today, 15 are from Srinagar, 07 from Baramulla, 10 from Budgam, 01 from Pulwama, 02 from Kupwara, 04 from Anantnag, 01 from Bandipora,

00 from Ganderbal, 06 from Kulgam and 00 from Shopian in Kashmir division while 13 are from Jammu division that include 05 from Jammu district, 00 from Udhampur, 01 from Rajouri, 00 from Doda, 00 from Kuthua, 00 from Samba, 01 from Kishtwar, 00 from Poonch, 03 from Ramban and 03 from Reasi," said the official.

As per the daily information bulletin 6,792,772 persons in J&K are under observation while 480 persons have been kept under home quarantine besides 480 persons are in isolation.

According to the bulletin, 6,786,461 persons have completed the surveillance period and 541 persons are under home surveillance besides so far results of 26,541,194 samples are available.

"Out of 26,541,194 the number of samples tested negative stands at 26,062,509 while 478,685 have tested positive, among them 480 cases are active, 473,421 have recovered and 4,784 persons have died," it added

MBBS

Furthermore, Khan said that the colleges in Bangladesh trap the students during admission and later push them

It has been now decided to blacklist all those colleges there where the students from Kashmir are being pushed to the wall by not providing facilities to them, Khan

DIG NIA Ashish Kumar, DIG CKR Sujit Kumar, DIG SKR Abdul Jabbar, DIG NKR Udaybhaskar Billa, AIG J.S. Jo har and Chief Prosecuting Officer PHQ Suhaib Ashraf.

On the onset of the meeting Spl DG CID J&K R.R Swain highlighted the measures and steps to be taken to improve the investigation skills and augmentation of manpower for speedy investigation of UAPA and other sensitive cases The DGP while addressing the officers emphasized on the need of strengthening the Special Investigation Units (SIUs) of the districts and handing over to them cases categorized keeping in view the sensitivity and importance of such cases. He emphasized on the monitoring of the selected cases at district, range and zonal levels. He directed that the range DIsG will submit reports of the investigation of terror related cases registered under UAPA highlighting the progress at different stages of the investigation from the registration to the framing of charges on daily basis. He also directed that these reports will invariably also have brief notes regarding the cases registered, challaned/disposed of and the orders of the courts of law. He directed that the DIsG and SSsP will closely monitor the categorized cases which would include cases registered regarding targeted and planned acts of terrorism, terror modules, narco-terrorism nexus and cases registered regarding other terror related incidents.

The DGP said that district SSsP must discuss the cases with their teams and SIUs on a regular basis devouting ample time to UAPA cases. He also directed that district SSsP to follow the SOPs and also generate & circulate special reports for these teams as well as for the senior formations. He said that meticulous planning of investigation will definitely get better results which will culminate into convictions in the Hon'ble Courts.

The DGP directed for SIUs strengthening and empowerment by posting an adequate number of Investigation officers for speedy investigation of the UAPA within the shortest period of time. He said that good investigation and good prosecution will help in taking the UAPA cases to logical conclusions.

While reviewing the categorized UAPA cases the DGP directed for reviewing of the categorizations and stressed that the selected cases be closely monitored during investigation and during framing of charges. He said that besides SIUs Parivey officers must be posted in courts and in District Police Offices in the shortest possible time with adequate manpower so that court Parivey & district Parivey cells are established. He also directed for training of the selected investigation officers with NIA as quickly as possible and also training for Parivey officers.

In the meeting it was also decided to review and plan infrastructure needs/capabilities for witness protection and for witnesses to be produced / examined through video conferencing. It was also decided that the cases will be vetted by the DG Prosecution with the help of his prosecutors in order to check any loopholes / gaps in the investigation. Officers representing different wings of Police and NIA gave different suggestions. A threadbare discussion was held and a number of decisions were taken on spot—(KNO)

Comm Secy RDD reviews dev scenario of Poonch district

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 10: Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kour, who is also Mentor Secretary for Poonch district today, chaired a virtual review meeting on progress of development works and related issues pertaining

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet, Additional District Development Commissioner, Abdul Sattar, Programme Officer ICDS, Assistant Commissioner Development, Abid Hussan Shah, Assistant Panchayat Officer, Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineers of different departments and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the achievements and progress achieved under different schemes and the status of various developmental projects being executed in the district by different agencies and departments.

Threadbare discussion was held on different development projects of different departments including the development schemes of Rural Development department, like MGNREGA, Amrit Sarovar, Panchayat Ghar, PMAY, AWAAS+, 14FC besides various other development issues viv a viz bottle necks hampering development scenario of

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It was informed in the meeting that during 2022-23 about 1412 development projects had been taken up under district capex budget, of which, 1329 have been tendered, 1060 allotted and 186 works have been completed upto ending August, 2022. Besides, 94.28% wage payment has been made under MGNREGA, 60 Amrit Sarovars have been completed against the target of 75; 14889 houses under PMAY-G have been completed and various other projects have also been completed including panchayat ghar.

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ing SCERT organizes seminar under Jawahar lal Nehru National Science, Mathematics, **Environment exhibition initiative**

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 10: Scores of students from various government schools from all ten districts of Kashmir division took part in a seminar and an exhibition organized under Jawaharlal Nehru National Science, Mathematics, and Environment Exhibition (JNNSMEE) on Saturday in the sprawling auditorium of State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT), Bemina.

The exhibition, which was attended by numerous experts in the field and representative of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Dr. C.V. Shim-

JNNSMEE which is being held across the nation, is a platform for kids to demonstrate their aptitude in science and math as well as how they have applied these subjects to many aspects of daily life.

The experts selected three top models besides three best student speakers who delivered mind storming speeches on diverse topics related to Science, Math and Environ-

An SCERT official stated that the models would go through more reviews and enhancements before possibly being displayed at the national level.

While appreciating the young students, Dr. Shimray stated that their active participation abundantly demonstrated the scientific temperament we wish to foster in children. "The fact that the pupils are now thinking creatively and beyond the box is more significant and encouraging," she said. "It's important to support this since it will eventually result in something real.

According to Dr. Shimray, the aim of her visit is to acquire a sense of the situation on ground, to hear directly about the difficulties that the students face and to offer support for their initiatives.

Later, appreciation certificates were awarded to the exemplary students.

SAMPAN-Awareness camp organised at Aspirational Blocks Marwah, Warwan

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 10: To aware the farmers and general people about the Agriculture and allied sector schemes in convergence under Project SAMPAN, two day long awareness camps were organised here at far flung Aspirational Blocks of Marwah and Warwan, under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav and under the close supervision of GM DIC, Dr Mohammad Ashraf.

During the camps, the participants were acquainted with the centrally sponsored schemes meant for the uplift of farmers and orchardists.

The concerned district officers and field functionaries of various departments urged the participants especially youth to come forward and avail the benefits of Agriculture and allied sectors schemes as this District is having tremendous scope of Agriculture and allied sectors.

The people appreciated the efforts of the Agriculture and Allied Department for providing the designated services at their doorstep, besides expressing satisfaction over the efforts of field functionaries of various departments in extending the benefits of different CSSs on the ground level. During the camp awareness programmes under Nasha Mukt Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan were also launched and lectures were given at GHSS Afti and GDC Marwah. where the students were educated about the hazardous effects of Drug abuse menace.

The students were sensitised to remain away from this menace as it is engulfing the student community badly. GM DIC, Dr Mohammad Ashraf; DSHO, Dr Jaffar Hussain Mir; SDAO, Manzoor Hussain; VASs, representatives of Fisheries and Cooperative Departments remained present

DC Jammu discusses District employment plan; Action plan for plying of e- Rickshaws

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 10: Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Avny Lavasa, today discussed District Employment plan and reviewed the action plan for plying of e-Rick shaws in the District here in two spate meetings.

Chairing a meeting of stakeholder departments, she discussed the action plan and identification of routes for the plying of e-Rikshaws, fixation of the travel fare and other aspects related to smooth plying of the e-Rikshaw routes

Commissioner, JMC, Rahul Yadav, RTO Jammu, Ghanshyam Singh; ASP traffic, R P Singh and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Threadbare discussions were held regarding identification of hungry routes for e-Rikshaws in Jammu district, routes identification and fare fixation of e-rickshaw be sides other related issues. The Regional Transport Officer briefed the chair about

the steps being taken under given guidelines for facilitating the plying of e-Rickshaws including issuance of licenses, identification of stands, fixation of the travel fare etc. The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned author ities to expedite the process of finalization of the action plan, including identification of e-Rickshaw routes in the Jammu district to enable the commuters to avail the facil-

ity and extend it to the uncovered areas. Later, the Deputy Commissioner Jammu chaired a meeting to discuss and prepare a database of potential employers in the district with a view to imlement the District Employment Plan. The General Manager, DIC briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the data being collected regarding the potential employers/units that can absorb the youth in the employment.

On the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day 10th September, 2022



Psychological Counseling Cell of the College in collaboration with Nasha Mukt Bharat Committee organized an awareness program regarding "Suicide Prevention in Contemporary Times". The welcome address was given by Dr. Mehraj Hajni. Program was formally inaugurated by the worthy Principal Prof. (Dr.) Shabeena Iqbal Shawl. In her presidential address she highlighted the role of community in general and teachers in particularly to prevent suicides among young adults in current times. Guest Speaker of the occasion Dr. Nusrat Shafi, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry GDC Idgah discussed in details regarding causes of suicide and ways of preventing it with special focus on college going students.

A special skit was also prepared by the students on the theme of "Creating the Hope through Action". The event was attended by faculty members, NSS Volunteers, and large number of students. The event was moderated by Convener of Psychological Counseling Cell, Prof. Mohammad Igbal Rather. Vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Hi lal Ah Wani, Assistant Professor Bio-Chemistry.

Umar Education and Welfare Trust" Organises Medical Cum Awareness Camp At Jai Ghati

By:- Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Sept 10: Continuing with ongoing outreach series to cover needy and poor Nomadic tribal population in high land pastures in far off areas, "Umar Education and Welfare Trust Bhadarwah" (An NGO) organised a medical camp cum awareness program in world famous tourist spot Jai Ghati of Additional district Bhadarwah on Friday. In keeping with the ongoing campaigns, "the Population Control, Women hygiene, Health, Diabetic and Hypertension related issues were the core areas of the awareness program on this occasion.

More than two hundred patients were diagnosed during the camp and Medicines worth thousands were distributed among the needy nomads and migrating families. Doctor specialist Dr Shevali Sharma along with staff nurse Arpana Sharma from Sub district Hospital Bhadarwah took part in the camp. Some of the patients suffering from acute diseases were advised to follow specialised treatment.

Speakers throwing light on the importance of medical camp emphasized on the need to adopt family planning procedures so as to contain problem of over-population which is badly effecting the individual as well as national economy which ultimately is responsible for slow growth and development of every aspect of life sustenance and is further multiplying poverty and destitution and also eating away the natural resources and shrinking global prosperity. People were further made aware of the importance of yoga in prevention of NCD.

Later, a pledge taking ceremony was also held which was administered by the health team, NGO members among all the participants swearing to eradicate the drug abuse from the society. The move of the NGO for organising medical camp was appreciated by local people who demanded to

conduct such camps in future as well. Mozim Yazdani Chairman Umar Education and Welfare Trust Bhadarwah thanked the Health staff for rendering remarkable services during the camp. He further informed that the camp was one of the series of civic action programmes that the NGO has launched. While elaborating on the future course of action of the NGO, he said that the efforts are squarely afoot for the cause of the humanity across community and geographical barriers and NGO would remain on the forefront for all possible services to spread awareness in the society about duties besides providing different kinds of assistance to the needy in hour of crisis, he added.

Prominent among others who were present on this occasion include Muzamil Yazdani(President), Zaffar Hussain Wani(National Vice President), Shahid Hussain Malik(State Head), Yunus Ahmed Tak, Sandeep Kumar, Ubair Tak, Mubashar Butt, Mohsin Khan(all volunteers).

JKAP 6th Bn. and ISM held free Medical Camp

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Mendhàr A free Medical Camp was organized by JKAP-6th Bn. with the collaboration of department of ISM J&K Poonch under the supervision of Sh. Suram Singh JKPS SSP, Commandant JKAP 6th Bn. at village Behra Mendhar with the aim to facilitate the inhabitants of Village Salwah, Mendhar, Sakhi Maidan, Behra and adjoining areas/ Police personnel.

A large number of civilians were examined by the team of doctors and were provided with the free medicines and consultation. The people of the area appraised the efforts of the Battalion to conduct such type of medical camp. The main motive behind such type of free medical camp was to strengthen the police public relations and to provide care and healing touch to the health of locals. In the said medical camp Dr. Shabir Hussain Shah (INS), Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed & Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Qureshi medically examined the patients. Said initiative on the part of Bn. has been deeply appreciated by the locals & it will also play an important role to build up & win the confidence of the locals. Sh Mohd Farooq Khan, SP & Sh. Maqbool Hussain Gorsi Dy.SP of said Bn. also played an important role in organizing the said medical camp for the locals.

Patiala Girl shines in Aryans MRS-PTU Pharma result

Srinagar 10 SeptemberPharmacy students of Aryans College of Pharmacy, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh, brought laurels to the college in B. Pharmacy Final Semester examination conducted by Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda. In B.Pharmacy, eighth Semester examination, Ekta Wad-

hera bagged 1st position with 9.27 SGPA, Mr. Ankit Singh bagged 2nd position with 8.91 SGPA and Mr. Ajay Rahi bagged 3rd position with 8.73 SGPA marks.

Prof. B.S Sidhu, Director, Aryans Group of Colleges congratulated the students and faculty for the hard work. He said that Aryans Students are competing well with the boys not only in academics but in sports, innovations, cultural also. Such academic results will inspire & motivate more parents to send their children for the higher studies. such excellent results by the students add more name and fame to the College, added Kataria.

SADBHAVANA MEGA MEDICAL CAMP ORGANISED AT VILLAGE CHUNTIWARI, MACCHAL SECTOR

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Kupwara Chuntiwari is a remote village in the Machhal Valley and is a conglomeration of a number of small The nearest medical facility for some of these small villages is minimum a two hour trek and for access to medical specialists the villagers need to visit Kupwara And even Srinagar.. The Indian Army as part of the *Sadbhavana initiative* organised a Mega Medical Camp for the residents at Chuntiwari and nearby villages. Three medical specialists at the Camp were called from Srinagar; a Gynaecologist, Pediatrician and General Physician.

PM Modi Calls For Efforts To Make India **Global Centre Of Research And Innovation**

rendra Modi today called for concerted efforts to make India a global centre of research and innovation, and urged state governments to frame modern policies in the fields of science and technology.

PM Modi said that unlike the western countries, India failed to adequately celebrate the works of its scientists, which turned a large section of the society indifferent to wards science.

There is a need to celebrate the achievements of Indian scientists, he said.

Addressing via video link the inaugural session of the Centre-State Science Conclave organised in Ahmedabad, PM Modi said that since 2014, there has been a significant rise in investment in the fields of science and technology.

India is going ahead with the mantra of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan and Jai Anusandhan' (Hail soldiers, farmers, science and research), he said.

"We have to work together on various fronts to make India a global centre of research and innovation in this 'amrit kaal'. We have to take our research in the fields of science and technology to the local level. It is the need of the hour for all the states to lay emphasis on innovation to find local solutions to local problems," he said.

Urging the state governments to frame modern policies related to science, innovation and technology to find solutions to local problems,

operation and collaboration with

technology and implement them. As governments, we should cooper-



"In order to encourage innovation, the state governments should give emphasis on creation of more and ore scientific institutions and on simplification of processes. The number of innovation labs should also be increased in the institutions of higher education in states," he said.PM Modi said India's Global Innovation Index ranking improved from 81 in 2015 to 46 due to the efforts of the central government. There is a need to find localised solutions to issues like affordable housing, climate-resilient crops and waste recycling, he said. "It is important that to deal with all these challenges, every state

should frame modern policies re-

ate and collaborate more and more with our scientists. This will help create an environment of scientific modernity in the country," he said. He also called for "optimum utilisation" of scientific institutions

in the states."There are many national-level scientific institutes and laboratories in states. So the states should take full advantage of their ability and expertise. We also have to take our science-related institutions out of silos," he said. He pointed out how unlike the

West, India failed to celebrate the works of our scientists in the early decades of the last century as much as was required, which led to an emergence of feeling of indifference

tion of our society.

"When we celebrate the achievements of our scientists, science becomes a natural part of our society, it becomes part of culture. Therefore, today my first request is that we celebrate the achievements of the scientists of our country with great enthusiasm," he said. "Today in every area, Indian scientists are working wonders. The inclination towards science created by celebrating every small and big achievements of Indians scientists will help us in our 'amrit kaal'," he

PM Modi said his government is moving forward with the idea of science-based development. Since 2014, there has been a significant increase in investment in the field of science and technology, he said. The record number of patents, innovations and emergence of startups show how fast things were

changing in the country, he said.

"There is inclination for science, technology and innovation in the DNA of today's generation. They adopt technology very fast. We have to support this young generation with all our might. In India, new sectors are being created, opening up for the young generation today," he said. "Whether it is a space mission, deep ocean mission, national supercomputing mission, semiconductor mission, hydrogen mission, drone technology...works are moving fast on many such mis-

sions," he said.

20 Killed In Maharashtra During **Ganesh Idols' Immersion Ceremonies**

Mumbai: At least 20 persons died, 14 of them due to drowning, in different incidents that occurred during the immersion of Ganesh idols in parts of Maharashtra, police said on Sat-

The 10-day Ganesh festival, which had started on August 31, ended on

In Wardha district, three persons drowned at Sawangi, while another one died in a similar manner at Devli, an official said.

Two persons drowned in a pond in Yavatmal district when during the immersion of an idol, he said.

In Ahmednagar district, two persons drowned in separate incidents at Supa and Belvandi, he said, adding that two others died in Jalgaon district of north Maharashtra - one each at Chalisgaon and Jamner.

One person each died at Ghodegaon and Yavat in Pune district, in Dhule district, Lonikand in Satara district and Solapur city, he said.

Four persons died in a road accident at Sakkardara area of Nagpur city during Ganesh immersion, he

In Thane, a 55-year-old woman was killed and four others injured after a tree collapsed on a Ganesh pandal in Kolbad area due to heavy rains. The incident occurred on Friday night, a civic official said.

"A huge tree fell on the pandal while the 'aarti' of Lord Ganesh idol was on as part ahead of its immersion. The woman, Rajashri Walavalkar, was seriously injured in the mishap. She and other injured were rushed to a hospital, where she was declared brought dead," the official said.

Meanwhile, at least 11 persons, including a nine-month-old child, were injured after suffering an electric



shock at Panvel in Raigad district during a procession. The incident took place on Friday evening at Wadghar Koliwada after a cable of an electric generator snapped, an of-

"At least 11 persons, who were part of the procession, came in contact with the cable and sustained injuries. The injured include four chil-

While some of them were rushed to a private hospital, others were taken to a state-run hospital in Panvel, he said, adding that all are responding well to the treatment.

Some incidents related to law and order situation were also reported in parts of the state during the immer-

A fight broke out between the supporters of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray at Tophkhana in Ahmednagar district, an official said.

In Jalgaon, a group of people hurled stones at the mayor's bungalow during the Ganesh immersion procession, he said, while a clash broke out between two groups at Mundhwa in Pune city. A brawl occurred at Shikrapur in Pune district over bursting firecrackers, while in Chandrapur, a fight was reported between Ganesh mandal volunteers.

Fresh US sanctions on Iran's ministry over cyberattack on Albania

WASHINGTON: The United States on Friday imposed sanctions on Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security and its minister, accusing them of being tied to a disruptive July cyberattack on Albania and engaging in other cyber activities against the United States and its allies.

The move comes after Albania severed diplomatic relations with Iran on Wednesday for the same incident, ordering Iranian diplomats and embassy staff to leave within 24 hours.

The US treasury department in a statement said the Ministry of Intelligence and Security directs several networks of cyber threat actors, including those involved in cyber espionage and ransomware attacks in support of the Iranian government."We will not tolerate Iran's increasingly aggressive cyber activities," the Treasury's Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Brian Nelson, said in the statement. Tehran accused of disregarding 'norms of responsible peacetime state behaviour in cyberspace'The ministry was already designated under US sanctions.Iran's mission to the United Nations in New York did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Microsoft, whose cybersecurity research team helped investigate the incident, said in a blog https://www.microsoft.com/security/

blog/2022/09/08/microsoft-investigates-iranian-attacks-against-the-albanian-government that the Iranian cyber operation involved a combination of digital espionage techniques, data wiping malware and online information operations. The goal of the hackers, according to researchers, appeared to be to embarrass Albanian government officials. The July attacks temporarily disrupted government websites and other public services. Analysts believe the operation was intended to punish Albania for supporting Mujahedin-i-Khalq.

India rice export curbs trap **Im tonnes at ports**

MUMBAI: Rice loading has

other types on Thursday as



nearly one million tonnes of grain are trapped there as buyers refuse to pay the government's new 20 per cent export levy on top of the agreed contract price, five exporters told Reuters on

Friday. India banned exports of broken rice and imposed a 20pc duty on exports of various

of the grain tries to boost local supplies and calm prices after below-average monsoon rainfall curtailed planting.
"The duty became effective

from midnight, but buyers are not ready to pay the duty," said B.V. Krishna Rao, president of the All India Rice Exporters Association (AIREA). "We have stopped loading vessels." India ships around two million tonnes of rice every month, with large amounts loaded Kakinada and Visakhapa-tnam in Andhra Pradesh

In similar circumstances New Delhi has in the past contracts backed by letters of credit (LCs), or payment day the government made a policy change, said Himanshu Agarwal, executive director at Satyam Balajee, India's biggest rice exporter. But that has not happened this time.

"Margins are wafer-thin in rice business and exporters can't afford to pay 20pc duty. The government should al low exports against already issued LCs," Agarwal said.

Named King At Royal Ceremony, **Charles Says "Deeply Aware" Of Duties**

Charles III was formally proclaimed Britain's new king by the Accession Council on Saturday in a history-laden ceremony following the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II. The council, televised for the first time, is a centuries-old formality to recognise the new king's sovereignty even though he automatically became monarch after the queen's passing. The 73-year-old Charles officially took his vow as the new king, saying he was "deeply aware" of the "duties and heavy responsibility of sovereignty". Several hundred privy councillors including current Prime Minister Liz Truss and all of her living predecessors, Charles's wife Camilla and his eldest son and heir William all attended. Charles said his mother, who died on Thursday in Balmoral aged 96, "gave an example of lifelong love and of selfless service" that he promised to emulate.

"I know that I shall be upheld by the affection and loyalty of the peoples whose sovereign I have been called to be," he said.He added he was "profoundly encouraged by the support of my beloved wife". Held in a grand room at St James's Palace decked out in crimson and gold, the Accession Council took place in two parts, the first of which Charles was absent while they proclaimed him king. The clerk of the council announced that

'Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the death of our lady sovereign of happy memory, become our King Charles III... God save the king!"

The assembled councillors then repeated "God save the king".

Charles' accession will be announced publicly by a trumpet fanfare and a proclamation from a balcony of the palace at 1000 GMT. Charles III... God save the king!'

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North Korea adopts law for nuclear first strike

SEOUL: North Korea has passed a law allowing it to carry and declaring its status as a nuclear-armed state "irreversible" Pyongyang's official media said Friday

The announcement comes at a time of crumbling ties between the North and South, with Pyongyang blaming Seoul for the outbreak of Covid-19 in its territory and conducting a re-cord number of weapons tests

The law will allow North Korea to carry out a preventive nuclear strike "automatically" and "immediately to destroy the hostile forces" when a foreign country

Pyongyang, the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA)

With the newly enacted law. "the status of our country as a nuclear weapons state has irreversible". leader Kim Jong Un said, according to

Kim in July said his country was "ready to mobilise" its nuclear capability in any war with the United States and the South. He reiterated that Pyongyang would never give up the nuclear weapons it needed to counter hostilities from Washington, the United States sought to "collapse" his regime

at any time. Nuclear talks and diplomacy between Washington and Pyong-yang have been derailed since 2019 over sanctions relief and what Pyongyang would be willing to give up in return.

There is absolutely no such thing as giving up nuclear weapons first, and there is no denuclearisation and no negotiation," leader Kim said during a speech at North Korea's rubber-stamp parliament on Thursday, KCNA

reported.
The new law shows Kim's confidence in his country's nuclear and military competence, including its intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of hitting the US, said Cheong Seongchang of the Centre for North Korea Studies at the Sejong In-

The law "publicly justifies Pyongyang's use of its nuclear power" in the event of any military clash, including in response to non-nuclear attacks, Cheong

A blitz of North Korean weapons tests since January included the firing of an intercontinental ballistic missile at full range for the first time since 2017. Kim in July said his country was "ready to mobilise" its nuclear capability in any war with the United States and the South. He reiterated that Pyongyang would never give up the nuclear weapons it needed to counter hostilities from Washington, claiming the United States sought.

Blackout has put Ukraine N-plant's operation in danger, says IAEA

VIENNA: A blackout caused by fresh shelling near Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant has compromised the site's safety, the UN atomic watchdog warned on Friday, adding the plant's operator is considering shutting down the sole remaining reactor.

'Shelling has caused a complete blackout in Energodar (town) and compromised the safe operation of the nearby Zaporizhzhia (plant)," International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Rafael Grossi tweeted, calling it a "dramatic development".

"This is completely unacceptable. It cannot stand," he said, calling for "the immediate cessation of all shelling in the entire area"

"Only this will ensure the security of operating staff and allow the durable restoration of power to Energodar and to the power plant," he added.

The Zaporizhzhia plant is Europe's largest nuclear power facil-

It was occupied by Russian troops in March and has been shelled in recent weeks, with Ukraine and Russia blaming each other for the attacks, raising fears of a nuclear

Grossi said he learned of the shelling on Friday from IAEA staff

The shelling of the switchyard at Energodar's thermal power plant has led to a "complete pow-

Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant is located, he said.

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The IAEA sent a 14-person team to the site last week. Two members are remaining there on a permanent basis to ensure the facility's safety.Kyiv on Wednesday called be set up at the plant and for the population to evacuate the area amid fears of a nuclear disaster. 'No running water, no power, no sewage," he said. 'Significant risk' Plant operators and others living in Energodar faced "increasingly dire circumstances", with a "significant risk" there would no longer be enough essential staff at the plant.And there was "little likelihood of re-establishing reliable offsite power" given the increased and continued shelling, he added. "As a result, the IAEA understands that the operator, having no longer confidence in the restoration of offsite power, is considering shutting down the only remaining operating reactor," he said. The plant in recent days has relied on this reactor for the power it needs for cooling and other safety functions.

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Ukraine troops raise flag over railway hub as advance threatens to turn into rout

Ukrainian officials shared photos on Saturday showing troops raising the nation's flag over the main railway city that has supplied Russian forces in northeastern Ukraine, as a collapse in Russia's frontline threatened to turn into a rout.

A Reuters journalist inside a vast area recaptured in recent days by the advancing Ukrainian forces saw Ukrainian police patrolling towns and boxes of ammunition lying in heaps at positions abandoned by fleeing Russian soldiers. With Ukrainians now having reached the city of Kupiansk, where rail lines linking Russia to eastern Ukraine converge, the advance had penetrated all the way to Moscow's main logistics route, potentially trapping thousands of Russian troops.Natalia Popova, adviser to the head of the Kharkiv

regional council, shared photos on Facebook of troops holding up a Ukrainian flag in front of Kupiansk city hall. A Russian flag lay at their feet. "Kupiansk is Ukraine. Glory to the armed forces of Ukraine," she wrote. In Hrakove, one of dozens of

recaptured villages, Reuters journalists saw burnt out vehicles bearing the "Z" symbol of Russia's invasion, and piles of rubbish and ammunition in positions the Russians had abandoned in evident haste."Hello everyone, we are from Russia," was spray painted on a wall. Three bodies lay in white body bags in a yard. The regional chief of police, Volodymyr Tymoshenko, said Ukrainian police had moved in the previous day, and had checked the identities of local residents who had lived under Russian occupation since the invasion's.

Zonal Level LG Rolling Trophy Trial Cum Selection of Harni Zone



Mendhar The department of youth services and sports zone Harni conduct trial cum selection for LG Rolling Trophy in which 75 players participated at HSS HARNI ground. On this occasion chief guest was Mohd Hanief Mir(PEL) appreciated all the players to play best and avoid drugs beaware from drug peddler.He also appreciated the step taken by honourable LG Manoj Sinha to direct the concentration of youth towards sports. On this occasion field staff of zone Harni and selection committee members Mohd Shanazkhan,Majid Khan, Shamim Khan,Ravi Raj Sharma,Ayaz Hussain Shah, Nahiem Khan,Javaid Iqbal,Waseem Iqbal,Rohial Ayaz Khan and overall supervision by ZPEO also nodal officer of the event Mohd

Premier League games postponed to mourn Queen, cricket goes ahead

LONDON: All football fixtures in England between Sept 9-11 were postponed by the country's Football Association (FA) on Friday as a mark of respect following the death of Queen Elizabeth but cricket and rugby matches will go ahead as planned this weekend.

Football's top flight Premier League and the English Football League had already announced they were postponing their next round of fixtures.

The queen, Britain's longest-reigning monarch, died peacefully at her home in Scotland on Thursday aged 96. "As a mark of respect, following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, English football has united to postpone all football fixtures between 9-11 September," the FA said in

"The FA can confirm that all football fixtures across the Barclays Women's Super League, Barclays Women's Championship, the Vitality Women's FA Cup, and the Isuzu FA Trophy, will be postponed this weekend.

Matches across the lower tiers of the football pyramid and grassroots football were also postponed, the FA added. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

(DCMS) had earlier provided guidance saying there was "no obligation to cancel or postpone events and sporting fixtures, or close entertainment venues during the National Mourning period".

The Premier League said a decision on postponing the fixtures was made in a meeting on Friday.

"To honour her extraordinary life and contribution to the nation, and as a mark of respect, this weekend's Premier League match round will be postponed, including Monday evening's game," it said.

With fixtures next weekend potentially impacted by the policing operation in London for the funeral, football authorities face the headache of a fixture pile-up in a season already congested by a mid-season World Cup. The EFL said all its fixtures from Sept 9-10 will be post-

Earlier on Friday, all football fixtures in Northern Ireland this weekend were postponed.

The Football Association of Wales said it had postponed fixtures from Sept. 9-12 at all levels of the game while professional matches in Scottish football were also cancelled. England's cricket board (ECB) said the Test between England and South Africa will resume at The Oval on Saturday after Friday's day two was suspended.

The first day had been washed out without a ball being

"She loved sport, be honoured to play in her memory," England captain Ben Stokes tweeted in response to a question r sporting events should go ahead

A minute's silence will be observed before the national anthem, with players and coaches from both sides wearing

"My Youth My Pride" 3-Days J&K UT Pencak Silat Cup-2022

3-Days J&K UT Pencak Silat Cup 2022 concluded today in Indoor Sports Hall Polo ground, Srinagar today. The event was organized by Pencak Silat Association of J&K in collaboration with i&k sports council under the banner of "My Youth My Pride".

DDC Member Khonmoh Er Aijaz Hussain was the chief guest and Mohammad Iqbal Manager Sports council was the guest of honor, The medals were awarded among the medalist and trophies and mementoes among the Referee jury's and technical staff. More than 900 participant's from 16 districts of J&K participated in this event. Speaking on the occasion.

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wonderful work for the inthe state and my best wishes to them and I am sure that in the coming years , there will be a huge participation of women folk in

self defence. volvement of youths across He said that sports is the best way to keep youths away of youths from drug mence

> I also congratulate Sports council secretary, Ms Nu-

dent, Pencak Silat Association of J&K is the organising secretary of the event. He along with Mudasir Masoodi, District President Srinagar and district heads from other districts like Budgam, Ganderbal, Pulwama, Anantnag, Shopian , Kulgam , Bandip-ur, Baramulla, Kupwara, Poonch , Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar and Reasi were also present on the occasion. The president was also

Nasir Ahmad Digoo, Presi-

flanked by Mufti Hamid Yasin, Secretary General Indian Pencak Silat Federation.

The event is being monitored by Mohamad Iqbal InchargeIndoor

1st Corporate Cup-2022 Organised By **BCF Baramulla In Collaboration With District Administration Baramulla** Yasir Nazir Guides CEO-XI Baramulla To Win Over Indian Army 46-RR By 47 Runs

HT Correspondent



Baramulla 10th Sep.:-Chief Education Officer Baramulla Ghulam Ahmad Lone (National Awardee) Launches CEO-XI days to participate in 1st Corporate Cup-2022 organised by Baramulla Cricket Forum in Colloboration with District Administration Baramulla.Batting first CEO-XI put a huge total of 208/4 in alloted 20 overs. Khursheed Ahmad was the highest run-getter with 85 runs off 58 balls While Zahid Ashraf added off 18 balls and Yasir Nazir was unbeaten with 10 runs for CEO-XI.In response Indian Army 46-RR openers gave a blistering start of 76 runs in first 6 overs power play without losing a wicket but at the end failed to chase the alloted target and loss the match 47 runs.Indian Army 46-RR made 161/9 in alloted 20 overs.Kartikiya Rawat played a Splendid knock of 50 runs off 27 balls but goes in the vain by the brilliant bowling of CEO-XI bowlers. Yasir Nazir Scalped 3 wickets While Manmohan Raina and Jehangir Bakshi took 2 wickets each for CEO-XI.Khursheed Ahmad was adjuged Player of the match for his splendid

Champions Cup Chogal Handwara

Affarwat-XI Beats Barsoo erminators Ganderbal In A Nail-Bitter By 2-Runs

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Handwara Sep 10th :- Affarwat-XI Sports Club Baramulla beats Barsoo Terminators Ganderbal in a nail-bitter by 2-Runs. After winning the toss Affarwat-XI opt bat first and set a decent total of 173/5 in alloted 20 overs. Ashiq Lala hits a splendid half century with 59 runs off 44 balls while Uzair played a quick fire knock with brutal hitting in slog overs (37 runs off 13 balls) and Abid added 37 runs off 22 balls for Affarwat-XI.Sameer Ahmad took 3 wickets for Barsoo Terminators Ganderbal. In reply Barsoo Terminators Ganderbal fell short of 2 runs and lost the match at end in a nail-bitter contest.

Arshid Bhat played a brilliant knock of 74 runs off 51 balls but goes in the vain at end by losing his wicket in the 17th over.

Maddy Rafi was a brilliant with ball and took 4 important wickets while Yasir took 2 wickets, Uzair and Showkat took 1 wickets each for Affarwat-XI Sports Club. Maddy Rafi was adjuged Player of the match for his brilliant biwling spell.

Underdogs Sri Lanka have high hopes, but won't take Pakistan lightly in Asia Cup final

ly Asia Cup victory over favourites Pakistan in Sunday's final after a giant-slaying streak through the tournament despite troubles at home

The island nation had to abandon plans to host the Twenty20 compe tition due to political unrest and stumbled in their opener to Afghanistan by eight wickets, with nearly 10 overs remaining.

the five-time champions bounced back to beat Bangladesh, Afghanistan and tournament favourites India, scuttling a hotly anticipated finals showdown between Rohit Sharma's men and archrivals Pakistan. Friday's closing Super Four match

was a dress rehearsal for the Dubai

and Sri Lanka's fourth straight victory, albeit with Pakistan missing two of their key players. On Sunday they will depend on the spin pairing of Wanindu Hasaranga and Maheesh Theekshana, who helped bowl out Pakistan for 121 on Friday in a comfortable five-wicket

Opener Pathum Nissanka led the

batting charge with an unbeaten 55 in a clinical show, but skipper Dasun Shanaka warned his team of com-



placency, "The confidence we have is massive after four consecutive wins, but we still don't take Pakistan lightly in the final," Shanaka told reporters."We know they are a very good side and enough good players in their side to come back strong and we should be ready for that."

Sri Lanka's Pathum Nissanka (R) and Wanindu Hasaranga leave the field after winning the Asia Cup Twenty20 international cricket Super Four match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the Duhai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai on

Sri Lanka fared well in their recent home series of two Tests against Pakistan, played in Galle against the backdrop of a punishing economic crisis and political unrest

Shanaka said his side had been bombarded with "messages of love and support" and its Asia Cup success had brought cheer back home after miserable months of blackouts, fuel shortages and protests.

"So nice that we are winning and giving back something to them," he said.Confidence and passion

Pakistan are weathering their own troubles at home with monsoon floods that have inundated a third of the country.

But the team have shone through the tournament, a curtain-raiser for next month's T20 World Cup in Australia, avenging an opening game loss to India and clinching a last-over thriller against Afghanistan.

Fast bowler Naseem Shah and all-rounder Shadab Khan both missed Friday's showdown, but will lengthen Sri Lanka's odds when they

Swiatek to face Jabeur in maiden US Open final appearance

NEW YORK: An emergency break powered world number one Iga Swiatek into a US Open final showdown with trailblazing Tunisian fifth-seed Ons Jabeur on Thursday.

Two-time French Open champion Swiatek advanced to the first US Open final of her career after coming from behind to beat Arvna Sabalenka 3-6. 6-1, 6-4 at the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The victory sent the

21-year-old from Poland into a Saturday final with Jabeur, who thrashed France's Caroline Garcia 6-1, 6-3 in Thursday's other semi-final.

Sabalenka, the sixth from Belarus, looked poised to create an upset after a dominant first set performance in which she broke Swiatek no fewer than three times.

But Swiatek was rejuvenated after a quick dash to the bathroom



"I kind of needed to go," Swiatek said. "For sure I felt lighter. I'm

Swiatek also said the break had helped her analyse the flaws in her first set performance.

"I tried to use that time to think about what to change because I remember when I was younger all I would do in the bathroom between sets after I lost was cry. "But this time I could think about what to change and actually problem solve.'

The break did the trick as Swiatek raced through the second set to level the match and

BEST EVY HOSPYTAL IN THE VALLEY

then punished a late collapse from Sabalenka to close out a gutsy victory.

Sabalenka, who was up a break and leading 4-2 in the final set, was left distraught by the defeat. She later appeared at a press conference with mirrored sunglasses on and a baseball cap pulled over her face.

It was the third time Sabalenka has fallen short in the semi-finals of a Grand Slam.

SHARP SIGHT

