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NEWS IN BRIEF

Noted journalist Muzamil Jaleel bereaved

BANDIPORA: Mehmooda Fazli wife of late Atta Mohammad Zia and mother of noted journalist Muzamil Jaleel passed away on Saturday at her native village Gamroo in North Kashmir's Bandipora district. A family member said that Mehmooda left

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Couple injured as unexploded shell went off in Kupwara

KUPWARA: A couple was injured after an unexploded shell went off in Kuth Nard Bahek area in Tangdhar in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Saturday.

An official said the incident took place this afternoon when the couple

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Punjab couple held with 7 kg heroin in Udhampur

JAMMU: A couple from Punjab was arrested with seven kilogram of heroin in Udhampur district on Friday, a senior police officer said.

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh said Lovepreet Singh and his wife Mandeep Kaur were travelling in a private

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15 vehicles, JCB involved seized for illegal mining in Anantnag

ANANTNAG: In its continued efforts to curb illegal mining in the District, the Geology and Mining Team Anantnag headed by District Mineral Officer seized 15 vehicles and one JCB found involved in illegal extraction/transportation of minerals from Sandran Nallah and

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Non-local laborer drowns in Jhelum in Pulwama

SRINAGAR: A migrant laborer drowned in the river Jhelum, while extracting sand in South Kashmir's Pulwama this morning. A rescue operation was launched

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Probe ordered in video showing students pull cylinder uphill in Poonch

MS NAZKI

JAMMU: Authorities in Poonch district on Saturday said they were verifying a video purportedly

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State Taxes dpt carry enforcement activity in parts of Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: The department of State Taxes Kashmir carried out enforcement activity in several areas of Kashmir to tap the tax evasion noticed in the service sector.

Under the activity, several hotels were inspected by the departmental teams and where ever default

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My Youth My Pride: LG Sinha describes J&K land of champions

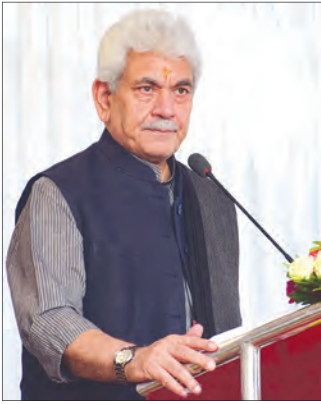
'We can produce best talents by creating right environment for young generation'

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha on Saturday said UT can produce best talents and win the prestigious sporting honors if right environment is created for the young generation.

"Gymnastic Academy, Football Academy, Cricket Academy and Water Sports Centre have a plan to engage around 5 lakh youth & children. This gives us the hope and confidence that by creating the right environment for the young generation, we can produce the best talents and win the prestigious sporting honors. Today our athletes can dream big and fulfill their dreams and ambitions," Sinha said earlier today.

Lt Governor said strong Socio-Economic growth is succeeding



in bringing qualitative change in sports sector and enabling sportspersons to demonstrate their excellence.

"The two biggest challenges for us were piecemeal approach towards sports activities prior to

2019 and subsequent disruption caused by the Covid pandemic.

Today, J&K UT has regained the confidence and we are creating an equitable and inclusive sports and recreation culture with modern infrastructure and training which is comparable to the best in the country," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Highlighting the sporting events organized under 'My Youth My Pride' in 22 disciplines in Kashmir Division and 18 disciplines in Jammu Division, the Lt Governor said, the program is turning out to be a solid forum for sportspersons to bring glory to themselves as well as the community.

"My Youth My Pride is dedicated to advancing sports by empowering young men

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India becomes 5th largest economy in the world as UK slips to 6th spot

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New Delhi, Sep 3: A decade back, India was ranked 11th among the largest economies while the UK was at the fifth position.

With record beating expansion in the April-June quarter, the Indian economy has now overtaken the UK, which has slipped to the sixth spot.

The assumption of India overtaking the UK is based on calculations by Bloomberg using the IMF database and historic exchange rates on its terminal.

"On an adjusted basis and using the dollar exchange rate on the last day of the relevant quarter, the size of the Indian economy in 'nominal' cash terms in the quarter through March was USD 854.7 billion. On the same basis, the UK was USD 816 billion," stated a Bloomberg report.



With India being the world's fastest growing major economy, its lead over the UK will widen in the next few years.

"Proud moment for India to pip the UK, our colonial ruler, as the 5th largest economy: India \$3.5 trillion vs UK \$3.2 trillion. But a reality check of population denominator: India: 1.4 billion vs UK 0.068 billion. Hence, per capita GDP we at \$2,500 vs \$47,000. We have miles to go... Let's be at it!" Uday Kotak, CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, said in a tweet.

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India's food security efforts during pandemic lauded globally: Union Sec F&PD

Appreciates working of department in J&K

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, Sep 3: Union Secretary Food & Public Distribution (F&PD) Department, Sudhanshu Pandey 'India's today said handling of food security during COVID-19 crisis has been globally acknowledged and applauded at several international forum, including the World Trade Organization, United Nations World Food Program and a Ministers' Meeting at international level.

"In addition to serving its own people, the Government also helped people from other nations during these crises," Pandey said on his two day visit

to J&K, for reviewing the working of Food and Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department in the region.

In a meeting held at the Civil Secretariat, a detailed presentation was made by Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Zubair Ahmad to present the efforts of the department in making PDS in J&K transparent, credible and dependable, where the Secretary was informed that e-POS machines have been installed at all 6735 sale outlets in J&K, 100 percent Aadhar seeding has been achieved at all levels in PDS and Aadhar drawn transactions

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India's first Night Sky Sanctuary to be set up in Ladakh: Jitendra Singh



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Jammu, Sep 3: India's first-ever "Night Sky Sanctuary" will be set up in Ladakh within the next three months, Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Saturday.

"India's first-ever 'Night Sky Sanctuary' to be set up in Ladakh as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary and the proposed Dark Sky Reserve will be

completed at Hanle in Ladakh within 3 months that will boost Astro tourism in India and will be one of the world's highest-located sites for optical, infra-red, and gamma-ray telescopes," said Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology and Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences.

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India's new Parliament to have Kashmiri carpet flooring

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SRINAGAR: The New Parliament House of India would have the traditional Kashmiri carpet flooring for which 50 weavers including women work day and night to complete the project before the deadline at a far off Khag village in central Kashmir's Budgam district.

Qamar Ali Khan of Tahiri Carpets got the order from a Delhi based company after submitting the samples in September 2021 to prepare 12 pieces of 8 x 11 feet traditional Kashmiri Silk-on-Silk carpets for the new Parliament house of India.

Khan feels proud and honored for getting the order of making carpets for India's biggest constitutional institution where these would be put on the floor and the members from all across India would see craftsmanship and traditional Kashmir work.



"It is a great honor for us that we are preparing the carpets for the Indian Parliament", Khan told UNI.

He said 50 artisans including women are working dedicatedly day and night to take the project to its conclusion and have completed almost seven pieces so far. The delivery of the order is September 20 which is a month

ahead of the deadline, he added.

Khan, whose family is associated with the carpet making for the past 30 years, said after receiving the order our artisans honestly started designing on the basis of traditional Kashmiri ancient tradition, nature and shawl making.

"We have weavers and

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Hybrid LeT militant arrested in Sopore; Pak spy in Kishtwar

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Srinagar, Sep 3: Security forces arrested a "hybrid" militant of Lashkar-e-Taiba in Sopore sub-district of north Kashmir late evening, police said.

They said the arrest was made at a joint checkpoint set up by Police, Army and CRPF at Shangergund Sopore.

"During checking, at about 9.40 pm suspicious movement of a person coming from village Check Brath link road was noticed and was subsequently asked to stop, but he tried to flee from the spot. He, however, was tactfully apprehended. Upon his personal search a pistol, a magazine and eight pistol rounds were recovered from his possession," a police officer in Sopore said.

He was identified by police as Saqib Shakeel Dar of Mumkak Batpora and at present was living at Checki Brath Sopore

"Preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested person is working as hybrid

terrorist of proscribed terrorist organization LeT and was in a constant search of an opportunity to carry out attacks on security forces and civilians," he said.

Police said a case was registered under relevant sections of law at Police station Sopore and investigation was taken up.

Meanwhile a man spying for Pakistan was arrested by the security forces in the Kishtwar district.

Police said on a joint input generated by Kishtwar Police, army and intelligence agency, one person namely Abdul Wahid, resident of Chergi Dool, working as agent for Pakistan based intelligence agency was taken into custody.

"The arrested person provided secret information of various police establishment and security forces to the Pakistan based handler through various social media platforms," said police.

They said a case under relevant sections has been

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Halqa-e-Adab Sonawari, Hajin
&
Wahab Cultural Society, Hajin

are jointly observing

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on **11 September, 2022** (Sunday)
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Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan Day 3rd

Theme based Essay, Painting competitions held across educational institutions in Kupwara district

Dr Abdul Qayoom

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 3: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray, various activities including theme based essay and painting competitions were held in different educational institutions across the district to observe 3rd Day of 'Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan'.

Essay and Painting competitions on the theme 'Nasha Mukht J&K' were held in various schools including Higher Secondary Schools of Handwara, Kupwara, Zachaldara, Tarathpora etc.

On the occasion, Pledge ceremonies were held in various Colleges to uphold the promise for eradication of the drug menace in the society and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

At GDC Sogam and GDC Kupwara, anti drug pledge ceremonies were held in which Principals, faculty members and a large

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disastrous effects of drugs on individual and society.

In Kupwara, the Health department pasted pamphlets on various drug stores in Kupwara town which were depicting the myths and facts about the psychotropic drugs. Essay and Painting competitions on the theme 'Nasha Mukht J&K' were held in various schools including Higher Secondary Schools of Handwara, Kupwara, Zachaldara, Tarathpora

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Professor Late Syed Raza Mousavi remembered on his 9th anniversary of death.

Syed Karar Hashmi

The renowned Scholar of Urdu and Kashmiri language & literature, an eminent poet and prolific writer, Professor Syed Mohammad Raza Mousavi of the beautiful hamlet Pallar of Central Kashmir Budgam on his 9th anniversary of death. In a message, Karar Hashmi said that such people never die but remain alive in the hearts and minds of people. Anybody who works for his fellow beings and society as a whole, in return for his contributions and charity, remembers him alive. No words to praise



such a great brain and scholar. His death was really a great loss to whole village of Pallar as well as the whole community. Syed Karar Hashmi urged people, especially young people, to carry forward the legacy of service to humanity as shown by the late professor. Pallar is a



small hamlet in central Kashmir Budgam, but has always remained a center of creativity and intellectual hub. It is here that great people like Syed Jawad Mousavi and others have contributed a lot to push this small hamlet higher and higher in intellectual standards. In contemporary

times, Jawad Mousavi's sons Agha Syed Tahir Moosvi, Anees Mousavi and Agha Syed Arshid Mousavi were working as propagers of a building to flourish and propagate the message of Islam among ummah across the valley. Glowing tributes were paid to a noted scholar on his anniversary of death at Qom in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Hashmi urged people to recite Surah Fatiha for late professor Syed Raza Mousavi as his contribution, particularly poetry about Islam and Karbala, is worth beyond words to remember.

DDC Budgam reviews Physical & Financial Status under District Capex Budget

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 03: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, S F Hamid today chaired a review meeting and took detailed sector wise position of works and projects under District Capex Budget.

At the outset, DDC stressed the completion of all pending works in time and ensure their expenditure on time. The DDC was apprised about

the current status of projects and expenditure made so far. He directed officers for completion of all projects in a time bound manner.

He stressed on officers that work on all the ongoing projects be expedited for early completion. He also instructed the officers to make expenditure as per progress.

The concerned were directed to ensure completion of all pending works

before 31st of October.

Event department was directed to share the daily progress of the works to the DDC for real time monitoring.

Among others, the meeting was attended by JD Planning, SE Hydraulics, CEO, ACD, CMO, Chief Agriculture Officer, ACP, all Ex. Engineers of all sectors, All AEEs, All BDOs, All EO of MCs, and all sectoral Officers and other concerned.

Senior Congress leader Mohd Yaqoob Vakil passes away

Srinagar Sept 3 (KNS): J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Saturday expressed profound grief over the passing away of Senior Congress Leader Mohd Yaqoob Vakil of Mahraj Gunj area of Srinagar District. Senior Congress Leader Mohd Anwar Bhat presided over a condolence meeting on the passing away of Mohd Yaqoob Vakil in which prominent party workers participated and expressed deep shock and grief over the loss of Senior colleague (Vakil).

Speaking on the occasion Mohd Anwar Bhat termed the passing away of Mohd Yaqoob Vakil as a great loss and said that the deceased leader was a visionary and eminent personality, who had a vast knowledge on socio political scenario of J&K.

Mohd Yaqoob Vakil was a dedicated Congress Leader and well-known personality of Kashmir, who was known for his political acumen, Bhat added.

The meeting expressed heartfelt condolences on the passing away of vakil and expressed solidarity with the Vakil family and prayed for eternal peace to departed soul.

Former Legislator and Senior Congress Leader Ghulam Nabi Monga expressed deep shock over the passing away of veteran party leader Mohd Yaqoob Vakil, describing him an well-known political figure of Shehr e Khaas (Srinagar).

Monga conveyed heartfelt condolences to bereaved family and prayed for peace to departed colleague.

Those who were present in the condolence meeting included PCC General Secretary Shameema Iqbal, Gulam Mohd Sheikh, Shameema Sopori, Intiyaz Khan, Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, Rahila Jan, Sozia Mehreen and various other party workers. (KNS)

CEO CAMPA J&K visits Kulgam and Shopian Forest Divisions

Farooq Rather

Srinagar, 03-Sep: APCCF and Chief Executive Officer, Com-



pensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), J&K Sh. Sarvesh Rai, IFS visited and inspected many forest areas of Kulgam and Shopian Forest Divisions and reviewed preparations for next Annual plan of operations to be carried out in these two divisions. He was accompanied by Irfan Ali Shah, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Kashmir South Circle, Waseem Gul, SFS, DFO Kulgam Forest Division and Mohammad Ayoub, DFO Shopian Forest Division, Range officers and other forest officials.

The CEO during his visit inspected many nurseries, Plantation units, infrastructure works etc of both the Forest Divisions. He informed that forests provide ecological services to humans, which has further become significant as they combat the adverse effects of the climate change through carbon sequestration and climate amelioration. He said forests are the lungs of our planet earth and its effective conservation requires a state of harmony and balance between ecology and development needs. To work on the same line of thought, the "J&K Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority" (State Authority) was constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and notification of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018. Sh Rai informed that the establishment of this authority was to inculcate into a holistic framework that ensures safety, security and timely yet transparent utilisation of funds collected from the User agencies for the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes as per the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and its subsequent amendments. He expressed satisfaction upon quality execution of works including nursery works, installation of Boundary pillars, Raising of Plantation units for halting degradation and benefit flow to people etc in both Kulgam and Shopian Forest Divisions. He complemented the Conservator of Forests, South Circle and his dedicated team of officers and officials for bringing a visible change on ground in a short span of time. The APCCF visited Central Nursery Kulgam and inspected the maintenance work of conifer saplings in the Nursery. It was informed that 0.77 lac plants have been raised in the said Nursery during last fiscal and during the current year, a total of 3.25 lac saplings will be raised in different nurseries of the Division under CAMPA. The APCCF directed for maintaining and raising of quality planting material in the nurseries. He also appreciated the harvesting of fodder species by the locals to meet out their needs for livestock raised in CAMPA Plantation Units. He also appreciated the raising of multiutility trees in these units which cater to the bonafide needs of the people. He expressed satisfaction over the overall stabilization of ecosystems being getting rejuvenated due to CAMPA interventions.

Swachhata Pakhwada: Series of activities organised in Schools across Shopian

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 03: As part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the Department of School Education, Shopian today organised a series of programmes across all the educational institutions of the district to observe Swachhata Pakhwada. The Officers, Teachers and students of the educational institutions of various tehsils of the district also took a pledge to reiterate their commitment to keep their respective areas neat and clean, besides improving the green cover on the earth.

On the occasion, the participants also conducted mega cleanliness drives with full enthusiasm and endorsed the Swachhta Mission under Swachh Abhiyan.

DC Anantnag interacts with DDC Chairman, Council Members

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 03: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag Dr Basharat Qayoom today held deliberations with Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Anantnag and other members of the council including various BDCs. DDC Chairman, BDC Chairperson, members, ADC, ACP, DFO, ACR, SDMs and a number of beneficiaries were present on the occasion. The DC on the occasion said that with the advent of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts in the UT, the PRIs are the voice of the people. He said they are the drivers of grassroots level democracy. He asked the PRIs to work in close coordination with the Administration for the welfare and betterment of the people.

Various PRI members led by Chairman MY Gorsai welcomed Dr Basharat Qayoom and assured him that they will extend necessary support to the administration.

They said that regular gram sabhas are being held in the District to ensure that works are being done as per the wishes of the people and they are hopeful that at the current pace of rapid development will provide beneficial for people to reap benefits of Govt measures.

Later under the chairmanship of Dr Basharat, a District Level Committee meeting on the Forest Rights Act was also held. The meeting was attended by heads of sub division level committees, representatives from forest and rural development department besides a large number of tribal community people. A total of 73 FRA certificates were distributed among the beneficiaries. The DC directed all the concerned officers to process the pending cases on fast track basis so that genuine beneficiaries can be awarded rights under the act. He said the act is a historic step towards welfare of the forest dwelling schedule tribes and other tribal groups and any delay in processing of these cases must be avoided.

Public Notice

I have lost my 12Th Pass School leaving Certificate session 1988. Now I am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact Principal Govt Hr Sec School Athoora within seven days from the publication of this notice after no objection will be entertained.

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S/O GHULAM MOHAMMAD GANAIE
R/O AUTHOORA RASHIPORA

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Subject: - Extension No.05.

In view of no response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-Tender Notice No.17 of 2022 dated.07.06.2022 for **Outsourcing of entry Ticketing system of Padshahibagh Park Bijbehara Anantnagis** hereby extended as per the details given below: -

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	02.09.2022 from 01.30 PM to 16.09.2022 up to 02:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date	02.09.2022 from 02.00 PM
3.	Bid submission End date	16.09.2022 up to 02:00 PM
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	19.09.2022 at 02:00 PM

Other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid Tender Notice.

DIPK-9233/22

By Order
Sd/-
Accounts Officer
(Member Secretary)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION PULWAMA

Tender Notice

E-NIT No :-fresh 232/EEP/RNB/of 2022-23/8638-48 Dated: 02 /09/2022
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT term e-tenders (In Single Cover system) are invited on **%age Basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost in (Rs.Lacs.)	Cost of T/D (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.) in the shape of CDR/FD R/BG	Time of Completion in working Days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Accounts	Administrative Accord Approval No:
1.	Construction of Prefab structures and chain link fencing , renovation of make shift accomodiation (repairs/renovation of Make shift accomodiation at GDC Rajpora part)	4.52	200/-	2% of Adv. cost	15 Days	DEE	4202- Hr. Education	GDC/RAJ/AA/03 Dated: 24/11/2021 and Authorization No: GDC/RAJ/238 Dated: 20/08/2022

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.iktenders.gov.in as per schedule of date given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	02 /09/2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 02 /09/2022 10:00 A.M.
3.	Bid submission Start Date	02/09/2022 from 10.00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	08 /09/2022 upto 4.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	08/09/2022 at 4.30P.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Div.Pulwama
6.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within 3 days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest successful bidder has to provide 3% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and EMD of 2% shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance security.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) showing clearly the name of work along with NIT No. & S.No. failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Div.Pulwama
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Div.Pulwama
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- If first lowest bidder fails to deposit 3% as performance security within prescribed date the work will be put to fresh tenders at his risk and cost and the CDR/FDR/BG will be forfeited and shall be debarred from participating the tendering process for the period of one year in this division.
- Bidder has to mention the name of Adv. Work/Reference to (NIT& S.No.) in the bid security(CDR, FDR,BG)

All other terms and conditions shall be available in website www.iktenders.gov.in

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Head Draftsman

Technical Officer

Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Pulwama

Advisor Bhatnagar interacts with DDC, BDC members, PRI representatives at Kupwara

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 03: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today held a detailed interaction with DDC members, BDC chairpersons and other PRI representatives of the Kupwara district.

DC Kupwara, SSP Kupwara, SP Handwara and other officers were also present during the interaction.

While interacting with the public representatives, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the present LG's Administration has strengthened the Panchayati Raj system across J&K and the people from grass root level are being given opportunity to participate in the developmental process of Jammu and Kashmir. He further said that district Kupwara is the focus of LG's administration, adding that various good things have come to fore while

as, there is scope to do much more in the district for the welfare and prosperity of the people living in the district.

During the interaction, Vice , DDC Kupwara highlighted various demands pertaining to the whole district including completion of Lolab-Bandipora road, development of tourism destinations, among others before the Advisor.

While deliberating on several issues and concerns raised by the public representatives, Advisor Bhatnagar assured them that all of their genuine issues and problems will be redressed on priority basis. While deliberating on several issues and concerns raised by the public representatives, Advisor Bhatnagar assured them that all of their genuine issues and problems will be redressed on priority basis.

GI Tag has built global reputation for Kashmiri Saffron: Atal Dulloo Inaugurates Saffron Field Day at Patabagh Pampore

PAMPORE, SEPTEMBER 03: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today inaugurated Saffron Field Day at Patabagh here.

While inaugurating the Saffron Field Day, Dulloo remarked that GI Tag of Kashmiri Saffron has made it prominent in the international market and built its reputation globally. He added that GI Tag not only enhanced the farmers incomes but also provided sustainable and secure income generation source for them.

The ACS further said that the marketing and promotion of the product with the GI Tag has enhanced the secondary economic activities here, which in turn boosted the regional economic development.

Dulloo also said that the protection of geographical indications created a posi-

tive image and reputation of the product in the minds

different issues regarding irrigation facilities, good

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama, Baseer

other flag ship programs like PM KISSAN, etc.



of the consumers and rewards the producers with incentives and a means to exchange cultural values. The ACS on the occasion also highlighted that efforts are on to address

quality corms, among others. He said that lot of work has been done under National Saffron Mission and effective infrastructure has been established through it.

Ul Haq Choudhary briefed the ACS about the effective implementation of National Saffron Mission and land use under Saffron cultivation. He also briefed him about the status of

Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal on the occasion said that the motive to celebrate the saffron field day is to disseminate information regarding the

latest research on the crop. He added that through this program the saffron growers got an opportunity to interact with the technical experts of the department who raised awareness about the latest technologies and developments in the field of saffron production.

Later, Atal Dulloo also distributed Saffron rejuvenation Incentive cheques as well as tractors among farmers besides sanction letters among Saffron growers were also distributed.

SSP, Awantipora, Mohammad Yousuf, DDC member, Patabagh, Joint Director Agriculture Inputs, Deputy Director Agriculture Planning, Chief Agriculture Officer Pulwama, senior officers and a large number of saffron growers were present on the occasion.

CCIK calls on Director Industries Kashmir Urges for ease of doing business, investor friendly policies

Srinagar: Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry Kashmir CCIK called on Director Industries Saloni Rai and welcomed her on her appointment.

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The CCIK said due to the long process at various departments, many entrepreneurs feel discouraged to invest.

"There has to be a single window clearance system under which

NOCs at one place and projects should be sanctioned without much of the hassle to boost ease of doing business," said Ghani. Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry Kashmir CCIK called on Director Industries Saloni Rai and welcomed her on her appointment.

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SVEEP programme to aware newly eligible voters held at GHSS Narapora Shopian

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 03: With an aim to build participative democracy and raise awareness regarding voter literacy, the District Election Officer (DEO) Shopian today organised a one day SVEEP programme at Govt Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Narapora, here. During the programme, an awareness

was raised among newly eligible voters, whose age is 18 years or above as on 01 October, 2022 to enroll themselves in the Photo Electoral Roll 2022 during the special summary revision 2022 to be starting from 15 September, 2022.

On this occasion a huge gathering of students, lecturers, teaching and non-teaching staff of the school participated. Many speakers also spoke at the event and raised awareness among youth to regis-



ter themselves and participate in the electoral process.

Dy. District Election Officer Shopian gave a brief lecture about the importance of vote and elections and informed the students how to register themselves through various modes like online mode and offline mode. He also highlighted the educational value and importance of SVEEP and other Electoral processes.

A list of all the Booth Level Officers (BLO) was also made public and the students were

informed to contact their concerned Booth Level officer for further assistance and help.

The revised schedule from Chief Electoral Officer J&K for Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls was also displayed before the students and the students were made aware how to fill Form No. 6, 6B, 7, 8 and for error free and 100 percent photo electoral roll. A film of the district regarding the importance and aspects of the SVEEP was also screened for 15 minutes on the occasion.

DC Shopian inspects Tehsil office Chitragam; listens public grievances

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 03: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today visited Tehsil Office Chitragam to take stock of functioning of government offices.

On the occasion, the DC met scores of people and listened to their grievances. He heard them patiently and assured time bound resolution of their grievances.

The DC also visited Shopian-Bijbehara Road and took stock of the progress of the macadamization work. He directed the concerned officers of R&B to enhance the pace of work on the road along with ensuring quality in the macadamization work.

He also directed the executing agency to complete the work in a time bound manner.

The DC was accompanied by concerned officers and officials.

Two days visit to Gurez DC Bandipora inspects progress of night shift macadamization

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 03: On his two days visit to



Gurez, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmed inspected progress in night shift macadamization in Dawar area of Gurez Subdivision.

During the visit, Dr. Owais inspected the ongoing macadamization process and directed the concerned agencies to maintain quality and standard of work. He further directed them to complete the process of macadamization within targeted time.

He urged them to double the efforts for completion of work keeping in view the limited working season of Gurez.

Dr Owais said Administration is taking concerted measures for macadamization of all roads of Gurez, stage wise and said that District Administration is committed to ensure better road connectivity in Gurez Subdivision. Earlier, the DC visited the Mountain Agriculture Research and Extension Station (MARES), Izmarg Gurez of SKUAST.

He expressed happiness and satisfaction for growing organic crops by MARES. He appreciated the efforts of MARES Izmarg for growing organic crops like Broccoli, Bagtore Kale and other salad crops.

The DC asked the concerned at MARES Izmarg Gurez to renovate VIP Huts and assured full support of the District Administration in implementing the programmes of SKUAST. Dr Owais was accompanied by SSP Bandipora, ADC Bandipora, Joint Director Planning and other concerned officers.

Grand Gurez Festival held at Dawar, Gurez Youth main stakeholders in tourism promotion: Dr. Owais

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 03: To celebrate the best off-beat tourist destination of India, a Grand Gurez festival was organised by the Department of tourism in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora to enhance and promote tourism in the Gurez valley.

On the occasion, a Grand show of local Cuisines, Culture, customary handicrafts and sports of the Gurez valley was held.

A special feature of the festival was presentation of cultural items by various local groups particularly in Sheena, Dardi, Pahari, and other local dialects.

Performance by artists from JK Academy of Art, Culture and Languages was eye catching for the audience.

A number of stalls were set up by different departments including Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Handloom, Sericulture, Handicrafts, Tourism, ICDS, NRLM, KVK Gurez besides locals showcasing traditional and heritage items used in Gurez.

The festival was attended by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed; Director Tourism G. N. Itoo; Commander 109 Brigade Dawar, Pranav Kumar; SSP Mohd Zahid; ADC

Bandipora, Waseem Raja; and Tulail, BDC members,



Joint Director Planning, Imtiyaz Ahmad; Deputy Director Tourism for publicity Deeba Khalid, SDM Gurez and other concerned officers. DDC members Gurez

civil society members also attended the festival.

Local people in thousands and tourists visited the stalls and evinced keen interest in the products on

display. In his welcome address, the Director Tourism said that Gurez recently became a National level best offbeat tourist destination with the efforts of the Tourism Department, District Administration Bandipora, and locals of Gurez.

He Appreciated the DC Bandipora for his contribution in the tourism sector and said that modern tourists prefer Offbeat destinations and urged the youth to participate with full potential in promotion of tourism and local culture of Gurez.

He said efforts are on the forefront to make Gurez an all weather Tourist Destination.

DC Budgam reviews performance of all VLWs Stresses on public friendly approach, completion of all works & targets within assigned timeline

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 03: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, SF Hamid today chaired a meet-



ing to review performance of all Village Level Workers (VLWs) at Conference Hall, here. At the outset, the DC asserted the visibility of VLWs on ground in their respective areas and instructed them to adopt a people friendly approach for socio-economic development of people at grass-roots level. He instructed VLWs to ensure proper sanitation and cleanliness is maintained in all rural areas of the district. DC emphasized on establishment of segregation sheds in all Panchayats for proper disposal of garbage

The DC also stressed on speedy construc-

tion of composite and soakage pits at all pending households for management of both liquid and solid waste in villages.

He directed VLWs to lay more focus on works including execution of RDD works, implementation of schemes, assessment of ongoing developmental activities and functioning of government institutions in their respective jurisdictions.

Instructions were also given for maintenance of tour diary for updation of daily activities. VLWs were informed that their performance shall be reviewed after every 15 days and any non-performing official shall be strictly dealt with. ACD Budgam, DIO, BDOs and other officials of RDD also attended the meeting.

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 03: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today took a tour of several areas of the district to take stock of pace and progress of ongoing developmental projects.

During the visit, the DC took stock of pace and progress made on Aadigen Bridge which is 7x 42 Mtr spans and approved under languishing scheme and will come up with an estimated cost of 17.97 crore.

Officers from R&B informed the DC that about 80 percent of the work on the bridge has been completed.

The DC directed the concerned to complete the balance work within two months positively. The DC also took stock of progress made on water supply scheme Lirrow and other Water supply schemes.

He instructed the concerned to expedite pace of work on all Water supply schemes across the district and ensure timely completion of these schemes.

The DC was accompanied by ACR and other officers. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today took a tour of several areas of the district to take stock of pace and progress

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Advisor Bhatnagar visits Kupwara, reviews developmental scenario of district

'Asks officers to take personal interest to accomplish target of works'

Dr Abdul Quyyom

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 03: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today remarked that the present LG's Administration has a sole objective to serve the public of J&K, adding that the officers and field functionaries need to take personal interest and intervention to accomplish the target of works assigned to them.

The Advisor, who is on a two day tour of Kupwara district, said this while chairing a meet of the senior officers of

district administration to review developmental scenario of district at DC office complex here.

Addressing the officers, Advisor Bhatnagar said that LG Administration is aware of the fact that district Kupwara has been always giving its support in nation building and as such the prosperity and development for this district is always in the thoughts of Lieutenant Governor. He said that the district has got the status of Aspirational District and as such it is receiving good flow of funds. The Advisor said that it is imperative upon all officers and field functionaries to work with commitment and dedication and make themselves accountable to public. He highlighted that the present LG's Administration believes in equitable development and always works on the policies to provide same opportunities to the people living in urban as well as rural areas.

Asserting the officers to maintain close

countable and transparent Governance



contact with people and involve them in development of district, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the LG's Administration is committed to provide ac-

to the people of J&K and has zero tolerance towards the corruption. The Advisor further asked the officers to tap the tourism potential of the district as it has

vast scope for amplifying Tourism sector. He also asked them to tap the potential of other sectors like Agriculture and Horticulture among others for boosting the developmental needs of the district. During the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar had a detailed sector wise review of all the ongoing developmental and welfare activities of the district. Deputy Commissioner Kupwara briefed the Advisor about the development profile of the district through a detailed presentation.

The Advisor was informed that the District has a CAPEX Budget of Rs.1598.53 crore for the current financial year out of which Rs.141.58 crore has been released. He was informed that 120 km road length have been blacktopped against the target of 237 kms during current financial year so far by R&B, PMGSY and BEACON. 248 km road length has been blacktopped during last financial year.

Directorate of Skill Development J&K & IALP hold first Industry Academia Meet

PULWAMA, SEPTEMBER 03: The Directorate

ed over by Sudershan Kumar, Director Skill Devel-

so as to have feedback from them. The delegation



of Skill Development J&K and Industrial Association Lassipora Pulwama (IALP) today held its first Industry Academia Meet at the Conference Hall of Industrial Growth Centre Lassipora, here.

The meeting was presid-

ed over by Sudershan Kumar, Director Skill Development, J&K along with the Officers of Department from both ITIs and Polytechnics.

Besides the trainees from ITI Pulwama, who are presently undergoing on the job training also participated in the meeting,

of the Industrial Association was led by Haji Muzafar Ahmad, President Industrial Growth Centre Lassipora Pulwama.

During the institute Industry interaction emphasis was laid on implementation of MOA to make it

Trainee Centric.

Director Skill Development urged Industry Partners to come forward and have an alliance with the department, so that passed out candidates from the ITIs and Polytechnics are provided an opportunity to work under a conducive atmosphere and these passed out are in a position to earn their livelihood.

President Industrial Growth Centre Lassipora assured full cooperation both in terms of on the job training and placements of pass outs of Skill development department.

The event concluded with a visit of Industrial Units by all the members along with the trainees so as to have first-hand information of the activities being carried out by these functional units.

Comm Secy L&E Deptt inaugurates mega Job Fair at Amar Singh College

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 03: Commissioner Secretary, Labour & Employment (L&E) Department, Sarita Chauhan today inaugurated a Divisional Level Mega Job Fair at Amar Singh College here.

Speaking during the event, the Commissioner Secretary highlighted that the job fair is aimed at bridging the Gap between the demand and supply in the job market. She impressed upon stakeholders to counsel and guide the students to take up skill oriented courses to enhance their employability.

While addressing the industry representatives, Sarita Chauhan emphasized on the registration of private companies as job providers on Employment portal www.jakemp.nic.in. She further directed the private company representatives to list out the skill requirements in their respective sectors and notify the vacancies available with them from time to time.

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The Mega Job Fair was organised by Directorate of Employment J&K and was a first of its kind Mega event where a platform was provided to educated Unemployed Youth of Kashmir Division to come face to face with Job providers of 40 companies of private sector.

Around 2000 Job seekers from all 10 districts of Kashmir division participated in the event and interacted with company representatives.

During the job fair, around 1200 youth were shortlisted and registered by the companies, while 15 youth were handed over offer letters on spot and 150 youth were selected for training in hotel management after which they will be recruited in the same field.

Director Employment Department, Principal Amar Singh College, representatives of different industries, large number of youth, among others were present during the fair. Commissioner Secretary, Labour & Employment (L&E) Department, Sarita Chauhan today inaugurated a Divisional Level Mega Job Fair at Amar Singh College here.

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Police holds meeting with retired Police officers in Budgam

Awareness of young and eligible In order to redress the grievances of retirees, Police in Budgam held a meeting with retired police personnel at Police Station Chadoora. The meeting was chaired by SHO Police Station Chadoora in which more than 30 retired officers/officials participated.

On the occasion, the participants were welcomed by SHO PS Chadoora and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting. He assured the participants that Police is always at their disposal and they are still part of Police organiza-

tion. He also assured them that they can approach any police officer or police unit at any time.

During the meeting, the retired officers raised various issues. The chairing officer assured them that their genuine issues/problems would be taken up at an appropriate level for their early redressal. Moreover, the chairing officer also reiterated that retirees are always welcome for their valuable suggestions and there is great respect for them in the Police organization as they have rendered a long service and toiled hard to earn a name for

the organization. He also added that various measures are being taken by the Police department for the welfare of retired police personnel and their wards. Further, a booklet "The Voice of The PROANG" prepared by J&K Police Retired Officers Association was also presented and issued during the meeting.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks and with the assurance that such meetings will be held on regular basis in future also to redress the grievances of the retirees.

Police organises awareness programme cum rally against drug abuse in Awantipora Wild bung destroyed in Budgam, Sopore and Tral

Tral:- In view of growing menace of drugs and to spread awareness among the general comprising of Police Station Magam alongwith officials of Excise Department



public about ill effects of drug menace, Police in Awantipora have organized drug awareness programme cum rally in the area. Besides, wild bung was also destroyed in Budgam, Sopore and Tral.

The awareness programmes were organized at Boys Higher Secondary School Pampore and Higher Secondary school Dogripore and attended by the respectables, students from the Pampore and Awantipora areas. Besides, Tehsildar Pampore had a detailed interaction with the students/public during the said awareness programmes, while as SDPO Pampore and SDPO Awantipora were also present on these occasions.

After the interaction programmes, rallies were organized in Pampore, Khrew and Awantipora to generate awareness against drug abuse and its ill effects on the society. Along with Police, officers from civil administration also took part in these rallies.

Moreover in Budgam, a joint team

led by SHO PS Magam launched a special drive against wild weed bung in Main Town Magama and its adjacent areas and destroyed huge quantity of wild bung.

In Sopore, a police team from PS Sopore along with Tehsildar Dangerpora and students of Government Higher Secondary School Dangerpora under the supervision of SDPO Sopore Shri Furqan Qadir-JKPS launched a special drive against wild bung in village Dangerpora and destroyed huge quantity of wild bung.

Similarly in Tral, a police party of Police Station Tral destroyed huge quantity of wild bung in village Pinglish Tral and its adjacent areas.

General public of these areas applauded the act of Police and assured their cooperation in sharing all information related to illegal use of drugs in order to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society.

Chemists & Druggist Association organizes awareness program on Drug de-addiction

Suhail Rather

Bandipora, Sep 03: A Day long programme against Drug Abuse/NASHA MUKT BHARAT was organised by Chemists and Distributors Association of north Kashmir's Bandipora district in which the people from this Fraternity of various tehsils of Bandipora attended the program to create awareness about the menace. Drug Control Officer Mir Wasim Hassan attended the Awareness program and stressed on the participants to play their role in eradicating the menace from society. He said the drug abuse has reached to a dangerous level in the state and everyone needs to come forward and play her/his role in fighting this menace. He asked the chemists to keep vigil on their wards so as to prevent them from falling in a death trap of drug abuse. He stressed on the need for moral education of the children of present day age and appealed both parents as well as teachers to ensure that children do not fall prey of any social evil. He said that we will launch a vigorous awareness campaign against drug menace across the district and also urged upon the student community to concentrate on studies and also take part in sports and athletic activities. Mir Wasim said the unemployment is the main cause of people staying idle and becoming victim of drug abuse. He urged the youth to spend their time in productive work

and search for job avenues in private sector instead of staying idle. He said the youth should avail the benefit of several state and central sponsored schemes in different sectors to start their own income generation units. On the occasion chemists from Bandipora, Sonawari, Alooosa, Ajas and Hajin attended the Awareness program and discussed various aspects of drug abuse-causes, effects and prevention. President drug association Bandipora Mazhar Ul Haq while speaking on the occasion presented the scenario of drug abuse in the district. He said the teachers, Civil Society, Parents, religious preachers and Police need to roll their heads and launch a joint war against this menace failing which the society will collapse before this menace. Aseer Ali general secretary of association urged the participants to be the ambassadors for Drug De-addiction by keeping watch in their locality so that a person can be rescued from this menace in initial stage. He said the Police has also declared a war on drug addiction and dozens of drug peddlers have been arrested from past few weeks. He stressed on coordination between police, civil government and civil society to fight the menace. Drug Control officer spoke on the occasion and highlighted negative impact of drug addiction on society.

15 Vehicles & 01 JCB involved in illegal mining seized at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 03: In its continued efforts to curb illegal mining in the District, the Geology and Mining Team Anantnag headed by District Mineral Officer seized 15 vehicles and one JCB found involved in illegal extraction/transportation of minerals from Sandran Nallah and other areas on 01 September, 2022 and intervening night of 01 and 02 September 2022.

As per reports, the operation was carried out by Geology and Mining Department in various areas of District Anantnag including Checki Rajwari, Damjan, Shankerpore, Mehmooabad, Dooru and Larkhipora with the help of police from Qazigund and Dooru police stations as a result of which 01 JCB, 15 vehicles including 11 tractors, 03 tippers and 01 screener were seized. After seizure the vehicles were retained by respective police stations till realization of penalty from the offenders as per the rules of Geology and Mining.

Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyan Day-3: Student rallies, awareness programmes, Debates, Painting competitions held across Shopian

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 03: A series of activities including student rallies, awareness programmes, debates and painting competitions were held today in different educational institutions across the district to observe 3rd Day of month-long 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan'. On the occasion, awareness programmes were held in various Colleges, Schools, Government Offices to uphold the promise for eradication of the drug menace in the society and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. Debates regarding Drug Abuse and its ill effects were conducted, besides, student rallies were

also held by the educational institutions



which saw participation of teachers and a large number of students. Teachers and

hundreds of students participated in the rally and raised different slogans including "Zindagi Se Rishta Jodo Drugs Se Nata Todo" and "Say No to Drugs Yes to Life" and other slogans and were carrying placards denouncing the addiction to disseminate awareness among the common masses about the adverse effects of drugs. Rallies were conducted in various educational institutions across the district which went through streets and corners of the villages to spread information about the deadly effect of drugs on society and importance of a healthy life.

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HC observations on Kashmir water bodies

The High Court of J&K and Ladakh made critical observations regarding the working of Wular Lake Conservation and Management Authority. “We are pained to notice that the Government has created the Wular Lake Conservation and Management Authority for a specific purpose but the said Authority is not able to come up to the mark, rather, it appears to have been wasting the money sanctioned and provided by the Union of India,” the high court observed last week. The observations followed perusal of an Action Taken Report by Additional PCCF/Chief Executive Director, Wular Conservation and Management Authority, Kashmir, stating that the Authority was making “sincere efforts for conservation and preservation of the Lake”. “It has staff strength of 43 employees only which are all drawn on deputation and that there is no separate sanctioned staff in the Authority. If that be so, the Chief Executive Director owns an explanation as to what action he has taken to get the staff for the Authority sanctioned and for its appointment, as also how the amount of Rs. 125 Crores provided by the Union of India has been spent with complete details of the heads under which the expenses have been incurred,” the court said and also directed him to report about the steps taken for retrieving encroached land of the Wular Lake, one of the largest freshwater lakes of Asia. The Lake’s associated wetlands also support rich biodiversity and provide habitat to migratory birds within the Central Asia flyover. It is also the largest fisheries resource in Kashmir Valley, supporting the livelihoods of a large human population living along its fringes. Also importantly, the water body and its associated wetlands protect the Valley from floods as well as maintain the flow to support agriculture and hydro-power generation. However, over the past several decades, the water body is progressively shrinking. Unfortunately, it has not attracted the required attention despite the fact that the lake was designated as “Wetland of International Importance” under Ramsar Convention in 1990 in recognizing its importance for its biodiversity and socio-economic values. There are several reasons for the ruins and some of them have been even well identified. However there has been little redeeming difference on the ground. Not only have encroachments continued with impunity, the water-body has gone through a sustained environmental degradation. There is hope that court monitoring will bring desired results as far protection of the lake is concerned.

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FRUSTRATING INCREASE IN AUTO-MAKERS’ DELIVERY TIMEFRAME

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The gap between time of booking and delivery of new cars is changing from months to years, which is causing frustration to buyers of new vehicles. During the pandemic, the industry was down in the dumps as demand dried up completely dried up. But as the industry rode out of the pandemic, demand surged in the wake of strong pent-up demand and the manufacturers are unable to honour delivery commitments. For certain models, the waiting time is fast approaching a couple of years, which is similar to what had been the case when the country had only a couple of models being produced as far as passenger cars were concerned. The opening up of the sector in the latter years saw an unprecedented boom, with all the leading global brands setting up shop and the Indian auto industry becoming comparable to that anywhere in the world. So, the current experience becomes all the more frustrating to buyers. Prospective buyers are therefore booking vehi-

cles with multiple brands and agencies in the hope of cutting the delay. All the more worrisome is the fact that the situation is expected to worsen further rather than show any improvement in the days to come, the reason being that it is a global phenomenon and there is no solution at the individual country level. A global shortage of automotive semiconductors is forcing OEMs to close production lines or remove some popular features, such as heated or conditioned seats, from their offerings. According to a McKinsey report, the global semiconductor shortage that began in the first quarter of 2021 has slowed production of everything from smartphones and home appliances to driver-assistance systems. Major carmakers, including a US-based OEMs, have already announced significant roll-backs in their production, lowering expected revenue by billions of dollars. The effects of the semiconductor shortage have extended beyond the auto sector, with other industrial players struggling to secure

chips. That highlights the fragility of those supply chains, which largely rely on Asia as a hub of semiconductor manufacturing. Many automakers are now operating in crisis mode, and few expect a rapid resolution. Auto manufacturers and chipmakers alike will need to work together to tackle the imbalance in demand, according to McKinsey. The situation has worsened since then, and OEMs and tier 1 suppliers are unable to procure sufficient quantities of chips, forcing them to delay vehicle production. While manufacturers of laptops, white goods, and other devices have also cut production because of semiconductor shortages, the repercussions in the automotive industry have been more severe. Some premium OEMs were able to safeguard profits with selective manufacturing and sales strategies designed to optimize margins. This strategy, however, may result in a shortage of lower-margin vehicles and could cause extreme fluctuations in demand for automotive chips.

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has introduced further uncertainties to both the semiconductor supply chain and automotive demand. For instance, Ukraine supplies 25 to 35 percent of the world’s purified neon gas, and Russia supplies 25 to 30 percent of palladium, a rare metal used for semiconductors. Another problem is the higher cost of transportation, on the one hand, and the lower availability of shipping volumes, on the other. As a result, manufacturers have been unable to obtain critical vehicle components, such as wiring harnesses, and have reduced their production volumes in response, which has added even more uncertainty by decreasing demand for some semiconductor-based components. More than two years into the pandemic, the gap between chip supply and demand has widened across all semiconductor-enabled products. While sales of all consumer goods plummeted in the first half of 2020, and automotive sales dropped by up to 80 percent in some locations, demand rebounded more than expected later in the year, con-

tinued to grow in 2021, and remains strong today. The high-tech sector, in particular, has seen sales volumes increase, partly because of changes wrought by the pandemic. The growth in working from home, for instance, has contributed to a greater demand for wireless connectivity and PCs. These market shifts have rippled back to affect demand for semiconductors and other components. Across almost all industries, the demand for semiconductors in 2020 and 2021 exceeded pre-pandemic forecasts. According to McKinsey, although the chip shortage is affecting many industries, the automotive sector has some unique characteristics that exacerbate the problem. For instance, many OEMs and suppliers follow a ‘just in time’ manufacturing strategy in which they order semiconductors and other vehicle components close to production to optimize inventory costs. When vehicle sales fell in early 2020, OEMs reduced their chip orders, leaving them low on inventory when demand began to recover. IPA SERVICE

TIME IS RUNNING OUT OF CONGRESS FOR REINVENTING ITSELF BEFORE 2024 POLLS

HARIHAR SWARUP

Congress has seen the exit of many heavy weights over the decades--- and survived. It lost socialists in 1948, with Acharya Narendra Dev, Jay-aprakash Narayan, and Ram Manohar Lohia walking out to form the socialist party. It saw vertical split in 1969 when Indira Gandhi got the better of the “syndicate” and in 1978 when she worsted the old guards—but it remained the real Congress. However, more recently when Mamata Banerjee broke away to form the Trinamool Congress in 1998, and Jaganmohan Reddy his YSR Congress in 2010 -- replacing Congress in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh respectively -- the party was hugely weakened. In the last few years, many more have left the Congress for greener pastures to Join the BJP—Himanta Biswa Sarma, Jyotiraditya Scindia, RPN Singh and Jitin Prasad, among others.

Since the resignation of leaders is not new to the Congress, some hope the party will also weather Ghulam Nabi Azad’s resignation. Though Azad may have had a 50+year innings along with Indira Gandhi, Sanjay Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, P V Narasimha Rao, and Manmohan Singh—Sonia Gandhi, he is after all, not a mass leader. And the party leadership may feel his exit—and earlier, of those like Kapil Sibal -- may ease the situation by weakening the dissidents in the party (G-23) who have been particularly critical of Rahul Gandhi’s leadership.

But Azad’s exit is different. For he has shown the mirror to the party, choos-



ing his time carefully to inflict the maximum possible damage to the Congress--- before Rahul Gandhi’s Bharat Jodo Yatra. His exit has pushed the party to, finally, announce the dates for the election of the new Congress President. It is also possible that Azad may not have to quit the Congress if he has been brought into Rajya Sabha again: Surely there is nothing wrong with a politician aspiring to retain a seat in the upper house. It’s not as if he is going to get a Rajya Sabha berth on the other side. He is set to launch a new party and if it takes off—though it is early days—he could come to be supported by Farooq Abdullah and the BJP to lead a government.

The journey is littered with improbable, but he has chosen to walk that path. Azad’s exit is not just about Rajya Sabha seat: it is also about “izzat” that was shown to him. He was a member of the national political affairs committee but later was made a mere member of the state committee. Congressmen are leaving the party because the Gandhis are no longer able to win elections, and Azad has pointed out, the party has lost 39 out of 49 assembly elections in last eight years. Though Rahul Gandhi has spoken forthrightly on issues—Rafale, demonization, inflation, joblessness, lockouts—the party has not been able to slow down the

Modu juggernaut.. Undoubtedly this has given the control of the institutions to the BJP But the Congress attitude Jis ko hai jaye, rehna hai rahe (those who want to leave may leave, those who wish to remain may do so) remains. The question that can no longer be wished away is this: Is the Congress is on the verge of disintegrating as an enemy? Today an Azad is set to form his regional party. Will Bhupender Singh Hooda, who still has mass following in Haryana, do likewise, nearer election time if he gets a sense that he is not going to get his way in the ticket distribution? What about Siddaramaiah in Karnataka where elections are due in 2023? And what will

Sachin Pilot do? Rahul is a boon to Narendra Modi not only because he is no match for PM as communicator. He is Modi’s best bet because more than anyone else, he epitomizes entitlement today. And an aspirational India is moving in the opposition direction. For the Grand old Party not to have a fulltime president for three and quarter years—remember, it is not three and a quarter months—when the opposition is as formidable as Modi is unthinkable in a democracy. Whatever the reasons trotted out publicly for delay in holding organizational election, the truth is that the party has usually been waiting for Rahul Gandhi to decide whether he wants

to take over as Congress president again. Nothing illustrates entitlement more than this.

When Narendra Modi declared from the Red Fort this year that his party will flag two issues---corruption and dynastic rule—he put his finger on the people’s pulse over the growing aversion to the right by birth. If push comes to shove, there are regional parties which can survive without a member of the family to lead them. Not so the Congress. It will break up without the Gandhi family. And, as things today, it will disintegrate with the family at its helm—unless family willingly relinquishes power to someone else.

Rahul Gandhi has also put forward a new political model---he takes all decisions, but without taking responsibility for them. By all accounts, he is not going to contest for the party presidency. If Ashok Gehlot, Meira Kumar, Mallikarjun Kharge or Mukul Wasnik take over as Congress chief he or she will be filling in for the role that Sonia Gandhi has been playing as a “nominal figure head”. Azad’s going, then is not to the exit of yet another individual leader from Congress. It is symbolic of wider and worrying process at work to move India towards one --party--rule-- and grand old party, representing the only counter force nationally, is willing to take the steps it should. Unless there is a dramatic turnaround, Congress will be reduced to a mere symbol—and the owners of properties—and cease to be a party.

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OUR INDIAN ENGINEERS AND PUBLIC SECTOR SHIP BUILDER CAN TAKE CREDIT FOR INS VIKRANT

SUSHIL KUTTY

Is INS Vikrant Indian made? Question modified: Is INS Vikrant made with Indian knowhow? Like the Chinese asking their government whether its aircraft carrier Liaoning, which traces its shipyard to Russia, made with Chinese knowhow? INS Vikrant does not carry a similar foreign baggage. But to say that it is made with indigenous knowhow is to get bogged down in whataboutery, which is what’s been happening for the last 48 hours, ever since the “indigenous aircraft carrier” was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Should we be bothered in whose reign Vikrant was inducted in the Indian Navy, or that it has become part of the Indian Navy and kudos to the fact that it was wholly built in India, with equipment entirely built by Indian vendors? The biggest matter of pride: It was designed by Indian Navy’s in-house Warship Design Bureau (WDB), and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, a public sector shipyard of the Ministry of

Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

That the year of the ceremonial “Steel Cutting” of the ship was 2005 is another reason why the whataboutery shouldn’t have been there to begin with. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was prudent when he said everything about Vikrant except take credit for being the decision-maker behind the project. It must have taken immense “mental control” for the Prime Minister not to hog the limelight, and that’s a left-handed brownie point.

Which cannot be spoken for Congress communications head Jairam Ramesh. If anything, the whataboutery surrounding INS Vikrant was of Ramesh’s making. He embroiled Modi in who should take credit for the making of Vikrant, making it clear it wasn’t Modi’s enterprise. But then, if Ramesh hadn’t made it an issue, he would have been a poor communications head. It’s Ramesh’s job to rubbish all BJP and Modi government claims before they’re even made.

But the better Congress com-



municator proved to be Americal Narayanan. In a debate hosted by Republic TV, while giving credit to three prime ministers— Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Manmohan Singh, and Narendra Modi—the Tamil Nadu Congress spokesperson let slip the “fact” that if the Modi Government had taken the original decision, the project would have gone to an Ambani or an Adani makeshift entity, and not to the Cochin Shipyard Limited, which would have been a shame!

Neither the TV anchor, nor the BJP spokesperson liked this and Americal Narayanan was shouted

out. So much for how much more independent the media would be once the Adani Group gets hold of a TV channel, which looks like a fait accompli. Americal Narayanan wasn’t talking through his hat. INS Vikrant is “truly Indian” because it was built by Cochin Shipyard and not a Gujarati billionaire. The public sector Steel Authority of India Limited “indigenized” the aircraft carrier with warship-grade steel.

And to press home the indigenization claim, the SAIL steel was developed by the Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL) exclusively for INS Vikrant. If more is needed to keep the whataboutery going, the “design and construction” of the “Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) Vikrant” was sanctioned in 2003. It is an infructuous debate, pointless in every which way, including in scoring brownie points. The importance of INS Vikrant India’s defence capabilities is immense, but how much of a game-changer Vikrant will be in 2024 should be left to the sea of imaginations.

In fact, more than Vikrant, it’s the report that Great Britain has now dropped to sixth place in the GDP stakes, behind “the former British colony”, that will reverberate. The Western media carries a deep disapproval for India under Modi and this is reflected in how India’s accomplishments are placed in context. The Western media gave zilch points for India’s fifth position, but cried buckets for “Britain dropping behind India to become the world’s sixth largest economy!”

Come 2024, whichever party wins, India’s stock would improve not so much because of who will be ruling India at that point in time but because, irrespective of which party was in the ruler’s seat, key decisions were continuously taken for setting India up for development, like the one for the indigenized aircraft carrier INS Vikrant. No amount of whataboutery will make a difference though the months till 2024 will keep reverberating with tonnes of whataboutery.

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A thrilling, riveting experience not to be missed!

The quiet, beautiful, exotic and lush green valley of Kasauli is struck by gruesome and mysterious murders.

An investigating cop with his prior knowledge of serial killers finds himself unveiling clues and chasing someone who doesn't have a face, name, motive and whereabouts. 'Cuttputlli' is perhaps one of the most gritty, intense and dramatically captured whodunnit thrillers of recent vintage. It keeps you at the edge of your seat throughout.

Pooja Entertainment's new-age thriller is helmed by Ranjit Tiwari and features Akshay Kumar, Rakul Preet Singh, Sargun Mehta and Chandrachur Singh in lead roles.

Pooja Entertainment has poured resources into creating a world which is so believable and real. The amount of work that has gone into creating detailed sets, characters and locations is impressive. 'Cuttputlli' is a classic example of vision, production, content and performance coming together to create one epic spectacle.

The director has not deviated from his brief and created this thrilling emotional ride, where you don't want to miss a beat. The film is an adaptation of a South Indian cult classic, but the Hindi adaptation could very well be called a standalone noir-thriller, which is a rarity.

A thriller is as good as its actors, working on little nuances, quick emotions and palpable



Review: Cuttputlli

Cast: Akshay Kumar, Rakul Preet Singh, Sargun Mehta, Chandrachur Singh and Hrishita Bhatt

Director: Ranjit M Tewari

fear; creating well-defined and detailed, yet conflicted characters, something we haven't seen very often in Indian Cinema.

Akshay Kumar, a mass star, takes a leap of faith and plays this multi-layered character, which could very well be his finest performance. He keeps shifting gears between being a cop and being human -- his character smartly unplugs clues and tracks details to identify the serial killer.

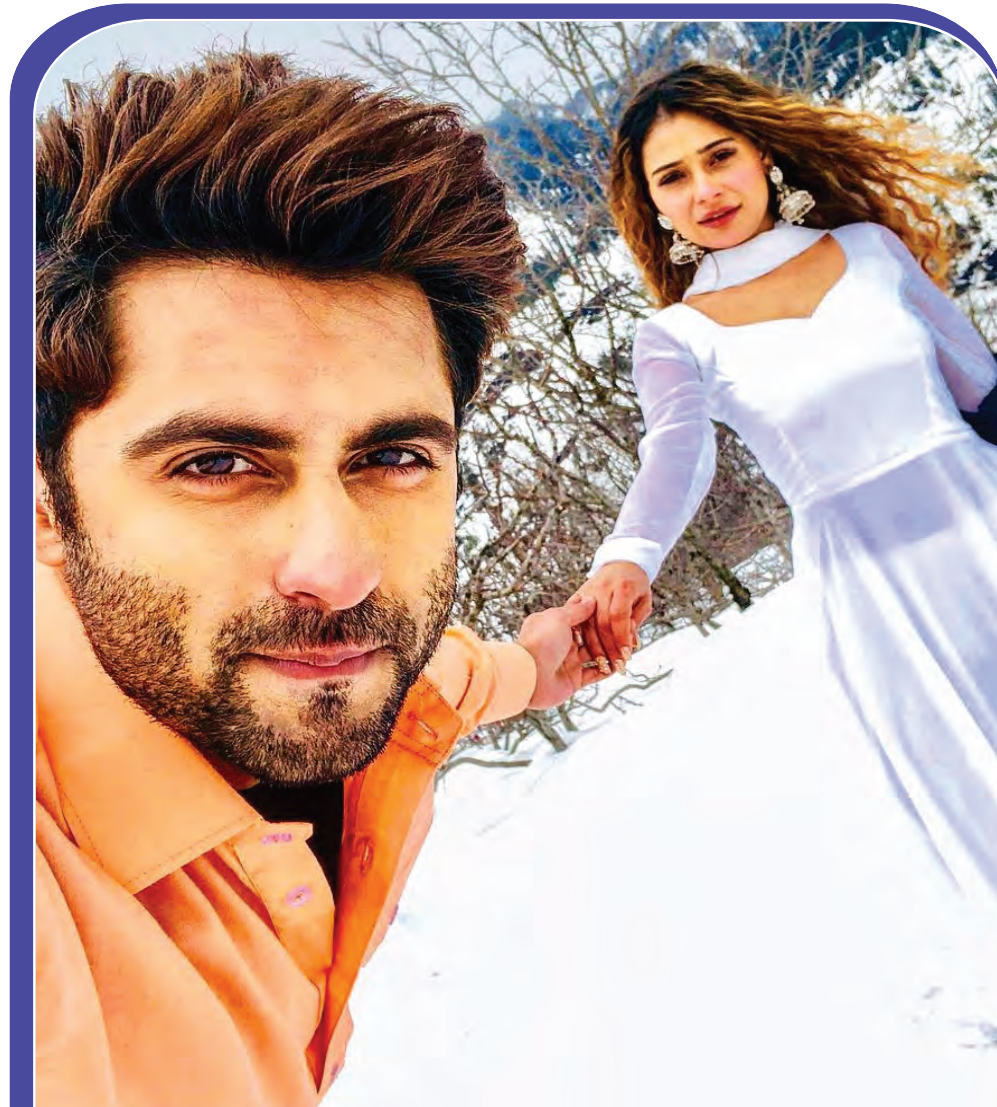
Rakul Preet Singh is just as amazing and navigates her way with subtle emotions and a fine

The characters played by Hrishita Bhatt and Gurpreet Ghuggi also add to the richness of the narrative.

The background music and the songs of the film keep the emotion quotient intact, and the pace is maintained. Mounting tension is a requirement of this genre and the composers have done exactly that.

This movie delivers a theatrical experience to your home. This is a well-made, well-crafted cinematic experience with outstanding performances. A highly recommended weekend watch!

Sara Khan and Ankit Bathla share a sizzling chemistry in their new song



ASKARI J AFFER

Actress Sara Khan who is currently seen in Spy Bahu and actor Ankit Bathla of Thapki Pyar Ki and Tu Sooraj

Main Saanjh, Piyaji fame comes together for a music video titled "Barsaat Ka Mausam Aaya" which is produced by Jagbir Dahiya and Kressydeep Kaur and directed by Sushma Sunam. Sung by Ritik Chauhan, the music album releases on Heartbeatz Music YouTube channel.

Sharing about her working experience in the song Sara says, "It was a wonderful experience working with Ankit and director Sushma. I really had a blast shooting not only because the song was amazing but also the beautiful locations which was decided by our producers. I'm so glad to be a part of this project because makers had really arranged everything so well. Also, Ankit and I know each other since long time. We wanted to work together and finally did it. It was very cooperative environment on set. Everything was so surreal and perfect."

Ankit Bathla shares about the song and his working experience with Sara. He states, "I really loved

the song and hence said yes to it. Sara is a very close friend of mine so when I got to know she is going the song, it was really amazing. The song is about love and ofcourse rain. You should expect a lot of great chemistry that will make you fall in love with the song. I must say the singer, choreographer and director has done a great job. So you will get to see a pure magical love. Working with Sara was almost a reunion as it was like getting down the memory lane and you will see that chemistry in the song."

Producers Jagbir Dahiya and Kressydeep Kaur adds on working with Sara and Ankit stating, "Sara is so innocent and Ankit is very professional. Both of them are such a pure soul, down to earth and very well spoken in nature. It didn't even felt like a shoot, it was like a family holiday because our location was really surreal. They really loved working with us and even we enjoyed associating with them. It's an all out romantic song which will make you fall in love in the reason of rain. We shot in beautiful location of Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. People will get to see a new couple and a sizzling chemistry."

Shankar calls Dhanush's 'Thiruchitrambalam' a beautiful movie

Ac director Shankar, who is now simultaneously directing Kamal Haasan-starrer 'Indian 2' and Telugu star Ram Charan's 'RC15', has showered praise on the recently released Dhanush-starrer 'Thiruchitrambalam', calling the film, 'a beautiful movie'.

Taking to Twitter, Shankar wrote: "'Thiruchitrambalam'. A beautiful movie. The beauty is in the lovely moments that follow the painful ones. Nithya Menon's character and superb performance seizes hearts, the writing by Mithran R Jawahar as well. #DNA at their best as usual. Love to Bharathiraja, Prakash Raj and the whole team."

Dhanush was quick to respond



to Shankar's praise.

The actor tweeted, "Thank you so much sir. This means a lot to me and my team."

The film has gone on to become an overwhelming success, making a good Rs 30 crores in the opening weekend itself. It has already crossed the Rs 60 crore mark in gross earnings worldwide.

'Thiruchitrambalam' has been doing brisk business not only in India but all over the world. In fact, the film's performance is one of the best overseas performances for a Dhanush film. 'Thiruchitrambalam' has already emerged as Dhanush's top grossing film in France with 10,000 entries.

Actress Amruta Khanvilkar, who has worked in Marathi cinema, made her Bollywood debut in 2007 with 'Mumbai Salsa' but gained the spotlight in 2009 with the music video 'Aye Hip Hopper', says despite being an established actor in any regional language it is never easy to get a break in Bollywood.

"I think Bollywood, in general, is very hard to crack for everybody, be it regional or Hindi-speaking people," said the 37-year-old actress, who gained popularity in 2010 with her Lavani dance performance 'Wajale ki bara' in the Marathi film 'Natarang'.

Amruta says Bollywood has a lot of stereotypes. "The thing about Bollywood is that there are a lot of stereotypes. Like, there are actors and then there are stars and superstars, so there is a lot of bifurcation unlike in Marathi industry. I've been fortunate because I have worked with a few of these great filmmakers, be it Meghna Gulzar, Milap Zaveri, or Mohit Suri," she says. Furthermore, she shares that OTT has equipped every actor with equal opportunities. "Today, because of OTT, because of so much content being produced, every actor from every region has an equal

Amruta Khanvilkar opens up on why it's hard for regional stars to break into B-Town

chance. Today, any outsider can come and make his mark in Bollywood," concluded the actress, who has appeared in supporting roles in films 'Raazi', 'Satyameva Jayate' and 'Malang'.

YOGI BABU-STARRER FANTASY FILM TITLED 'YAANAI MUGATHAAN'

Malayalam director Rejishh Midhila's upcoming Tamil fantasy film, in which comedian Yogi Babu plays the lead, has been titled 'Yaanai Mugathan'. Interestingly, the director, who is well-known in Malayalam film industry, is making his debut in Tamil with this film.

Sources close to the unit say that Yogi Babu plays a character called Ganesh in the film. Interestingly, the name of the character actor Ramesh Tilak plays in the film is Ganesh too.

"Both characters played by Yogi Babu and Ramesh Tilak respectively are called Ganesh. Ramesh Tilak plays an auto driver in the film and is extremely devoted to Lord Ganesha. His character has the habit of procuring a loan from every person he meets. His character often gets into problems by failing to pay the debts," says the source.

"In the film, Yogi Babu introduces himself as Vinayagar to Ramesh Tilak and makes a demand. As a result, a sudden set of developments happen, changing their lives. What happens then is what the story is about," the source adds.

The shooting of the film, which started in Chennai, continued in Rajasthan. Actress Oorvasi too will be seen playing a pivotal character in the film. She plays a character called 'Malli Akka', the owner of the apartment in which both Yogi Babu and Ramesh Tilak live.

Karunakaran plays a small pan masala shop owner called Michael.

Apart from the lead artistes, the film will also feature George Maryan, Hareesh Peradi, Kulapulli Leela ("Marudhu" Paati) and Nagavishal in important roles.



Sensational music director Anirudh Ravichander has launched the theatrical trailer of director Shree Karthick's Tamil-Telugu bilingual film, 'Oke Oka Jeevitham'.

Actor Sharwanand plays the lead in this film, which has been titled 'Kanam' in Tamil, along with Ritu Varma and Amala. The film is significant in Sharwanand's career as it happens to be his 30th film.

The trailer discloses the storyline, the emotional conflict, and also shows us the technical brilliance and grandeur in visuals. The film's story is about a young

and aspiring musician who has big dreams. But a personal loss makes him lead a soulless life. Although he has a girlfriend played by Ritu Varma to support him, he still feels alone and inefficient.

Then, life gives another chance, in the form of a scientist (Nasser) who discovers a time machine. The past is very emotional and at the same time, tragic as well. How he utilises the second chance forms the crux of the story.

Shree Karthick seems to have a promising story to offer. Expectations from the story, as well as the narrative, have risen after the trailer.

Producers SR Prakash Babu and SR Prabhu of Dream Warrior Pictures have made the film on a lavish scale and the grandness is evident from the trailer. 'Oke Oka Jeevitham' is scheduled to hit screens all around the world on September 9.

Div Com Jammu reviews Lumpy Skin disease control measures, Nasha Mukh Abhiyan activities in districts

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 03: Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting to review the measures taken by the District Administrations to control the Lumpy Skin Disease among dairy animals, besides promotion of Nasha Mukh Abhiyan.

The meeting was attended by Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Assistant Commissioners, while the Deputy Commissioners along with Chief Animal Husbandry officers and other concerned officials participated through video conferencing.

Threadbare discussions were held on the status of LSD and measures taken so far for its containment. The Div Com emphasized upon the Deputy Commissioners and concerned officers to generate mass awareness regarding precautions and treatment of

the infectious disease. The Div Com enquired



about the status of the action taken with respect to vaccination, ban on movement of animals, fogging, awareness, disposal of dead animals etc.

While reviewing the Lumpy Skin Disease treatment facilities available, the Div Com instructed

Director Animal Husbandry to ensure availability

of required medicines in all the districts, especially the most affected areas to tackle the spread timely.

The DCs were asked to ensure complete ban on inter-district movement and transportation of animals and called for strict enforcement by strengthening

Nakas.

The Div Com also asked the Deputy Commissioners and concerned Animal Husbandry Officers to take measures to isolate of the stray animals and safe disposal of dead animals. Fogging of dairies and other places including vulnerable areas was also stressed upon.

The activities and action plan of the districts under Nasha Mukh Abhiyan was also reviewed by the Div Com. "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan has been launched to focus on institutional support and community outreach programmes to make society free from all kinds of harmful addictions like alcohol, drugs abuse etc" he said.

The Div Com asked DCs to make action plans, appoint nodal officers and include all stakeholder departments in spreading

awareness against the drugs. He also emphasized on conducting Gram Sabhas in the Panchayats, holding meetings with PRIs to promote the campaign.

The Div Com advised for organizing pledge taking ceremonies in schools, painting competitions, seminars etc for awareness among youth.

The DCs were further asked to identify buildings for setting up Drug De-addiction Centres in the districts and ensure its functioning.

Meanwhile, the Div Com also reviewed the progress on verification of PM Kisan scheme beneficiaries.

The DCs appreciated the Div Com about the progress in their respective districts.

The Div Com directed all the DCs to speed up the process and complete the verification and uploading of data at the earliest.

BJP for impetus to Cooperative, Trade, Industry & Transport sectors in J&K: Rana

JAMMU September 03:- BJP is committed to give impetus to Cooperatives, Trade, Industry and Transport Sector in J&K to be a part of the transformed growth story of the country under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

CEO McKinsey & Co. Mr. Bob Sternfels in a recent observation has said, 'It is not India's decade, its India's century' and this is due to the revolutionary, transformative initiatives taken by the BJP Government led by world leader Prime Minister Modi in the last eight years.

Speaking to the convenors and co-convenors of co-convenors of the Cooperatives, Transport and Industries and Traders Cells of the BJP, here this afternoon, Mr. Rana said we must all work to revive the Cooperative sector in J&K and fast track growth Industry, Trade & Transport sector in J&K to work towards Naya Jammu & Kashmir. He highlighted the crucial importance of the cooperatives, saying this sector can be a game changer in transforming rural and urban economy. The outreach of the cooperatives is equally vital for growth and employment generation, he added.

Cooperative Cell Convenor Sanjeev Sharma, Co Conveners Omkar Padha, Ravi Bakshi, Sham Gupta, Transport Cell Convenor Ashu Mahajan, Co Conveners

Roshan Sharma, Parvesh Bali, Industries and Traders Cell Convenor Shyam Langer, Co conveners Indu Bhushan, Sanjay Mahajan, Rajinder Pinki Jain and Chamel Singh were present in the meeting.

Mr. Rana said due to relentless efforts of the Prime Minister, Jammu and Kashmir is on transformational mode with the industry and services sectors getting fivefold increase in investments, which is itself a record during the past 75 years. That the Prime Minister himself launched the ambitious initiative involving investment of Rs 30,000 crore on April 24 this year is reflective of the keenness of the BJP to make Jammu and Kashmir as a model of change, he said, adding that more than doubling of the investment to Rs 75,000 crore is sure to give big fillip to industrial sector.

He said the transport, trade and commerce have held the economy in most testing times and promotion of these sectors is top on the agenda of the BJP especially as these generate a lot of jobs to skilled and unskilled workforce. He said the Cell will endeavour for seeking timely interventions of all concerned for addressing the issues confronting these sectors. For this purpose, a close coordination with the stakeholders will be ensured, he said.

DC Kishtwar interacts with civil society members

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 03: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav on Saturday convened an introductory meeting with civil society members including representatives of Socio-religious organisations, Beopar Mandal, Traders Association and NGOs here at Conference Hall of New DC Office Complex.

ADDC, Sham Lal; ADC, Kishori Lal Sharma; ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak; Tehsildar Headquarter, Chander Shakhur Sharma; DySP (HQ), Ashish Gupta and other officers also attended the meeting.

During their maiden meeting with DC, the prominent citizens of Kishtwar put forth major public issues before him for early redressal. The projected issues included

improvement in sanitation, augmentation of health facilities, check on rates of medicines, upgradation of drainage system, road system, eviction of encroachments in Municipal area, check on proliferation of drug abuse, blacktopping of Shree Sarthal Devi Ji Road, resolving the problems of senior citizens, creation of job avenues for youth. They further demanded holding regular meetings with Civil Society members.

All the participants called for maintaining peace and brotherhood in the district and concrete measures to make Kishtwar a Drug abuse free district. Appreciating the communal harmony and brotherhood maintained by the people of the district, the Deputy Commissioner assured

the participants that such public meetings shall be convened on regular intervals to assess the demands and problems of common masses and redressal thereof.

He assured the members of the civil society present in the meeting that whatever needed would be done for the holistic and inclusive development of Kishtwar District.

Regarding checking the rates of medicines, he assured that rates and the stocks of the pharmacy shops shall be checked shortly and a comprehensive monitoring mechanism would be put in place. Regarding the issue of up-gradation of drainage system in the Town area, he said the Executive Officer Municipal Council has been served a notice under Section 133 CrPC to explain.

CJM Court restrains interference in land reserved for construction of shops for Migrants: R&RC (M)

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 03: Taking cognizance of the unwarranted interference and encroachment on Government land, (reserved for construction of shops in Lane No- 14 Migrant camp Jagti Nagrota), by a group of persons, the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jammu has restrained any kind of interference in the construction of shops meant for Migrants.

As per the office of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, "Shadi Lal Pandita, Inderjeet Labroo and Poshkar Nath, in the grab of religion had unauthorizedly constructed a temple on the said plot of land and were trying to encroach further. Despite being restrained by the Relief Organisation these habitual encroachers were trying to encroach upon the said piece of land in the garb of religion and trying to instigate

camp inmates on emotional and religious lines. The Relief Organisation besides lodging an FIR and bringing the case to the notice of Deputy Commissioner and SSP Jammu, also filed an application before Hon'ble Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jammu. The Hon'ble Court, after considering the case on merits concluded that the balance of convenience lies in favour of Relief Organisation and the refusal of indulgence by the Court Could entail irreparable loss to the Government Department and the Government property. The Hon'ble Court of CJM Jammu vide order Dated: 31/08/2022 has restrained the encroachers from any interference in the construction of shops".

The Relief Organisation has further warned against "Indulging in the encroachment of Govt.

Road in Shambles Dilapidated Road Causing Inconvenience To People Near Mirza Morh Surankote To Buzliar

KAMRAN ALI KAZMI

It is pertinently that Mirza Morh Surankote to Buzliar road has been in dilapidated conditions since long causing great inconvenience to the locals while the Govt seems to be in slumber.

The 10Km long Mirza morh surankote to Buzliar road, has been in dilapidated condition since long Time but the Successive Govt has shown a lackadaisical attitude to repair this road to facilitate vehicular Movement.

The road has developed pitches and pot holes at many places making the journey in vehicles treacherous and risky especially for patients and Pregnant women.

Due to pathetic condition of the road, students and employees face immense hardships to reach their respective destinations.

The residents accused the concerned deptt and Govt for not maintaining the road and showing apathy over this issue. Students, Employees and patients besides general public faces a lot of difficulties. This problem manifests during rainy season, thus making roads accident prone, said locals.



Higher ups several times But our requests met with deaf ears, said a villager from Buzliar.

The passenger vehicles have suffered damages due to bad condition of the roads. "Our vehicles have got heavy damages due to dilapidated condition of the road," a Sumo driver said.

The road is totally in dilapidated Condition since long time, but the authorities have failed to even pay a visit to ascertain the damages of this road said another local.

Meanwhile Social Activist from surankote Mohd Sayeed Mirza, Taxi Agent Younis Khan urged Govt that road from Mirza Morh to Buzliar will be repaired at an earliest to ease the worries of people of area he added.

while talking with Media Person said that the road was meant to be completed As Soon As Possible but unfortunately due to the continuous hole patches this project remains pending. But one year end the road will not be maddened.

DDC Rajouri discusses measures to improve Good Governance Index ranking

RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 03: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today chaired a meeting to discuss the modalities to improve the Good Governance Index ranking of the district.

Detailed deliberations were held on the performance of different sectors including Agriculture and Allied Sectors, Commerce & Industries, Human Resource Development, Public Health, Public Infrastructure & Utilities, Economic Governance, Social Welfare & Development, Judicial & Public Security, Environment and Citizen-Centric Governance under Good Governance Index.

Addressing the meeting, the DDC said that the Good Governance Index is a uniform tool to assess the status of Governance and the impact of different interventions of the Government in the larger public interest.

He asked the officers to analyse the last Good Governance Index and plan a strategy to bridge the gaps, if any, to achieve the desired results.

The DDC also asked the concerned officers to put in place added efforts to provide best possible services to the common masses so that they don't face any inconveniences.

Union Secretary FCS&CA appreciates working of department in J&K

Commends efforts in Aadhar seeding, automation, digital services; calls for dispelling doubts regarding fortified food grains

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 3: 'India's handling of food security during Covid crisis has been globally acknowledged and applauded at several international fora, including the World Trade Organisation, United Nations World Food Programme and a Ministers' Meeting at international level. In addition to serving its own people, the Government also helped people from other nations during these crises.' The remarks were made by Union Secretary Food & Public Distribution Department, Sudhanshu Pandey on his two day visit to J&K, for reviewing the working of Food and Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department in the region.

In a meeting held at the Civil Secretariat, a detailed presentation was made by Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Zubair Ahmad to present the efforts of the department in making PDS in J&K transparent, credible and dependable, where the Secretary was informed

that e-POS machines have been installed at all 6735 sale outlets in J&K, 100 percent Aadhar seeding has been achieved at all levels in PDS and Aadhar drawn transactions have crossed 91. He was apprised that J&K stands 9th in India in terms of number of transactions made so far under One Nation One Ration Card scheme. He was apprised also that an MoU has also been signed with CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd, to leverage ePoS devices to deliver CSC services. 2633 outlets have been provided IDs and 769 of these are already active.

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BJP committed to safeguard interests of people, uphold their rights: Slathia

JAMMU SEPTEMBER 03:- Saying that the BJP is committed to fulfill the urges and aspirations of people, the Vice President and former minister Mr Surjeet Singh Slathia today exhorted the functionaries and Karyakartas to further intensify the mass outreach programme for having on-the-spot assessment of problems confronted by the residents and seeking their redressal at appropriate levels.

"Safeguarding the interests of the people and upholding their rights is political philosophy of the BJP". Mr Slathia said while addressing the party's Legal, Human Rights and Refugee Cell at the Trikuta Nagar headquarters here this morning.

Mr Slathia, who is also Prabhari of the Cell, referred to the initiatives taken by the BJP for empowerment of the refugees and mitigating their

difficulties over the years, saying ensuring ease of their



lives is a priority. He said the party has consistently worked towards mitigating their issues and will continue to do so in order to improving their socio-economic conditions.

Mr Slathia welcomed the

other participants of the Cell at its maiden meeting after

visible at the grass roots level. He asserted that the party had full confidence and trust in the new appointees as the cadre right from the bottom to top to strive for providing selfless service to the common people at the grass root level. He said efforts would be redoubled to provide succour to the common people as per the priorities fixed in the BJP agenda.

"The Karyakartas will have stand up to the expectations of the party and to cover every single voter at grass roots level", Mr Slathia added.

Those present on the occasion included Ved Sharma Co Incharge, all the convenors and co convenors of the Legal, Refugee and Human Rights cells Rajesh Thappa, Ashok Khajuria, Kulbir Charak, Shashi Pal Vaid, Arvind Khajuria, Depesh Singh, Man Mohan Singh and Naman Malik.

Trumpeting smart city when people craving for water, power shows Govt's duplicity: Rattan Lal Gupta

JAMMU September 3rd : Boasting of making Jammu a Smart City when on ground the people are craving for basic amenities like regular purified water supply and uninterrupted power shows the hypocrisy of government of J&K.

This was stated by Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President National Conference in a statement issued here today to counter false claims of J&K administration after inaugurating fourteen projects under the Smart City initiative.

Exposing the J&K Government's inefficiency in providing purified regular water supply and uninterrupted power, Gupta said that the government which has miserably failed to ensure potable water and uninterrupted power supply to the people is promising moon and stars to them which is sheer injustice as dismal public infrastructure, poor public services and murky civic edifice has become the trademark of the incumbent dispensation in J&K and talking big over smart city initiative is nothing but a new way to divert attention of the people from the real issues. "Only by laying foundation stones of projects things cannot be changed because the

dilapidated road infrastructure, broken bridges, poor management of public services and edifice is testimony to the fact that everything is not right under the present dispensation as whatever is being trumpeted is to divert the attention of the people from the burning issues like poor education, health, civic infrastructure in J&K", he, said adding that people will not get satisfied by only making bogus promises but the government has to do real work on ground.

The senior NC President said that in spite of availability of huge funds under the RAPDRP Project still the Jammuites facing power scarcity and the poles, wires and junction boxes fitted are of poor quality. "The government is doing nothing except making false promises as can be gauged well by the protests and demonstrations by the people of Bahu Fort, Janipur, Paloura and many other areas seeking purified regular water supply and uninterrupted power supply. He said that since 2014, the National Conference had been asking for stopping discrimination with the Jammu province. He said that NC's point has been vindicated.

DIPR Cultural wing organises cultural programme in MC Khalsa High School

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 03: Cultural Wing of Department of Information & Public Relations today organized a cultural programme here in MC Khalsa High School.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

My Youth My Pride...

and women. It has inculcated a winner's instinct among youth and kindled hopes of an ascent in sporting performance in national and international games. J&K Sports Council has successfully completed many key infrastructure projects which are playing an essential role in training the youth in different sports. Our sportspersons are setting an example by continued pursuit of excellence in various disciplines, high levels of sporting ethics in games and the larger vision of making J&K UT a land of champions," the Lt Governor added.

Lauding the efforts of Sports Associations and Sports Council for regular engagement of athletes and reviving the culture of night football matches in various districts, the Lt Governor said that we are proud of the fact that thousands of athletes, coaches and sports officials around the UT are making valuable contributions and ensuring path-breaking achievements.

The Lt Governor said with the focus on talent search & training and creation of Sports Academies for achieving excellence, Sports Council is attracting the best and brightest talents. He said with the help of veteran sportspersons, schools and coaches, the Sports Council is working to ensure young generation get to play a variety of sports and everyone has the opportunity to develop strong skill-set.

“We should all make concerted efforts to motivate youth to put their best efforts in games so that the J&K UT benefits through a vigorous and dynamic sporting talent pool and sportspersons can become crucial partners in the development journey,” the Lt Governor further added.

It is pertinent to mention that during Phase-I of the ‘My Youth My Pride’ more than 8.5 Lakh youth from across the UT had participated, while 13.74 Lakh youth to be engaged in Phase-II.

India’s new...

looms and started the work proudly day and night on the project to complete it ahead a month of the deadline”, Khan said.

He said the main aim of the project was the Kashmiri carpet should reach to the places where it would get proper notice and the art will further flourish which almost has gone down due to less demand across the globe.

He said the handmade traditional Kashmiri handicrafts including Carpets declined for the past several years due to less demand in the world and hopefully “I am sure that now it will get the recognition again not only in India but all over the world”.

When asked why he chooses Silk-on-Silk for the carpets to be floored in the Indian Parliament, he said “the Silk made carpets were almost shelved due to its less demand as the export of it was stopped. Silk cotton was exported earlier, but that too could not be continued”.

He said “we have started weaving Silk-on-Silk carpets almost after four years and it was the demand of the company who have provided us the order”. He said the carpets will give a perfect look and shine only on Silk-on-Silk nature carpets, not on any other material made carpet”.

He said “we did not face any problem in making the carpets, even everybody including weavers and my all staff wholeheartedly supported us to complete this project”.

Khan gave 80 percent credit to his weavers who have shown their caliber and dedication and worked hard day and night to take this project to its logical conclusion.

“It is a proud moment for the carpet industry of Kashmir and hopefully in future such orders will pour from other parts of the country as well as from the international fora”, Khan said.

India becomes...

India has a population 20 times that of the UK and so its GDP per capita is lower.

“We just became the 5th largest #economy in the world, surpassing the UK!,” tweeted Anil Agarwal, chairman of mining giant Vedanta group. “What an impressive milestone for our rapidly growing Indian economy... In a few years, we will be in Top 3!”

India's GDP expanded 13.5 per cent in the April-June quarter, the quickest pace in a year, to retain the world's fastest growing economy tag but rising interest costs and the looming threat of a recession in major world economies could slow the momentum in the coming quarters.

Gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 13.5 per cent year-on-year compares to a 20.1 per cent expansion a year back and 4.09 per cent growth in the previous three months to March, according to official data released earlier this week.

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Pent-up demand is driving consumption as consumers, after two years of pandemic restrictions, are stepping out and spending. The services sector has seen a strong bounce back that will get a boost from the festival season next month.

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Court restrains...

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The Relief Organization has further warned against “Indulging in the encroachment of Government property or has encroached upon any such property to immediately vacate the same within 15 days, failing which all such encroachers shall have to bear severe legal consequences.”

Hybrid LeT militant...

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India’s food...

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Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Zubair Ahmad; Director FCS&CA Jammu, Dr Naseem Javaid; General Manager FCI Jammu, HS Dhaliwal; Joint Director FCS&CA Jammu, Ashok Kumar; Assistant Directors of the department, among various other senior officers were present at the meeting with the Secretary.

Azad set to...

public rally in Jammu, a close aide of the former chief minister said on the eve of the public meeting.

Azad would be accorded a grand reception on his arrival from Delhi Sunday morning, and a procession would accompany him to the venue of the public meeting at the Sainik Colony, former minister G M Saroori said.

Saroori is among over two dozen prominent legislators who resigned from the Congress in support of Azad.

The 73-year-old Azad is likely to announce the formation of his own political party.

Azad, 73, ended his five-decade association with the Congress on August 26, terming the party “comprehensively destroyed”. He also lashed out at Rahul Gandhi for “demolishing” the party’s entire consultative mechanism.

Since Azad’s resignation, a former deputy chief minister, eight former ministers, a former MP, nine legislators besides a large number of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, municipal corporators and grassroots workers from across Jammu and Kashmir defected to the Azad camp.

Hoardings and banners welcoming Azad have been put up at the Satwari chowk along the Jammu-Airport road and in the route leading to the venue of the public rally, where seating arrangements for over 20,000 people have been made.

“All those who resigned in support of Azad will be present at the public meeting,” Saroori, who was busy over the past week in making arrangements for the public meeting, told PTI.

He said over 3,000 supporters of Azad, representing different sections of society, have expressed desire to join hands with him at the public meeting.

“It is very difficult to manage such a large number of joining we have worked out a formula to make them raise their hands in support of Azad to welcome the new entrants,” he said.

He said people from different political parties are also in touch with them and “we are expecting a tsunami of support in favor of Azad in coming times.”

“People have tested Azad during his chief ministership (from November 2005 to July 2008) and are eagerly waiting for his return as the next chief minister, he said.

He said the Azad-led party would be a reality on the political map of Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the next Assembly elections which are likely to be held after the completion of the ongoing process of special summary revision of the electoral rolls on November 25.

India's first Night...

A tripartite MoU was signed recently among the UT administration, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) for launching the Dark Space Reserve.

Jitendra Singh said that all the stakeholders will jointly work towards the preservation of the night sky from unwanted light pollution and illumination, which is a serious threat to scientific observations and natural sky conditions.

"It may be noted that Hanle is best suited for the project as it is located in Ladakh's cold desert region, away from any form of human disturbance and clear sky conditions and dry weather conditions exist throughout the year," the minister added.

The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R.K. Mathur called on Singh to discuss projects on the leather centre, Leh Berry, Education Fair and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) supported schemes.

Jitendra Singh conveyed to LG, Ladakh that from next year, the Department of Science and Technology will establish a distinct and huge pavilion for Ladakh Education Fair, which will be an annual feature as announced by Mathur.

The Minister said, DST will actively participate in cor-

rect subject choice, scholarships, career guidance, skills development and apprenticeship with the prime focus of employability of youth, an official said.

The minister further said that a high-level delegation of scientists and officials from Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai will visit Ladakh by the end of this year to explore the possibility of setting up a regional branch of CLRI, as the UT has a very rich and wide variety of animals for leather research and industry and to promote bio-economy of animal skin-derived products.

Jitendra Singh also thanked the Ladakh administration for taking the decision to start the commercial plantation of "Leh Berry", which is gaining popularity in the entire region.

COVID-19: J&K...

division and 2432 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin also informs that 10,805 doses of COVID Vaccine have been administered in the last 24 hours across Jammu and Kashmir bringing the cumulative number of doses administered to 24357096 till date.

The Bulletin further said that out of 26485715 test results available, 478220samples have tested positive and 26007495 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 8890 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 6698852 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 169 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 966in isolation and 387 in home surveillance. Besides, 6692548 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 39 cases, Baramulla reported 18 cases, Budgam 22 cases, Pulwama reported 07 case, Kupwara reported 04 cases, Anantnag reported 01 case, Bandipora reported 02 cases, Ganderbal reported 02 cases, Kulgam reported 14 cases while as Shopian also reported no fresh cases for today.

Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 10 cases, Udhampur 00, Rajouri 01, Doda 02, Kathua 00, Samba 09, Kishtwar 04, Poonch 02, Ramban 00and Reasi also reported no fresh case for today.

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

It also informs that the public can reach national helpline by dialling 1075.

Further the bulletin also informs the public that for any kind of COVID-19 query, logon to www.covidrelief.jk.gov.in

The readers can also reach us on the official Twitter account of DIPR-J&K @diprjk; website: http:// www.jkdirinf.in; Webportal: jkinfonews.com and Facebook: @dipr.jammu.kashmir

Noted journalist...

for heavenly abode at around 03:00 AM and her Nimaze-Janaza will be held at 11:30 am today in Gamroo.

Meanwhile, several journalist associations, politicians and civil society members expressed sympathy with the bereaved family and prayed for the departed soul.

Headlines Today team condoles the sad demise, and express solidarity with the bereaved family and prays for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Couple injured as...

was on way to forests for grazing their cattle.

He said the injured couple was shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment and later referred to a Srinagar hospital for specialized treatement.

The official identified the couple as Ghulam Yahya son of Habibullah and his wife Zulekha Begum of Pingla Haridal area of Karnah.

Punjab couple held...

car when they were intercepted by police, leading to the major drugs haul.

The accused, hailing from Ram Tirth Road in Punjab's Amritsar, are inter-state drug smugglers and a case under the relevant provisions of law has been registered against them, the officer said.

15 vehicles, JCB...

other areas on 01 September, 2022 and intervening night of 01 and 02 September 2022.

As per reports, the operation was carried out by Geology and Mining Department in various areas of District Anantnag including Checki Rajwali, Damjan, Shankerpora, Mehmoabad, Dooru and Larkhipora with the help of police from Qazigund and Dooru police stations as a result of which 01 JCB, 15 vehicles including 11 tractors, 03 tippers and 01 screener were seized.

After seizure the vehicles were retained by respective police stations till realization of penalty from the offenders as per the rules of Geology and Mining Department.

Non-local laborer...

to retrieve his body.

An official said the incident took place when a group of men was extracting sand from the Jhelum at Badripora Kawini village this morning.

He said during extraction one non-local laborer slipped into the river, following which rescue operation was launched in the area.

The official identified the laborer as Mohammad Aadil (19) of Bihar.

Probe ordered...

showing students carrying a domestic cylinder to their school located on a hilltop.

The video, which has gone viral, shows the students of Government Middle School Upper Bhatidhar, Mendhar in uniform struggling as they pulled the LPG cylinder with a rope through a narrow track between green fields, passing obstacles along the way.

The person who shared the video questioned the school management for making the students take up such a task.

The sub-divisional magistrate has ordered a probe, a senior official said.

“Strict action as per law would be taken if anyone is found guilty,” he added.

State Taxes dpt...

was noticed, records were seized and action as warranted under the provisions of the Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 was initiated against the defaulting hoteliers.

The department will continue with such practice in future as well to ensure that no business is carried out in the name of hotel industry causing any kind of loss to the Govt Exche-

At DH Kulgam, a medical officer 'rules' entire hospital

KULGAM: A medical officer posted at District hospital Kulgam is allegedly trying to rule entire hospital and whosoever objects him from doing so faces the music.

Staff posted at DH Kulgam told news agency that a medical officer (MS orthopedics) who was given a charge of Medical Superintendent for sometime, however, later new medical superintendent was posted is trying to become boss of the hospital.

A staff member who wished not to be named said that a medical officers who hardly attends OPD is just trying to become boss of hospital and he forwards complaint of employee to higher ups, if anyone objects so as to get him transferred.

He is indulging in such activities which are not his domain besides that he tries to keep only those employees in hospital who are supporting him, he said.

He said that despite order from CMO that in absence of Medical Superintendent, Dr Tufail will affairs of the hospital but that order is also thrown in winds and this doctors spends most of his time in office of Medical Superintendent so that he can feed positive things about employees who aren't objecting him anywhere and negative things about those who aren't accepting him boss.

Staff members have requested higher ups to look into the matter and constitute a committee to investigate these things on ground after that take action as per law.

Meanwhile Chief Medical Officer Kulgam Dr Rafiq Ahmad Dhoobi told KNO that compliants against this medical officer have been already brought in his notice and we working on it to verify them and appropriate action will be taken if found involved.

Will take cognizance of all compliants against him and i have brought it in notice of DC concerned as well and all issues will be investigated after that appropriate action will be taken, he said—(KNO)

Donation boxes of ‘salesmen’ removed from shrines: Darakshan Andrabi

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board chairperson, Darakshan Andrabi on Saturday said that donation boxes of “salesmen” have been removed from shrines and some people are trying to play politics over it.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here, Andrabi, as per the news agency said that the order issued about unethical practices at shrines cannot be revoked and some people are trying to play politics over the issue.

Terming Mujavirs at shrines as salesmen, she also said that their donation boxes have been removed, which paved the way for devotees to visit these shrines without facing any harrasment.

“The orders cannot be revoked and will be implemented in letter and spirit. The devotees have heaved a sigh of relief after the order was implemented,” she said—(KNO)

Pak army returns Poonch man missing since August 30

POONCH: Pakistani army on Saturday evening returned a man from Poonch, who had inadventently crossed over to the other side of the Line of Control recently.

An official told the news agency, the man identified as Mohammad Rashid (30) of Degwar Terwan village of Poonch had crossed over to the other side of the LoC a few days ago.

He said that a missing report was also lodged in police station on August 30 and search les were also launched to trace him.

He added that today, however, Pakistan army returned the man today evening from Chakan Da Bagh cross LoC point in Poonch.

The official further said that the man is presently being questioned—(KNO)

CEO to hold meeting with political parties on Monday; All major parties invited

SRINAGAR: Amid controversy over voting rights to non-locals in Jammu & Kashmir, the Union Territory's chief electoral officer has invited all major political parties for a meeting with him on Monday over special summary revision of electoral rolls.

Ahead of unveiling of draft electoral rolls, J&K's CEO Hirdesh Kumar has sent invitation letters to political parties for a meeting with him on September 5 at Nirvanchan Bhavan, Jammu over the issues related to special summary revision of electoral rolls.

“All major parties including NC, BJP, Congress, Peoples Conference and Peoples Democratic Party have been invited by the CEO's office for the meeting scheduled on Monday at 4:00 PM,” an official in the CEO's office told news agency.

Talking to KNO, Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool said that they will participate in the meeting. BJP's general secretary (organization) Ashok Koul confirmed that they have been invited for the meeting.

This comes amid an ongoing controversy over the chief electoral officer's remarks that J&K will get additional 20-25 lakh voters including outsiders after special summary revision of voters.

While political parties have been communicated that the meeting has been convened over special summary revision of voters, sources said CEO may also clear apprehensions and misgivings arising out of his press conference.

After the CEO's press conference, J&K administration had dismissed reports of a likely addition of 2.5 million voters after the summary revision of electoral rolls and termed the controversy a “misrepresentation of facts by vested interests”.

The CEO's statement faced a political backlash with Farooq Abdullah chairing an all-party meeting over the issue. The political parties, which were part of APM, termed the voting rights to non-locals as “unacceptable” and said if need arises, they will approach the court against the move.

Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone has also announced that he will go on hunger strike if an attempt is made to change the electoral demography of J&K.

The Election Commission of India would unveil draft electoral rolls on September 15 and claims/ objections can be filed upto October 25.

The final electoral roll would be published on November 25—(KNO)

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Meanwhile, it is impressed upon all Hotels/ guest houses/ restaurants/ private coaching centers/ beauty parlours/ cable operators and others who provide rental services to get their businesses registered with State Taxes Kashmir within a period of 07 days from the publication of this news to avoid any legal/penal action under Goods and Services Taxes Act, 2017 against them.

Biden to host Pacific leaders in bid to counter China’s clout

WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden will host leaders of Pacific Island nations at a Sept 28-



29 gathering in Washington, the White House said on Friday, the latest US effort to step up ties with a region increasingly courted by China.

The summit will reflect the United States “broadening and deepening cooperation on key issues such as climate change, pandemic response, economic recovery, maritime security, environmental protection, and advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific”, the White House said in a statement.

An administration official said the White House had invited 12 Pacific Islands countries, including the Solomon Islands, which in April struck a security pact with

China, heightening Washington’s concern about Beijing’s growing influence.



The Solomon Islands, which switched its ties to Beijing from Taiwan in 2019, is a focal point in the escalating competition between China and the United States in the strategically vital region.

The Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, and Fiji were also invited, as well as the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, and Tuvalu, which Taiwan counts among its 14 diplomatic allies.

The White House did not provide details on which countries had confirmed attendance for the summit, which had been signalled as a priority by US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman during a

trip to the region last month.

During that trip, Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare skipped a planned appearance with Sherman at a World War Two commemoration, and later that month his government did not respond to a US coast guard vessel’s

Turkey Can Mediate In Ukraine Nuclear Plant Standoff, Recep Erdogan Tells Vladimir Putin

Istanbul: Turkey can mediate in a standoff over Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station which is occupied by Moscow’s troops, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Saturday. “President Erdogan stated that Turkey can play a facilitator role in the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, as they did in the grain deal,” the Turkish presidency said, referring to a grain export agreement signed in July by Kyiv and Moscow with the United Nations and Turkey as guarantors.

Last month, Erdogan warned of the danger of a nuclear disaster when he visited Lviv for talks with his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky. “We are worried. We do not want another Chernobyl,” the Turkish leader had said. There has been growing alarm over Europe’s largest nuclear plant, Zaporizhzhia, which is under Russian control. Ukraine

request to refuel.

The United States has stepped up engagement with Pacific Islands countries under Biden, sending several senior official delegations and announcing plans to open embassies in the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, and Tonga.



on Friday said it bombed a Russian base in the nearby town of Energodar, destroying three artillery systems as well as an ammunition depot. A 14-strong team from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) visited Zaporizhzhia, with the UN nuclear watchdog’s chief, Rafael Grossi, saying that the site had been damaged in fighting. Turkey, which has friendly ties with both Moscow and Kyiv, has supplied Ukraine with drones and refused to join Western sanctions against Russia. Before meeting with Zelensky, Erdogan met with Putin in Sochi where the two countries.

Floods in Pakistan pose a threat to Afghanistan food supply, warns UN

GENEVA: The devastating floods in Pakistan will place huge strains on efforts to get food into Afghanistan to relieve its catastrophic humanitarian crisis, the United Nations warned on Friday.

The UN’s World Food Programme said much of the food aid transited through Pakistan by road — a network that has been severely affected by the worst floods in the country’s history. “We’re focused absolutely on the needs of the people in Pakistan right now but the ramifications of what we’re experiencing here go wider,” WFP’s Pakistan country director Chris Kaye said.

“We’re becoming very, very concerned about the overall food security, not only in Pakistan in the immediate and medium term, but also for what it’s going to imply for the operations in Afghanistan.

“Pakistan provides a vital supply route into Afghanistan,” he said. Large amounts of its food enter via the port of Karachi.

“With roads that have been washed away, that presents us with a major logistical challenge,” Kaye told reporters in Geneva, via video-link from Dubai.

“WFP has procured over 320,000 tonnes in the past year to support operations in Afghanistan. The floods in Pakistan are going to put a huge dent in that capability.”

He said there was a “major problem” in restoring agricultural production in Pakistan to feed its own people and continue supplying food to Afghanistan. A further issue was that the wheat harvest was being stored



in flooded areas of Pakistan, and “a large proportion of the wheat has been washed away”.

He said the food security situation in Pakistan was “grave” even before the floods, with 43 per cent of people food insecure and the country ranking at 92 out of 116 on the Global Hunger Index.

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Lanka Ex-President Gets Official Residence, Security On Return: Report

Sri Lanka’s ousted President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was provided on Saturday with an official residence and security by the government after he returned to the country he had fled in July during economic unrest, two senior officials said.

Rajapaksa fled in the early hours of July 13 after massive protests engulfed Colombo and demonstrators enraged with the economic devastation barged into his official residence and office.

He resigned after arriving in Singapore and later traveled to Thailand.

A Sri Lanka government spokesman and the president’s office did not immediately reply to emails seeking comment on Rajapaksa’s return.

The former president met with a group of ruling party members and lawmakers at the airport early on Saturday before being whisked to the residence allocated by the government.

A senior official said Rajapaksa has not indicated his plans.

“What he told us last night was that he needs some time as he wasn’t even allowed to step out of his room due to security reasons,” one official said, adding Rajapaksa had not been allowed to go to the gym.

“Once he has spent some time at home he will let us know what he wants to do,” said the official, who asked not to be named. Sri Lanka, grappling with one its worst economic crisis since independence, this week reached a staff-level agreement with the International Monetary Fund for a loan of \$2.9 billion. The former president met with a group of ruling party members and lawmakers at the airport early on Saturday before being whisked to the residence allocated by the government.

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AAP Winning 7 Of 12 Seats In Surat: Arvind Kejriwal Warns Of “Anger”

Ahmedabad: The BJP is anxious about losing Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s home state in the elections later this year, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Saturday, claiming that people were “very angry” about the “rising hooliganism” demonstrated by a recent attack on an Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader.

“Six crore people of Gujarat who learning about the attack on Manoj Sorathiya are very angry. They cracked his head in front of God. This is not the culture of our country. This is not Hindu culture. This is not the culture of Gujarat,” the AAP chief said at a news conference in Rajkot.

“The people of Surat are very angry ever since the attack. We have done a survey in Surat and found that AAP is winning seven out of 12 seats,” he said, announcing



that he would be performing an ‘aarti’ this evening at the Ganesh pandal in Surat where Mr Sorathiya was attacked.

“This is the kind of attack you do when you’re losing. The BJP is anxious about defeat. I want to tell them, that till now you were dealing with the Congress, but we are not Congress. We believe in Sardar Patel and Bhagat Singh. We are not afraid, we will fight,” Mr Kejriwal said. He accused the BJP of

engineering a media blackout of the AAP in Gujarat. “They have asked the media not to speak to AAP people, not call them for debates. So I am asking people to set social media on fire,” he said.

To the BJP’s foot soldiers, dubbed ‘panna pramukhs’ because they are in charge of campaigning to people on individual pages of voter lists, he said, “Many good people are working for the BJP. I want to appeal to you, what have you got? Did they give you schools or hospitals? Stay there, but work for us. Take their payment, but work for us.”

Mr Kejriwal has been on an all-out campaign to displace the BJP from the state that has been ruled by the party for 24 years, mounting multiple visits in the past few months ahead of this year’s elections.

Nitish Kumar’s Opposition Unity Call For 2024 After BJP’s Manipur Coup

New Delhi: A day after five of six MLAs of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar’s Janata Dal (United) in Manipur joined the ruling BJP, a war of words over each other’s political decimation has ensued between the former coalition partners. Bihar BJP MP and Nitish Kumar’s former long time deputy Sushil Kumar Modi last night taunted the JD(U) over its MLA switching sides, and said the party will collapse in Bihar as well very soon. “After Arunachal, Manipur is also JDU free. Very soon Laluji will make Bihar also JDU free,” he tweeted in Hindi. Mr Kumar’s close aide and JD(U) national President Rajiv Ranjan Singh then hit back, asking Mr Modi not to “daydream” and dared him that the BJP would be wiped out in 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He accused the BJP of not adhering to coalition “dharma” in Arunachal Pradesh, where all seven of its MLAs have now merged with the ruling party, and pointed out that PM Modi after 42 rallies could win only 53 seats in the 243-strong Bihar



Vidhan Sabh in 2015. He accused the BJP of breaking off his party MLAs through coercion. “Want to remind you that both in Arunachal and Manipur, JD(U) won seats by defeating @BJP4India. So don’t daydream of liberation from JD(U). Was what happened in Arunachal Pradesh because of your adherence to the alliance commitment?” he tweeted in Hindi. In another tweet, he added, “...and once again in Manipur @BJP4India’s moral conduct is in front of everyone. You must remember that in 2015, the Pm.

In Less Than 6 Hours, NASA’s Moon Rocket To Attempt Launch A Second Time

Cape Canaveral: Ground teams at the Kennedy Space Center on Saturday began fueling NASA’s giant, next-generation rocketship for its debut launch on an uncrewed test flight to the moon, five days after an initial liftoff attempt was thwarted by technical problems.

The 32-story tall Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and its Orion capsule were due for blastoff from Cape Canaveral, Florida, at 2:17 p.m. EDT (1817 GMT), kicking off the U.S. space agency’s ambitious moon-to-Mars Artemis program 50 years after the

last Apollo lunar mission. (The previous launch bid on



Monday was halted by engineering snags. NASA says technicians have since rem-

edied the issues. Weather is an additional factor beyond NASA’s control. The latest forecast saw a 70% chance of favorable conditions during Saturday’s two-hour window, according to the U.S. Space Force at Cape Canaveral. Before dawn, launch teams started the lengthy, delicate process of filling the rocket’s core-stage fuel tanks with several hundred thousand gallons of super-cooled liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen propellant.

Engineers stopped loading liquid hydrogen around 7:30 a.m., roughly an hour into

the complex process, to fix a leak. If the countdown were halted again, NASA could reschedule another launch attempt for Monday or Tuesday. Dubbed Artemis I, the mission marks the first flight for both the SLS rocket and the Orion capsule, built under NASA contracts with Boeing Co and Lockheed Martin Corp, respectively.

It also signals a major change in direction for NASA’s post-Apollo human spaceflight program, after decades focused on low-Earth orbit with space shuttles and the International Space.

Casualties From Pakistan Floods Continue to Rise With 57 More Deaths

Karachi: The casualties from cataclysmic floods in Pakistan continued to climb on Saturday with 57 more deaths, 25 of them children, as the country grapples with a relief and rescue operation of near unprecedented scale.

A high-level body set up to coordinate the relief effort met in Islamabad on Saturday for the first time, chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, to take stock of the disaster.

Record monsoon rains and melting glaciers in northern mountains brought floods that have affected 33 million people and killed at least 1,265 people, including 441 children. The inundation, blamed on climate change, is still spreading.

The proportion of children’s deaths has raised concern. On Friday, the United Nations children’s agency (UNICEF) said there was a risk of “many more” child deaths from disease after floods. The floods that have inundated a third of the country were preceded by four heatwaves and multiple raging forest fires, the disaster management chief told the high-level meeting, highlighting the effects of climate

change in the South Asian nation. “The year 2022 brought some



harsh realities of climate change for Pakistan,” the chief of the National Disaster Management Authority Lieutenant-General Akhtar Nawaz told a briefing for the country’s top leadership.

“This year we did not witness a spring season - we faced four heatwaves which caused large

scale forest fires across the country,” he said.

The fires were particularly se-

a washing away of key rail and road networks as well as breakdowns in telecommunications and power infrastructure, the meeting was told.

The country has received nearly 190% more rain than the 30-year average in the quarter through August, totalling 390.7 millimetres (15.38 inches). Sindh province, with a population of 50 million, was hardest hit, getting 464% more rain than the 30-year average.

Aid has flowed in from a number of countries, with the first humanitarian assistance flight from France landing on Saturday morning in Islamabad. But Pakistan’s largest charity group has said there were still millions who had not been reached by aid and relief efforts. Initial estimates of the damage have been put at \$10 billion, but surveys are still being conducted along with international organisations.

The United Nations has appealed for \$160 million in aid to help tackle what it said was an “unprecedented climate catastrophe” as Pakistan’s navy has fanned out inland to carry out relief operations in areas that resemble a sea.

“We Have Gone Back 50 Years”: Pakistan Farmers On Flood Damage

Pakistan’s farmers are still counting their losses from the devastating floods that have put a third of the country under water, but the long-term impact is already clear.

“We have gone back 50 years,” said Ashraf Ali Bhanbro, a farmer in Sindh province whose 2,500 acres of cotton and sugarcane -- on the verge of being harvested -- have now been wiped out. More than 33 million people have been affected by the floods caused by record monsoon rains, and one of the worst-hit areas is Sindh in Pakistan’s south. The province is bisected by the mighty Indus River, along whose banks farming has flourished for millennia with records of irrigation systems dating back to 4,000 BC. Sindh’s problems are two-fold. The province was drenched by record rains locally, but that water has nowhere to drain because the Indus is already at full flow, swollen by

tributaries in the north, and has burst its banks in several places.

“At one stage it rained continuously for 72 hours,” said Bhanbro, adding he has lost at least 270 million rupees (\$1.2 million) on inputs alone.

“That was the cost incurred on fertilisers and pesticides... we don’t include profit, which might have been much higher as it was a bumper crop.”

Unless flooded farmlands can be drained, farmers like Bhanbro will not be able to plant a winter wheat crop -- vital for the country’s food security.

“We have one month. If water is not discharged in that period, there will be no wheat,” he said at his farm in Sammu Khan village, around 40 kilometres (25 miles) northeast of Sukkur. Pakistan was for years self-sufficient in wheat production, but more recently has relied on imports to ensure silos are full as part of its strategic.

LG Rolling Trophy Zonal level Trial cum Selection of Cricket teams concludes in Doda



DODA, SEPTEMBER 03: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Doda today concluded 3 Day Cricket Trial Cum Selection for LG Rolling Trophy Under Mission Youth in all 10 Zones in the age group of 19 to 35 years. The event was organised under the direction of Director Youth Services and Sports J&K UT, Subash Chander Chibber and under the guidance of Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Atul Kumar.

The trial cum selection was held under the supervision of DYSSO, Jaffer Haider Sheikh and in presence of Nodal Officers of all Zones. In the first phase, 3 day Cricket Trial cum Selection was conducted at all 10 zones simultaneously from Aug 26, 2022 to Aug 28, 2022 and around 2051 players participated in this trial.

Special sports initiative “My Youth My Pride” attracting best & brightest talents

J&K athletes shine in North-Zone Athletics Championship held in Haryana.

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 03: The Sports Council's premiere sports initiative 'My Youth My Pride' is attracting the best and brightest talents besides ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to develop strong skill-set. Under the programme, the Kashmir division remained abuzz with cricket activities with several cricket tournaments being played. Cricket matches were played at Sheri-Kashmir Stadium Bandipora, Pattan Cricket Field, and Gani Memorial Stadium Rajouri Kadal in downtown Srinagar. Moreover, the 4-day Ice Stock Championship underway in Gindun Sports Complex Rajbagh entered its third day with competitions in the categories of team games for women, men, girls, and boys played today. While Srinagar and

Kupwara districts dominated the event was thrown open



inated the day, Bandipora, Baramulla, Pulwama, Poonch, Rajouri and were also added to their vault.

by Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul a few days ago. Sheikh Riyaz Ahmad, Ad-

ministrative Officer J&K Sports Council said that more sporting events under the sports initiative My Youth My Pride are in pipeline across the union territory of J&K. Pertinently during Phase-I of the 'My Youth My Pride' more than 8.5 Lakh youth from across the UT participated, while 13.74 Lakh youth shall be part of the program in Phase-II. In the meantime, two J&K athletes Abhijeet Singh and Ritik Sharma today brought laurels to the union territory with their performance in the National Northzone Athletics Championship currently underway in Karnal, Haryana. Abhijeet clinched gold in the 100-meter event while Ritik bagged a couple with silver in 5000 meters and a bronze in 1500 meters category.

Kulgam cricket League: Final of Cricket match for specially-abled persons held at Kulgam

Farooq Rather



Kulgam, Sep 3, The final of Kulgam Cricket league (Women/Specially abled persons) organized by Kulgam Police in collaboration with Municipal council Kulgam held in mini stadium Kulgam on Saturday. "Today final match of disabled (female players) has been played between Kulgam and Budgam in which Kulgam won the final while as (male disabled players) from Kulgam also won the final game against Srinagar team. SSP Kulgam Dr G.V Sundee Chakravarthy and Municipal Council Chairman Muneeb Ahmad Zargar, distributed trophies in presence of Dysp HQ GM Bhat, Dysp DR, Rajendra, SHO Irshad Reshi, and other employees. Overall twelve teams from different districts of Kashmir valley participated in this tournament.

Super Smash T20 Cup Tarzova Edition-II Kashmir Avengers Beat SKICC Sopore By 8-Wickets Comfortably

Lone Musaib

Sopore,3rd,Sep:- In the ongoing Super Smash T20 Cup Tarzova edition-II Kashmir Avengers beat SKCC Sopore by 8 wickets. Toss won by SKCC Sopore, opt bat first while batting first and the front line batters gave a brilliant start with 84/1 in first 6-overs at one stage. Then the Golden arm of Kashmir Avengers Hassan Habib bowled a brilliant spell conceded only 17 runs & took 2 important wickets & restricted SKCC Sopore on 162 runs in which Un-aid made unbeaten 44 runs while Mudasir added 27 runs. Hassan Habib took 2 wickets while Fayaz Sarwar & Owais Baba took 1-wicket each Kashmir Avengers. In reply Kashmir Avengers openers gave them a brilliant start of 98



runs & chased the allotted target easily and won the match by 8-wickets in just 17 overs. Umer Sofi played a brilliant knock of 51 runs While Fayaz sarwar & Asif Parray contribute 47 and 44 runs respectively.

Junaid Kanjwal and Junaid Dar took 1-wicket each for SKCC Sopore. Fayaz sarwar was declared Player of the match for his brilliant all-round performance. The tournament is sponsored by SKIE Classes

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