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NEWS IN BRIEF

Urs Sved Oamar-ud-Din Bukhari (RA) resumes after 33 yrs in Ganderbal

SRINAGAR, Sep 06: After remaining suspended for more than 33 years, the annual Urs of Sufi saint Syed Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari will be observed in J&K's Ganderbal district from Wednesday.

The four-day long Urs has a historical background and it had to be suspended because of opposition from followers of radical Islam.

Despite the strait jacket concept of Islam advocated by the Ahle Hadis school of thought, the iconic Urs at the Sufi's shrine in Ganderbal stands out to prove that Sufism has deeper roots in Kashmir.

Till its suspension, the Urs at Ganderbal would attract hundreds of devotees who would come to pay obeisance at the saint's mausole-

Sweetmeat sellers, fruit sellers, garment stalls and entertainment avenues for children would be the other highlights of the Urs.

The water transport from Srinagar through Jhelum and Sindh stream would enable scores of people who would come in 'Dongas' (non-luxury houseboats) to attend the Urs.

Cong Bharat Jodo Yatra to begin today

KANYAKUMARI, Sep 06: A day before the launch of the much-touted 3,570-km 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', the Congress on Tuesday said it is a "transformational moment" for Indian politics and a "decisive moment" for the party's rejuvenation. With the launch of the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' on Wednesday at a mega rally here, the Congress is seeking to flag problems of economic disparities, social polarisation and political centralisation, while also attempting to make gains in what it often describes as the battle of ideologies.

Before the launch of the march former Congress president Rahul Gandhi will take part in a prayer meeting at ex-prime minister Rajiv Gandhi's memorial in Sriperumbudur on Wednesday.

He will then attend an event in Kanyakumari where Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, Rajasthan's Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh's Bhupesh Baghel will be present. Gandhi will be presented with a national flag made of khadi.

Man falls off walnut tree in Bijbehara, dies

SRINAGAR, Sep 06: A man after falling from a walnut tree in Kanalwan area of Bijbehara in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday

Identifying him as Gulzar Ahmad Magloo of Kanalwan, A police official said the deceased fell from a walnut tree this afternoon.

'He was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment, where he succumbed to his injuries," he said.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident.

Former Minister, **Bharat Vikas Parishad** delegation call on Lt Governor

Jammu, September 06: A delegation of registered Stone Crusher Unit Holders led by former Minister Sh Rajiv Jasrotia today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhawan.Sh Jasrotia, representing the registered Stone Crusher Unit Holders, raised various issues pertaining to the mining issue in Kathua district, permission for additional blocks in the district and availability of minor

minerals at reasonable rates. Similarly, a delegation of office bearers of Bharat Vikas Parishad J&K headed by its Regional President Sh Devraj Sharma projected various issues of public importance.Other office bearers of Bharat Vikas Parishad including its Regional Joint General Secretary Sh Arun Sharma, State President Sh Ashok Khajuria, Vice President Sh Vijay Sharma, and State General Secretary Sh Narendar Mishra were also present during the interaction. The Lt Governor, while interacting with the members of delegations and former Minister observed that the Government is sensitive to the issues and needs of the people and various stakeholders. The Lt Governor assured them that the issues and demands projected by them would be looked into for

early redressal on merit. CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10

Sports Constitute Key for Skill Development, Nation Building: LG Manoj Sinha

Inaugurates 1st J&K Chancellor's Athletic Meet at IUST

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SRINAGAR, Sep 06: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha today said sports is the key to character building and only way to build knowledge, skill and motivation in life. He said no one can forget the lesson learnt on the athletic track. It inculcates team spirit, pride, determination, virtue and creates an identity for the life", observed the Lt Gov-

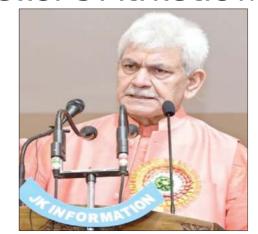
Sinha also inaugurated the 1st J&K Chancellor's Athletic Meet at IUST, Awantipora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Men & Women Athletes from different universities of Jammu and Kashmir are participating in the two-day athletic meet, organized by the Directorate of Physical Education and Sports. On the occasion, the Lt Governor also inauguand dedicated the facility to the athletes.

Extending his best wishes to the participating athletes, the Lt Governor said that the Chancellor's Athletic Meet is the first of its kind athletic tournament at University level in J&K, which provides perfect opportunities for young men & women to showcase their skills in this competition. "Sports is the key to character building. Sports is the only way to build knowledge, skill and motivation in life.

No one can forget the lesson learnt on the athletic track. It inculcates team spirit, pride, determination, virtue and creates an identity for the life", observed the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor advised the athletes to put their best efforts and take advantage of the op

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LG addresses seminar on Society, Culture & Social Change: **Kashmir & Beyond at IUST**

SRINAGAR, Sep o6: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today addressed a seminar on 'Society, Culture & Social Change: Kashmir & Beyond' organised by Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) and Indian Sociological Society.

The Lt Governor congratulated VC, IUST, Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo and Convener of the event, Prof Abha Chauhan for facilitating an open academic dialogue which brought together experts, sociologists, academicians

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Two HM militants behind killing of TA soldiers, civilians, gunned down in Anantnag

Militants escape after brief encounter in Shopian, operation called off

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SRINAGAR, Sep 06: Two militants who were allegedly involved in the killing of two decorated Territorial Army soldier were on Tuesday eliminated in a gunfight with government forces in Anantnag district of south Kashmir, police said.

A police official identified the duo as Danish Bhat alias Kokab Duree and Basharat Nabi who were affiliated with the Hizbul Mujahideen and were said to be involved in the April 2021 killing of soldier Mohammad Saleem

Akhoon, a resident of Jablipora in Bijbehara Anantnag.

The Tuesday fighting erupted at Poshkreeri when security forces carried out a cordon and a search operation.

"As the forces were approaching the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired upon them, triggering the gunfight. Two terrorists were killed in the encounter," the officer said.

Additional Director General of Police Vijay Kumar said: "Both were involved in killing Saleem on April 9, 2021 and two civilians on May 29, 2021 in Jablipora.

Saleem Akhoon, 43, was shot at his residence while he was on leave on April 9, 2021. A day after his killing, Srinagar-based a Defence Ministry spokesman said the attack was carried by two terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Akhoon was awarded the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card twice and a Northern Army Commander Commendation

Meanwhile security forces called off an operation in south Kashmir's Shopian following a brief gunfight after no

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NEP stands declared in J&K, no further order to be issued, says CS

35 lakh people to participate in various sports activities in J&K this year

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SRINAGAR, Sep 06: Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday said since National Education Policy (NEP) stands declared in Jammu and Kashmir, no further order will be issued by the government in this direction. Mehta said the UT administration has started the process of 'mainstreaming' the education sector so that the children who were earlier confined to Jammu and Kashmir will be able to compete at na-

tional level exams. He said the National Education Policy was implemented in Jammu and Kashmir after debating its pros and cons thoroughly. The CS said the policy will be cent-percent successful as far as winter conditions of the federally governed

territory are concerned. Replying to a media query as to when final order with regard to the NEP is expected to be issued, the CS said "it (NEP) has already been declared, what order are you talking about". He was talking

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SIA raids multiple locations to dismantle militant network in valley

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SRINAGAR, Sep The State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Tuesday conducted multiple raids across Kashmir against the Over Ground Workers (OGWs) linked to Pakistan-based militant outfits.

Continuing to rein in the networks of militant outfits, the SIA conducted searches at houses of suspects in Awantipora, Shopian, Pulwama, Anantnag

and Baramulla.

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30-35 kg IED recovered in **Khonmoh Srinagar: Police**

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, Sep 6: Security forces on Tuesday recovered an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) weighing approximately 30-35 Kilos on Srinagar outskirts. police said. They said the IED was found in an orchard during a search operation in Khanmoh area of Srinagar which was launched following an input about militant presence"On a specific input regarding presence of terrorists in Khanmoh area of Srinagar, joint ops (operation) was launched by Police & 50RR. During search of Orchards area, an IED weighing 30-35Kgs (was) recovered," a police tweet said.It added that bomb disposal squad has been called on spot. "IED is being destroyed in situ," the

tweet added.

The IED was recovered two days after security forces recovered magnetic IEDs from a hybrid militant in Sopore area of

Around 250 militants waiting across the LoC, says army

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, Sep 06: With intelligence reports suggesting presence of around 250 militants across launch pads in PoJK, the army along the Line of Control (LoC) has upped its ante to counter any nefarious design from across the border. Maintaining a high vigil at the forward post in Keran sector, the northern most part of Kashmir along the LoC, troops are maintain-

tween the two countries since February last year. For the soldiers at this frontier, it's a battle that has to be fought on two fronts — hostile neighbor and harsh

ing a birds-eye vigil despite cease-

winter, which is approaching. Though the claims of the army that infiltration has reduced in the past few years, officials, who spoke to a group of visiting journalists, said there were intelligence inputs about the presence of about 250 militants

at various launch pads waiting across the LoC to sneak in. "So, we cannot let our guard down,"

one of the army officials said. Besides infiltration of militants. the army is also worried about the flow of drugs from across the border. Recently, Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbag

Singh had said smuggling of drugs from across the border is on the rise and Pakistan is using it to fund terrorism in Kashmir. The army officer said"we are keeping a close eve on the smuggling narcotics as well apart from infiltration of militants and arms and ammunition. The enemy has its ways,

but we are firm and ever ready to defend our motherland." And with the winter not far away, the battle is about to get tougher. "It is a tough fight. Life in these

terrains is very difficult," a soldier guarding one of the posts here, CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 10

Pakistan violates ceasefire along IB in Arnia sector: BSF

JAMMU, Sep 06: Pakistani Rangers violated the ceasefire this morning as it targeted Border Security Force (BSF) troops in unprovoked firing along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir, an official

The BSF gave a "befitting re the firing from across the border in the Arnia sector of Jammu district, he said.

Such violations have not been very common since India and Pakistan agreed for a renewed ceasefire along the borders in Jammu and Kashmir on February 20, 2021. "This morning, the alert BSF Jam-

mu troops gave a befitting reply to CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10

3,072 crime cases reported in J&K in **2021: NCRB**

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Srinagar, Sep 06 (KNO): Jammu and Kashmir has reported 3,072 crimes including 136 murders and 513 attempt to murder cases in 2021, NCRB data has revealed.

The report, states that 3100 crime cases were reported in 2019, 2821 in 2020 and 3072 in 2021.

As per data the violent crime rate in J&K is 22.9 and charge sheeting rate is 67.2 percent.

The violent crime cases in J&K include 136 case of murder (U/S 302 IPC), 27 cases of culpable homicide not amounting to murder (U/S 304 IPC), four cases of infanticide, three cases of feticide, 16 dowry deaths, 513 attempt to murder cases and 42 cases of

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J&K logs 58 new COVID-19 cases, no fatality

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SYED TAJAMUL BUKHARI JAMMU, Sep 06: Jammu and Kashmir reported 58 new positive cases of COVID-19inclding 07 from Jammu and 51 from Kashmir divisions, pushing the active case tally in the Union Territory to to

Moreover, 118 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 15fromJammu division and 103from Kashmir division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 478415 positive cases, 733 are Active Positive (216 in Jammu Division and 517in Kashmir Division), 472899 have recovered and 4783 have died; 2350 in Jammu division and 2433in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin also informs that 14,866 doses of COVID Vaccine have been administered in the last 24 hours across Jammu and Kashmir bringing the cumulative number of doses administered

ed 23 cases, Baramulla reported 04 cases, Budgam 09 cases, Pulwama reported 02 cases, Kupwara reported06 cases,

Anantnag reported00cases, Bandi-

pora reported 01case, Ganderbal

reported 00 cases, Kulgam report

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India's first intranasal COVID vaccine by gets DCGI approval

NEW DELHI, Sep 06: India's number of goes admitted to 2,43,85,705 till date.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir immunization against the infection for peoimmunization against the infection for peo-ple above the age of 18. Lauding the achievement, Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said, it is a 'Big Boost to India's Fight against

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Big Boost to

COVID-19'. Mandaviya tweeted,

equitable justice system across J&K: Govt HT NEWS NETWORK SRINAGAR, Sep 06: With

the extension of 890 central laws, repeal of 205 state laws and modification of 129 laws after the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, a system of equitable justice has been established across Jammu and Kashmir for all sections of peo-

The implementation of several path-breaking central legislations after the revocation of Article 370, like the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional

Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2007, the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1954, among others, is bringing a new era of progress and development in Jammu and Kashmir. Under the guidance of the

Prime Minister, Jammu

Extension of central laws establish

and Kashmir is witnessing a new dawn. Tribals are getting land rights, thousands of government jobs have been provided within record time with complete transparency and major steps have been taken to ensure the empowerment



Modi Govt reaching out to remotest of remote: Dr Jitendra

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UDHAMPUR, Sep 06 : Modi government is reaching out to the

Young student from Sopore to display his project at **National ATAL Innovation Exhibition in Bangalore**

HT NEWS NETWORK

Sopore, Sep 06: A Kashmiri youth's innovation has been selected by ATAL Innovation Mission NITI Avog Government of India, to represent JK for display of the project in National ATAL Innovation Exhibition scheduled to be held at Bangalore from September

Rubban Abdullah's, who hails from Bo-

mai area of Sopore in north Kashmir has

brought laurels to his school Boys Higher

Secondary School of Bomai Sopore where he

is admitted in Class 12."I am overwhelmed



at blind curves prepared by me has been selected at national level by ATAL, Innovation Mission NITI Ayog," he told news agencyKashmir News Observer. "Since the project was already in my mind a long time ago but due to lack of equipment it was not possible. "This is not my individual effort, my teachers, mentors played a crucial role to get this project done", said Rubban.

Asked about his future plans, he said that he is looking forward to Software engineer-

Principal BHSS Bomai, Abdul Ahad Gojree said that it is a proud moment for the entire education department especially for the school as the students are proving their mettle in every field now.

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181 J&K villages to be developed as tourist destinations

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, Sep 06: The Jammu and Kashmir government has selected 181 villages of natural beauty and cultural importance to be developed as tourist destinations. The objective of this important development is to strengthen the economy of the villages, providing direct and indirect employment opportunities for the youth and

Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha launched the 'Tourist Villages Development Program' on September 3 with the objective of identifying the best villages of Jammu and Kashmir which have historical, aesthetic and cultural significance. It will provide employment opportunities to the youth and self-help groups who have registered under the special employment program 'Mission Youth' launched by the government.

DC Kulgam meets MGNREGA workers, contractors Listens to their issues for redressal

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 06: In order to set impetus in execution of developmental works across the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of contractors and MGNREGA workers.

During the meeting, the DC highlighted the role of contractors and workers in development and urged all the contractors to scale up the pace of execution of works across the

He also listened to their issues and redressed some of the issues on spot. The DC urged the contractors to ensure completion of works taken



by them within the stipulated time

He also informed these participants that district has a target of 39000 soak/ compost pits which need to be completed in Sept this year Earlier, ACD informed that the

district stood at top in the Amrit Sarovar initiative of the government by developing and rejuvenating 233 Amrit Sarovars in the district. He appreciated the role of contractors and MGNREGA workers for timely execution of works allotted to them. ACD Mohammad Imran Khan, ACP Shurjeel Ali, CPO Kulgam, and other officers were also present on the

Later, these workers and contrac-

CUK's SoE, Maths deptt celebrates teachers' day

Ganderbal: School of Education (SoE), Central University of Kashmir (CUK) celebrated Teachers' Day, with 'Best Practices & Innovations Awards' as its central theme, at the Green Campus here on Monday. Around 110 persons including senior faculty members, students, and alumini of SoE participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, Dean, School of Management Studies, Prof.

Fayaz Ahmad Nika, said, "Teachers' Day needs to be celebrated more by the students-in honour of their teachers—and, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sar-vapalli Radhakrishnan". He remarked that, "it is difficult to be a teacher especially within the context of the high quality of character expected from her/him by the society at large". He emphasized that, "an average teacher tells, a good teacher explains, a great teacher demonstrates and an excellent teacher inspires. "The job of a teacher is to chisel the human soul and to humanize humanity." In his remarks, Dean, School of Media Studies, Prof. Shahid Rasool, emphasized that, "we must thank God for choosing us for this noble profession as we are primarily

instrumental in produc-

ing human resource for

the rest of the world". He remarked that, "in the age of Google and other online services, the teacher must do his/her SWOT analysis and continue to stay relevant in the light of the needs of the 21st Century students and society' Earlier, Dean SoE, Prof. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Gee-"technology lani, said, cannot possibly replace

the teachers' role, at the

same time the teacher

stays irrelevant.

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TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs.5/- are invited from interested persons/experienced parties for harvesting of Kharief fodder crop at Feed and Fodder farm, Zakura, Srinagar for the year 2022-23, which should reach the office of undersigned by or before 16th of September-2022 upto 3.00 P.M. The tenders received after the due date and time shall not be accepted. In case the last date of receipts of tenders happens to be a holiday the same shall be received on the next working day. The tenders shall be opened by the committee on the same day or any other date convenient to committee.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 01. Tenders should be addressed to the Deputy Director Feed & Fodder Animal Husbandry Department Srinagar Kashmir in sealed envelopes scribed as "Tender for Harvesting Operation of Maize etc. Fodder Crop."
- 02. Tenders should be accompanied by a call deposit receipt of Rs.5000/=(Rupees Five Thousand Only) to Deputy Director Feed and Fodder Srinagar, without which tender shall be
- 03. The rates should be quoted per quintal both for Green fodder (to be supplied as green on daily basis) and Dry fodder (to be supplied as dry) inclusive of all taxes/charges viz cutting, drying, collecting, binding, weighing, storing etc.
- 04. The successful tenderer will be entirely responsible for watch and ward of harvested crops till it is received by the concerned authority of the farm after proper weighment.
- 05. In case the successful tenderer fail to execute the job within the stipulated period the department shall be at liberty to execute the job through other source and the extra cost thus involved shall be recovered from him besides penalty.
- 06. If any other condition deemed necessary shall be kept in the work order/rate contract.
- 07. Payment to the successful contract/tenders shall be released only after combination fulfillment of contract/job as per terms and conditions.

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Sub:- Extension in bidding time for Short Term e-NIT No. 25 OF 2022-23, Dated: 30-08-2022 for below mentioned works:-

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Part-3:-

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Ref:- JK Government official e-Procurement portal Tender ID No's :-2022_IFC_186195_2, 2022_IFC_186195_3

Due to no response to above mentioned sub-parts of this office above referred e-NIT for the subject works, the critical dates are extended as under: -

Bid submission/ Document download / sale end Date 12/09/2022 at 1400 hrs Date and time of Bid opening 13/09/2022 at 1400 hrs

Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain un-altered as laid down in the original e-NIT.

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Sd/-**Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division** Srinagar

ARTO Kulgam organize Awareness cum medical camp

.Farooq Rather

Kulgam: September 2022. Assistant Regional Transport Office Kulgam organised one day free medical camp cum road safety awareness programme in ARTO Office Premises under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Dr.Bilal Mohiudin Bhat (IAS)and ADC Kulgam Showkat Ahmad Rather(JKAS).A number of Drivers attended the said camp to avail basic medical checkup which comprised of Blood Tests and Eye Checkup under the supervision of team doctors and medical staff of District Kulgam for which ARTO Kulgam expressed his gratitude to CMO Kulgam DR.Mohm-



mad Rafiq, BMO Kulgam and the doctors who made the said medical camp successful. Besides that SDRF was also invited to give the drivers a very handy training on First Aid & Basic Life Support CPR Training. The SDRF

team demonstrated the BLS Training on Dummy & also briefed the drivers about the rescue procedures to be adopted during the emergency situation like fire, choking, cardiac arrest, head injury, spine injury etc. Special Mock

drill was organised for the same by SDRF team. namely International Human Rights Commission (IHRC), was also invited to grace the occasion. The representatives of said NGO made the Drivers aware about the need of Road safety, first aid etc. and also highlighted the importance of preventing drug abuse. Pledge regarding prevention of drug abuse was taken in the end. Besides that a cheque of Rupees One lakh was also handed over by ADC Kulgam to the kin of the deceased as per Road Accident Victim Fund. The people also thanked the department for organising the free medical camp in the district.

Police organizes awareness rally against drug abuse in Budgam

Police in Budgam have organized an awareness rally against drug abuse under the banner of "Prevention of drug addiction". The rally was attended by students and staff members of Government HSS School Khansahab & IPTS Heights School Khansahab besides, Municipal Committee members, trade union Khansahab, youth and respectables of the area also participated in the rally.

The awareness rally was flagged off by SDPO Khansahab Shri Ghulam Mohi-u-Din Malik-JKPS at Sub. District Hospital Khansahab along with SHO Khansahab and other officers of police and Municipal committee Khansahab. The rally passed through various routes of Sub-division Khansahab and culminated near Government Degree College Khansahab.

The main aim of the rally was to spread awareness about ill effects of drug abuse and its consequences. SDPO Khansahib on the event appealed the general public to join hands with Police in fighting against the abuse of drug & related substances to eliminate this social evil from the society. Students/participants were holding banners and placards in their hands with messages against drug abuse and raised slogans against the social evil and pledged to join their hands to eradicate this menace from the society.

Moreover, police officers headed by SHO Police Station Budgam and officials from Municipal committee Budgam launched a special drive against wild weed bung in Main Town Budgam and its adjacent areas and destroyed huge quantity of wild weed bung. Similarly, another joint team comprising of officials of Police Post Watrihail and Excise Department officials headed by Naib Tehsildar Shri Mushtaq Ahmad along with incharge PP Watrihail launched a drive against wild weed bung in Main Town Waterhail and its adjacent areas and destroyed wild weed bung. General public of the area have appreciated the action of Police and have urged to continue such drive in nearby areas also.

Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding cultivation of contra-bands in their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling & cultivation of contraband substances

3-day national workshop on 'Science in Kashmiri Fiction' begins at CUK



Ganderbal, Sept 6: Three-day national workshop on 'Science in Kashmiri Fiction' organized by the Central University of Kashmir (CUK) in collaboration with Vigyan Prasar, New Delhi, began at varsity's Tulmulla campus here on Tuesday.

The workshop began with an introductory session held in the presence of eminent writers, authors, and scholars, including Prof. Mohammad Zamaan Azurdah.

Speaking on the occasion, Dean, School of Media Studies, Prof. (Dr) Shahid Rasool, highlighted the importance of fiction writing in science. "Through Science Communication, Popularization and Extension (SCoPE) in Kashmir, we are committed to bring Science closer to the locals, and fiction writing is one of the best options to do that." He said, "CUK, in collaboration with SCoPE and Vigvan Prasar, will continue to communicate science to people of Kashmir so that they can develop a scientific

Describing Kashmiri fiction writing as one of the appropriate means to develop scientific thinking among people of Kashmir, Prof. Shahid said, "Scientific imagination,

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Police receives Bharat Darshan Tour-2022 participants in Ganderbal



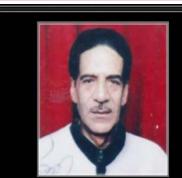
Police in Ganderbal organized a reception for the students who were the part of the Bharat Darshan Tour-2022 organised under Civic Action Programme. The students returned back safely after a week-long tour, visiting different colourful cities of the country. They were received by SSP Ganderbal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS and DySP DAR Ganderbal Shri Muzaffar Jan-JKPS and were accorded with a warm reception at DPL Ganderbal. While interacting with the students, SSP Ganderbal congratulated them for availing the opportunity of visiting the different parts of the country and exploring various places of Cultural importance. While sharing their experiences, the students showed enthusiasm and happiness and thanked Police for giving them opportunity to explore various cities and unique heritage sites in New Delhi and Kolkata. The touring students described the tour as a great success and asserted that it has helped them to gain new experiences, and also gave them vast exposure and confidence in attaining new knowledge about the visited places. The reception ceremony was also attended by other senior Police Officers of the District. Finally, SSP Ganderbal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS distributed certificates among the participants and wished them good luck for their bright future. The reception ceremony ended with a vote of thanks from

MY SWEET TEACHERS



Penned by Yasmeen Ahad

Ohh! You my sweet teacher You are the best preacher You took me in your arms Showed me the education farms You gave me lot of love Taught me to fly like the dove Make with me lots of fun In difficult situations taught me to run You shaped me the best way So I bright like the sun's ray In my life you are the one Whi taught me how to won Taught me ti work hard & avoid wrong So I always sing the success song I learned the difference of good & bad Helped everyone not made anyone sad Words I couldn't find to express affection Ohh! My sailor you took me in best direction Teacher is Almighty's wonderful creatures In them HE filled all good features Yasmeen thanked teacher's for their nurture Paying tribute for their upbringing culture



SAD DEMISE

Surely, Allah takes what is his and what he gives in his, and to all things he has appointed a time so have patience and be rewarded.

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Noor Mohammad Khajwal S/o Late Ghulam Hassan Khajwal R/o Sayed Hamid Pora, Nawabazar, Srinagar who left for heavenly abode on September 05, 2022. Fateh Khawani will be held on September 08, 2022, Thursday 10.30 am at his ancestral Graveyard Budshah Sahab, Zaina Kadal, Srinagar.

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Workshop/Orientation programme for Civil Services **Aspirants held at Kulgam**

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 06: The District Administration Kulgam in collaboration with District Employment and Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Kulgam today organised a daylong workshop cum orientation programme for civil services aspirants within the premises of DE&CC, here.

The daylong programme was inaugurated by the Commissioner Deputy (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

programme overwhelming nessed response with hundreds of aspirants from different areas of the district participating in this session workshop.The saw useful interaction between qualifiers and toppers of the previous batches of Civil Services Exams and the aspiring civil servants. Aspirants

also asked questions and interacted with the DC and took useful insights from his own preparation strategies. The DC guided the aspirants towards the best approaches and ways to get successful in the Civil Services examination.During the programme, aspirants were also guided about the Civil Services, Prelims mains examination and the approaches to tackle the difficulties while preparing for the exam.

Surjeel Ali ACP Kulgam, Mir Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz ACR Kulgam, Nowshad Anjum Mir JKAS, Rouf Ahmad JKAS, Dr Adnan Tariq JKAS and other JKAS qualifiers were present on the occasion to guide the civil services aspirants regarding dif ferent strategies to crack the exam. Aspirants were quite satisfied with the session and expressed their gratitude towards.

Approves Rs.10 lakh for installation of street lights in town

GANDERBAL, Member TEMBER 06: Parliament (MP), Srinagar-Budgam-Gander-Constituency, Abdullah today visited Ganderbal where he chaired a meeting of District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) to review the progress achieved under different centrally sponsored schemes, other developmental programmes being implemented in the district here in the Conference Hall of Mini Secre

Chairperson DDC Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq; Vice-Chairperson Ganderbal, Bilal Ahmad; Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir; SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; Additional District De velopment Commissioner, President Municipal bers, BDC Chairpersons,

opment works of Health, PDD, PWD, Jal Shakti,

While reviewing the prog-

Dr Farooq Abdullah chairs DISHA meeting at Ganderbal



Sarpanches and all other district and sectoral Officers were present in the meeting.

During the meeting, the MP took a comprehensive review of various schemes being implemented in the

I&FC, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and other departments.

On the occasion the departmental heads briefed the MP about the current status of various schemes being implemented in the

development projects, the MP said that the aim of holding the DISHA meeting was to have firsthand appraisal about the implementation of various schemes and to assess the developmental require-

ments in the district.

On the occasion, DDC Members and other PRI members apprised the MP about various issues and sought his intervention for early redressal. He also sought feedback from PRI members regarding the developmental activities in their areas and assured them that all their genuine demands shall be taken up for consideration.

Replying to the demands raised by the PRI members, Dr Abdullah urged them to monitor ongoing developmental activities in their areas by way of paying field visits regularly so that quality development is ensured. He also emphasized them to work in tandem with District Administration for overall prosperity and development of people in the district.

While discussing the achievements of Agriculture and Horticulture in the district, the MP asked the department to check out the feasibility for introducing diversified crops as per topography of the area which have high market value like Kiwi and Strawberry besides awareness shall be generated regarding the latest technological interventions in agriculture and its allied sectors to boom the economy of the farmer community in the district.

Replying to the issue of street lights in the town, the MP approved an amount of Rs 10 lakh for repairing and installing new street lights in the

Addressing the meeting the MP highlighted the need for coordinated efforts by the District Administration, police, PRI members and other stakeholders against the drug menace and urged them to

Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi chairs DISHA meeting at Shopian Appreciates Dist Admin for excelling in socio-economic & developmental indicators

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 06: Member Parliament, Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha Constituency. Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi today chaired District DISHA meeting at Mini Secretariat Shopian. The meeting was held to review the progress of various development and welfare based programmes and projects of the district.District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya through powerpoint presentation apprised the chair about ongoing development projects of the district and implementation status and progress under CSS, State

and progress and District Capex.

President, MC Shopian, BDC

JDP, Khursheed Ahmed, DPO ICDS, SEs, ACD and other sectoral and district officers of line departments attended the meeting

DDC highlighted the achievements, special initiatives, best practices of the District Administration under different schemes especially under Amrit Sarovar

and construction of Public Parks. which have been appreciated by the government. The MP desired PMAY, NRLM, NHM, Ayushman Bharat/ JK Sehat Scheme, JSY, JSSK PMGSY, SBM, IDPS, RDSS,



one Public Park of similar pattern in each block of the district in order to involve youth in sports and in career oriented paths and take them away from drugs. The Masoodi reviewed MGNREGA.

JJM, AIBP, PMKSY, ICDS, DIL-RMP, ICPS, MSK, OSC-W, NFBS

Credit Linkage etc. Department wise extensive review of Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry was also taken during the meeting. While taking stock of Department wise progress, MP stressed upon bettering the performance under these schemes especially under power transmission and distribution schemes, MGNREGA. NRLM, JJM and ICPS.
He stressed for 100 percent

source segregation of municipal waste, covering of all villages in scientific waste disposal, Early completion of Solid Waste Management Centre at Aglar, ensuring safe drinking water, 100 percent household water connectivity, arresting of leaf miner disease and need for testing Lab at Shopian, availability of diagnostic equipments and biochemistry analyzers in major health institutions.Masoodi also sought vacant positions of health and education staff and need for reflection with higher authorities for early provision along with creation of new posts, enrollment status, dropouts rates, status of migratory

H&H Deptt Pulwama organises Artisan & Weavers Awareness/Exhibition Camp

PULWAMA, SEPTEM-BER 06: The Handicrafts Handloom (H&H) Department Pulwama today organised a mass Artisan & Weavers Awareness cum Exhibition Camp at Town Hall Pampore.

Additional Deputy (ADC) Commissioner Awantipora, Zaffar Hussain inaugurated the Camp in presence of DDC Member Tazeem and other PRI mem-

Tehsildar Pampore, BDO Pampore and officers of various line departments were also present on the occasion.

Speaking at the event, the ADC lauded the efforts of the Handicrafts & Handloom department in reaching out to the artisans and weavers besides disseminating the information regarding active schemes

Being one of the major economic drivers of J&K, he also acknowledged the importance of the Handicrafts & Handloom department in maintaining and reviving the economy of the UT after Covid lockdown. Assistant Director.

H&H, Pulwama, Mohammad Yaseen Bhat highlighted the significance of H&H sector. He also spoke about the reforms and initiatives taken by the department under the guidance of Director, Handicrafts Handloom Kashmir, Mehmood Ahmad Shah.

Such camps shall continue to be organised for general publicity of the schemes of the department he said and added that marketing avenues and opportunities have increased manifold by the innovative inter-

Tehsildar Zubair Ahmad also encouraged the artisan folk by his meaningful speech. Besides, he also suggested various reforms in uplifting the conditions of our artisans and weavers. He encouraged the people in adopting this trade for bringing change in their lives.

Meanwhile, AD H&H thanked the dignitaries and officers of the de partment and various other line departments besides artisans, weavers for participating in the Camp.

Various other officers of the department also spoke on the occasion and briefed about the schemes offered by the department. Meanwhile, AD H&H thanked the dignitaries and officers of the department and various other line

Strict Vigil necessary to dismantle the nexus promoting **Drug Menace: Dr Sehrish**

Calls for proactive participation of people, prominent citizens in fight against drugs



action plan and other measures to be taken for making Baramulla a drugs free District under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired an Officers meeting at Dak Bunglow, here. The meeting held threadbare deliberations on the rising

Taking serious note on the issue, the DC directed all the field functionaries from every department to identify areas of transportation and consumption of Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances so that a proper vigil is made for its elimination. She further stressed the con-

The DC also asked for disseminating detailed awareness about the ill effects of Drugs in educational institutions and other important places by holding awareness workshops against the menace of drug abuse.

She emphasized upon the concerned officers to ensure proper vigil in and around the schools/colleges to keep check on supply and use of drugs across the district. Dr Sehrish called for involvement of Youth volunteers. NCC cadets, Anganwadi Workers in disseminating awareness about the ill effects of drugs in the society. She also stressed making a calendar of activities in educational institutions to be followed so that students

Stressing more on awareness programmes, the DC asserted that creating awareness on the issue is the most potent arsenal against it and called upon the people and especially Public representatives, civil society bodies, other social and economic organizations and prominent citizens to take part in activities conducted by District



trend of drug abuse. The challenges like cracking down on the peddlers, local drug supply hubs, consumption hotspots, rehabilitation measures were discussed in detail and strategies to tackle them were highlighted The DC stressed on keeping proper vigil on the students bunking the educational institutions during the schools/colleges timings to prevent chances of getting them involved in the drug menace

cerned for proper implementation of NDPS.

are sensitized regarding hazards of drugs.

Administration.

GDC Frisal organizes seminar on Teacher's Day titled 'Teacher, the Builder of Nation'

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 06: The Debate and Seminar Committee of Govt. Degree College (GDC) Frisal organized a seminar on Teacher's Day titled 'Teacher, the Builder of Nation' in connection with the celebration of Teacher's Day. The chief guest on the occasion was Dr. Shafqat Altaf of Deptt .of Kashmiri, University of Kashmir.In his address the chief guest Dr. Shafqat Altaf deliberated on the historic background and the importance of the day. He also put on record the challenges faced by the teacher commu-

nity in the present era. Earlier, the seminar began with the recitation of Holy Quran and Naat-e-Sharief. In his welcome address, principal of the college, Prof. Eazaz Hussain Rizvi highlighted the importance of the day.

Many students of the college also spoke on the occasion and expressed their views in respect of their teachers and presented the gifts to their teachers.

Dr. Ishtiyaq Ahmad Shah, HoD Education, anchored the function and also deliberated on the educational thought of Dr. Sarvapali Radhakrishnan.

Worthy Principal of the college presented the certificate of excellence to the chief guest in the honour of being the winner of Sahitya Akademi Award 2022 on his Kashmiri translation of 101 poems of Rabindranath's book, "Gitanjali"

Principal of the college awarded certificates of appreciation to Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Ganie, HoD Urdu; Dr. Muzifar Yousuf HoD English and Dr. Ishtiyaq Ahmad Shah, HoD Education.

The staff members including teaching and non teaching presented a token of love to the principal of the college for his dedication.

DC Budgam calls for comprehensive plan for solid waste & liquid waste management

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today called for a comprehensive plan for effective solid waste and liquid waste management in the district.

In this regard, the DC chaired a meeting with BDCs, BDOs and NGOs at the Conference Hall, here. ACP Budgam who was also present on the occasion highlighted the work done including construction of segregation sheds and community compost pits in approved villag-

The DC asserted on launching a massive IEC campaign across the district to sensitize people about minimum quantity garbage produce, segregation of waste material and proper dumping and disposal of both solid waste and liquid waste management.

At the outset, BDCs and representatives from NGOs exchanged their ideas on effective garbage collection and its disposal at village level.

The DC directed concerned to expedite the work process on the infra-

structure development and ensure the same is completed within the period of two months time without any fail. While instructions were also given that 49 villages be taken up on pilot basis and made green and clean in a mission mode.

He said that land identification for the segregation and dumping sites be done at the earliest, across all Panchayats for daily garbage lifting and dumping.

He urged BDCs and NGOs to play an active role in making all villages clean and advised a massive cleanliness drive to be launched in all roadside villages leading to tourist destinations in Budgam. The DC asserted on launching a massive IEC campaign across the district to sensitize people about minimum quantity garbage produce, segregation of waste material and proper dumping and disposal of both solid waste and liquid waste management.

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Training on Special Summary Revision held at Bandipora

long training programme on Special Summary Revision and SVEEP activities for Supervisors and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of Bandipora was held on Tuesday at Town Hall, here.

The training programme was presided over by Dy. DEO Bandipora Noordin Bhat and ERO/ ACR Bandipora Parvaiz Rahim and was attended by ENT Farooq Ahmad, Master Trainers, officials of Election Department, Supervisors and BLOs of Bandipora District.

Speaking on the occasion, the Dy. District Election Officer explained about the processing of prescribed forms under ongoing Special Summary Revision.

He said the objective of the programme was to sensitize the booth level officers regarding their role in the upcoming special summary revision being undertaken from 15th of September 2022 in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

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

It was informed that form 6 is exclusively for registration of new electors, Form 6A for inclusion of name in electoral roll by an overseas elector, Form 6B for capturing Aadhaar no. by existing electors, sion/deletion of name in existing electoral roll with a slight modifications that a provision of attaching death certificate has been incorporated and Form 8 for correction in electoral roll, shifting of residence (within or outside constituency), replacement of EPIC and marking of a person with disability.

They also explained the role of supervisor and BLOs in checking the prerequisites before processing the prescribed forms. Regarding SVEEP activities, the DyDEO deliberated upon various awareness measures.

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DDC Kupwara reviews progress of RDD Directs officers to put extra efforts for completion dev works

velopment Commissioner (DDC), Kupwara, Dr.Doifode Sagar Dattatray today directed the Officers of Rural Development Department (RDD)to put extra efforts for completion of all ongoing work with in the stipulated time frame. The DDC was addressing a meeting of Officers of RDD here today, convened to review the pace of progress of Rural development. The JD Planing, ACD, AD Planing, DIO, Xen REW, BDOs and other concerned attended the meeting. The DDC took scheme wise detailed review and received feedback and updated status of development works from the officers

The meeting was informed that as many as 46878 works have been approved under MGNREGA, of which 3099 have been taken up in hand and are at different stages of completion. The total MGNREGA budget for current fiscal stands at Rs.68.89 crore, while as labour (person days) generation has crossed 3 lakes so for, informed the meeting. Reviewing the progress of Amrit Sarovars, the DDC was informed that against the target of 75 works, the department took 338 works in hand, of which 231 Amrit Saro-



vars have been completed Regarding construction of Soakage Pits, against target of 48506, 32954 have got tech-

up for execution. Likewise, 110 Vermi composite Pits have been taken up against the target of 3752. Reviewing the Aadhaar seed-

1.85 lakh job cards, 1.80 lakh cards have got Aadhaar seedling, constituting 96.64%. The DDC also reviewed progress of PMAY(G), Area Development Fund, BADP and CD Panchayats and was informed that 3478 cases have been approved under PMAY(G) for financial assistance. Out of which 2754 beneferies have received first installment.

Under PRIs/ BDCs/DDCs ADF 789 works have been alloted, out of which 71 works completed. Under BADP, 72 works costing Rs.3.34 crore were approved, out of which 20 stands already completely, while as 24 have been completed during current financial year and 5 works are in progress.

Under CD Panchayats, as many as 215 works, costing Rs.6.83 crore have been approved, of which 104 have been allotted and taken up in hand for execution in the district so for. Addressing the meeting, the DDC urged upon the officers to work with added dedication and honestly. He asked them that BDOs have to shoulder the responsibilities with more energy as they hold important positions in the administration. He advised them to stand up to their responsibilities and serve the public.

Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan SDM Karnah chairs meeting, sought cooperation of stakeholders

KARNAH, SEPTEMBER 6: under the ongoing month- long Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyaan initiative, Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Karnah, Dr.Gulzar Ahmad Rather today chaired a meeting of concerned officers and sought active cooperation from all stakeholders of the Sub Division against the growing menace of Drug consumption.

Showing concern over the increasing trend of Drug Abuse, SDM said, the efforts of the Government alone will not be sufficient enough to control and arrest the menace of Drug Addiction and appealed general public to support. He also stressed for creating awareness of the disastrous ramifications of Drug consumption on individuals and fami-

The meeting was attended by principal GDC, Tehsildar, BDO Tangdar/Teetwal, CDPO, ZEO, BMO Tangdar and other con-

DC Budgam visits Markazi Imam Bara Bemina Stresses on robust arrangements for Chehlum procession

06: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today visited Markazi Imam Bara Bemina to review arrangements for the ensuing Chehlum procession.

On the occasion, the DC stressed on making robust arrangements in advance for the convenience of the general public, particularly mourners joining the largest procession on Sep-

He called for adequate arrangements for transport, electricity, drinking water facility, sanitation, health and repairs of roads, links and interior lanes are carried out in advance for hassle-free passage of procession and mourners. ADDC Budgam, Dr Akra-

wah, Tehsildar Budgam, Executive Engineer R&B, DIO and other officers and officials also accompanied the DC.

On the occasion, representatives of Anjuman e Shari Shian, respected elders and other locals who were present raised their needs with the DC.

The DC gave them patient

hearing and assured full support and cooperation the District Administration to ensure hassle-free conduct of the procession.

The DC also designated ADDC Budgam as nodal officer for arrangements for Chehlum procession and directed him to personally

Mega Awareness Camp on Lumpy Skin Disease held at Hajin

BER 06: The Department Animal Husbandry Bandipora today ducted a mega awareness camp regarding Lumpy Skin Diseases (LSD) at the meeting hall of the Municipal Committee, Hajin.

Chairman MC Hajin, Chairman MC Sumbal, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO), Bandipora, EO MC Hajin, Nodal Officer, LSD Bandipora, ward members, PRIs besides farmers, college students and senior citizens participated in the camp. Dr Syed Sharik Shakeel (Nodal Officer, LSD Bandipora) briefed the gathering about the status of the disease and vaccination in the district



ering aware about Lumpy Skin Disease, its signs symptoms and methods of prevention and control. He further explained to the gathering that due to

ministration and timely intervention of the officials of AHD Bandipora for reporting, isolation of the affected animals, treatment and number of affected Animals in the District.

Chairman MC Hajin appreciated the efforts of the Department of Animal for being robust in controlling the disease so far and he further assured the CAHO Bandipora that due support in every possible manner will be extended to the Department in combating the spread of the disease.

CAHO informed that more than 150 LSD related awareness camps have been conducted by the Department of Animal Husbandry Bandipora so far and regular camps are being conducted resulting in less number of cases in

Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan DC Kupwara flagges off bike rally at Ragipora

Advises youth to participate in sports activities of their choice

Dr Abdul Quyoom

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 06: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kupwara Dr.Doifode Sagar Dattatray today flagged off a bike rally from Sumo Stand, Ragipora Kupwara as part of month long activities under Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan The SSP Kupwara,

Yougal Manhas ; ARTO, DYS& SO, Functional Manager DIC DYSP other concerned officers were present at the occasion.

Addressing the rally the DC threw light on the importance of holding activities under the Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan .He said the rally has jointly organised by District Administration, Police, ARTO, Transport and other departments with an aim to disseminate awareness among the youth about ill affects of drug abuse. He appealed the youngsters not to destroy their youth by involving themselves into drugs. He advised them to participate in sports activities of their choice and likeness. Participate in adventure activities including bike racing, cycling and other activities. He said a drug addicted person destroys approximately one lakh rupees on drugs in a year and



can easily get special bike out of that expenditure, if get rid from this bad habit

The Deputy Commissioner said that administration shall act tough against the drug users and its trafficking, adding that every person morally bound to support the administration to achieve the goal.

Later the Deputy Commissioner along with SSP Kupwara participated in the bike rally from Kupwara to Handwara and invited the attention of the general public towards the slogans" SAY NO TO DRUGS", envisaged to generate awareness about ill effects of drugs on the society. The SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas; ARTO, DYS&-SO, Functional Manager DIC, DYSP other concerned officers

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Provide robust extension services to farmers: Atal Dulloo to officers



that grievance redressal should be the top priority of the officers, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today directed the officers of APD to provide robust extension services to the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir.

He passed on these directions while chairing two separate meetings to discuss the progress on district wise extension plans of Kashmir and Jammu divisions.

The meetings to discuss the district wise extension plans of Kashmir/Jammu divisions were attended by Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Director General Planning, Agriculture Production Department, Director General, Command Area Development, Kashmir/ Jammu along with all District officers, Director General, Planning, AP&FW Department, Director Finance, AP&FW Department, Director Sericulture, J&K, MD, KAIDOL, Director Agriculture, Kashmir/Jammu along with all District

While chairing the meetings, Atal Dulloo said that grievance redressal of farmers should be the top priority of the officers and extension workers must be actively taking their roles in this regard. He directed the Chief Agriculture Officers to ensure that extension workers are active in the

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 06: Emphasising field and are taking grievances of farmers seriously. He said that the workers should go to farmers and meet them regularly and provide prompt solutions to their grievances.

Atal Dulloo directed the officers to visit the fields and see prevalence of any unscientific agriculture practice and encourage farmers to adopt modern techniques in the scientific manner. He said that farmers should be made aware of the modern agriculture practices which increases agricultural output. He said that sustainable agricultural operations and farming practices should be promoted among the farmers which yields positive impacts on the environment, animals, and people.

Atal Dulloo further directed the officers for technology dissemination among farmers and said that improving agricultural productivity depends on technology uptake and utilization. He also said that all these steps should be taken with the intention to provide timely information to farmers on smarter techniques and practices and ensure availability of fertilizers and chemicals. He also said that farming community should be made aware of the different schemes like CSS, Capex, PM Kisan, Central Sector Schemes launched by the government and it must be ensured

Interactive Session on SVEEP held at Shopian

SHOPIAN, SEPTEMBER 06: The District Election Office Shopian today held an interactive session with teachers at Mini

Chief Education Officer (CEO), Mushtaq Ahmad who is also the Nodal Officer for SVEEP programme in the district was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The teachers among whom many were BLOs were briefed about the upcoming special Summary Revision 2022 of the Electoral Roll in the UT of J&K.

During the session, teachers were informed about the SVEEP activities and methods and means for engaging the masses for greater participation in the electoral roll. A number of speakers who spoke on the occasion highlighted the educational as well as the electoral value of the SVEEP

The teachers were briefed about the role and responsibilities of Booth Level Officers, (BLOs) who are the ground workers of the process. They were also briefed about the civic responsibilities of the masses in the process

CEO Shopian in his address to the teachers said that he has nominated nodal officers



from institutions of secondary school level and above for coordinating with election authorities in organizing events and programmes of the SVEEP.

He also urged teachers to act as role models in educating the masses about values of participative democracy. He said Voter literacy is a key to successful democracy for which we all need to put our hands

Chairman DDC Anantnag inaugurates PRI works

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 6: The Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Anantnag, MY Gorsi today toured various areas of Block Pahalgam.

During the visit, the DDC inspected various works under execution in the area. He inaugurated Lidroo Gateway and laid the foundation stone of Road from Gratenard to Lidroo in presence. The DDC Chairman later distributed sports kits among young boys and girls from Pahalgam and surrounding areas. Interacting with the children he said that they must stay away from the menace of drugs and concentrate on productive endeavours. He said they must up-skill themselves to earn a dignified living and earn laurels for their family and village and stay away from bad habits.

SE R&B, Ex. Engineer R&B and BDC Pahalgam, BDO Pahalgam, PRI members and members of civil society were present on the occasion.

Special training imparted to BLOs at Town Hall Anantnag

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 06: In pursuance to the directions of Election Commission of India, a special training for special summary revision of Photo Electoral Rolls for all BLOs and supervisors was today held at Town Hall, here.

Accordingly, training was imparted to BLOs of 43 - Anantnag West and 44-Anantnag constituencies. During the training, the components of special summary revision schedule, new form 6, 6B, 7, 8, Garuda App, Aadhaar linkage with Epics, 100 percent photo coverage in Electoral Roll, PWDs marking, uploading of AMF/ EMF were discussed.

Speaking on the occasion, the master trainers said that BLOs are the backbone of the process and have to ensure the correct uploading of the data of voters. The BLOs were given the training on how to make deletions, corrections, uploading etc. They were asked to make door to door surveys to ensure that every eligible person is enrolled and data

It is worth mentioning here that the District Election Officer has devised a schedule for training of all BLOs of the District covering all 7 constituencies.

The training sessions are being monitored by Dy District Election Officer, Anantnag who said that the main aim of organizing the training is to ensure the BLOs are comfortable with all aspects of data updation and related changes.

The training session was attended by all the concerned BLOs, master trainers etc. Accordingly, training was imparted to BLOs of 43 - Anantnag West and 44-Anantnag constituencies. During the training, the components of special summary revision schedule, new form 6, 6B, 7, 8, Garuda App, Aadhaar linkage with Epics, 100 percent photo coverage in Electoral Roll, PWDs marking, uploading of AMF/ EMF were discussed.

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Know why you should floss your teeth everyday

ental health is extremely important and it is highly recommended that you brush your teeth twice everyday. This helps to keep plaque and all other unwanted substances at bay. Along with brushing your teeth, it is crucial that you floss your teeth everyday.

Flossing your teeth everyday helps to prevent the buildup of plaque. And with that, it also keeps away the risks of other related dental issues. Like brushing is recommended twice everyday, you should floss your teeth once everyday. A lot of people like to floss in the morning while others might like to floss at night. When you floss your teeth, it helps to loosen the food particles and other substances around your teeth. When you brush after this, it helps to remove the substances and keeps your teeth and gum healthy. Take a look at why you should floss everyday.

It prevents the chances of gum disease. If your gums are not healthy, it might lead to gingivitis or other gum diseases. This might enamel of the teeth, which inflamed which might eventually lead to more serious everyday can prevent the gum infections.

It prevents the risks of



cavities. When plaque builds up, it might lead to tooth decay and eventually cavities. A cavity can destroy the lead to your gums becoming might eventually lead to dental issues. Flossing once risks of cavities.

It reduces bad breath.

Regular brushing and flossing can help to keep away bad breath. Bad breath happens because of the food that gets stuck in between your teeth which slowly starts to decay. Flossing helps to remove that food and keep away bad breath.

Not just healthy for your body, the soap of this fruit is healthy for your skin as well

Papaya is known to have several health benefits, from being healthy for the heart to being healthy for the digestive system; the list is long. The high amounts of vitamins and minerals present in them make this fruit a good option for many.

However, it does not just end with health benefits; papaya is also good for your skin. Papaya soap has Vitamin C present in it which helps in collagen production in the skin. Moreover, they also have Vitamin A in them which aids in the skin regeneration and also helps to scars and dark spots. Here, take a look at the benefits of

using papaya soap. It can be used for exfoliation: Exfoliation is important as it helps to remove all the dirt, oil and dead skin cells. Papaya has papain in them which helps to exfoliate the skin and remove all the impurities, making the skin brighter.

It can soothe an insect bite: The enzyme papain is also known to help with inflammations and swelling. When you rub the papaya soap on the affected area, it helps to reduce the inflammation and redness and chances of acne and break-



along with that, it also helps outs. to reduces the pain and itch-

It can be used for acne: Papain present in the soap helps to exfoliate the skin and a skin that is clean and free of dirt and oil, has less

It can also make the skin brighter: The removal of dead skin cells from the skin's surface makes the skin brighter. Moreover, using papaya soap regularly can also help to reduce dark

'OCD is a result of imbalanced learning between reinforcement and punishment'

cientists from the Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST), Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International, and Tamagawa University have $demonstrated\ that\ obsessive-compulsive\ disorder$ (OCD) can be understood as a result of imbalanced learning between reinforcement and punishment. On the basis of empirical tests of their theoretical model, they showed that asymmetries in brain calculations that link current results to past actions can lead to disordered behaviour.

Specifically, this can happen when the memory trace signal for past actions decays differently for good and bad outcomes. In this case, "good" means the result was better than expected, and "bad" means that it was worse than expected. This work helps to explain how OCD develops.

OCD is a mental illness involving anxiety, characterized by intrusive and repetitious thoughts, called obsessions, coupled with certain repeated actions, known as compulsions. Patients with OCD often feel unable to change behaviour even when they know that obsessions or compulsions are not reasonable. In severe cases, these may render the person incapable of leading a normal life. Compulsive behaviours, such as washing hands excessively or repeatedly checking whether doors are locked before leaving the house, are attempts to temporarily relieve anxiety caused by obsessions. However, hitherto, the means by which the cycle of obsessions and compulsions becomes strengthened was not well understood.

Now, a team led by researchers at NAIST has used reinforcement learning theory to model the disordered cycle associated with OCD. In this framework, an outcome that is better than predicted becomes more likely (positive prediction error), while a result that is worse than expected is suppressed (negative prediction error). In the implementation of reinforcement learning, it is also important to consider delays, as well as positive/negative prediction errors. In general, the outcome of a certain choice is available after a certain delay. Therefore, reinforcement and punishment should be assigned to recent choices within a certain time frame. This is called credit assignment, which is implemented as a memory trace in reinforcement learning theory.

Ideally, memory trace signals for past actions decay at equal speed for both positive and negative prediction errors. However, this cannot be completely realized in discrete neural systems. Using simulations, NAIST scientists found that agents implicitly learn obsessive-compulsive behavior when the trace decay factor for memory traces of past actions related to negative prediction errors (n-) is much smaller than that related to positive prediction errors (n+). This means that, from the opposite perspective, the view of past actions is much narrower for negative prediction errors than for positive prediction errors. "Our model, with imbalanced trace decay factors (n+ > n-) successfully represents the vicious circle of obsession and compulsion characteristic of OCD," said cofirst authors Yuki Sakai and Yutaka Sakai.

To test this prediction, the researchers had 45 patients with OCD and 168 healthy control subjects playing a computer-based game with monetary rewards and penalties. Patients with OCD showed much smaller n- compared with n+, as predicted by computational characteristics of OCD. In addition, this imbalanced setting of trace decay factors (n+ > n-) was normalized by serotonin enhancers, which are first-line medications for the treatment of OCD. "Although we think that we always make rational decisions, our computational model proves that we sometimes implicitly reinforce maladaptive behaviours," says the corresponding author, Saori C. Tanaka.

Although it is currently difficult to identify treatment-resistant patients based upon their clinical symptoms, this computational model suggests that patients with highly imbalanced trace decay factors may not respond to behavioural therapy

These findings may one day be used to determine which patients are likely to be resistant to behavioral therapy before commencement of

Skin Cycling, a new internet beauty trend takes social media by storm

ince the advent of the internet, various online platforms and social media have helped provide the latest trends and skin care advice to young people. The internet is filled with both useful and dangerous hot takes that one can use at their discretion.

However, some skincare trends do catch the eye and are mighty useful, inexpensive, and can be managed from home.

Skin Cycling is one such Tik Tok trend that promotes healthy skin, and prevents irritation by limiting the use of active ingredients and exfoliants giving the media, the answers are all skin a much-needed rest to

What is Skin Cycling?

Introduced by Dr. Whitney Bowe, a New York-based dermatologist, Skin Cycling is the active usage of skinfriendly ingredients like exfoliating gels, salicylic acid, retinol, and vitamin C before repeating the process.

skin to reap the benefits of ules which can lock in the chemical exfoliation without hydration while being harsh going overboard and causing on the skin. unnecessary distress.

the ill effects in the long run. apply moisturiser.



"Most people assume that more is better when it comes to active skincare ingredients," she explains. "Particularly on social over the place and we are seeing angry, irritated skin as a result," she said in an

How to do Skin cycling?

Since the process involves four nights, we proceed step

Night One: Start with skin exfoliation that helps one-by-one for four nights in get rid of dead cells and efits. a row and thereafter gives a clears the pores and skin. break to the skin for a week Dr. Bowe recommends using chemical-based exfoliators Skin Cycling allows the instead of scrubs and gran-

Night Two: Retinol is a Dr. Bowe believes that strong serum and hence since people do not under- should just be used in the stand quantities when it required amounts, which comes to their skin, most go is one drop. Post cleansing, overboard without realizing massage with retinol and

Night three and four: Again, cleanse your skin and go for hyaluronic acid to fortify the skin. On the fourth night, use vitamin C

What kind of skin does Skin cycling suit?

Dr. Bowe believes that since the process limits the use of chemicals that are used on the skin, all types can benefit from Skin

However, she does recommend customising the process according to individual needs to get maximum ben-

"If you have acne-prone skin or oily skin, you can cut out one of the recovery nights so it becomes a threenight cycle: exfoliation night, retinoid night, recovery, repeat," Dr. Bowe said.

Skin cycling gets a thumbs up on social media Fans and followers of online beauty trends have given a thumbs up to Skin Cycling, with 48.6 million

views to learn the process.

Want sparkling white teeth?

he saying Smile is the mirror to your soul you flash your teeth and embarrassingly, they are yellow and off colour.

To save your soul from turning yellow, many natural methods do help.

According to studies, more than 80 per cent of Americans do desire white, sparkling teeth and reportedly spend over \$1.4 billion every year on whitening products. However, most of them are riddled with chemicals and bleach that work only for a short while and in turn cause more harm to the

So, if you want whiter teeth, do have a look at the options that are both natural

Oil Pulling: It is an ancient, traditional method of removing toxins from the body, many of which are responsible for oral hygiene as well. The practice involves putting coconut oil around your mouth to remove bacteria, which can turn into plaque and cause your teeth to look yellow Being high in lauric acid, it is an antioxidant, anti-bacterial, and anti-bacterial ingredient that helps kill bacteria that does not cause any side

Hydrogen peroxide: A hydrogen peroxide kills clean and hygienic. Hydro-



because it is anti-bacterial and subsequent infections. It and antiseptic. Most kinds is a completely safe practice of toothpaste also contain high amounts of hydrogen peroxide.

Baking soda: It is anothnatural bleaching agent, er easily-available kitchen item that is used as a natumouth bacteria and keeps it ral toothbrush to keep the mouth clean and teeth white gen peroxide is also used and shiny. Baking soda has

ties and also works as daily scrub for the teeth.

Fresh fruits: Follow a diet that is high in fruits and vegetables as they are highly nutritious and nourishing. Fruits like strawberry and pineapple help in whitening the teeth and also rub away

Good news! Coming soon, a new, non-addictive pain killer with fewer side effects

any people tend to pop in pills after pain in some body part. What they do not realise is that continuous and repeated consumption of analgesics can cause severe side effects, sometimes even leading to organ failure and

However, that might be a thing of the past now. Scientists in the UK have discovered a compound that is potent enough to be used as a painkiller medicine which is non-addictive and does not cause any potential side effects.

Known as BnOCPA or benzyloxy-cyclopentryliadenosine, the compound has opened doors for the development of various other analgesic drugs that can help treat various dis-

pain prevalent in between overdosed. one-third and one-half of the population in the UK.



Opioid drugs can cause severe complications

According to the doctors, pains and aches can have severe implications on the body as well as the quality of life since another pain-Scientists at the School of killer can induce severe Life Sciences, the University side effects like kidney failof Warwick along with their ure, constipation, etc. Also, colleagues at the University painkillers can be addictive of Cambridge have collabo- since opioid drugs are loaded rated on a drug, that might with morphine and oxycodohelp disable the chronic newhich can be dangerous if

At lower doses, opioids may make you feel sleepy, in the paper.

but higher doses can slow your breathing and heart BnOCPA is unique as it actirate, which can lead to death.

How does BnOCPA work?

potency of BnOCPA make ecules. it truly unique and we hope that with further research it

Professor Bruno Frenguelli, principal investigator on the project, from the University of Warwick's School of Life Sciences, added: "This is a fantastic example of serendipity in science. We had no expectations that BnOCPA would behave any differently from other molecules in its class, but the more we looked into BnOCPA we discovered properties that had never been seen before, and which may open up new areas of medicinal chemistry."

BnOCPA is a unique compound

According to Dr. Wall, vates on type of G protein as compared to other drugs that act only on the cell sur-"The selectivity and face activating adapter mol-

You can reduce your risk of dangerous side effects will be possible to generate by following your doctor's potent painkillers to help instructions carefully and patients cope with chronic taking your medication pain," Dr. Mark Wall, from exactly as prescribed. Make the School of Life Sciences at sure your doctor knows all the University of Warwick, of the other medications and who led the research, wrote supplements you're taking.

Can regular use of insulin cause cancer? Study puts diabetics at a higher risk

Tf you are regular, daily use of a high dosage of insulin, owing to type 1 diabetes, you are at a higher risk for developing cancer, according to a recently concluded study.

Both diabetes and cancer are among the world's top causes of death, with the potential reasons including obesity that associates the two chronic diseases together.

Obesity is a common risk in both diabetes and cancer Obesity plays an important role in creating a systematic pro-inflammatory environment which results in the development of both diabetes and cancer

Both diabetes and cancer share many common risks despite no clarity on any biological relationship between the two. According to researchers, diabetes is a marker of altered cancer risk due to changes in underlying metabolic conditions, such as insulin resistance or hyperinsulinemia.

Findings of the recent study A recent study pub-

lished in JAMA Oncology



betes and identifies a potential mechanism to explain the association. The study analyzed 50 common risk factors like

tion, and family history, collecting viable data. Results showed that traditional metabolic factors like

smoking, alcohol, medica-

has explored the associated obesity represented by body mass index, sugar control and blood pressure control do not associate with cancer incidents in patients with Type 1 diabetes. However, it was considerably higher for

had a more than four-fold

those who took large doses of insulin, suggesting that

cancer diagnosis

No need to panic The researchers have urged insulin users to not panic as insulin has an excellent risk-benefit ratio, however careful choices have to

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NIMHANS survey on mental health

ational Mental Health Survey conducted by the Government through National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, the prevalence of mental disorders including common mental disorders, severe mental disorders, and substance use disorders (excluding tobacco use disorder) in adults over the age of 18 years is about 10.6%. As per the major findings of the survey, the prevalence of mental morbidity is high in urban metropolitan areas; mental disorders are closely linked to both causation and consequences of several non-communicable disorders (NCD); nearly 1 in 40 and 1 in 20 persons suffer from past and current depression, respectively and Neurosis and stress related disorders affect 3.5% of the population and was reported to be higher among females (nearly twice as much in males. Also data indicate that 0.9 % of the survey population was at high risk of suicide and that nearly 50% of persons with major depressive disorders reported difficulties in carrying out their daily activities. The covid-19 pandemic has surely aggravated the situation, leaving those having such issues to struggle with the symptoms and disabilities that result from what is basically and undeniable a disease which to a large extent is curable. What makes the challenge more difficult is stereotypes and prejudice such people face purely as a result from misconceptions about mental illness. As a result, people with mental illness are robbed of the opportunities that define a quality life good jobs, satisfactory health care, and association with a diverse group of people. The people having mental illness not only face the public stigma which is the reaction that the general population has towards them but also self-stigma which is defined as prejudice which they turn against themselves. For providing affordable and accessible mental healthcare facilities to the population, including the poor and underprivileged, the Minister informed the parliament that the government is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in the country. In addition, the Minister said the Government is also taking steps to strengthen mental healthcare services at primary healthcare level. Also operational guidelines on Mental, Neurological, and Substance Use Disorders (MNS) at Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) have been released under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat. While these steps are in the right direction, the government needs to keep working to augment the infrastructure and also take more and more measures to ensure prompt awareness about the availability of the services. There is also a need for improving access to preventive and curative mental services.

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BEHIND THE HIGH SUICIDE RATE AMONG DAILY WAGE LABOURERS IN INDIA

PAARTH PANDE

Tndia's stunning 13.5 per cent Gross Domestic Product ('GDP') growth rate could have been a cause for much celebration had it not coincided with the release of the National Crime Records Bureau ('NCRB') data for 2021. 'Crime in India', the annual report of the NCRB for crime-related statistics, reported that the registration of violent crimes such as rape, kidnapping, atrocities against children, robberies and murders increased to levels set before the pandemic. Still, the overall crime rate (per one lakh people) decreased from 487.8 in 2020 to 445.9 in 2021.

The most eye-catching data set however came from the 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' report, which showed that the number of suicide-related deaths in India reached an all-time high.

For the second consecutive year, the maximum number of suicide victims were daily wage workers, increasing from 37,666 in 2020 to 42,004 last year. The data also revealed that the maximum increase in the rate of suicide was observed amongst "self-employed persons", with an increase of 16.73 per cent: from 17,332 in 2020 to 20,231 in 2021

Across all categories, the dominant reasons for suicide were related to personal life: family problems, illness, love affairs and marriage. However, for almost five vears now, the uptick in suicides has been staggering, going from 1,33,623 in 2015 to 1,64,033 in 2021: a whopping 22 per cent increase.

As steps are taken to recover from the overall impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to move beyond macroeconom- nomic capital they had. Whereas of its people out, and that class is

on society. An important part of that process is to confront the reality that the COVID outbreak has unleashed a mental health crisis on low-income groups in the unorganised sector.

Working conditions for labours in the unorganised sector had never been perfect, but things over the past decade have worsened, evident by the fact that there has been an over 166 per cent increase in suicide among daily wage workers between 2014 and 2021. Therefore, it is necessary to understand the possible causes that may have been aggravated during the COVID crisis that triggered this rise.

These causes can be broadly divided into two types: social and economic. The social crisis stemmed from the threat of the virus and the decisions taken to contain it. The economic causes

are a by-product of these decisions. Not many may still remember the kind of panic and fear that the early days of COVID outbreak in 2020 had caused. This invisible, undefinable disease targeting people indiscriminately while simultaneously forcing everyone into the confines of indoors, a sci-fi dystopia unfolding in real life, was bound to induce some level of psychological problems. The worst part of it was, despite attempts by several sections of the mainstream media and politicians, there was simply no definable 'other' to blame for the misfortune one suffered.

Despite leaders across fields screaming that 'we're in this together', people weren't. One's experience through the pandemic was determined by social and eco-

ic indicators like the GDP and focus on one end, people were watching on the pandemic's larger impact reruns of their favourite shows on the television, a larger mass of people was on the streets, desperately trying to get back to their homes on foot. Some had the luxury to access the most expensive of medicines; others couldn't even afford proper meals.

Whereas people working in the formal sector still had some degree of financial security as their salaries were more or less unaffected. the people working in unorganised jobs suffered the worst of the pandemic. With no income, most were either forced towards taking loans, or had to eat up their savings. So when the corporate sector was talking about using the crisis as an opportunity to increase wealth, for the people at the bottom, it meant giving up on their future.

Inflation and unemployment: Having suffered major disruptions in the global supply chain along with an economic collapse, there was both a shortage of goods and livelihood opportunities. Despite India faring relatively better than other economies, an inflation rate of around 6 per cent has been breaking the backs of many. This has resulted in an already beaten lower income group losing even more and not even getting any chance to rebuild.

Non-inclusive growth: India's recovery from the pandemic has been defined as K-shaped. This means that some sectors and people have managed to not only return to pre-pandemic levels of wealth and income, but have also seen increased prosperity. On the other hand, others have continued to lose even more. India's growth story seems to have left a large section clearly feeling the burden.

All these aggravated fault lines eventually result in the inducement of the same feeling: frustration. The lack of growth, missing out on opportunities, losing one's future and seeing stagnation in life, add up to create a hopeless and frustrated individual who just wants a way out. Whereas those with money have the option of approaching psychologists and avail of expensive therapy, for the have-nots, there simply is no mental health redressal mecha-

Therefore, for any realistic solution, these handicaps of the victims must be acknowledged. Thus, for addressing the crisis at hand, the approach should be based on acknowledgement, rebuilding and

In our political and mainstream discourse, socio-economic inequality (which increased in India due to the pandemic) is hardly given the attention it deserves, being looked at as a by-product of policies that just has to be lived with. This was most reflective during the protests against the controversial farm laws, as many commentators thought that even if the farm bills induced inequality they were better for the economy. The current attitude of the Union Government towards the disparity in wealth was also reflected very well when members of the ruling party chose to disparagingly call social welfare measures "rewadi culture". Inequality needs to be addressed as a problem for there to be a solution.

So far, policy measures taken for people in the unorganised sector have been related to mere survival. For example, focusing on provid-

vaccines. However, as we move towards economic recovery, it is important to address people's aspirations and create opportunities. Schemes such as the the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act can be used. Steps should be taken to ensure that people who have lost livelihood find similarly placed jobs. An approach can be based on using the upcoming census's data to specifically target communities which have lost the most during the pandemic. The immediate crisis that needs to be dealt with is inflation; getting it under control is absolutely crucial in order to stop the further erosion of the lower socioeconomic classes' wealth.

As the world becomes a more unstable place, the State needs to become ready and prepared for the possibility of facing similar situations better. Thus, there need to be strong safety nets for unorganised workers. Something like unemployment insurance can be a method. Ensuring that there exists infrastructure and Standard Operation Procedures to deal with such situations, like emergency food kits, travel arrangements and easing up of loans, will also be nec-

A frustrated working class is extremely dangerous for any country: mixed with high inequality, it is a recipe for disaster. Thus, it is important that the NCRB data not be viewed in isolation as that of crime or mentally ill individuals. but as a reflection of deep-rooted problems that our society faces.

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WORST UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOBLESSNESS BENEATH HIGH GROWTH RATE IS BAD OMEN

DR. GYAN PATHAK

nemployment rate on September 5 in India on 30 days moving average was as high as 7.8 per cent. Urban unemployment was even worse at 9.1 per cent, while rural unemployment remaining as high as 7.2 per cent during agriculture activities is alarming.

The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) data reminds us further that unemployment rate today is far worse than one year ago in September 2021 when it was 6.86 per cent. Urban unemployment at that time stood at 8.64 and rural unemployment at 6.04 per cent.

last month to become worse in last one year. So was the case with urban and rural unemployment which stood

at 9.57 and 7.68 respectively. This data on unemploywe read it with another data of high GDP growth rate at 13.5 per cent in the first quaryear ago helped by the base effect, thereby registering the fastest growth in four quarters. There is a clear case

of our economic recovery moving fast in ditching our workforce by not providing them proportionate number of jobs at the level of GDP growth rate. It's a jobless growth, the repercussion of which in now being felt in the society in terms of social unrests and even suicides.

It has been argued for quite some time that workers are committing suicides due to joblessness. Now official data has confirmed it. The data for National Crime Records Bureau for the year 2021 has confirmed that suicides by daily wage worker has reached all time high.

There have been another presumption that self-The unemployment rate employment is in fact conunemployment that among the suicides of workers, suicides by selfemployed has also reached the Modi government's proment do not augur well when paganda that people are getting self-employed in large numbers and are doing well for the development of the ter of FY22-23 compared to a country. The fact is that the workforce have utterly being left for themselves without

proper help and support. The utter neglect of the The last time the unemployment rate remained below '90

workforce has pushed the in the country. It is due to yearly basis which enables rate of joblessness to a oneyear high of 8.3 per cent in August, according to the CMIE data. While both rural and urban unemployment labour. Government also and compiles. increased significantly this admits the importance of month, the overall rise is timely and reliable data but workforce is worst in the last nessed in Haryana at 37.3 hy ioblessness in NCRB data even reveals urban areas. The urban unemployment touched 9.57 per cent in August as against 8.21 per cent the previous all time high. It does exposes month. At the same time, rural unemployment surged to 7.68 per cent from 6.14 per cent in July.

However, the government data gives us a different and quite contrary picture which no one relies. Everybody knows that India does not maintain real time reli-

this reason a national and international organisations does not maintain as such

the government to present a better picture than the curhas always asked India for rent moving status of the reliable and timely data on workforce that CMIE collects The current status of the

the Periodic Labour Force urban areas. Women workernment on Wednesday, parts. While male unemploythe unemployment rate has ment dropped to 7.1 per cent, dropped from 12.6 per cent in from 7.7 per cent in the last June quarter last year to 7.6 quarter, female unemployper cent in the same quarter ment was at 9.5 per cent, as this year. This data is quite against 10.1 per cent, the contradictory to the data of CMIE data showed. The data CMIE which needs to be recalso shows unemployment onciled. It should be noted at elevated levels of above 7 culty. that Government presents per cent in June quarter this able data about workforce usual status of workforce on year, which have continued

in August. Employment conditions are adverse for the youth, Mahesh Vyas, MD and CEO, CMIE, has noted in his analysis earlier this week.

"The 15-24 years age group has a relatively low labour participation rate (LPR). Between 2016-17 and 2021-22, while the average was 42.6 per cent, the LPR for the youth was much lower at 22.7 per cent. Yet, the youth face a much higher unemployment rate. While the overall unemployment rate averaged at 7 per cent, the youth experienced an unemployment rate of over 34 per cent," he said.

The highest unemployment rate during August. in terms of states, was wit-Nevertheless, as per India and far more worse in and Kashmir at 32.8 per cent, Rajasthan at 31.4 per cent, Survey (PLFS) report force are suffering more Jharkhand at 17.3 per cent released by the Union Gov- than their male counter- and Tripura at 16.3 per cent.

When we read the data of high rates of GDP, unemployment, joblessness, suicides and social unrest together, it suggests something very unpleasant brewing underneath which may put the country soon in great diffi-

AMIT SHAH IS DETERMINED TO DECIMATE **UDDHAV IN MAHARASHTRA POLITICS**

SUSHIL KUTTY

nion Home Minister Amit Shah is not known for his kind face. When Shah throws his considerable weight around it can be like 10 tonnes of heavy rock on the toes. Compared to Shah, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray is a lightweight, quite literally! Now, Shah has asked the Mumbai unit of the BJP party cadre to squeeze Uddhav Thackeray out of Maharashtra politics. The Union Home Minister says Uddhav dreamed up the whole canard of "sharing" the CM's post.

So, now we know, for sure, the BJP is a vendetta-driven political party. Ahead of the Brihanmumbai Corporation (BMC) elections, Amit Shah isn't sparing in his words. Can it be that the BJP is scared of losing the BMC elections? Shah played the victim card, saying Uddhav Thackeray betrayed the BJP. Maharashtra Deputy Chief

Thackeray ditching the BJP for the Congress and NCP had been a personal affront.

Shah singled out "Thackeray's arrogance." For Shah, Machiavellianism is a personal fiefdom. If the rival returned the favour, then it is betrayal. The BJP took it for granted that the Chief Minister-ship was the BJP's for the taking, and that the Shiv Sena shouldn't have gone where it wanted to.

The BJP's tyranny isn't different from other dictatorships. It's In the best James Hadley Chase just that the BJP couches it in lingo, Shah has the 'Tiger by the words that sound accommodative to everybody except to the party at the receiving end. Can Uddhav Thackeray be blamed for taking a dislike for Amit Shah? Not after we know for sure that the BJP hated Uddhav Thackeray more than it abhorred the Shiv Sena.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. He should know Minister Devendra Fadnavis that the BJP picked him because the record, Shah was having fun all wash away. stood by Shah's ample side. Shah's Lord Rama had proved long ago dictating proceedings in politics

through. The BJP is safe harbour for the disgruntled of every party. It makes use of the deadwood from rival political parties to shore up its bunds.

Now, Shah has told the state unit of the BJP to show Uddhav Thackeray "his place", not knowing that if a poll is taken, even the new Shah clear out of Maharashtra. The Home Minister is not wanted in this home stretch of the Shiv Sena. Tail' and that spells there are 'No Orchids for Mr. Shah' in Mumbai.

Shah has been showing his true colours. Those who have seen Shah, without the mask on, will not forget him. "Sinister" is not the word. For Shah "any means, can justifiably be used in achieving That should be a warning to political power." Also, you'll get the feeling that in Shah's book "it's better to be feared than loved." For

hand" took away everything.

Maharashtra from the MVA is now displaying itself in the traces of panic at the thought of losing the recovered upper-hand. Besides Shah, both the factions of the Shiv Sena are also on tenterhook. The results of the BMC elections will has to live his life here in Mumbai. kid on the block would vote Amit throttle one of the two Shiv Sena If the Uddhav Thackeray Shiv Sena factions. And this time, there is no retains the BMC, there wouldn't Surat or Guwahati to run to, there's only Maximum City 'Mumbai'!

For the BJP, too, the BMC elections are crucial, Shah's rhetoric supported this premise. The rotund Home Minister, with zero oratory at his command, will once again be tested. His election-juggernaut reputation didn't always deliver. The West Bengal defeat was humiliating. Now, if the BJP-Shinde combine loses BMC, there wouldn't be enough water in the Thane Creek to drown in. Shah's talk of "Thackeray deception" will

The BJP continues to use the

bottled fury came through. Uddhav that a Vibhishana always comes till Maharashtra "slipping out of name of Balasaheb Thackeray to attack Uddhav Thackeray. Lots The importance of recovering of the Marathi-speaking do not like this. Shah accused Uddhav of "drowning all principles" of Bal Thackeray. Maybe Shinde should step in and tell Shah to go fishing in other troubled waters. The likes of Shah will come and go, but Shinde be much left of the Mumbai turf for the Shinde Shiv Sena to mark territory.

> Amit Shah is an outsider throwing his weight around in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The Marathi-manoos can be riled only up to an extent and, then, thereafter nobody should forget what fate was reserved for Afzal Khan. Reading even a little history will help Shah. But Amit Shah doesn't give any reason to believe that he is a reading zealot, apart from reading what's in the draconian UAPA, and the equally tormenting PMLA.

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The honour of the teacher

ARSHID AZIZ

here is a Chinese proverb that if you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people. Nelson Mandela has rightly put it: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." The one who creates and makes this powerful weapon is none other than a teacher. It is a teacher who encourages us to drink deep from the ocean of knowledge. We must respect and pay our deep compliments to this great personality.

Many countries celebrate their Teachers' Day on 5th October in conjunction with World Teachers' Day. However, India celebrates it on 5th September in honour of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishan for his contribution to the Indian education system. On this day students recall their teachers who have educated, enlightened and prodded them into action in life.

Our beloved Prophet (pbuh) has also praised the teaching profes-



has a great status in Islamic society. According to Henry Adams, "A teacher affects eternity: he can never tell where his influence stops". The poet and philosopher Dr Iqbal was all praise for teachers. He said that the youth were like cre teacher tells. The good teacher

sion. Thus, we can say a teacher obligation of the teacher to give them the wings to soar high with. To quote him:

Sheikh-e-maktab hai ik imarat

Jiss ki sannat hai ruh-e-insani! As the saying goes, "The medio-Shaheens (eaglets) and it was the explains. The superior teacher

demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." Teaching is essentially an intellectual activity. "It is not merely talking or expressing one's ideas; it requires conscious and continuous organization of learning activities. It entails creation of a conductive and supportive learning environment. A teacher has to evolve a suitable plan of action to achieve desired changes in the behavior of a group of learners" (Madaan). Thus, a great teacher is like a candle, which burns itself to light the others.

However, it is very unfortunate to see that in our society the teacher does not get the status and respect which he or she deserves. Also, many teachers have misused this noble profession and thus are themselves responsible for the degradation of respect. The teacher-student relationship is a sacred one. A negative relationship can ruin and damage the student's personality while a positive relationship can have good social, psychological and academic outcomes. Hence, when a teacher does not follow professionalism, or lacks

enthusiasm and passion for teaching, when the driving force is mere money, this noble profession turns into a commodity. To quote Maya Angelou: "You can only become truly accomplished at something you love. Don't make money your goal. Instead, pursue the things you love doing, and then do them so well that people can't take their eyes off you.

Teachers in China have the highest level of public respect, according to an international study comparing their status in 21 countries (BBC). Here in our part of the world, it is high time that we pay the highest compliments to our teachers who have guided us to the right path. As Aristotle said, "Those who educate children well are more to be honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well." On this special day, I pay my heartfelt reverence and gratitude to all my teachers who have shaped my career, moulded my future and taught me a lesson to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.

RISHI SUNAK IS ONLY 42, HE CAN LOOK FOR ANOTHER **ROUND BEFORE 2024 ELECTIONS**

ARUN SRIVASTAVA

ishi Sunak (42) being an Indian is not the only reason for Indians taking keen interest in the election of the prime minister of Britain. There are other factors too; one of them, the most important. has been the resurgence of the rightist forces in that country and access of the British Indians to the decision making process and mechanism. Yet another concern that got reflected in the victory of Liz Truss is the Britons are having second thought on the Brexit.

During the final phase of the campaigning for the prime ministerial election an impression was created by the supporters of Brexit and Boris Johnson that Truss would sweep the election. But it did not happen. In sharp contrast to the assertion by the anti-Sunak forces, literally representing the bogey of status quoists, Sunak performed comparatively better.

Minutes after Sir Graham Brady, returning officer for the Conservative and Unionist Party leadership election, declared; "Total number of eligible voters was 172,437. Rishi Sunak has got 60,399 and Liz Truss got 81,326. Therefore, I give notice that Liz Truss is elected as the leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party", the BBC pointed out that Truss's 57.4 per cent to Rishi's 42.6 per cent was a clear win but not the landslide the foreign secretary's supporters had predicted." Truss got even less number of votes than her predecessors. Boris Johnson won 66.4 per cent of the vote in 2019, David Cameron 67.6 per cent in 2005 and Iain Duncan Smith 60.7 percent in 2001.

Though leaders like Johnson had thrown their full weight behind Truss, this could not fetch her the number of votes he had obtained earlier. Why the Conservative members did not whole heartedly rally behind Truss and respond to the calls from Boris? Shockingly though she had won, question has also surfaced just after the announcement of her victory that "whether she is up to it". This scepticism does not seem to be a good sign and does not augur well for her. It is irony that Conservatives voted for her, even after aware of the fact she is not a match for Labour's Keir Starmer, Keir has wide range of ideological differences with Jeremy Corbyn it is believed that he would extend his support to Keir for defeating Truss in the 2024 general election. This situation leaves wide open space for Sunak.

In his scheming to avenge his exit from the office of prime minister, Boris Johnson might have succeeded, but he has inflicted a massive damage to the future electoral prospect of his party. Truss will have to put extra amount of intelligence and energy to lead the country to come out of the present morass. She will have to heavily depend on the leaders like Boris and other ultra-rightist crusaders. In her endeavour to salvage the situation, she would force Britain to take a turn for extreme rightist policies and programmes. The situation is fraught with the danger of UK losing its liberal and centrist political culture.

Her acknowledging speech after she was declared victorious is testimony to it. She said; "I want to thank my friend, Boris Johnson. Boris, you got Brexit done. You crushed Jeremy Corbyn, you rolled out the vaccine, and you stood up to Vladimir Putin. You are admired from Kyiv to Carlisle." What does it imply? She has been absolutely populist in her reach. It did not reflect pragmatism and a will to think free. It is significant that some economists had earlier claimed that Truss's proposals would do little to solve Britain's problems, and could even worsen them.

The prolonged leadership contest exposed hopeless lack of political imagination of Truss. Except parroting of inanities on tax cuts and pledging blind faith in Thatcherite Conservatism she has nothing new to offer. It is an open secret that Boris has miserably failed to protect the economy of the country from the ill effects of Brexit. Economic indicators signal the damage done to British economy and society by Brexit. She did not spell out what should be done to repair

Electoral success of Truss owes to the former members of UKIP. Recent research into the composition of the Conservative Party indicates it has been infiltrated by extreme hard-right former members of United Kingdom Independence Party and the Brexit Party, both of which were led by Nigel Farage. The UKIP leader had forced David Cameron to hold a referendum on whether Britain should remain within the EU. Sunak was aware of this development but he had no alternative, he had to go ahead. Chris Curtis, head of political polling at Opinium revealed; "In the run-up to Boris Johnson becoming leader, lots of people who were ex-UKIP and Brexit Party supporters switched over and joined the Conservatives, so I think the membership is more Right-wing now as a consequence of that." Truss depended on this group which holds extreme Right-wing views on economics.

The experts feel that the third woman premier elected after Margaret Thatcher and Theresa Mav will have to face a greater problems than any British Prime Minister has faced since World War II. What was significant that the market did not respond in a positive manner to Truss's win. It nursed apprehensions. They feel that the UK might be forced, in the not-too-distant future, to apply for an IMF loan to surmount the economic crisis embroiling the country. Even economists feel that her plans may plunge the UK economy deeper into debt and create more problems. However she insists the stimulus moves would revive the economy.

Nevertheless the discussion which prominently figured in the Conservative circle is whether they will succeed to take on the Labour challenge. She might have managed to win the premier election on the strength of the rightist votes, but they will not be only voters during the 2024 election. The common people, the British Indians and Pakistanis and other permanent settlers would be crucial deciders. They are already feeling alienated. Defeat of Sunak has already sent a wrong message that the rich people and rightist are not willing to protect their social and economic interests. The rich do not feel affected at all by the inflation and a turbulent and uncertain market.

Political circle is agog with the feeling that some centrist and liberal Conservative MPs would not prefer to be members of Truss cabinet as they apprehend that it would follow the rightist policies and programmes. Sunak has already ruled out being in Truss's cabinet and will sit on the backbenches. Unfortunately even he has been defeated aides of Boris are feeding the wrong information about that he will quit politics and head back to California to resume a financial career.

DRYING AND CONTAMINATED WATER **SOURCES INCREASING DAY BY DAY**



VIJAY GARG

the country does not have access to pure water, nor do they have risk of decreased immunity, access to the technology to reduced life expectancy and make water clean. In such a premature death. In this consituation, people knowingly or unknowingly are harm- Health Organization (WHO) ing their health. The Sustainable Development Goal total population of the world, 6.1 also emphasizes univer- or about two billion people, is sal and equitable access to compelled to drink contamisafe and affordable drinking nated water. Regarding its water. This is possible only when water conservation and harvesting becomes a basic consumption increases the duty and people start understanding the value of every drop of water. industrialization, urbanization, increasing population and With the diarrhoea, malnutrition, changing climate, the lack of cancer, child and stomach clean water has also become related diseases. Since water an international problem. is a universal solvent, it Day by day the drying and gets polluted easily. Water getting contaminated water mainly contains contamisources have affected humannants like arsenic, fluoride ity in many ways. It has and nitrate, industrial and adversely affected people's agricultural wastes, microhealth as well as environ- plastics, medical waste etc. ment and economy. Statistics show that unsafe water radioactive elements etc. makes about a billion people can also contaminate water sick every year. UNESCO's when it comes in contact World Water Development with water sources. And make Report-2022 states that almost them deadly. Apart from

a severe water crisis for at least one month in a year. this report According to KT. India is the largest user of groundwater in the world. In fact, due to shrinking water sources and increasing water pollution, underground water large population of is getting contaminated very fast. Drinking contaminated water also increases the text, a report by the World states that a quarter of the danger, WHO says that contaminated water Continuous risk of dozens of diseases. Populations cursed to drink contaminated drinking water have to face cholera, typhoid, Copper, lead, chromium and

such as bacteria, viruses and parasites. The chemicals. metals and micro-organisms variety of dangers. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has identified arsenic as a cause of lung, bladder, heart, skin and kidney cancers. The World Health Organization guideline in this regard is that the amount of arsenic in drinking water should not exceed 10 micrograms per liter. But the irony is that around the world fourteen Millions of people consume high levels of arsenic in drinking water. Apart from this, lead is also a toxic pollutant, which contaminates water. The World Health Organization estimates that more than two billion people drink leadcontaminated water globally. Chromium is also one such element, which makes water contaminated and poisonous. When the amount of chromium in water exceeds twenty-five micrograms per liter, that water becomes toxic. Consumption of chromium mixed water causes rashes on the body, kidney and liver toxicity, cancer There is an increased risk of diseases like anemia, sperm damage and anemia. Microplastics are tiny bits of plascan easily enter the human

stomach problems. give rise common source of nitrates is exceeds ten milligrams per liter.Consumption of nitrate polluted water increases the risk of diseases like cancer. Pollutants are so finely dissolved in water that they are not visible to the naked eye. The solid metals in water are detected by TDS (Total Dissolved Solids). It is seen as the amount of impure particles dissolved in water. According to doctors, water up to five hundred TDS is drinkable, but drinking water above this without filtering causes great harm to health. However, due to lack of awareness and clean water sources, a large population She is helpless to drink contaminated drinking water. Due to poverty and lack of information, those who are unable to face this situation, they become prematurely dead. According to the Central Pollution Control Board, more than three and a half hundred rivers in to pollution. The aquatic ecothem at risk of becoming bio- activities are affected in polhalf of the world's population this, untreated water also body through drinking logically dead. In this context luted water bodies, causing

lives in areas where there is contains bio-contaminants water or bottled water, and the famous river Thames of a loss of one billion dollars cause reproductive, immune London can be remembered, dysfunction, obesity, and which was declared biologically dead in 1957, was given. present in the water pose a to problems. Similarly, the But after a long struggle of six decades, it was successindustrial fertilizers. Health ful in making it pollution-free is in danger when the amount last year. The phenomenon of nitrate in drinking water of the Thames becoming biologically dead and alive is a great lesson for the global community, because not controlling water pollution leads to various side effects. For example, due to pollution, the amount of oxygen in the water decreases, due to which the life of aquatic organisms becomes difficult. On the other hand, irrigation with polluted water leads to high concentration of contaminants in cereals, fruits and vegetables. They invite diseases and death. On the other hand, water pollution also affects the economy. According to a World Bank report, the decline in water quality in the world reduces by a third of the potential economic growth in heavily polluted regions. Clean water plays an important role in economic development. Its accessibility, while protecting citizens from water-borne diseases, increases their effithe country are moaning due ciency and also helps in economic savings, but also on the system of many rivers is on mechanism of cleaning water the verge of destruction due and cleaning polluted water tic less than five micrometers to being filled with pollutants bodies. Billions of rupees are in size that, being invisible, throughout the year, putting spent every year. Tourism

to this industry every year. Due to water pollution, the physical and mental development of people is affected. due to which they are not able to develop as a mature human resource. In this way water pollution has a negative impact on the national income. The truth is that a large population of the country does not have access to pure water, nor do they have access to the technology to make water clean, so unknownT hese people are harming their health. The Sustainable Development Goal 6.1 also emphasizes universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water. As such, universal access to clean drinking water is an important practical aspect of realizing the Sustainable Development Goals targeted by 2030. However, this is possible only when water conservation and harvesting becomes a basic duty and people start understanding the value of every drop of water. Despite three-fourths of the earth being water, only one percent of it is within our reach, hence water conservation But it has to be taken seriously. At the same time. the habit of polluting water sources will also have to be controlled

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126 years old Kupwara motor bridge Still functional; This bridge is a message for present constructors and engineers

MSNAZKI

The story of a bridge that probably is the strongest in Kashmir valley and it stands out because it can still sustain the heavy weight of the wheels that cross it!!

'Champora is a Village in Ramhal Block in Kupwara District of Jammu and Kashmir starts from a famous bridge known as Rang the bridge is constructed and Kadal constructed during British Reign!"! This is a a one line story

'The reason that this line caught my attention was that I have crossed this bridge in the old but the strongest and most powerful four wheeler, Jonga along with my Dad when he was commanding his unit in Kupwara!'... My adventures in Kashmir were to start!

'From St Edmunds Shillong to CMS. Tyndale Biscoe has always remained etched in my mind! It was late in the evening when we crossed this bridge!'

'Anyway as I usually do I will start this one also with a bit of history of the bridge that came up first

in the world!' They built the Caravan Bridge, the world's oldest reliably dated bridge. It's a stone arch span over the Meles River in Izmir, Turkey. According to Guinness World Records, it dates from 850 B.C., making it almost 3,000 years old.'

Basically a bridge is a structure built to span a physical obstacle (such as a body of water, valley, road, or rail) without blocking the way underneath. It is constructed for the purpose of providing pas-

erwise difficult or impossible to

'There are many different designs of bridges, each serving a particular purpose and applicable to different situations. Designs of bridges vary depending on factors such as the function of the bridge. the nature of the terrain where anchored, and the material used to make it, and the funds available to build it. And the one we are going to talk about is absolutely different! And it still stands tall and strong and was built during the Brit-

'It is called Rang Kadal!' 'The earliest bridges were likely made with fallen trees and stepping stones. The Neolithic people built boardwalk bridges across marshland. The Arkadiko Bridge (dating from the 13th century BC, in the Peloponnese) is one of the oldest arch bridges still in existence and use.'

ish era!

'The next question to which everyone seeks answers is who made the first bridge in the world? The answer: The earliest known arch bridges were built by the Bridge. The Solkan Bridge over the the world and the longest railroad stone bridge.

'Now coming to Kashmir valley, the first bridge across the Jhelum

usually something that is oth- Shah in 1415 AD. Six more bridges were built by later rulers, and by the nineteenth century Srinagar came to be known as the 'City of the Seven Bridges.

'In any case the Vale of Kashmir



with sevways but today we will talk about the bridge in Kupwara!'

'The crackling sounds of an old and tired bridge can best be understood by an old and tired person! Those who have carried the burden Greeks, and include the Arkadiko of life for so long are the ones who understand each other best!' This is Soca river at Solkan in Slovenia is the one while walking on two legs the second-largest stone bridge in or traveling on four wheels the golden oldies have heard no such sounds as yet but as they travel or walk across the ones created and constructed by PWD (R&B) Jammu

sage over the obstacle, which is was Aali Kadal, built by Sultan Ali and Kashmir they are scared and collection of course! they have reasons to do so'!

> 'If you want to cross a bridge that is likely to collapse, you will be disregarding not only your life but also the life of the bridge!I do not have to give examples because several of a particular department in UT Jammu and Kashmir I have mentioned above!'

The news report that I got was abut and it was from interiors and it read something like this; This bridge was made in the british reign and is still

able to free transport movement of heavy and light motor vehicles! Since I had three pictures with me, I knew that this must be a great line and it was because the pic-

tures were taking me into

the past civilizations! A bit of history I have given above!

The next line was even more interesting and it read: 'This was just one bridge of 1896

in district Kupwara that connected Ramhal-Rajwar and Handwara villages with district headquarters in Kupwara. 'Here I understood what he

wanted to say'!

'Everyone wants to save time so that he can make some more money and one bridge is simply not enough!' I do not think that I'm wrong here and neither was Karl Benz when cars came into vogue!' I mean the automobile industry!

'Now those cars are decorative props in houses of artefact lovers, one is in our house too! Grandpa's

'Then I further went on to read the report given and it stated: Till date this bridge is all fine and safe for transport movement.

'The location of the bridge is the Vilgam area of Handwara Sub District!

By now i knew without reading as to what the next line would be though I had not read it!

This bridge is a message for present constructors and engineers. Bilal Ah, a local resident, said that in the last 20 years 80 to 100 bridges were constructed by the R & B Department and local contractors. That was great but..

After 5 to 7 years the bridges are unsafe for public movement and transport also! The question is why and for what reason is a common man raising this question!' The administration has to give answers!

Well the question is genuine! We are in a progressive mode and the people of Kupwara too are in the same! So why not go with the people and the administration should be doing precisely that! But are they really?

Finally I will conclude by saying that sometimes, people who pass a beautiful bridge add an extra beauty to it, but neither the bridge nor the people who pass over it know about it, only the photographer who captured this! The one which I'm going to tell about has many stories to tell! But remember when you cross a bridge, never forget this: You crossed because the bridge allowed it!'

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BRIEFLY NEWS

Brahmastra: Alia-RK, Ayan announce spl fan preview

ollywood actress Alia Bhatt who is all set for the release of the much-awaited magnum opus 'Brahm stra Part One: Shiva', on Tuesday announced a fan screening that will be held on September 8, in Mumbai.

The soon mom-to-be took to her social media and shared a video, where she is see alongside filmmaker Ayan Mukerji and husband Ranbir Kapoor, along with the crew of the movie, sitting in a theatre.

"We are watching Brahmastra in 3D for the first time together. It's unreal," she says.

Ayan says: "This is a huge moment for us to finally see the movie complete in this form. As we were all together, we decided that one day before release, the way we wanted to put the film out in the world, is to really watch it with the audiences that the film was made for.

"So we have decided that one day prior to release on Thursday...

Ranbir joins in and continues, "On 8th of September, that is lucky number 8, we will be having a fan screening with all of you guys. I can't believe

Ayan adds, "in Mumbai for now", to which Alia adds, "further details to follow. Hope to see you there for the special fan preview. Book your tickets

Directed by Ayan, produced by Star Studios, Dharma Productions, Prime Focus and Starlight Pictures, the magnum opus will release theatrically on September 9, in 2D, 3D and IMAX 3D, across five Indian languages - Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada.

It boasts a stellar ensemble cast of Amitabh Bachchan, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, and Nagar-

Series on Rajiv Gandhi's assassination probe

utting a spotlight on the immediate aftermath of the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Applause Entertainment, green-lights a crime procedural, based on writer Anirudhya Mitra's book "Ninety Days: The True Story of the Hunt for Rajiv Gandhi's Assassin".

The series will be a blow-by-blow account of how the CBI's Special Investigation Team cracked the assassination plot, identified the assassins and chased the mastermind, to his final hideout.

Acclaimed film director Nagesh Kukunoor will be helming the project. He shared, "I look forward to taking on this gritty and thrilling piece of storytelling, ... excited to see how this one unfolds."

Mitra said, "With 'Ninety Days...' I've tried to provide the most definitive account of the biggest manhunt launched in India.

"The audio-visual format enables the story's numerous facets and layers to be presented in a more nuanced and engrossing manner. With Applause Entertainment's reputation for passionate storytelling and Nagesh Kukunoor's directorial expertise, I'm confident that an exciting series lies ahead of us.

Sameer Nair, Applause Entertainment CEO said, "Driven and guided by our values of being ambitious, audacious and disruptive, we believe the adaptation of Anirudhya Mitra's book certainly makes for a compelling story to tell.

...We are pleased to once again collaborate with director Nagesh Kukunoor to bring this gutwrenching story to a contemporary audience.

The content studio recently announced an exciting slate including "Tanaav", "Gandhi" and "Scam 2003" and has now acquired the rights to Mitra's

A former journalist, Anirudhya was one of the firsts to report on the investigation and break several exclusive stories while the hunt for the assas-

Parineeti Chopra stranded in a desert?

ollywood actress Parineeti Chopra is currently shooting at an undisclosed location for an upcoming project.

Her pictures are making rounds on social media, and the diva appears stranded in the desert.

The close-up shots show Parineeti wearing an all-black outfit, and carrying a backpack.

She looks quite exhausted. It is not known where these pictures were taken, or what it is for.

However, they certainly look very dramatic. What can be said is that her face looks dusty and

All her fans are wondering what landed Parineeti in this situation. She looks like she has given up hope of ever getting out of the situation alive. These pictures are sure to send a chill down your spine.

Parineeti is speculated to be seen in Imtiaz Ali's "Chamkila", a biopic on Punjabi singer Amar Singh Chamkila starring Diljit Dosanjh, and also a movie along with popular singer Harrdy Sandhu.

Apart from this, Parineeti is also part of "Uunchai" along with Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam Kher, Boman Irani, Neena Gupta, and Sarika and also a part of "Capsule Gill" with Akshay Kumar which is being shot in London.

Vikram Vedha: Makers to host trailer preview event on Sep 7

he team of Hrithik Roshan and Saif Ali Khan starrer 'Vikram Vedha' have planned to treat fans across India, with a trailer preview event. The event is a first of its kind fan event, where well wishers of Hrithik and Saif from across seven Indian cities will be shown the trailer preview a day before its worldwide digital showcase.

Spokesperson for the film said in a statement, "The trailer of Vikram Vedha is set to launch on September 8th 2022. However, we have planned a special preview for fans to witness the trailer on the big screens on Wednesday, September 7, a day prior to the digital launch."

"We wanted to hold these previews for Fans who have waited patiently for the release of Vikram Vedha, while showering utmost love for the first look, teaser and posters of the film. It was an unanimous decision by the team to showcase the trailer of Vikram Vedha to fans, before the world. We will be making arrangements across cities like Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata and Mumbai," he added.

Vivek Agnihotri to attend 10th SIIMA

ilmmaker Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri is all set to attend the 10th South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) in Bengaluru.

The South Indian International Movie Awards is scheduled to take place from September 10-11. The ceremony recognises and honours the best films and performances from the Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada films and music released in 2021, along with special honors for lifetime contributions and a few special awards.

A source from the industry said: "It is a great achievement for Vivek Agni-



buster movie 'The Kashmir Files' in the current scenario where almost every second movie is losing it at the BO. The film's grand success at the global BO with Rs. 350 Cr plus collection has made him a big independent film maker and as we all know, once you show the magic, all will welcome you showering love from all across."

While this year has been the fruition of all the hard work Vivek Agnihotri has poured, the Indian filmmaker has enjoyed the success of 'The Kashmir Files' which managed to grab the attention of the entire nation.

'Dahan..': Tisca reveals brush with supernatural

isca Chopra who stars in Disney+ Hotstar's upcoming supernatural series, "Dahan-Raakan ka Rahasya" shared her experience of the supernatural ahead of the thriller's

In a statement, Tisca, who plays an officer in the series, said: "I most certainly have experienced certain energies, also some weird incidents that have no explana-

Express Highway was super scary. Late one night, a tersaw a woman die and when Nikhil Nair. we came back to look for the body, there was nothing!"

"One on the Western IAS officer in the dark tale Shilaspura, also known as

of myths and superstition that is directed by Vikranth rible accident happened Pawar and written by Nisarg right in front of our eyes, we Mehta, Shiva Bajpai and

> The series features paranormal occurrences in a

the 'The Land of The Dead'.

The show touches upon society, its beliefs and challenges its characters to face their deepest and darkest

It takes off when a mining Tisca Chopra plays an quaint, rustic village of expedition threatens the vil-

lage fabled with a temple that legends say can unleash a deadly curse when harmed.

Tisca sets out on a mission to battle age-old superstitions that shroud the village in the face of mysterious killings and disappearances.

Shot across Rajasthan's uniquely rugged landscapes, the story spells catharsis with cursed caves, hidden treasures and generational secrets. It also features actors Rajesh Tailang, Mukesh Tiwari, Saurabh Shukla, Ankur Nayyar, Rohan Joshi, Lehar Khan, among others

Produced by Banijay Asia, Deepak Dhar, and Rishi Negi, this nine-episode series releases on September

Prime Video to air 'Sita Ramam' on September 9



Rashmika Mandan- in my heart," he added. na-Mrunal Thakur starer Telugu blockbuster 'Sita Ramam' will premiere on September 9, Prime Video on Tuesday announced.

Produced by Vyjayanthi Movies and Swapna Cinema, the poetic romance Raghavapudi. Filled with charming performances and mesmerizing music, 'Sita Ramam' unravels the mysterious love story of Lieutenant Ram, an orphan soldier whose life changes after receiving a letter from

"Sita Ramam is a timeless and heart-warming film that embraces the poignancy of pure love between two individuals," said Dulquer.

"I am overwhelmed with all the response our film has been garnering and glad that through Prime Video audiences across the globe warmth of this story. It is cess," she added. truly a special film and will

ulquer Salmaan- always hold a special place

"Playing Sita has been one of the most humbling experiences of my life," said Mrunal on her debut Telugu film.

"I was mesmerized within minutes of hearing the narration and could not have let drama is directed by Hanu this opportunity go. It's my first film in the South and with the streaming premiere on Prime Video, I can't wait for more audiences to watch the film and give it the same love that I've felt since it was released," added Mrunal.

"The journey of our film Sita Ramam has been interesting and a wonderful journey," said Rashmika.

"Congratulations to the entire team, especially Hanu sir and thank you to him for Afreen. The response to the film has been overwhelming. Thank you to the audiences. With the streaming premiere I hope it reaches will get to experience the new heights of love and suc-

'Goodbye' trailer roller-coaster ride



The trailer of the and promises to be closer much-awaited family drama 'Goodbye', starring Amitabh Bach-

The story of 'Goodbye' revolves around self-disfamily and the celebration a heartwarming story of every Indian family ever period to make sunshine er ride of emotions. Sharing

though a loved one has gone far away. Big B and Rashmika will

chan and south heartthrob be seen sharing a father-Rashmika Mandanna was daughter relationship and unveiled by makers on their bond evolves as the

mayhem in every family covery, the importance of dealing with the ups and downs that life throws but it of life in every circum- also gently reminds the sigstance beautifully depict- nificance of being there for ed by Bhalla family. It is each other, through it all.

The trailer of the film touches your heart and that takes the gloomiest takes you on a roller-coast-

the trailer on social media Rashmika wrote: "A part of our #Goodbye baby is now yours. This one is special for so many reasons but for now I hope you and your family like this.

The film portrays the Gupta, Pavail Gulati, Elli Avram, Sunil Grover, Sahil Mehta and Abhishek Khan in pivotal roles and is helmed by Vikash Bahl.

Produced by Ektaa R Kapoor's Balaji Motion Pictures in association with Good Co, it is all set to release in cinemas on Octo-

KWK 7: Siddhant reveals Ishaan's singlehood

he glamour game is all set to skyrocket in the 10th episode of 'Koffee With Karan' season 7, as Katrina Kaif graces the couch with her 'Phone Bhoot' co-stars – Ishaan Khatter and Siddhant Chaturvedi.

Marking the season's first trio, the three turn up the heat as they discuss bromance, love interests, and the concept of 'suhaag raat'. Chronicling fun with a side serving of charisma, the trio captures hearts and laughter with panache. When you are one of Indian

entertainment's most eligible actors, your relationship status is a national curiosity. Iconic host Karan Johar finally puts this curiosity to rest for us on his show by evoking a full and final response from Ishaan on his current relationship status. "It does not matter who

broke up with whom but I am currently single," finally declared the star, but not without his close friend Siddhant revealing a possible reason for Ishaan's singlehood. "Mere saath ghumte ghumte ye bhi single ho gaya," Siddhant added.

'Koffee with Karan' airs every Thursday at 12 am on Disney+ Hotstar.

Lalit-Sush story over?



had declared his relation name in his bio. with former Miss Universe and Bollywood actress Sushmita Sen, so as quickly the once IPL honcho ended the tale, it appears.

Lalit Modi, who just two months back claimed to LEAGUE-Moon". be in a relationship with opped his Instagram social media handle.

In July, Lalit had shared cosy photos with Sushmita from their Maldives vacation, and claimed that they were 'dating' sending the media to a frenzy.

He also had put Sushmi- 'Aarya 2'.

'ust as suddenly former ta's photo along with him, Indian Premier League in his Instagram profile, chairman Lalit Modi besides mentioning her

On Tuesday, Modi changed the display picture, and uploaded his solo photo with tricolour filter. His bio reads now as, "Founder @ iplt20 INDIAN PREMIER

Sushmita had earlier the Beauty Queen has now cleared the air on her weddisplay picture with her, Modi, and clarified that she replacing it with a solo and is 'not married'. She also also changes his bio on the faced trolling and was called a 'gold digger'

Taking a dig at "intellectuals", Sushmita then said that she digs deeper than gold and have always preferred diamonds.

Sushmita was last seen in

Tanzeel teams up with Pakistani rapper Nawaz for his new song 'Pasbaan'

Renowned singer, songwriter & content creator Tanzeel Khan has collaborated with Pakistani rapper Hashim Nawaz for his latest original track called 'Pasbaan'.

The word 'Pasbaan' which comes from an Urdu origin means protector and the song echoes the same emotion.

The song was initially written to launch as the eighth song and an outro for his debut album 'Dastaan'.

'Dastaan' which was released last year was Tanzeel's first-ever special seven-track debut album which narrated a journey full of emotions from happiness to sadness to pain and love. The theme of this album was a story(Dastaan) and closing the album with 'Pasbaan' was supposed to be the perfect ending to the album but

Sharing the excitement ahead of the song launch Tanzeel Khan shared "Pasbaan is a very special song and I cannot wait for my audience to listen to it. This song was created long ago but it was in my song bank for a long time as it felt incomplete and it gave me a feeling it required that extra

Tanzeel had other plans.



And just at the right time, $\;\;$ that helped me add my touch my brother & renowned rapper from across the border Hashim Nawaz came to the rescue and added his verse to this song

Pasbaan is like a cardboard ending, support to that storybook with that melancholic feel. It's the backbone of a 'Dastaan' and this is exactly how I had imagined it, even though it couldn't be launched along with the album'

Talking about the collaboration Pakistani rapper Hashim Nawaz said "It was a delight to work with Tanzeel on such a beautiful song. Tanzeel narrated the idea

to it. This song as the name portrays acts as a guard to a melancholic journey. Tanzeel's claim to fame

was the most popular music video which was also his first, "Dilli Ki Ladki" which has been now viewed by over 14 million people.

He has also collaborated with some of the finest artists in the industry such as Arjun Kanungo and Akasa. One of the recent milestones that Tanzeel achieved is 20 million monthly Spotify listeners on his song 'Befikar' with his close friend Aashna Hegde.

This song 'Pasbaan' is to behind the song to me, and be released today.

ZEE5 to air 'Sohreyan Da Pind Aa Gaya'

EE5 has announced the premiere of its latest Punjabi offering, 'Sohreyan Da Pind Aa Gaya', on September 23.

Produced by Ankit Vijan, Navdeep Narula and Gurjit Singh, the comedy drama stars actors Sargun Mehta and Gurnam Bhullar in lead roles.

Directed by Ksshitij Chaudhary and written by Amberdeep Singh, the romantic comedy takes its title from a popular Punjabi folk song and revolves around the love between Bhullar and Mehta, who hope to get married to each other. However, an unexpected twist in the tale leads to Mehta getting married to someone else. This leads to problems between the two lovers who then engage in a

game of one-upmanship. Bhullar decides to spoil the fun of getting married for Mehta and is determined to tie the knot with a girl from her village so that she cannot ignore him. The battle between the two enraged ex-lovers that starts from film, 'Surkhi Bindi' saw great hereon is hysterical and the USP of the film.

'Sohreyan Da Pind Aa Gaya' is an out and out entertainer with situational comedy, a sizzling chemistry and an unusual love story with a mix of romance and



Jass Bajwa, Jasmin Bajwa, Shivika Diwan, Hardip Gill and Mintu Kapa in key roles.

Manish Kalra, Chief Business Officer, ZEE5 India said. "Punjab is an important market for us at ZEE5 and we have been consistent in expanding our presence in this market from the very outset. We have had the good fortune of collaborating with the foremost storytellers in Pollywood to showcase blockbuster Punjabi films and 'Sohreyan Da Pind Aa Gaya' is another strategic addition to our library. Sargun Mehta and Gurnam Bhullar's last traction on our platform and with the unusual and wacky plot of 'Sohreyan Da Pind Aa Gaya', we are confident that this movie too will strike a chord with the viewers and

tickle their funny bones". Director Ksshitij Chaudrevenge. The movie also stars hary said, "Witness our on ZEE5.

film's second innings on India's largest homegrown OTT platform, ZEE5 on 23rd September. This film was made with a lot of heart, humour, good intentions and a purpose to entertain. So, we hope that our efforts reach more and more people via its digital premiere and proves to be a superhit". Sargun said, "I had a

lot of fun shooting for this film as it is not your typical romcom. This film starts with romance but very soon leads to revenge which is the most fun part about this film. Viewers will get to see a different kind of chemistry between me and Gurnaam in this one. We definitely see a greater traction towards the film on ZEE5 as this is the perfect family entertainer one would want to invest in".

Gurnam said, "It was a fun ride shooting for this film as the story is so unique and exciting. Love stories usually end with a happy ending but in this one, it starts with romance and ends with an attempt to seek revenge from an ex-lover. Now that the film belongs to the fans, I am excited for them to sample the film on ZEE5 and shower their love. I hope that the World Digital Premiere is a

'Sohreyan Da Pind Aa Gaya' to air on September 23

Tourism Secy. reviews pace, financial closure of PMDP, CAPEX projects

Stresses on sticking to timelines, quality control, proper fund utilization

upon the executing agen-

cies to ensure that the

works and facilities for the

Shri Amarnathji yatries

BER 06: Secretary, Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez today took a detailed review of the developmental projects under PMDP and CAPEX being undertaken by the Tourism Department in a meeting of officers, Chief Executive Officers of various Tourism Development Authorities and representatives of various project executing agencies

He also reviewed the completion of the works executed by the Department for the Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2022

Addressing the meeting, the Tourism Secretary underscored the need for maintaining a timeline for the completion of developmental works and



prolong too much. He also stressed on maintaining financial discipline while executing and completing development works.

Sarmad Hafeez asked the engineers and officers to ensure that funds earmarked for various devel-

execution of projects and address the bottlenecks, if any, to ensure timely execution of these projects. He asked the project executing agencies to devise a timeline schedule for completion of various velopmental works.Extensive erly and timely expended deliberations were held on as per the Government the completion timeline of instructions while ensurprojects, expenditure staing that no liabilities are tus and financial closure created. He impressed of these works. It was in-

are further improved next

year in terms of the design

and facility. The Tourism

Secretary impressed upon

the CEOs, Engineering

heads and other officers

to regularly review the

formed in the meeting that

many projects are advanc-

ing as per decided time-

lines and are at various

stages of completion. Besides, the lagging projects are also being assiduously pursued by the concerned agencies to ensure their smooth completion.

meeting was formed that tourism infrastructure projects are underway at places like Tosamaidan, Tral, Harnag(Anantnag), Sonamarg and other upcoming destinations. The Tourism Secretary impressed upon the executing agencies to pace up their efforts and get the projects completed before the autumn this year.

Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Dr. G N Itoo, CEOs of various Tourism Development Authorities of Kashmir, officers of Tourism Department,

Padma Shri Padma Sachdev GPGCW hosts **Investiture Ceremony for Session-2021-22**

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 06: Students Welfare Committee of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women Gandhinagar, on Tuesday organised Investiture Ceremony for the Session 2021-22 in the College Auditorium. The Programme commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by Saraswati Vandana to invoke the Goddess of Knowledge

The newly appointed Presidium Members, Class Representatives and Volunteers were conferred with Badges and Sashes by the Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College; Prof. Sujata Slathia, Dean Arts; Prof. Kamlesh Slathia,Dean Sciences; Prof. Mamta Gupta, Dean Commerce along with the Proud Parents and members of Students Welfare Ivanka Raman, the former President

of the College handed over the torch of Enlightenment and Responsibility to the newly inducted President Pooja Chargotra. The Presidium along with the Torch took the round of the College Campus. Donning the mantle of accountability,

the members of the Presidium, CR's and Volunteers took pledge to bestow their duties to the best of their abilities and to hold the College motto of Loyalty, Truth and Honour in high esteem



Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College congratulated and advised the council members to inculcate the values of punctuality, dedication, discipline and determination as they are the torch bearers of tomorrow. She also reminded them that with Position comes the responsibility towards themselves, their College and Peers. Pooja Chargotra, the newly appointed president expressed her gratitude for honouring her with this prestigious post and vowed to justify this with her conduct as College President.

The programme concluded with the National Anthem.ers of tomorrow.She also reminded them that with Position comes the responsibility towards themselves, their College and Peers. Pooja Chargotra, the newly appointed president expressed.

Udhampur: Teachers' day celebrated at **Shaheed Inspector Kamal Singh GHSS Boys**

BER 06: The main function of Teachers Day of District Udhampur was celebrated at Saheed Inspector Kamal Singh Higher Secondary School Boys Udhampur.

Joint Director School Education Udhampur-Reasi, Dhirendra Sharma was the chief guest while Chief Education Officer, Udhampur Arvin Kumar Koul was the guest of honour on the occasion.

In the function, one best teacher from each zone was felicitated in view of their valuable contribution towards imparting quality education in their respective zones. Their screening was done by a zonal level committee.

The Teachers felicitated on the occasion were from Shashi Kumar Zone; Dr. Goldy Salathia from Chenani Shabir Hussain from Dudu Zone; Vijay Kumar from Ghordi Zone; Sarita Sharma from Jib Zone; Janak Raj from Kulwanta zone; Tirath Ram from Majalta zone: Sukhdev Kumar from Panchari zone; Raj Kumar from Ramnagar Zone: Mohammad Mustaffa from Tikri Zone and Rinku Khanna from Udhampur Zone. They were presented with certificates and trophies.

Zonal Incharge cultural Cell (ZICC) of the zones were appreciated by the Joint Director and Chief Education officer for putting in best efforts for promotion of cultural activities in the schools as per the directions of the higher authorities from time to time and also towards Kala Utsay.

Hushyiar Singh from Babev Zone; Jagdish Chander Sharma from Chenani Zone; Subash Brahmanu from Dudu Zone; Devender Thakur from Ghordi Zone; Jyoti from Jib Zone; Daleep Singh from Kulwanta Dinesh Sharma Zone; from Majalta Zone; Anchal Singh from Panchari Zone: Sanjeev Kumar Ramnagar Zone; Rohit Magotra from Tikri Zone and Rinku Khanna from Udhampur zone were felicitated for their work. Staff of HSS Girls Udhampur was awarded with a trophy for their presentation of Saraswati Vandana and Welcome song prepared by Dr. Sunita Sharma and Anjana Khajuria. Pawan Kumar, NCC Incharge was also felicitated for his services in grooming NCC cadets.

Students of HSS Boys Udhampur presented a variety cultural show. Rakesh Singh, DICC and Dr. Jia Lal, coordinated the programme.

DDC reviews progress on transit accommodations, tribal hostels in Raiouri



SEPTEM-RAJOURI BER 06: District Devel-Commissioner opment Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the progress of work on the transit accommodations and tribal

The meeting was attended by DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; SE PWD(R&B). Nissar Hussain: DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; ExEn PWD (R&B), Maqbool Hussain and other concerned officers.

DDC sought a detailed report from the concerned officers regarding the physical and financial progress in the execution of transit accommodations and tribal hostels in the district.

The Issues impeding the execution of works were also discussed threadbare in the meeting.
Addressing the officers

in the meeting, the DDC asked the concerned to expedite the progress to complete works within the set deadlines. He also asked to maintain quality

Passing Out Parade for 29 Forest Guards

D&FCO sleuths suspend operation of 14 medical establishments for violation of norms

JAMMU. SEPTEMBER 06: In continuation to its efforts to curb the misuse of narcotic and psychotropic substances, sleuths the Drugs & Food Control Organization carried out surprise checks of Drug sales establishments (Retail/Wholesale) across the

Jammu Province.
During the drive, Operations of Fourteen Establishments were disallowed u/s 22 (d) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 for violation of conditions of licenses particularly for not maintaining the sales as contemplated under relevant provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 & the rules there-under.

Statutory Drug samples of more than two hundred moving/commonly prescribed lesser known drug formulations viz Ant diabetics , Antihypertensive, Cardiovascular etc were lifted from the supply chain for determination of strength and purity. These samples were referred to Drug Testing Laboratories located within & outside the U.T of J&K for framing legal opinion to ascertain their quality parameters. Moreover, 1150 Tablets

of Alprazolam have been confiscated by the Regulatory Officers of the organization under the relevant provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act and the investigations in the matter have been initiated. Pharma

Fraternity is here by impressed upon not to indulge in direct procurement/purchase Psychotropic Drugs viz Tapentadol, Tramadol, Alprazolam, Clonazepam etc from the suppliers based outside U.T of J&K in particular of lesser known brands which are prone to filch in the hands of nefarious elements. Otherwise, Strict action as contemplated under provisions of Act shall be initiated against the defaulters

State Drugs Controller, U.T of J&K has informed

worked out to channelize and restrict the procurement and sale of such pharmaceutical preparations through identified Wholesalers within the permissible limits only especially near tertiary Care Center, District Hospitals, Psychiatric Clinics to curb the diversion and misuse of aforementioned without affecting the legitimate requirements of the patients for prevention and cure. The Pharma Trade Fraternity is here by impressed upon not to indulge in direct procurement/purchase of Psychotropic Drugs viz Tapentadol, Tramadol, Alprazolam, Clonazepam etc from the suppliers based outside U.T of J&K in particular of lesser known brands which are prone to filch in the hands of nefarious elements. Otherwise, Strict action as contemof Act shall be initiated against the defaulters

DC Kathua reviews achievements under **District Capex Budget**

KATHUA, SEPTEMBER 06: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today reviewed achievements under district Capex budget 2022-23 including progress of development projects, here at DC office Complex.

The DC took comprehensive re view of each sector one by one and received feedback regarding the current status of the developmental works. Taking department wise review, the DC directed the concerned authorities to prioritise the completion of previous year projects within stipulated time.

He further stressed upon the concerned authorities to expedite the tendering process and allotment of the works under current Capex plan to utilize maximum working season. The meeting was attended by ADDC Kathua, CPO, Executive Engineers, and other concerned officers of the district. He further stressed upon the concerned authorities to expedite the tendering process and allotment of the works under current Capex plan to utilize maximum working season.

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held at Forest Guard Training School, Doomi

The Forest Department organised passing out parade est Guard Training Course on completion of their six month training at Forest Guard Training School, Doomi here today.

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

The event was attended by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Dr. Mohit Gera and Chairman Training Schools, J&K Forest Department, along with other senior officers of the department.

The programme started with presentation of Guard of Honour to the chief guest followed by Passing Out Parade by the trainees of 23rd Kashmir Forester's Training Course, contingent of Forest Protection Force and Paloura.

a deterrence among forest called for effective manage-



Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary congratulated the trainees for completing their training successfully. He praised the frontline staff of Forest Department for their presoffenders. He applauded the role of Forest Guards in providing ecological security to the forest resources. He exhorted upon them to dedicate themselves towards protection of green gold ment of forests with active participation of PRIs and

He asked the passed out trainees to gear up for protection of forests against hazards like forest fires, forest wealth is protected. He assured that all cadre partment will be addressed in a phased manner.

Dr. Mohit Gera, said that the job of frontline staff is tough since they are serving in their own locality and under harsh conditions.

He spoke in detail about the changing and expanding role of forest frontline staff and highlighted the importance of PRI and other grass root level institutions with which the Forest Guards will be closely working. Earlier, the dignitaries con-

ferred awards to the best performing trainees. In academics, Arun Kumar,

Forest Guard of Nowshera Forest Division secured first position, Bilal Abbas Wani, Forest Guard of Marwah Forest Division secured second position and Vipin Pathania while Forest Division secured third posi-

jeev Kumar, Forest Guard of Anantnag Forest Division secured first place, Ajeet Kumar, Forest Guard of Ramnagar Forest Division secured second place and Mohammad Ishaq, Forest Guard of Rajouri Forest Division secured third place.

Besides, Vipin Pathania, Forest Guard of Billawar Forest Division was declared as best Silviculturist and Vipan Jamwal, Forest Guard of Jammu Forest Division as all round best trainee.

Earlier, Sandeep Kujur, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Research & Training delivered welcome address while Principal Forest Guards Training School Doomi presented the course

Food Safety Department's Outreach **Program Implements Basics Of FSSA**

Amir Iqbal Khan

With a view to specify the real purpose of implementing the Govt Schemes particularly Mid Day Meals, a team of Food Safety DFCO under the supervision of Enforcement Officer/ Food Safety Officer Block Ghat Mohd Amin Khan visited the far flung habita tion of Dessa Doda and High School Gadi Zone Bhagwah During the visit, the fresh mid day meals were being served in neat and clean area to the students in keeping with the norms of the depart-

However, for maintaining Hygiene/Sanitation of the Kitchen and utensils, instructions were issued on the spot & for improvement one week time was given for the

An awareness camp was

about guidelines enumerated

Meanwhile, during inspecalso organised to apprise tions, under Foscoris, 20 kg



Fortified Food, storage conditions and Hygienic practices to be adopted in letter & spirits and also to ensure safe

drinking water. During the visit, the Officer inspected the adjoining shops selling essential commodities. 04 suspected Enforcement samples were lifted under FSSA for analysis.

found which were destroyed on the spot under rules. The Food Business Operators were directed to avoid negligence and warned them of strict action in case of vio-

lations of rules. Meanwhile ,the Food Business Operators were impartwith awareness under FSSA particularly regarding procedure for regulations, display of Registrations/licenses at the prominent places of the Establishments.

"The Department is keeping hawk's eye on MDM, PDS supply & ICDS outlets & is taking day to day scheduled random & surprise raids to eliminate the Food adulteration & malpractices," Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Department Doda Taraq Ahmad Butt informed adding that simultaneously malnutrition will be addressed under 'Eat Right Challenge' initiatives including MDM & in ICDS

"The Department is committed to discourage the intake junk food habits in society & zealous to promote the theme Eat Right Eat Healthy and Eat Fortified," he further

Prominent Political Activists Sajid Yousuf Shah and Sahil Bashir Bhat joins BJP.

tivists, TV debater Advocate Sajid Yousuf Shah and Er. Sahil Bashir Bhat joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in presence of senior party leaders at Tagore Hall Srinagar. J&K Co-Incharge Ashish Sood, BJP general secretary Ashok Koul, Vice President BJP J&K Sofi Yousuf, Former MLC and other party leaders welcomed them. Sajid Yousuf Shah and Er. Sahil Bashir Bhat joined with hundreds of their supporters today in Srinagar. BJP Leaders Ashish Sood and Ashok Koul, while welcoming them said that the time has come when everybody is recognizing the dedicated and constant efforts of BJP and its activists in strengthening the nation. He said that every activist of the party works with the principle "nation first" in mind and the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has himself established the highest benchmark of serving the society and the nation selflessly Talking to Media, Sajid Yousuf Shah said he was already connected ideologically with BJP and his main motive to join politics is to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir. I believe in ideology which is against Terrorism, corruption, Separatism, dynasty politics. He also mentioned that J&K LG Manor Sinha have given new ray of hope to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He lauded the ef-

Srinagar:Prominent Socio-Political



forts of Hon'ble LG Manoj Sinha in shaping Jammu and Kashmir in a right direction. Sahil Bashr Bhat said BJP is the only party who have a vision for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Narendra Modi's statement from red fort quoting specifically kashmir politics that there will be new and transparent leadership without any political baggage. We have witnesses after Abrogation of Article 370 how things got changed in the Jammu and Kashmir. There is a political upliftment and positive development throughout the country

DIPR Cultural wing organises cultural program

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 06: Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today organized a cultural program at May Fair Hr. Sec School Chand Nagar Jammu.

Principal of the school, Abhey Basur was the chief guest. Artists of Cultural Wing Jam-

mu and students of the school presented a scintillating cultural program featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi patriotic songs, dance items which were highly appreciated by the audience. Principal of the school, Abhey Basur was the chief guest

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MILITANTS

"The searches are aimed at dismantling the militant net-

work in the valley by identifying over ground workers

in Keran Sector in Kupwara district of Jammu and

These Army posts - some at the highest altitude of about

12,000 feet - are the first line of defense against the in-

truders in these infamous, traditional routes of infiltra-

tion. These infiltration routes converge at the mighty

The range with its mighty peaks, rugged mountains,

thick forests with dense vegetation, and several streams,

poses a difficult challenge, to the forces, of both the kind

"Apart from the topography, the weather here is very harsh, it is extreme. We have too much cold here when it

snows. The snow can accumulate up to 20 feet and remain

there for about three-four months," an army officer said.

The soldiers and officers as well as the posts cannot be

For the months of the winter, the forces at such posts or

their base camps have to stock up the essentials as the

road gets cut-off due to heavy snow. For those months,

helicopters/ choppers are the only mode of transporta-

"The road, many bunkers and other infrastructure is

not even visible when the snow accumulates. There are

high-poles which act as markers for us in such situations

Notwithstanding the nature, the officer said, the duty to

"The duty at the forward post can sometimes stretch

several hours especially if there is an input (militant

While the infiltration has remained largely under con-

trol so far this year – helped by the ceasefire agreement

in the February of 2021 – the possibility of Pakistan

would return its old ways of making increased attempts

The winter months - from November till February or

even March – are difficult times for infiltration because

of the heavy snow. The high-altitude areas in the val-

ley receive heavy snowfall which can accumulate up to

There is always this apprehension, this possibility, that

before the snow sets in, Pakistan may try to increase the

infiltration," officials in the security establishment said,

adding it has been happening over the years and there is

They, however, said, the counter-infiltration grid was

"We are alert to any such situation. The AIOS (anti-in-

filtration obstacle system) is robust and we are keeping

a close vigil especially on the known tracks (of infiltra-

The reiteration of the ceasefire agreement by the two

armies has helped the army on this side to keep a check

Yes, the ceasefire has helped. The Pakistani Army

would usually try to provide a cover to the infiltrators

by firing on our posts when there was no ceasefire. So,

that is there. But, ceasefire or not, we have to be alert. We

They said a multi-tier deployment was in place to stop

infiltration — some of it is physical, some electronic. "It

is a combination of man, machine and surveillance,'

Explaining if further, they said apart from the LoC

fence, known as the AIOS, there are integrated surveil-

lance systems, including ground sensors, night vision

devices, and CCTV cameras to support the robust deploy-

Of the 743-km long LoC in Jammu and Kashmir, about

350 km is in the Kashmir valley, with 55 km of it in the

the unprovoked firing by Pakistan Rangers on a BSF

patrolling party," BSF Deputy Inspector General S P S

The BSF Jammu public relations officer also said there

Officials said Pakistani Rangers posted in Khanor start

ed the firing at the BSF troops who were busy in some "maintenance work" near the border fence at the Border

The BSF personnel retaliated, and the exchange of fire

continued for a brief period, the officials said, adding

Senior BSF officers rushed to the border outpost and are

The ceasefire violation by Pakistan comes close on the

heels of the arrest of a Pakistani national in the nearby

Mohammad Shabad (45), a resident of Sialkot, was try-ing to infiltrate into India when he was fired upon by

BSF troops, but he hid behind the fencing gate and was

subsequently arrested during the intervening night of

August 26 and 27. The February 2021 ceasefire is holding

barring some exceptions. This has brought relief to the

border residents and farmers who have resumed farming

activities along the Line of Control and the International

It said that the cases also include 1013 cases of murder,

315 cases of rape, 14 cases of attempt to rape, 751 cases of

rioting, 104 cases of robbery, three cases of Dacoity and

The report added that 119 cases of murder were regis-

tered in J&K in year 2019, followed by 149 in 2020 and 136

in year 2021 and charge sheeting rate of murder cases in

As per data the motives behind murder includes personal vendetta or enmity in 13 cases, child/human sac-

rifice in one case, communal one case, political reasons

in two cases, one honor killing, 10 cases of love affairs,

three cases of illicit relationship, 30 cases of extremism/

insurgency, 15 cases of land/ property disputes, 18 cases

of family dispute 4 cases of petty quarrel and 25 cases of

ed 04 cases while as Shopian reported 02 fresh cases for

today.Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 04 cases, Udhampur 00, Rajouri 00, Doda 02, Kathua 00, Sam-

ba 01, Kishtwar 00, Poonch 00, Ramban 00and Reasi also

reported no fresh case for today. The bulletin informs that in case of any help, the general public can call J&K

UT Centralized Health Helpline-Toll Free No. 104.In case

of emergency, people can avail free ambulance services

24x7 by calling toll free number 108 while as pregnant

women and sick infants can avail free services by dialing

It also informs that the public can reach national help-

line by dialing 1075. Further the bulletin also informs

the public that for any kind of COVID-19 query, logon

to www.covidrelief.jk.gov.inThe readers can also reach

us on the official Twitter account of DIPR-J&K @diprjk;

website: http://www.jkdirinf.in; Webportal: jkinfonews.

blind murder where motive was unknown.

toll free number 102, the bulletin reads.

com and Facebook: @dipr.jammu.kashmir.

keeping a close watch on the situation, the officials said.

some 15 to 20 shots were fired from both sides.

was no casualty on the Indian side.

Outpost Chinaz around 8.55 am.

on infiltration, but the guard is not being let down.

cannot take it for granted," the official said.

strong and the security forces were alert to thwart any

no surety that it will not happen again, they added

protect the motherland is the priority and has to be per-

when we have to move," the officer said.

to sneak more militants ahead of the winter.

supporting and abetting militancy," the SIA said.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

SPORTS

portunity to learn invaluable lessons on track.

The Lt Governor said development of sports and mentoring of sportspersons are among top priorities of the government. He highlighted the measures taken by the government for creating world-class infrastructure, engaging more youth in sports activities, nurturing the talent and providing every necessary support to sportspersons and athletes

'My Youth My Pride' campaign is being implemented across the UT to instill self-pride and confidence among the youth. Under this campaign, about 14 lakh youth are getting an opportunity to showcase their talent in 22 sports disciplines. This year, 13 National Sports Championships are being organized in Jammu and Kashmir in which 11,000 players from across the country will participate. Sports Associations are coming together to provide an opportunity to about four lakh youth and children in different sports events, said the Lt Governor.

Overall, this year a record 35 lakh youth will get a chance to compete and hone their skills in different disciplines of sports, observed the Lt Governor.

In the last financial year, 126 projects have been completed to develop sports infrastructure and today, indoor stadium facilities have been developed even in remote areas of J&K, he added.

J&K's Sports budget is higher than various developed States/ UTs, which itself speaks volumes about our commitment towards creating sports culture, the Lt Governor further added.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology, in his welcome address laid emphasis on the significance of sports in a student's life for their holistic development.

He further briefed about the various activities and sports competitions to be organized during the athletic

80 athletes from 8 Universities are taking part in different track events in the first Chancellor's athletic meet at IUST, it was informed.

Prof Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary to Government, Youth Services and Sports; Abdul Jabbar DIG, SKR, besides faculty members of IUST prominent sports personalities, senior officers of the UT Administration, Police and Army were present on the

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from India and abroad to discuss change in the backdrop of accelerated development and globalization.

The Lt Governor said the two-day seminar will generate actionable recommendations that have the potential to accelerate the means of welfare of general populace. He further observed that all such recommendations will be incorporated in the policy making by the UT administration and implemented on ground for the welfare of the common man of Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor said that India thrives in its diversity. Moral and social values, ancient tradition and cultural legacy is the real wealth of our society. We have overtaken the UK to become the world's fifth-largest economy which shows our socio-economic development derives strength from these values, he added.

Today, the Indian Diaspora is considered the largest and the most prosperous group in the world and people of Indian origin including J&K have become the significant driver of global growth, the Lt Governor added.

Underscoring that mobility, access to grow, greater control is the key for socio-economic growth; the Lt Governor observed that a large population of J&K was deprived of it for a long time. The transformation post 2019 $\,$ has empowered every section of society with access to all benefits provided by the constitution, he added.

J&K UT's socio-economic & cultural sector is witnessing transformation. We aim for higher economic growth, fast infrastructure development while preserving & promoting our cultural ethos, the Lt Governor noted

The Lt Governor observed that deliberate attempts were made to keep Jammu Kashmir, the land of spirituality and wisdom, away from progress & prosperity due to Article 370 and 35-A. The lack of access to benefits brought stagnation to growth. "Discrimination was a norm and social welfare was an exception. However, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all the progressive laws were implemented and reforms were introduced to bring J&K at par with other developed states Lt Governor said.

MILITANT

fresh contact with the militants was established, official sources said

A brief gunfight broke out between militants and security forces in village Baskuchan of Shopian district on Monday afternoon during a cordon and a search operation following an input about militant-presence.

As the joint team cordoned the suspected spot, the hiding militants opened fire, triggering the gunfight, a security official said.

As no fresh contact was established with the militants this morning during the search operation of the area, it is believed that the militants might have fled from the spot. The operation has been called, he added

to the media on the sidelines of a sports event at a pri-

Mehta hoped that being 'talented'; students from Jammu and Kashmir would shine at national level compet-

"NEP was implemented in J&K after debating its pros and cons thoroughly; policy will be cent-percent successful as far as winter conditions of the UT are concerned. In the past our children were hesitant to compete outside J&K, but we believe that they are talented and could be on top in the country," he said, adding last year the whole valley was open during winters be it Sonamarg or Doo-

Regarding sports activities, the Chief Secretary said the process of setting up one playfield in each Panchayat in Jammu and Kashmir has been completed and that the administration wants every citizen to actively participate in sports activities.

He said 35 lakh people are expected to participate in various sports events this year as Jammu and Kashmir is inching towards a new 'Jammu and Kashmir'.

SIA

The case pertains to a militant grid active in the valley,

"We are investigating masterminds in Pakistan who with the active support of Pakistani intelligence agencies and in connivance with a proscribed militant organization of JeM have been activating their OGWs in J&K for initiating, organizing and executing militant activities,'

an SIA spokesperson said. The Pakistani masterminds had been comprehensively identified, it said. "But their particulars, however, are

being kept confidential," the SIA said. During the searches, the SIA said incriminating material, mobile phones and other articles having a bearing on

the investigation had been seized. Analysis of the data would follow and leads that would emerge would become the basis for further investigation,

VACCINE

India's Fight Against COVID-19! Bharat Biotech's ChAd36-SARS-CoV-S COVID-19 (Chimpanzee Adenovirus Vectored) recombinant nasal vaccine approved by @ CDSCO_INDÍA_INF for primary immunization against COVID-19 in 18+ age group for restricted use in emergency situation.

Last month after completing the phase-III and booster dose trials for its intranasal Covid-19 vaccine, Bharat Biotech said it had conducted two separate trials for its intranasal Covid vaccine, one as a primary dose schedule and another as a booster dose, for subjects who have been double vaccinated with the two commonly administered Covid vaccines in India.

It has proven to be safe, well-tolerated and immunogenic in subjects in controlled trials, BBIL said in a statement. The data from both Phase III human clinical trials have been submitted for approval to national regulatory authorities, the company said.

"If approved, this intranasal vaccine will make it easier to deploy in mass immunisation campaigns with an easy to administer formulation and delivery device. Vectored vaccines also enable faster development of targeted vaccines in response to emerging variants of concern, Bharat Biotech joint managing director Suchhitra K Ella

DR JATINDRA

remotest of the remote and seeking to make up for the negligence of over six decades meted out to far flung regions by the past governments led by Congress and National Conference.

This was stated today by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh while addressing an enthusiastic public rally in the peripheral hilly location of Dudu in the higher reaches of the district. People in large numbers from neighbouring villages had gathered to hear him. Earlier, the Minister inaugurated a mega Multi Speciality Medical Camp organised by the Indian Army through Command Hospital Udhampur. Specialist doctors from different streams including Medicines, Paediatrics, ENT, Ophthalmology, Gynaecology, Dermatology, etc. attended to the patients who turned up in large numbers from all the surrounding villages. Dr Jitendra Singh thanked Air Commander General Dwivedi and the medical team led by Major General Dr. Dash for providing health care facilities to the people who were actually.

'Rubhan is one among our brilliant students, we felicitated his idea, provided him space and tools to prepare this model," he said. Ishfaq Ahmed Mir, Rubban's mentor and the I/C Atal Tinkering Lab, BHSS Bomai Sopore said, "Rubban was continuously working for fifteen days on this project and finally it succeeded. "One must be goal oriented as this would help them to take a path of which they would succeed"'Rubhan is one among our brilliant students, we felicitated his idea, provided him space and tools to prepare this model," he said. Ishfaq Ahmed Mir, Rubban's mentor and the I/C Atal Tinkering Lab, BHSS Bomai Sopore said, "Rubban was continuously working for fifteen days on this project and finally it succeeded. "One must be goal oriented as this would help them to

Pasteurized compost, other material distributed among beneficiaries for establishment of Mushroom units at Kulgam

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 06: The Department of Agriculture Kulgam today organized Pasteurized compost and other related material distribution camp at the mini-sec-

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat distributed Pasturised compost and other related material among the beneficiaries. District Agriculture Officer, Dawood Ahmad informed that this material was distributed among the beneficiaries for establishment of Mushroom Units and these beneficiaries were provided proper training by the Department for successful establishment of Mushroom units.

Present on the occasion were ADC, DAO, Tehsildar Hq and

Degree College Bhaderwah Organises Seminar On"Chunavi Pathshala"

Bhadarwah, Sept 6:In order to aware the masses about the importance of elections and voting, Department of Politi-



cal Science Govt Degree College Bhadarwah in collaboration with NSS, NCC Units and IQAC organized a seminar on CHUNAVI PATHSHALA.

The programme started with the welcome address by Prof. Sanjay Kumar HOD Political Science.

He highlighted the importance of "Chunavi Pathshala". A pledge against drug abuse was taken on the occasion by all the participants.

The main aim of the seminar was to facilitate voter's registration for its eligible members who are not yet registered and to familiarize participants about EVM, VVPAT and educate them about robustness of EVM and integrity of the electoral process using EVMs.

The main resource person on the occasion was Prof. S. S. Parihar HOD Economics, who delivered a detailed lecture on the "Chunavi Pathshala."

There were nine student participants in the seminar, who threw light on the right to vote, democracy, Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties and Universal Adult Fran-

Besides, there were four students who participated in the drawing and painting competition. Students who participated in the programme included Suhani Kotwal, Sundus, Sohail Majeed, Mehlika, Heena Rubani, Taskeen Ahmed Taranjeet Kour, Radhika Raina, Jaseeb Ahmed and Akshay Raina.

The programme was attended by more than 150 students of the college.

The first prize was bagged by Jaseeb Ahmed.

Prominent among those who were present included Prof. S. S. Parihar, Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. Pinki Kotwal, Prof. Deep Chand, Prof. Rahul Uttam, Prof. Bipen Kumar, Prof. Arjun Kotwal, Dr. Banti Kumar and Prof. Pervaiz Ahmed Parraav.

Later, a refreshment was also served to the participants and the staff. The formal Vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Banti Kumar.

KAMRAN ALI KAZMI



Teacher Day Function organised at Sir Saved

Memorial Convent School surankote

SURANKOTE: Today a grand teachers day function was organised at Sir Syed Memorial Convent School Surankote (New Sher - E - Kashmir National Academy) in which respected ZEPO Surankote was the chief guest and respect jnb Matloob Bukhari councillor MC Surankote and jnb Razaq Mirza shb was the guest of honour.

Student perform a grand cultural program and and a speach competition take place.

At the end the principal of the instruction Mr Mazoor Ganie thanks all the guests, parents, students and staff mem-

At the end a prize distribution function was held in

Teachers' Day Celebrated At GGHS Kacchi Chawni



Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Sep 05:Teachers' Day 2022 was celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr S Radhakrishnan with fervor and fan fare in Govt Girls High School Kacchi Chawni Jammu on Monday.

Both teaching and non teaching staff of the institution were present in the celebrations.

In this connection, a floral tribute was paid to Dr S.Radha Krishnan by the students and staff of the school.

While speaking on 'How to be a good teacher' Headmaster Safia Bano said that one may enter the teaching world as an ordinary teacher but must not exit as an ordinary teacher. She threw light on the importance of the day and enumerated some attributes of a good teacher. She also spoke about the life of former President of India and Bharat Ratna, Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan on whose birthday Teachers Day is celebrated. She further congratulated the teaching fraternity on this day. Cultural items were also presented on the occasion. Be-

sides this, midday meals were distributed among students from class KG to 10th. Some senior students of class 9th and 10th enacted as teachers and took the classes. The best efforts were put by the enacting teachers and class work ran smoothly. The program ended with the playing of Na-

Day-2: AACL's "Writers Camp" at Yousmarg



The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (AACL), under the guidance of Sh. Bharat Singh (JKAS), Secretary (AACL), has been organising a 5-Day Writers Camp at Yousmarg in Budgam. The writers of Urdu, Kashmiri, Pahari, Gojri, Sheena, and Punjabi are participating in the camp. The first session on the second day at the camp was presided over by Dr Shafaq Sopori, a renowned Urdu writer; in his presidential address, besides presenting his expert views on the present literary scenario, he did thank the AACL for organising such programmes. The second session of the day was dedicated to the Kashmiri language. Mr Rahim Rehbar and Dr Sahil Abbas, eminent Kashmiri writers, represented the Kashmiri language. Mr Rahim Rehbar presented a Kashmiri short story to his fellow participant writers and Dr Sahil Abbas read a research paper on young Kashmiri poets. All the participant writers offered their views on these presentations. In the third session of the camp, writers of the Sheena language Mr Masood Samon and Mr Sheikh Mushtaq presented their creative writings. This session was presided by noted Gojri writer Mr Abdul Gani Arif. AACL's efforts in providing an opportunity for the writers to keep up with the current trends in and across various languages is being appreciated by the writers community



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Birth annive y at Kolkata, Sept 5,2022.

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of the region.

Strong Earthquake Shakes China's Sichuan Province, Killing 65

BEIJING — A strong earthquake shook a mountainous, steepsloped area in southwestern China on Monday, and local government agencies said on Tuesday morning that at least 65 people had been killed and more than 250 oth ers were injured. At least 12 people were said to be missing.

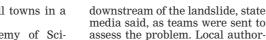
The full extent of the damage

remained unclear, however, as the quake had damaged communications in the remote, isolated region. In a sign that the damage might be heavy, Xi Jinping, China's leader, personally ordered that the government "spare no effort to rescue the affected people,' state television announced on Monday evening.

The China Earthquake Networks Center initially estimated that the quake, which struck shortly af ter noon, had a magnitude of 6.6, but it later revised that upward to 6.8. The epicenter was fairly shallow — about 10 miles below the Earth's surface — and shallow earthquakes often produce more damage than those far underground.

The epicenter was in Luding County, a remote area with many ethnic Tibetans in the southwest ern corner of Sichuan Province. close to that province's borders with Tibet to the west and Yunnan Province to the south. The U.S. Geological Service gave the precise location of the epicenter as several miles east of the Dadu River, which runs through a series of

rapids and past small towns in a steep-flanked valley.
The Chinese Academy of Sci-





announced on Tuesday morning that one of the dead was a graduate student at the academy's alpine ecosystems research station, located near the epicenter. Three more people there were injured when the building was damaged, and 14 others were unhurt, the academy said. State television said that the province had evacuated 50,000 people after the earthquake and sent 6,500 relief workers. A landslide blocked a tributary of the Dadu River, potentially causing water to start backing up behind the fallen debris.

Some of those evacuated were

ities also checked hydroelectric dams in the area but did not immediately find damage, according to a report from Southern Weekend, a large Chinese media outlet.

Sichuan Province, where many rivers run down steep valleys, has long been a leading center of hydroelectric power in China, although a severe drought this summer has hurt power output.

Satellite maps indicate a topography at and near the epicenter somewhat similar to the area of northern Sichuan Province where a much more powerful earthquake struck less than three months be-

fore the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. That earthquake, with a magnitude of 7.9, killed at least 69,000 people, including thousands of children who died when their schools collapsed.ImageRescuers helping survivors on Monday in Luding County, a remote part of Sichuan Province in China.

Rescuers helping survivors on Monday in Luding County, a remote part of Sichuan Province in China.Credit...Cheng Xueli/Xinhua, via Associated PressMany landslides blocked steep mountain valleys and roads during the 2008 earthquake. Relief workers needed several days to reach some communities where people had been buried alive.

The Chinese Army dropped 15 paratroopers into one isolated area, but deaths and injuries among these troops as they fell into dense trees prompted the government to refrain from further such efforts. Those difficulties helped persuade China to undertake a large program to import helicopters and to start building many more of its own helicopters.

The earthquake on Monday is the latest in a series of troubles to afflict Sichuan Province in the past month. Local authorities locked down the province's huge capital. Chengdu, with 21 million people, last Thursday in an attempt to control a Covid-19 outbreak.

From late June to late August the province also endured its worst heat wave on record.

Amit Shah Announces 47-Member Panel For Drafting Cooperation Policy

New Delhi: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday announced the constitution of a national level committee for drafting of the national cooperation policy docu-

The new national cooperative policy is being formulated to realize the vision of 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi' under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The national level committee under the Chairmanship of former Union Cabinet Minister Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu consists of 47 members from all parts of the country. It comprises experts of the cooperative sector: representatives of National, State and District and Primary Cooperative Societies; Secretaries (Cooperation) and Registrars of Cooperative Societies of States and Union Territories; and officers from Central ministries and departments

The Union Home Minister had recently announced that a national cooperation policy will soon be prepared which will have a holistic approach from Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) upwards.

The existing national policy on cooperatives was formulated in 2002 with the objectives of facilitating all-round development of cooperatives and providing necessary support, encouragement, and assistance to them, so as to ensure that cooperatives work as autonomous, self-reliant and democratically managed institutions accountable to their members and make a significant contribution to the national economy.

"Today, India has around 8.5 lakh co-operative societies with a member base of around 29 crores, spread across the length and breadth of the country. These co-operatives are engaged in varied activities like



agro-processing, dairying, fisheries, housing, weaving, credit, marketing, to name a few," mentions a Cooperation Ministry statement.

The new national cooperation policy document is being formulated with a view to fulfilling the mandate given to the newly created Ministry of Cooperation, which inter alia, includes realizing the vision of 'Sahakar se Samriddhi'; strengthening cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach up to the grassroots; promoting cooperative-based economic development model; creating an appropriate policy, legal and institutional framework to help cooperatives realise their potential.

The new policy will go a long way in strengthening the co-operative movement in the country, said the statement. The new national cooperation policy document is being formulated with a view to fulfilling the mandate given to the newly created Ministry of Cooperation, which inter alia, includes realizing the vision of 'Sahakar se Samriddhi'; strengthening cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach up to the grassroots; promoting cooperative-based economic development model; creating an appropriate policy, legal and institutional framework to help cooperatives realise.

Centre Releases RS 7,183 Crore As Revenue Deficit Grant To 14 States

New Delhi: The central government on Tuesday re-7,183.42 crore as revenue deficit grant to 14 states including Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Assam, Ra jasthan and West Bengal.
The Department of Expenditure released the 6th

monthly instalment of the Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant of 7,183.42 crore to 14 States. The grant has been released as per the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, the Union Ministry of Finance said in a statement.

The Fifteenth Finance Commission has recommended a total Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant of 86,201 crore to 14 states for the financial year 2022-23.

The recommended grant is released by the Department of Expenditure to the recommended States in 12 equated monthly instalments. With the release of the 6th instalment for the month of September 2022, the total amount of Revenue Deficit Grants released to the States in 2022- $23\,\mathrm{has}$ gone up to $\,$ 43,100.50 crore, the ministry said. The Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grants are provided to the States under Article 275 of the Constitution. The grants are released to the States as per the recommendations of the successive Finance Commissions to meet the gap in Revenue Accounts of the States post-devolution. The eligibility of states to receive this grant and the quantum of grant for the period from 2020-21 to 2025-26 was decided by the Fifteenth Finance Commission based on the gap between the assessment of revenue and expenditure of the State after taking into account the assessed devolution during this period.

The states that have been recommended Post Devolu-tion Revenue Deficit Grant by the Fifteenth Finance Commission during 2022-23 are: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tri-pura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal. The eligibility of states to receive this grant and the quantum of grant for the period from 2020-21 to 2025-26 was decided by the Fifteenth Finance Commission based on the gap between the assessment of revenue and expenditure of the State after taking into account the assessed devolution during this period. The states that have been recommended Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant by the Fifteenth Finance Commission during 2022-23 are: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala,

Fight those against mutual trust: PM to Hasina

New Delhi, Sept 6 (UNI) In order to keep the spirit of 1971 alive, it is important that India and Bangladesh iointly fight forces that want to attack our mutual trust, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday after talks with his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina, "Today, we also stressed on cooperation against terrorism and radicalism. To keep the spirit of 1971 alive, it is also very important that we fight togeth er such forces which want to attack our mutual trust," the Prime Minister said.

Modi said India will continue to extend all the cooperation to realise the vision of the late Bangbandhu for a 'stable, prosperous and progressive Bangladesh"

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh has made noticeable progress. In recent years, our mutual cooperation has also expanded in every area. Today, Bangladesh is India's largest development partner and our largest trade partner in the region. Our close cultural and people-to-people relations have also steadily

increased," he said.
The Prime Minister said that the two leaders comprehensively discussed all bilateral, regional and international issues. "We both believe that draw

ing lessons from the Covid pandemic and recent global events, the two countries need to further strengthen their economies. With expansion of connectivity and by development of trade in frastructure on the border, the two economies will further connect with each oth er," he said.

He said Bangladesh was India's largest development partner and the largest trade partner in the region. 'Our close cultural and peo-

ple-to-people relations have also steadily increased.' Modi said the two countries will soon begin discussion on a Bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership

trade ties India-Bangladesh was increasing steadily, the Prime Minister said.

Agreement to further boost

"We also decided to increase cooperation in sectors such as IT, space and nuclear energy, which are of interest to our younger generations. We will also continue to co-operate on climate change and preserving shared heritage such as the Sundarbans.

Modi said the increasing prices of energy has posed challenges for all developing countries and the unveiling of Maitree power plant

Minority panel's action urged in Assam madrassa demolition

New Delhi, Sep 6 (UNI) A delegation from Assam led by MP Abdul Khaleque met National Commission for Minorities chairperson Iqbal Singh Lalpura over demolition of a 'madrassa' recently in Bongaigaon district and sought his intervention in the matter.

The delegation which called on Lalpura at his office on Monday, also submitted a memorandum to him in this regard terming the action of the state government as "blatant disregard to the rule of

"The Markazul Ma-Arif Quariayana madrassa in Bongaigaon district was razed to the ground on August 31 following an order issued by the district administration in which it stated that the madrassa did not have the necessary documents to carry out multipurpose activities in a single campus with multiple buildings. It also mentioned that the madrassa was structurally vulnerable and unsafe for human habitation," it said.



The lawmakers also accused the district administration that it did not give sufficient time to the 224 residential students of the madrassa, who were

mostly minor to vacate the premises.

"The students had to vacate the premises middle of the night, left with no shelter above their head as most of them were from far off places. It was also an act of inhumanity towards these minor students who have been denied the right to education by such an 'unlawful' ac-

UN warns famine 'at the door' in Somalia

NAIROBI: The United Nations warned on Monday that Somalia was on the brink of famine for the second time in just over a decade, and that time was running out to save lives in the drought-stricken country.

"Famine is at the door and we are receiving a final warning, visiting UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths told a press conference in the Somali capital

"The unprecedented failure of four consecutive rainy seasons, decades of conflict, mass displacement, severe economic issues are pushing many people to... the brink of famine." Millions of people are at risk of star-vation across the Horn of Africa

which is in the grip of the worst drought in four decades after four failed rainy seasons wiped

There are "concrete indications" that famine will strike Baidoa and Burhakaba in the Bay region of south-central Somalia between October and December, said Griffiths, the head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

"I've been shocked to my core these past few days by the level of pain and suffering we see so many Somalis enduring," he added. "We are in the last moment of the 11th hour to save lives."Humanitarian agencies have been ringing alarm bells

for months and say the situation across the Horn of Africa — including Kenya and Ethiopia — is likely to deteriorate with a likely fifth failed rainy season in the offing.

In Somalia alone, about 7.8 million people or half the population face crisis hunger levels, including about 213,000 in danger of famine, UN agencies say. Around one million have fled their homes on a desperate quest for food and water.

World must act now Griffiths said the situation was worse than during Somalia's last famine in 2011 when 260,000 peochildren under the age of six. described



heart-rending suffering during a visit to Baidoa, describing it as the epicentre of the crisis where he saw "children so malnour-ished they could barely speak" or cry. Around 1.5 million children across the largely pastoral country were at risk of acute malnutrition by October if nothing changed, he warned.

India-Bangladesh Economic Partnership talks this year

New Delhi, Sep 6 (UNI) India and Bangladesh on Tuesday decided to begin negotiations on a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) this year, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra announced addressing a special briefing on the visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to New Delhi.

The decision was taken during the bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina at Hyderabad House.

"India is the largest market for Bangladeshi products in Asia and despite the pandemic, bilateral trade has reached all time high of US dollar 18 billion in the last financial year.

"To sustain this momentum both leaders have directed concerned ministries to commence negotiations on a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) this year in 2022 and complete it in time for Bangladesh's final graduation from the LDC status," said Kwatra. Kwatra said Hasina's visit is part of the ongoing sustained political engagement between

Talking about the frequent visits of the leaders of both the

the two countries.

tion, trade and economic ties, development partnership and strengthening of people to peo-



countries, Kwatra said that "these back to back exchanges at the highest level underscore the special nature of our relationship and importance that both our countries attach to our growing strategic partner-

He said that both Prime Ministers held extensive and productive discussions on the entire range of bilateral issues including political and security cooperation, energy partnership, water cooperaple ties.

They also exchange views and perspectives on regional and global issues, he said.

The Foreign Secretary said there was agreement between both on the significance of further strengthening bilateral and regional cooperation to sustain prosperity in these challenging times.

The prime ministers unveiled and inaugurated important development projects including unit 1 of our joint power plant and Rupsha bridge and witness the exchange of seven MoUs in the areas of water resources, capacity building, railways, science and technology, and media, he added.

Informing about the main issues that came up in discussions between the two leaders, Kwatra said that they underscored the importance of continuing our close security cooperation, in the fields of counter terrorism, border management and addressing cross border crimes.

"They agreed to further enhance out development partnership including upgradation of railway infrastructure projects in Bangladesh. Bangladesh as we all know is one of India's important development partners.

Both leaders agreed to build resilience supply chains between both countries and across the region," Kwatra said.

As part of their vision for a better connected region, the two leaders also shared perspectives on further strengthening cooperation in road, rail, inland waterways and coastal connectivity, he added.

India, Bangladesh sign seven agreements

New Delhi, Sep 6 (UNI) India and Bangladesh on Tuesday signed seven agreements in areas including railways, judiciary and space technology as Prime Ministers Sheikh Hasina and Narendra Modi held bilateral talks at the Hyderabad House here.

The two countries have signed an MoU on withdrawal of water from the common border river Khusiyara. The agreement will benefit southern Assam and Sylhet region in Bangladesh.

The two countries have also inked MoU on collaboration in IT systems such as freight operation information systems and other IT applications of Bangladesh Railways.Another MoU has been signed on on training of Bangladesh Railway personnel in institutes of Indian Railways. The two countries have signed an MoU on training and capacity building programme for Bangladesh judicial officers in India. There is another

agreement between India and Bangladesh on scientific and technological cooperation between the principal scientific and industrial research bodies of the two countries.

The two countries have also signed an agreement on cooperation in the areas of space technology.

An MoU for cooperation between Prasar Bharti of India and Bangladesh Television was inked to co-operate in the area of broadcasting.

The Bangladesh Prime Minister is on a four-day state visit to India to strengthen the multifaceted relationships between the two countries based on historical and cultural ties, mutual trust and understanding. The Bangladesh Prime Minister is on a four-day state visit to India to strengthen the multifaceted relationships between the two countries based on historical and cultural ties, mutual trust and understanding.

Downtown Girl Marks Her Feetin Toughest Arena

Zarah Bhat, a 21-year-old Athlete from Downtown Srinagar, has competed for Kashmir at several levels. She began her journey when she was in the sixth 6th and is renowned for being the first Kashmiri woman to achieve the rank of DAN black belt in karate. She has won five medals at the district and state levels and has silver medals at the national level. She took part in the KAI, and as a result, the Prime Minister's Sports Authority of India chose her for a certificate programme in health and fitness. "I started my professional journey when I was twelve years old. I have been interested in athletics since childhood, and I've always wanted to show the world what I'm capable of. When my school began offering karate courses when I was in sixth grade. I felt excited because it was the first step in the right direction. So my karate journey began". Said, Zarah-Being from a middle-class family, it was difficult for me to meet all the requirements, but my father who has been quite supportive throughout my journey managed it all. We experienced financial difficul-

ties, but my family didn't let me feel it and provided me with whatever was required. To overcome these difficult situations, I put in a lot of energy to succeed. As I belong to a male-dominated society, choosing support was full of challenges and some people always wanted to bring me down but these things didn't discourage me.I had to face religious as well as social tantrums during the discourse of my initial stage.

ways supported me. My strength comes from my parents. My dreams have always been encouraged by them. They say that working hard and remaining committed to your goals is the only way to achieve your goals.

I have competed in numerous competitions

at the district, state, national, and international levels, and Alhamdulillah, I have received numerous gold, silver, and bronze medals. During my 12th class, I fell ill. It was quite a difficult period for me, and I felt like I would lose my dream, but I persisted. Zarah believed that the future of man is marked by him. I have a dream of Serving my country and still have a lot of things I want to do. In particular, for the girls, I wanted to set an example and provide a platform for those who are desirous to choose support as their profession. want them to be self-sufficient and still

have a lot to learn, but adventure activities have captured my attention." I think you should take defeat with a smile on your face! I fail a lot, but each failure makes me stronger and more committed to achieving my goal. I qualified (63rd Yoga Games U19 DURG, Chattisgarh) after putting in a lot of hard work. J also participated in JUDO, where I represented Kashmir at several levels" said Zarah.

After taking part in the Diploma programme in Health and fitness, I was chosen to enroll in a certificate course under the Prime Minister Package in Health and Fitness Sports Authority of India (SNS), NIS Patiala (India).

Our state sports council hired me as an H&F coach at Radpora's Khawaja Nakhsband



Stadium after I completed the course". Said, ZarahFollowing that, I participated as an athlete in Chattisgarh's 63rd National Yoga Games and participated in a judo tournament. Bhat also won first place in competitions for yoga and e-martial arts on an international level.Following my participation in the IST International Martial Arts and Yoga Competition, in which I placed got the first position in India, our Shihan decided to promote me to Senior Vice President of the TKAJAK in the District of Srinagar. During that time, we held several events at

jnath Singh, along with the then CM Minister Miss Mehbooba Mufti and the Youth Wing Mr. Waheed ur Rehman Parry, served as the chief guests. The event was a great success I think that the future of man is marked by him. Serving my country is my goal. I still have a lot of things I want to do, and I will, in Allah's name. I wanted to serve as an example and build a platform. Zarah has won several competitions and prizes, including the Gold Medal -55 kg Jammu and Kashmir State Championship 2021 at the indoor complex in Jammu and the Punjab State Karate Championship 2020-2021. Changed profession to achieve a dream Zarah has won a Gold Medal in Karate but due to a lack of basic karate facilities, she tried her luck in Health Fitness. The Lack of Karate infrastructure in Kashmir forced Zarah to make "Fitness" her additional profession and she qualified for the NIS Exam in 2021 and became the first NIS-qualified coach in Kashmir.

Zarah has missed several International championships due to a lack of sponsorship During the Covid pandemic, when physical practice was not possible and championships were held online. Zarah won gold In the Emartial art and yoga competition in an online international championship held in 2020. Zarah has grudges that she could have won more medals and played more Internation al matches only if she could have gotten the required sponsorship and the basic karate

Fayaz Bukhari, Syed Aijaz Kashani and Muzamil Mehmood attends the Final Match & Closing Ceremony of Dar premier league at Malpora Beerwah



Budgam 05/September: With an aim to boost the fitness level of youth and promoting sports activities in district budgam a Cricket match tournament was organised by the Dar premier league Ist edition 2022 at Sekhanaw Malpora Beerwah. Organisers Rayees dar and Advocate sajad said we are witnessing unifying power of sports and personal transformation of youth, who are emerging as wonderful sports players in our society. Syed Fayaz bukhari Cheif Guest, Renowned Social Activist and Special guest Syed Aijaz Kashani and Known Social Activist Muzamil Mehmood, local community members, Sports players and huge number of people participated in the grand final match of Dar premier league Malpora Beerwah. Fayaz bukhari while speaking in the occasion said 32 teams from khanshab and beerwah participated in it he further said Only youth has the potential to light up the society and transform several vital matters related to social welfare.Muzamil Mehmood social activist while speaking in the tournament said we have a moral responsibility and moral obligation to make sure the young generation has opportunity to blossom. Special guest Syed Aijaz Kashani social worker said the GOVT of Jammu and Kashmir is formulating policies that engages youth in Sports related process and ensures their participation in on the ground implementation. Young men and women in villages and towns are vibrant partners of the government to achieve the ultimate goal of building a peaceful and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir

Sri Lanka Beat India By 6 Wickets, Rohit Sharma-Led Team India On Brink Of Ouster

India v
s Sri Lanka, Asia Cup 2022, Highlights: Sri Lanka defeated India by 6 wickets in the Super
 $4\,\rm match$ between the sides at the Dubai International Stadium on Tuesday. Bhanuka Rajapaksa (25 not out) and Dasun Shanaka (33 not out) stitched a 64-run partnership for the fifth wicket to take Sri Lanka through. Meanwhile, Kusal Mendis was the top run-scorer for Sri Lanka with 57 runs. Pathum Nissanka also helped the team's cause with his 52-run knock. For India, Yuzvendra Chahal was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 3 for 34. India had posted 173 for 8 on the board, thanks to Rohit Sharma's 72-run knock off 41 balls. Rohit Sharma's blazing fifty laid a solid platform for India but the side failed to make most of it as Sri Lanka chipped in with wickets at regular intervals after the departure of the Indian skipper. Dilshan Madushanka claimed three wickets, while Chamika Karunaratne and Dasun Shanaka.

Kyrgios stuns Medvedev to reach US Open quarters, **Gauff advances**

NEW YORK: Daniil Medvedev of Russia reaches for a return to Australia's Nick Kyrgios during their fourth-round match of the US Open at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.—Reuters

NEW YORK: Australia's Nick Kyrgios sent defending champion Daniil Medvedev tumbling out of the US Open on Sunday as US teenager Coco Gauff reached the quarter-finals for

The notoriously temperamental 23rd-seeded Kyrgios produced some scintillating shot-making on his way to a superb 7-6 (13-11), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over the world number one from Russia.

Kyrgios, who was beaten by Novak Djokovic in the Wimble don final in July, showed grit and composure to save three set points in the opening set before holding his nerve to win an epic tie-break 13-11 before a raucous Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd.

Although Kyrgios dropped the second set, he roared back to dominate Medvedev in the third and fourth sets to clinch

"It was an amazing match, obviously Daniil as the defending champion had a lot of pressure on his shoulders, but I've been playing amazing the last couple of months," Kyrgios said after the win. "What a place to do it — packed house in New York. I'm extremely blessed." Medvedev meanwhile said the mercurial Kyrgios had elevated his play to the same level as greats such as Rafael Nadal and Djokovic. "Nick today played kind of at the level of Novak and Rafa," said the 26-year-old after seeing 21 aces and 53 winners whizz past him."If he plays like this until the end of the tournament, he has all the chances to win it."Kyrgios will face Karen Khachanov in the quarter-finals on Tuesday.Khachanov equalled his best performance in a Grand Slam event by defeating Spanish 12th seed Pablo Carreno Busta in a 3hr 21min five-set thriller.

The 27th-seeded Khachanov dug deep to down Carreno Busta 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 in the Louis Armstrong Stadium.

Elsewhere in the fourth round on Sunday, fifth seed Casper Ruud became the first Norwegian man to reach the US Open quarter-finals with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2 victory over French lucky loser Corentin Moutet.

The 23-year-old Ruud, seeded fifth, will face Italy's Matteo Berrettini for a place in the semi-finals.

Berrettini extended his impressive run of recent Grand Slam singles performances with a 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 defeat of Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina.

The 26-vear-old from Rome missed Wimbledor year after testing positive for Covid-19, and was injured for the French Open.But Berrettini has now made the quarter-finals or better in the last five Grand Slams he has played

After cricket, Pakistan and India gear up for football clash

KATHMANDU: Pakistan will meet India for a third time in 11 days on Wednesday but this time it will be on a

The arch-rivals faced off in Dubai twice during the last eight days at cricket's T20 Asia Cup but they will now meet at the Dasharath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu for their Group 'A' opener of the SAFF Women's Championship. The tournament opens on Tuesday when hosts Nepal face Bhutan in Group 'B' and although the Indo-Pak football rivalry isn't as storied as its cricketing counterpart, all eyes are on the match on Wednesday when Pakistan's national team will take to the pitch for the first time in eight years."Playing after such a long time is exciting but at the same time is a bit challenging," Pakistan head coach Adeel Rizki told a news conference during the trophy unveiling on Monday. "We have tried to put together

our team, and have got good players. Pakistan is a very competitive team and will fight till the end and play good

"We are eagerly waiting for Thursday's match. Everyone on the team is positive and we are very excited. We have players in our team who have played in UAE and England. We will try to do well in all the matches of the group stage. Our current team is good.

Pakistan captain Maria Khan, who plays her football in the UAE, said these were "exciting times" for Pakistan football and she alongside England-based Nadia Khan will look to lift the players who have been in international wilderness since 2014. Football in Pakistan has been hit by an institutional crisis in the Pakistan Football Federation for the better part of the last decade and the country has twice been suspended by FIFA in that time — the most recent being a 15-month ban which was lifted in June this year. India too are coming off a FIFA ban but it lasted less than two weeks as the All India Football Federation was quick to sort out its matters. India have won every edition of the SAFF Women's Championship since its inception in 2010 and they're eyeing a sixth title on the trot.

'We are prepared for the Champion ship and the girls are really motivated to start the matches," India head coach Suren Chettri told reporters on Monday. "They are working hard for another title to defend. It's always easy to win a championship but to maintain the winning streak, is another challenge we need to overcome." India have named a strong squad, with the likes of Aditi Chauhan, Ashalata Devi and Martina Thokchom in the squad. Dangmei Grace, who has been playing for Uz-

PGTI's J&K Open 2022 to begin today at JTGC; professional golfers to make debut in Jammu Event would project J&K as major hub for Golf Tourism

SEPTEM-JAMMU, BER 5: Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) will hold the second edition of J&K Open from 7th of September to 10th September, 2022 at Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC), Jammu in association with Jammu and Kashmir Tourism department.

The mega event will carry a cash prize of Rs. 40 lakh for the winner and the pro-am event will be held on

September 11. tournament

which would be bringing in professional golfers to Jammu for the first time is part of J&K Tourism's unique initiative of promoting golf tourism in the region as J&K is blessed with some spectacular golf courses such as Royal Springs Golf Course (Srinagar), Pahalgam Golf Course (Lidder Valley), Gulmarg Golf

Club and Jammu Tawi

Golf Course.Advisor to



Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, while talking about the a successful inaugural event, said "It gives me edition in the Kashmir immense pleasure to welcome the PGTI and professional golfers to Jammu for the sec-

by J&K Tourism. After Valley last year, we're delighted to host the cream of Indian professional golfers in Jam-

ond edition of the J&K

mu region this year as we look to promote golf and golf tourism in both regions of J&K. This will be the first time that professional golfers will come to the city of Jammu and I am confident that the professionals will relish the experience of playing at the magnificent Jammu Tawi Golf Course. The tournament will also go a long way in inspiring many youngsters from the region to follow

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and take up the sport of golf."

Secretary, Tourism & Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, said, "We are proud to support the J&K Open 2022, as Golf Tourism is an integral part of our larger objective to promote tourism in J&K. This maiden professional tournament at Jammu will bring Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC), a picturesque 18-hole golf course on the banks.

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in after Sunday's win.



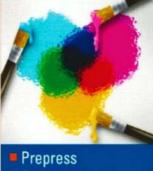
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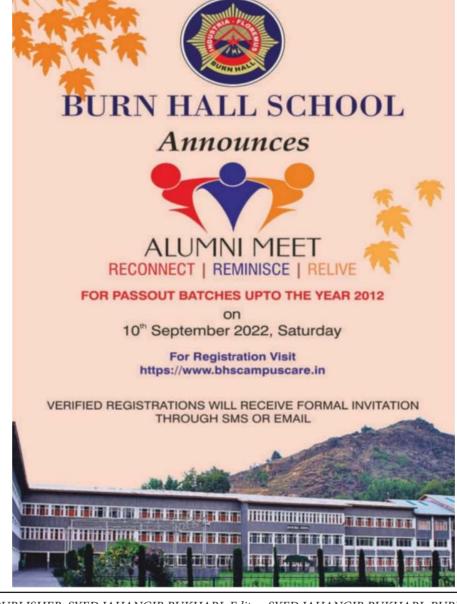
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