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NEWS IN BRIEF

Urs Syed Qamar-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 mausoleum. 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 died 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 Bhanwan. 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.

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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 Governor. 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 inaugurated the 400 meters Synthetic Athletic Track and 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 opportunity.

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

SRINAGAR, Sep 06: 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 Akhoun, 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 Akhoun, 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. Akhoun was awarded the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card twice and a Northern Army Commander Commendation Card. 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 national 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 06: 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

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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 Baramulla district.

Around 250 militants waiting across the LoC, says army

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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 maintaining a birds-eye vigil despite ceasefire between 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 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 eye on the smuggling of 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,

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Pakistan violates ceasefire along IB in Arnai 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 said.

The BSF gave a "befitting reply" to the firing from across the border in the Arnai 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 Jammu troops gave a befitting reply to

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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

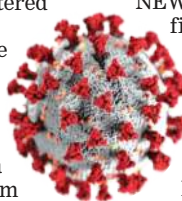
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SYED TAJAMUL BUKHARI JAMMU, Sep 06: Jammu and Kashmir reported 58 new positive cases of COVID-19 including 07 from Jammu and 51 from Kashmir divisions, pushing the active case tally in the Union Territory to to 478415. Moreover, 118 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 15 from Jammu division and 103 from 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 517 in Kashmir Division), 472899 have recovered and 4783 have died; 2350

in Jammu division and 2433 in 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 to 2,43,85,705 till date. Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 23 cases, Baramulla reported 04 cases, Budgam 09 cases, Pulwama reported 02 cases, Kupwara reported 06 cases, Anantnag reported 00 cases, Bandipora reported 01 case, Ganderbal reported 00 cases, Kulgam reported

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India's first intranasal COVID vaccine by gets DCGI approval



NEW DELHI, Sep 06: India's first intranasal Covid vaccine by Bharat Biotech received DCGI approval on Tuesday for primary immunization against the infection for people above the age of 18. Lauding the achievement, Health Minister Dr Manoj Mandaviya said, it is a 'Big Boost to India's Fight against COVID-19'. Mandaviya tweeted, Big Boost to

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Extension of central laws establish equitable justice system across J&K: Govt

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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 people. 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 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

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

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Sopore, Sep 06: A Kashmiri youth's innovation has been selected by ATAL Innovation Mission NITI Ayog Government of India, to represent JK for display of the project in National ATAL Innovation Exhibition scheduled to be held at Bangalore from September 20-23. Rubban Abdullah, who hails from Boma area of Sopore in north Kashmir has brought laurels to his school Boys Higher Secondary School of Boma Sopore where he is admitted in Class 12. "I am overwhelmed



to see that a model for reducing accidents at blind curves prepared by me has been selected at national level by ATAL, Innovation Mission NITI Ayog," he told news agency—

Kashmir 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 engineering. Principal BHSS Boma, 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

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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 women. 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 district.

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

frame.

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 occasion.

Later, these workers and contractors were felicitated.

CUK's SoE, Maths depts 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 alumni 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. Sarvapalli 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 producing 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 Geelani, said, "technology cannot possibly replace the teachers' role, at the same time the teacher stays irrelevant.

ARTO Kulgam organize Awareness cum medical camp

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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 Mohiuddin Bhat (IAS)and ADC Kulgam Showkat Ahmad Rather(JKAS).A large 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. Furthermore an NGO 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 Khansahab 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 Watirihail and Excise Department officials headed by Naib Tehsildar Shri Mushtaq Ahmad along with incharge PP Watirihail 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 contrabands in their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling & cultivation of contraband substances shall be dealt as per law.

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 Vigyan Prasar, will continue to communicate science to people of Kashmir so that they can develop a scientific temper."

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 both the sides.

MY SWEET TEACHERS



Penned by Yasmeeen 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
Yasmeeen thanked teacher's for their nurture
Paying tribute for their upbringing culture*

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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.

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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.

BEREAVED FAMILY

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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 Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

The programme witnessed overwhelming response with hundreds of aspirants from different areas of the district participating in this workshop.The session 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 different strategies to crack the exam.Aspirants were quite satisfied with the session and expressed their gratitude towards.

Dr Farooq Abdullah chairs DISHA meeting at Ganderbal Approves Rs.10 lakh for installation of street lights in town

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 06: Member Parliament (MP), Srinagar-Budgam-Ganderbal Constituency, Dr Farooq Abdullah today visited Ganderbal where he chaired a meeting of District Development Co-ordination 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 Secretariat.

Chairperson DDC Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq; Vice-Chairperson DDC Ganderbal, Bilal Ahmad; Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir; SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; Additional District Development Commissioner, President Municipal Council Ganderbal, CPO,



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 district and other development works of Health, PDD, PWD, Jal Shakti,

While reviewing the progress on various ongoing 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 requirements 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 town.

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 educate the youth.

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 District Capex.

President, MC Shopian, BDC members, 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



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,

PMAY, NRLM, NHM, Ayushman Bharat/ JK Sehat Scheme, JSY, JSSK PMGSY, SBM, IDPS, RDSS,

JJM, AIBP, PMKSY, ICDS, DIL-RMP, ICPS, MSK, OSC-W, NFBS, Credit Linkage etc.

Department wise extensive review of Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal and Sheep Hus-

bandry 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, SBM, PMAY, 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, dropout rates, status of migratory schools.

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

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

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

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 of the department.

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 interventions of the department.

Tehsildar Pampore, 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 department 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 departments besides.

Strict Vigil necessary to dismantle the nexus promoting Drug Menace: Dr Sehrish Calls for proactive participation of people, prominent citizens in fight against drugs



BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 06: In order to review the action plan and other measures to be taken for making Baramulla a drugs free District under Nasha Mukti 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 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.

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 concerned for proper implementation of NDPS.

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 are sensitized regarding hazards of drugs.

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 Administration.

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

Farooq Rather

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. Ishtiyahq 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. Ishtiyahq 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 06: 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 villages.

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

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 06: A day-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,

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

They also explained the role of 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

KUPWARA, SEPTEMBER 06: District Development 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 lacs so far, 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 Sarovars have been completed.



Regarding construction of Soakage Pits, against target of 48506, 32954 have got technical sanction, out of which 910 are taken

up for execution. Likewise, 110 Vermi composite Pits have been taken up against the target of 3752. Reviewing the Aadhaar seedling of job cards, it was informed that out of

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 beneficiaries have received first installment.

Under PRIs/ BDCs/DDCs ADF 789 works have been allotted, 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 far. Addressing the meeting, the DDC urged upon the officers to work with added dedication and honesty. 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 Abhiyan 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 families.

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

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

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 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, particular-

ly mourners joining the largest procession on September, 17.

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-

mullah Tak; SDM Beerwah, 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 by 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 monitor it.

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

Advices youth to participate in sports activities of their choice

Dr Abdul Quyyom

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 added that he (drug addicted)



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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Mega Awareness Camp on Lumpy Skin Disease held at Hajin

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 06: The Department of Animal Husbandry Bandipora today conducted 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 Shaheel (Nodal Officer, LSD Bandipora) briefed the gathering about the status of the disease and vaccination in the district.

The CAHO made the gathering



er aware about Lumpy Skin Disease, its signs, symptoms and methods of prevention and control. He further explained to the gathering that due to the support of District Ad-

ministration Bandipora and timely intervention of the officials of AHD Bandipora for reporting, isolation of the affected animals, treatment and vaccination, the disease is

in control with very less number of affected Animals in the District.

Chairman MC Hajin appreciated the efforts of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Bandipora 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 the district.

Provide robust extension services to farmers: Atal Dulloo to officers



SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 06: Emphasising 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, KAIIDOL, Director Agriculture, Kashmir/Jammu along with all District Officers.

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

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 unsatisfactory 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 that the farmers.

Interactive Session on SVEEP held at Shopian

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

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 programme.

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 together.

Chairman DDC Anantnag inaugurates PRI works

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 6: The Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Anantnag, MY Gorsie 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 uploaded.

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

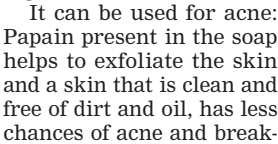
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**Not just healthy for your body,
the soap of this fruit is healthy
for your skin as well**

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.



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 spots and blemishes.

Baking soda: It is another easily-available kitchen item that is used as a natural toothbrush to keep the mouth clean and teeth white and shiny. Baking soda has

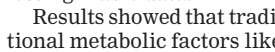
Fresh fruits: Follow a diet that is high in fruits and vegetables as they are highly nutritious and nourishing. Fruits like strawberry and pineapple help in whitening the teeth and also rub away plaque as you chew.

"The selectivity and potency of BnOCA make it truly unique and we hope that with further research it will be possible to generate potent painkillers to help patients cope with chronic pain," Dr. Mark Wall, from the School of Life Sciences at the University of Warwick, who led the research, wrote in the paper.

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

Findings of the recent study

A recent study published in *JAMA Oncology*



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 those who took large doses of insulin, suggesting that those using more insulin had a more than four-fold increase in the risk of a

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 be made by those who come under a high-risk category of those contracting cancer.

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NIMHANS survey on mental health

National 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

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India’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 years 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-

ic indicators like the GDP and focus on the pandemic’s larger impact 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 economic capital they had. Whereas

on one end, people were watching 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 of its people out, and that class is

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 mechanism. 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 prevention. 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 providing free ration of food grains and

vaccines. However, as we move towards economic recovery, it is important to address people’s aspirations and create opportunities. Schemes such as 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 socio-economic 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 necessary. 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.

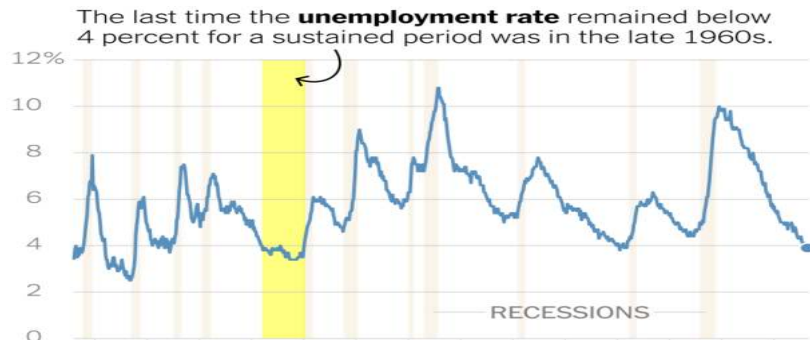
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WORST UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOBLESSNESS BENEATH HIGH GROWTH RATE IS BAD OMEN

DR. GYAN PATHAK

Unemployment 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. The unemployment rate rose to 8.26 per cent in August 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 unemployment do not augur well when we read it with another data of high GDP growth rate at 13.5 per cent in the first quarter of FY22-23 compared to a year 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-employment is in fact concealed unemployment. The NCRB data even reveals that among the suicides of workers, suicides by self-employed has also reached all time high. It does exposes the Modi government’s propaganda that people are getting self-employed in large numbers and are doing well for the development of the country. The fact is that the workforce have utterly being left for themselves without proper help and support. The utter neglect of the



workforce has pushed the rate of joblessness to a one-year high of 8.3 per cent in August, according to the CMIE data. While both rural and urban unemployment increased significantly this month, the overall rise is driven by joblessness in urban areas. The urban unemployment touched 9.57 per cent in August as against 8.21 per cent the previous 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 reliable data about workforce

in the country. It is due to this reason a national and international organisations has always asked India for reliable and timely data on labour. Government also admits the importance of timely and reliable data but does not maintain as such. Nevertheless, as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report released by the Union Government on Wednesday, the unemployment rate has dropped from 12.6 per cent in June quarter last year to 7.6 per cent in the same quarter this year. This data is quite contradictory to the data of CMIE which needs to be reconciled. It should be noted that Government presents usual status of workforce on

yearly basis which enables the government to present a better picture than the current moving status of the workforce that CMIE collects and compiles. The current status of the workforce is worst in the last one year. It is worse for rural India and far more worse in urban areas. Women workforce are suffering more than their male counterparts. While male unemployment dropped to 7.1 per cent, from 7.7 per cent in the last quarter, female unemployment was at 9.5 per cent, as against 10.1 per cent, the CMIE data showed. The data also shows unemployment at elevated levels of above 7 per cent in June quarter this 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 witnessed in Haryana at 37.3 per cent followed by Jammu and Kashmir at 32.8 per cent, Rajasthan at 31.4 per cent, Jharkhand at 17.3 per cent 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 difficulty.

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AMIT SHAH IS DETERMINED TO DECIMATE UDDHAV IN MAHARASHTRA POLITICS

SUSHIL KUTTY

Union 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 Minister Devendra Fadnavis stood by Shah’s ample side. Shah’s

bottled fury came through. Uddhav 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 just that the BJP couches it in 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. That should be a warning to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. He should know that the BJP picked him because Lord Rama had proved long ago

that a Vibhishana always comes 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 kid on the block would vote Amit Shah clear out of Maharashtra. The Home Minister is not wanted in this home stretch of the Shiv Sena. In the best James Hadley Chase lingo, Shah has the ‘Tiger by the 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 political power.” Also, you’ll get the feeling that in Shah’s book “it’s better to be feared than loved.” For the record, Shah was having fun dictating proceedings in politics

till Maharashtra “slipping out of hand” took away everything. The importance of recovering 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 throttle one of the two Shiv Sena factions. And this time, there is no Surat or Guwahati to run to, there’s only Maximium 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 all wash away. The BJP continues to use the

name of Balasaheb Thackeray to attack Uddhav Thackeray. Lots 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 has to live his life here in Mumbai. If the Uddhav Thackeray Shiv Sena retains the BMC, there wouldn’t 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-manos 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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Tourism Secy. reviews pace, financial closure of PMDP, CAPEX projects

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

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 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 in no way let the timeline omponential works are prolonged 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-



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 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 deliberations were held on the completion timeline of projects, expenditure status and financial closure of these works. It was informed in the meeting that many projects are advancing as per decided timelines 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.

The meeting was informed 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 Committee.

Ivanka Raman, the former President of the College handed over the torch of Enlightenment and Responsibility to the newly inducted President Pooja Chargoitra. 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 Chargoitra, 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 Chargoitra, the newly appointed president expressed.

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

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 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, Dharendra 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 Shashi Kumar from Babey Zone; Dr. Goldy Salathia from Chenani Zone; Shabir Hussain from Dudu Zone; Vijay Kumar from Ghor-di Zone; Sarita Sharma from Jib Zone; Janak Raj from Kulwanta zone; Tirth Ram from Majalta zone; Sukhdev Kumar from Panchari zone; Raj Kumar from Ramnagar Zone; Mohammad Mustafa 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 Utsav.

Hushiyar Singh from Babey 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 Zone; Dinesh Sharma from Majalta Zone; Anchal Singh from Panchari Zone; Sanjeev Kumar from 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 Rajouri



RAJOURI, SEPTEMBER 06: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the progress of work on the transit accommodations and tribal hostels.

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

During the meeting, the 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 while executing.

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 fast moving/ commonly prescribed lesser known drug formulations viz Antidiabetics, Antihypertensive, Cardiovascular etc were lifted from the supply chain for determination of strength and purity. These samples were referred to Drug Testing Laborato-

ries 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.

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 contemplated under provisions of Act shall be initiated against the defaulters.

State Drugs Controller, U.T of J&K has informed that modalities are being

worked out to channelize and restrict the procurement and sale of such pharmaceutical preparations through identified Retailers/Wholesalers within the permissible limits only especially near tertiary Care Center, District Hospitals, Psychiatric Clinics to curb the diversion and misuse of aforementioned drugs 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 contemplated under provisions of 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 review 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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Passing Out Parade for 29 Forest Guards held at Forest Guard Training School, Doomi

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 6: The Forest Department organised passing out parade for 29 trainees of 58th Forest 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

the Brass band of CRPF, Paloura.



Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary congratulated the trainees for completing their training successfully. He praised the frontline staff of Forest Department for their pres-

ence in field which creates a deterrence among forest

of Jammu & Kashmir. He called for effective manage-

encroachments so that the forest wealth is protected. He assured that all cadre related issues of Forest Department 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 conferred 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

Guard of Billawar Forest Division secured third position.

In the Endurance Run, Sanjeev 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 Vipin 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 report.

Food Safety Department's Outreach Program Implements Basics Of FSSAI

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadrawah, Sept 6: 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 habitation of Dassa 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 department.

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 purpose.

An awareness camp was

also organised to apprise about guidelines enumerated for MDM including usage of



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 FSSAI for analysis.

Meanwhile, during inspections, under Foscoris, 20 kg deteriorated Food items were

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 violations of the rules.

Meanwhile, the Food Business Operators were imparted with awareness under FSSAI particularly regarding

procedure for packaging 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 outlets.

"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 told.

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

Srinagar: Prominent Socio-Political Activists, 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 of "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 Manoj Sinha have given new ray of hope to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He lauded the ef-



forts of Hon'ble LG Manoj Sinha in shaping Jammu and Kashmir in a right direction. Sahil Bashir 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 Jammu 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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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 volume 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 meet.

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 occasion.

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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.

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to the media on the sidelines of a sports event at a private school here.

Mehta hoped that being ‘talented’; students from Jammu and Kashmir would shine at national level competitive exams.

“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 Doodhpathri.

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, the SIA said.

“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,

the SIA added.

“The searches are aimed at dismantling the militant network in the valley by identifying over ground workers supporting and abetting militancy,” the SIA said.

MILITANTS

in Keran Sector in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir said.

These Army posts – some at the highest altitude of about 12,000 feet – are the first line of defense against the intruders in these infamous, traditional routes of infiltration. These infiltration routes converge at the mighty Shamsabari range.

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 – the nature as well as of the man.

“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 identified for strategic reasons.

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 transportation.

“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 when we have to move,” the officer said.

Notwithstanding the nature, the officer said, the duty to protect the motherland is the priority and has to be performed in any case.

“The duty at the forward post can sometimes stretch several hours especially if there is an input (militant movement),” he said.

While the infiltration has remained largely under control 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 to sneak more militants ahead of the winter.

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 valley receive heavy snowfall which can accumulate up to around 30 feet in many areas.

“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 no surety that it will not happen again, they added.

They, however, said, the counter-infiltration grid was strong and the security forces were alert to thwart any such designs.

“We are alert to any such situation. The AIOS (anti-infiltration obstacle system) is robust and we are keeping a close vigil especially on the known tracks (of infiltration),” they said.

The reiteration of the ceasefire agreement by the two armies has helped the army on this side to keep a check on infiltration, but the guard is not being let down.

“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 cannot take it for granted,” the official said.

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,” they said.

Explaining if further, they said apart from the LoC fence, known as the AIOS, there are integrated surveillance systems, including ground sensors, night vision devices, and CCTV cameras to support the robust deployment on the ground.

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 Keran Sector alone.

BSF

the unprovoked firing by Pakistan Rangers on a BSF patrolling party,” BSF Deputy Inspector General S P S Sandhu said.

The BSF Jammu public relations officer also said there was no casualty on the Indian side.

Officials said Pakistani Rangers posted in Khanor started the firing at the BSF troops who were busy in some “maintenance work” near the border fence at the Border Outpost Chinaz around 8.55 am.

The BSF personnel retaliated, and the exchange of fire continued for a brief period, the officials said, adding some 15 to 20 shots were fired from both sides.

Senior BSF officers rushed to the border outpost and are keeping a close watch on the situation, the officials said.

The ceasefire violation by Pakistan comes close on the heels of the arrest of a Pakistani national in the nearby R S Pura sector.

Mohammad Shabad (45), a resident of Sialkot, was trying 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 Border.

NCRB

grievous hurt incidents.

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 131 cases of Arson.

The report added that 119 cases of murder were registered in J&K in year 2019, followed by 149 in 2020 and 136 in year 2021 and charge sheeting rate of murder cases in year 2021 is 79 percent.

As per data the motives behind murder includes personal vendetta or enmity in 13 cases, child/human sacrifice 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 blind murder where motive was unknown.

COVID

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, Samba 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 toll free number 102, the bulletin reads.

It also informs that the public can reach national helpline by dialing 1075. Further the bulletin also informs the public that for any kind of COVID-19 query, logon to www.covidrelief.jk.gov.in. The readers can also reach us on the official Twitter account of DIPR-J&K @diprjk; website: http://www.jkdirinf.in; Webportal: jkinfo news. com and Facebook: @dipr.jammu.kashmir.

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 INDIA 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 said.

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.

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‘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-retariat, here.

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 other officers.

Degree College Bhaderwah Organises Seminar On "Chunavi Pathshala"

Amir Iqbal Khan

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



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 Franchise.

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 Parraay.

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

NEWS

HEADLINES TODAY

Teacher Day Function organised at Sir Syed Memorial Convent School surankote

KAMRAN ALI KAZMI



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 speech competition take place.

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

At the end a prize distribution function was held in which best teachers and students awards were given.

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. Besides 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 National anthem.

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 of the region.



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Tribute to Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan Birth anniversary at Kolkata, Sept 5, 2022. H.T. Photo SOURAV DUTTA.

Strong Earthquake Shakes China’s Sichuan Province, Killing 65

BEIJING — A strong earthquake shook a mountainous, steep-sloped 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 others 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 after 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 southwestern 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-

downstream of the landslide, state media said, as teams were sent to assess the problem. Local author-



ences 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.

Credit...Cheng Xueli/Xinhua, via Associated Press

Many 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 document.

The new national cooperative policy is being formulated to realize the vision of ‘Sahakar Se Samridhhi’ 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 Samridhhi’; strengthening cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach up to the grass-roots; 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 Samridhhi’; 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 released 7,183.42 crore as revenue deficit grant to 14 states including Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Assam, Rajasthan 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 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 Devolution 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, Tripura, 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 jointly 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 together 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 co-operation 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 drawing 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 infrastructure on the border, the two economies will further connect with each other,” he said.

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partner and the largest trade partner in the region.

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Modi said the two countries will soon begin discussion on a Bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement to further boost trade ties.

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

“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 madrasa 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 ‘madrasa’ 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 law”.

“The Markazul Ma-Arif Quariyana madrasa 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 madrasa did not have the necessary documents to carry out multipurpose activities in a single campus with multiple buildings. It also mentioned that the madrasa 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 madrasa, 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’ action,” it said.

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 Mogadishu.

“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 starvation across the Horn of Africa

which is in the grip of the worst drought in four decades after four failed rainy seasons wiped out livestock and crops.

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 (OCHA).

“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 people died, more than half of them children under the age of six.

He described scenes of



heart-rending suffering during a visit to Baidoa, describing it as the epicentre of the crisis where he saw “children so malnourished 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

the two countries.

Talking about the frequent visits of the leaders of both the

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 partnership”.

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 coopera-

ple 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 Khushiya. 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 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.

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Downtown Girl Marks Her Feetin Toughest Arena

SURKHAB ZEHRRA

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 difficulties, 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.

However, my family and parents have always 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. I 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. I 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 Naksband



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

which the Honorable Home Minister Mr. Rajnath 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 International matches only if she could have gotten the required sponsorship and the basic karate requirements.

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 1st 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 Chief 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 vs Sri Lanka, Asia Cup 2022. Highlights: Sri Lanka defeated India by 6 wickets in the Super 4 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 first time.
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 Wimbledon 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 victory in 2hr 53min.
"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-year-old from Rome missed Wimbledon earlier this 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 in after Sunday's win.

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 football pitch.
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 football.
"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 be-

ing 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 Championship 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 Uzbekistani club Nasaf Qarshi.

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

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 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. The 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 Lieutenant Governor, and edition of the J&K Open being presented



Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, while talking about the event, said "It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the PGTI and professional golfers to Jammu for the sec-

ond edition of the J&K Open being presented

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