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## Property Tax Rates in J&K to be the Lowest in the Country : LG Manoj Sinha

"Killing of Kashmiri Pandit in Pulwama Unfortunate. Working on Round the Clock Security Apparatus to Foil Such Attempts"

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Srinagar, Feb 27 (UNI) A day after a Kashmiri Pandit was shot dead in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said those involved in the killing would be taken care off by the security forces. 42-year-old Sanjay Sharma was shot dead by terrorists on Sunday morning near his home at Achen Pulwama. Sinha said such incidents definitely cause insecurity among the people. "This is a very unfortunate incident and I strongly condemn



it. Security forces will take care of those who are involved in this incident," Sinha told reporters in Srinagar. "We are, however, working with a 360-degree approach to control the situation,"

he said. Sinha said the situation is much better than the past and it would be made more sustainable. Meanwhile, Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir Vijay Kumar on Monday held a security review meeting in Pulwama where he stressed to enhance counter-terror operations in the district. The officers of Police and other security forces participated in the meeting. ADGP Kashmir was briefed about the overall security measures put in place by the participating officers.

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## Lt Governor inaugurates Civil Services Officers Institute at Srinagar

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SRINAGAR FEBRUARY 27: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated Civil Services Officers Institute (CSOI), here at M A Road. Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said the institute will promote welfare of officers, integration of services and organize seminars, symposiums to meet the needs and challenges of civil administration. The Lt Governor also interacted with the Officers present on the occasion and suggested to establish and maintain libraries and information services to facilitate the officers.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh RK Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Sh Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Sh Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner,

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## Capacity of power generation, distribution increases, J&K will soon get 24\*7 electricity: LG

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Feb 27 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday inaugurated power infrastructure projects worth Rs.192 crores, an official spokesman said.

The 25 projects inaugurated today included 22 receiving stations costing Rs 50 cr; Smart Metering project costing Rs 62.88 cr & Smart Metering App - Smart Bill Sahuliyat, and Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition system at a cost of Rs 79.27 cr.

In presence of the Lt Governor, KPDCL and JPDCL signed MoUs worth Rs 1814 Cr & Rs 2174 Cr, respectively, with PESL (PGCIL), RECPDCL & NTPC for implementation of



Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). It will strengthen distribution infrastructure and improve electricity supply to urban & rural areas. Dedicating the power infrastructure projects to the people, the Lt Governor said the projects inaugurated today Dedicating the power infrastructure projects to the people, the Lt Governor said

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## DIPR extends date for submission of accreditation forms of News Media Representatives

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 27: In view of repeated requests from media fraternity of Jammu and Kashmir, the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), J&K Government, has extended the date of applications for submitting Accreditation forms of News Media Representatives upto March 10, 2023, 4:00 PM.

The eligible media persons are requested to submit their applications, completed in all respects, along with required documents at DIPR office Jammu/Srinagar by said date and time. The eligible media persons are requested to submit their applications, completed in all respects, along with required documents at DIPR office Jammu/Srinagar by said date and time.

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## J&K Police attached 4 houses in Srinagar for 'Willfully Harboring Militants'

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Srinagar, Feb 27 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Police Special Investigation Unit attached four houses for "willfully" providing "shelter" to militants in Srinagar district, officials said.

The attachment was done in presence of Executive Magistrates and other witnesses in exercise of power conferred under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)

The residential houses attached included three in Barthena Qa-



marwari and one in Sangam Eidgah areas of Srinagar. Police

said it was found that the militants had been sheltered in these residential houses.

In Barthena the houses attached belonged to Shaheena / Asif Nath, Altaf Ahmed Dar and Mudassir Ahmed Mir. The fourth house attached was owned by Abdul Rehman Bhat of Sangam Eidgah. "The team on spot directed the concerned that there should be no alteration or otherwise to the attached properties without the prior permission of the designated authority," a police statement said.

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## MeT predicts light to moderate rain, snow at most places of J&K

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Srinagar, Feb 27 (UNI) Meteorological department predicts light to moderate rain, snow at most places of Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours.

Generally cloudy with Light to Moderate Rain, Snow at most places of J&K with main activity on March 1 and 2, the MeT official said and added the weather will remain mainly dry thereafter during the next week. The weather vagaries may affect surface transportation over major passes of Srinagar-Jammu

including Sinthan Top, Sadhna Top and other high passes of the valley, he warned.

Parts of Kashmir valley received light rainfall during the past 24 hours. Qazigund received 1.9mm of rainfall, Pahalgam 2.4mm of rainfall, Kupwara 0.9mm of rainfall and Kokernag 0.3mm of rainfall during the period, he said.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, had a low of 4.2 degree Celsius on Monday against 7.3 degree Celsius the previous night and it was 2.7

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Police arrested 3 drug peddlers with Brown sugar in Baramulla

Srinagar, Feb 27 (UNI) Police on Monday claimed to have arrested three drug peddlers and recovered brown sugar from their possession in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district. Police said that during a checking at National Highway Gantamulla arrested three drug peddlers and recovered 22 grams of contraband Brown sugar like substances from them.

The accused have been identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Mir a resident of Chijhama Rafiabab, Ashiq Hussain Najar of Shougpura and Reyaz Ahmad Sheikh a resident of Dardpora Kupwara were arrested.

A case under relevant sections of the law was registered at Police Rangwar Baramulla, police said.

#### Minor girl allegedly raped by brother in law in Shopian, accused arrested

Shopian:-A minor girl has been allegedly raped by her brother in law in the Zampathri area of Shopian. An official told The Kashmiriyat a 13-year-old girl (name withheld) was raped by her brother in law in the Shopian district, following which the relatives of the minor girl registered a complaint with Police.

In their complaint the family alleged that the minor girl was impregnated by her sister's husband who later planned to kill the newborn after the delivery.

Upon receiving the complaint, the Police arrested the accused who has been booked under the relevant sections of law, he said.

"The police took swift action and arrested the accused. The investigation is going on, the other accused, if found, will be arrested soon," a senior police officer from Shopian said.

#### Fountain channel of Tulip Garden extended to 3rd terrace this year

Srinagar, Feb 27: The fountain channel has been extended this year as for the first time, the authorities have decided to involve the third terrace of Asia's largest tulip garden in Srinagar where more than 50 lakh tulips are set to attract the visitors from different parts of the globe.

About 60 gardeners are presently making their efforts to beautify the garden, which is being thrown open for the public in April every year, depending upon the weather conditions. Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Dr Inam-ul-Rehman, Incharge Tulip garden, said they are expecting a massive tulip season this year. "The preparations that are to be started before the show, are going on from both ends including gardening as well as the engineering side," he said, adding that the dates for opening the

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## ADGP Kashmir visits Pulwama, holds security review meeting

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Srinagar, Feb 27: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Kashmir Vijay Kumar on Monday visited district Pulwama where he held a detailed security review meeting in which officers of Police and other security forces participated. In the security meeting officers including Army's Sector Commander, DIG Police, DIG CRPF, SSP Pulwama, Army's CO and CRPF's Commandants and other officers were present. ADGP Kashmir was briefed about the overall security measures put in place by the participating officers, a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reads. During the meeting, ADGP Kashmir imparted upon them to implement additional security measures in order to prevent such terror incidents. While instructing the officers present in the meeting, the ADGP Kashmir stressed to enhance counter-terror operations in Pulwama District. He also directed police officers present in the meeting to generate more humint & techint and further launch counter-terrorist operations along with security forces. Besides, the process for identifying hybrid militants and taking appropriate actions were also discussed in the meeting—

## Public delegation from Ganderbal calls on LG Sinha

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Srinagar, Feb 27 (KNO): A public delegation from Ganderbal District led by former Legislator, Ishfaq Jabbar called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Monday.

The delegation comprising over 20 members from different parts of the Ganderbal District apprised the Lt Governor about various development & public issues.

The Lt Governor gave a patient hearing to the members of the delegation and assured appropriate redressal of their genuine issues and demands—

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## Srinagar City set to be at its charming best by mid April: CS Fixes timeline for different developmental works under progress

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 27: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today had a whirlwind tour of Srinagar City. He took on-spot assessment of different developmental works taken up under Smart City and by other executing agencies around the city and also fixed timeline for completion of each.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary was accompanied by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Commissioner, SMC; VC, LCMA; and many other concerned officers of Police and Civil administration.

Dr Mehta observed that the city is going to change for better by mid April this year. He said that the city is going to change its outlook altogether with the completion of these projects at different stages of execution presently. He further added that these works would give a massive facelift to the city thereby enhancing its appeal for all the residents and tourists.



The Chief Secretary visited different project sites under Smart City Mission. He took stock of the progress of work on each of them and passed on several directions for their early completion. He stressed on timely completion of all these works in the wake of upcoming tourist season. While taking on-spot assessment of the Jhelum River front development the Chief Secretary enjoined upon the officers to complete the work by 15th of April. He asked them to

develop the footpath including its finishing, cycle track, green spaces, landscaping and undergrounding of electrical cables etc forthwith. The project is to be completed at a cost of Rs 32.50 Cr.

At Polo View, the Chief Secretary emphasized on making the entire area aesthetically appealing adopting an integrated approach. He asked for facade improvement of adjoining buildings and carry out other beautification works simultaneously. The work also includes laying of PQC along polo view tube, macadamisation of new Polo View Road, construction of office cum toilet block, fencing by iron grill panels, rationalization of utilities, laying of quality tiles and stones and creating seating arrangement around chinar trees besides landscaping of the area. The work of surfacing etc along with other drainage works are being completed at a cost of Rs 5.13 Cr. On visit to Dal Lake, Dr Mehta inspected the work

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## ST students at Upper Primary, Secondary level has highest number of dropout rate in JK

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Srinagar, Feb 27: Among all categories, Schedule Tribe (ST) students' at Upper Primary and Secondary School Level have the highest number of dropout rate in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the official figures accessed by the news agency—among the four major categories including Schedule Caste (SC) and Schedule Tribe (ST), General and Other Backward Classes (OBC), the ST students at secondary school level has highest number of dropout rate with 14.17 percent.

This includes 19.05 percent among the girl students and 10.55 percent among the male students. Similarly, the OBC students at this level

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## SKIMS autonomy ends, Dir asked to submit all matters before H&ME for approval

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Srinagar, Feb 27: The autonomy of Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Science (SKIMS) has ended as the Director of the Institute has been directed to submit all matters before Health and Medical Education for approval. The official communiqué of Health and Medical Education, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer reads that the administration of SKIMS has been assigned to the Health and Medical Education Department. "Accordingly, I am directed to intimate



you that henceforth all matters/proposals/case files may be submitted for consideration/ approval of the Competent Authority (HLG) through Health and Medical Education Department." It reads.

"The case files/references/proposals received from the SKIMS and presently lying in General Administration Department are accordingly returned herewith in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase for further action as per the existing TBRs." It adds further. Notably, SKIMS is the only medical university of the union territory of J&K, headed by a

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### PROGRESSING JK

## J&K likely to record capacity addition of 3400 MW in Hydro Power sector

### Saddal village gets electricity after 75 years of independence

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SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 27: After a long gap of 75 years of independence, the residents of Saddal village in Udhampur have been able to get rid of darkness from their lives with electrification of their area under the prestigious Central Government's 'Untied Grants Scheme'.

The natives of this village are now hopeful for a better future for their children as earlier, the only source of light during the evening hours in the village was candles and oil lamps, which gradually became a part of their day-to-day life.

Similarly, Ganouri-Tanta village in the mountainous Doda district saw the light of an electric bulb for the first time, ending the decades of darkness from the lives of



the villagers. The administration took up electrification work in the village on the directions of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, after a group of locals put forward the demand before him at the LG Mulaqaat programme.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration

has set its target to harness the hydro power potential of the region in order to make J&K power surplus in next five years.

In order to achieve this target, the administration has taken up several path breaking reforms in the power sector which will change the dynamics of power sector here. After 75 years of independence, the Jammu and Kashmir government has launched unprecedented reforms to bolster and rejuvenate this ailing sector.

The UT is likely to see a capacity addition of 3400 MW in the Hydro Power sector within five years from now. Availability of electricity has been enhanced in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions. Besides, Revised Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) is being implemented at a cost of Rs. 5641 crore to ensure availability of quality power to all citizens, he said.

Although power generation, distribution and transmission sectors have seen substantial capacity addition, an official

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## PM releases 13th Installment under Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme



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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 27: Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu, organized a live streaming programme regarding release of 13th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, presided over the function organized at Baba Jitto, Kissan Kendra, Talab Tillo, here. Bharat Bhushan, Chairman, District Development Council graced the occasion as guest of honour.

Special Secretary Agriculture Production Department, T.K.Bhat, Director Agriculture, Jammu, K K Sharma; Director Animal Husbandry, Shubra Sharma, Director Sheep Husbandry, Krishan Lal, Joint Directors of

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## Director Fisheries, MD JKHPMC inspect Common Incubation Centre at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, FEBRUARY 27: The Director Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq Dar and MD JKHPMC, Imam ud Din today inspected the Common Incubation Centre at Anantnag and witnessed its first trial run. The visiting dignitaries expressed belief that the UT can benefit from a much higher yield from its waters through the implementation of effective local measures. Imam ud Din interacting with the workers at the facility said that the Government is committed to providing necessary infrastructure for necessary value addition and private entrepreneurs must come forward and benefit from such facilities. The facility, constructed at a cost of Rs 2.45 crores, is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities that will enable private fish farmers to freeze, process, and



package their produce, thus increasing its value and helping them to fetch better prices. The Director and MD were accompanied by Joint Director South, Fisheries, Officers from Fisheries and HPMC, among others. Imam ud Din interacting with the workers at the facility said that the Government is committed to providing necessary infrastructure for necessary value addition and private entrepreneurs must come forward and benefit.

## DC Srinagar reviews implementation of Jal Shakti schemes; takes stock of water supply position in the District

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 27: In order to ensure that all households of Srinagar District receive clean and uninterrupted water supply as per the existing water schemes, a meeting of Officers of PHE Department was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz here today at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the existing water supply position and measures undertaken to address the issues related to further improve the supply of drinking water to the consumers of the District. The DC was also apprised about the status of different water supply schemes presently supplying drinking water facilities in the City. He was informed about the

Maintenance and Repairs (M&R) funds, redeployment of manpower resources, utilisation of available tankers etc. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on identifying the inadequate or infrequent supply areas and addressing the shortage points so that people do not face any difficulty for want of drinking water especially during the upcoming summer. The DC asked officers to prepare long-term plan and a short term plan to meet the supply with the demand so that no household is left without safe and clean drinking water facilities. The DC also laid thrust on critical resources and infrastructure for water production and carriage to arrest the loss of water and called for taking immediate measures to plug the leakages. He asked the



officers to ensure effective monitoring of M&R Works and the funds are being properly utilised with visible impact on ground. The DC asked the concerned Officers to work in close coordination with other line departments to ensure the timely comple-

tion of all ongoing water supply schemes and projects. He also asked them to sensitize people about judicious use of drinking water and avoid its wastage to ensure that the available resources are utilized efficiently. With regard to land issues and pending court

cases, the DC asked the Officers to expedite the process of all such cases so that they are disposed of at the earliest for smooth implementation and functioning of the PHE schemes for the larger interest of the public. Additional District Development Commissioner

Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, the meeting was among others attended by Chief Planning Officer, Superintending Engineer, PHE, Executive Engineer PHE, Executive Engineer Mechanical and other concerned Officers. The DC asked the concerned Officers to work in close coordination with other line departments to ensure the timely completion of all ongoing water supply schemes and projects. He also asked them to sensitize people about judicious use of drinking water and avoid its wastage to ensure that the available resources are utilized efficiently. With regard to land issues and pending court cases, the DC asked the Officers to expedite the process of all such cases so that they are disposed of at the earliest for smooth implementation and functioning.

## Chairman DLSA Kulgam takes suo-moto note of news regarding landsliding at Shalmachi Yarikhah

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, FEBRUARY 27: Taking suo-moto note of the news on social media regarding damage to two residential houses and three shops due to landsliding at village Shalmachi Yarikhah in Noorabad, the Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kulgam, (Pr. District & Sessions Judge), Mohammad Ashraf Bhat directed authorities to ensure availability of medical care, food, safe drinking water and alternate shelter to the victims. Pursuant to Scheme for legal services to Victims through Legal Services Authority, Secretary DLSA Kulgam has been directed by the Chairman to supervise the distribution of relief material and ensure that the victims (families residing in the said houses who have become destitute/homeless) are provided with adequate support.

The Chairman also directed Secretary DLSA Kulgam to depute the Paralegal Volunteers to the affected area forthwith for coordinating the activities of the relief operations if any provided to the victims by any authority till the rehabilitation of victims and to apprise him with regard to alternative arrangement of shelter, clothes, Food, and Medicines for victims and shall also submit the details of the steps taken by the District Administration/Disaster Management Authority.

Senior Superintendent of Police District Kulgam was asked to monitor the affected area and provide the assistance to the victims of land sliding disaster, required by them from the department.

## SDM Kangan inspects several offices in the Sub-Division

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 27: The Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Kangan, Javid Ahmad Rather today visited various government offices of the subdivision.

The SDM visited offices of Agriculture Development Officer, ZEO, BMO, Irrigation, Jal Shakti, ITI Kangan, HDO, CDPO and TSO Kangan.

During the visit, SDM inspected the functioning of these offices and also checked the attendance of the staff there. He found 3 employees of Irrigation department absent and issued a show cause notice to them for unauthorized absence.

The SDM impressed upon the sectoral officers to ensure the punctuality of their subordinate staff to ensure the effective service delivery.

## FCS&CA Pulwama seals 18 establishments amid massive crackdown on Poultry dealers/retailers for overpricing

PULWAMA, FEBRUARY 27: Taking strong note of complaints of overpricing of Chicken sold in markets, the District Administration Pulwama on the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary has launched a massive inspection drive/ crackdown to curb overpricing and take immediate action against instances of violations.

Following the directions, the Assistant Director FCS&CA Department Pulwama along with the Enforcement squad of the District launched a massive crackdown against Poultry dealers and retailers (Chicken) for resorting to overpricing and not adhering to the rates prescribed by the Department.

During the intensive drive, the constituted teams inspected more than 100 establishments across the district and sealed 18 of them for violating the norms, and also realized a fine of Rs. 25000 in the last two days.

The DC has directed all executive magistrates of the district to ensure daily inspections of all fresh food markets/ chicken falling within their respective jurisdictions and take strict action against those indulging in overpricing.

Speaking about the issues of overpricing, the DC said that the Administration has a zero tolerance policy towards those resorting to over-pricing. He said that such drives will continue on a regular basis across all district markets to keep a check on traders and shopkeepers for indulging in overcharging and other unethical activities.

## Illegal extraction and transportation of minerals; Police arrests 04 persons, seizes 04 vehicles in Budgam

February 27: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction/mining and transportation of minerals, Police have arrested 04 persons and seized 04 vehicles in Budgam. A police party of Police Station Chadoora during patrolling at Aalipora Chadoora intercepted 04 vehicles (Tippers) bearing registration numbers JK03J-6145, JK03C-8254, JK04B-055 and JK13A-0470 carrying illegally extracted bed material from Nalla Shaliganga Chadoora. Subsequently, all the 04 tippers were seized & 04 drivers of the said vehicles were arrested on spot. They have been identified as Abid Hussain Bhat son of Maqbool Bhat resident of Chadoora, Gulam Muhammad Wani son of Abdul Kabir resident of Kakawring Charar Sharief, Younis Farooq Yattoo son of Farooq Ahmad resident of Nagam Chadoora and Shabir Ahmad Bhat son of Gulam Nabi resident of Dooniwari, Chadoora. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

## JKBOSE Chairman & SCERT Director Class 8th Exam centres; takes stock of arrangements

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 27: The Director of the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), J&K, Prof (Dr) Parikshat Manhas, Monday, visited various Class-8 examination centres and took stock of the arrangements put in place by the authorities.

Prof. Manhas, who was appointed last month as the Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE), has also been given the additional responsibility of Director of the SCERT. Around 1.79 lakh eighth-grade students—government and private—from both the Jammu and Kashmir Divisions are taking the second term of the academic year 2022-23 after the government gave its approval for the implementation of the unified academic calendar and the holding of exams in the March-April session.

While taking stock of the arrangements, Prof Manhas stressed on the need to provide all the necessary facilities to the students without fail.

“The provisions of cleanliness and a conducive atmosphere to the students should be met at all costs,” he said. “Care should be taken to make the students as comfortable as you can while they are busy writing their answer scripts.”

Prof. Manhas while visiting an examination centre where students with Children with Special Needs (CWSN) were taking the examination. He emphasized



the importance of providing everything the kids would need.

Pertinently, some 1741 children with exceptional needs from both the divisions are taking the exam as well.

The SCERT and the associated District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) are supervising the entire process of conducting the examinations. Around 1.79 lakh eighth-grade students—government and private—from both the Jammu and Kashmir Divisions are taking the second term of the academic year 2022-23 after the government gave its approval for the implementation of the unified academic calendar and the holding of exams in the March-April session.

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## Secretary visits JKAACL, reviews functioning Asks officers to scale up activities for promotion of Art, Culture, Languages

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 27: Secretary, Culture, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, today visited Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages (J&K AACL), Lal Mandi, Srinagar and reviewed functioning of the institute.

Secretary had an introductory cum interactive session with the officers and officials of the department. Secretary stressed upon the officers to further scale up activities being conducted by the Academy for promotion of Art, Culture and Languages. He also asked them to chalk out a strategy to produce rich and quality output of research papers, literature and other publications by the Academy.

He asked for wider consultation with all the stakeholders including artists and researchers to improve the quality and



standard of publications being released on rich culture and literature of J&K.

Dr Syed Abid instructed the officials for encouraging involvement of youth in different activities and events being organized by the cultural academy. He directed them for publication of weekly and monthly schedule of activities and programmes to be organized by the academy for information of general public.

He emphasized on the issue of information technology as a force multiplier for the work and mandate of JKAACL regarding preservation, creation and promotion of Art, languages & literature.

Apart from In-charge Divisional Head of JKAACL and Deputy Secretary JKAACL, the interactive session was attended by researchers, artists, calligraphers and officials of the Academy.

## Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Sehgal delivers expert talk at PEC Chandigarh

Srinagar, Feb 27: Director National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal on Monday delivered expert talk on ‘Tribology of Biomaterials’ during a weeklong workshop at Punjab Engineering College (PEC) Chandigarh.

The workshop was organized by the Department of Production and Industrial Engineering PEC. It was funded by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department Of Science And Technology, Government of India under Accelerate Vigyan Scheme.

Prof. Sehgal was ‘Guest of Honor’ on the occasion. The workshop was also attended by PEC Director Baldev Setia and Department Head Ravinderjit Singh Walia.

In his key address, Director NIT Srinagar Prof. Sehgal said in the context of biomaterials, Tribology is an important area of research that focuses on the performance of materials used for biomedical applications,



such as joint replacements, dental implants, and cardiovascular devices.

“Tribology of biomaterials is a complex field that involves the interplay of various factors, such as the properties of the biomaterials, the nature of the

surrounding tissue, and the lubrication conditions,” he said.

Prof. Sehgal said researchers in the field of tribology of biomaterials use a range of techniques to investigate these factors, including wear testing, surface analysis, and computa-

tional modeling.

“By gaining a better understanding of the tribological behavior of biomaterials, researchers can design and develop more effective and durable biomedical devices,” he said. “It plays a very important role

in improving the design and making successful biomaterials for medical purposes. Joints of the human body, such as hip, knee, jaw, dental parts etc,” Prof. Sehgal said.

Director NIT Srinagar also appreciated the organizers for organizing the workshop on relevant topics. He said circular economy (CE) aims at reducing resource consumption and eliminating waste while promising economic development continuity.

The proposed workshop was designed in line with ‘Karyashala’ initiative of Accelerate Vigyan of SERB-DST to provide information on the fundamentals, current trends, and problems in the area of smart manufacturing technologies and circular economy.

The workshop will provide hands-on training on state-of-the-art concepts like Additive Manufacturing, CNC Machining, Case studies on the circular economy, SCM, Leadership, etc.

## Training programme on Agricultural Census held at Kupwara

KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 27: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, the Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Kupwara, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat today reviewed the progress of Agriculture Census, going on in a phased manner.

Meanwhile, a training programme for field functionaries and supervisors of revenue department on Agricultural Census was organized at the meeting hall of DC Office Complex Kupwara.

The Training programme was presided over by Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) Kupwara, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat.

Various Revenue Officers including Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, and Girdawars of district Kupwara participated in the programme.

The training focused mainly on the collection of data on number of Agricultural Operational Holders, land use, digitisation, Kind of soil, Tenancy status and



irrigation facilities.

On the occasion Master trainer, Mudasir Bashir Sofi explained the importance and methods of agriculture census through a detailed powerpoint presentation (PPT).

This agricultural census in phased manner is continuing through an Android App and web based system in Kupwara district which is very significant for the planners and policy makers.

## Advisor Bhatnagar addresses CII's annual session 2022-23 'J&K @ 75 to 100: 'Future Ready J&K' at Jammu

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 27: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today addressed the annual session 2022-23 ‘J&K @ 75 to 100: Future Ready J&K’ of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) here.

Addressing a mammoth gathering of industrialists and business professionals, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted that Jammu and Kashmir has vast potential in terms of industrial development and the region is providing sunrise opportunities for the industrialists to establish their ventures here. He added that the government is providing attractive incentives under the industrial investment package for any aspiring industrialist or entrepreneur willing to establish their business units in the region.

Advisor further enumerated government's commitment towards creating a conducive environment for businesses to thrive in the region. He also outlined various measures being taken up by the

government to attract investments and promote entrepreneurship in Jammu and Kashmir.

Highlighting various achievements of the present LG led administration in terms of industrial growth, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the government is determined to create a vibrant start-up ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir and leveraging technology for inclusive growth of the region. He added that the present government is giving ample thrust on building a supportive ecosystem for entrepreneurship to attract maximum youth towards it.

Advisor said that development tempo has been accelerated tremendously across J&K and the region is emerging as investment friendly destination. He added that the Air Connectivity, Rail Connectivity and Road infrastructure has been upgraded so that the business establishments have ease of doing business here.



# B2V-4: Prabhari Officers listen to Public across Pulwama Panchayats

Saturation of demand for Self-Employment, uploading of B2V-4 reports on web-based application on agenda: DC Pulwama

PULWAMA, FEBRUARY 27: An overwhelming response of the public was today witnessed during the follow up programme of phase four of Back to Village (B2V-4), as the Prabhari officers physically visited and conducted scheduled activities in different Panchayats of Pulwama district.

The Prabhari Officers along with the local officials organised Gram Panchayats, conducted inspection of public infrastructure, schools and departmental stalls; convened Convergence meetings of all departments, distributed Land Passbooks, Mamta kits etc. Sports activities, cultural events, Nash Mukht pledge, planta-

tion and cleanliness drives were also held among other activities.

Majid Khalil Drabu, Controller Legal Metrology, J&K, the visiting officer Panchayat Gangoo, interacted with PRIs, SHGs, and the general public. The PRIs of the area projected several demands and highlighted their problems. He was apprised about the Developmental works going on in the area by the line departments. The Visiting Officer inspected the newly sanctioned sports stadium in the area.

The visiting officer was accompanied by ADDC Pulwama, Dr Sheikh Abdul Aziz, ACP Pulwama, BDO Pulwama/ Nawa and other officers/ officials of various



Departments. Speaking on the occasion, Drabu said that it is an initiative aiming to bridge the communication gap between the administration and citizens. The principal objective of this programme is to ensure saturation of demand for Self Employment.

Led by the Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, thousands of Government employees at all levels participated in various programmes including Government Officers who were directly deployed to the Panchayats in the whole District. Speaking about the B2V4,

the DC said that the administration is reaching out at the doorsteps of the people to register their grievances and address them promptly.

The DC said that top priority is to ensure that demands and promises are followed up and converted into a reality. "This is an action packed deliverable oriented programme with focus on youth, skills and self employment, good governance and Panchayati Raj, Nasha Mukht and Rozgar Yukt Jammu and Kashmir," DC added.

A number of activities of public services were also carried out during the day in the rest of the District. Designated Administrators were accompanied by

officers/officials from concerned line departments in order to ensure proper understanding and recording of grievances.

Sanction letters regarding establishment of Mushroom units on subsidy by Deptt of Agriculture were handed over to the beneficiaries during Employment Saturation Drive at Pyt Halqa Dogripora.

Keeping in view the main agenda of the B2V4, Self help groups were created at Panchayat Halqa Noorpora-B, ensuring saturation of demand for self-employment.

Review meetings were held at all Panchayat Halqas of District Pulwama regarding saturation of demand for self employment.

## DC Kulgam reviews implementation status of Jal Jeevan Mission in district

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, FEBRUARY 27: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.

is now 142 after splitting Shirpora Matibug scheme in three parts which will provide drinking water coverage to 14 villages

and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections to all households.

He instructed all the concerned officers to scale up pace on works under JJM so that the target can be achieved within the stipulated period.

He asked the officers to regularly monitor the quality and progress on all allotted works for time-bound completion.

The meeting was attended by JD-Planning, ACR, ACP, Executive Engineers Jal Shakti Kulgam and Qazigund Division, DIO, CMO, AEEs and other officers. It was also informed that out of 218 works, 205 works have been tendered, 160 allotted, 109 works have been taken up while as 05 works stands completed.

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Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today convened a meeting of concerned Officers to review progress recorded under Jal Jeevan Mission in the district.

During the meeting, the DC took detailed review of physical and financial progress made on various JJM Works.

It was informed that there are 218 works in the district and the total number of schemes/projects under JJM in the district

of Behibagh and Frisal blocks.

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Speaking at the event, the DC stressed upon the gathering especially unemployed youth to come forward and avail the benefits under different employment generation schemes of the department viz: Apiculture, Mushroom Cultivation, Protected Vegetable Cultivation and Mechanized Farming.

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## Director Fisheries, MD JKHPMC push for formulation of Fish FPOs

ANANTNAG, FEBRUARY 27: The Department of Fisheries in collaboration with NABARD and the Human Welfare Foundation organized an Awareness Camp for the formulation of the 2nd FPO in Anantnag District at the Trout Farming Project in Achabal.

A large gathering of fish farmers attended the one-day training camp, which was addressed by Director of Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq Dar; MD JKHPMC, Imad-Ud-Din; JD of Fisheries, South A.M. Tak; CPO of Kokernag Fisheries Project, Mohi-Ud-Din; DD of Fisheries Ang, Sideeq, Principal of Fisheries Training Institute Kokernag, and President of the Human Welfare Foundation.

The camp was a great success, providing valuable knowledge and insight to the fish farmers in attendance.

The farmers lauded the efforts being made by the Government. They said that FPOs will increase their bargaining power in the market and reduce the vulnerability of individual farmers.

Further, they said the FPO will help them to concentrate on processing and marketing of their produce in a joint manner which will help them fetch better prices.

## Prabhari Officer visits Panchayat Halqa Ashmuji; takes stock of development scenario in panchayat

KULGAM, FEBRUARY 27: Prabhari Officer to Panchayat Halqa Ashmuji B, Block Qaimoo, Riyaz Ahmad Beigh (Additional Mission Director J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission) today visited PH Ashmuji and took stock of development scenario in the said panchayat.

During his visit, Prabhari Officer also took implementation status of self employment schemes and enquired about the progress and achievement.

He stressed upon the concerned that there are ample self-employment opportunities for unemployed youth and ensure positively linking youth with these self-employment schemes of center and UT.

Later, he also visited many livelihood units of self help Groups of Panchayat Halqa sponsored by JK RLM-UMEED.

During the visit to livelihood units, the Prabhari Officer was accompanied by the officials from NRLM and representatives of line departments and other officers and officials from line departments.

## ID employees condole demise of Journalist Zahoor Shaheen

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 27: The employees of Information Department Kashmir Division have expressed grief and sorrow over the demise of senior journalist Zahoor Ahmad Zargar, Editor in Chief of daily Shaheen Kashmir, publishing from Srinagar.

While extending sympathies with the bereaved family, they prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul. Recalling his long association with them, especially with the PR wing of the department, they described him as a bold journalist, who always projected public issues in his publications.

Late Zahoor will be remembered for a long time to come in the field of journalism in Jammu and Kashmir, they added.

Some senior officers also visited the residence of the deceased journalist and offered condolences to the bereaved family. The employees of Information Department Kashmir Division have expressed grief and sorrow over the demise of senior journalist Zahoor Ahmad Zargar, Editor in Chief of daily Shaheen Kashmir, publishing from Srinagar.

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## Banks in Bandipora disburse Rs 292.94 Cr loans in priority sector

BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 27: The District Consultative Committee/ District Level Review Committee (DCC/DLRC) meeting of Bandipora District was held on Tuesday at Mini Secretariat on Monday.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Ali Afsar Khan; JD Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad; Dr Asif DDM; Lead District Manager Bandipora, Shabir A. Dar; NABARD and District Coordinators of all the Banks, Govt. departments and other development agencies.

It was given out that Banks operating in Bandipora district have disbursed an amount of Rs 292.94 Crores in priority sector against the annual target of Rs.895 crores registering 33 percent achievement and Rs.231.96 Crores in non-priority sector against the annual target of Rs.128 Crores

witnessing 181 percent achievement.

Besides, there has been a total credit disbursement of 524.49 crores against the yearly target of Rs.1023.30 crore registering an achievement of 51% of the annual credit plan 2022-23 for quarter ending December 2022.

Lead District Manager Bandipora informed the meeting that J&K Bank alone has disbursed Rs.227.26 crores under priority sector and 159.48 crores under Non priority sector aggregating to total credit of Rs. 386.74 cr showing an achievement of 73.68% contribution towards total credit disbursement in the district.

The performance with respect to social security schemes under Mission Utkarsh was also discussed and the chair emphasized the need for roping in the people under social security schemes with joint coordination.

## J&K possesses vast potential for entrepreneurship, innovation, incubation and startups: Advisor Bhatnagar

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 27: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today remarked that Jammu and Kashmir has vast potential for entrepreneurship, innovation, incubation and startups and a lot of growth and development is happening across the region from the last three years.

The Advisor made these remarks while addressing the five day Capacity Building Program on Small Business Development for Aspiring and Existing Entrepreneurs.

The program was organized by Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu in collaboration with Skill India and Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship at KC, City Centre here.

Addressing the large gathering of aspiring entrepreneurs, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the present period is 'Sunrise Period' for entire Jammu



and Kashmir as the UT is witnessing tremendous growth and development from the last three, four years owing to constructive and reformative policy making. He added that our country is emerging as 'Land of Opportunities' and the growth story of India has no parallel across the world.

The Advisor further highlighted that the J&K has offered best industrial investment package to the industrial sector and the region witnessed remarkable investments in last couple of years. He added that the present LG led Ad-

The Advisor also said that the participants will have the opportunity to learn from experienced entrepreneurs, industry experts, and business professionals, who will share their knowledge and expertise. He added that the participants will also be able to network with other entrepreneurs and build relationships that can help them in their business journey.

Advisor Bhatnagar also highlighted that the UT government is in the process of establishing one Small Business Development Unit (SMDU) Centres in all districts of Jammu and Kashmir to cater to the growing needs of aspiring entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM, Jammu, Milind Kamble said that this is a historical day for Jammu and Kashmir as the budding entrepreneurs have the ability to upscale the economy.

# ADDC Bandipora reviews progress of PMGSY in district

## PMGSY completes 107 Kms roads last FY, 37 Kms constructed this year

BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 27: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan today chaired a meeting to review the status of projects being executed by PMGSY in different parts of the district. The meeting was attended by DDC Vice chairperson Kousar Shafiq, DDC members of Tulail, Gurez, and Aloosa besides, Executive Engineer and AEE of PMGSY.

ADDC sought physical and financial status of all works under different stages of PMGSY in the district and reviewed the progress. The meeting discussed threadbare at least 30 projects under execution in the district. Officers informed that at least 37 kms have been constructed this year out of the total target of 64 kms in the district. It was also in-

formed that 107 kms were constructed during the last financial year. The meeting was further informed that under PMGSY-I and II, the government had sanctioned construction of 177 kms of roads in the district at the cost of Rs 142.36 crores. They said till date 107 kms have been constructed adding to the web of roads in far flung areas of the district including in Gurez valley.

ADDC sought details about roads from Neeru to Sikander (6.7 Kms), Bilinpora to Ketson (13 Kms), Peer bathoo to Chandaji (6 Kms), Dawar-Tuulail road (11Kms), Authwatto to Labkachal (14 kms) and Malangam to Malangam Gujerbasti (9.56Kms)

It was informed that PMGSY has completed more than a dozen major road projects during the last two years in the district and 08 major road projects are presently under execution. The ADDC directed the concerned officers to start the works again with the improvement in weather so that targets are achieved. Khan directed concerned Tehsildars and PMGY to jointly visit the areas and resolve the issues at earliest. He directed the con-



cerned to resolve all issues early and ensure completion of all road network projects within stipulated time.

While applauding the work of PMGSY in previous projects, the ADDC asked the Ex. Engineer PMGSY to regularly monitor all road network projects for maintaining quality and standard of works. The meeting was further informed that under PMGSY-I and II, the government had sanctioned construction of 177 kms of roads in the district at the cost of Rs 142.36 crores. They said till date 107 kms have been constructed adding to the web of roads in far flung areas of the district including in Gurez valley. ADDC sought details about roads from Neeru to Sikander (6.7 Kms), Bilinpora to Ketson (13 Kms), Peer bathoo to Chandaji (6 Kms), Dawar-Tuulail road (11Kms), Authwatto to Labkachal (14 kms) and Malangam to Malangam Gujerbasti (9.56Kms). It was informed that PMGSY has completed more than a dozen major road projects during the last two years in the district and 08 major road projects are presently under execution.



## HEADLINES TODAY

## HT EDITORIAL

**Digital Revolution at a Heavy Price.  
Access to Smart Phones Ruining  
Childhood of our future generation.**

The contemporary childhood has been over shadowed by the digital revolution wherein Children have completely forgotten to talk, play, jump and read. Mobile phone, computer, laptop and other gadgets have made our Children scapegoat. Online classes during Corona period has added fuel to the fire. On the pretext of seeking online education children have now become addicted to Cellphone. Parents are caught between devil and the deep sea as they don't know how to snatch back the mobile phone from their Children. Gone are the days when children used to eagerly wait for the bell of their sports Classes to ring in. Schools, used wear a festive look by the dint of the painting, drama, music, competitions and all other kind of activities. Now they are not interested in these activities but only in the screen of any electronic device. On one hand the children have such state-of-the-art technological devices in their hands, and on the other hand, they have to be victims of various kinds of crimes continuously. These include sexual crimes, economic crimes and all kinds of cyber crimes. In nuclear families, most of the parents are busy in their day-to-day work, because there is compulsion that if they do not work and have a job, then how will the house run, how will the children be brought up. That is why most of the children of such families are dependent on day care centers or helpers. In absence of joint families concept grandparents in homes made the children even more lonely. What is it? After all, how can children talk to their parents who are busy day and night? Many times it happens that the child wants to say something, insists on something, then in order to listen to his problem, instead of solving it, he is coaxed with a chocolate or a toy, or scolded and silenced. Are being given. In most of the crimes against children, the same thing comes to the fore that they could not tell their parents about the crime in time. Many times children even commit suicide due to fear of criminals and parents. They keep on regretting. The stress and quarrels of the parents also have a very bad effect on the children and they cannot get out of the bad memories of their childhood for the rest of their life. Experts say that parents should never fight in front of their children, but in families where parents separate, get divorced, children are more likely to be in trouble. They get caught in the middle of their parents' fights. While both the parents are needed for the proper development of the child. The problem is that each discourse appears to contradict the other. Those who work for children say that the family is necessary for their proper development. These days, the role of the family is repeatedly underlined in the condition of the elderly, but a stream of women's discourse completely rejects the family. This stream puts the blame of every problem of women on the head of the family. So how to solve the problems. After all, there are girl children among the children and then why only about the girl children, there should be talk of the children as well. Human rights of a boy are no less than that of girls. All children should have the right to prosper upbringing, proper food, care, education, entertainment, freedom of speech and expression. Knowing the mother tongues can lead to proper development of the children, but the ground reality is different. Resourceful parents prefer English over the mother tongue for their children. One of the major reasons for this is that English has been linked to the success and bright future of children. A woman working in a multinational company told that children studying through mother tongue These resumes are pushed aside at the time of job. The writers also said that they are not against any language. Not even English, but mother tongues should be given more priority. Many researches have proved that the child not only understands the language spoken by its family members in the womb itself, but also starts recognizing it by voice. The story of Abhimanyu is almost similar, but ever since the middle class has expanded in the country, since then the meaning of education has been accepted, made English as compared to mother tongues. It is visible everywhere. One writer even said that he was forced to read his speech in English. Will children get good opportunities for jobs and other occupations if they study in mother tongues as well? How will they be able to tell their mind to their family members? How can their problem be solved instead of being ignored or scolded? How can they escape the violence? How will children be free from the problem of loneliness? Some suggest that if orphan ages and old age homes are combined, the loneliness of children and the elderly will be reduced.

# "From Sacrifice to Success: A Mother's Journey to Educate her Son in Rural Kashmir"



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Education has the power to transform lives and break down the barriers of poverty and marginalization. However, for many communities, especially in rural areas, access to education remains a distant dream. Despite the challenges, one mother from Ganie Mohalla in Gundpora Village of North Kashmir's Bandipora district has set an inspiring example by defying the odds and pushing her son to pursue education. Aisha Begum, a 40-year-old woman, grew up in a community that did not value education. However, she was determined to provide her son with the opportunities she never had. She saw the pen in the hands of educated individuals and recognized the power of education to change lives. Living with a dream to provide her son with the blessing of education, Aisha decided to work overtime and began to pile up every penny she earned to lead her son to the path of education. As a domestic help, she



**"A mother's determination and sacrifice can make the impossible possible. A mother's love and devotion can move mountains and make dreams a reality."**

knocked at the doors of other houses every morning to find out the work and collected every coin anxiously to meet the requirements for her son Javid's education. Aisha made many sacrifices to ensure that her son could complete his education. Her efforts have paid off, as her son recently completed a Bachelor's degree, becoming the first graduate in the entire community. Aisha's de-

termination and commitment to her son's education is commendable, and she has set an example for others in the community to follow. "Education is the gift that keeps on giving, and Aisha Begum's investment in her son's education will pay dividends for generations to come." The members of the community acknowledge that this achievement was accomplished by a mother more

than her son. Aisha's success has erased the taboo of the community, who were only looked at as domestic servants by the upper class. She has shown that with hard work and determination, anything is possible. Aisha Begum's story is an inspiration to all those who face obstacles and challenges in pursuing education. Her perseverance and dedication have helped her son achieve his dreams and will undoubtedly inspire many others in her community to strive for a better future. We salute Aisha Begum for her unwavering commitment to her son's education and wish her son Javid a bright and prosperous future. May his success be a source of inspiration for the entire community to recognize the power of education and work towards a brighter future for all. "Education is the key that unlocks the doors of opportunity and breaks the chains of poverty and marginalization."

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## Problems of Working Women and it's Solution



Jaswinder Pal Sharma

**Introduction:**  
The role of women in society has changed significantly in recent decades. Many women now pursue careers and work outside the home. However, despite the progress that has been made, working women still face a number of challenges that can make it difficult for them to balance work and family life. In this article, we will discuss the problems faced by working women and possible solutions to those problems.  
\*Problem 1: Lack of work-life balance\*  
One of the biggest challenges facing working women is the lack of work-life balance. Women often struggle to find the time and energy to juggle their responsibilities at work and at home. This can lead to stress, burnout, and a negative impact on their mental health.  
**Solution: Flexibility in work hours and work arrangements**  
Employers can help to address this issue by offering flexible work arrangements such as part-time work, job sharing, telecommuting, and flexible hours. This would enable women to balance their work and personal responsibilities more effectively. In addition, employers can provide support for working mothers, such as on-site daycare

facilities, breastfeeding rooms, and other family-friendly policies.

### Problem 2: Gender Pay Gap

Another major problem facing working women is the gender pay gap. Women are often paid less than men for doing the same job, which can lead to financial

difficulties and a lack of recognition for their contributions to the workplace.

### Problem 3: Lack of Career Advancement

Many working women face barriers to career advancement, including gender bias, lack of mentorship, and limited

opportunities for training and development.

**Problem 4: Work-Related Stress**  
Working women are more likely to experience work-related stress than men. This can lead to physical and mental health problems, such as depression, anxiety, and burnout.  
**Solution: Stress Management Programs**  
Employers can help to address this issue by offering stress management programs that provide employees with the tools and resources they need to manage their stress levels. This could include workshops on stress reduction techniques, access to counseling services, and mindfulness training.

**Conclusion:**  
In conclusion, working women face a number of challenges that can make it difficult for them to balance work and family life. However, by adopting flexible work arrangements, promoting equal pay policies, providing mentorship and professional development opportunities, and offering stress management programs, employers can help to create a more supportive and inclusive workplace that empowers women to succeed in their careers.

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opportunities for training and development. **Solution: Mentorship and Professional Development Programs**  
Employers can help to address this issue by implementing mentorship programs that pair women with senior leaders within the organization. This can provide women with the guidance and support they need to advance their careers. In addition, employers should

difficulties and a lack of recognition for their contributions to the workplace. **Solution: Equal Pay Policies and Transparent Hiring Practices**  
To address this issue, employers should adopt policies that promote equal pay for equal work. This could include regularly reviewing pay scales to ensure that they are fair and transparent. In addition, employers should implement transparent hiring practices that are

## How to choose Right Careers options after XII class



By Vijay Garg

Recent estimates predict that India is going to overtake China in population this year and will also become the world's third largest economy by 2030, overtaking Japan. But India is not as good at winning Olympic medals or capturing scientific patents like other societies. Sweden - whose nine million people won 11 Olympic medals (in 2016), achieving a rate of more than one medal per million - also secures more than 300 scientific patents per million people. On the other hand, India with more than 100 times as many people, wins far fewer Olympic medals (two medals in 2016 at a rate of one medal per 500 million people) and many fewer patents (6.25 patent applications per million people). The question is - is India bereft of talent or are its talents not ferretted out as effectively?  
In every society, the children of the super-rich get every opportunity. The question of ferreting out talent revolves on the children of the poor and on whether they are given opportunities. National performance as well as social justice hinge upon

the same fundamental concept - equality of opportunity, i.e., equally hardworking and talented individuals should be able to rise as high, irrespective of their income, gender, caste and locality.

How deeply does India dig for its sports and its scientific talent? To what extent do people in different segments of Indian society have the opportunity to show their talents for sports and mathematics and painting and writing and other achievements? Little is known on the subject. Methodical studies are just beginning. We contribute to this important and growing body of knowledge in our recent working paper, asking 806 students (410 in rural Bihar, 103 in slums in Patna and 293 in slums in Delhi) between 12 and 14 years in age, enrolled in government schools, about their access to eight different activities including painting, athletics, singing, theatre, chess, coding and mental mathematics. We also asked about these Class 7 and 8 students' career preferences and willingness to take part in talent-spotting events of different kinds and about a small number of socio-economic indicators. To our dismay, we find that as many as 42% of the Bihar sample have the lowest participation score, zero points, meaning that they had no opportunity whatsoever, at school or outside, for taking part in any of the eight activities over all of the previous five years! A total of 80% took part in a painting event on one or two occasions, a few took part in singing once or twice - and that was it, over all of five years. The situation in Delhi is only marginally better. Among the sample from Delhi slums, 24%

have the lowest participation score, zero points, while as many as 90% have scores of 10 points or fewer, indicating that the individual took part in one or two activities at the entry level once or twice over five years - but had no chances of competing at any higher level nor even any regularity of training and competition. The average participation scores for each activity are very, very low. Take for instance the score of access to athletics competition, the score for Bihar is 0.34, which means that at most 34% of sample had access once (and only once) to entry-level competition while the remaining 66% did not have a single opportunity for all of the past five years. In Delhi, 59% had no access whatsoever to sporting competitions and 88% had no access to mental mathematics or chess. If there is a hidden talent - and there must be very many hidden talents in these large populations - how are these talents going to be discovered?  
Gender and caste gaps are significant, though given the very low level of participation overall, the difference is that between low and lower. The data reveals that girls have lower participation scores but in particular activities (singing and story writing) their low participation rates are less low than those of boys. Hardly anyone takes part in multiple competitions. Those who participate more intensively at the entry level are unable to move up to a higher level of competition. Even as schoolteachers would like to see their pupils' capacities grow, no child from any of these schools, whether in Bihar or Delhi, has moved up the ladder in the art world

or in athletics or coding or any of the other lines.

Hundreds of thousands of talented individuals remain unaware of the talents within them. Simply because the mechanisms of talent identification and development are under-developed, the nation performs well below its true potential.

It is not a case of unwilling participants as much one of absence of opportunities. More than two-thirds of young respondents are eager to take part if such competitions were organised within reaching distance. Absent opportunity, the value of talent plummets. Poverty persists, despite abundant capability. How does a boy come to know he has the talent to be a successful artist unless he has access to paints and to painting competitions? How does a girl know she can become a star athlete until she has the chance to show her worth at athletics meets at successively higher levels? This is not the fault of any particular government, but probably more, a consequence of a long-held belief that there is only one proper way for an individual to advance - through academic studies. But this robs individuals of opportunities while making it harder for the nation to ferret out talent. It is time we got ourselves out of this conundrum. Research and practice both need to rise to the challenge. Talent is the resource a 21st-century India cannot afford to squander.

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## Strengthen base of NC at grass roots level: Chander Mohan

JAMMU FEB 27TH : Meeting of District Committee of Jammu Urban Under the Chairmanship of Mr Chander Mohan Sharma District President Jammu Urban. Mr Ayub Malik Provincial Secretary Jammu also attended the meeting.

While addressing the gathering Mr Chander said that the party workers to remain present among the people at the grass roots level and address their day to day problems. He asked them to make the people aware about the achievements of the party especially during the NC regime in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir. While impressing upon the people to vote for NC in the impending Assembly elections, Mr Sharma appealed to the government for announcing elections at the earliest seeking end to the political instability. He demanded immediate roll back of the anti people orders by the J&K Administration.

Mr Ayub Malik Provincial Secretary Jammu castigated the BJP Govt at the Centre and its proxy Govt in Jammu and Kashmir for plunging this state into instability by depriving the people of electing a representative Govt through a democratic process.

On this occasion hundreds of Prominent workers joined National Conference. Mr Chander Mohan Sharma nominated Ward Presidents. Mr Ravinder Verma Ward No 02, Mr Harbans Lal Sabarwal Ward No 13, Mr Kousal Kumar Ward No 03, Mr Sanjay Gupta Ward No 28, Mr Amrit Pal Singh Ward No 32.

Those who were present in the meeting : Sardar Gurnam Singh Block President Jammu West, Ashwani Charak Block President Jammu East, Ashok Dogra Ex Corporator, Sardar Parvinder Singh Block President Gandhi Nagar A, Haji Maqbool Block President Gandhi Nagar B, Anoop Kumar, Farman Ali, Shabir Sambhal, Waris Gill, Som Raj Taroch, Vivek Gupta, Moshin Salaria and others.

## Arun Manhas inspects Cold Store construction at Chenani, sets deadline of March 31 for completion

CHENANI (UDHAMPUR), FEBRUARY 27: Managing Director, J&K Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited (JK AIDCL), Dr. Arun Manhas, today visited and inspected the construction site of Cold Store being established at Chenani.

Divisional Manager, JK AIDCL, A. H. Salaria and other officers accompanied the MD.

MD said that this cold store facility is first of its kind post harvest support to the farmers of the district. This facility will help in income generation for the farmers by way of selling their produce in the market when the rates are appropriate.

Pertinently, the 320 MT Cold Store was approved under NABARD loan scheme for an amount of Rs.282.17 lakh. The building for the said project was handed over by the department of Agriculture Jammu to the JK AIDCL for creating the Cold Store facility. This cold store will cater to the requirements of farmers in and around district Udhampur and it will be used for storing fruits, vegetables etc.

MD directed the contractor to pace up the construction work and complete the project by 31st March, 2023.

## DIPR Cultural Unit hosts Symposium on Cultural Practices for Sustainable Environment

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 27: A Symposium on Cultural Practices for Sustainable Environment cum Cultural program was today organised by the Cultural Unit of Jammu Department of Information and Public Relations here in the Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu. As many 10 students participated in the symposium competition.

The First prize bagged by Sujagya Who expressed her views in English, second prize was won by Kamini, while the third prize was won by Avantika. Competition was judged by the College faculty Dr.Harmeet Singh, Dr. Suraj Mohini Jamwal and Dr. Javed Iqbal.

The program was coordinated by Prof. Paramjeet Singh Jamwal. Among others present were staff members of College, artists of Cultural Wing and students. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest and Principal of College Prof. Meenu Mahajan shared her views on the topic and also appreciated the students, and Artists of Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful program to aware the future of the nation.

In addition to the symposium a scintillating cultural program was presented by artists of Cultural Unit Jammu which was very much enjoyed by the audience. The program was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer, Parul Khajuria..

## District level Training program on 'Promotion of Vegetables & Exotic vegetables' held at Reasi

REASI, FEBRUARY 27: Training on Promotion of Vegetables and exotic vegetables under Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) was held today in the conference Hall of DC office, Reasi under the chairmanship of CAO Reasi, Harbans Singh.

Speaking on the Promotion of Vegetable/ Exotic Vegetables under Open and Hi- tech protected cultivation in a District level training programme, Chief Agriculture officer, Reasi, Harbans Singh said that there is great potential of cultivation of exotic vegetables in the district.

DAO Extension, Reasi, Rajesh Verma informed that under the holistic document a special programme has been designed for this purpose so that maximum opportunities under this sector could be explored. Head KVK, Reasi, Banarsi Lal conducted the technical session through PPT covering topics like objectives of the programme, scope of Vegetable production under controlled conditions, implementation plan etc. The training programme was attended by District Agriculture officers, Experts from KVK, SDAOs, AEOs, and other field functionaries of Reasi District.

## Kathua: Vice Chairman DDC flags off Inter-state exposure visit of Farmers

KATHUA, FEBRUARY 27: Vice Chairman, DDC Kathua Raghunadan Singh, today flagged off a group of 35 farmers here from the office complex of Chief Agriculture Officer for an exposure cum training visit to different Centres of Excellence. During the three day exposure visit outside the UT of J&K, the farmers would visit to Centre of Excellence for Vegetable (Indo-Israel Project for Vegetables) Kartarpur, Ferozpur and Krishi Vigyan Kendra Gurdaspur, Punjab from February 27 to March 01, 2023. The visit of the Farmers has been organised under the Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE) of centrally sponsored schemes, National Mission for Agriculture Extension Technology (ATMA) by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Kathua.

# Div Com reviews issues on Mega projects being executed in Jammu division

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 27: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, today chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners and concerned Officers regarding issues on mega projects being executed in Jammu division.

The meeting was attended by GM projects, NHIDCL, Col SPS Sangwan; Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta; CPO Jammu, Chief Engineers of Railways, Superintendent Engineers of Jal Shakti, JPD-CL, besides Project Directors of NHAI, senior officers of AIIMS Jammu while Deputy Commissioners of Jammu division along-with officers of concerned departments and Director AIIMS participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The Div Com reviewed in detail issues pertaining to AIIMS Jammu, Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link and other Road projects being executed in the districts of Jammu division.

Reviewing the status of AIIMS, the Div Com directed Engineers



of Jal Shakti to expedite the work on water supply infrastructure and ensure adequate water supply for the phase 1 in a time bound manner.

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Responding to the issues, the concerned Superintendent Engineer of JPTCL informed that

the work on installation of electric poles was in progress.

The Div Com directed SE, JPTCL to expedite the pace of work and complete the work within the set timeline. He also instructed the SE to submit weekly progress reports to his office.

The Div Com further asked concerned agencies to stay in regular touch with DC Reasi and Ramban for resolving minor issues, if any, for expeditious work on the prestigious rail-

way project. The Div Com also reviewed issues of road projects and directed NHAI and NHIDCL to expedite the pace of work on all the ongoing projects and be in regular touch with concerned DCs for resolving issues timely. The Div Com instructed all the concerned executing agencies to submit weekly progress reports in his office. Reviewing the status of AIIMS, the Div Com directed Engineers of Jal Shakti to expedite the work

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## BJP ignoring people residing on border areas: Bashir

RAMGARH, Feb 27: J&K National Conference today criticized the government at the Centre for allegedly ignoring farmers and people residing on border villages.

Addressing a meeting in Block Ramgarh, Provincial Secretary Sheikh Bashir Ahmed said that BJP has compromised on all issues and slogans for the sake of power and it stand badly exposed in front of the people of Jammu region. He criticized BJP for befooling and exploiting the sentiments of people in Jammu region for political gains.

Mr Bashir said that there has been no development on ground about which the government has been making tall claims. In fact the people are decrying for basic amenities. He expressed great disappointment against the J&K administration for its negative attitude towards the weaker section of society alleging that that the administration is not showing the least concern to addressing the pressing issues of this section of the society. Mr Bashir added said that the tall claims made by the government with regard to unprecedented development in Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A has proved to be hoax but the reality is that the situation has gone from bad to worst. People residing on border areas are suffering on account of wrong policies of the government. While addressing the workers Mr



Vijay Lochan Provincial President SC Cell said that BJP's hollow slogans and promises made to SC and other weaker sections of the society have not been fulfilled as the Saffron Party continues to remain busy in other issues. He asserted that the National Conference has always remained committed to protect the rights of SC communities in the past and shall continue to do the same in future too. He asked the party cadre to gear up for the upcoming elections as these could be announced any time now. He asked them to make people aware about how BJP has cheated them on the promises made by it in 2014 before going to elections. He asked them to reiterate to the community people the commitment of National Conference to protect the rights of the SC Community. Lochan asked party cadre to work relentlessly as party's foot soldiers in their respective areas to strengthen National Conference at all levels.

## Shailendra Kumar visits Patrara Panchayat of Sunderbani Block; reviews development projects

RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 27: Principal Secretary, Public Works Department (R&B), Shailendra Kumar, today visited Patrara Panchayat of Sunderbani block as part of 'Back to Village' program.

Shailendra Kumar sought public feedback on implementation of government schemes in the panchayat besides reviewing developmental issues.

Principal Secretary emphasized the importance of holding public outreach camps in addressing public grievances and promoting community participation in development process. "Public Outreach Camps playing pivotal role in reaching out to the common masses and providing them a platform to voice their concerns", he added. He said that these camps act as a bridge between the administration and the public.

He exhorted upon the youth to take advantage of self employment schemes for a brighter fu-



ture. He distributed keys among the unemployed youth under Mumkin scheme and inspected the stall. Principal Secretary expressed gratitude to the public for their continued support to the government in effective implementation of developmental programmes. He urged upon the public to provide feedback on government schemes so that the administration can take corrective measures wherever necessary. "The government of Jammu and Kashmir is committed towards public welfare and such initiatives serve as a tes-

tament to its dedication", maintained the Principal Secretary. He said that PWD (R&B) will continue to work towards betterment of the people.

On the occasion, awareness regarding recently launched property tax was also shared.

The public appreciated the government efforts of organizing such programs which are proving instrumental in satiating their aspirations and development needs. They reported that all projects raised during the previous visit of the Principal Secretary have been completed.

## Awareness program on hazards of Drug menace held at Sunderbani

RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 27: Drugs and Food Control Organization on Monday organized an awareness program on hazards of Drug Abuse and to propagate the message that the Government has adopted Zero Tolerance Policy against the menace, here in Sunderbani. The awareness Programme was attended by people from a cross section of the society, including Prominent Citizens, Students, officers of different Departments, Members of Chemists Associations of Sunderbani & Rajouri. Speaking on the occasion, Irfana Ahmed, Joint Drug Controller un-



derlined the importance of spreading awareness to eradicate the Drug abuse menace and rein in those involved in trafficking of drugs. "The common masses need to be made well aware about the drug abuse which is destroying our future generations" she said.

Mohammad Iqbal Palla, Deputy Drug Controller,

Jammu informed that Drug Control Organisation has been organizing a series of awareness events under the aegis of Nasha Mukat Bharat Abhiyaan to reach out the masses and spread awareness about substance abuse and drug abuse.

He informed that the Department, in its endeavour to curb the misuse of

narcotic and psychotropic substances, has started a massive checking drive to ensure that such pharmaceutical preparations were not stocked for sale above permissible quantity by the retail and wholesale Chemists shops. Surinder Mohan Tikoo, Deputy Drugs Controller I/c Rajouri/ Poonch said that the eradication of menace of drug abuse was a big challenge where Government alone cannot succeed unless there is community help, parental assistance and proactive role by all sections of society. He emphasized that since both the formulations.

## Women College Gandhi Nagar organises activities under G 20 awareness

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 27: The G 20 club of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with Department of Physics, Department of Environmental Sciences and Department of Zoology, on Monday organised energy conservation awareness drive on the college campus which included a slogan writing competition, poster making competition and an awareness rally. The program was held under the patronage of the College Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan. A group of 20 students participated in slogan writing competition on the theme of energy conservation. Dr. B. D. Sehgal, HoD, Physics formally welcomed the participants and Jury members for the event. Slogans were judged by Prof. Mala Bhasin, HOD, Department of Botany and Prof. Shally Chada, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry. The First three positions were bagged by Nancy Devi, Enu Sharma and Parul Sharma of Semester-I respectively. Another event of Poster making competition on the theme clean water and sanitation was organised by Department of Zoology in which 20 students participated. The judges for the event were Prof. Kamlesh Slathia, Dean Sciences, Prof. Mala Bhasin, HoD, Department of Botany and Prof. Anju Koul.

## Doda Admin mulls major crackdown on drug traffickers Many People under scanner, to face strict legal action under NDPS Act: DM

DODA, FEBRUARY 27: Eighth (8th) district level committee meeting under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) was held here today to discuss the measures to curb drug abuse and narcotic trade in the district.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Vishesh Paul Mahajan. Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Qayoom - the convener of the Committee, presented the latest developments and activities launched to make the district drugs free.

During the meeting, SSP, while interacting with the officers, asked them to take every possible measure/ to curb the menace

and for breaking the supply chain. He asked the officers to put in extra effort in destroying the ecosystem of Narco-trade and intensify the activities in the hot-spot areas. He directed them to utilise the services of VDGs for surveillance and make entry in the Beat books, Daily diary, and open personal files of drug peddlers. He has issued clear-cut directions to withhold the verification of those involved in Drugs trafficking. SSP has directed his team down the line to make the district drugs free. No laxity in this regard shall be tolerated.

Later, threadbare discussion was held on various issues related to inci-



dence of drug addiction, exchange of intelligence about the trends of drug trafficking, monitoring of illicit cultivation of cannabis, Opium, conducting anti drug abuse awareness

programmes especially, in schools and colleges and rehabilitation of the addicts. DM has asked the committee to spread the toll-free number 14416 throughout the district to

have better surveillance and timely help to the addicts.

The DM urged for monitoring and destroying illicit cultivation of cannabis and Opium crops by taking the PRI and other stakeholders in confidence. He has asked to use Drones to locate the illegal cultivation in the district. Emphasizing on awareness activities, he directed the concerned departments to start massive awareness camps in schools, colleges, and other public places through pamphlets, Nukad Natak, Rallies involving PRIs, students, and locals. Prabhari Officers for schools were asked to focus on spreading awareness among the school

children aware about hazards of drugs.

The DM asked the Magistrates and Police officers to submit the asset/ property details of the persons suspected to be involved in Drugs peddling/ trafficking in the district. "District administration has already received information of some people actively involved in Drug peddling, and a strict and exemplary action will follow soon under NDPS Act 1985" he added.

He further urged the police and civil administration to keep strict vigil against drug proliferation, consumption, and intensifying awareness against such addictive substances.



# VOMEDH CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL MOTHER TONGUE DAY IN HONOR OF POET REHMAN RAHI

Surkhab Zehra

Srinagar, Kashmir - Vomedh, one of the most active theatre and cultural organizations in J&K successfully hosted "Pagah - Second Edition" here today at the Tagore Hall, Srinagar. The day-long cultural function was organized in celebration of International Mother Tongue Day and was dedicated to the renowned Kashmiri poet, Late Rehman Rahi.

The event witnessed a diverse range of cultural activities, including a section dedicated to Rehman Rahi, featuring a documentary on his life and works, a lifetime achievement award, and a Mushaira where poets recited his poems in admiration. This section was a tribute to the contributions of Rahi to Kashmiri literature, and was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Mr. M. Amin Bhat President Adbee Markaz Kamraz was the Chief guest on the occasion. The guests of honour included Mr. S.H. Qaisar Ex Director AIR Sgr, Counsellor, broadcaster & Sports personality, Dr Gulam Nabi Haleem Renowned Poet, Writer, member of J&K Waqf Board, Prof Bashir Ahmad Rather Principal Amer Singh College and Dr Syed Amin Tabish, Scientist & Renowned Writer

"Project Pagah is one of its kind initiatives for preservation and promotion of Kashmiri language. Under project Pagah we strive to popularize the language in day to day life and we are back with the second edition. We did many programs in the past year under project Pagah and we dedicate the second edi-



tion to legendary Rehman Rahi Sahab", said Rohit Bhat President Vomedh in his welcome address.

Prof Shad Ramzan, a renowned literary figure read a paper in the honor of late Rehman Rahi. He talked about the contributions of legendary Rahi and asked the youth to get inspired from his achievements. A documentary 'A poet of silence' on the life of Rahi directed by Bilal Jan was also shown. The section dedicated to Rahi continued with a Mushaira by renowned poets Nisar Azam, Dr Shaid Bhat and Yousuf Jahangir.

"PAGAH" Lifetime achievement award (post-humously) was conferred upon Sh. Rehman Rahi for his rich and meaningful contribution to Kashmiri language and literature and was received by his son. Vomedh also announced that Rehman Rahi awards will be given on this day every year for contribution to Kashmiri literature. This year the award was given to Prof Shad Ramzan for literature and Bilal Jan for directing the documentary. A young boy Skinder hy-

ists, including traditional Kashmiri folk music. They included Mohd Arif, Ishtyaq Tulla, Sunita Bhan, Assad Anjum and Muneer Ahmed Mir. The audience was enthralled by the performances, which showcased the richness and diversity of Kashmiri music.

The short Kashmiri play, Lach E Goomuth Posh was performed by Shehjar Children theatre group. It was written by Majeed Majazi and designed and directed by Hakeem Javed. The play was well-received by the audience and showcased the talent and creativity of child artists.

This section concluded with an award distribution ceremony and felicitations, Koshur contest winners and other college participants were given certificates followed by speeches by the guests. Mr. Shakeel Maqbool praised the efforts of Vomedh and appealed to people to preserve the language and culture. The event was anchored by Rashid Nizami in his inimitable style which kept the audience hooked.

"We are thrilled to have successfully hosted the second edition of Pagah and to have celebrated International Mother Tongue Day in honor of Rehman Rahi," said Rakesh Roshan Bhat, mentor Vomedh. "The event was a great success, and we are proud to have provided a platform for Kashmiri artists, poets, and writers to showcase their talent and creativity." Vomedh team was ably supported by Manzoor Ahmad Mir, Farhad Siddiqui, Gulfam Barje, Zafer and Zara and others for the smooth execution of this huge event.

# DC Kishtwar inaugurates Walnut Processing Unit at Dool

KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 27: Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav, today inaugurated a Walnut processing unit at Panchayat Dool-A, established by a local woman entrepreneur.

The M/S Mumtaza Walnut Processing Unit has been established at a cost of Rs 9.8 Lakh under the project "Product Development /Market Support-Establishment of Fruit/Dry-Fruit Processing Units Machinery Parts only". Horticulture Department Kishtwar has sanctioned a subsidy of Rs 5.93 lakh for the Unit under UT Capex. The Unit comprises Walnut Cracking, Grading and Vacuum packing for its value addition.

DDC Nagsemi, Faisal Ahmed, HDO Nagsemi Daljeet Singh, HDO, Kishtwar Vijay Kumar,



Sarpanch Dool Safoura Begum besides farmers and locals attended the inaugural function.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC Kishtwar urged the farmers and orchardists to avail benefits of various subsidy linked credit schemes of the agriculture and allied departments to maximize their income through es-

tablishment of value addition processing units in the sector.

The Deputy Commissioner also interacted with the farmers and locals of the area who apprised him about their grievances related to upgradation of local infrastructure.

Responding to the issue of water scarcity in

the area, DC Kishtwar assured them that each house will be provided household tap water under Jal Jeevan Mission in a stipulated time.

He further assured them that the issue of the BT work on Drublin-Kuchalna-Tapalpora road, shortage of staff and construction of dedicated building for MS Lone Pora will be taken up with the concerned authorities for immediate redressal.

He also listed the developmental activities taken up in the block Nagsemi under the Area Development Plan of Kiru HEP project.

He also urged the locals and the PRIs to propose project works under the Area Development Plan (R&R plan) of Pakal Dul Kishtwar for development of infrastructure in the area.

# Rajouri Admin organises series of awareness camps on roll out of Property Tax

RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 27: The District Administration of Rajouri, in collaboration with DIC Rajouri and MCs, organised a series of awareness camps to educate people about the roll out of property tax. The awareness camps featured a range of activities including Nukkad Nataks, public meetings, and awareness through publicity vans. The Nukkad Nataks were particularly effective in educating the public about property tax and its importance. The public meet-



ings provided an opportunity to the administration to engage with the public and dispel their doubts about property tax. The awareness vans were used to

reach out to remote and inaccessible areas to disseminate information about property tax and its benefits.

"The District Administration of Rajouri is committed to promote public awareness about property tax and its importance in supporting development initiatives. These awareness camps are just one of many initiatives being undertaken by the administration to promote public awareness and facilitate community participation.

# 3rd phase of National Awareness Apprenticeship Workshop held at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, FEBRUARY 27: The Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, J&K, (GoI) in collaboration with Directorate of Skill Development J&K today organized a "National Apprenticeship Awareness Workshop" at Dak-

banglow Khanabal. The workshop was organised to create awareness among youth/ establishments about the Apprenticeship Scheme. The event was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom. In his address, he highlight-

ed the achievements of RDSDE, J&K as well as Skill Development Department J&K in making this Apprenticeship Workshop successful and lauded their role for the betterment of the youth of JKUT. The Apprenticeship Scheme aims to provide a mechanism that

will ensure availability of qualified skilled workers based on industry requirements and also can address the unemployment issue among educated youth. S. Santhi-manalan- Regional Director/Central Apprenticeship Advisor, J&K and Ladakh.

# CMO chairs RKS meeting at Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 27: A meeting of Governing body of Rogi Kalyan Samiti was held today in District Hospital Udhampur under the chairmanship of Chief Medical Officer, Dr Vijay Basnotra, who is also the Vice Chairman of Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS).

Detailed discussions were held on various issues which included repair of Ambulances, fixing of window panes, emergency trolleys, Wheel chairs, patient



beds, lockers, stools, screen and painting of materials, Repair of all gadgets, sanitation and infection control, Emer-

gency procurement, Approval of POL, Purchase of Consumable items, Procurement of laboratory consumables X-Ray/

CT-Scan films and other lab materials etc. Medical Superintendent District Hospital, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bhat gave a detailed powerpoint presentation regarding the achievements and requirements of the hospital and submitted the agenda point for approval before the members. All the members appreciated the hospital management for its working and achievements. On the occasion all the members approved the agenda.

# DC Kulgam reviews implementation of Self-employment schemes

KULGAM, FEBRUARY 27: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today convened a meeting of officers of different departments to review the implementation of self-employment schemes. During the meeting, the DC took extensive scheme wise review of cases sanctioned under Mumkin, Tejaswini, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and other self employment oriented schemes. Officers of concerned departments apprised the DC about the status of coverage of beneficiaries under various self-employment schemes of their departments. The District Sheep Husbandry Officer informed the chair that under ISDS, 80 units were established in the district by the Sheep Husbandry department. General Manager DIC informed the chair that under PMEGP, 548 cases were sponsored and so far 344 cases have been sanctioned.

District Officer, KVIB apprised the chair that under JKREGP, 58 cases were sponsored, out of which 43 stands sanctioned. Under the MUMKIN scheme, it was given out that 159 vehicles were provided to beneficiaries and under Tejaswini 19 vehicles were provided to beneficiaries in the district. Officers from Women Development Corporation informed the chair that 70 cases have been sanctioned and an amount of 1.60 crore is to be disbursed among these beneficiaries soon.

During the meeting, the DC also reviewed implementation of self employment schemes by Handicrafts and Handloom, Horticulture, Fisheries and other departments.

The DC exhorted the officers to ensure maximum coverage of unemployed youth of the district under different schemes and directed them to work in close coordination and help the youth in getting enrolled under various ambitious schemes.

# Principal Secretary Forest visits Ichgam halqa of Budgam block

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 27: Principal Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, today visited Ichgam Panchayat of Budgam block as Prabhari Officer. Deputy Commissioner Budgam, S F Hamid, Additional District Development Commissioner, Budgam, Akhramullah Tak, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, ACD, ACP, Executive Engineers of various departments, Block Development Officer and other district officers were present on the occasion. Principal Secretary had a detailed review of development programmes being executed in the panchayat. He took stock of grievances and demands of people.

# Public Notice

My Name in School Records has been wrongly entered as Abdul Mueed Batchoo S/O Shabir Ahmad Buchoo instead of actual New name: Abu Baqar S/O Shabir Ahmed Batchoo. Now I intend to make necessary correction accordingly in my School Records. If any person having objection to it may please fill his/ her objection before the Principal Dabui Grand School International Srinagar within a period of seven days of publication of this notice falling which no any objection shall be entertained.

Name..Abu Baqar Buchoo  
F/o ...Shabir Ahmad Buchoo  
M|Name..Suhila Jan  
R/o... GalibAbad Salteng HMT Srinagar

# Public Notice

## CHANGE IN NAME PARTICULARS

I want to change my name particulars from Iqra Amin D/O Mohammad Amin Gunsoo to Iqra Amin D/O Mohammad Amin, for all future purposes. Any body having objections shall report the same within the span of seven days beyond which no objection shall be entertained.

Iqra Amin  
D/O Mohammad Amin  
R/O Green Lane, Azad Basti Natipora Srinager.  
email:iqra.amin45@gmail.com

# Public Notice

I Have lost 8th Class Certificate of Islamic Public Model School Maloora .Now I have Applied for its Duplicate.If any body have any objection He|She may contact concerned Authority within the period of 07 days .After That No objection will be entertained.

Sakeena Rahman  
D/O Abdul Rahman Bhat  
R/O Malora Srinagar

# Government of Jammu & Kashmir. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION ANANTNAG NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Notice Inviting E-Tenders-NIT No.48 of 2022-23 For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K U.T, e-tenders on percentage basis are invited in Single cover system from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K U.T Govt. for the following works:-

S. NO.	NAME OF WORK	Estt Cost (Rs in lacs)	Earnest Money (EMD) Rs	Time for completion	Class of Contract	Cost of Tender document (Rs)	Major Head of Account	Tender opening authority
1	Silt Clearance /resectioning/ Regrading of Brah Canal (Tail Section) From RD 0-1000 mtrs at spots	1.29	3000/-	3 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag
2	Construction of X-band at offtake point of Mosh Khul.	0.15	500/-	2 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag
3	Construction of X-band at off take point of supply channel of Amadzon Khul	0.40	1000/-	4 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag
4	Construction of X-band at off take point of supply channel of Wohan Canal Left	0.29	1000/-	3 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag
5	Resectioning /regrading and desilting of wohan Canal Left from RD 900-1900 mtrs at spots	0.79	2000/-	3 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag
6	Resectioning / regrading and desilting of wohan Canal Left from RD 5000-5500 mtrs	0.60	2000/-	3 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag
7	Repair to escape at RD 4792m of wohan canal left.	0.28	1000/-	3 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag
8	Strengthening of R/S embankment of Wohan canal Left at RD 1700mtrs by way of crate protection work	1.76	4000/-	5 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag
9	Raising of R/S embankment of Wohan canal left near RD 4850mtrs	2.18	5000/-	6 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag
10	Clearance of silt from sump and Delivery tank of LIS vellnaghal	0.14	500/-	2 Days	DEE	200	2702 M&R	Ex.Engineer, ID Anantnag

1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information , eligibility criteria , specifications , bill of quantities (BOQ) set to terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from :-

1.	Publishing date	24.02.2023	02.00 PM
2.	Download Date Starts	24.02.2023	02.00 PM
3.	BID Submission Date Starts	24.02.2023	02.00 PM
4.	BID Submission Date Ends	07.03.2023	06.00 PM
5.	Date of opening of tenders	08.03.2023	10:00 AM

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and The bids uploaded shall be opened online on above mentioned date by the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Anantnag in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present. In case of holiday or office happening to be closed on the basis of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies (on 100dpi) of all necessary documents like Cost of Tender document in the form of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Anantnag / latest GST clearance certificate /Registration card duly renewed along with Verification/BID Security in the form of EMD as per above. After opening of tenders online, the 1st lowest bidder shall be asked to deposit the CDR/FDR (2% Uploaded at the time of Uploading of Bid and rest 1% before the issuance of Allotment Order) pledged to tender receiving authority and other documents in original. The CDR/ FDR and other documents in original shall be deposited within two Days positively after opening of tenders. The EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR of the successful bidder will be retained as performance security deposit till expiry of defect liability period, whereas the EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be returned latest by 30 days after award of the contract. The check list of documents for cover 1\* is attached with the NIT & bidders are advised to recheck the uploaded documents as per the Check list.
- In case the bid of the bidder is unbalanced, the bidder has to upload additional performance security deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG as per the breakup given below filling which the tender shall be rejected. The date of CDR/FDR/BG should be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date.

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz. Quoted upto and including 15% Below	Additional Performance Security
01.	Upto and including 15% Below	Nil
02.	> 15% upto and including 20% Below	5% of Advertised Cost
03.	> 20 % upto and including 25% Below	10 % of Advertised Cost
04.	> 25% upto and including 30% Below	15 % of Advertised Cost
05.	> 30 % Below	20 % of Advertised Cost

Instructions to Bidders:-

- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in acquiant bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per information Technology Act 2000
- Bidders can get Digital Signature certificate from approved vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bids will be accepted in Physical form.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like PAN/TIN/ E-Chalan/ Tenderers Address Format / Registration Card fully renewed.
- The unit rates & prices quoted by the bidder shall be entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of work unless otherwise specified.
- The payment shall be made only after the funds are received on this account from higher authorities under Major Head of Account as shown against each.
- Photographic evidence during, before and after the execution of work is a must and shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

Other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form-25.

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Sd/  
Executive Engineer,  
Irrigation Division Anantnag



## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## LG

a police spokesman said "During the meeting, ADGP Kashmir imparted upon them to implement additional security measures in order to prevent such terror incidents," police said.

While instructing the officers present in the meeting, ADGP Kashmir stressed to enhance counter-terror operations in Pulwama district.

"He also directed police officers present in the meeting to generate more humint (human intelligence) and techint (technical intelligence) and further launch counter-terrorist operations along with security forces. Besides, the process for identifying hybrid terrorists and taking appropriate actions were also discussed in the meeting," police said.

## CIVIL SERVICE

Science & Technology and other Senior officers of Police and Civil Administration were present.

## POWER

will add to the existing distribution capacity and provide quality power supply to the households and existing & upcoming industrial units in the respective areas. The completion of projects under the MoUs signed today will go a long way to achieve the goal of providing 24x7 quality power to the people of Jammu Kashmir, he added.

"We have made dedicated efforts to increase generation, transmission and distribution capacity and ensured that the people of J&K have access to hassle-free power supply", Lt Governor observed.

Projects undertaken for creation of new receiving stations and augmentation of existing stations will ensure quality and reliable power supply to people. We have achieved huge capacity addition under Centrally Sponsored Schemes/PMDP projects. Out of 195 projects, 135 have been completed and the remaining 60 projects will be completed in coming months, the Lt Governor noted. "The power scenario in Jammu Kashmir, which was in shambles for decades, has witnessed a major turnaround with more electricity being supplied, especially in far-flung areas as compared to previous years", said the Lt Governor.

In Kashmir valley, additional capacities were created during the winter to enable peak demand and 10 percent more power was supplied as compared to last year. For the first time, in a single year out of total 30 grid stations, 11 stations have been augmented, he added.

Power supply position in the Jammu region has improved after addition of new system capacities. These initiatives exemplify our commitment for inclusive development and to fulfil the needs of the common man, the Lt Governor further added.

## SIU

Police station Parimpora in May last year had registered a case and found that a module was involved in hiding and providing logistical support to active militants of The Resistance Front, a shadow group of Lashkar-e-Taiba.

"Also during the investigation it was found that the terrorists had been sheltered in the said residential houses. During the course of investigation, the U/S 24/25 UA(P) act was initiated. Later proper accord of approval for attachment of houses was received," police said.

The chargesheet of the case was presented before court against 13 accused persons including active militants of TRF/ LeT for the logical judicial determination "The investigation of the said case is still going on," police said.

Police requested citizens not to provide shelter or logistics to terrorists failing which law will take its own course.

## MET

degree above normal during this period of the season. Qazigund recorded at 1.5 degree Celsius against 5.2 degree Celsius while Kokernag recorded a low of 2.4 degree Celsius.

Tourist hot spot of Pahalgam in south Kashmir recorded 0.9 degree Celsius against 3.2 degree Celsius a day ago and it was 2.6 degree above normal.

Gulmarg in north Kashmir had a low of 2.5 degree Celsius against 1.6 degree Celsius recorded the previous night. It was 3.3 degree Celsius above normal for the famous ski resort.

Kupwara settled at 3.1 degree Celsius against 3.0 degree Celsius on the previous night. It was 3.1 degree Celsius above normal for the frontier district of Kashmir.

## SADDAL VILLAGE

added. In the past 70 years, only 3500 MW out of the potential of 20,000 MW had been harnessed in Jammu and Kashmir. Once the entire potential is exploited, J&K will have surplus power and can be an energy exporter. However in the past two years alone, the projects for about 3000 MW capacity have been revived and subsequently put on track for operationalization.

Likewise, new projects of 3300 MW have been planned to be executed soon which included four projects of Kirithai II (930 MW), Sawlakote (1856 MW), Duhasi stage II (258 MW) and Uri-I stage II (240 MW).

Also, back in January 2021, in a historic moment for energy sufficiency in Jammu and Kashmir, Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed for implementation of much awaited Mega Hydro Power projects including 850 MW Rattle HEP and 930 MW Kirithai-II HEP. In the words of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, vision of the government was to harness the hydro energy resources of J&K with a goal to double the energy generation by 2024 and also to prepare a strategy for efficiency through policies, monitoring mechanisms to ensure energy security for economic and social benefits.

## KCC

Extension, Marketing, Apiculture and Mushroom and senior officers besides more than 200 farmers of Jammu division participated in the programme.

In line with the government's continued commitment and resolve to empower grassroot-level farmers, an amount of Rs 16,800 crore to about 8 crore beneficiary farmer families was transferred digitally by the PM.

Under PM-KISAN scheme, a financial benefit of Rs 6,000 per year is being provided to the eligible beneficiary farmer families, payable in three equal installments of Rs 2,000 each. The fund is transferred directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. Under this scheme, Samman Rashi of over Rs 2.25 lakh crore has been transferred to farmer families, so far.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Chief Secretary

said that the purpose of PM KISAN Samman Nidhi scheme is to give respect to Annadata of the nation in the shape of financial assistance. He appealed educated youth to adopt farming sector as full time profession.

It was informed that about 6.5 lakh farmers of JK UT have been benefitted today under the 13th installment.

Similar programmes were organized at all district and sub division headquarters.

## CS

of lake front development along Northern Foreshore Road of the Lake from Nishat to Naseem Bagh including pedestrian walkway. The development also has components of cycle track construction & viewing decks. He urged the authorities to ensure its completion by 15th of April this year. He also instructed for completing the lighting of Western Fore Shore Road by 15th of March itself.

The Chief Secretary highlighted the need for connecting all the houseboats with the STPs. He directed for utilizing the 36 MLD capacity of Sewage Treatment optimally and connect all the 900 houseboats in the lake with the Sewage lines. He asked them to divert the residual to oxidation ponds out of the 48 MLD produced daily.

He exhorted upon the concerned to start the motorboats to commence their cruise and initiate water sports activities in the lake by 15th of March. He asked them to repair all the Jetties and segregate them from the ones for motor boats. He told the Culture Department to start their activities full throttle at 5-Chinar by 15th of March and turn Pratap Park in the heart of the civil lines of the city into a culture centre.

The Chief Secretary also examined the works for upgradation and redevelopment of Nishat Bagh precinct including allied road works, pathways, plaza, wooden deck and landscaping of its surroundings. He also reviewed redevelopment of Residency Road including construction of underground utilities and improvement and upgradation of Maulana Azad Road. He made out that all these road stretches are very vital as these lead to city centre. He underscored the need for completing all these developmental works by April. Regarding other works he instructed for ornamental plantations on road medians, painting of grills/kerbs, improvement of Dal Gate and Gupkar junctions, erection of around 1500 lights in the lanes and bye-lanes, erection of view cutter on all fly overs, sprucing-up of Iqbal Park, Boundary wall of Hazratbal shrine, Macadamization of city roads and the parking lot near Lal-Deh Hospital before April. He also urged all the departments to carryout improvement, distemper, painting, focus lighting etc. of their buildings and sprucing up of green areas within their jurisdiction by the scheduled time. He further directed for making functional all the billboards in and around the city with banners relating to 38 new tourist & trekking destinations, heritage sites, Sufi shrines by the end of March. The Chief Secretary was assured by the executing agencies that they are committed to complete all these projects. They apprised him that they would enhance the pace of work on each site. They further revealed that they are working day in and out even in these winter months for meeting all the deadlines set by him during this visit.

## STUDENTS

have an overall dropout rate of 13.44 percent that includes 11.93 percent among the girl students and 14.80 percent among the male students.

Likewise, the SC students at secondary level have a total of 6.62 percent of dropout rate including 7.07 percent among the female students and 6.22 among the male students respectively. The official figures further reveal that the lowest dropout rate at secondary school level was among the general category students. It states that the general category at this stage has a total dropout rate of 4.08 percent that includes 4.17 percent among the girl students and 4.01 among the male students respectively. However, according to the official figures, the highest dropout rate at Upper Primary Level was also recorded among the ST students followed by general category students. At this stage, a total of 5.02 percent dropout rate was recorded among the ST students including 6.87 percent among the female students and 3.35 among the male students. In the general category at this stage, a total of 3.01 percent dropout rate was witnessed that includes 2.70 percent of female and 3.29 percent male students respectively. In the meantime, when contacted to Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK), Tassaduq Hussain Mir for his comments regarding the issue, he did not respond to any calls from this reporter—(KNO)

## SKIMS

Director, who is also the Ex-officio Secretary to the Government. Lieutenant Governor J&K is the Chairperson of the SKIMS governing body that performs the role of the cabinet for the semi-autonomous super-speciality hospital and the deemed university. In addition to the deemed university and the main hospital, the institute comprises the State Cancer Institute, Maternity Hospital, Nursing college, Paramedical college, and an affiliated medical college & hospital which is on the city outskirts at Bemina—(KNO)

## TULIP

garden cannot be said as of now as it solely depends on the weather conditions. "We had a good tulip festival last year and we are expecting a massive season this year too. For the first time, the third terrace has been involved. The fountain channel has been extended this year upto the last terrace, which will increase the charm of the garden further," he said. He added that this year the garden will have more than 50 lakh tulip flowers with 68-70 varieties. "About 60 gardeners including casual labourers as well as the permanent employees are doing their job. Some among them have been pooled from different sections for speedy and timely completion of the work. The tulip festival is a signature festival and we are expecting a massive season this year," he said. He further said that like previous year, the floriculture Department have floated tenders for allotting the ticket selling contract to enter Tulip Garden, adding that many requests have been received so far and the process will be completed soon—(KNO)

## Shopkeepers refuse to accept Rs 1, Rs 2 coins in parts of Kashmir

Srinagar, Feb 27(KNO): People from many parts of South Kashmir are complaining that shopkeepers and traders aren't accepting Rs 1, Rs 2 coins, a claim rightly rejected by the J&K Bank authorities. People from different parts of Kashmir told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that whenever they visit shops to buy matchboxes or other items, shopkeepers aren't accepting the coins of Rs 1 and Rs 2. They even complained that cleaners of passenger vehicles aren't also accepting the coins. They said for the last several months, many people including shopkeepers, traders and the general public are not accepting one rupee, two rupee coins citing the reason that others are not taking it too. It has become like an unauthorised ban on small coins by some locals.

## JKHCBA condemns KP employee's killing

Jammu, February 26: Brutal killing of yet another member of Kashmiri Pandit community, Mr Sanjay Panditha, who was working as a security guard in a bank in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, to eke his livelihood is not only condemnable beyond words but continues to bare the ugly face of the perpetrators of death supported from across the border with administration looking the other way.

In a statement, the outgoing president Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHBAJ), Mr Mohinder Bhardwaj said rather than using harsh and punitive measures such as stopping their salaries, against the Kashmiri Pandit and other employees working in Kashmir, the Centre and the Lt Governor's administration should open their eyes to the ground realities and accordingly protect the innocent citizens.

It is painful that Mr Panditha was targeted by gun-toting terrorists and killed from a point-blank range. That itself explains the seriousness of the prevailing ground situation. The administration should immediately announce an ex-gratia of Rs 50 lakh and other relief measures like providing a job to one of the family members of the deceased. Mr Bhardwaj said that the incident also exposes the misplaced priorities of the government as instead of protecting such soft targets and addressing demands of the protesting Kashmiri Pandit employees for release of their salary and temporarily shifting them to Jammu, the obdurate administration has exposed them to the dangers. Mr Panditha's killing has exposed the government's hollow claims of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir as terrorists have been striking at will and killing unarmed and innocent people.

The situation demands immediate corrective measures be taken both with top priority to meet the security related challenges and protecting vulnerable groups like Kashmiri Pandits and others particularly minorities living in Kashmir. A glaring reflection of the government's misplaced priorities is visible in the manner in which it has been arbitrarily imposing a tax regime, property-tax being the latest in the series, on the citizens already reeling under severe financial crisis and unemployment while overlooking the security related challenges. The result is that people are suffering both on economic and security fronts—as in the case of Mr Panditha and earlier in a Rajouri district village.

It is advisable to start an all-out war against Pak-sponsored terrorism rather than unleashing a tax-terrorism against the hapless citizens, he said.

## MASTER CLASS ON DENTAL IMPLANTS HELD AT JAMMU



JAMMU.: Pulse Hospital, Jammu, in association with Dio Digital Implant India conducted a three days master class from 24th to 26th Feb, 2023 at Jammu. Dio Implant is a Korean Company renowned worldwide for digital implants.

The Dental implant course held at Pulse Hospital and Research Centre, Channi, Jammu, was first of its kind in which complete theory and practical hands-on along with live surgery was conducted.

Dr Bhopinder Singh, Executive Director, Pulse Hospital and Research Centre, Channi, Jammu, said that this hospital will be the nodal center for basic, advance and complicated dental implant treatment. Dr Gautam Sharma, Ex- President, Indian Dental Association (IDA), said that the Pulse Hospital has come up with excellent dental implant treatment facility which is following complete sterilization and surgical protocols and now the patients do not to go out of Jammu for their dental implants.

More than 10 senior doctors attended this course and appreciated the hands on program conducted by Dr Vineet Gupta from Dio implants. Senior doctors including Dr Waheed, Dr Javid, Dr Pawan Salgotra, Dr Nazrul, were present during the course. Mr Qasim, MD Pulse Hospital, congratulated the team of doctors and the patients for conducting the program. Saumya Bose, Kumar Jayendra, Sushain Mahajan from Dio Implants were present for the course.

## Batch of female trainees flagged off on industrial tour under Tejaswini scheme



Srinagar, 27-Feb: Director Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Ajaz Ahmad Bhat today flagged off a batch of aspiring female entrepreneurs undergoing the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) under Tejaswini scheme at the Institute's Pampora campus on a visit to the Centre for Excellence-Zawoora, Department of Horticulture Canning Centre, and other industrial establishments as part of an exposure and training program.

The objective of the visit was to take the trainees beyond the boundaries of theory-based teaching to the on-site industry-based practical demonstration of different operations like production, processing, preservation, branding, quality check and more. This visit will expose the trainees to an entrepreneurship learning ecosystem & industry establishment. The Director also interacted with the candidates and congratulated them for taking a timely decision to embrace entrepreneurship as a viable career option. "I want young people in UT to take full advantage of the Government's schemes and initiatives. This will empower them and in turn will be beneficial for J&K. The youth have a huge responsibility to ensure peace, prosperity, and unity of the nation. The UT can achieve true prosperity when more women participate in entrepreneurship, as envisioned by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha," said Ajaz Ahmad Bhat. He added that in future, such visits will be organized in every district of J&K. The trainees visited various industrial units at Industrial estate Khanmoh, Horticulture nurseries, Food processing units among others in order to get the first hand experience on the functioning of industries and the opportunities associated with the various focus sectors of the UT of J&K. Through the Tejaswini Scheme of Mission Youth, a Government of Jammu and Kashmir initiative, women of Jammu and Kashmir are empowered to enter the business world as entrepreneurs.

## Senior NC Leader Sayed Najaf Ali Shah Bukhari demise widely mourned

M M S Nazki



Mendhar: The Senior NC Leader Syed Najaf Ali Shah Bukhari alias Paapu Shah S/o Abbas Ali Shah Bukhari Resident of Village Pathanateer at Present Village Ghani of Mendhar, Poonch, J&K was born in 1968 at Village Pathanateer of Mendhar. He served in the United Nation (UNO) Peace Keeping force and was honoured with many awards for exemplary services. He was a great social and political worker of the Pir Panjal range. He had served as General Secretary Sadaat Welfare Forum, Poonch. He worked as a political leader on different capacities with JKNC for the betterment of the people of Pir Panjal range. He was an active member of many social organisations of Pir Panjal range. Mr. Najaf Ali Shah was popular among the masses due to his upright, dedicated, generous asertiveness, and daring character. He was a God fearing, humble and down to earth personality of the region. Besides, he had strong knowledge of the Quran and Hadith and was a true follower of his religion and used to practice five times Namaz with Tahajud in letter and spirit. Unfortunately he was suffering from a life threatening disease from eight years and breathed his last on 25-02-2023. His last rites were performed at his native village Ghani of Mendhar on 26-02-2023. His Namaz-e-Janaza was attended by thousands of people from all walks of life with tearful eyes. Condolance was paid by Janab Dr. Farooq Abdullah, President, JKNC, Janab Mushtaq Bukhari, Ex Minister Advocate Rashid Qureshi, Ex. MLC, Janab Javed Rana Ex. MLA Mendhar, Janab Er. Mohd Ashfaq Vice Chairman DDC, Advocate Mahroof Khan, Senior Leader, PDP, Choudhary Rahim Dad, Ex MLC, Janab Wassem Khan PDP leader and Sarpanch Harni, Janab Wajid Bashir Khan, DDC, Mendhar(HQ), Janab Imran Zaffer, DDC, Manokote, Choudhary Amanullah, BDC Manokote, Janab Mumtaz Ahmed, Advocate Nadeem Rafeeq Khan Senior PDP leader, M S Nazki Senior Journalist Janab Waheed Hussain Shah, President, Sarpanch Association, Surankote, Janab Showket Choudhary, President Sarpanch Association, Mendhar, Chairman Sarpanch Association Mendhar Wassem Ahmed Khan Janab Nazak Hussain Shah Social worker, Rajouri, Janab Ashiq Hussain President Shia Federation, Jammu, Janab Manzoor Jafri, Professor Mussaraf Hussain Shah principal GDC Darhal, Janab Vijay Kocher Rajouri, Janab Sanjeev Kumar Fancy, Janab Darshan Kumar Jammu Gupta, Sardar Hardev Singh Jammu, Janab Anmol Sharma Jammu Janab Vikas Kohli, Jammu & Kashmir Sadaat Welfare Forum, Sadaat Welfare Forum Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir Ali Society for peace and communal Harmony, Shia Federation Poonch, Bar Association, Poonch and Mendhar, Lecturer Forum, J&K. Pahari Welfare Forum, Poonch.

## J-K BJP pres, PDP chief visits slain KP's house in Pulwama

Srinagar, 27-Feb: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina along with his party colleague and former chief minister, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Monday visited the house of slain Kashmiri pandit Sanjay Sharma here to express their condolences with the family. Sharma was shot dead by militants outside his ancestral house in Achan area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Sunday.

Earlier in the morning, Mufti while expressing her condolences with family said that killing of human beings in such a manner is a tragedy that Kashmir has been witnessing for the past three and a half decades now, with no seeming end in near future.

Meanwhile, Raina along with party leaders Sofi Yousuf and Altaf Thakur also visited the house of slain KP Bank guard at Achan and expressed their condolences with the bereaved family.

Raina assured the family of slain all possible assistance from the administration and promised them they will take up the issue with the LG Manoj Sinha. (CNS)

## Pathwaris to go on Indefinite Strike from 01 March

Srinagar 27 Feb, All Jammu and Kashmir Pathwaris to go on Indefinite Strike from 1st March 2023 due to the non-serious attitude of government.

President All Jammu and Kashmir Pathwar Association told CNS that despite repeated requests by All Jammu and Kashmir Pathwar Association nothing positive has been done by the higher authorities to redress their genuine demands.

Due to the non-serious attitude of government towards their demands Pathwar Association is again forced to go for strike w.e.f 1st of March 2023 to knock your doors of justice

## Altaf seeks rehabilitation of landslide hit families of Rezan-kangan

Ganderbal, 27-Feb: Senior National Conference leader and former legislator Kangan Mian Altaf Ahmed today reiterated the demand seeking rehabilitation and proper compensation to the families of Rezan village of Kangan, who were affected by the massive landslide that occurred last week.

In a statement issued to CNS here, Mian Altaf expressed anguish that the administration has not taken any steps to rehabilitate the landslide affected families besides no proper compensation has been given to the affected families except some immediate relief under the Red Cross Fund despite passing a week.

Mian Altaf urged the LG Administration to take concrete steps to rehabilitate the affected families and provide them compensation for their losses so that they don't suffer.

"An unfortunate incident of landslide that occurred in Rezan village damaged several residential homes and other properties. The administration must ensure that the affected families whose property got damaged doesn't suffer in this weather," Altaf said.

He said that all the affected belong to poor families and the administration must provide relief to them.

He asked the authorities to take measures so that in future the damage by such incidents in minimized and the life and property is saved by taking necessary steps. "An unfortunate incident of landslide that occurred in Rezan village damaged several residential homes and other properties. The administration must ensure that the affected families whose property got damaged doesn't suffer in this weather," Altaf said. He said that all the affected belong to poor families and the administration must provide relief to them. He asked the authorities to take measures so that in future the damage by such incidents in minimized and the life and property.



