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News Brief

Biker killed in road mishap in Baramulla

Baramulla, 03-Feb; A biker was killed in a road mishap at Sheeri area in North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Friday afternoon. Officials said that a biker identified as Nayeem Ahmad Lone son of Farooq Ahmad Lone, resident of Badmulla Sheeri lost control over his vehicle near Gantamulla Sheeri, resulting in his instant death. "A case has been registered in this regard for due investigations", the official said adding body was handed over to the family for the last rites after completion medico-legal formalities

JKDMA issues avalanche warning in 5 districts of J&K

Srinagar, Mar 3 (UNI) Authorities on Friday issued an avalanche warning in five districts of Jammu and Kashmir for the coming 24 hours, officials said. The Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) Friday issued a "low danger" avalanche level warning for the people living above 3500 metres above sea level over Doda and Kishtwar districts of Jammu division in the next 24 hours. Avalanche with "medium danger" level is likely to occur above 2500 metres over north Kashmir districts of Bandipora, and Kupwara and central Kashmir district of Ganderbal in the next 24 hours. People living in the specified areas have been advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further directions.

Police books notorious thief under PSA in Budgam

Srinagar, Mar 3 (UNI) Police on Friday booked a notorious thief under Public Safety Act (PSA) after obtaining necessary sanction from the authorities in central Kashmir's Budgam district, officials said. Police said a habitual notorious thief identified as Imran Hussain Mir, a resident of Kakarpora Mirgund of north Kashmir's Baramulla district was detained under PSA for his unrelenting criminal acts of burglary and theft. He was detained and subsequently lodged in district Jail Kupwara, police added. The thief was involved in about a dozen cases of burglary and theft in different Police Stations across Kashmir.

Police arrests 09 drug peddlers, contraband substances recovered

Srinagar, March 03: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested 09 drug peddlers in Kulgam & Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their possession. In Kulgam, acting on specific information, a police party led by SHO PS Qaimoh at a checkpoint established at Khudwani Bypass intercepted a suspicious vehicle bearing registration number DL7CR-8749 with 02 persons onboard. They have been identified as Yawer Ahmad Rather son of Abdul Gani Rather resident of Waghama, Bijebhara and Zeeshan Ashraf son of Mohd Ashraf Bakshi resident of Pehro Anantnag. During search, 50Kgs of Poppy Straw was recovered from the said vehicle. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

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We must be Committed to Weed out the Menace of Narco-Terror from our Society: LG Manoj Sinha Attends Passing Out Parade of JKP constables at PTS Kathua

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Jammu, Mar 3 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that Narco-Terrorism has become one of the biggest threats to the society and the administration of Jammu and Kashmir Police and the security forces are committed to dealing with challenges of narco-terror in a comprehensive manner. "J&K UT is on the march and is being transformed. It is our sacred duty to provide a safe, secure and right environment



to fulfil the aspirations of the common man", said Sinha addressing the Attestation cum Passing out Parade of Recruit Constables of 29th BRTC Batch at S Prithinandan Singh Police Training School in Kathua district. Sinha congratulated and welcomed the new recruits to one of the finest police forces in the country and added, "I am confident that you will discharge your responsibility towards the nation with utmost sensitivity, commitment and dedication." "The integrity, dedication and professionalism of J&K

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PM Modi addresses post-budget webinar on boosting India's tourism potential

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New Delhi, 03-Feb; Prime Minister Narendra Modi today stressed on the need to think out of the box and do long-term planning to give a new height to the tourism sector in the country. Addressing a post-budget webinar on boosting India's tourism potential, Modi said, India's tourism can be promoted as a coastal, beach, mangrove, Himalayan, adventure, wildlife, eco, heritage, and spiritual tourism. He added that provisions have been made in this year's Union Budget to develop the tourist destina-

tion in a holistic manner. Speaking from the experience of working as the head of the government for more than 20 years, the Prime Minister emphasized that the desired results are achieved within the stipulated time when all stakeholders

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Property of another Pak based militant attached in north Kashmir

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Srinagar, Mar 3 (UNI) A Day after the house of Pakistan based Mushtaq Zargar released in Kandahar hijacking was attached in Srinagar, the National Investigation Agency attached immovable property of another militant based in Pakistan. Officials said the anti-terror agency NIA on Friday attached the immovable property of former Hizbul Mujahideen militant Basit Ahmad Reshi, who hails from Jammu and Kashmir's Sopore sub district. In October, 2022 Reshi, a resident of Yemberzalwari Shiva Dangerpora Sopore, was declared 'designated individual terrorist'

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Narco-terror Module busted in Poonch: Police 'Heroine, cash besides arms and ammunition recovered from house of notorious drug peddler'

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Jammu, Mar 3 Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday said to have busted a narco-terror module in Poonch district. "A huge quantity of heroine and cash was recovered from the house of a notorious drug peddler from Poonch namely Rafi Dhana, alias Rafi Lala", said a police spokesperson in a statement issued to HT. The accused, the statement reads, was detained under PSA being a notorious drug smuggler and resides close to the line of control



in Poonch. "Today, on some inputs Poonch Police team led by Inspector Sunil and components of NCA and CRPF searched the house of Rafi. During search, 7 KGs of Heroine, around 2 crores of cash (counting going on) and a Pistol with 01 Magazine, 10 rounds

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Isolated to scattered light rain, snow in J&K: MeT

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Srinagar, Mar 3 (UNI) Meteorological office on Friday predicted isolated to scattered light rain or snow during the next 24 hours in Jammu and Kashmir. Most parts of Kashmir valley including Srinagar received rainfall during the past 24 hours resulting in drop in temperature even though the weather is mostly overcast on Friday. An independent weather observer Faizan Arif said

that the weather is likely to remain dry today with a slight chance of a passing shower in some areas during the second part of the day. He said the day temperature is expected to hover around normal today. Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature at 6.7 degree Celsius on Friday against 7.0 degree Celsius on the previous night. It was 4.3 degree Celsius above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and

Kashmir. Qazigund had a low of 5.6 degree Celsius against 5.5 degree Celsius against the previous night and it was 4.7 degree Celsius above normal while Kokernag recorded a low of 4.8 degree Celsius against 5.0 degree Celsius against which was 4.0 degree Celsius above normal during this period of the season. Pahalgam recorded a low of 1.7 degree Celsius against 2.4 degree Celsius

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World hearing day Aging, chronic exposure to loud noises contribute to hearing loss, doctors

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Srinagar, Mar 03: Around 0.2 percent population in J&K have hearing disabilities with aging and chronic exposure to loud noises contributing to hearing loss. Dr Saima Tabassum consultant ENT J&K health services told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that there are three main types of hearing loss including conductive, sensorineural, and mixed (both conductive and sensorineural). The World Hearing Day is being observed for awareness about pre-

ventable hearing loss & deafness, ear health and care. Dr Saima said that good hearing is crucial for communication, learning, and overall well-being because there is a highly-involved collaboration between ears and brains. "Our sense of hearing transmits and translates sounds of all kinds from our surroundings. So we can learn and understand," she added. According to the doctor, every 3rd or 4th person in each family has some sort of hearing impairment that's why one shouldn't ignore ear health.

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School Edu Deptt to implement Students Police Cadet scheme for 8th, 9th class students

DSEK seeks list of already identified students

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Srinagar, Mar 03: Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir are all set to implement the Students Police Cadet (SPC) Scheme among the students of 8th and 9th standard. In this regard, OSD with Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) has sought details of already identified students from Chief Education Officers

(CEOs) of the region. The news agency—Kashmir News Observer has learnt that the OSD in a letter to CEOs has said, "I am directed to request you to furnish the list of already identified students of 8th and 9th class for implementation of SPC scheme in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir." The officer has further said that the list should reach DSEK by or before March-6-2023. According to the official documents, more than 1400 students of classes 8th and 9th have been identified

from all districts of the region. Pertinently, SPC project is a school-based youth development initiative that trains high school students to evolve as future leaders of a democratic society by inculcating within them respect for the law, discipline, civic sense, empathy for vulnerable sections of society and resistance to social evils. The project also enables youth to explore and develop their innate capabilities, thereby empowering them to resist the

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar chaired the Quad Foreign

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We are in constant touch with the minorities to ensure their security: CRPF

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Srinagar, Mar 3 (UNI) A senior Central Armed Police Force officer in Kashmir on Friday said the security forces are in constant touch with the minorities to ensure their safety and security. Inspector General of Central Reserve Police Force (operations) Kashmir, M S Bhatia said efforts were being made to ensure fool-proof security to the minorities. "We are in constant touch with the minorities wherever they are residing and efforts are being made to provide them adequate security cover and to further enhance their security," Bhatia told reporters in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir. There has been a series of attacks on Kashmiri Pandits and other members of the minority community in the Valley since the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status in 2019. The latest killing took place on Sunday when a Kashmiri Pandit Sajay Sharma working as a security guard at a bank was

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Union Minister visits Trout Rearing unit, Tangmarg Says rapid growth of Fisheries in J&K reflects pro-farmer approach of UT Govt

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TANGMARG (BARAMULLA), MARCH 3: Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala, during his visit to Baramulla for Public Outreach programme has made operational the Aquarium cum Awareness centre established at Trout Fish Farm Tangmarg for the upcoming summer season. Union Minister inspected the Trout Rearing Unit Tangmarg and reviewed various Fisheries development schemes and activities being implemented in the district. He also had an ex-



clusive interactive session with among 39 beneficiaries including 14 women covered under He distributed fishing material beneficiary oriented schemes of

PMMSY. On the occasion, Union Minister instructed the officers to prepare estimates and submit DPR for upgradation of Fish Farm Bella, Baramulla, which was damaged during the floods of 2014. Earlier, Union Minister distributed sanction orders amounting Rs. 193.1 lakh in favour of 28 beneficiaries of Baramulla under various components of PMMSY/UT CAPEX scheme. Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla was also present during the function. Union Minister was briefed that fish production in J&K has reached 25.40

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Progressing JK...

'Mumkin' scheme proves instrumental in satiating aspirations of J&K Youth

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 3: The ambitious 'Mumkin Scheme', conceived by J&K Government under Mission Youth initiative, is proving instrumental towards satiating aspirations of youth who can contribute in societal growth and welfare in tremendous ways.

Under the scheme, unemployed youth are being facilitated to procure small commercial vehicles on a subsidised basis to establish a sustainable livelihood in the transport sector. The 'Mumkin' is a livelihood programme designed primarily for unemployed young people in the age group of 18 to 35 years. Through the scheme, small commercial vehicles are being provided to

the youth with the banking partner extending the loan facility to the ex-



upfront discount, not less than the amount of subsidy. To make the scheme implementation completely transparent and fast, a module has been developed on the JK-e-Services portal for operating the scheme digitally. The J&K administration is also facilitating soft finance for setting up new enterprises or for expansion and modernisation of existing ventures for income generation. Pertinently, Mission Youth is an ambitious programme of UT administration aimed at to positively engage youth in socio-economic development of J&K through a multi-pronged strategy involving all necessary systematic interventions particularly in the areas of skill development, livelihood generation,

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As the situation is improving youth getting more opportunities: Maj Gen Chandpuria

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Srinagar, Mar 3 (UNI) General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Baramulla based 19-Infantry Division Major General Ajay Chandpuria on Friday said with the situation getting better youth were getting more opportunities in Kashmir valley. Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of the event 'Indian Army's initiative to encourage young talent of the valley for winter games 2023' at Gulmarg today, Major Gen Chandpuria said that youth were getting more and more opportunities with improvement in situation. He said 275 youth were registered for the event and out of that 105 students including 28 girls participated in the different snow sports events at Gulmarg. Most of the youth participated for the first time in the event with keenness and enthusiasm that indicates the



potential among the Kashmir youth, Major Gen Chandpuria said. "I am hopeful that as the time goes we will have many more events of this kind in future also," he said. Major General said that as the situation gets better and better more and more opportunities are coming the

way of the youth. The event was an initiative to encourage young talent of Kashmir Valley in Winter Games and witnessed participation of boys and girls of different age categories from all over Kashmir. Various ski events were conducted to include Slalom, Giant Slalom, one Km X-country and Snowboarding. GOC Maj Gen Chandpuria was the Chief Guest on the occasion. While interacting with the participants, he appreciated their spirit and vigour. The GOC was very happy seeing the huge participation of students, especially of girls and assured his full support to the young talent in Kashmir. He informed that this is first of its kind event, which has been organized by the Indian Army. He said that in future, more such events would be conducted.

MP Khatana reviews development activities in Srinagar district

SRINAGAR, MARCH 03: Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Ghulam Ali Khatana, today chaired a meeting of officers to review development projects being executed in Srinagar district. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Srinagar, Joint Director Planning and other district officers. MP took detailed assessment of various development projects being implemented by Rural Development, Education, Youth Services & Sports, Health & Medical Education, Jal Shakti, Power Development, Agriculture and allied departments.

During the meeting, ADDC briefed the MP about the status of developmental programmes being implemented in the district.

The MP was given a thorough presentation on implementation of Centrally Sponsored

Schemes (CSSs) and other beneficiary oriented schemes besides 100 per cent saturation of these schemes in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, Khatana expressed satisfaction over the pace of progress on several development works.

While seeking feedback on each project, he called upon the officers to identify all the bottlenecks, if any, to achieve set targets in given timelines. He exhorted upon the officers to expedite the ongoing works for timely completion. He also asked the officers to remain available for the people so as to ensure timely redressal of their issues and concerns.

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DC Srinagar reviews physical and financial progress under R&B, Education, PHE and Health Sectors

SRINAGAR MARCH 03: To review the physical and financial progress of ongoing works taken up in District Capex Budget 2022-23 under R&B Education, PHE and Health Sectors in the District, a meeting of concerned Officers was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here on Friday at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a sector wise review of physical targets achieved and expenditure incurred under R&B, Education, PHE and Health Departments.

While reviewing the Physical/Financial Status of Health Sector works taken up under District Capex in District, the Deputy Commissioner was apprised that to strengthen and upgrade healthcare infrastructure in Srinagar CB-Naath Machine costing Rs 30 lakh has been installed at UPHC Nishat, while upgradation work on construction of 2nd storey for

UPHC Nishat is being executed at an approved cost of Rs 81.50 lakh.

Similarly, the DC was informed that Rs 34 lakh USG Colour Doppler has been also installed at District Tuberculosis Centre to provide improved facilities to patients. In addition HotLine service has been restored at UPHC S. R. Gunj.

Under Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP), healthcare facilities have been upgraded in NTPHC Zewan to facilitate the local patients, the DC was informed that Automatic Biochemistry Analyzer, Delivery table with multi para monitor, Baby warmer etc have been installed in NTPHC Zewan in Khonmoh Block of the District at a cost of Rs 16 lakh.

The DC was further informed that works on construction of Building for NTPHC Rakhi Arth has been completed at a cost of Rs 3.83.50 under State sector and Hand Over Take Over process has been initiated.



Similarly, work on SDH Chanapora has also been completed at a cost of 2.82 crore and the centre is functional.

He was also informed that work is in progress on 2nd phase of UPHC Lalbazar at a cost of Rs 22.50 lakh.

The DC was also given first-hand appraisal about projects taken under NABARD and Languishing scheme and PMDP 2022-23. He was informed that

building for NTPHC Chatterhama has been completed under PMDP at a cost of Rs 88.89 lakh and the process of Handover Take over has been initiated.

With regard to Water Supply Scenario of Srinagar, the DC was given first hand appraisal about ongoing projects under Jal Jeevan Mission and it was given out that over 60 per cent physical target has been achieved on RS 3.93 crore Apar-

pora Water Supply scheme, while 80 per cent physical work on Rs 2.00 crore Poshpathri Water Supply scheme has been done so far.

The DC was further informed that Rs 128.26 Saidpora-Darbagh has been completed and other schemes including, Faqir Gujri-Dara, Takiyah Sanghrishi and Rakhi Zakura have been 95 per cent physically completed.

Regarding Rs 3.51 lakh WSS Ahel Chatterhama being executed under NABARD, the DC was informed that 90 per cent of the project target has been achieved and Rs 2.27 crore WSS Augmentation Khimber NRD-WP has been completed.

While reviewing the status of education sector of Srinagar District, the DC was apprised of the physical and financial achievements with regard to Civil Works, Elementary (Non-Construction), Secondary, SAMAGRA, Mid-Day Meals, Elementary (Construction).

Ear and Hearing Care for all Govt Hospital GN celebrates 'World Hearing Day'

JAMMU, MARCH 03: Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, celebrated "World Hearing Day" in the Conference Hall of the Hospital with this year's theme "Ear and Hearing Care for all! Let's make it a reality." World Hearing Day Promotes Ear and Hearing Care access across the world and raises awareness of how to prevent deafness and hearing loss.

As part of Celebrations, Hearing Aids were distributed to Three Children under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram (RBSK), suffering from Hearing impairment by Dr. Sanjeev Gupta A Grade Pediatric Consultant, Dr. Gurmeet Kour Sr. Paediatrician (DEIC) and Dr. Sanjeet Parihar Sr. consultant ENT. A PowerPoint presentation was given by Consultant ENT Dr. Manish Sharma on topic "World Hearing Day and focus was made on Theme, Causes, Diagnosis, Prevention and Rehabilitation Services for Deafness.

Dr. Parveen Yograj Medical Superintendent Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu highlighted the importance of integration of Ear and Hearing Care into Primary Care Services through training and capacity building. With the use of Earphones, Earplugs, Loud music, use of ototoxic Drugs, and other industrial factors, WHO has predicted by 2050 there will be a burden of 2.5 billion Cases of partial or complete deafness and one in four persons will be affected by it worldwide.

DC Kathua reviews status of Irrigation sector works

KATHUA, MARCH 03: To review the progress of projects taken up under the Irrigation sector, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kathua, Rahul Pandey chaired a meeting of concerned officers at the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex today.

The DC discussed with the concerned the Physical/financial progress of schemes and directed them to complete all the works by cut off timelines i.e March 2023 in order to facilitate farmers with improved irrigation facilities.

While taking scheme wise review of the works taken up by Irrigation and RTIC departments, the DC called for saturating all the projects under UT, District Capex and PRI grants before the end of current fiscal.

The meeting was attended by Executive Engineer of Irrigation, Ravi Tawi Irrigation Canal, (Upper and Lower Divisions) and other concerned officers.

ARTO Reasi conducts 2 day checking drive

REASI, MARCH 03: Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Reasi Rajesh Gupta, along with his team conducted a two day extensive checking drive on Katra-Jammu and Reasi-Dharmari-Thuro routes.

ARTO stated that following complaints received from the general public regarding overcharging of Fare, overloading in these routes, MVD Reasi laid a special Naka.

He emphasized that the special focus is on installation of Speed Limit Devices, overloading as well as overcharging in passenger vehicles.

During the inspection, ARTO inquired from the passengers about the fare being charged. He also assured the public that strict action will be initiated against the violators as per the norms of the Motor Vehicles Act.

During the extensive checking, the team checked 150 Vehicles out of which 81 vehicles were challaned/Compound and recovered an amount of Rs 72500 as fine on spot.

ARTO sensitised drivers about how to maintain the proper documents of their vehicles and appealed to them to follow the traffic rules to ensure their safety as well as the safety of others.

Department of Wildlife Chenab Circle, GDC Kishtwar celebrate World Wildlife Day 2023

KISHTWAR, MARCH 03: Department of Wildlife Chenab Circle Kishtwar in collaboration with GDC Kishtwar today celebrated World Wildlife Day under the aegis of the College Principal, Dr. Jyoti Parihar and guidance of Dr. Athar Hussain (HOD Zoology).

Khalid Abbas Munshi (Sr. Range officer Kishtwar) was the chief Guest and Dr. Ashiq Hussain (Principal GDC Chatro) was the guest of honor for the event.

Prof. Romana Akhtar, Prof. Sachinjeet, Prof. Ajay Sharma, Sheikh Mohammad Asgar (Jr. Range Officer) were among the dignitaries, who attended the event.

A number of students from different streams also attended the event with great enthusiasm and excitement. Khalid Abbas Munshi, delivered a detailed presentation on the endangered species of Kishtwar National Park and stressed upon the measures to be taken for the conservation of wild fauna as well as flora. He shared his field experience and knowledge with the students and urged the students to show more compassion and responsibility towards wildlife and act as wildlife monitors and report any illegal hunting or practice to the wildlife authorities. Dr. Sehrish Gazal (HOD Environment Sciences) was the keynote speaker of the event. She spoke about the current threats the wildlife is facing and measures to be taken for its conservation.

SKUAST-Jammu hosts one week Entrepreneurship Skill Development Program

JAMMU, MARCH 03: Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice-chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu as the Chief Guest, on Friday inaugurated a one week Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme under NAHEP-IDP-SKUAST-Jammu.

The Vice Chancellor in his address motivated the students to participate in various activities and programmes conducted under NAHEP-IDP. He also mentioned that students are the next generation global leaders.

Prof. Ganai said that special attention needs to be given to the fact that start-up ideas should be technically feasible as well as economically viable. He also urged the students to pitch their ideas for receiving grant—in-aid under the RKVY-RAFTAAR project which is already functional in SKUAST-Jammu.

Earlier Prof. B. C. Sharma, Head, Agronomy and Principal Investigator, NAHEP-IDP welcomed the guests and participants and also gave an overview of the NAHEP-IDP project. Prof. Rakesh Nanada, Director Education SKUAST-Jammu in his remarks brief about the various challenges and how to tackle them to become a successful entrepreneur.

During the inaugural Wall Hanging calendar in Hindi under the project funded by NABARD exclusively for vegetable growers of intermediate and temperate areas of Jammu division was also



released, The Calendar prescribes complete practices for the cultivation of vegetables along with scientific recommendations.

Vice Chancellor congratulates Dr. Anil Bhat, P.I and his team for preparing a vegetable calendar for the farming community. Prof. Shabir Ahmad Wani, Dean, Faculty of Horticulture, SKUAST-Kashmir, Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, Director P&M, Head AEABM, Prof. S.E.H Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, Prof. Manish Kumar Sharma, Head Statistics and Computer Science, Prof. Gurdev Chand, Head Plant Physiology, Prof. Sanjay Guleria, Head Biochemistry were also presented during the programme.

The programme was attended by more than 30 students. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Anil Bhat, Organizing Secretary. He also briefed the dignitaries about the programme. At the end, formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Vivak.

Shree Machail Mata Ji Yatra DC calls for developing quality facilities for premium experience of pilgrims

KISHTWAR, MARCH 03: To develop the quality facilities in Machail area for the pilgrims visiting Shree Machail Mata ji Yatra, Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav today chaired a meeting with all indenting departments and the prominent persons, PRIs of Paddar block and discussed action Plan.

The meeting was attended by DDC Paddar, Hari Krishan Chouhan; ADC/CEO Machail Mata Yatra, Kishori Lal Sharma; CEO KDA, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak; SDM Paddar, Dr. Rishi Sharma; Sarpanch Machail, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha, ExEn PWD.BDO Paddar, AEE JPDCL, incharge Machail Yatra Cell Lovemeet Kotwal besides others concerned.

At the outset the chair was apprised about the funds and function of the



Shree Machail Mata Yatra Cell established for the smooth conduct of the said Yatra.

During the meeting, the DC Kishtwar took review of various ongoing developmental works under execution in the sub division for the convenience of Yatries.

Detailed discussions were held on the completion of Yatra Bhawan at Gulab Garh, renovation

of various Yatra facilities like sanitary Complex, Development of area around the Bhawan, provision of Power and Water supply during Yatra time, boarding and lodging for Yatries, development of Road and bridges ahead of Gulab Garh to Machail, telecom connectivity in the Machail area etc. and a slew of directions were given to the concerned officers.

Div Com reviews progress on JMRDA Projects Discusses additional works to be taken under Authority's Capex Budget

JAMMU, MARCH 03: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, who is also the Additional Chief Executive Officer- Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Authority (JMRDA) today chaired a meeting and reviewed the progress of work on the projects executed under JMRDA in five associated districts and discussed additional projects to be taken up under the Capex budget of JMRDA.

The JMRDA Authority covers 5 districts of Jammu, Reasi, Udampur, Samba and Kathua comprising 30 tehsils and over 1107 revenue villages.

It was informed that the key objective of the Authority was to secure the orderly and planned development of the Metropolitan Region as per the Regional Development Plan.

The Authority prepares Infrastructural Development Plan (IDP) for the



maintenance of a responsible standard of livability in the JMR including Roads, water supply, sewerage disposal, drainage, electricity, solid waste management, public transportation, parking and other amenities.

During the meeting, the Div Com took stock of present status of ongoing projects including construction of Parking/ Bus terminal, development of pathways, green spaces at Hiranagar Town, development of pathways amenities under Tawi River Front View project Jammu, development of Bus stand at Thandi Khui Vijaypur and other development projects.

The concerned executing agencies apprised the Div Com about the progress on each project. It was informed that the work was in progress on the projects while some projects are at different stages of execution.

The Div Com directed

all the concerned departments to expedite the pace of work on all the ongoing projects for their timely completion.

The Div Com also instructed the DCs to personally monitor the pace of work and also resolve land issues if any.

During the meeting Div Com also discussed new projects to be taken up under the Capex Budget of JMRDA.

The Deputy Commission-

ers apprised the Div Com about identified projects for the infrastructural development in their respective districts.

The Div Co. asked the DCs and concerned departments to identify the works which could be included in the plan like development of parking spaces, development of rotaries, road connectivity, sewerage network, public utility etc. He also directed them to immediately submit the proposals/ DPRs after consultation with the executing agencies of their respective districts for timely approvals of the same.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; VC JDA, Pankaj Magotra; J&K Housing Board, Shabir Hussain; Financial Advisor & CAO JMRDA, Namisha Dogra; Architect JMRDA, Devinder Gupta; besides officers of Urban

Local Bodies, Engineers of PWD, UEED, Architect J&K, Town Planners and other concerned while Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Udampur and Reasi attended the meeting through video conferencing.

Earlier, in a video conferencing meeting with concerned DCs the Div Com reviewed the land acquisition for Delhi-Katra Expressway project, Jammu Poonch National Highway. He also reviewed the disbursement of the compensation amount. The Div Com discussed in detail the status of land acquisition. It was informed that the acquisition process has almost been completed while the disbursement of compensation is in progress.

The Div Com directed the concerned Deputy Commissioners to expedite the process of distribution of land compensation and complete the same.

Dir Tourism interacts with representatives of Thai travel trade

SRINAGAR, MARCH 03: The Director Tourism, Kashmir, Fazlul Haseeb today held a detailed interaction with members of the tourism fraternity of Thailand. He briefed them about the emerging tourism scenario in the UT and the initiatives being taken by the J&K Tourism Department for the convenience of tourists.

The interaction was facilitated by the Embassy of India in Thailand where many Members & Association Heads of Tourism Fraternity participated in virtual mode.

The Conclave was inaugurated by Nagesh Singh, Ambassador of India to Thailand in presence of Yuthasak Supasorn, Governor of Tourism Authority of Thailand, Chaman Sirsavat, President Tourism Council of Thailand & Charoen Wanganonot, President of Thai Travel Agents Association.

Representatives of many Tourism

Boards from States and UTs were present in the conclave during which J&K was the focus UT.

Mr. Haseeb during his presentation gave an overview of the tourism sector in J&K, logistic arrangements, new initiatives and future plans of the J&K administration. Inviting the Thai tour operators to visit Kashmir, he underlined several steps taken for the revival and sustenance of the tourism sector by the UT administration which, he said, resulted in a record tourist footfall last year.

Earlier, Chairman IATO - JK Chapter, Nasir Shah gave a complete presentation on the Tourism scenario of J&K.

President, Indian Association of Tour Operators, Rajiv Mehra highlighted the potential Incredible India offers and briefed the Thai Travel Agents about new offbeat destinations created in addition to the heritage old destinations.

GCW Gandhi Nagar organizes awareness workshop on use of Sustainable Resources

JAMMU, MARCH 03: The NSS units of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar on Friday organised an Awareness workshop at adopted villages- Jaral chak and Kanal under the banner of G20 Club of the College. The College Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan, Convener G20 Club, Prof. S S Parihar and other faculty members flagged off the students' Bus for the visit to villages. A total of 39 volunteers participated in the awareness activity under the supervision of NSS Programme Officers unit-1&2- Prof. Mala Bhasin and Dr. Monika Hans. The volunteers actively participated in door to door campaigns and interacted with the villagers particularly with women folk about the wisely use of various Sustainable Resources.

A Sustainable resource is anything- physical or human which can be harnessed to create wealth or improve the standard of living of people. It is a

matter of pride and honour for India to host the G20 Summit under the theme of India's G20 Presidency- Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam means One Earth, One Family and One Future. Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the College, applauded the volunteers for their participation and motivated them to be a part of such activities. She also appreciated the efforts of NSS PO's for organising this awareness workshop in the adopted villages. The College Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan, Convener G20 Club, Prof. S S Parihar and other faculty members flagged off the students' Bus for the visit to villages. A total of 39 volunteers participated in the awareness activity under the supervision of NSS Programme Officers unit-1&2- Prof. Mala Bhasin and Dr. Monika Hans. The volunteers actively participated in door to door campaigns and interacted with the villagers particularly with women folk about the wisely use.

Two day National Conference on Implementation of NEP-2020 in higher education institutions held

SRINAGAR, MARCH 03: A two days' National Conference on Implementation of NEP-2020 in Higher Education Institutions concluded today at Govt. College of Education (IASE), M.A. Road, Srinagar here.

The conference was organized to deliberate on the key themes pertaining to Implementation of NEP-2020 in Higher Education Institutions.

The conference was attended by academicians, policy planners, researchers from different institutions/universities within and outside the UT of J&K. As many as 20 papers were presented in three technical sessions spread over two days.

The inaugural session saw a galaxy of experts and researchers from various fields assemble in the conference. Dr. Seema Naz,

Principal Host College at the very outset threw light on the achievements in the field of teacher education. Fazl illahi, Conference Coordinator, in his backdrop to the conference highlighted significant issues in NEP-2020.

Prof. Manisha Priyam from Department of Education Policy, NIEPA, Ministry of Education, in her keynote address talked about the new precepts in NEP-2020 and multidisciplinary.

Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane, Pro Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule University Pune in his special address highlighted the importance of learner and learning.

Prof. Qayyum Hussain, VC, Cluster University Srinagar in his presidential address highlighted the challenges for effective im-



plementation of NEP-2020.

The three technical sessions were presided over by Prof. Mahmood Ahmad Khan, Prof. Parveen Pandit and Prof. Zahoor Geelani. Each session was complemented by Prof. Mohammad Ashraf, Prof. Ratnabali and Prof. Geetanjali Kalaas discussants. The conference concluded

on the second day with the panel discussion under the theme "NEP-2020: Making it Happen". The session was presided over by Prof. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department. She drew attention to the key areas and challenges in the way of implementing the visionary policy in the UT of J&K.

Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane, brought the spotlight on the Institutional Development Plan (IDP). Prof. Farooq Masoodi, Dean Academic Affairs, University of Kashmir focused on operational issues of NEP-2020. Prof. Mahmood Ahmad Khan, Former Dean Education, University of Kashmir, Srinagar stressed upon the integration of School Education with Higher Education and impediments confronting learner centric learning. Prof. Khurshid Ahmad Mir, Controller of Examinations, Cluster University Srinagar raised concerns in Internationalization of Education and registration of students on Academic Bank of Credits.

Dr. K. Ratnabali, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi underscored the element of flexibility by way of aligning multiple entry and exit

points with employability. She also spoke about the need and options for making skill courses aligned with employment. Dr. Geetanjali Kala, University of Delhi deliberated on digital humanity, ICT integration and issues of mentoring. The conference concluded with reading out a detailed report, and recommendations that formed the crux of paper presentations.

Prof. Rubena Jabeen, HOD English, Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat HOD Education, Dr. Malik Roshan Ara, HOD Psychology and Prof. Abdul Gani Kumar, HOD Urdu moderated various sessions in the conference.

Certificates, at the end of the valedictory session, were given away by the Chief Guest, Prof. Yasmeen Ashai among the paper presenters and participants.

DC, SSP Kupwara visit grievd family of Rasheed Dar at Kunan Poshpora

KUPWARA, MARCH 03: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray along with SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas today visited the family of deceased Abdul Rasheed Dar at Kunan Poshpora in Kupwara district to pay their condolences.

Both the dignitaries assured the family that investigation will be conducted in a transparent and impartial manner to bring it to a logical conclusion.

On the occasion, the family members extended their gratitude towards the District Administration for tracing out the mortal remains of deceased Abdul Rasheed Dar. BDC Chairperson and local Sarpanchs and Panchs present on the occasion, equally extended their gratitude to Deputy Commissioner Kupwara and SSP Kupwara in handling the case.

The family members also assured that they will not allow any antisocial elements to take undue benefit out of the unfortunate incident.

Update Your Aadhaar: Bandipora Admin appeals residents

BANDIPORA, MARCH 03: The District Administration Bandipora on Friday urged the general public to update their Aadhaar Cards with relevant documents at the nearest kiosk established for the purpose. Nodal Officer Coordination, M A Hakak said all the residents who have not updated their Aadhaar in the last over 8 years are urged to keep their Aadhaar updates with the valid supporting documents of proof of identity and proof of address including mobile number and email.id, either online through myAadhaar portal or office by visiting the nearest Aadhaar Centre.

He urged the public to get mandatory updates for children at the age of 5 and 15 done at earliest. Hakak said special kiosks have been established at various locations including at Tehsil offices and at Panchayat level.

MVD launches major crackdown on traffic Rule violators at Bandipora

BANDIPORA, MARCH 03: Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Bandipora has intensified its drive against violators of Motor Vehicle Act and other traffic rules especially focused on over-speeding, installation of speed limiting devices, overloading and non compliance to other traffic rules. According to a statement issued by the district administration, the Enforcement team of MVD and Traffic Police conducted physical checking of vehicles and checked at least 45 vehicles at different routes including Bandipora-Sopore road and Bandipora-Srinagar road.

Documents of several vehicles were retained for further processing under the provisions of MV Act 1988 and rules framed thereunder. An amount of Rs. 20000 as fine has been realized from offending vehicles/drivers. The ARTO said that drive shall continue in Towns and Rural areas of the district and strict action as per the law shall be taken against the erring drivers for road safety violations.

PRI representatives of Anantnag; President, Laghu Udyog Bharti call on Lt Governor

JAMMU, MARCH 03: A delegation of representatives of PRI from Anantnag led by Sh Mohd Yusuf Gorsi, Chairperson District Development Council, Anantnag called on the Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhavan here today. The delegation of PRI representatives comprising DDC members of Verinag & Vessu and BDC Chairperson, Pahalgam, discussed with Lt Governor several matters of public importance.

Later, a delegation of Laghu Udyog Bharti, J&K led by its president Sh Parveen Gupta called on the Lt Governor and submitted a memorandum of issues pertaining to development of Industrial sector. The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation that the genuine issues and demands appraised by them would be redressed on merit.

Agriculture department Ramban organises one day training programme

RAMBAN, MARCH 03: The Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers' Welfare hosted a one day training on Dhingri mushroom cultivation for the women members of Kothri Self Help Group (SHG). The training was held under the government sponsored programme on Food Security Group for Women.

Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO), Sudhir Manhas and Subject Matter Specialist (SMS), Sunil Gupta gave demonstration on the Dhingri cultivation and also motivated the women participants to adopt this easy and cost effective trade to get high profits and nutrition rich food. Each woman was given two packets of hybrid vegetable seeds free of cost and some of them were given packets of Dhingri spawn (seeds) and polythene bags free of cost. The SDAO assured them of all support and guidance at any time. He assured them that the department would help them in more such profitable programmes so that they become self-reliant in the easiest way. The women expressed their gratitude to the officers for the training programme at their doorstep. "Mushroom cultivation is an easy and cost effective occupation which is suitable for women who can do it at their homes while performing their family responsibilities," said a local woman Lalita Devi.

Deptt of Wildlife Protection (C.D) commemorates 'World Wildlife Day' at Dachigam National Park

SRINAGAR, MARCH 03: Hussain said that this day provides an opportunity to take the message of conservation to grass roots level by involving students, scholars and the civil society to raise awareness about the multitude of benefits that conservation of Wildlife, Environment and Natural Resources offer to human civilization.



Wildlife Day', the Department of Wildlife Protection Central Division today organized an event themed "Partnerships for wildlife conservation" at Dachigam National Park, here.

The day is celebrated every year on the 3rd of March to generate awareness among the people regarding the Wildlife and its Conservation.

Researcher Scholars, Public Representatives, students and teachers, Civil Society members, Volunteers, several NGOs and officials of the Wildlife Protection Department participated in the event.

On the occasion, Wildlife Warden Central Altaf

laid emphasis on the importance of the wildlife environment and over interdependence on these two components. They highlighted the fact that if any component of the environment suffers the distortion because of human activities then all of us have to pay a big price.

It was jointly pledged by all present in the gathering to propagate the message of Wildlife Conservation and protection of its natural habitat. The motive is to trigger the enthusiasm of the people towards taking part actively in all conservation aspects. He further elaborated that there is urgent need to develop a coordinated method wherein every member of the civil society and other organizations will participate in the process of conservation besides the Department of Wildlife Protection and Forest.

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Regional Institute of Education, Ajmer, holds 5 day workshop for DIET faculty

SRINAGAR, MARCH 3: At the five day capacity building workshop on "Research Methodology And Data Analysis" organized by Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Ajmer, Professor D N Sansanwal, who retired as Head and Dean, Faculty of Education, Devi Ahilya University, Indore, said that State Council of Educational Research and Trainings (SCERTs) must adhere to their research mandate to make their existence felt.

"The SCERTs' foundational tenet is research and if they don't understand their responsibility and role, their very existence will be put into question," he maintained.

Nearly, 30 members of DIET faculty from Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh took part in the workshop, where experts from RIE Ajmer led numerous sessions over the course of five day event to discuss why research is a key step in resolving issues that present themselves to us in a variety of ways.

"We are grateful for the support, as our request to RIE Ajmer to hold a workshop on research methods and data analysis was

quickly granted," said Dr Nazneen Mehraj, who is a senior academic officer associated with the Survey Division of the SCERT.

Pertinently, set up as Regional College of Education in 1963 under the aegis of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi, the institute was in 1995 renamed as Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Ajmer. It looks after the educational interests of the Northern Region comprising the states of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Dr. Muzamil Hasan and Dr Sajid Jamal, who over the course of five day programme taught the participants various areas of research technique.

"Our objective is to improve the participants' skills, processes, instincts, and resources so they can better prepare local staff for a variety of research-related tasks," Dr. Muzamil said. "RIE Ajmer is prepared to offer any assistance to anyone who submits a workable research idea."

Prepare comprehensive plan to root out drug abuse/addiction in Kashmir: NC to admin

Srinagar Mar 03 : The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Friday expressed concern over rising drug addiction cases in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the entire region foresee a doomsday scenario if the problem is not nipped in the bud. This was said by the party's State Spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar while addressing a one day workers convention of the party workers in Yaripora Kulgam.

The convention was marked by threadbare discussion on various issues concerning the public and party. Prevailing political situation in Kashmir and the future course of action was also deliberated upon during the course of meeting. District Kulgam Vice Presidents Mubarak Raina, Mohammad Younis Malik, YNC Kulgam

district President Adil Guroo, Block Presidents M Ayub Pala, Ijaz Shah, party functionaries were also present. Kashmir's drug problem is worsening with Kulgam district unfortunately taking a big hit viz a viz the drug abuse cases, Imran Nabi Dar said adding, "The addiction/abuse among Kashmiri youth has reached catastrophic levels and if no serious effort is initiated by the government agencies we are at the risk of losing an entire new generation to drugs." "It is a point of concern for all of us here in Kashmir, particularly in Kulgam. The first step towards stopping such incidents starts with contemplation by all of us. It goes without saying that the menace is an awful manifestation of widespread unemployment.

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ADDC Kulgam reviews physical/ financial progress of Agriculture & allied sectors

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, MARCH 03: The Additional District Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather today chaired a meeting of officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal/ Sheep Husbandry and other allied departments to review physical and financial progress recorded by these departments under UT Capex and centrally sponsored schemes.

During the meeting, all the heads of these departments briefed the chair about the expenditures made during the financial year 2022-23 and targets achieved.

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were also provided to beneficiaries.

While briefing about the progress recorded in the Horticulture sector, the Chief Horticulture Officer informed the chair that

Vermicompost units were established in the district during 2022-23.

He also added that one Hi-tech walnut nursery was also established under the PMDP scheme.

Chief Animal Husbandry Officer informed the chair that under KCC dairy, 416 cases were sanctioned and under Integrated Dairy Development Scheme 24 units were established and under IPDP 23 cases were sanctioned.

Officers from Sheep Husbandry informed the chair that the 100 percent target under ISDS was achieved.

Progress made by Sericulture, Floriculture and Fisheries was also reviewed during the meeting.

ADDC instructed all the officers to ensure 100 percent achievement of targets fixed to the departments under various schemes to benefit the people and beneficiaries.

NIT Srinagar hosts Karyashala delegates from SKUAST-K

Prof. Shah, Dr. Anju delivered keynote speeches

Srinagar, Mar 03: A group of scholars and students attending Karyashala program at SKUAST Kashmir on Friday visited PG Department of Physics, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

Besides interaction with eminent academicians, Prof. M A Shah, Head, and Dr. Anju Sehgal, ex. Principal GDC Hamirpur delivered expert lectures. In afternoon sessions, delegates learned hands-on operations on sophisticated instruments like FESEM, XRD and coating workstations in CRF of the institute. In his message, Director NIT Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said expert lectures provide students with valuable networking opportunities, allowing them to connect with professionals.

"Nano-science has emerged as one of the most critical areas of research and has given the remarkable current and futuristic impact of the subject on vital sectors of human existence," he said.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said nano-science has emerged as one of the most critical areas of research in the present area. He said such lectures are aimed to expose students to a variety of topics beyond their curriculum.

"Expert lectures provide a platform to interact and exchange ideas with eminent experts. It helps scholars, students to develop an all-round and nuanced view of a topic," Prof. Bukhari said.

In his key address, Prof M A Shah delivered expert talk on impact of Nano-science on agriculture and food technology. A variety of nano-materials prepared in the LMN laboratory at NIT Srinagar for various uses in agriculture and food have been explained extensively, he said. Nanoparticles can be used to deliver nutrients and other beneficial compounds directly



to the plant's cells, improving crop yields and reducing the need for fertilizers. An advocate of use of nano-fertilizers, Prof Shah is an admirer of launching Nano fertilizers in J & K.

The lecture was followed by a small test on Nanotechnology by Prof Shah. Addressing the participants, Dr. Anju Sehgal, ex. Principal GDC Hamirpur HP spoke on

sustainability in agriculture. It involves balancing environmental, social, and economic considerations to create a long-term and resilient food production system, she said.

Dr. Anju highlighted all aspects of Nanotechnology in agriculture and food. Overall, sustainable agriculture is essential for ensuring food security, preserving natural resources, and promoting social and economic well-being in the long term, she said.

Many participants while acknowledging Prof M A Shah and Prof Anju Sehgal for sharing knowledge have been thankful to the staff of Central Research Facility (CRF), NIT Srinagar for practical training.

"KARYASHALA' is an effort by Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) Govt. of India via accelerate Vigyan to improve research productivity of promising MSc and Ph.D students from universities and colleges through high end workshops on specific themes. The program aims to provide opportunities to acquire specialized research skills.

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Ramadan Preparation

Cleaning out the closet feels great. You go through all of your stuff, throw away whatever you don't want, and give away things you don't need. In the end, you know you are left with more space, a clean area, and peace of mind.

Now that Ramadan is around the corner, this is a great time to take account of ourselves and go through a very similar process with our soul. What negative feelings or thoughts hide in the shadows of our hearts? Are we even aware of how this "stuff" spreads toxicity throughout our soul, which then seeps into our relationships? When we rid ourselves of emotional "baggage" we free up space in our hearts to soak in all the positive outcomes of Ramadan.

To begin this spring cleaning, it is helpful to reflect on the following verse:

"O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow – and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do." (Surah Al Hashr, 59:18)

It is only when we allow ourselves to truly take account of what is in our hearts that we are able to process what we find. Who are we avoiding? What grudges do we hold? What negative thoughts do we ruminate over? Once we are able to face what lurks within, we can figure out ways to get over them. Actually writing down the answers to the above questions has been proven to be a helpful way to start tackling the toxic thoughts we store in our main processing center. Next, let us think about how Allah, Exalted is He, prescribes the process of purification.

"Those who spend in the way of Allah both in affluence and hardship, who restrain their anger, and pardon others. Allah loves such good-doers." (Surah 'Ale Imran, 3:134) Why does Allah mention giving money, first in the time of ease, then in the time of difficulty, before addressing two emotional strengths? And even then, why does Allah mention exercising control over anger before excusing others (a higher level of forgiveness)?

Perhaps practicing gratitude in times of prosperity prepares one for the ability to acknowledge blessings, even during times of hardship. What effect does this type of training have on one's understanding? We may consider the possibility that engaging in a constant state of gratitude develops satisfaction. Additionally, gratitude in the form of donation fosters a sense of compassion – being able to connect with others by connecting with something similar within ourselves. Gratitude, which leads to satisfaction and compassion creates an environment in which anger is less likely to develop, since anger is a reflection of turmoil that exists within the individual. So in a way, satisfaction despite life's challenges allows one to engage with others from a place of peace within.

We see a very inspiring application of part of this verse in the following exchange between Ali ibn Al-Husain (also known as Zayn Al-Abideen), the great-great-grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, and his servant. Abdur-Razzaq As-San'ani (d.211 AH) said: A slave-girl of 'Ali bin Husain was pouring water on him while he was preparing for prayer. Accidentally the jug slipped from her hands and fell on his face causing his face to be injured. He raised his sight towards her in anger. She recited 1. He said to her: 'I have restrained my anger'. She then recited 2. He said: 'I have forgiven you'. She further recited 3. He said: 'Go now you are free'.

Imagine that – spending in the way of Allah, is a demonstration of gratitude which promotes satisfaction and compassion. That compassion, in turn, prevents the early sprouting of anger and rage. Keeping anger at bay facilitates the ability to think rationally and process possible reasons why someone may be worthy of your forgiveness. These three qualities of being charitable, controlling anger, and forgiving others put us on the path of ihsan (excellence). And Allah loves those who exhibit ihsan (as mentioned in the verse above, 3:134).

So let's recap spring cleaning for the soul. First, take stock of your negative feelings towards aspects of your life and towards others. Sometimes this process makes us feel uncomfortable, so we shut down the introspection and abort it prematurely. Allow yourself to sift through these nagging negative thoughts and try to evaluate them. Are these negative thoughts really worth the mental and spiritual drain? Do others really deserve the old grudge? This exercise alone may already diminish your list of bad feelings.

Simple life and high thinking is the key to success



JASWINDER PAL SHARMA

The phrase "simple life and high thinking" may seem clichéd, but it is a powerful concept that has been proven time and again by successful people. The idea is that by focusing on the essentials of life and cultivating a mindset of high thinking, we can achieve our goals and live a fulfilling life. In this article, we will explore why a simple life and high thinking are the key to success and how we can cultivate these qualities in ourselves.

What is a simple life? A simple life is one that focuses on the essentials and minimizes distractions. It is a life that is free from unnecessary complexity and clutter. A simple life is not about deprivation or living in poverty. It is about living in a way that is aligned with our values and priorities.

There are many benefits to living a simple life. For one, it can reduce stress and anxiety. When we have fewer things to worry about, we can focus our energy on the things that matter most. A simple life can also improve our health by reducing our exposure to environmental toxins and stress. Additionally, a simple life can free up time and resources that

can be used to pursue our passions and goals.

*What is high thinking? High thinking is a mindset that is focused on personal growth and the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. It is a mindset that values introspection and self-reflection. High thinking is not about being an intellectual snob

thinking can help us find meaning and purpose in life by guiding us towards our passions and values.

Why are simple life and high thinking the key to success? Simple life and high thinking are the key to success because they provide a strong foundation for achieving our goals and living a fulfilling life. By

thinking, we can create a powerful combination that can help us achieve success in all areas of life. We can focus our energy on the things that matter most while also cultivating a mindset of growth and self-improvement.

How can we cultivate a simple life and high thinking?

Cultivating a simple life and high thinking is a lifelong process that requires dedication and effort. Here are some strategies that can help:

Clarify your values and priorities. The first step to living a simple life and high thinking is to clarify your values and priorities. What matters most to you? What are your long-term goals? By answering these questions, you can create a roadmap for living a more focused and intentional life.

Simplify your environment. One of the easiest ways to simplify your life is to declutter your physical environment. Get rid of things that you no longer need or use. Create systems and routines that help you stay organized and focused.

Practice mindfulness. Mindfulness is the practice of being fully present in the moment and aware of your thoughts and emotions. By practicing mindfulness, you can reduce stress and improve your focus and decision-making skills.

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or looking down on others. It is about recognizing that there is always more to learn and striving to improve ourselves and our understanding of the world.

There are many benefits to cultivating a mindset of high thinking. For one, it can improve our decision-making by helping us see things from different perspectives and consider multiple options. It can also improve our relationships by helping us communicate more effectively and empathize with others. Additionally, high

living a simple life, we can reduce distractions and focus our energy on the things that matter most. This can help us achieve our goals more efficiently and with less stress and anxiety.

High thinking, on the other hand, can help us make better decisions and develop a deeper understanding of ourselves and the world around us. This can help us find meaning and purpose in life and pursue our passions with more clarity and intention.

By combining a simple life with high

Artificial Intelligence and future job prospects



By Azhar U din/ Mahapara Gulzar

A year spent in artificial intelligence is enough to make one believe in God: Alan Perlis
It is clear to us that technology has become an integral part of almost every aspect of modern life, taking on many different forms. However, despite the impression that we have control over it, we are unsure of the extent to which it controls us. Some consider it a threat to human employment, while others see it as a tool that can create more jobs. In our opinion, robots and artificial intelligence are not here to take away our livelihoods. Rather, they are intended to make our lives easier in some way. The advancement of robots and artificial intelligence is expected to bring forth many opportunities for humans in the future. Despite the fact that automation has resulted in the loss of approximately 1.7 million jobs since 2000, studies predict that by 2025, artificial intelligence will create 97 million new jobs. This suggests that technology can serve as a tool to assist humans in the long run, and should not only be perceived as negative. In summary, the future holds promising prospects for humans as a result of the development of robots and artificial intelligence.

We are certain that artificial intelligence will be the primary driving force in the near future and will significantly impact the world as we know it. However, we must acknowledge that AI cannot replace all jobs and accept that fact. There are numerous professions, such as those that demand creativity, empathy, and expertise in complex political frameworks, that cannot be substituted with AI or robots. Examples of such professions include teachers, writers, designers, lawyers, social workers, defence personnel, medical professionals, and many others. In the coming years, several fields can benefit from the technological progress of artificial intelligence, which includes all mentioned fields. However, AI cannot imitate the human element or emotional sensitivity that these fields demand.

As per specialists, artificial intelligence's contribution is expected to be advantageous to humanity. It may poten-

tially decrease the time spent by humans on monotonous duties that are undoubtedly a part of their overall obligations. This could result in humans focusing on complex projects, benefiting both the employer and the worker. The constant factor in life is change. It is impossible to escape the aftermath of change, but we must be ready to adjust to them. In order to endure, we must embrace the



notion that things will occasionally evolve. It's important to recognize that numerous educational programs provide degrees and certifications in AI, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning. Nevertheless, only a small number of individuals are adequately skilled to occupy these positions.

Due to the insufficient number of qualified workers, there is currently a scarcity of job seekers. Consequently, the recruitment process has become haphazard, causing a delay in the efficient implementation of intelligent machines in the workplace. Because there is a high level of competition across various employment fields, machine learning and artificial intelligence positions encounter much less competition than other types of jobs. The ap-

lications of AI, ranging from autonomous cars to cancer detection models, span nearly every field. Similarly, there are various educational platforms providing degrees and certifications in AI, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning. Nonetheless, the number of professionals in these fields is insufficiently low. AI will create a clear distinction between jobs that can be mastered through adequate training and education, superseding the risk of unskilled positions. Even though artificial intelligence has taken over several jobs, there are still plenty of employment opportunities available if you continue to learn and enhance your skills.

Undoubtedly, in the near future, artificial intelligence will possess the ability to perform tasks that were previously only achievable by humans, leading to the replacement of certain jobs that necessitate human skills, but also presenting new employment prospects. In the coming years, the in-demand job titles will comprise machine learning engineers, deep learning engineers, artificial intelligence trainers, natural language processing engineers, artificial intelligence specialists, deep learning engineers specializing in computer vision, as well as a range of combinations, such as AI & Deep Learning, Deep Learning & Machine Learning, Deep Learning & Data Scientists, etc. According to a report released by the World Economic Forum, half of all job responsibilities will be automated by machines by 2025, a significant increase from the current 29%.

It is anticipated that approximately 50% of companies in the industry will witness a substantial reduction in their workforce by 2022. However, this decline in jobs is expected to be counterbalanced by the emergence of new employment opportunities in the industry as a whole, as a result of automation. One crucial factor to note is that the demand for specific roles varies significantly across different regions. Although there is much talk about the replacement of jobs by artificial intelligence, it is largely dependent on the type of jobs that are being considered for replacement. While certain job aspects can be automated, there are certain aspects that cannot be performed automatically. Artificial intelligence is expected to become a significant part of future jobs in various ways.

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Foreign Languages



Vijay GarG

A foreign language can be defined as a language that is indigenous to another country. A foreign language is also a language not spoken in the native country of the person referred to, i.e. a person living in India and speaking Indian languages can say that Chinese is a foreign language for him. These two characterizations do not exhaust the possible definitions, however, and the label is occasionally applied in ways that are variously misleading or factually inaccurate. The definition of the foreign language is vast, and cannot be confined into one single definition.

There are also students who learn more than one language from birth or from a very young age, they are bilingual or multilingual. These children can be said to have two, three or more mother tongues and neither language is foreign to that child, even if one language is a foreign language for the vast majority of people in the child's birth country. For example, a child learning English from her English father and Japanese at school in Japan can speak both English and Japanese, but neither is a foreign language to him. Learning a new language can be a lot of fun and rewarding

experience and at the same time, it is also not a very easy job to do. There are a lot of benefits associated with learning new languages.

There is no age for learning a new language and learning a new language at any age can be an enormously rewarding experience in many ways. There are a lot of rewards associated with learning a new language. While language learning is an enriching experience for all ages, children have the most to gain from this wonderful adventure, also learning a new language at a young age is quite easy. Quite simply, starting early offers the widest possible set of benefits and opportunities. Besides having a new learning experience, we also get to know more about the culture of other people when we study their language. We also become aware of other civilizations and every culture has something or other for us to offer, which is beneficial for us.

The Benefits of Learning a Foreign Language
We all go to school with something or other in our minds. Our parents send us to school to learn new things that will help us become a learned personality which would help us in some way or the other. Education never goes wasted, and all that we learned to remain with us for our lifetime and we do use that information in some place or the other. In the same way, learning a foreign language also brings in with it a lot of advantages of its own. Learning a new language is not very easy, though learning a foreign language takes time and dedication but still learning involves a lot of fun. Different people have different reasons to learn a new language, some reasons are practical, some inspirational, some intellectual and others sentimental, but whatever your reasons, having a clear idea of why you're learning a language can help to motivate you in your studies and makes the job a lot easy.

There are a number of reasons why you should learn a foreign language. Some may opt for a new language as a hobby

class while for some people it is necessary because of job purpose or business. In our world today, only one-fifth of the population speaks English. So, learning another language is important for both works as well as if you travel to a country like Brazil etc. where about 80% of the population does not speak English. It is also important for making real connections with people, and lastly, it can give you a greater understanding of your own language.

Benefits of Foreign Language in Job
There are a lot of countries that have huge economies and are quite lucrative for seeking jobs but those nations do not speak English, in this case, a candidate with knowledge of their language can easily score a job in that particular country. China, for example, is one of the most populous countries in the world and is continuously growing in importance both economically as well as politically. Since most of the people speak Chinese there; it can be difficult for tourists as well a candidate who wants a job in that country. Learning a language like Chinese would definitely enhance your chances of getting a job, and not just in China. Chinese is a language that is spoken all over the world. Almost every country in the world has a Chinatown, from the United States, to Canada, Australia, London, and much of Europe. Throughout Asia – in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia – people speak Chinese. If your work involves regular contact with speakers of foreign languages, being able to talk to them in their own languages will help you a lot to communicate with them.

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Panchayat Accounts Assistants to replace Panchayat Secretaries as first signatory

JAMMU, MARCH 3: Expanding the functions and responsibilities of Panchayat Account Assistants (PAAs), the Department of Rural Development and Panhayati Raj, J&K has appointed them as the first signatories for all the government schemes run by the department.

According to an order issued today by the RDD & PR department in this regard, the PAAs shall now be responsible for uploading approved GDDPs on jk.panchayat portal, clearance of audit paras and OB items, responding to audit observations and recovering amount, if any, observed in the audit paras.

The order added that the PAAs shall now replace Panchayat Secretary as the first signatories in all government programmes including the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA scheme.

As the first signatory, they are responsible for ensuring that all financial transactions of the Panchayats are correctly recorded, verified and authorized before any payment is made.

Pertinently, a novel approach was developed in the UT to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system and ensure accurate accounting of finances in the Panchayats. For this, the Finance Department created 2000 Panchayat Accounts Assistant (PAAs) posts in Rural Development Department vide Government Order No. 373-F dated 27-06-2019. After their appointment, they were assigned roles and responsibilities to maintain all records relating to Gram Panchayat Accounts wherein their primary responsibility was to check the accuracy of all financial transactions, to scrutinize the resolutions passed by the Gram Panchayat.

In addition to preparing responses to audit reports, they were also entrusted with the responsibility of reconciliation of revenue, receipt and expenditure figures with the office of Principal Accountant General Office of Jammu and Kashmir.

16 Sanitary Pad Vending machines donated for Doda Schools

DODA, MARCH 03: A private Hospital and a Firm dealing in Healthcare have donated 16 Sanitary Pad vending machines for Schools of Doda district.

Director Ankur Maitrika Hospital Jammu, Dr Ajay Wakhloo and Zonal Sales Manager, Foregen Healthcare Limited, Vinod Rajpurohit donated the Sanitary Pad vending machines to the schools.

The donated machines were received by Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, in presence of Principal Government Medical College, Dr Puja Vimesh the other day. The machines will be further provided to the Government schools to benefit the girl students.

It was informed that 34 more vending machines would be provided to the district in the first instance followed by more such machines to saturate all the high schools in the district. The Sanitary Pads Vending machines are refillable and dispense one pad at a time on pressing the button.

The DC Doda welcomed the gesture and said that the District Administration has been engaging women SHGs to make indigenous pads and pad vending machines for the schools. He further said that an intensive awareness campaign regarding menstrual hygiene and changing the negative mind set around menstrual health management has already been launched through Mission Shakti and other women agencies and SHGs, in the district.

It is pertinent to mention here that lack of menstrual hygiene management is a major factor affecting the studies and attendance in schools of girl students, especially in the rural areas, in addition to the health problems being faced by them.

CMO Doda reviews achievements under NCD implementation at virtual meeting

DODA, MARCH 03: Chief Medical Officer, Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar convened a virtual meeting with BMOs, FMPHWs, MLHPs & Block NCD I/Cs of the District to review achievement with regard to NCD implementation in each Medical Block.

The CMO said that Non Communicable Diseases are responsible for 60% of deaths which are mainly due to lifestyle change. He emphasized the need to make serious efforts to identify such patients through mass screening for early treatment and necessary follow ups.

On the occasion, a detailed Power Point Presentation was given by DPM NHM Jahangir Mehta along with DMEO NHM C K Shan, on the status of population based screening for NCDs, diagnosis & follow up treatment.

The CMO emphasized on uploading the data on the NCD portal as per the target set for each medical block in a time bound manner. He instructed the BMOs to ensure the timely completion of the task related to NCD by each health facility of their block.

Meanwhile, to assess the quality of healthcare services and patient care, Chief Medical Officer Dr Ab Hamid Zargar paid a surprise visit to Primary Health Centre Bhella, today.

The CMO inspected different sections of the hospital and took stock of the facilities being provided to the patients.

He advised the staff to perform their duties as per the roster and provide best patient care to people coming to the health institutions.

DC interacts with farmers, processors of Lavender

DODA, MARCH 03: A delegation of farmers associated with lavender cultivation and its processing today called on Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan here in his office. Chief Agriculture Officer, Anil Gupta was also present. The farmers apprised the DC about the lavender oil processing and said the production is expected to increase this season. They sought the intervention of the district administration to explore competitive markets in advance to enable them to get better returns.

The DC informed the delegation that the Agriculture and HP&M department, entrusted with the task of exploring new markets for the raw as well as processed lavender and its products, would be asked to explore markets where the farmers can get maximum return of their produce.

The DC asked the farmers to improve and maintain the quality of the produce to compete in the national and international level markets. The DC advised them to seek training and expertise from IIIM and KVK Bharderwah for improving the quality and to learn better packaging techniques of the product. The DC asked the farmers to improve and maintain the quality of the produce to compete in the national and international level markets. The DC advised them to seek training and expertise from IIIM and KVK Bharderwah for improving the quality and to learn better packaging techniques of the product.

2nd UT Level Apex Committee, Technical Working Group meeting held at SKUAST, Jammu

JAMMU, MARCH 3: The second Union Territory Level Apex Committee and Technical Working Group (UTLAC & TWG) meeting was held at SKUAST, Jammu under the chairmanship of Former DG, ICAR and Secretary DARE, Dr. Mangla Rai.

The Agriculture Production Department, J&K, in collaboration with SKUAST Jammu and SKUAST Kashmir has planned to implement the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) with a mission mode for transformation and inclusive development of agriculture and allied sectors across Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, Dr. Mangla Rai took an exhaustive review of export promotion plan and discussed the ratification with other members of the Apex Committee and experts who presented the plan for different commodities. He assessed the development, monitoring and implementation of export plan for completion of each component of the plan. The plan after ratification shall construe an integral part of the IFAD project.



A threadbare discussion was held among the experts and scientists wherein export policy proposal for various commodities were presented and ratified. A broad outline of all the said proposals was discussed in detail for framing a proposal keeping in mind both short term and long term goals by identifying issues, analysis based data and solutions also thereof.

The goal of the committee is to provide facilities and give boost to export of various commod-

ities of J&K UT. The approach of Comprehensive Agriculture Policy is farmer centric enabling greater farmer participation in policies and ensuring that their valuable suggestions are taken into account in decision making.

The Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) has already identified 29 projects aiming at complete transformation of agriculture in Jammu & Kashmir by reaching out to 13 lakh farmer households and 2.9 lakh marginal farm-

ers. To facilitate the initiative, the Agriculture Production Department in consultation with SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir is meticulously planning, making milestones and preparing targets for export plan.

During the meeting, it was discussed to develop robust cold chain supply system and logistics in J&K. The committee also recommended to conduct baseline survey of villages where the holistic development project will be implemented.

The meeting was attended by Dr. P K Joshi, Secretary, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Agriculture Production Department, Dr. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST J&K, officers of SKUAST Kashmir and SKUAST Jammu and officers of line departments.

Vote of thanks was presented by Dr. S.K. Gupta, Registrar, SKUAST-Jammu. During the meeting, it was discussed to develop robust cold chain supply system and logistics in J&K. The committee also recommended to conduct baseline survey of villages where the holistic development project will be implemented.

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DC Rajouri reviews functioning of Zila Sainik Welfare Board

RAJOURI, MARCH 03: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Friday chaired a meeting of the Zila Sainik Welfare Board.

The objective of the meeting was to review the functioning and the schemes being implemented by the Zila Sainik Welfare Board and also to discuss and resolve the issues faced by the ex-servicemen of the district.

A comprehensive review of the functioning of the role and area of responsibility of the Zila Sainik Welfare Board was taken by the Deputy Commissioner during the meeting.

Construction of the boundary wall of the Zila Sainik Welfare office building, setting up of bore in ZSWB complex, deployment of clerical staff/ conservancy staff, due recognition of ex-servicemen during important government functions, preference for ex-servicemen in the issuance of weapons, smoothness in the issuance and renewal of gun licences to ESMs in the district, and other issues were discussed during the meeting.

In the meeting, the Zila Sainik Welfare officer gave a detailed presentation regarding functioning of the Board and highlighted welfare schemes implemented by board for Ex-servicemen, Veer Naaris/ War Widows/ Veterans, War Disabled, Orphans, gallantry award winner and Non-pensioner Ex-servicemen/ Widows.



Addressing the issues and demands highlighted during the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to ensure that the issues and demands of the ex-servicemen be addressed in a timely manner.

While promising that the District Administration would provide all support possible in addressing the genuine concerns of the ex-servicemen, the DC said that we are committed to giving all assistance to make their lives as easy as possible. Many of the issues were also redressed on the spot with the intervention of the concerned quarters.

Officers who attended the meeting were ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; Col Jaweed Ahmad Mir SM (Sena Medal); CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Secretary ZSWB, Vinod Kumar besides other officers.

Wildlife Department celebrates World Wildlife Day

JAMMU, MARCH 03: World Wildlife Day was today celebrated by the Department of Wildlife Protection by organizing a series of programmes across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The programmes were organized at Jasrota, Sopore, Dachigam, Kishtwar, Surankote, Kalakote, Shikargah-Tral, Overa-Anantnag, Surinsar-Mansar, Thein, Banihal, Maitra-Ramban, Doda and Souderdachhan.

The main programme was held at Nature Interpretation Centre, Manda Jammu. Suresh Kumar Gupta, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K was the Chief Guest.

Gupta, in his address, highlighted the importance of World Wildlife Day and its relevance in Jammu & Kashmir. He listed different initiatives taken by the Government in Wildlife Conservation in Jammu & Kashmir. He



called upon all sections of society to support the Wildlife Department in spreading awareness about Wildlife Conservation and emphasized upon the responsibility of youth and students in this cause.

Sarvesh Rai, Chief Executive Officer CAMPA, who was guest of Honor on the occasion mentioned the role of various wings of the department, NGOs and nature lovers as partners in Wildlife Conservation. He said that the Wildlife Department should fully utilize the support of CAMPA. Shri J. Frankoi, Director

Forest Protection Force, J&K mentioned about the role of Eco-Tourism in Wildlife Conservation for strengthening the partnerships in the cause.

Dr. Kumar M.K., Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu, in his welcome address acknowledged the partnerships of Wildlife Department with various NGOs, Research and Educational Institutions for various activities with respect to research, documentation, protection, conservation and awareness. Shri Bhushan Parmoo from Environment Awareness Forum shared his experience.

DC Kishtwar discusses Action Plan with Law enforcers, stakeholders at DLCC meeting

KISHTWAR, MARCH 03: The District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) on National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) today conducted a training workshop/meeting here in the conference hall of DC office Complex.

The meeting discussed the contours of NTCP and provisions of COPTA-2003 besides execution of Action Plan for its implementation. The meeting was chaired by District Development Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav and attended by ADC, Kishori Lal Sharma; ASP, Rajinder Singh; SDM Paddar, Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma; SDM Marwah



Dr. Mohsin Raza; CMO, Dr. Mohd Youqub Mir; Chief Education Officer, Sudarshan Kumar Sharma; State Programme Coordinator NTPC. Dr. Mohd Naser; BDOs, Principals/Representatives of colleges and other Dis-

tribution of cigarettes and other tobacco products. During the meeting, a slew of directions were given to Law enforcement departments to ensure strict implementation of the provisions of the said Act and programme.

The DC instructed for enforcing total ban on the sale of tobacco and related products within 100 yards of any educational and other identified institutions. He also instructed the concerned officers to install the signages of "No Smoking" at public places and all other no smoking zones in order to ensure that the goal of "Smoking free District" is achieved.

MVD suspends 9 DL, 1 permit for violation of traffic Rules in Rajouri

RAJOURI, MARCH 03: Motor Vehicle Department Rajouri has suspended nine driving licenses and a route permit of a vehicle involved in bovine smuggling, rash driving, overloading, triple riding, and plying two-wheelers without crash helmets.

The suspension was recommended by the traffic police and the Motor Vehicle Inspector, ARTO Rajouri, Shami Kumar said.

As part of the crackdown, a detailed report was prepared regarding the involvement of drivers/vehicles in bovine smuggling, rash driving, overloading, and fatal accidents. The report was sent to ARTO Rajouri for cancellation/suspension of driving licenses of drivers and route permits of vehicles for their involvement in serious traffic violations. Consequently, ARTO Rajouri suspended the licenses of the Sachin Sharma (JK1120110002009); Nayamat Ali (JK1120190004356); Mohammad Taseer (JK112014004385); Mohammad Mushtaq (JK1120170058149); Pankaj Sharma (JK1120120026903); Mohammad Akram (JK1120150052444); Himanshiv Singh (JK1120200003957); Rakshit Anand (JK1120130038644) and Mohammad Arif (JK112016005186). In addition, show cause notices have been issued to drivers for violations of provisions of MV Act/Rules. Their driving licenses will be suspended after the completion of the prescribed period.

J&K Biodiversity Council initiates digital documentation of Biodiversity

JAMMU, MARCH 03: Jammu & Kashmir Biodiversity Council has initiated digital documentation of biodiversity in the Union Territory. A five day training programme from 27th February to 03rd March, 2023 has been launched on "Migration to Electronic People's Biodiversity Registers (e-PBRs)" in association with National Biodiversity Authority.

The concluding session held today was presided over by Dr. Mohit Gera, PCCF & HoFF / Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council here in the Forest Information Centre, Bikram Chowk.

Speaking at the concluding session of the training programme attended by the DFOs, Range Officers, Foresters, and Forest Guards, besides the representatives of the stakeholders departments, Dr. Gera gave an overview of the initiatives taken up by the J&K Biodiversity Council & Forest Department towards preparation & updation of PBRs. He informed that J&K is among first few States/UTs in the Country to have formulated City Biodiversity Indexes for the cities of Jammu & Srinagar. He also informed that the Local Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plans (LBSAPs)

for Jammu & Srinagar cities shall soon be rolled out which shall bring the U.T of J&K among the few pioneer States/UTs in this field.

He informed that the Peoples Biodiversity Register is a document which contains the existing information on all Bio-resources, traditional knowledge and folk practitioners of a particular Village Panchayat.

This documentation shall go a long way to conserve and preserve not only bio-resources but also associated traditional knowledge. He further informed that moving towards e-PBR shall be a

step forward to convert the PBR in its existing format to a dynamic electronic-document having the ease of accessibility on digital platform and a scope for its updation by the Biodiversity Management Committees. There shall be one electronic PBR each for 4366 Biodiversity Management Committees of J&K.

The programme was inaugurated on 27th February, 2023 by Asaf Mahmood Sagar, PCCF/ Director J&K Forest Research Institute/Member Secretary JKUTBC. He informed about the objective of the training and its relevance to Conservation

of Biodiversity in keeping with the provisions of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

He informed that the J&K Biodiversity Council is hosted by J&K Forest Research Institute and is supported by J&K Forest Department headed by PCCF & HoFF and the JMC and the Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Floriculture, Urban Local Bodies & Rural Development and Panchayati Raj are the major stakeholders.

The training programme was structured and conducted by nominated experts of National Biodiversity Authority, Dr.

Vishwas Chavan and his team including Dr. Amit Setiya & Dr. Asmita Pawar. This programme also included on-site field interaction with the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at village Kana Chadgal of Nagrota block & village Ambaran of Akhnor block.

The training programme was attended by different stakeholder departments viz. Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Department of Urban Local Bodies, Department of Horticulture, besides different wings of Forest Department. Rakesh Abrol, DFO, Research Forest Division.

Excise Department, SMVDU organise Heritage Walk at ancient Babore temples, Manwal

JAMMU, MARCH 03: Excise Department Jammu in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University today organised a Heritage Walk to Babore temples, Manwal, the ancient capital of Dogra region. The heritage walk at historic Babore temples at Manwal witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of historians, academicians, artists and students.



The Heritage Walk was flagged off by Prof. RK Sinha, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, and Rajiv Magotra, Principal Excise and Taxation Training Institute that covered five temple sites spread over one kilometer. During the walk, followed by Heritage Baithak and Heritage Lectures, the participants were made aware about the prominent historical, architectural and cultural aspects of the Babore temples that are being maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). These temples reflect the zenith of Nagara temple building movement in North India.

Ashok Sharma, heritage expert, in his address, briefed everyone about the historic essence and architectural grandeur of the temples, namely, Devi Bhagwati Temple, Dera Babore, Kala Dera One and Two, and Dera Temple. He emphasized the need for preserving and protecting the ancient heritage of Jammu region which has a unique place in the Indian Sub-Continent.

Rupali Vaid, ETO Udhampur Reasi Range stressed on the need for preserving the cultural heritage of Jammu region. The Heritage walk was aimed at giving quality experiences to the youth so as to inculcate healthy and knowledge based pursuits and motivate them against the menace of drug abuse. The heritage walk is a part of the series of events envisaged by the Excise Department to motivate youth to adopt a healthy and purposeful lifestyle.

Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Registrar SMVDU, emphasized the need for organizing more such events and giving more exposure to the students to the rich culture and heritage of Jammu region.

The students of School of Architecture and Civil Engineering, who were the main participants of the event hailing from different parts of the country, evinced keen interest in the ornate carvings and style of temple building. They captured the temples through photographs, videos, sketches, and said that these temples deserve to be included in the UNESCO heritage sites.

Others present on the occasion included Dr Rakesh Thusoo, Dr. Kamni, Vaibhav Satkal, Arch. Satyanshu Kumar and several faculty members, officials from Excise and others.

ADDC Udhampur reviews performance of banks at DLRCC meet



UDHAMPUR, MARCH 03: District Level Review Cum Consultative Committee meeting of bankers and district officers of various line Departments of district Udhampur was held today under the Chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Shyam Singh, here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

Threadbare discussions were held on various aspects which mainly include Bankwise/ Sector wise achievements in lending to Priority sector / Non -Priority sector under Annual Credit Plan 2022-23, Bank wise position of Deposits/ Advances in district, Review of performance of Banks in Key areas relating to Deposits/ Advances, Credit Disbursement under Government Sponsored Schemes, Issuance of KCCs, Special credit Facility for street vendors PM-SVANIDHI, Finance to Joint Liability Farming Groups of Bhoomi HeenKissan, Financial Inclusion Plan (FIP) of District, No. of financial literacy programmes organized by the rural branches of Banks, Functioning of FLC, Seeding of Aadhar for purpose of EBT/DBT, Progress/ Setting up of New campus of Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), Prime Ministers Fasal Bhima Yojana, Stand up India Programme, Approval of ACP 2023-24 for District Udhampur, Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Timely submission of data by the Banks etc.

The ADDC exhorted the officer to organize financial literacy awareness camps in coordination with other departments at Panchayat level to enable maximum people to take benefit of credit flow at the ground level. The bankers were asked to consult the concerned department before rejecting the sponsored cases to sort out issues. "The departments can act as the bridge between the beneficiary and bank for facilitating sanctioning of the loan cases" he added.

He instructed the bankers to improve the CD ratio to bring it at par with the national level in the next quarter. He stressed on focusing on potential areas and sought better coordination between banks and government departments for bringing improvement in CD ratio. He directed concerned officers to organize financial literacy camps in every panchayat of the district and adopt a public friendly approach and work in coordination to achieve.

Arrangements for Shab-e-Bharat discussed in Rajouri

RAJOURI, MARCH 03: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today convened a meeting here to discuss the arrangements for the Shab-e-Bharat.

A detailed discussion on various arrangements like security, maintenance of law and order, traffic regulation, drinking water and power supply, sanitation, medicare, checking of rates and quality of eatables besides deployment of fire tenders was held threadbare in the meeting. The Jal Shakti and PDD departments were directed to ensure continuous water and power supply throughout the festival. The DC also directed the concerned officers from the FCS & CA and Legal Metrology to step up market monitoring in order to prevent overpricing, profiteering, and black-marketing. The officer of the fire and emergency department was instructed to keep the fire tenders on alert throughout the day and night. EO MC has been directed to keep the town clean during the festival. He also directed the concerned officer from the Health Department to keep all medical facilities available for the public in case of an emergency. The DC directed the officers to synergize their efforts in order to ensure smooth celebrations of Shab-e-Bharat across the district. The meeting was attended by the ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh, Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma; TSO Rajouri, Ashok Kumar besides religious leaders and traders including Rajesh Gupta; Mualana Farooq; Tazeem Dar; Asief Bhatt; Maulana Murawat; Mualana Altaf; Mulana Iqbal and Mohd Yousuf. Various sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigation has been initiated.

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اشتہار بصر ادا گاہی ہر خاص و عام
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Public Notice

I am applying for pesticides license if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact with Plant Protection Officer (ppo)Lal Mandi Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

WASEEM AHMAD SHEIKH S/o GH MOHD SHEIKH R/O KREERI Tehsil ...KREERI Distt ...BRARAMULLA

Public Notice

I have applied for pesticides licence the name and style N A Traders near Horticulture office Kreeri .if anybody having any objection in this regard He/She may file in Plant Protection Officer Lalmandi Srinagar within 7 days after that no objection will be entertained.

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Public Notice

I have applied for pesticides and fertilizers licence the name and style Asif pesticides and fertilizers (waripora bala).if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file in Plant Protection Officer Lalmandi Srinagar and Chief Agricultural Officer Baramulla within 7 days after that no objection will be entertained.

Proprietor ASIF GULL S/O GULAM DIN WAZA R/O FRASHTAR TILGAM TEHSIL KREERI

Local Philanthropist Shri Sahil Ji Maharaj Along with the Adil Modi Fulfills Long-Pending Demand for Fire Emergency Services in Boniyar, Earns Community's Gratitude"

Syed Tajamul

Boniyar,BDC Boniyar Along With Locals Really Thankful To Sahil Mahraj They Consider our Long Pending Demand For Fire Emergency Services In Boniyar The residents of Boniyar have been demanding fire emergency services for a long time. After years of waiting, their demand was finally fulfilled when Sahil Mahraj, a local philanthropist, stepped in to help. The Boniyar Development Council (BDC) and the locals expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards Sahil Mahraj for his contribution towards their community. They consider his efforts to be instrumental in ensuring the safety and security of their town. The BDC President, said, "We are



extremely thankful to Sahil Mahraj for recognizing our long-pending demand for fire emergency services. His efforts have helped us

in ensuring that the residents of Boniyar feel safe and secure. We cannot thank him enough for his contribution to our community." Sahil Mahraj, who is known for his philanthropic work, has been actively involved in various social causes in the region. His contribution towards the installation of fire emergency services in Boniyar is another example of his dedication towards improving the lives of the people in his community. In conclusion, the BDC Boniyar along with the locals are grateful to Sahil Mahraj for his contribution towards their community. His efforts have fulfilled a long-standing demand for fire emergency services and have made a positive impact on the safety and security of the residents of Boniyar.

DC Baramulla chairs Revenue Officers meet; reviews Services delivery

Land acquisition, work on NH-1 project to be expedited: Dr Sehrish

BARAMULLA, MARCH 03: To review the functioning of Revenue Department and land acquisition processes of Srinagar -Baramulla-Uri National Highway H-1 project, progress made in adopting of online services, and other revenue related matters, a meeting of all Revenue Officers of the District was today held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar at DC Office here.



With regard to online services, the DC directed all the concerned officers to adopt online services in their respective offices so that it becomes easy for the people to get information in a digital form. Pertinently, all the government offices are in a transition into e-offices to usher in more effective and transparent services delivery. Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad, Sub Divisional Magistrate of Pattan and Uri, all Tehsildars besides officials of the concerned departments were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed review of online services, schemes and revenue related matters and status of Griev-

ances redressal mechanism, status of pending Court cases through RC-CMS, implementation of e-Office, etc. While reviewing the progress of the Srinagar - Baramulla - Uri National Highway project, the DC

asserted that the project is of strategic importance and stressed for its timely completion. She directed that land acquisition processes for construction and widening of the highway project be expedited.

DC Ganderbal chairs DSC meeting Plan finalised for Ganderbal Entrepreneurship Festival

GANDERBAL, MARCH 03: To enhance the skill ecosystem in district Ganderbal, a review meeting of the District Skill Committee (DSC) was held today in the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat here to discuss the progress on decisions taken in the previous meetings.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir during which a comprehensive Employment Survey was approved besides, the activities were finalised for Ganderbal Entrepreneurship Festival, going to be held in the current month. At the outset, the DC was apprised of the roles and responsibilities of sub-committees. It was informed that sub-committees of DSC are envisioned to work as per the Skills Book formed under SANKALP, MSDE. Sub-Committees presented the progress before the DC and suggested corrective actions so that the DSC may work as envisioned in the Skills Book. The DC directed the heads of the sub-committee to designate an officer from the office

who shall be specifically working to complete the responsibilities given to sub-committees. He also stressed upon better service delivery in Skill to achieve the aim of Rozgar Yukta Ganderbal. Further, it was directed that sub-committees shall hold regular meetings so as to achieve the time-bound targets.Regarding the dates for Ganderbal Entrepreneurship Festival, March 17 was finalised for holding the Festival and various activities planned to be held were discussed during the Festival which included Skill

Challenges, Idea Pitching Challenge. The Employment Survey by the Planning Sub-Committee of DSC was also approved by DSC and chair directed to hold the Block level Capacity building workshops before starting the survey. To promote the industry participation and estimate the workforce demand in MSMEs, the DC directed for a workshop with all the members of Industry associations. Further, it was also suggested by the Head of Industry Engagement and Entrepreneurship.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS DEPARTMENT OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SRINAGAR NOTICE INVITING TENDERS E-NIT NO: 22 of 2022-23 DATED: 23.02.2023 For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-Tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractor registered with J&K UT / Central Govt. Organization for the following works:

S. No	Name of work/Location	Adv. Cost (Rs. In lacs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of Completion
1	Remodeling and Electrification	5.00	10000	D	200	15 days

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. Website <https://jktenders.gov.in>

Position of funds: budgeted Position of AA/TS: Accorded.

Publishing date	25-02-2023
Download Start Date:	28-02-2023 from 06:00 PM
Bid submission start Date:	28-02-2023 from 06:00 PM
Bid submission End Date:	07-03-2023 upto 06:00 PM
Date of opening of Bids through online:	08-03-2023 at 03:00 PM

1.The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the govt. website: 2. Bids must accompany cost of tender document as shown against each work in the shape of Govt Treasury Challan Receipt for the amount shown against the work to be deposited in any Govt. Treasury in the U. T of Jammu & Kashmir under Account Head 0406-Forestsand earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR pledged in favour of Assistant Conservator of Forests, Department of Soil & Water Conservation, District Srinagar. 3. As per Rule 171 of GFR-2017, performance security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of the contract in shape of CDR /FDR pledged Assistant Conservator of Forests Srinagar before issuance of contract allotment. 4. In case of the bid of lowest/successful bidder is found unbalanced then he has to produce additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee from scheduled bank/upto till completion of work before issuance allotment as per details given below: 1. Up to and including 15% below rate over advertised cost =Nil 2. Greater than 15% up to and including 20% below rate over advertised cost =5% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank Guarantee. 3. Greater 20% upto and including 25% below rate over advertised cost =10% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee. 4. Greater than 25% upto and including 30% below rate over advertised cost 15% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee. 5. Greater than 30% below rate over advertised cost 20% in shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee. from: Bidders Manual Kit". 6. To participate in bidding process bidders can get Digital Certificate from Govt. approved vendor. 7. The bidder(s) must submit their financial bids on line in electronic format with digital signature.No financial bid will be accepted in physical/ hard form. 8. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above. 9. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e. CDR valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD duly renewed for the current year, PAN, Valid Tin registration. Treasury Challan on account of Tender Documents and CDR of Earnest money. 10. The successful bidder has to produce valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award on contract.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

MUMKIN SCHEME

education, recreation and sports. The UT administration is laying special thrust on youth skilling & self-employment in Rural areas with targeted schemes to drive a socio-economic transformation. Muzafar Wani of Ramban is thankful to administration for providing him a vehicle helping him to secure a respectable livelihood that could fulfil the needs of his family.

Wani is satisfied with the earnings after owning a vehicle under Mumkin scheme. Similarly, Hatib Javaid of Shopian was working as daily wage labourer and could hardly bear the expenses of his family with a meagre earning. In Khonmoh area in Srinagar, Riyaz Raqeeb, another beneficiary of the scheme, said he learnt to drive at a young age as he had to lend a helping hand to his family of six, including his four siblings. He worked as a driver for private companies and other vehicle owners on a daily basis, however, he struggled to earn enough to look after his family. I was not earning enough to fund the education and other needs of my four younger siblings. Though I worked for 12 to 14 hours a day, I earned little, Raqeeb says. He stumbled upon the government's initiative on social media in August last year, and soon found himself at the District Employment and Counseling Centre in Srinagar.

I am thankful to the government for providing me source of livelihood, Raqeeb says. The awareness programme of Mumkin scheme gave him a ray of hope for realizing his dream of owning a vehicle.

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Police are pivotal in the fight against terrorism. We all take pride in the excellence & professionalism displayed by J&K Police in handling narco-terrorism and enforcing the rule of law," said the Lt Governor.

He stressed upon the future-ready policing strategies to tackle the new forms of internal security challenges.

"These are challenging times for our police forces as the world today is facing conventional and non-conventional threats. We need to be vigilant and determined to neutralise the ecosystem providing ideological and financial support to terrorists," the Lt Governor said.

He further said, "we believe in 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and peaceful coexistence. There is no place for subversive elements in a civilized society."

Stating that noting that the top positions in the batch has been secured by women constables, the Lt Governor said, "these achievements show that our women are no less than anyone."

He further asked the DGP, Dilbag Singh to consider increasing the quota of reservation for women in the police force.

Speaking on property tax and anti-encroachment drives, the Lt Governor said that the administration is committed to protect the interests of common man.

The property tax in J&K will be one of the lowest in the country. It is being ensured that no poor will be affected during the anti-encroachment drive, he added.

The Lt Governor further shared the unprecedented progress registered in sectors like agriculture, industries & tourism.

MOS

thousand tons. The UT has the monopoly of Trout culture and the Trout Production here has reached to 1663 tons. During the year 2021-22, the department has produced 148 lakh of Trout seed and 14 lakh Trout seed was exported to other cold water states of the country. For providing working capital to the fishers, the department has sanctioned 696 KCCs in Fisheries Sector. Keeping in view the success of Trout Culture in Private sector, the department has kept Trout fish under One district One Product scheme (ODOP) in Anantnag and Baramulla districts. The department also contemplates to register Trout Fish products for GI tagging to project UT in the world map as a hub of Trout production, he was further informed.

rtment were present on the occasion.

WEATHER

a day ago and it was 4.0 degree Celsius above normal for the famous resort of south Kashmir.

Gulmarg plunged to minus 0.6 degree Celsius against 0.6 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was 3.9 degree above normal for the famous ski resort in north Kashmir.

Kupwara recorded a low of 4.2 degree Celsius against 5.1 degree Celsius on the previous night and it was 5.2 degree Celsius above normal for the frontier district of Kashmir valley, the MeT office said.

MILITANT

by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The NIA team, assisted by officials of police and administration, attached the agriculture land measuring 9.25 Marlas under the provisions of UAP (P) Act on Friday.

NIA said Reshi has been operating from Pakistan after exfiltration. The agency had found him involved in funding terror activities.

"Basit Ahmad Reshi is presently involved in terror activities of The Resistance Front (TRF) and manages & supplies arms/ammunition as well as funds for TRF from across the border," the NIA spokesperson said, adding he was earlier associated with banned Hizb.

According to NIA Reshi joined the militant ranks in 2015 and was involved in planning & execution of a terror attack at Police Guard Post in Sopore that killed one Constable and injured others.

On Thursday NIA attached the house of Mushtaq Zargar alias Latrum, one of the three militants released as part of the 1999 Kandahar hijack prisoner swap. The house of Zargar, the founder and chief commander of Al-Umar-Mujahideen, was attached in Srinagar's Nowhatta area.

The NIA terms the attachment of properties of militants operating from Pakistani soil as a "strong action" to curb violence in the valley.

The anti terror agency had also recently attached the Hurriyat Office in Srinagar, which was owned in part by Nayeem Khan, an accused chargesheeted by the NIA in the Hurriyat Terror Funding case.

NIA has attached the properties of five designated terrorists, namely US based Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, Canada based Hardeep Singh Nijjar, and Pakistan based terrorists-Mushtaq Zargar, Basit Ahmad Pir and KCF (Panjwar) Paramjit Singh alias Panjwar.

CRPF

shot dead by militants in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Two days later police shot dead two local militants in Awantipora and claimed the slain were involved in the killing of Sharma. On the induction of high-tech weaponry and vehicles during anti militancy operations, IG Bhatia said the technological upgrade was a must and it acts as a force multiplier. In a recent gunbat-

tle in Awantipora, the CRPF introduced critical situation response vehicles and bullet-proof JCB. "The technological upgradation boosts the morale and confidence of jawans as they see that the government is concerned about their safety," Bhatia said. The IG said the number of active militants in Kashmir keeps fluctuating and the security forces have an upper hand. "Operations against the terrorists are going on in a well-coordinated manner," he said.

DRUGS

The vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. In Baramulla, a police party assisted by In-charge PP Palhallan under the supervision of SDPO Pattan Shri Mohammad Nawaz-JKPS established a surprise checkpoint at Palhallan Morh Pattan. During checking, a suspicious person carrying a handbag tried to flee from the spot after noticing the police, but was tactfully apprehended by the alert police party. During checking 200 tablets of Spasmaproxyvon and 10 bottles of codeine phosphate were recovered from the said handbag. He has been identified as Mehraj-ud-Din Sofi son of Mohd Sidiq Sofi resident of Bazar Mohalla Pattan. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody. During questioning, the arrested person revealed that he is a contractual employee of Health Department and is presently posted at Trauma Hospital Pattan as ambulance driver. In another action, a police party under the supervision of DySP Hgrs Baramulla Shri Sajjad Bukhari-JKPS, assisted by DySP (Prob) Naveed Qazi-JKPS, SHO PS Baramulla during routine patrolling at Dewanbagh Baramulla arrested 02 drug peddlers. During search, 295 grams of charas was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Irfan Ahmad Sheikh son of Mushtaq Ahmad Sheikh & Sharif Ahmad Sheikh son of Abdul Rashid Sheikh, both residents of Dewanbagh Baramulla. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Meanwhile, a police party under the supervision of SDPO Uri Shri Shokat Ali-JKPS assisted by SHO PS Boniyar

MODI

align themselves with any strategic decisions taken by the government. He expressed happiness at the suggestions received through the post-budget webinars that have been conducted so far.

The Prime Minister also mentioned the Kankaria lake project in Ahmedabad, Gujarat and informed that skill development for those working in the food stalls was carried out apart from the redevelopment of the lake. He emphasized on cleanliness along with modern infrastructure and informed that about 10,000 people visit the place every day despite the applicable entry fees. "Every tourist destination can also develop its own revenue model", the Prime Minister said.

"Our villages are becoming centers of tourism", the Prime Minister remarked as he underlined that remote villages are now coming up on the tourism map due to their improving infrastructure. He informed that the Central Government has started the Vibrant Village Scheme for the villages situated along the border and emphasized the need to support businesses such as homestays, small hotels and restaurants.

Highlighting the basic challenge of the tourism sector, the Prime Minister pointed out the lack of professional tourist guides here and stressed the need for certificate courses in local colleges for guides. He suggested that guides working in a particular tourist destination should also have a specific dress or uniform so that tourists will come to know at first glance. The Prime Minister noted that a tourist's mind is full of questions and guides can help them find answers to all those questions.

NORCO

along with seven rounds of SLR was recovered", the statement maintains.

"With this effort, Poonch Police and security forces have been able to bust a huge narco-terror module. The searches are still going on in presence of Magistrate and Prominent citizens."

"The nexus of this module with Punjab based narcotics smugglers is being investigated. A case has been registered at Police station Mandi and investigation set into motion", the statement further reads.

WORLD HEARING DAY

Another ENT specialist from GMC told KNO that the signs and symptoms of hearing loss may include muffling of speech and other sounds, difficulty understanding words especially against background noise or in a crowd, trouble hearing consonants, frequently asking others to speak more slowly, clearly and loudly.

He said causes of hearing loss include damage to the inner ear as aging and exposure to loud noise may cause wear and tear on hairs or nerve cells in the cochlea that send sound signals to the brain.

"When these hairs or nerve cells are damaged or missing, electrical signals aren't transmitted as efficiently, and hearing loss occurs," he said.

Ear wax can block ear canal and prevent conduction of sound waves and earwax removal can help restore your hearing.

He also said that In the outer or middle of ear, any of these issues can cause hearing loss and loud blasts of noise, sudden changes in pressure, poking your eardrum with an object and infection can cause your eardrum to rupture and affect your hearing—(KNO)

SCHOOL

growth of negative tendencies such as social intolerance, substance abuse, deviant behavior, and anti-establishment violence. Equally, it strengthens within them commitment towards their family, the community, and the environment—(KNO)

FM

Ministers meeting in New Delhi today. The meeting was attended by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japan foreign minister Yoshimasa Hayashi and Australian foreign minister Penny Wong. The statement said, Quad, which will act as a force for regional and global good, will be guided by the priorities of the Indo-Pacific region through its positive and constructive agenda. The leaders also reaffirmed their support to the region through practical cooperation on contemporary challenges such as health security, climate change, clean energy transition, critical and emerging technologies, infrastructure, connectivity, maritime security and counter-terrorism. Over the Ukraine-Russia conflict, the statement said, there is need for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine in accordance with international law, including the UN Charter. The leaders also emphasised that the rules-based international order must respect sovereignty, territorial integrity, transparency and peaceful resolution of disputes. The Quad Foreign Minister also condemned the launch of yet another intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) on February 16, 2023 and said it is in violation of UN Security Council resolutions (UN-SCRS). The leaders said Quad countries are committed to the complete denuclearisation .

DAK warns against excessive use of earphones on world hearing day

Srinagar, Mar 03: On world hearing day, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Friday warned against excessive use of earphones. "Overuse of earphones at higher volumes over prolonged period of time can result in hearing loss," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan. Dr Hassan said the younger generation is particularly vulnerable because they are glued to their personal listening devices like earphones, headphones and earbuds. They plug these devices into their smartphones and listen to many hours at volumes exceeding the safe limit.

"Young people often choose volumes as high as 105 decibels," he said. "The safe sound levels are around 85 decibels for adults and 75 decibels for children."

The DAK President said more people are coming with hearing issues due to the overuse of earphones and headphones. "Today's earphone users are going to be tomorrow's hearing aid users," he said. "According to a study published in the Journal BMJ Global Health, one billion young people are potentially at risk of hearing loss due to their excessive use of headphones and earbuds."

Dr Nisar said hearing is the sense that connects us to the people. Taking care of our hearing is key to maintaining healthy relationship(s) and general health and well-being. He said there is an urgent need to prioritize safe listening practices to safeguard aural health it is always preferable to avoid earphones, but those who need them should take precautions. "Limit the usage time, keep the volume low and take breaks," he said. "Every year on March 3, world hearing day is observed to raise awareness on ways of preventing deafness and promoting aural care through safe listening," he added.

Women SGHs collaborating in agro Processing, packaging business in Doda



DODA, MARCH 03: Deputy Commissioner, Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today virtually interacted with members of Women Self Help Groups and Staff of JKRLM here from his Office Chambers.

The interaction was joined by 2080 women SHG Members from over 34 locations from across the District along with concerned Block Programme Managers.

The DC took a detailed review of the initiatives and thematic progress (Saturation, Financial Inclusion, Livelihood initiatives, Formal & Non-Formal initiatives) of JKRLM in the District.

Interacting with the Lakhpati Didis of JKRLM, whose annual income has reached above Rs 1.00 Lakh. Women achievers, Digi Pay Sakhis, Bank Sakhis and Award Winning Cluster Coordinators associated with JKRLM Doda, the DC appealed them to encourage other women also to join the economic activity.

The meeting was organised to streamline the coordination of the line departments with JKRLM for better results and sorting out issues faced by the community at the ground level.

The JKRLM is being implemented across all the blocks of District Doda having 3093 SHGs, covering 21467 members. 1162 SHGs have been created during the current financial year against the target of 1359 SHGs with 86.13% achievement.

During current financial year, Rs. 13.80 Crore has been disbursed to the SHGs across the District. Further, 63 Digi Pay Sakhis have been identified and 03 Business Correspondents have been engaged through J&K Bank Ltd in the District.

As many as 258 enterprises have been established under Manufacturing, Service, and Trading Sectors, while 2400 Mahila Kisans have been trained in Agro ecological practices, 300 in livestock management. Likewise 2100 Agri Nutri Gardens and 4 Custom Hiring Centres have been established with the support of 111 Krishi Sakhis & Pashu Sakhis.

Capacity Building Program on Small Business Development Units by IIM Jammu concludes on a promising note

JAMMU, MARCH 03: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu in association with Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICC) under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Govt. of India concluded the Capacity Building Program on Small Business Development Units on a promising note. The event was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu in presence of Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics and Programme Director, Dr. Prateek Jain, Programme Director, Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson, Srinagar Off-Campus and Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson, Executive MBA, IIM Jammu.

Dr. Prateek Jain presented the highlights of the five-day program followed by an address from Prof. Jabir Ali, Programme Director.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics and Programme Director, IIM Jammu spoke about increasing the appetite for learning. He also emphasized being innovative and standing out in the competition by offering uniqueness in your business by constantly evolving with the times. He also mentioned that the mandate of this program was to enable the transformation of informal businesses into formal businesses through capacity development and handholding & providing business incubation services for growing small businesses in the country. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu spoke about the role of teachers, as they are your friend and philosopher in the entire journey. So, he mentioned that we should have the curiosity to learn and be ahead in our business by offering a competitive edge always. He also stressed to all the participants to network amongst themselves and make their internal group vibrant and buzzing. He also mentioned to the participants to find mentors amongst the group for developing and nurturing their business. He also assured the participants that IIM Jammu is always available for all of them in case they need any assistance in the near future. He also expressed his gratitude to Padmashri Dr. Milind P. Kamble, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu for coining the concept of developing SBDUs across the country for coming up with this unique initiative. Lastly, he urged the participants not to take shortcuts and keep their integrity quotient alive to succeed in life and their business ahead. The address was followed by individual feedback and a presentation session by all the participants about their own businesses. Through this project 75 Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) will be established across the country to extend support and handholding mechanism for local small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in the vicinity of the SBDUs. Out of the 75 SBDUs to be developed all over India, 20 SBDUs will be established in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. 2 SBDUs will also be established in Ladakh.

The valedictory ceremony ended on a promising note. The second batch of the program will be conducted from 06th March to 10th March 2023.

Army conducts Painting, Singing and Dancing competition at Buffliaz

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Surankote Indian Army organised Painting, Singing and Dancing competition under Op Sadbhavna at Higher Secondary School, Buffliaz in Surankote area of Poonch district. The event inculcated the Teachers, Sarpanches and Panches of the near by area. A total of 75 students participated and were awarded attractive prizes. The locals were really impressed with the conduct and all the students participated with high josh.

Various themes of the Painting, Singing and Dancing Competition evoke patriotism on one hand and love for nature on the other. The occasion was graced by Principal intiaz Kazmi Indian Army officers (48 RR) and other eminent citizens of Buffliaz. Sarpanch Buffliaz B Tahira Tabssum Said the Indian Army was seen encouraging the Youth in opening up their horizons of dreams and standing by the cause of becoming responsible citizens of the Nation. Organising such sporting events highlights the importance of competitive and team spirit and builds a lasting bond of trust between the Army and the people."

Release Mirwaiz on Shabe-Barat keeping in view people's religious sentiments: Anjuman Jama Masjid

Srinagar, March 3: Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Srinagar has expressed resentment over the fact that a holy and important event like Shab-e-Baraat is not being held at Jama Masjid for the last four years because the Anjuman head Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr Mouvi Muhammad Umar Farooq continues to be under illegal and arbitrary house detention since 5 August 2019.

The Anjuman in a statement said there are strict restrictions on the peaceful activities of Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir as he is barred from performing his religious responsibilities, which is condemnable.

Despite repeated appeals to the authorities, it looks unlikely that Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir will be allowed to deliver his sermon at Jama Masjid on the auspicious occasion of Shab-e-Baraat.

The Anjuman urged administration to unconditionally release Mirwaiz Umar Farooq by taking into consideration the religious sentiments and feelings of lakhs of people who have been longing to meet their beloved leader and thousands of devotees who come from nook and corner of the valley to Jama Masjid Srinagar on Fridays but have to return disappointed.

The Auqaf said that today is the 184th Jummah Mubarak, while Mirwaiz was not allowed to perform the important duty of Friday prayer, nor carry out his religious duties based on 'Qaal Allah Wa Qaal Al Rasool (SAW).

Rainawari residents protest against installation of smart meters

Srinagar,03-Feb: Residents of Rainawari area of Srinagar on Friday held a protest demonstration against the installation of smart meters here.

Scores of locals, mostly women, assembled on the main road outside JLNML hospital and staged demonstrations against the move. The protesters shouted slogans against the PDD for installing smart meters in the area.

The protesting people claimed that they would not allow the department to install smart meters in the area because they would be unable to pay the excessive bills generated by the devices.

"We already have meters installed in our homes and we are paying regular bills. What is the fun of installing new meters?" a protestor asked.

She said that their household budget is already stressed owing to the skyrocketing prices of essentials, and they would be unable to meet any additional expenses.

"Most of the protesters here have single bread earners and that too those who are doing menial jobs. Our children are jobless and how can they afford the hefty bills generated by these smart meters? Give our children jobs and then install meters here," said another woman.

Protesters blocked the main road leading to traffic jam in the vicinity. However, after police intervened, the protesters dispersed peacefully.

The protesting residents urged administration to revisit the decision of installation of smart meters in the area.

The process of installing smart meters began in December 2020 to control electricity thefts. The Jammu and Kashmir government has set the target of installing four lakh smart meters in union territory by 2023.

Notably, several areas of Kashmir valley have also protested in the past against the installation of smart meters. (CNS)

Nothing for HM to shout from the rooftops: Tarigami

Srinagar,03-Mar: Senior CPI(M) leader Mohamad Yusuf Tarigami criticized Home Minister's remarks made during his virtual address to Kashmir Mahotsav organised by Indian Institute of Sustainability, Gujrat University. In a statement issued to CNS, Tarigami said that there is nothing to boast about Jammu and Kashmir. The Home Minister's assertions regarding holding of panchayat elections are in deep contrast to the facts. The panchayat elections were earlier conducted in 2001, 2011 and 2018. "Moreover, similar elections are being held in rest of the country but people are not being deprived of the right to elect their assemblies.

The Panchayat Raj Institutions could not be a substitute of the assemblies, which are the only representative bodies in States/UTs empowered to legislate on public issues". The statement further read that the legislature remains the crucial pillar of democracy in federal structure, but unfortunately the GOI has virtually demolished this pillar in Jammu and Kashmir. Even after completing the so called delimitation process and revision of electorates, the government has no temerity to hold the assemblies elections.

"Additionally, if J&K's post abrogation situation is presented by the government as a model of democracy then who stops them to replicate it in 'Gujarat' or other BJP ruled states?"

It is very unfortunate that the Home Minister has ignored the ballooning youth unemployment while beating trumpets about the start-up ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir."

It further stated that the growing unemployment has left thousands of educated youth distraught in this region as the rate touched a staggering 21.8 percent, which is the highest in the entire country. There is nothing for the Central dispensation or Home Minister that needs to be shouted from the rooftops. (CNS)

Indore Test: Australia hammer India, qualify for WTC final

Indore, Mar 3 (UNI) Australia hammered India by nine wickets to win the third Test and qualify for the World Test Championship final on Day 3 of Border-Gavaskar Trophy at Holkar Cricket Stadium here on Friday. With this loss, India has to win the fourth Test at Ahmedabad to qualify for the WTC final. Needing 76 runs to register their first victory after losing first two in the series, Travis Head and Marnus Labuschagne broke India's fight after Ravichandran Ashwin gave some hope when he removed Usman Khawaja on an edge to Srikanth Bharat behind the stumps in the second ball of the day. But that was the only joy for India as Head and Labuschagne dropped anchor and took their time. They did not go for a single boundary for the first 10 overs. After the change of ball, the duo cut loose, especially Head was in a punishing mood as he clobbered a flurry of boundaries, breaking the confidence of Ashwin who was the only bowler who looked to take wickets. Losing 7 wickets in the first session of the match after opting to bat was



never going to help India. India looked comfortable playing pacers Mitchell Starc and Cameron Green, but wobbled against orthodox left-arm spinner Matthew Kulhemann who bagged his maiden five-wicket haul along with

Nathan Lyon picking up three wickets. They restricted the hosts to a meagre 109 in their first innings. In response, Khawaja and Labuschagne made a crucial 40 runs stand before India found their mojo back on the second day

by picking up six Australian wickets for 11 runs, but the damage had already been done. Khawaja got a crucial 60 runs under his belt that helped Australia take an all-important 88-run lead. After bundling out Australia for 197 in their first innings, India could manage 163 in the second innings with their batsmen failing once again, except Cheteshwar Pujara who scored a dogged 59 and Shreyas Iyer a quickfire 26 off 27 balls. Nathan Lyon was the wrecker-in-chief as he picked eight Indian wickets for just 64 runs. It needed a miracle to stop Australia from chasing the paltry 76, but that did not happen for India. **Brief Scores:** India 109 (Virat Kohli 22; Matthew Kulhemann 5-16, Nathan Lyon 3-35) and 163 (Cheteshwar Pujara 59; Nathan Lyon 8-64) lost to Australia 197 (Usman Khawaja 60, Marnus Labuschagne 31; Ravindra Jadeja 4-63, R Ashwin 3-44, Umesh Yadav 3-12) and 78/1 (Travis Head 49*) by 9 wickets.

AFC Asian Cup Final Draw to be held on May 11 in Qatar

Doha, Mar 3 (UNI) The Final Draw for the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023 is set to be held on May 11 at the Katara Opera House, in Doha, Qatar, the Asian Football Confederation announced. In a letter to all the Participating Member Associations (PMA), the AFC informed that Qatar will host the upcoming edition of the AFC Asian Cup, and invited the President of each PMA, Head Coach and Team Managers were invited to attend the Final Draw. The AFC also announced the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023 will be held in the nation that hosted the FIFA World Cup last year, with the proposed tournament dates set between January 12 to February 10, 2024. The final dates of the competition will be formalised after confirmation with FIFA. India head coach Igor Stimac said after the announcement by AFC, "Now we can start planning for the road ahead. It's necessary we start discussing with other stakeholders as soon as possible, on how to organise the calendar for the upcoming season which will be enormous challenge for everyone." Stressing on the importance of the preparation for the AFC Asian Cup, Stimac said, "Our priority is to get as much time as possible for preparation throughout December and January prior to the Asian Cup. We have a packed schedule this year with the AFC U-23 Asian Cup Qualifiers, the Asian Games, and the FIFA windows for the Senior Team. It is necessary for us to plan early."

The India head coach also wants to get the ball rolling for the Asian Cup right after the Final Draw. "For now, we are planning to choose appropriate accommodation right after the draw, and also discuss possible friendly games before the tournament," he said.

Shabbir Ali wants Santosh Trophy to get back its glory days

New Delhi, Mar 3 (UNI) Santosh Trophy, the inter-state national football championship for senior men, has caught the imagination of the nation. For the first time in the history of this tournament, the semi-finals, 3rd place match, and the final are being played outside India, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Today's young Indian Football fans may not be fully aware how big a tournament Santosh Trophy used to be. Footballers of yesteryears took great pride in being selected for their respective state teams for this tournament. From Chuni Goswami to Bhaichung Bhutia, from PK Banerjee to IM Vijayan - every Indian legend has represented his state and won laurels in this tournament. The tournament gradually lost importance when the National Football League (which later became I-League) came into existence. But current All India Football Federation President Kalyan Chaubey and Secretary General Dr Shaji Prabhakaran are doing their best to bring back the glory days of this inter-state competition. Former India Captain and current Chairperson of the AIFF Advisory Committee, Shabbir Ali, one of India's best-ever strikers and a successful coach later, caught up with the aiff.com about what Santosh Trophy means to him and how he looks at the AIFF's initiative of moving the last few matches to Saudi Arabia on this occasion.

Emerging spinners & Sri Lanka young gun among big movers in Women's Rankings after T20WC

Dubai, Mar 3 (UNI) Sri Lanka batting sensation Vishmi Gunaratne and England spinner Charlie Dean are the winners in the Power Rankings that looks at the moves made across the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Gunaratne made the biggest leap in the ICC Women's T20I Batting Rankings during the tournament in South Africa with a 95-place rise to 169th. The 17-year-old entered the Women's T20 World Cup having played only nine T20Is for Sri Lanka, but impressed in the group stage against both of the eventual finalists. The right-hander scored a 35 against South Africa and 24 against Australia to point to an exciting future at the top level. West Indies keeper-batter Rashada Williams also climbed higher after opening the innings regularly with skipper Hayley Matthews, rising from 187 to 137 in the women's batting rankings. Pakistan's own rising star Fatima Sana was another big mover as the 21-year-old all-rounder went through the tournament without being dismissed and leaps to 132nd spot. Closer to the top of the batting rankings had India's Richa Ghosh jumping 21 places to 22nd, while South Africa openers Tazmin Brits (up seven spots to 12th) and Laura Wolvaardt (up six spots to 6th) reaped the reward for powering the hosts into the Final. Emerging England bowlers shone at the T20 World Cup and were among the biggest movers in the ICC Women's T20I Bowling and All-Round



Rankings. Off-spinner Charlie Dean led the moves in both lists, rising 77 spots to 50th in the bowling rankings, while the 22-year-old jumped 103 places to 77th in the all-rounder rankings. England teammate Lauren Bell was not far behind in the bowling rankings as the 22-year-old pacer moved to 56th. Australia quick Darcie Brown also made one of the most impressive leaps across the tournament without quite making the top-five list, rising from 26th to 3rd in the bowling rankings. Karishma was rewarded for her Women's T20 World Cup efforts with a place in the Team of the Tournament while also rising 49 places to 27th in the bowling rankings. The West Indies off-spinner had the third best economy rate of all bowlers at the Women's T20.

Hockey India announced Craig Fulton as new Chief Coach of Indian Men's Hockey Team

New Delhi, Mar 3 (UNI) Hockey India on Friday confirmed that Craig Fulton as the new Chief Coach of the Indian Men's Hockey Team. The announcement was made, ahead of the team's home matches in the FIH Hockey Pro League starting from March 10. The 48-year-old South African, with nearly 25 years of coaching experience, will join the team at the earliest upon completing formalities. Fulton, a true believer in leadership, has shown exemplary results in his previous roles. His rise to fame started with a stint with the Irish Men's Team as the Head Coach between 2014 to 2018 when the team qualified for the Rio Olympic Games 2016. This was the Irish team's first Olympic qualification in 100 years. This historic feat also won him the FIH Coach of the Year in 2015. Following this, he worked as the Assistant Coach with the reigning Olympic Champions Belgium, where the Belgium team won the Gold medal in Tokyo. He was also part of the Belgian Coaching Staff when the team lifted the World title in 2018, in Bhubaneswar. He was named Belgium Coach of the Year 2023 after coaching the Belgium club which won the Belgium League. He has also been a part of the Belgium national team's rise in world hockey, taking the team to World No 3 in 2023 from World No. 5 in 2018. In his illustrious career as a hockey player with the South African squad, Fulton has 195 internation-



al caps over a span of 10 years playing international hockey. He has played for his home team South Africa at Atlanta Olympics 1996 and Athens Olympics 2004. He has also played at the World Cup and Commonwealth Games. Talking about selecting Craig Arthur Fulton for the Indian Men's Hockey Team Chief Coach's role, President, Hockey India Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey said, "I am very pleased to state that Hockey India has finalised Craig Fulton for the Chief Coach's role with the Indian Men's Hockey team. I have had the honour of playing against him and now I look forward to closely working with him in this new phase for the Men's Hockey team. He comes with tremendous experience in coaching and his work ethics induces confidence of raising the team's performance in world hockey."

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