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# Maintaining electricity supply as per power availability: KPDCL

## ‘No fresh power schedule announced’

Agencies

Srinagar, Jun 10: Stating that no power curtailment schedule has been announced in the Valley, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) on Saturday said that the electricity is being supplied as per the availability. Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Chief Engineer, KPDCL, Javed Yousuf Dar said that there has been no circular with regard to the power curtailment in Kashmir. “The KPDCL has not announced any power curtailment,” he said when asked about the reports regarding two-hour power curtailment in morning and evening.

However, he said that the KPDCL has been managing the electricity supply to the people accord-



ing to the availability.

“The electricity is being made available by JKPCCL and we have been maintaining the electricity as per the availability and thus we have to go for the power curtail-

ments because of the power availability issue at present,” he said.

He further said that there was no information about how long the issue will continue as it is the prerogative of JKPCCL.

Pertinently, the consumers across Kashmir complained of erratic power cuts across the Valley, saying that there is no power schedule as the electricity is being snatched frequently, forcing them to reel under darkness.

On June 05, KNO reported that Jammu and Kashmir has recorded a 25 per cent sudden cut in the power supply, a move that has triggered a “temporary power deficit in the UT.”

Officials’ privy to the development had said that the J&K’s power supply has been cut by 25 per cent without “any clear reasons.”

Kashmir region, as per official sources will face the brunt of the power shortage given the soaring temperatures in Jammu, where the power department is resorting to minimum possible cuts.

## Dr. Jitendra inaugurates 2-day ‘Start-up Conclave’ at Udhampur

### ‘Stature of India grown under PM Narendra Modi’

HT News Network

Udhampur, Jun 10: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoSPMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh Saturday said, the Start-up movement promoted by PM Narendra Modi is now reaching every part of India including the B-Towns and the 2-day “Young Start-up Conclave” at Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir offers an opportunity to explore new avenues for industry as well as entrepreneurs in the region. Dr. Ji-

tendra Singh said this while inaugurating 2-day ‘Young Start-up Conclave’ at Udhampur.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, under PM Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir is given the top most priority in everything which is the reason that J&K is competing in terms of development with the developed states and UTs in India. Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the year 2023 is important for many reasons as this is the year India has been able to attain G20 Presidency, this Year is being

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## NEWS BRIEF

### Picturesque Aru valley in Pahalgam lacks mobile connectivity

DC Anantnag says ‘4G soon’

Pahalgam, Jun 10: The picturesque tourist spot of Aru valley in the famous tourist destination, Pahalgam, in south Kashmir’s Anantnag district, craves for proper mobile network connectivity.

Located around 12 km from Pahalgam; Aru is known for its scenic meadows, lakes and mountains, and is a base camp for trekking to the Kolahoi Glacier and Tarsar Lake. However, tourists and locals complain of the lack of a proper mobile network in the area.

The tourists and locals at the picnic

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### Aimed to boost tourism activities, Bungus gets a further push

Kupwara, Jun 10: Aimed to boost the potential and tourist footfall to Bungus Valley, a transport facility has been started beside a resort for the ease of visitors has come up close to the tourist destination.

Bungus Valley is located about 150 kilometers away from Srinagar. It is nestled in the lap of the mountain at an altitude of 10,000 feet above sea level. This virgin tourist destination is better known for its exclusive breathtaking natural beauty, including snow-capped mountains, lush green forests, and much more.

Officials told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that steps

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### Amarnath Yatra: Halwa Puri, Samosa, Jalebi fried, junk food banned for pilgrims

Jammu, Jun 10: Mouth watering Halwa- Puri and Samosa-Jalebi along many deep fried food items which earlier was must on the platter for Shri Amarnath ji pilgrims has been banned by Shri Amarnath Shrine Board.

The two month long Yatra in Himalayas is commencing from July 1.

Officials told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that aiming for the health of the pilgrims, Shri Amarnath Shrine Board has directed

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## G-20 Events

### Encouraging active participation of people; Central focus of India’s G20 Presidency: Alok Kumar

J&K Samagra Shiksha organises Janbhagidari activities across all districts of UT

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: In run up to forthcoming G20 4th Education Work-

ing Group (EdWG) meeting at Pune, the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, J&K, under the aegis of School Education Department, organised a series of events across all districts of the Union Territory witnessing overwhelming public participation.

One of such mega events was held at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Kothi Bagh, Srinagar, as a se-

quel towards making ‘NIPUN’ Bharat Mission a grand success.

Principal Secretary Education, Alok Kumar, was the chief guest on the occasion.

The programme was organised amid forthcoming G20 4th Educational Working Group (EdWG) meet scheduled to be held at Pune, from

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## Hajj 2023:

### In a first, 115 women from J&K embark on pilgrimage without ‘Mehram’



Raja Syed Rather

Srinagar, Jun 10: A group of 115 women from Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday left for Jeddah to perform Hajj pilgrimage, but without the company of a male guardian (Mehram).

As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), this marks a monumental shift in traditions.

Mahram is the Arabic word used to describe the male relative of a woman for whom it is Haram (prohibited) for her to marry. When a woman gets married, her husband also becomes her Mahram.

According to the majority of Muslim scholars, a woman must travel

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## Joint security conference held for ensuring 'incident-free' Yatra: Army

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jun 10: Army, police and civil administration on Saturday held joint security conference for the success of the upcoming 62-day long Amarnath Yatra beginning next month. “A joint security conference between Security Forces & Civil Administration officers was held

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## Lights, Camera, Action! Filmmakers explore rural Kashmir for shooting

Shooting begins for short film ‘Ababi’ at Kulgam’s Lammar village; DC says special arrangements, home stays being organized to facilitate seamless experience

Umairsar Gull Ganie

Kulgam, Jun 10 (KNO): Kashmir is known for its beautiful and pristine landscape. While most people visit Srinagar, Gulmarg and Sonmarg for holidaying or for that matter shooting films, in a new twist of developments related to the return of Bollywood, many rural areas of Kashmir have attracted the film makers.

An official privy to the development related



to the shooting of short film “Ababil” produced by Waseem Ashraf, the founder of

Zingara Bash Films, told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that the shooting for the film has started at Ariward, Lammar remote area of in South Kashmir’s Kulgam district.

He said the shooting of film will be held in other rural places of South Kashmir districts also where all arrangements have been already put in places, adding that the film’s story is written and directed by Karamat Gorski.

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## Chief Justice visits court complex Char-e-Shreef

Pays obeisance at Ziyarat of Sheikh ul Aalam

HT News Network

Budgam, Jun 10: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, N. Kotiswar Singh, Saturday visited the Court Complex, Char-e-Shreef.

He was received by Principal District and Sessions Judge, Budgam, Khalil Ahmad Choudhary and Fakrun Nisa, Munsif/ judicial Magistrate Char-e-Shreef and members of bar.

On the occasion, Chief Justice was accorded ceremonial guard of hon-

our from the contingent of J & K Police.

Chief Justice inspected the Court Complex and also interacted with members of the bar. The purpose of the inspection was to ensure smooth functioning of the judicial infrastructure, identify areas for improvement and address any concerns raised by the legal community.

Chief Justice gave patient hearing to the members of bar and emphasized the commitment of judiciary to pro

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## Director Info J&K reviews functioning of DICs

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Jammu, Jun 10: Director Information, Department of Information Public Relations (DIPR) J&K, Minga Sherpa Saturday reviewed the functioning of all the District Information Centres, here at a meeting held in the Media Complex Bahu Plaza, Jammu.

The Director, while reviewing the functioning of various District Information Centres of Jammu and Kashmir divisions, stressed upon the officers to carry out their duties with professional acumen by projecting the people friendly policies.

Referring to the upcoming Annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra- 2023, he directed the District In-



formation Officers who are on Yatra route of SANJY-2023 viz DIOs of Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Udhampur, Ramban, Anantnag and Ganderbal to put in place all the arrangements for said Yatra, especially related to awareness of the pilgrims.

Joint Director, HQ DIPR, Naresh Kumar; Joint

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# District Doda Hosts Readiness Mela 2.0

## School Children mesmerise audience with their splendid Talent

■ HT News Network

DODA, JUNE 10: District Institute of Education Research & Training (DIET) Doda partnered with the Pratham Education Foundation to organize the second installment of the School Readiness Mela in District Doda.

The event witnessed a significant turnout of children who enthusiastically showcased their hidden talents through various activities. The Mela aimed to bring together Grade 1 children and their mothers, providing them with an opportunity to engage in developmental skill activities.

The Mela featured an array of stalls, each dedicated to a spe-

cific developmental skill. At the Reception counter, participants registered for the event. The Physical Development stall assessed the children's physical abilities, while the Intellectual/ Cognitive Development stall evaluated their thinking skills. Other stalls focused on Language Development, Math Preparation, and Socio-Emotional skills. Moreover, the Kids Corner, a favorite among the children, offered drawing activities to enhance their fine motor skills.

Following the Mela, teachers interacted with mothers, emphasizing the importance of these activities in their child's life and highlighting the crucial role that mothers play in their children's education. This interaction served as a valuable platform for knowledge and insight



exchange. To keep parents informed about their child's progress, report cards/progress

cards were distributed, ensuring that parents were aware of their child's development and learn-

ing outcomes. The School Readiness Mela proved to be a fulfilling experience for mothers, children, and teachers alike, as they gained valuable insights into various developmental skills. By providing a platform for children to display their talents and engage in enriching activities, the event fostered a positive and nurturing environment for early childhood development in District Doda. District Institute of Education Research & Training (DIET) Doda partnered with the Pratham Education Foundation to organize the second installment of the School Readiness Mela in District Doda.

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## Director RDD Jammu attends PMAY-G Awas Plus Registration Camps in District Doda

■ M S Nazki

DODA, JUNE 10: Director of Rural Development Department (RDD) Jammu, Mohammad Mumtaz Ali, along with Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Doda, Phulail Singh, today visited the blocks of Ghat and Bhagwah in District Doda to oversee the ongoing camps for registration of beneficiaries enlisted in the Permanent Wait List (PWL) for PMAY-G Awas Plus Scheme. The RDD authorities at block level have been instructed to organize special facilitation camps to collect necessary documents from beneficiaries for their registration and approval, as new targets have been allocated to them under the rural housing scheme.

The government has set a deadline of June 30, 2023, for sanctioning these cases, and the completion of houses is expected by March 31, 2024.

## 1 month training in fruit, vegetable processing held in Panchayat Athem

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, JUNE 10: In a step forward to provide employment opportunities to the young entrepreneurs, the Department of Horticulture Jammu is conducting a series of "One month Training Courses in Fruit and Vegetable Preservation" at Panchayat level in different blocks of Jammu Division.

One such programme for imparting one month training in the art of fruit & vegetable preservation concluded today at Panchayat Athem of block Nagrota. Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak was the chief guest at the valedictory function.

Chief Canning & Processing Instructor Jammu Gul Sayeed, Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu Ashwani Sharma, DL Subject Matter Specialist Jammu Sandeep Gupta, Manager cum Chemist Jammu Uttam Chand, HDO Sandeep Sharma besides Sarpanch Shoba Rani and a large number of women farmers were present on the occasion.

During the programme, Director Horticulture Jammu Sh. Ram Savak, distributed the certificates to the trainees for completing the one month training course in the art of fruit and vegetable preservation.

While addressing the gathering of women entrepreneurs and farmers, he emphasized on the need for establishment of individual processing units for fruit processing/ fruit drying/ spices preparation etc. for which the Department of Horticulture is providing 50-60 percent subsidy. He said that women farmers should form their Farmers Club/ FPO's/ Self Help Group's so that they can establish processing units on community level and take this business as an entrepreneurship.

## State Taxes Deptt organises workshop on Cyber Security at Jammu

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, JUNE 10: State Taxes Department J&K today organised a workshop on Cyber Security under 'Stay Safe Online Campaign' of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), GOI for the officers and officials of the department at Excise and Taxation Complex, Rail Head here.

The workshop was held under the supervision of Commissioner State Taxes, Rashmi Singh and Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Jammu, Namrita Dogra.

Addressing the workshop, Dr. Rashmi Singh highlighted the significant role played by the State Taxes Department in safe-

guarding citizens' financial information and ensuring the integrity of tax systems. She added that this workshop will serve an opportunity to foster dialogue and share best practices among participants from diverse sectors, including government agencies, private enterprises, among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Jammu, Namrita Dogra said that with the rapid advancement of technology and increased reliance on digital platforms, their is dire need for proactive efforts to protect sensitive data from cyber-criminals.

Vikas Razdan, cyber security expert, SIA Jammu was resource person for the workshop.

## Three day Capacity Building Workshop organised by State Taxes Deptt. concludes at Jammu

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, JUNE 10: As part of Kar-tavya initiative launched by the department of State Taxes Department to ensure wide-spread awareness regarding GST and tax compliance, a three day capacity building workshop was organised for the officers and officials of the department in collaboration with NIELIT, Jammu.

The initiative aims at strengthening the human resource of the department in handling of basic IT tools required for implementation of GST and creating a foundation for taking Department from manual interface to digital interface.

During the valedictory session of the training program, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes Jammu, Namrita Dogra spoke on "Data Analysis using Advanced MS-Excel" for the 4th NIELIT, Jammu Campus. She lauded the efforts of Commissioner State Taxes, Dr. Rashmi Singh for creating an ecosystem of learning within the Department.

Namrita Dogra also appreciated the team



of NIELIT and requested Director NIELIT J&K to create an interface where there can be a regular interaction between the trainees and their trainers so that they can mentor our employees in future as a continuous process.

The participants appreciated and lauded the initiative taken by the department to provide such quality training that will contribute towards effective and efficient data analysis by them. It was emphasized that such training on regular intervals for the departmental candidates enhance their capabilities towards effective use of technology in their day to day working.

## In a first, Yasha Mudgal inaugurates Nescafe outlet at Super Bazar Jammu

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, JUNE 10: Commissioner Secretary Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal, today inaugurated Nescafé outlet at Super Bazar Jammu during her first visit there after the modernization work was undertaken at the market.

The Nescafé outlet will boost business of Super Bazar Jammu as it will lead to increased footfall of visitors.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary exhorted upon the departmental officials and Super Bazar employees to work earnestly and provide best services to the general public on competitive prices. She added that it should be their endeavour to make



Super Bazar's one of the most competitive and best stores in the market where people come to shop for their everyday needs.

She also laid down broader guidelines for making optimum utilization of infrastructure owned by Super Bazar, Jammu at best locations in the city includ-

ing Gandhi Nagar, Gole Market, Jammu University and outlet at Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

She gave on the spot instructions for keeping these outlets open till late hours so that the people can visit and shop the way they do at other stores in the market. Commissioner Sec-

retary also passed instructions regarding displaying commodities in an attractive and alluring manner upto satisfaction of buyers. She also directed for setting higher sale targets for Super Bazar for the ongoing and next financial year.

In her welcome address General Manager, Super Bazar, Dr. Punika Pandita, apprised the Commissioner Secretary of the progress made by Super Bazar in sales portfolio over the last financial year. She highlighted that sales worth Rs.10 crore have been made which is 27 per cent more than the preceding year.

General Manager added that targets were attained by supplying nutritional items worth Rs. 2 crore under Supplementary Nutrition Programme.

## Doda: D&FCO organises mega awareness program to promote fight against Drug abuse

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, JUNE 10: Drugs and Food Control Organization J&K, with active support of Chemist Association District Doda and Kishtwar, on Saturday conducted day long awareness programme at Doda.

The Department, in continuation to its UT wide campaign, organised an awareness programme in District Doda. The State Drug Controller, J&K, Lotika Khajuria and the Jammu based officers, Mohammad Iqbal, Deputy Drugs Controller, Jammu Division, Surinder Mohan, Deputy Drugs Controller (HQ) J&K, and Renuka Raina, Deputy Controller, IL&C, attended the said programme.

The officers shared their extensive knowledge, expertise & experience in an endeavor to impart awareness to all the stakeholders. The audience were urged to proactively rope in the religious leaders to sensitize the masses in religious places about the evil effects of drug abuse. They said that every individual has equal responsibility to effectively fight the menace of



drug abuse and to assert the zero tolerance approach adopted by the UT administration against the perpetrators of this evil.

Besides the officers, people from different sections of the society particularly prominent Citizens, NGO's, members of trade fraternity attended the programme.

The main objective of the awareness programme was to strengthen the role and cooperation of trade fraternity and other stakeholders to achieve a society free of Drug Abuse.

Speaking on the occasion, the State Drug Controller, Lotika Khajuria, exhorted the Pharma Trade Fraternity to stock and sell medicinal formulations strictly in consonance to the conditions of licenses and in adherence to the mandate of law.

## Bankers' Seminar held at Kathua under Kissan Sampark Abhiyan to promote HADP

■ HT News Network

KATHUA, JUNE 10: A District Level Bankers' Seminar was held under the ongoing Kissan Sampark Abhiyan launched to promote schemes proposed under Holistic Agriculture Development plan. Director Animal Husbandry Jammu Dr. Shubra Sharma, who is the visiting Officer for HADP chaired the seminar. Additional District Development Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Bankers, officers of various line departments



and a large number of officers attended the event. At the outset, LDM explained the procedure, scope and benefits of the Holistic Agri-

culture Development Plan for the farmers. The credit linked schemes like KCC, PMFME, AIF, AHIDF, FIDF were discussed in detail in

the seminar. The procedure for formulation of Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) along with its scope and functioning and its benefits to the farmers were also explained in the meeting. Agriculture Infrastructure fund, Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Fund, Fisheries and aquaculture Infrastructure Development fund, Horticulture Schemes for farmers, Revised Modified High Density Plantation Scheme, National livestock Mission scheme, Breed Multiplication farms and Bull Production Programme etc were also discussed.

■ HT News Network

RAMBAN, JUNE 10: A District Level Bankers' Seminar on Credit Needs in Agriculture and Allied Sectors was held today under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam to ensure seamless financial assistance to Farmers FPOs, SHGs and Agriculture Entrepreneurs for promoting sustainable Agricultural practices.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Sharma, visiting officer, Joint Director Ani-



mal Husbandry Jammu Syed Altaf and District heads of allied Departments including Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture, Head KVK, Marketing officer HPM, Cluster Head

J&K bank, Representatives of FPOs, PMFBY scheme and progressive farmers attended the event. At the outset, Chief Horticulture Officer, Anil Gurkha welcomed the participants and explained the proce-

dure and scope of the credit linked schemes like KCC, PMFME, credit guarantee scheme for FPO, etc.

DDM NABARD, Aruushi Sharma presented a powerpoint presentation on various agriculture credit linked schemes. The event was held as part of the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan and with the objective to bridge the gap between farmers and bankers and fostering the flow of credit to the agriculture and allied sectors.

Speaking on the occasion the DDC briefed about the ongoing programme of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan under HADP.



## MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana reviews ongoing Developmental Works in Anantnag

■ HT News Network

ANANTNAG, JUNE 10: Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament (MP), Er. Gulam Ali Khatana today conducted a comprehensive review of the ongoing developmental works in District Anantnag.

The meeting was held at Pahalgam Club, where MP Khatana assessed the progress and achievements made in various sectors across the district.

During the meeting, the District Officer presented a detailed overview of the developmental scenario and highlighted the significant accomplishments in their respective fields. MP Khatana emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life for the residents and ensuring holistic development in all aspects of their lives.



MP said that Pahalgam holds immense global tourism appeal and serves as a religious base camp for pilgrims. He underscored the importance of maintaining cleanliness and preserving its pristine beauty.

He urged all stakeholders to actively work towards keeping the region neat, plastic-free, and welcoming to visitors.

During the meeting, he stressed the significance of a friendly and compassionate approach by government officials towards citizens, encouraging them to promptly address issues and genuine demands. Specifically, he directed the tourism officers to uphold professional ethics and promote hospitality among service providers, aiming to enhance the region's

reputation for warmth and hospitality to tourists and pilgrims, thereby elevating India's image on the global stage.

He also directed the concerned about various key issues, including power supply, water management, food security, tribal development, traffic management, security measures for pilgrims, sanitation, educational advancements, tourism promotion, and healthcare facilities.

The MP said that Pahalgam has a potential as a world-class tourist destination, he urged officials to implement government initiatives and work towards establishing it as a must-visit location.

Encouraging all attendees to be responsible citizens, MP Khatana called for dedicated contributions towards the development of the Union Territory and the nation as a whole.

## Chairman DDC Budgam addresses Grievance Redressal Camp at Gund Ali Nayak Waterhail

Inspects Macadamisation work on Kakanmaran Gariend Budgam Road

■ HT News Network

BUDGAM, JUNE 10: Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan Saturday addressed a grievance redressal camp at Gund Ali Nayak Waterhail, here.

The camp aimed to address the concerns and grievances of the residents, ensuring prompt and effective resolution of their issues. Executive Engineer PHE Budgam and officials from the Rural Development Department were present in the camp.

During the grievance redressal camp, Chairman DDC Budgam, along with the attending officials, patiently listened to the grievances voiced by the residents of Gund Ali Nayak Waterhail.



Khan acknowledged the importance of providing an open platform for citizens to express their concerns and assured them of his sincere efforts to address

each issue promptly. He emphasized the significance of such camps in bridging the gap between the administration and the people, promoting trans-

parency, and ensuring effective governance.

Furthermore, Chairman DDC Budgam inspected the ongoing macadamisation work on the Kakanmaran Gariend Budgam road. This initiative is aimed at enhancing connectivity, improving road conditions, and providing a smoother commuting experience for the residents. AEE R&B Beerwah accompanied Khan during the inspection.

Chairman DDC Budgam, expressing his satisfaction with the progress made so far, commended the efforts of the executing agencies involved in the macadamisation work. He emphasized the significance of well-maintained roads in boosting local economic growth, facilitating transportation, and ensuring the overall development of the region.

## Cultural Unit Kashmir of DIPR organises Mehfil e Sama on Yaum e Shamas Faqeer

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: A large number of devotees today attended the celebrations of the annual Urs of Shamas Faqir (RA), a revered Kashmiri Sufi saint, at Kalshipora Shamasabad in Khansahib area of Budgam district.

Thousands of people from across the Valley assembled at Shamasabad, where the shrine of Shamas Faqir is located, and held special prayers.

On the occasion, a Mehfil e Sama was organised by Cultural Unit Kashmir, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) J&K. Prominent folk singers of the valley sang the poetry of the late saint and paid glowing tributes to him. Feroz Ahmad Shah and party mesmerized the audience while singing the devotional sufi kalaam of Shamas Faqeer. Devotees appreciated Cultural Unit Kashmir for participating in sufi programmes. Feroz Ahmad Shah and party mesmerized the audience while singing the devotional sufi kalaam of Shamas Faqeer.

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## DC Kulgam chairs District Level Bankers Seminar at Kulgam

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JUNE 10: With a motive to apprise Bankers and stakeholders about credit needs under various government schemes in the agriculture sector, a District Level Bankers Seminar was held today at Conference Hall, Kulgam under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) by the Agriculture Production Department.

The seminar was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat in presence of Visiting Officer, Director, Fisheries (MD, HADP),

Farooq Ahmad Dar, ADDC Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather and mammoth gathering of stakeholders.

District heads of allied departments, banks, large numbers of farmers, FPOs, heads of financial institutions besides functionaries of concerned departments were present in the seminar.

At the outset, DC Kulgam and Director, Fisheries released a booklet on 'Agriculture Credit Linked Schemes' which were distributed among all the participants containing necessary information regarding all agriculture credit schemes. ADDC Kulgam



presented the keynote address at the Seminar and spoke on the importance of credit availability for accel-

erating agricultural production. Director Fisheries while speaking on the occasion emphasized upon the

need of increasing contribution of agriculture to GDP by making necessary interventions in pre and post harvest management strategies. Deputy Commissioner spoke at length about making hassle free availability of credit to farming families and Farmer organisations across the district.

He stressed upon Banks to ensure maximum, hassle free credit availability to agriculture and allied sectors across Kulgam district which has huge untapped potential and asked for immediate removal of bottlenecks in credit flow to farmers. He expressed hope that the seminar will

apprise departmental officers and officials about operational requirements and banking procedures, so as to ensure effective communication of banking norms to farmers for hassle free credit processing. During the day-long seminar, through powerpoint presentation, District Development Manager, Rouf Ahmad apprised all stakeholders about available various agriculture credit linked schemes of the government and called for using the acquired knowledge for the larger interests of increasing agricultural produce and income across the district.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I informed to general public that my Daughter SAFOORA SHAHID MIR D/O SHAHID UL ISLAM R/O DOUBGAH is born on 22/03/2023. now I am applying for Her Date of Birth certificate (DOB). If anybody have any objection in this regard He/she may file his /her objection in the (BDO) office WAGOORA within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained  
Name... SHAHID UL ISLAM  
F/O SAFOORA SHAHID MIR  
R/O... DOABGAH RAFTIABAD Block...WAGOORA

### Public Notice

I Syed Idrees Qadri S/ O Syed Mukhtar Ahmad R/O Ummarabad HMT srinagar want to make it known to one and all that I have Lost the documents of The Vehicle while I had sent the said Vehicle for repair near Narbal. The documents bag was lost somewhere between Umarabad to Narbal.  
Now as I want to apply for the duplicate documents if the same, I seek objections if any. Which should reach the concerned authorities within seven days of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after that date.

Syed Idrees Qadri  
S/ O Syed Mukhtar Ahmad  
R/O Ummarabad HMT srinagar

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I informed to general public that my Father GHULAM QADIR SHEIKH S/O MOHAMMAD ABDULLAH SHEIKH R/O HAIL JAGIR has died on 10/08/2019... Now I am applying for his death certificate. If anybody have any objection He/she may file his /her objection in the (BDO) office WAGOORA within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained  
Name... GH QADIR SHEIKH  
F/O ...FAROOQ AHMAD SHEIKH  
R/O... HAIL JAGIR  
Block ...WAGOORADistt ....BARAMULLA

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I informed to general public that my Mother SAJA BEGEM W/O Late GHULAM AHMAD WANI R/O WULRAMAN has died on 27/05/2023... Now I am applying for his death certificate. If anybody have any objection He/she may file his /her objection in the (BDO) office WAGOORA within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained  
Name... SAJA BEGEM  
M/o ...RAFEEQ AHMAD WANI  
R/O... WULRAMAN  
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## Director Horticulture Kashmir concludes two days tour of North & South Kashmir districts

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G.R. Mir today concluded an extensive two-day tour of the Kashmir valley, from June 9th to June 10th aimed to assess the progress and implementation of the "Revised Modified High Density Plantation Scheme" across the valley. Accompanied by the Chief Horticulture Officers and other field functionaries of the Department, the Director began his tour by visiting the districts



of Shopian and Pulwama on the first day. He inspected several newly established orchards under the "Revised Modified High Density Plantation

Scheme" and closely examined the ongoing plantations at Nadigund village in Shopian and Pricho village in Pulwama. Continuing his tour on the second day, Director Horticulture visited the districts Baramulla and Kupwara. He inspected various recently established orchards under the scheme and actively participated in the ongoing plantations at Jalalabad village at Sopore, Baramulla. During these visits, he interacted with local orchardists, understanding their concerns, and assuring them of all.

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**Subject:** - 1. Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Central Heating System at Forensic Science Laboratory, Bemina, Srinagar including Operation and maintenance for two years.  
2. Balance Work of Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Central Heating System to the existing building of Kashmir Nursing Home at Gupkar Road, Srinagar.  
3. Construction of Prefabricated Plant room for housing of Hot Water Generators and Construction of RCC Foundation along with truss for Servo Stabilizer and DG Set at Forensic Science Laboratory, Bemina, Srinagar.  
4. Supply of New Filled B-type Medical Oxygen Cylinders of capacity 1.5 m<sup>3</sup> along with control valves at Govt. Chest Disease Hospital, Srinagar.

**References:** 1. This office e- NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2023-24/11/e-tendering Dated 20.05.2023  
2. This office e- NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2023-24/12/e-tendering Dated 20.05.2023  
3. This office e- NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2023-24/13/e-tendering Dated 20.05.2023  
4. This office e- NIT no: MHCHD/TS /2023-24/15/e-tendering Dated 20.05.2023

### EXTENSION

In view of representation (s) received from firm(s), the Critical dates of above subject work(s) tendered vide above referred e-NIT(s) are extended as follows: -

S.No	Description	Date and Time
1.	Last Date of Bid Submission	19.06.2023 (12:00 hrs)
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#### EXTENSION NOTICE 04

**Subject:** Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electro-mechanical equipments at water supply scheme Chakpora Brazloo of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora under JJM.

**Reference:** This Office eNIT No.: 06 of 2023-24 Dated: 02-05-2023 issued vide No.: JSD/MDSA/294-306 Dated: 01-05-2023.

Due to No response of the above Subjected work figuring at S No. 01 of eNIT 06 of 2023-24, the date of downloading/uploading and opening of this online work is hereby extended as per following details:

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South Awantipora



# DCDRC Baramulla solves 08 years old Case of Complainant Rs. 30k fine/ other Penalties imposed on Opposite Parties

■ **HT News Network**

BARAMULLA, JUNE 10: In a significant development, District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (DCDRC) Baramulla has solved 08 years old case filed before the erstwhile District Consumer Forum Baramulla under Section 12 of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 by complainant Irshad Ahmad Sheikh against the Sopore Electronics and Samsung Service Care Centre Baramulla by imposing a fine of Rs 30,000 and other penalties.

It is worth mentioning here that

soon after the establishment of DCDRC Baramulla, the long pending cases of people are initiated and the proceedings on different litigations/cases are carried out for early redressal.

With regard to the case, DCDRC Baramulla has issued an order stating that a complaint has been filed before the erstwhile District Consumer Forum Baramulla way back in the year 2015 under Section 12 of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 which could not be adjudicated till the establishment of the DCDRC Baramulla.

The facts to the present complaint are that Irshad Ahmed Sheikh (hereinafter referred to as the Complainant

in the instant Complaint) has averred that he purchased a mobile phone model Samsung galaxy 7262 from Sopore Electronics main Chowk Sopore on 07/07/2014, against the payment of Rs. 5900 but after few days the said mobile could not function.

The Complainant has contended that he approached the Samsung service centre Baramulla on 20/07/2014, for repairs of the defective mobile phone, although the service centre formatted the memory card but the mobile phone could not function. Thereafter he approached the said service centre again on 25/07/2014,

but neither the mobile phone was repaired nor it was replaced by the Opposite Party.

The Complainant has further contended that since at the time of purchasing the mobile phone he was a student of Kashmir University and has purchased mobile to help him in studies but his hopes to improve performance in the academics were shattered as he could not afford to buy a new mobile phone, which constrained him to approach to Consumer Court for redressal of his grievances.

Alleging to be a case of deficiency of services, the Complainant prayed for appropriate direction to the Opposite parties for replacement of the mobile phone and the compensation of an Amount of Rupees One Lac, for loss of time, strain and stress caused to the Complainant.

"Notices were issued to the Opposite Parties but none appeared despite services and they were accordingly preceded Ex Parte."

The Complainant submitted the defective Mobile Phone before the Court and adduced himself as Witness in person besides he adduced another person as Witness Haroon Rashid.

The Witness stated before the Court that the Complainant purchased a Mobile phone from Sopore Electronics, Main Chowk Sopore, which became non-functional within two days. He approached the Samsung Service Centre Baramulla for repairs of the said defective phone.

Though the Service Centre rectified the defective Mobile phone but the Mobile phone could not function again which constrained the complainant to approach the Consumer Court for redressal of his grievance, said the Witness person.

After going through the case file and the documents placed on record, the Commission is of the considered view that the sole grouse of the Complaint is that the mobile in question

## DC Shopian conducts extensive tour of Zainapora Subdivision Inspects various ongoing developmental works

■ **HT News Network**

SHOPIAN, JUNE 10: To take first hand stock of the ongoing developmental works and mega projects being executed under different sectors, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today conducted an extensive tour of different villages in Zainapora subdivision of the district.

The DC visited Seed Multiplication Farm Allowpora, Bridge at Tongri Nallah, CSC Chitragam, OHT, Durpora, Mujmarg, Chermarg, Durpora road, and OHT/ SR at Safanagri Karewa and inspected the work progress. The works are being



carried by different executing agencies.

The DC passed instructions to the concerned executing agencies and department heads for timely completion of all these on-going developmental

works and activities especially related to JJM works, road construction works.

Enroute, various deputations and people met the DC and apprised him of their issues. He sought feedback from them on ongoing

developmental works and assured continued support for the people's welfare.

The marathon tour was undertaken with the aim of having on-the-spot appraisal of developmental works presently under execution, besides taking assessment of developmental requirements of these areas relating to availability of basic amenities and development essentials.

During the day-long visit, various officers accompanied the DC including SDM Zainapora, CAO Shopian, Tehsildar Chitragam, BDO Zainapora and concerned officers and officials.

## Dr. Asgar Samoon visits Kupwara, inspects different development projects

■ **HT News Network**

KUPWARA, June 10: The Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon Saturday visited Kupwara district during which he carried series of activities and reviewed developmental scenario of the district.

Dr. Asgar Samoon, who is also Mentor Secretary for Kupwara District, paid a visit to Government Polytechnic College Karihama Kupwara where he flagged off bus procured for the students of polytechnic college Karihama Kupwara.

The Principal Secretary attended the final of the volleyball tournament at Government Higher secondary school Karihama as chief guest.



A total of 13 teams across the district participated in the tournament and a total of 156 players took part in the volleyball tournament.

Final of the tournament was played between youth club Zone Vilgam Vs Youth club zone Handwara.

Final was won by youth club zone Vilgam.

The Principal Secretary distributed prizes and trophies among the winners,

runner ups and other participants. The Mentor secretary laid the foundation stone of Lift water supply scheme at Karihama Kupwara in presence of DDC member Drugmulla Advocate Amina Majeed and ADC Kupwara Gh. Nabi Bhat which is being constructed under JJM through Jal shakti division Kupwara with an estimated cost of 607.91 lacs which will benefit 9177

souls of the area. The Principal secretary inspected 10 MVA receiving station at Galizoo Kupwara constructed by Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation under Prime Minister's development package (PMDP-U) with an estimated cost of 538 Lacs.

Dr. Samoon also inspected the sports stadium at Galizoo Kupwara and directed District youth service and sports officer Kupwara to organize cricket tournaments in Galizoo stadium and Karihama sports stadium.

Principal secretary inspected the progress of work on Indoor Sports stadium at Galizoo and directed the executing agency to speed up the pace of the work of the Indore stadium.

## Shaleen Kabra flags off mobile veterinary Unit

■ **HT News Network**

REASI, JUNE 10: Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, today flagged off a Mobile Veterinary Unit here.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary said that the aim of these mobile veterinary clinics is to provide improved veterinary healthcare services at the doorstep of farmers from remote areas of the district. He informed that each mobile clinic has been equipped with a doctor, a Para-Vet and a driver cum attendant besides availability of requisite medicines and surgical equipment necessary for undertaking on spot minor surgical procedures and minor treatments.

Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, Babila Rakwal, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Abdual Star, Additional District Development Commissioner, Jyoti Slathia, District Animal Husbandry Officer and others were present on the occasion. Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, Babila Rakwal, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Abdual Star, Additional District Development Commissioner, Jyoti Slathia, District Animal Husbandry Officer and others were present on the occasion.

## Comm Secy inaugurates Stone Art Exhibition at Srinagar Reaffirms govts' commitment towards reviving, revitalizing JKs' traditional arts, crafts

■ **HT News Network**

SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce (I&C), Vikramjit Singh, today inaugurated the Stone Art Exhibition at famed Kashmir Arts Emporium here.

This exhibition marks a significant milestone in promotion of local art and craftsmanship, bringing together the rich heritage of stone carving and the vibrant spirit of Kashmir region.

During the exhibition, famous Stone Artist of Kashmir Manzoor Ahmad Bhat from district Ganderbal displayed his exquisite collection of intricately carved stone artefacts and other

masterpieces with a diverse range of sculptures, figurines, and decorative items.

After inaugurating the exhibition, Commissioner Secretary emphasized on the importance of supporting and encouraging traditional craftsmanship. He commended the exceptional skills and dedication of Manzoor Ahmad in preserving and promoting this unique art form, which has been a part of Kashmir's artistic heritage for centuries.

Commissioner Secretary further said that organising this Stone Art Exhibition at Kashmir Arts Emporium is a testament to government's vision of revitalizing the traditional arts and crafts sector in the region. He added that the government



is committed to provide every kind of assistance to local artists and these platforms are being provided to them so that they can showcase their skills and their exceptional talent

is celebrated here.

Speaking during the sidelines of exhibition, Director Handicrafts and Handlooms department Kashmir, Mehmood Shah, said that this exhibition is being

held in the backdrop of 'Know Your Artisan' campaign started by the department to popular and promote the local artists among the masses. He added that the department

is committed to provide platform to all artisans who are interested in holding these kinds of exhibitions.

During the exhibition, Commissioner Secretary held detailed interaction with the Stone Artist, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat and spoke in detail with him about the masterpieces created by him. Interestingly, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat also displayed his artistic skills in front of the Commissioner Secretary who praised the artist for his unique skills. Speaking during the sidelines of exhibition, Director Handicrafts and Handlooms department Kashmir, Mehmood Shah, said that this exhibition is being held in the backdrop of 'Know Your Artisan' campaign started by the department.

## Aryans Group & Aadam's Apple honors top YouTube Creater in "Kashmir Youtube Festival "

Dr. Abdul Khahir, Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs, JK & Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group honored artists

■ **HT News Network**

Srinagar June 10th  
Top creators of Kashmir were honored in an event "Kashmir YouTube Festival" in Srinagar. The event was presented by Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh in association with Fashion Fiesta, hkh yundai & organised by Aadam's Apple. The highlight of this two days fest were Exhibition, Stalls, Entertainment, Fan meet ups, red carpet walk etc.

The closing ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Dr. Abdul Khahir, Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Dept. JK & Guest of Honour, Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges. The event witnessed hundreds of gathering more than 80 creators performed on single platform.

On the occasion, a cake



cutting ceremony was also organised with Dr. Anshu Kataria & Raja Adam, CEO, Aadam's Apple as well as all the top creators. It is worth mentioning here that it was a record in Kashmir where all artist cut the cake on single platform. Also for the first time all top creators have gathered on one stage.

Dr. Abdul Khahir appreciated all artist while honoring he congratulated all and said that all the Kashmiri YouTube artist are doing wonderful job for inspiring JK youth. He added that Aryans is doing remarkable

job in the world of education for Tribal students of the Valley. He is also well aware of Aryans JK students who are performing well outside JK.

Dr. Anshu Kataria while addressing said that Aryans always organise & participates in such event. Last year also Aryans has organised "Stars of Kashmir" where around 50 artist were honoured. He added that Aryans is the first choice of JK students outside Kashmir to pursue higher education. We have majority of students from

J&K which are not only academically strong but they are making the valley proud by doing Innovations too. He added that various Kashmiri Artists have been performing at Aryans Campus, Chandigarh since last many years & have enthralled the students of JK, Punjab, Himachal, Haryana, UP, North East, Bihar etc. Along with this event Aryans Group also organised two days Scholarship Mela where the selected students would get 10%- 100% scholarship on merit cum mean basis in different courses including Engineering, Law, Management, Nursing, Paramedical, Pharmacy, B. Ed, BBA, BCA. In this event, various stars from Jammu & Kashmir including Idrees Mir, Ishfaq kawa, Uzma shafi, Umar Nazir, Kashmiri kalkharabs, Waqar khan, Kashmir food fusion.

## Director Agriculture for implementation of exotic vegetable production under HADP

■ **HT News Network**

SRINAGAR, JUNE 10: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited various Farmer's fields under exotic vegetable cultivation at Pulwama.

The Director Agriculture interacted with the farmers engaged in cultivation of exotic vegetables in district Pulwama. The farmers shared their views with the Director and requested him to promote the cultivation at the divisional level.

He assured farmers for all the support from the department of agriculture as per the guidelines of HADP.

The Director Agriculture directed the officials of the department to keep a close liaison with the farmers and ensure the awareness under Kisan Sampark Abhiyan so that farmers are able to submit the application under various projects of Holistic Agriculture Development programme (HADP) on its dashboard so that maximum benefits are provided to them.

He further emphasized on the need of handholding of the farmers and redressal of their grievances regarding the handling of the dashboard



designed under HADP. He directed the concerned chief agriculture officer Pulwama to constitute a HADP cell at district level so that grievances are redressed at an earliest and a hustle free system is put in place for successful implementation of the programme and targets fixed for the year 2023-24 are achieved in full. The Director Agriculture interacted with the farmers engaged in cultivation of exotic vegetables in district Pulwama. The farmers shared their views with the Director and requested him to promote the cultivation at the divisional level.

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# DC Pulwama presides over District Level Bankers Credit Seminar

Instructs effective implementation of HADP, 100 percent saturation of benefits under KCC, Central Schemes of Agriculture sector

■ HT News Network

PULWAMA, JUNE 10: To bridge the gap between banking institutions and farming community, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today presided over Bankers Seminar for Credit in Agriculture and allied sectors at Circuit House, Pulwama here.

During the programme, a detailed discussion was held through a powerpoint presentation delivered by DDM NABARD, Junaid Hakeem on various issues including identification of beneficiaries, flow of credit for farmers under Holistic Development Agriculture Programme (HADP), assistance under Government sponsored schemes (CSS), performances of banks under District Credit Plan (DCP), monitoring initiatives and credit plus activities.

The event was also attended by Director,

Animal Husbandry Department Kashmir Srinagar, Purnima Mital who was representing the visiting officer for Seminar.

Speaking on the occasion, DC directed the bank officials and administrative officers for coordination at district level for effective implementation of HADP and 100 percent saturation of benefits under Kisan Credit Card and other Central Schemes of Agriculture and allied sectors.

He reiterated that for achieving the desired targets under the said sector, the bankers have an important role to play by providing hassle free credit to the farmers.

The DC directed for ensuring FPOs are transformed into engines of growth and districts must compete to script success stories of such organizations.

Dr Basharat sought valuable inputs from the bank officials and impressed upon them to encourage other stakeholders to complement the Government efforts in improving



accessibility of farmers to the installation sources of credit and further strengthening the agriculture and allied sector.

The officers of banks were directed to simplify and streamline the processes of

extending credit and financial assistance services to the farmers.

To facilitate and uplift poor farmers with credit linking schemes, the DC impressed upon the bankers to put in added efforts to make ease in credit facilities for the farmers by focusing on potential areas and stressed on better coordination between banks and Government departments.

Directions were also passed on to the District functionaries of Agriculture production department to gear up the field functionaries so that maximum number of FPOs can be formed so that maximum flow of credit can be ensured to the FPOs to boost the overall economy in agriculture and allied sectors.

The participating bankers, departmental employees were emphasized that processing of applications under various Govt schemes for farmers is ensured in a timely and a streamlined manner and special camps are

organised in this regard.

Booklets containing necessary information for all credit schemes meant for holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors were also distributed to the bankers for their ready reference.

The Chief Animal Husbandry officer, Pulwama, Nodal Officer Kisan Sampark Abhiyan (Fairooz Ahmed Malik) sensitised the participants about seriousness of Government towards transforming the agriculture economy of J&K by putting it on a new growth, doubling the output of the agri and allied sectors, boosting exports and making the farming sustainable and commercially viable.

He said that a total of 29 projects (schemes) have been identified under holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors and implementation of these projects/schemes would not only energize the agriculture sector but will also change the economic fortune of the farming.

## AKAM: DC Pulwama felicitates 55 students/ youth for best performance in various Sports/ Art & Literature

■ HT News Network

PULWAMA, JUNE 10: Celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Basharat Qayoom today felicitated around 55 students and sports persons for their exemplary performance in different competitions of sports, art and literature.

The felicitation programme was organised by District Administration Pulwama to reward extraordinary students of Pulwama district for their talent and excellence in the respective fields.

The DC, who was also chief guest on the occasion complimented students for their enthusiasm, vigour and interest in various sports activities.

He also appreciated students who participated in World Mix Boxing, Powerlifting besides Singing, Designing, Sketch and other activities.

Dr Basharat asked the coach to help youngsters by providing them opportunities and a platform for exploring their hidden talent.

## Samba Administration adopts Zero tolerance policy against illegal mining

■ HT News Network

SAMBA, JUNE 10: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Samba Abhishak Sharma, Department of Geology and Mining, headed by DMO raided multiple location in last 24 hours and apprehended several persons found indulging in illegal mining activities.

During the operation 2 JCB, 2 dumpers and 4 tractor trollies were seized and handed over to Samba Police for safe custody till the realisation of penalty. A mineral processing unit was also penalised to the tune of Rs 1 lakh for violating the norms.

Similarly Samba Police, under the guidance of SSP Samba, apprehended 4 tractor trollies in last one day and shared report with DMO for imposition of penalty.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu had categorically issued directions to all the districts to take stringent action against the violators so that menace of illegal mining was controlled. Giving more details, the DMO Samba disclosed that enforcement teams 64 vehicles were penalised in last two months which includes seizure and penalty on account of overloading and illegal dumping. A penalty to the tune of more than Rs 10 lakh has been recovered so far and many vehicles are yet to be released which will eventually increase the penalty amount. Similarly Samba Police, under the guidance of SSP Samba, apprehended 4 tractor trollies in last one day and shared report with DMO for imposition of penalty. Divisional Commissioner Jammu had categorically issued directions to all the districts to take stringent action against the violators so that menace.

## Vice Chairperson KVIB Dr. Hina Bhat interacts with artisans at Akad Anantnag

■ HT News Network

ANANTNAG, JUNE 10: Vice Chairperson J&K KVIB, Dr. Hina Shafi Bhat today interacted with artisans at Akad Anantnag.

She had an interaction with educated, unemployed youth and aspirant entrepreneurs of said area, heard their suggestions and assured all possible help.

The programme was also attended by senior officers from the Board, officers from district administration and a large number of aspirant entrepreneurs and educated unemployed youth of the area.

During the interactive session, the officers gave detailed presentations



about the modalities involved in implementation of employment generation programmes viz. PMEGP etc.

The stakeholders were informed that these schemes are online and aspirant entrepreneurs can apply online for availing

financial assistance under these schemes. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Hina informed that the government is very keen to boost the handicrafts sector and provide employment opportunities to youth. She added that time has come to become job providers

instead of job seekers and KVIB is playing a pivotal role in creating employment opportunities at a large scale.

She added that J&K KVIB is working in a focused manner to ensure that the benefits of Employment Generation Schemes are percolated among the unemployed and enjoined upon the prospective entrepreneurs especially women to come forward and channelize their energy for Nation building by establishment of micro enterprises. Dr Hina reiterated that the Board is giving special focus towards revival of the traditional arts and crafts like Pashmina work, handicrafts, paper machie, khatamband, copper work.

## Secretary Planning visits Kulgam; Reviews development scenario

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JUNE 10: Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring Department, Dr. Raghav Langer, today visited Kulgam and took stock of development scenario of the district. During his visit, Secretary inspected various development projects which are under execution by various departments. Secretary also inspected Drug De-addiction centre at Kulgam and assessed overall functioning of the centre. He interacted with the patients and staff and took stock of availability of facilities at the centre. At ITI College Kulgam, Secretary interacted with the students and distributed course Completion



Certificates among 180 students. Secretary was apprised that these 180 youth from backward areas of Aspirational Blocks were provided skill development training in different trades under ABDP in order to help them become self-reliant and self employed.

Complimenting the district administration for organising the skill development courses under ABDP, Secretary said demand of time is for skilled human resource so focus should be on self employment and start ups.

He added that 82000 self

employment units have come up across the UT. He urged upon the youth to take benefit from various schemes of government adding that information and assistance about these schemes is available at a single click without visiting the offices. Secretary, later, chaired a meeting of officers at Chawalgam to review progress made under various schemes and programmes of the government. Secretary stressed upon the officers to give their best and ensure proper implementation of government programmes tailored for welfare of people of the district. Through a powerpoint presentation, Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, presented.

## DHEW, Mission Shakti organise Awareness program at GHSS Magam

■ HT News Network

BUDGAM, JUNE 10: In a magnificent display of commitment towards women's empowerment and societal transformation, the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Sakhi One Stop centre and Women Helpline 181 today organized an extraordinary awareness program at GHSS Magam.

This event, held as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, aimed to enlighten students about the government's invaluable initiatives, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Nasha Mukht Bharat, which promotes gender equality and combat substance abuse.

The DHEW played a pivotal role in raising awareness among attendees, igniting a spirit of action, and ensuring the resounding success of these programs. Recognizing the transformative potential of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Nasha Mukht Bharat, the DHEW team tirelessly conveyed their message, fostering positive social change and

striving to build an equitable society free from substance abuse.

During this event, speakers raised awareness regarding various government initiatives that create an environment conducive to women exercising their choices, gaining control over their lives, and accessing opportunities. These initiatives empower women to make a significant impact on society, addressing gender disparities and discrimination in a positive and impactful manner. Students during the programme gained invaluable insights into the government's unwavering efforts to promote women's empowerment and combat substance abuse. This event, held as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, aimed to enlighten students about the government's invaluable initiatives, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Nasha Mukht Bharat, which promotes gender equality and combat substance abuse. The DHEW played a pivotal role in raising awareness among attendees, igniting a spirit of action, and ensuring the resounding success of these programs.

## Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul visits proposed site for construction of new court complex at Sarnal Anantnag

■ HT News Network

ANANTNAG, JUNE 10: Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, who is also Administrative Judge Anantnag today, visited the proposed site for the construction of a new court complex at Sarnal Anantnag.

Justice Vinod was received by Jaffer Hussain Beigh (Principal District Sessions Judge Anantnag) and F. H. Iqbal (Chief Judicial Magistrate Anantnag).

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Senior Superintendent of Police Anantnag, Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag, Tehsildar Anantnag among other officers were present on spot.

The Administrative Judge took stock of the situation and was dismayed at its slow progress. He gave directions to the Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and executing agencies to expedite the matter so that the construction work is started at the earliest after confirming all the codal formalities.



A separate patch of land measuring 10 kanals was also inspected on the occasion, and on spot directions were passed for requisition/ acquisition of the same.

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and the executing agencies assured that steps will be taken for early commencement of the project so that the needs of the general public as well as the District Judiciary are met.

## DC Kishtwar flags off 2nd Batch of Hajj Pilgrims to Srinagar

■ HT News Network

KISHTWAR, JUNE 10: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav (IAS), along with SSP Kishtwar Khalil Ahmed Poswal-JKPS in the presence of Administrator J&K Waqf Board Kishtwar, Zakir Hussain Wani, Imam Markazi Masjid Kishtwar, Farooq Ahmed Kichloo and other distinguished individuals flagged off the Second batch of 84 Hajj pilgrims to Srinagar.

The group comprises 52 men and 32 women, departing from the Islamia Faridia College of Education and Research Institute of the district Kishtwar.

The Deputy Commissioner of Kishtwar extended congratulations and best wishes to the fortunate Hajj pilgrims, urging them to pray for peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir. Adherence to government and Saudi Arabian guidelines was emphasized to ensure a safe journey. The district administration has implemented a comprehensive plan covering transportation, accommodation, healthcare, and essential services for the pilgrims. A dedicated control room has been set up to address any queries or concerns, and assistance can be sought by contacting 705177297

## DC Doda inspects establishment of Langar for Mindal Yatris at Ganpat Bridge

■ HT News Network

DODA, JUNE 10: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan today visited the Ganpat Bridge area to assess the arrangements for the establishment of Langar for Yatris ahead of Mindal Yatra. The purpose of the visit was to ensure the smooth functioning and proper maintenance of hygiene at the langar for the yatrees who would be coming from Katra and REASI areas on their way to the Chandi Mata Temple in Mindal village, Himachal Pradesh.

Every year, a Langar is set up to provide food, water, refreshments, and prashaad to the yatris participating in the Yatra. The DC Doda was accompanied by officers from the police department, and together they held a brief discussion with the langar organizers. During the meeting, the DC emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of hygiene and sanitation throughout the duration of the langar for the yatrees.

## DC Rajouri meets public deputation from Budhal New; Listens to their grievances

HT News Network



RAJOURI, JUNE 10: A deputation from block Budhal New, led by BDC Chairperson Shamim Akhter, met with the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, to discuss various issues and demands of their areas.

Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid was also present during the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to all the issues and demands projected by the delegation and assured them that their genuine concerns would be addressed in a time-bound manner. He reiterated that the District Administration is committed to solve the difficulties faced by the public and making services and welfare schemes easily accessible to them.

The DC also appealed to the people to work closely with the District Administration and keep an eye on the developmental activities being carried out in their areas. He also emphasized the importance of people's participation in the developmental process.



# Russia to deploy tactical N-weapons in Belarus

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MOSCOW: Russia will start deploying tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus after special storage facilities are made ready on July 7 and 8, President Vladimir Putin said on Friday, Moscow's first move of such warheads outside Russia since the fall of the Soviet Union.

Putin announced in March he had agreed to deploy such weapons in Belarus, pointing to US deployment of tactical nuclear weapons in a host of European countries over many decades.

"Everything is going according to plan," Putin told Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, discussing the planned nuclear deployment over a meal at the Russian leader's summer retreat in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

"Preparation of the relevant facilities ends on July 7-8, and we will immediately begin activities related to the deployment of appropriate types of weapons on your territory," Putin said, according to a Kremlin transcript of his remarks.

Lukashenko said: "Thank you, Vladimir Vladimirovich."

More than 15 months into the biggest land war in Europe since World War II, Putin says the United States and its Western allies are pumping arms into Ukraine as part of an expanding proxy war aimed at bringing Russia to its knees.



Putin, 70, casts the war as a battle for Russia's own survival in the face of what he says is an ever-expanding Nato. He has warned the West that Moscow will not back down. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy says Ukraine will not rest until every Russian soldier is ejected from his country, and wants it to join Nato as soon as possible.

Putin's nuclear move is being watched closely by both the United States and its Nato allies in Europe and by China, which

has repeatedly cautioned against the use of nuclear weapons in the conflict.

The United States has criticised Putin's nuclear deployment, but has said it has no intention of altering its position on strategic nuclear weapons and also that it has not seen any signs Russia was preparing to use a nuclear weapon.

The war in Ukraine has triggered what both Moscow and Washington say is the deepest crisis in relations since the depths of the Cold War, with major nuclear arms

control treaties unravelling and both sides denouncing the other in public.

Putin's nuclear remarks have raised particular concern.

Last September, he warned the West he was not bluffing when he said Russia would use "all available means to protect Russia and our people".

It is still unclear where the Russian nuclear warheads – which will remain under Moscow's control – will be kept in Belarus.

Range of 500km  
Putin, who is the ultimate decision-maker on any nuclear launch, said Iskander mobile short-range ballistic missiles, which can deliver nuclear warheads, had already been handed over to Belarus. Russian sources say the Iskander has a range of 500km.

Belarus said Su-25 aircraft had been adapted to carry the warheads. The Sukhoi-25 jet has a range of up to 1,000km.

If the weapons were launched from Belarus's main air base outside Minsk, those delivery vehicles could potentially reach almost all of eastern Europe – including a host of Nato members – as well as cities such as Berlin and Stockholm.

After the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, the United States went to enormous efforts to return the Soviet nuclear weapons stationed in Belarus, Ukraine and Kazakhstan to Russia – which inherited the nuclear arsenal of the Soviet Union.

## Sweden Ready To Host NATO Troops Before It's A Full Member

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Stockholm: Sweden, whose NATO membership bid is currently blocked, is ready to welcome temporary NATO bases on its soil even before it is a full member, Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said Friday.

"The government has decided that the military can undertake preparations with NATO and NATO member states to enable future joint operations," Sweden's conservative Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson wrote in an article co-signed by Defence Minister Pal Jonson in daily Dagens Nyheter.

"These preparations could include temporary stationing of foreign materiel and personnel on Swedish soil," they wrote. The decision sends a clear signal to Russia and strengthens Sweden's defence.

The presence of NATO troops would serve as a deterrent against any possible Russian actions from across the Baltic Sea.

Sweden has been a NATO "invitee" since June 2022, but its bid, which must be ratified by all 31 member states, has been blocked by Turkey and Hungary.

Only full members are covered by NATO's Article 5 collective defence clause under which an attack on one member is considered an attack on all.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has not provided any indication, since his re-election in late May, about whether he



plans to approve Sweden's NATO bid.

Western nations, and the United States in particular, have been pushing Ankara to give its green light, insisting that Sweden has met the terms of a deal agreed with Ankara last year.

That accord includes a commitment to crack down on opposition Kurdish movements, such as the Kurdistan Workers' Party PKK, blacklisted by Ankara which considers them "terrorist" groups.

But Turkey has also demanded that Stockholm extradite dozens of activists living in Sweden that it also labels as "terrorists".

The Swedish government has insisted that it cannot make such decisions since its judiciary is independent. In addition to bidding to join NATO, Sweden has also hiked its military spending following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

## US unveils \$2bn arms package for Kyiv

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WASHINGTON: The United States on Friday announced a \$2.1-billion military aid package for Ukraine, just as Kyiv appeared to be opening its long-awaited counter-offensive aimed at driving Russia from the country.

The package included missiles for Patriot air defence systems, artillery rounds, drones and laser-guided rocket system munitions.

The new arms, illustrate "the continued commitment to both Ukraine's critical near-term capabilities as well as the enduring capacity of Ukraine's Armed Forces to defend its territory and deter Russian aggression over the long term," the Pentagon said in a statement.

It took to \$40.4 billion the value of military supplies the United States has provided Ukraine since early 2021, most of it since Russia invaded the country on February 24, 2022.

It came at a crucial point in the war. Ukraine has been stockpiling weaponry and



training forces in preparation for a likely gruelling land campaign to try to force Russian troops to retreat from the large sections of south-eastern and southern Ukraine which they occupy.

Meanwhile, the White House said on Friday that Russia appeared to be deepening its defence cooperation with Iran and had received hundreds of one-way attack drones that it is using to strike Ukraine.

Citing newly declassified information, the White House said the drones, or Uncrewed Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), were built in Iran, shipped across the Caspian Sea and then used by Russian forces against Ukraine.

"Russia has been using Iranian UAVs in recent weeks to strike Kyiv and terrorise the Ukrainian population, and the Russian-Iranian military partnership appears to be deepening," White House spokesman John Kirby said in a statement. "We are also concerned that Russia is working with Iran to produce Iranian UAVs from inside Russia." Kirby said the US had information that Russia was receiving materials from Iran required to build a drone manufacturing plant that could be fully operational early next year. "We are releasing satellite imagery of the planned location of this UAV manufacturing plant."

## Two airplanes collide at Tokyo's Haneda airport

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Tokyo, June 10 (UNI) Two passenger jets appeared to have collided near a taxiway in Tokyo's Haneda Airport on Saturday, according to Japan's transport ministry.

Around 11:00 a.m. local time, a Thai Airways flight departing for Bangkok and an aircraft with EVA Air came into contact on Runway A of Haneda Airport, local media outlets reported, citing sources with the airport.

Currently, the two planes are parked on the runway, footage from Tokyo Broadcasting System Television showed.

According to national broadcaster NHK, part of the wing of the Thai Airways plane looks to be broken, and what appears to be fragments can be seen near the runway.

The airport has shut down the runway near the site of the accident, with no injuries reported so far.

Some domestic and international flights have been delayed at the airport.

## About 10k people evacuated in Philippines due to threat of Volcano eruption

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Manila, June 10 (UNI) Authorities in the province of Albayon on the Philippine island of Luzon began evacuating 10,000 people on Friday due to the threat of an eruption of the Mayon volcano, Philippine media reported.

The authorities launched the evacuation of 2,400 families, or 10,000 people, living in the four-kilometer zone of "permanent danger" of the Mayon volcano, the GMA broadcaster reported, citing officials.

On Thursday, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology raised the volcanic eruption threat to Level 3, the report noted, adding that in the case of Level 4, the provincial authorities will evacuate another 16,000 people from the 8-kilometer zone.

Mayon volcano last erupted in 2018.

## Explosion Kills at Least 27 People in Somalia

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Mogadishu, June 10 (UNI) An old projectile exploded in Somalia's Lower Shabelle region on Friday, Somali news agency SONNA reported, adding that the incident killed at least 27 people, mostly children.

According to SONNA, the blast also injured 53 people.

## Canada reports 10 new wildfires

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Ottawa, June 9 (UNI) There were ten new wildfires burning in Canada on Friday, bringing the total number of wildfires in the country so far this year to 2,405, the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre said.

There were 422 active wildfires on Friday, down from 431 on Thursday. The number of out-of-control wildfires fell to 219 on Friday from Thursday's 234, the centre said in a daily update on its website.

On Friday, there were 89 wildfires being held and 114 under control. Wildfires have so far devoured about 45,000 square kilometres of land in Canada, making 2023 one of the worst years for wildfires on record, according to the center.

In Alberta, unsettled weather brought new starts. Hot and dry windy weather was across the north, and extreme fire weather is expected.

In Ontario, two larger fires in the far north were receiving some limited suppression action and ignition. More lightning fires from existing and new lightning are expected, the centre said.

## UN peacekeeper killed in attack in northern Mali

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Bamako, June 10 (UNI) A peacekeeper from the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (Minusma) was killed in an attack that also left seven others seriously injured in northern Mali, the UN mission said in a statement on Friday.

"I strongly condemn this cowardly act against our patrol. This tragic loss is a stark reminder of the risks our peacekeepers face as they work tirelessly to bring stability and peace to the people of Mali," El-Ghassim Wane, head of Minusma was quoted as saying.

"The security and protection of peacekeepers remains a priority," he said, adding that every effort will be made to "reinforce their protection in the face of Mali's evolving security challenges."

According to Wane, since MINUSMA's deployment in 2013, 190 peacekeepers have lost their lives and hundreds more have been wounded, some of whom disabled for life, as a result of "hostile acts" perpetrated against them. Minusma's mandate runs until June 30, 2023. Its main missions include to support the implementation of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement in Mali and to accompany the political transition. "I strongly condemn this cowardly act against our patrol. This tragic loss is a stark reminder of the risks our peacekeepers face as they work tirelessly to bring stability and peace to the people of Mali," El-Ghassim Wane, head of Minusma was quoted as saying. "The security and protection of peacekeepers remains a priority," he said, adding that every effort will be made to "reinforce their protection in the face."

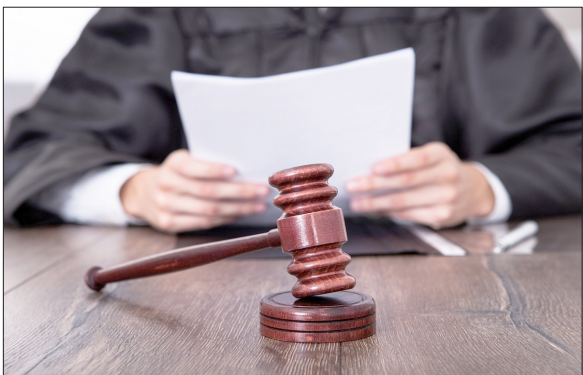
## Pak Court Refuses To Send With Parents Hindu Girl Forcibly Converted To Islam

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Karachi: A 14-year-old Hindu girl, who was allegedly kidnapped, forcibly converted to Islam and married off to a Muslim man in Pakistan's Sindh province, has appeared before a district court which refused to send her with her parents despite her insistence that she wanted to go with them.

Sohana Sharma Kumari was allegedly kidnapped at gunpoint from her home in the Benazirabad district of the southern Sindh province on June 2 in front of her mother by her tutor and his accomplices.

Her father Dilip Kumar filed a complaint with the police, saying she was kidnapped. Later, the girl appeared in a video stating



clearly under duress that she had converted to Islam and married a Muslim man. Her parents however insisted that she was underage.

The girl was recovered by police from a house in the district, five days after being kidnapped, after a lot of hue and cry on social media.

Sohana was brought to the district court in Lar-

kana on Friday where she in her statement told the judge she was abducted and forcibly converted to Islam and wanted to go with her parents.

However, the judge adjourned the hearing until June 12 stating that she appeared to be under pressure while giving her statement and sent her to a shelter home for women.

Her mother, Jamna Sharma, told the media at the court that her daughter was taking tuition at home and a few days back the teacher had told her he needed a 100,000 loan.

"When my daughter told me about this I told the teacher he shouldn't be discussing such matters with Sohana and he went away. But he returned after a day with some people and forcibly took her away at gunpoint. I pleaded with him to take the money and jewellery but leave my daughter but they didn't listen," Jamna said.

Her father told the media that all the documents produced by the accused to prove that she had converted to Islam and married a Muslim man of her own free will were fake.

## Colombian President confirms 4 children found alive 40 days after plane crash

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Bogota, June 10 (UNI) Colombian President Gustavo Petro confirmed on Saturday that four children who spent 40 days in the jungle after their plane crashed were found alive. In mid-May, Petro said that the Colombian armed forces found three children aged 13, 9, and 4 years old and one child aged 11 months old alive in the jungle of Caqueta department after their Cessna 206 light aircraft crashed on May 1. However, Petro said on Twitter later that he had deleted the message about these children because the information was not confirmed. "A joy for the whole country! The four children who were lost 40 days ago in the Colombian jungle are found alive," Petro said on Twitter. Earlier in the day, the media reported that the children were dehydrated and suffered from insect bites. The Cessna 206 light aircraft, headed from the town of Aracua to San Jose del Guaviare in the Caqueta Department in the country's south, reported an engine failure and sent a distress signal on May 1. Later, the plane was found after more than 370 hours of searching, the Civil Aviation Authority of Colombia said. The body of the pilot was found inside the plane.



# PM Modi to inaugurate the first-ever National Training Conclave today

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New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first-ever National Training Conclave at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on June 11.

The Prime Minister will also address the gathering on the occasion, said the statement issued by the Prime Minister's office on Saturday.

The Prime Minister has been a proponent of improving the governance process and policy implementation in the country through capacity building of civil service. Guided by this vision, the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) – 'Mission Karmayogi' was launched to prepare a future-ready civil service with the right attitude, skills and knowledge. This Conclave is yet another step in this direction. The National Training



Conclave is being hosted by Capacity Building Commission with an objective to foster collaboration among civil services training institutes and strengthen the training infrastructure for civil servants across the country.

More than 1500 representatives from training institutes, including Central Training Institutes, State Administrative Training Institutes, Regional and Zonal Training Institutes, and Research institutes will participate in the conclave.

Civil Servants from central government departments, state governments, local governments, as well

as experts from the private sector will take part in the deliberations.

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# Modi govt ensures development and prosperity in true sense: Hardeep Puri

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New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday said the Modi Government has ensured development and prosperity in a true sense in the last 9 years.

Highlighting the Centre's several initiatives in the last nine years, the Minister said from infrastructure development to easing the lives of the people, New India has come a long way.

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The Minister highlighted the achievements of the government in different

sectors saying till 2014, only 74 airports were operational in the country but in the last 9 years, the Government has operationalised 74 airports in a short period.

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## Centre constitutes 'Peace Committee' for Manipur

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New Delhi, June 10 (UNI) The Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre has constituted a "Peace Committee" for Manipur under the Chairpersonship of the state Governor Anusuiya Uikey, a statement said on Saturday.

The latest development came days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah had announced to constitute Peace Committee during his visit to Manipur to take stock of the situation in the aftermath of violence in the Northeastern state. The members of the committee include Chief Minister N Biren Singh, a few state Ministers, MP, MLAs and leaders from different political parties, as per the communique issued by the Home Ministry.

The mandate of the Committee will be to facilitate peacemaking process among various ethnic groups of the State, including peaceful dialogue and negotiations between conflicting parties/groups, it said.

The panel will strengthen social cohesiveness, mutual understanding and facilitate cordial communication between various ethnic groups, it added. The opposition Congress has been blaming the BJP government in Manipur over the current situation in the state.

## "Pressure On Us To Compromise": Wrestler Amid #MeToo Protest

■ HT News Network

New Delhi: The "minor" who was among the seven women wrestlers accusing the Wrestling Federation of India President and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual harassment, changed her statement under pressure, Olympian Sakshee Malik told NDTV in an exclusive interview. "There's huge pressure on us to compromise," she said, accusing Mr Sharan of getting his men to call and threaten the complainants. Elite grapplers Bajrang Punia and Sakshee Malik, among the country's top wrestlers leading the protests against Brij Bhushan Singh, claimed the minor's father is under depression because of the pressure put on him to withdraw the complaint. Ms Malik also said they have been demanding the arrest and custodial interrogation of the accused since day one as he has enough power and influence to derail the investigation and intimidate the



complainants and witnesses. "An impartial probe can't be conducted without Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's arrest," she said.

Mr Punia said the 'Mahapanchayat' today decided they would plan future strategy after June 15, the deadline for the investigation given by Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur.

"We haven't backed down from our demand for his arrest," he said, adding that

they don't trust the police investigation.

"The police yesterday took a woman wrestler to the Wrestling Federation of India office despite Brij Bhushan Singh being present there. The woman asked if Mr Singh was at the office, the police lied and said he wasn't. She got scared when she got to know he was there," Mr Punia said, alleging that the entire system is shielding Brij Bhushan Singh. "We have

risked everything. Brij Bhushan will be arrested if there's a strong chargesheet," the wrestlers said. The "minor" wrestler was not under age at the time of the event and has recorded a fresh statement in court. In an interview with NDTV, her father said she had changed the age-related bit in her statement. Her complaint of sexual harassment remains as it was. Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh has earlier denied all allegations of sexual misconduct, and even issued a defendant statement refuting all charges.

"If a single allegation against me is proven, I will hang myself. If you (wrestlers) have any evidence, present it to the Court, and I am ready to accept any punishment," he said. Earlier today, Jagbir Singh, an international wrestling referee who was present at a wrestling event in Lucknow where a woman wrestler alleged harassment by Brij Bhushan Singh, told NDTV that the accused in March last year grabbed a woman wrestler "in a place one shouldn't touch a woman".

## All Should Embrace Education Policy In Letter And Spirit: Union Minister

■ HT News Network

Bhubaneswar, Odisha: Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Education, today, urged that the National Education Policy (NEP) should be embraced by all in letter and spirit while congratulating the newly recruited faculties in Bhubaneswar. "NEP is a philosophy. All of us should embrace and implement in letter and spirit to realise the goal of a modern, culturally-rooted, developed India," tweeted Pradhan while speaking after inaugurating the Virtual and



Augmented Reality Centre of Excellence at IIT Bhubaneswar. Inaugurating the Virtual and Augmented Reality Centre of Excellence at IIT Bhubaneswar Pradhan said "This CoE will accelerate digital transformation

across disciplines, invigorate application-driven research as well as boost entrepreneurship." He also reviewed academic programs of higher education institutions in Odisha and tweeted, "Always a learning

experience coming to our IITs. It always gives us new energy, and inspiration and ignites the learner within. Encouraged the @iitbbs family to undertake a massive plantation drive for making the campus green and sustainable." Speaking on the occasion Pradhan said that he was glad to be among the academic fraternity of IIT Bhubaneswar and congratulated all the newly recruited faculties. Pradhan encouraged them to instil social responsibilities in young minds and also prepare them to become global citizens.

## "India Showing Mirror To World Today": Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla

■ HT News Network

New Delhi: When India adopted parliamentary democracy post independence many countries doubted the country's potential, but today it is showing the mirror to the world, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has said.

Presenting Lions Club International's 'Roar to Restore' SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) awards to 20 individuals and organisations here on Friday, Om Birla also said India will lead the world in every field in the coming days.

"The coming time belongs to India, whether it is economic, social, political or democratic. There is a discussion



of India's SDG everywhere. We had a long discussion on the platform of Parliament to achieve the goals of SDGs and how can we contribute to achieving the SDG goal," he said. Lions

Club International said in a statement that these awards seek to acknowledge and recognise the efforts and contributions of those who made a difference by their efforts and contributions, flipping the script on climate change, gender balance and women empowerment, health and wellness and laying the foundations for a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

"When India adopted parliamentary democracy after independence, many countries felt that with such a large population and geography, the country with this situation may not be able to do anything but today India is showing the mirror to the world," Mr Birla said at the event.

## "Global Financial Analyst Believes We Will Be Among The Top 3 By...": Rajnath Singh

■ HT News Network

Sasaram (Bihar): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday asserted that the country has been making rapid economic progress and is tipped to become a developed nation by the time it celebrates the centenary of its Independence.

Addressing the convocation of a private university in Bihar's Rohtas district, Mr Singh also noted with delight that there has been an increasing appreciation of the country's cultural roots and foreigners were often using the word Bharat instead of India.

In 2014, India was at the bottom of

the list of top 10 economies of the world but in a short span of time since then, the country is now among the top five, said Mr Singh, referring to the period since the Narendra Modi government has been in power. Citing a recent report of Morgan Stanley, an American multinational investment bank and financial services company, he said, "The global financial analyst believes we will be among the top three by 2027... We must now resolve to become a developed nation by the time we celebrate 100 years of Independence in 2047." "We are being increasingly respected the world over. I have learnt that foreigners now pre-



fer to call our country Bharat instead of India. This denotes the growing sense of pride in our cultural heritage exhibited by the common people and the political class alike," said the former BJP president. He also recounted an anecdote of Swami Vivekananda, who had admonished a Westerner for mocking his flowing robes. "Swami Vivekananda had said that in your country the tailor makes the man. In our country, the character makes the man," said Mr Singh, evoking applause from the crowds.

The BJP leader said that he was in full agreement with India being a secular country, but added, "By dhar-

ma, we do not mean places and forms of worship but the entire way of life. Our dharma teaches us to value all life forms. Even a poisonous snake is fed with the milk of cows." Underscoring the importance of 'sanskaar' (values), Mr Singh referred to an article by Thomas Friedman in which the American commentator had pointed out how both Indian IT giant Infosys and the global terrorist organisation Al Qaeda depended on highly educated youth. "It was sanskaar that made all the difference. The young men who flew planes into the World Trade Centres of New York were highly skilled and qualified. On the other hand,