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SRINAGAR, JUN 15: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha interacted with the students of Delhi Public School, Srinagar, today.

The Lt Governor encouraged and motivated the students to be creative, curious, innovative and always learn from the mistakes to transform the dreams into reality.

Every student must follow the four Mantras in life. Knowing one's inner self, finding the inner voice, learning through practice and learning through collaboration, the Lt Governor said.



The Lt Governor impressed upon the teaching community to make the learning process engaging and collaborative, and provide the children with the space to enrich their personality and individuality.

"The learning environment that exists beyond syllabus sows the seeds of curiosity, creativity and individuality in the children. Education must inculcate curiosity in young minds, provide an opportunity to their inner creativity to shine and help them to achieve their individuality," the Lt Governor said.

"Education awakens the mind."

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Harwan, Palli panchayats dominates first ever Panchayat Rankings released by CS

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUN 15: In what could be termed as a historic milestone in planning process, Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today released the rankings of Pan-



chayats under the Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP), a J&K government initiative to assess the performance of these rural administrative units on key developmental parameters.

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NEWS BRIEF

Press Club in Srinagar necessary: Darakhshan Andrabi

SRINAGAR, JUN 15: Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board Chairperson and BJP leader Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday said that the existence of a press club in Srinagar is necessary and she will talk to the Lt Governor for a press club in Srinagar.

"Srinagar is our face and existence of a press club is necessary", she told media persons in Srinagar on Thursday.

She said if they consider journalism the fourth pillar of society a place like the Press Club is necessary.

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Infiltration Bid Foiled In Poonch; Arms Seized

JAMMU, JUN 15: An infiltration bid by terrorists was foiled along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir leading to the seizure of a large consignment of arms and ammunition, the army said on Thursday.

Officials said the seizure, including steel core bullets and Pakistan-made medicines, was made during a search operation in Krishnaghathi sector early Thursday.

"In a joint operation, alert troops of the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police foiled an infiltration

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Police's SIU attaches 26 Kanals land of Pakistan based militant in Kupwara

SRINAGAR, JUN 15: The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday attached property of a militant operating from Pakistan in Kupwara district of north Kashmir.

Police said the land measuring 26 Kanals and 4 Marlas and belonging to Almas Rizwan Khan, a resident of Diver Lolab, who is operating from Pakistan was attached by the SIU Kupwara following investigation of an FIR.

"Following extensive intelligence

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IG CRPF conducts security review tour of Amarnath Yatra

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SRINAGAR, JUN 15: Inspector General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)



Srinagar sector Ajay Kumar Yadav conducted security review tour of Baltal route of Amarnath Yatra.

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Rains Lash Parts Of Kashmir, Jammu Region; MeT Predicts More At Scattered Places

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SRINAGAR, JUN 15: Rain lashed parts of Jammu and Kashmir even as the weatherman on Thursday forecast more precipitation at scattered places till June 17.

A meteorological department official here said that in last 24 hours till 0830 hours today, Pahalgam received 0.4mm of rain, Kokernag 0.2mm, Jammu 13.7mm, Banihal traces, Batote 2.6mm, Katra

3.4mm, Bhaderwah 8.8mm and Kathua 7.2mm.

Regarding the forecast, he said, light to moderate rain and thunderstorm was likely at scattered places of Jammu and Kashmir till June 17. "Some places in Jammu region like Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, Samba etc. likely to receive moderate to heavy thundershower during 15-16th(60% chance)," he said.

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Displaced People From PoJK Get Domicile Certificates With 'Original Place Of Residence'

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JAMMU, JUN 15: "We have been reconnected to our roots", says Anil Mahajan, who is among the over 21,000 displaced people from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) given a new domicile certificate mentioning the place they originally belonged to.

The certificate carries the name of the "original place of residence" in PoJK from where their family members had migrated during the Partition in 1947, said officials in the Jammu and Kashmir administration that is issuing the document.

"We have been reconnected to our roots. It is very emotional," said Maha-



jan, whose domicile certificate mentions the Mirpur area in PoJK as his original place of residence. "Everybody in my family has got one. They took our details and provided us with the domicile certificates. It is really very encouraging", he said over

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OVER 40 FOODS ITEMS BANNED AT AMARNATH YATRA

Pilgrims Advised To Look After Physical Fitness

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JAMMU, JUN 15: More than 40 food items have been banned at the upcoming Amarnath Yatra and the pilgrims have been advised to achieve physical fitness by walking at least 5 kilometres a day, the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board said in its health advisory issued on

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Tourist Villages in J&K receiving huge tourist influx, sees push in rural economy, employment generation



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SRINAGAR, JUN 15: Located 88 kilometers from Jammu in district Udhampur, 'Panchari' a snow capped mountain surrounded by dense cedar forests, is all set to receive and captivate tourists this year with its natural magnificence and grandeur. Many admirers of Panchari compare

its scenic beauty and winter snowfall with globally acclaimed as best destination 'Gulmarg'.

"Panchari, a fascinating tourist destination abundantly blessed with natural scenic splendour and grandeur, started receiving heavy tourist rush after being declared as the first Tourist Village with Homestay

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Syed Shujaat Bukhari and Syed Manzoor Hashmi Two stalwarts of Kashmiri language and literature remembered on their death anniversary

The contribution of two stalwarts of Kashmiri literary and language movement Late Syed Shujaat Bukhari and Syed Manzoor Hashmi is worth writing in golden words. Their sincere and seamless commitment for this highly cherished cause was flowing parallel to their breath all along their life. They in their personal lives represented highest values and the contribution of their pen is highly valued.

May God Almighty bestow them with highest place in Janah.

With tearful eyes they are remembered always by their lovers and specially on their departure anniversary specially when a sense of irreparable loss dominates while remembering them.

ADBIMARKAZ KAMRAZ its affiliated unit Kruhun Cultural forum Kreeri and Manzoor Hashmi Cultural Forum Watergam Wagoora paid rich tributes to both the stalwarts and prayed for highest place in paradise to them.

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Every Student.....

instills doubt and curiosity in the students, and ignites critical thinking, scientific temper and creativity. It nurtures their unique personality. Children are the future of our nation and they need to learn skills that will prepare them for the real world," he said.

It is collective responsibility of teachers and school management to transform the school campus into a campus of curiosity, where the focus is on creativity rather than rote learning and where the innovativeness of the children is rewarded and not just top marks, added the Lt Governor.

Addressing the students, the Lt Governor also talked about the reforms introduced, over the past few years, to overhaul the education sector.

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, an unprecedented task of transforming the entire education system through the National Education Policy is underway, he said.

"Our focus is to make education a powerful medium for independent research, growth of independent ideas and the classrooms to be a place where dreams and aspirations are born," observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the important role of teachers in empowering students through modern and traditional knowledge.

Artificial Intelligence has brought unprecedented change in every sphere of our lives. Soon, AI-powered schools will provide customized education, enhance capability of children but despite this advanced technology only teachers will be able to provide Education of Conscience, he said.

"Teachers' task is not to finish syllabus but to hone raw potential within the children and to transform learning journey into a creative, engaging and collaborative way. They should put every child through this process so that he or she can recognize the inner courage, inner voice and wisdom," the Lt Governor added.

Speaking on the successful conduct of G20 Summit in Srinagar, the Lt Governor said, the world has witnessed the rise of peaceful and emerging Jammu Kashmir.

"Jammu Kashmir has come out of the dark era, when schools used to remain shut for months together. Students must tell their parents and other members of the society that a great opportunity has finally arrived. Now, schools are functional round the year. Work culture in Businesses, offices has improved. Youths are able to realize their dreams and common man is enjoying quality life," said the Lt Governor.

First requirement for Development and Education is Peace. We all must put our efforts in ensuring peace through collective participation, he added.

Sh Vijay Dhar, Chairman DPS Srinagar highlighted the achievements of the School including learning school and virtual interface developed for specially-abled children. He stressed on the need for public and private schools to come together to extend quality education to all.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor took round of the learning and recreational centre for specially-abled children in the school.

Sh Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Sh Sujit Kumar DIG; Smt Kiran Dhar, Pro Vice Chairperson, DPS Srinagar; Ms. Shafaq Afshan, Principal; teachers, and large number of students of DPS were present.

Harwan, Palli.....

At the outset, the Chief Secretary complimented the whole team of Planning Development & Monitoring Department headed by Administrative Secretary, Raghav Langar for carrying out this massive exercise of data collection, compilation and ranking of Panchayats using scientific criteria.

Dr Mehta called this exercise a foundation stone for adopting a more focused approach with several key datasets available with each District. He observed that these rankings have pinpointed the lacunae in each sector or area of the district thereby making targeted interventions possible.

He termed the rankings a significant achievement which has laid foundation for evidence based planning in future. He made out that these rankings tell us all about our endeavours made till now and the way forward. He urged all the Deputy Commissioners to thoroughly go through these rankings and formulate plans accordingly to fill the developmental voids pointed out in this ranking system.

Dr Mehta observed that this data has an added advantage of providing us a baseline to measure our progress in future. He exuded hope that in the years ahead with such planning process at our back, most of our problems would find resolution expeditiously. He directed that all rankings may be made public in the shape of compendium so that people also have fair idea about the kind of interventions needed in their areas.

He called it a tool towards ensuring good governance in the UT. He also advised creating a permanent dashboard for monitoring and updating these rankings monthly. He also directed the Housing & Urban Development Department for carrying out Town rankings in the days ahead on similar lines.

The first of its kind Panchayat rankings released today has put Syedpora, Harwan Panchayat of District Srinagar at first rank with a

overall score of 91.69 out of 100. It is followed by Palli (Samba) with a score of 90.71, Balhama-A, Khonmoh (Srinagar) at 3rd spot with a score of 89.04. Then comes Narwal Bala (Jammu) at 4th spot with score of 88.93, Nowgam-A (Srinagar) ranking 5th, Khonmoh-A (Srinagar) at 6th, Birpur Upper (Samba) at 7th, Theed-A, Dara-B of Srinagar at 8th and 9th rank with Gatha Panchayat of Baderwah (Doda) ranking 10th in the list of most developed Panchayats in the UT.

The lowest scoring Panchayats include Buglinder-B (49.78) of Tulail District Bandipora, Dhakikote (50.01) of District Reasi, Channa-A (51.58) of Reasi, Panchalthan (51.77) in Anantnag, Bandhar (51.96) in Reasi, Neeru (51.97) in Tulail, Bandipora, Badhal-A (52.58) in Rajouri, Zadigye- B (52.73) in Bandipora, Balihotte-B (52.94) in Ramban and Zadigye-A (53.46).

Out of the total of 4291 Panchayats, 73 fall in the score range of 50-60, 1054 in 60-70, 2359 in 70-80 and 807 Panchayats in the range of 80-90 across all the districts of J&K.

Regarding the procedure for determining the rankings of Panchayats it was informed that the APDP has been conceived on the analogy of ABDP of UT of J&K. It was revealed that 100 Parameters/Indicators across 09 sectors have been identified for assessing 285 aspirational panchayats in consultation with the District Development Commissioners concerned.

The process included rating all the 4291 Panchayats spread over 285 Blocks and 20 Districts of the UT on socio-economic indicators concerning the lives of the people residing in the rural areas. One most backward panchayat in each block have been selected from 4291 Panchayats of UT of J&K, on the basis of least aggregate score obtained on the selected 100 parameters/indicators in the Panchayat Development Index (PDI) in the concerned Block. The relevant data was then collected from the concerned districts.

These 100 measurable indicators identified across 9 Sectors namely Agriculture & allied Activities (6 indicators), Health & Nutrition (11), Education (13), Rural Development & Sanitation (7), Individual Beneficiary Oriented Schemes (4), Skill Development (4), Basic Infrastructure (17), Environment (5), & Good Governance (33) are providing insights into existing status and will also capture incremental progress over a period of time.

Additional financial assistance of Rs. 10 Lakh is being provided to the selected Panchayats for improving the key performance indicators mentioned in the Panchayat Development Index.

Among the Border area almost 77 Panchayats from 82 border blocks fall in the aspirational panchayats programme. Out of these based on the set criterion the most backward Panchayat found through assessment is Buglinder-B from Block Tulail District Bandipore having score 49.78. While as, the last Aspirational Panchayat selected from Border Areas is Panchayat Nanga of Block Ramgarh, District Samba having a score of 79.59 making it the most developed Panchayat among the Border panchayats spread across 08 districts of the UT.

These rankings were today released by the Chief Secretary in presence of all the Administrative Secretaries, District Development Commissioners, HoDs of Planning, Finance and other concerned departments.

Rains Lash.....

Regarding the temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 17.3°C against 15.2°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 3.0°C for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 16.0°C against 15.0°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 3.1°C for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 10.1°C against 9.8°C on the previous night and it was 1.9°C above normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 14.7°C against 15.2°C on the previous night and it was 2.1°C above normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 14.3°C against 13.8°C on the previous night and it was 2.2°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 9.5°C against 7.5°C on previous night and it was above normal by 0.7°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 21.7°C against 25.9°C on the previous night and it was 4.1°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 16.2°C (2.1°C above normal), Batote 16.8°C (0.9°C above normal), Katra 19.6°C (2.5°C below normal) and Baderwah 15.2°C (above normal by 1.7°C).

IG CRPF.....

Yadav, who is also nodal officer for the shortest Baltal route, conducted a comprehensive security review of routes and camps established for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra on Thursday.

The 62-day-long Amarnath Yatra is commencing on July 1 from the twin routes of Pahalgam in South Kashmir and Baltal in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

Yadav undertook a rigorous security review of the designated routes and camps to ensure the safety and well-being of all pilgrims and security personnel.

Yadav, who is nodal officer for the crucial Baltal axis of Yatra, personally went about

assessing and enhancing the security measures for this two-month long Yatra.

A team of experienced officers, consisting of Jaidev Kesri, DIG (Joint Nodal Officer of Baltal axis) and Kishor Prasad DIG and other field commanders, meticulously analyzed the Baltal axis route and camps, assessing potential risks and vulnerabilities.

This security review aims to create a secure environment that fosters harmony, tranquility, and unhindered spiritual experiences for all attendees.

The designated Yatra route was examined, identifying any potential challenges including difficult terrains, traffic bottlenecks and areas prone to natural hazards.

Yatra Camps at Manigam, Neelgrath, Rangamore, Sarbal, Baltal and Domail, along the Baltal route were rigorously evaluated for security and effective emergency response planning was emphasised upon.

CRPF medical teams and disaster management agencies also took review of the emergency response framework which has been established to address any unforeseen situations promptly and efficiently.

Medical facilities, first aid stations, and emergency evacuation plans are proposed to be strategically placed along the Baltal route for the pilgrims.

Yadav expressed his utmost commitment to the safety and security of all participants.

"The Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra holds immense significance for the pilgrims as well as the residents of Kashmir. Our primary objective is to ensure that pilgrims can take part in this sacred journey with peace of mind and a sense of security, he said and added "we have left no stone unturned in assessing and enhancing the security measures for the event, aiming to create a safe and serene environment for all. I hope that the Yatra ushers in an era of peace of prosperity for everyone in the region", he added.

Displaced.....

phone from Chandigarh where he currently lives.

The certificate, the officials said, is exclusively for those who were displaced from areas of Jammu and Kashmir that are under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. In 1947, they migrated to different parts of India, including Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

"It is an emotional moment for the people belonging to PoJK that they have got a domicile certificate issued by the Jammu and Kashmir administration with the place of origin in PoJK written as residential places," SoS International chairperson Rajiv Chhuni told PTI here.

Several displaced people belonging to PoJK have got these certificates with the place of domicile mentioned as their post-migration residential address, he said.

Mahajan, who owns an IT firm in Delhi and got the certificate recently, said it gives a "feeling of belongingness".

Jaipur-resident Ashwani Kumar's certificate mentions his original place of residence as Siyak in PoJK and all 12 members of his family have received the document.

"We are very happy to get this domicile certificate from the Jammu and Kashmir administration with our place of place of origin written as place of domicile in it. This is the first thing we have got in the past over 75 years from Jammu and Kashmir authorities," Kumar, who heads an organisation 'Kashmiri Welfare Society' for displaced people of PoJK in Rajasthan, said.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had said that over 21,000 domicile certificates have been issued through camps in Delhi, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

According to officials in the Relief Commissioner's Office-Jammu, 1.58 domicile certificates have been issued both to Kashmiri migrants and displaced people of PoJK. Over 5,000 families of displaced people of PoJK living in various parts of India have been registered as displaced persons with the relief commissioner's office in Jammu, they said.

Kashmiri migrants are those who left the Valley during the height of terrorism in the 1990s Kumar said that "as many as 165 families here (Rajasthan) have got domicile certificates of Jammu and Kashmir. We urge the government to provide us relief on the pattern of displaced Kashmiri migrants. We have been given nothing". (Agencies)

Over 40.....

Thursday. The banned food items include drinks, fried and fast food items.

The health advisory also called upon devotees undertaking the pilgrimage to the Himalayan shrine located in south Kashmir for achieving physical fitness and asked them to start a preparatory morning and evening walk, about 4 to 5 km per day.

The yatra to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave in south Kashmir Himalayas is scheduled to commence on July 1 from the twin tracks - the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14 km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

"Before you start the Amarnath Yatra, a 14-kilometer trek, check the list of banned food items and the items that you are allowed to carry on the pilgrimage," officials said.

As per the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) advisory, the foods that have been banned include heavy Pullav, fried rice, puri, bathura, pizza, burger, stuffed parantha, dosa and fried roti, bread with butter, cream-based foods, pickle, chutney, fried papad, chowmein among other fried and fast food items.

Keeping in view the health of the devotees, the board has recommended healthy options like cereals, pulses, green vegetables and salad along with a few rice dishes.

Apart from 40 banned items everything is allowed, the board added.

The district magistrates of Ganderbal and Anantnag districts shall issue appropriate orders under the Ranbir Penal Code specifying penalties to be imposed for violation of the food menu prescribed above, it added.

For the prevention of high altitude sickness, the board has advised 14 steps for every devotee aspiring to take the Yatra to the cave shrine.

"Do prepare for the Yatra by achieving physical fitness - it is advisable to start a preparatory morning and evening walk, about 4-5 km per day," it said, further advising devotees to start deep breathing exercises and Yoga, particularly pranayam for improving oxygen efficiency of the body.

Do check with your physician prior to travelling to higher elevations, if you have any existing pre-existing medical conditions, it said.

Board has also issued five points of advice to prevent hypothermia, which include a healthy diet with plenty of fluids, including warm drinks, and regular meals for energy so that the body can generate heat. It has further advised devotees to avoid alcohol, caffeine and smoking as they all increase the rate at which the body loses heat.

The advisory further elaborated that in view of cold weather conditions in high altitude sites in the Yatra area where temperature abruptly falls 2 to 5 degrees Celsius, yatis, especially elderly people may suffer from hypothermia. (Agencies)

Tourist Villages.....

facilities by the J&K government under Tourist Village Development Programme (TVDP).

The construction of vintage huts and creation of other requisite utilities in this picturesque spot has further added to its infrastructural edifice to accommodate the steeply rising tourist influx.

Notably, the government initiated promotion of homestay tourism in the UT by launching Panchari as the first tourist village with homestay facilities under TVDP. The ambitious programme has the potential to mobilize the diverse geographical and socio-economic landscape of entire Jammu and Kashmir region.

In January of this year, the Anderwali hamlet of Sangerwani village in South Kashmir's Pulwama district was festively adorned. A group of tourists from Pune city in Maharashtra chose this place for a pre-wedding shoot. Yogi, a professional event photographer from Pune, who was part of the group, said that he was astonished with the fascinating natural beauty of the place, stating that he had been there before with his family. He informed his friends, Rohit and Shilpa, about this beautiful place in Pulwama, and they decided to have their pre-wedding shoot there.

Anderwali Sangerwani has recently been designated as a tourist village by the government under the Tourist Village Development Programme to include picturesque places on the tourist map.

The ambitious programme, under the Mission Youth initiative, aims to develop 181 villages that possess distinct features such as scenic beauty, adventurous terrain, art and cultural significance, history and archaeology. It is gaining tremendous momentum with a significant influx of tourists visiting these new destinations. The main objectives of the programme are to develop new tourism destinations that integrate social, cultural, and spiritual characteristics with economic aspects, providing necessary infrastructure for tourists within these selected villages.

The villages included in the programme were selected based on their potential for rural tourism in consultation with the Tourism Department and an expert committee of Mission Youth.

The Tourist Tribal Village Programme (TTVP), initiated by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, is proving to be a game changer for rural and tribal areas, offering economic and social benefits. The scheme promotes rural tourism and generates employment for local youth. For young individuals interested in establishing ventures in the tourism and hospitality service sector, financial assistance of up to Rs 10 lakh is available including Rs 8.50 lakh from a banking partner. Mission Youth J&K provides a special upfront incentive (subsidy) of Rs 1.5 lakh or 15% of the project cost (whichever is minimum), along with a special subsidy of Rs 3.5 lakh towards loan repayment.

Similarly, for development of homestays under the programme, financial assistance of up to Rs 1 lakh is provided including

0.85 lakh from a banking partner. Mission Youth also offers a special upfront incentive of 0.15 lakh or 15% of the project cost (whichever is minimum), 25% of the project cost as an upfront subsidy for women applicants, and a special subsidy of 0.35 lakh towards loan repayment.

Furthermore, the beneficiary must be unemployed and registered with the concerned District Employment and Counselling Centre. This initiative aims to promote home-stays across the UT, strengthen the rural economy, encourage youth entrepreneurship, and provide employment opportunities for women in tourism sector.

The initiative also recognizes the potential of J&K for film shootings and aims to promote filming in the region by offering financial aid to villages for their sustainable development. Despite having significant tourism potential, we are still unable to garner requisite attention due to infrastructural bottlenecks. Destinations which lag behind in sphere of tourism infrastructure, can overcome the downsides by introducing homestays as a means of accommodation facilities for the tourists which do not require heavy investment.

Press Club in.....

"We did provide a press club to south Kashmir as there was a commitment with them made already" She added.

The Kashmir Press Club in Srinagar, which was the biggest representative body for the Valley's journalists, was shut down in January 2022 by the government of the union territory of Kashmir. The erstwhile Press Club building now houses a police office.

Andrabi said they believe that without media and journalism the society could not move forward.

"That is why we have allotted a press club in south Kashmir", Andrabi said.

"Let us talk with the Lieutenant Governor administration and the authorities of which I am also a part of... if we will not think about you then for whom, she said and added "We will definitely think about providing you press club but give some time... you can keep hope for the better", she added.

Infiltration Bid.....

bid along the LoC in Krishnaghati sector on the intervening night of June 14 and 15," Jammu-based Army PRO Lt Col Devender Anand said.

In the operation, he said one weapon, two pouches and two rucksacks were seized. The recovered items include one AK-74 rifle with nine magazines and 438 rounds, two pistols with four magazines and 60 rounds, six hand grenades, clothing and medicines.

"By this swift action another infiltration bid has been foiled, which had the potential to disturb peace in Poonch district," Lt Col Anand said.

The officials said army troops opened fire after picking up the movement of suspected terrorists attempting to sneak into this side from across the border late Wednesday night.

However, the terrorists managed to escape taking advantage of thick foliage and darkness, leaving behind the consignment of arms and ammunition.

The operation in the area was still continuing when the last reports were received, the officials said.

Separately, police assisted by the army also launched a cordon and search operation in Makhiala and Bainch villages following reports of suspicious movement.

However, no one was arrested during the operation, officials said.

Police's SIU.....

gathering and meticulous investigations in case FIR No.276/2022 of Police Station Kupwara registered under sections 120-B, 121, 121-A, 122, 123 IPC & 17, 18, 18-A, 18-B, 20, 38, 39, 40 of UA(P/A), the team of SIU Kupwara Police led to the identification and subsequent attachment of the terrorist's property of land measuring 26 Kanals and 4 Marlas located at three different locations within the district at Diver Lolab," a police statement said, adding this measure aims to disrupt his illicit network and restrict his ability to carry out further acts of terror.

Police said Almas Khan has been a persistent threat to peace and security of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir since the time he exfiltrated to Pakistan in early 1990s.

"Earlier a member of TJI (Tehreek-i-Jehad-i-Islami) and now TRF (The Resistance Front), Almas's strategic involvement in numerous acts of terror has caused immense suffering and loss of innocent lives in the valley in the past," police said.

Jammu and Kashmir Police has been actively pursuing his acts to bring an end to his destructive activities.

Police said the attachment of the property serves as a strong message to militants and their supporters that their actions will not go unnoticed or unpunished.

"It underscores the unwavering commitment of Jammu and Kashmir Police to combating terrorism at its roots and dismantling its infrastructure," they said.



Div Com Kashmir reviews arrangements for the 3rd edition of 'Vitasta Kashmir Festival'

Festival to commence from 23rd & culminate on 25th; pre-events also to be held from 16th to 21st June

SRINAGAR, JUN 15: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Thursday chaired a meeting at SKICC to take stock of the arrangements for the 3rd edition of 'Vitasta Kashmir Festival' to be organised here from 23rd to 25th of June by the Ministry of Culture, GoI.

Secretary, Tourism; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner SMC; Directors of Tourism, Hospitality and Protocol, Colleges, School Education, SKICC; VC, LCMA; Secretary, Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, SSPs, Director North Zone Council Centre (NZCC) Patiala, besides other Officers were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Director NZCC briefed the chair regarding segment wise programmes to be organized during the three days of Vitasta festival which include opening ceremony, cultural programmes besides organizing of painting and calligraphy camps, Art Installations Camp, Opera by



NSD, New Delhi, Seminar, Exhibition by ASI, Display and Sale of Craft and Cuisine of J&K and representation from Tamilnadu and Maharashtra.

The meeting was also informed that an Outreach/ Pre-planned programme shall be held in various Schools/Colleges/Villages of District Srinagar, Ganderbal, Budgam and Baramulla (UT Jammu & Kashmir) from 16th to 21st

June, 2023.

The Div Com maintained that the festival would be one of the events that is going to play a major role in promoting tourism and showcasing our rich cultural values.

Taking holistic review for smooth conduct of the programme, the Div Com took detailed stock of necessary arrangements for the smooth



conduct of inaugural ceremony and arrangement for visiting dignitaries.

He also reviewed Hanger and stage arrangements, seating arrangements, reception team, stage proceedings, cultural programmes, Artists and their boarding and lodging, refreshment, distribution of cards and other logistics.

The Director NZCC and heads

of other concerned departments assured the chair that all arrangements have been made to ensure smooth conduct of the programme.

Earlier, he also informed that two rounds of the festival had been already organized in the cities of Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and Pune (Maharashtra) and the final round is going to be held here on a larger scale.

People breaths freely now as centre pushed last nail into coffin of terror in J&K: BJP

SRINAGAR, JUN 15: Bharatiya Janat Party (BJP) on Thursday said that people are breathing freely now as the centre has pushed the last nail into the coffin of terror in Jammu and Kashmir.

From real integration with the Union of India to pushing the last nail into the coffin of terror, J&K breathes freely now" BJP spokesperson Altaf Thakur said in a statement here today.

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nine years in office entails restoration of peace in J&K and making it a safe destination for travellers and investors from across the world.

"Thakur said real integration of J&K with the Union of India by scrapping Article 370 on August 5, 2019 is the biggest achievement of the Modi led government".

The BJP leader said the peaceful Working Group meeting of G20 Conclave in Srinagar goes to the credit of PM Modis and the event reflected the changing times in Kashmir and peoples deep



yearning for peace and stability'.

He said that in the coffin of terrorism, last nail was pushed and the local militant recruitment was brought to zero. Stone pelting, street protests, closure of schools, colleges besides the shutdown of markets is a history now.

"For the first time, democracy is flourishing across J&K in every nook and corner. Militancy is on the verge of death bed and the last nail has been pushed in its coffin", he said and added "People are breathing freely just because of PM Modi's efforts."

Thakur said that the investment in J&K to Rs 75,000 crore by this year end, five times the investment that happened in the past 74 years holds promise about the huge turnaround in the economic and developmental scenario in the Union Territory.

"The influx of tourists has crossed an all time high mark of 1.80 crore last year, this year the numbers are expected to go over two crore, which reflects the success of various initiatives taken during the past nearly four years, post abrogation of Article 370," he added.

Thakur asserted that the BJP believes in inclusive Jammu and Kashmir, with every segment of society, irrespective of region, religion, race or caste having equal opportunities to prosper and progress.

7/11 Departmental Store Plays With The Lives Of Babies For Money

SRINAGAR, JUN 15: Customers throng to the so-called 7/11 Departmental Store in the Sanat Nagar area of Srinagar city on a daily basis but not many people know that this departmental store sells expired items.

The store was in the news in the past for bad reasons and this time too it is in the news for bad reasons.

Police have formally registered a formal case against the store for selling expired adulterated milk to mothers, a very serious offense.

Sources told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that Police registered an FIR against the 7/11 Departmental Store after receiving a complaint from a family that it is playing with the lives of newborn babies for money and selling expired milk sachets meant for them.

"It's a heinous crime and we will not forgive the owner of this store. What the hell on earth he thinks he can amass wealth by killing our dearest babies," a native of Sanat Nagar told the news agency Kashmir News Trust.

"I won't bother if the store owner sells expired items meant for adults but for babies, I won't spare him," another resident from Rawalpora said adding that he frequently visits the store and buys his desired items.

Notably, police have registered and FIR vide number 48/23 under sections 273, 274, 275, 276, 420 against the owner of the store. He has been accused of cheating, selling unfit products and adulteration, etc.

Meanwhile, people have demanded strict action against the owner of 7/11 departmental store.

Mass Marriage in Srinagar: NGO unites 61 couples again

SRINAGAR, JUN 15: In yet another instance of providing assistance to the poor families, "We the Helping Hands Foundation"—a non-profit NGO, organized a grand Mass Marriage ceremony, uniting 61 couples in a celebration of love and togetherness.

The mass marriage ceremony was held at Babademb marriage hall in central Kashmir's Srinagar district. Deeply moved by the significance of the event, the founder of the NGO expressed his heartfelt sentiments.

Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), founder of NGO, Umer Wani, stated, "This thing has been fixed in my mind as I consider these girls my own sisters."

"The Nikah ceremony started at around 7 AM in the morning and continued late into the night, and we cannot let the families of these 61 couples go hungry for the whole day, so we provide some dishes for them to eat," he added.

"Last year, we conducted around 157 Nikah ceremonies, and this year our target is about 200. Insha'Allah, we will achieve that," he said, adding that "we are a non-profit foundation and are not sponsored by any political party, company, or entity.

Urban Local Bodies elections: J&K Govt sounds poll bugle

To undertake revision of voters in urban areas, delimitation of wards

SRINAGAR, JUN 15: In a first step towards holding urban local bodies' elections in Jammu & Kashmir later this year, the J&K's Housing & Urban Development Department will place a formal request before the chief electoral officer (CEO) for undertaking revision of electoral rolls. The government will also carry out delimitation of wards in urban areas of J&K before unveiling the schedule of polls.

To begin with, the J&K government on Wednesday appointed Anil Koul, Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department as nodal officer for the conduct of forthcoming municipal elections in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

According to an order issued by the Housing & Urban Development

Department, the nodal officer will coordinate with chief electoral officer, all deputy commissioners, commissioners of municipal corporations and Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu/ Kashmir for placing request to chief electoral officer J&K for undertaking an exercise for revision of electoral rolls in the municipal areas.

His terms of reference also includes inclusion/exclusion of wards in consultation with concerned Municipal Corporations and Municipalities.

The government has also ordered that the deputy director/ secretary of respective ULBs/ Municipal Corporations shall be the liaison officers and shall provide all assistance and proper coordination to the nodal officer for smooth conduct of municipal elections, 2023.

J&K has two Municipal Corporations, 19 Municipal Councils and 57 Municipal Committees.

Sources told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that ULB polls are likely to be held in the month of September 2023.

"The election schedule could be announced in the month of August 2023," sources said, adding that the term of the incumbent Municipal Corporations and other Municipalities is ending in the month of October-November.

The last ULB polls in Jammu & Kashmir were held in the month of October 2018 when the erstwhile state was under Governor's Rule. The polls were boycotted by National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party.

Sgr emerges as top performing district in J&K under ABDP, APDP for 2022-23

Achieves 1st rank under DGGI-3.0 in Kashmir province

Srinagar, Jun 15: Continuing its endeavour on the Developmental front, the Srinagar District has been Ranked as Top Performing District under Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP) and Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) for the year 2022-23.

The district has also scored First Rank under District Good Governance Index (DGGI) 3.0 among all the 10 Districts of the Kashmir Division.

Under Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP), the (4) four Panchayats of Srinagar District including Fakir Gujree-B, Panzinara-A, Khonmoh-C and Soiteng Panchayat were declared Top Most Performing Panchayats by achieving aggregate score of 84.04, 84.31, 82.52 and 83.90 points respectively across the J&K.

The Panchayats were identified for focused development and improvement efforts under the APDP for the year 2022-23. The aim under APDP was to uplift the socio-economic development scenario in these panchayats by

addressing the specific areas highlighted by the selected parameters/indicators.

Similarly, under Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) ranking for the year 2022-23, the Harwan and Khonmoh Blocks in Srinagar District were ranked Top Performing Blocks among all CD Blocks of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Harwan Block of the District has achieved a score of 80.10, while Khonmoh Block has scored 79.20 points on the Ranking Dashboard.

Under District Good Governance Index (DGGI)-3.0, a tool to assess and benchmark Governance at the District level, the Srinagar District scored First Rank among all the 10 Districts of Kashmir Division by scoring 6.0045 District wise Composite Score.

Speaking about the achievements, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad has said that this is a pride moment for Srinagar District which has been attained through a collective team effort. The DC has also congratulated the Officers and urged them to work with



added zeal and dedication to retain the top ranks.

Pertinent to mention that, in order to achieve 100 percent saturation under 61 Parameters/Indicators of ABDP covering 4 major aspects of Human Development viz poverty, Health & Nutrition,

Education and Basic infrastructure, Smart Kindergartens, Vocational Training Centre, Automatic Bio Chemistry Analyser, Delivery Table with Multi Para Monitor and Baby Warmer were established in Harwan Block. Besides composite Health Cum

Nutrition Centre were also constructed apart from upgradation of public infrastructure.

Similarly, in Khonmoh Block, Smart Classrooms, Smart Kindergartens and Vocational Training Centre were established. In addition, Digital X-ray with CR system 500MA and NIBP Monitors, Composite Health cum Nutrition centres have been set up in the Block.

Besides, provision for a Micro Irrigation facility was also made.

Foot Bridges and link roads have also been constructed in the Block.

Likewise, under Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme, 4 most backward Panchayats of District were given focused development and improvement efforts under the APDP for the year 2022-23 with the aim to uplift the socio-economic development scenario in these panchayats.

It is also worth to mention that Planning Development and Monitoring Department today released the District wise ranking of all the Districts of the Jammu and Kashmir based on key performance indicators.

Commissioner Secretary I&C interacts with prominent Investors

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUNE 15: Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, held an interactive meeting with prominent investors in J&K from different sectors at Srinagar today.

The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen ties between the government and the investor community, explore potential partnerships and discuss opportunities for mutual growth of J&K and Industrial sector as well as to discuss ways to alleviate challenges in grounding investment in the UT.

About 50 investors representing diverse sectors like Pharmaceutical, Power, Hospitals, Packaging Industry, Food Processing, Manufacturing sector, Tourism Sector, Private Industrial



Parks, IT and ITES, CA stores and Start Ups expressed their keen interest in J&K's investment prospects. They lauded government's efforts to facilitate a conducive business ecosystem. Commissioner Secretary highlighted the importance of collaboration between public and private entities to drive innovation, foster entrepreneurship and unlock full potential of Industries in J&K.

He assured the investors that their feedback and sug-

gestions would be taken into consideration, aiming to address any barriers and enhance the ease of doing business. The Government's ongoing efforts to streamline processes, provide service delivery through Single Window system and foster a skilled workforce were also highlighted during the meeting.

Commissioner Secretary mentioned that such meetings will be held atleast once in every quarter to further strengthen ties

with the investors. He assured that there would be an open house on every Friday where any investor can meet him and discuss their issues.

This meeting signifies government's strong commitment towards forging meaningful partnerships with investors and fostering an environment conducive to sustained economic growth.

The meeting was also attended by Director General Industries and Commerce Jammu, Anoo Malhotra, Managing Director, J&K Trade Promotion Organisation, Khalid Jehangir, Director Industries and Commerce Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah, Additional Secretary I&C, Abdul Aziz and other senior officers of Industries and Commerce Department.

Bandipora achieves remarkable milestone, tops in Deliverables ranking throughout J&K

HT News Network

BANDIPORA, JUNE 15: District Bandipora has achieved a significant accomplishment, emerging as the leading district in terms of deliverables in the UT Level Evaluation Report of the Government today.

With its unwavering commitment to excellence and dedication to meeting targets, Bandipora has surpassed expectations, setting a commendable benchmark for efficiency and productivity.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed said that the district's exceptional performance in delivering on its commitments is a testament to the hard work and collaborative efforts of its diligent workforce and visionary officers.

By focusing on optimizing processes, streamlining



operations, and fostering a culture of accountability, Bandipora has consistently performed well, elevating its position to the forefront of success. Dr. Owais said that in a meeting convened for e-launch of panchayat ranking for UT under ABDP, Aspirational Block Ranking for FY 2022-23, Ranking of Districts on deliverables and District Good Governance Index 3.0, Bandipora was declared First in ranking of Deliverables through-

out JK UT and 2nd in Good Governance Index in Kashmir division.

He urged the officers to maintain the top position and also improve the indicators in other areas.

It is worth mentioning that Bandipora is the first district to have its own Panchayat index and drug de-addiction centre, besides having all mandated social welfare centers like senior citizen homes and one stop centre for women. The Dis-

trict Bandipora also topped in the growth of mutton, poultry, horticulture, and milk production. Besides, it also witnessed increased Tourist footfall and increase in credit provided for self-employment, thereby engaging more and more youth in employment generation programs.

As District Bandipora continues its journey towards progress and development, it remains dedicated to upholding its high standards in increasing the number of beneficiaries covered under Atal Pension (PMSBY+PMJJBY), increase in Employment provided under MGNREGA besides increasing basic facilities to the general public.

Emphasizing the significance of dedication, collaboration, and innovation in achieving remarkable outcomes, the DC appreciated the efforts of district officers for improvement.

Pulwama Youth Raashid UI Nabi Khan received "Global youth icon award"

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Srinagar, June 10 The National Education conference, organized by Uni Global Intellectuals Foundation (UNIGEF) in collaboration with the Private Schools Association Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK), saw prominent speakers sharing their insights on the subject. Mr Naseer Ahmad Wani, Additional Secretary School Education, was the Chief Guest, expressing the government's commitment to providing quality education and emphasizing the important role that private schools should play. In addition to Dr Khulbushan Sharma, other notable speakers included G N Var, President of PSAJK, and Rachna Bhimrajika, Founder Chairperson of UNIGEF. Their contributions added valuable perspectives to the discussions surrounding educational reforms. Meanwhile Raashid UI Nabi Khan from pulwama recieved an award as Global youth icon award for enriching the standards in imparting excellence in Education.

DLTFC approves 37 cases for financial help under JKREGP at Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JUNE 15: A District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) meeting under JKREGP of KVIB was held today at mini secretariat Kulgam under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather.

During the meeting, 42 cases were placed before the Committee out of which 37 cases were approved for Project cost of Rs. 2.84 crore involving margin money of Rs. 99.66 lac.

The bank representatives were directed by the chair to take the credit decision within 28 days from the receipt of DLTFC recommended application from KVIB Kul-



gam. They were also instructed to ensure that no security will be insisted on these beneficiaries by the bank except in agricultural allied cases ranging beyond the project cost of Rs. 5.00 lacs.

Elderline J&K - 14567 celebrates WEAD at Townhall, Pahalgam

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ANANTNAG, JUNE 15: Elderline J&K - 14567 today

Ahmad and TSWO Ashmuqam along with Field Response Officers of Elderline, Senior Citizens and

DLSA Secretary also provided detailed information about the MWPSA Act (Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007).

Helpage India, implementing agency of elderline Jammu & Kashmir field response officer Younis Ahmad, Mudisar Ah Dar and Mudisar Mohi Ud Din also briefed the participants about the elderline.

Elderline J&K is part of the National Helpline for Senior Citizens. A toll-free number 14567 has been dedicated by the Government of India where the senior citizens can ask for information, guidance, emotional support and field intervention. So far elderline J&K had helped and rescued a large number of senior citizens across the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

At the conclusion of the event Carrom boards and badminton rackets were given to 08 old age clubs from different areas of Tehsil Pahalgam.



celebrated World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAD) at Townhall, Pahalgam.

The celebration was attended by DLSA Secretary Tabassum Qadri, SDM Pahalgam, Syed Naseer

youth. At the outset of the program, DLSA Secretary, SDM and TSWO briefed the participants about the elderline and advised people to take benefits of the facilities provided by elderline. In addition to this, the

ADDC Anantnag reviews functioning of Jal Shakti Department in the district

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ANANTNAG, JUNE 15: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Anantnag, Bashir Ahmad Wani today reviewed the functioning of Jal Shakti Department in the district.

ADDC said that the Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship program of the Government to provide safe and adequate water supplies through Functional Tap Connections to every household of Rural India.

He said that the officials must ensure regular monitoring to ensure proper quality control in the constructions. He also said that the department must strictly adhere to timelines to ensure that all projects are completed without delay.

The ADC reviewed the projects being taken up by Jal Shakti, Irrigation as well as Flood Control under



NABARD, District CAPEX, Area Development Fund and Languishing. He directed the concerned Executive Engineers to ensure that works related to irrigation are taken up in lean months to avoid inconvenience.

The officers were directed to ensure that any ROW issues should be taken up with the revenue department immediately so they can be resolved at the earliest. SE Jal Shakti apprised the chair of status of works under execution at present. He said that while some works have already been completed, every effort is being made to complete the works within a stipulated time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Balkisa Akther, spouse of NO 9113827x Nk Ali Mohd Dar Resident of Vill: Iskanderpora, PO: Iskanderpora, Teh: Beerwah & Distt Budgam (J&K) have changed my Name from BALKISA AKTHER to BILKEESA AKHTER Vide Affidavit dt 03.06.2023 before munsiff court magam (Name and place of the court)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for death certificate of my mother in law namely Jana begam wife of Mohd Subhan Rather R/o Rangpath Qaziabad. If anybody having any objection in this regard He/She may file his/her objection in the office of BDO office Kralgund within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained

Applicant:
Mohd Shafi Rather
Son in law of Late Jana begam
R/o Rangpath Qaziabad

In the court of Additional Munsiff / Judicial Magistrate Ist Class Srinagar

Present: Shafeeq Ahmad Malik
Fatima Vs. Abdul Rehman Baba
Notice through Publication to: 1. Abdul Rehman Baba, 2. Gulla Baba, 3. Qadir Baba, 4. M. Yousuff Baba, 5. Gh. Ahmad Baba All Sons of Abdul Khalig Baba, 6. Farooq Ah. Baba, 7. Mushtaq Ah. Baba, 8. Mohd Maqbool Baba, 9. Mst Misra 10. Mst. Gulshana 11. Mst. Jawahira 12. Mst. Ruqayya, All Sons/ Daughters of Late Hassa Baba, 13. Mohd Ashraf Baba, 14. Gani Baba, 15. Abdul Rashid Baba 16. Nazir Ahmad Baba 17. Hilal Ahmad Baba 18. Mst Haseena All Sons/ Daughters of Late Mohd Maqbool Baba 19. Manzoor Ah. Baba 20. AB. Hameed Baba 21. Rouf Baba 22. Mst. Saleema 23. Mst Tasleema All Sons/ Daughters of Mohd Ali Baba All residents of Wanganpora Eidgah Srinagar.

Whereas, above titled suit has been filed against you in this court and you have been conveyed as defendant no: 1 to 23. The next date of hearing is fixed on 19/06/2023. Whereas, Summons were issued for your appearance in this court, but you avoided to acknowledge the summons, as a result the summons got returned as untraced. This way you did not appear before the Court to answer the suit and it appears that your attendance may not be procured through the issuance of ordinary summons. You are as such summoned through this Publication and directed to appear before this Court personally or through counsel on 19/06/2023 failing to which appropriate orders will be passed against you. In case the date fixed in declared as holiday the matter shall be taken up on next following day.
Given under my Hand and Seal of this court.
Ist Additional Munsiff, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost Number Plate of my vehicle bearing registration number JK05D-2502. Now I am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may contact concerned ARTO within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name: GHULAM QADIR KHAN
S/O BASHIR AHMAD KHAN
R/o JEHANGIRPORA SHARAKWARA
Block: WAGOORA

THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA, SRINAGAR ATTENTION PLEASE.

The candidate whose photograph is above reports that he/she has lost his/ her qualification certificate/s having the following description:-

Roll No:- 8124246
Class:- 10th.
Year & Session :- Annual 2018.
Registration No:- N17301550053.
Name: Syed Ainain Qadri
Father's Name: Syed Gh Nabi Qadri
Mother's Name: Syed Ulfat Bukhari
Date of Birth:- 13-04-2004
Residence:- R/o. Utikoo Sheikhpura'



Now the candidate has applied for issuance of DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION ON CERTIFICATE/S. Before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained.

[Besides, the lost "QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE", bearing Serial No/s 10ARKAM-10339 s/are be treated as "CANCELLED").

No:- F(Certs-I-DOC)/B/KD/20
Dated: 15/6/23

Sd/-
Assistant Secretary
Certificates, ED.

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SUMBAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No.22 of 2023-24/R&B Sumbal Division (Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following work:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of Completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Supply of 6 feet wide Nylon foam 10mm (Supreme Plus, Alkram, Comfort) for Yatra 2023-24 of R&B Division Sumbal.	0.50	200/-	1000/-	1-Days	Yatra 2023-24	DEE

Position of AAA:- Accredited
Position of Fund:- Available
1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	15.06.2023 from 2.00 P.M
3	Bid submission Start Date	15.06.2023 from 2.00 P.M.
4	Bid Submission End Date	20.06.2023 upto 2.00 P.M.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	20.06.2023 at 2.15 P.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender inviting authority) [The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date] pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority).
- The successful Bidder shall produce Performance Security Deposit @ 3% of contract value in the shape of CDR/FDR/BD within 02 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. This will replace the EMD @ 2% of the Advertised cost uploaded by the Bidder.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jkenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bids
- Instructions to Bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jkenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Price escalation and Taxes: The "tags" quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)
- All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-
 - All bidders shall upload Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address.
 - Scanned copy of Registration Card with latest renewal on JKPWDOMS portal.
 - All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan.
 - All bidders shall upload CDR/FDR/BD @ 2% of advertised Cost pledged to opening authority.

DIPK-3533/23
Date: Jun 15 2023

Sd/
Executive Engineer,
(R&B) Division Sumbal

Div Com inspects Shri Amarnathji Yatra arrangements at Kathua & Samba

HT News Network

KATHUA, JUNE 15: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today conducted an extensive tour of District Kathua and Samba to oversee and assess the arrangements being put in place for the ensuing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023.

The Div Com was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas; DC State Taxes, Ranjit Singh; SSP Kathua, Shivdeep Singh Jamwal; ADC Deepika Rana and other concerned officers.

At Kathua, the Divisional Commissioner visited Lakhanpur and took a walk around the Lakhanpur Corridor and inspected the existing infra-

structure and the status of civic amenities viz drinking water, Sanitation, Reception centre, provision of Public Address System for facilitation of Yatris, medical facilities, besides he also enquired about the arrangement of lodgement centres for pilgrims in case of Yatra halt.

Emphasizing on adequate provision of basic amenities, the Divisional Commissioner stressed on the need for close coordination among all stakeholders involved in the preparations.

The Div Com directed the Executive Officer Lakhanpur MC to take measures to maintain cleanliness and sanitation in the area. The installation of signage for assistance of Yatris coming



for pilgrimage was also stressed upon.

He also inspected the area earmarked for Langar facilities as

identified by the district administration and directed for improving sanitation conditions, drinking water facilities

and other logistics. Ramesh Kumar also directed the concerned authorities to start the face-lifting and other

necessary repair works well in time. He instructed the representative of NHAI to expedite the pace of work of Blacktopping of Lakhanpur corridor area and ensure completion of all works by June 20.

The Div Com also inquired about the putting up of hoardings at Lakhanpur by the Tourism Department to showcase and promote the prominent tourist locations in Jammu region.

Reviewing the arrangement for the security of Pilgrims, the Div Com asked the police to devise a foolproof security plan. He passed directions to the SSP Kathua for deployment of a sufficient number of personnel and installation of additional CCTV cameras to ensure hassle free &

secure experience for the pilgrims.

Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioner accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma and other district officers took stock of preparations at lodgement centre in Chichi Mata Premises for pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. He directed district administration Samba to ensure regular water, power supply besides regular cleanliness at all the identified lodgement centres in the district during Yatra days.

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DC flags off new JKRTC service from Rajouri to Srinagar via Thanamandi

MS Nazki

RAJOURI, JUNE 15: In a major relief for the residents of Rajouri, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today flagged off the new JKRTC (J&K Road Transport Corporation) Service. The bus will commence its journey from Old Bus Stand Rajouri to Srinagar via Thanamandi.

The Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Pawan Sharma, was also present on the occasion.

The inauguration of the new SRTC service is a significant step towards improving connectivity from Rajouri to Summer Capital Srinagar. The service will provide the residents of Rajouri with a comfortable, affordable, and reliable means of transportation.

2 Day orientation program on watershed management begins in Rajouri

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RAJOURI, JUNE 15: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today inaugurated two-day capacity building and training program on watershed management program for PRIs, SHGs, Water Committee members and the stakeholders of WDC- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana. The event was attended by Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Sheraz Chowhan and other stakeholders. The program aims to educate the participants about the importance of watershed management and its benefits for sustainable Agriculture.

In his address, the Deputy Commissioner shed light on the various aspects of the water management program. He emphasized the need for adopting a sustainable approach towards water management, which not only conserves the natural resources but also ensures their efficient utilization for the benefit of the farmers.

Batch of 97 Hajj Pilgrims leaves from Ramban

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RAMBAN, JUNE 15: A batch of 97 Hajj pilgrims was accorded a warm send-off by the district administration Ramban and locals, here today. The Haj pilgrims were flagged-off from Cafeteria Morh Bus Stand Ramban. Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Gias-Ul-Haq, other officers, prominent citizens and a large number of friends and relatives of pilgrims were also present on the occasion. The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the Hajj pilgrims for getting the opportunity to embark on this sacred journey. He extended his best wishes for their safe and secure pilgrimage.

DISHA meeting, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma reviews implementation of central schemes in Samba District

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SAMBA, JUNE 15: Member Parliament Jammu-Poonch Constituency (LS) Jugal Kishore Sharma today chaired the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting to review progress implementation and achievements under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) in Samba district. The meeting was attended by DDC Chairperson, Keshav Dutt Sharma; District Development Commissioner, Samba, Abhishek Sharma; SSP Samba Benam Tosh; ADDC, Rajinder Singh; ADC, Rakesh Dubey; CPO, Sukhleen Kour; ACR, Dr. Kusum Chib; ACD, Sidharth Dhiman members of DISHA Committee, besides District and Sectoral officers of different departments. At the outset, the District Development Commissioner Samba Abhishek Sharma gave a PowerPoint presentation on the achievements and progress recorded under different Centrally Sponsored Schemes, besides status of various iconic/development projects being executed by different departments and agencies



in the district. The District Development Commissioner apprised the chair that a number of works taken up in the district

under different CSSs have been completed and the rest are at different stages of execution. He gave detailed presentation on Rural

Development schemes including IWMP, PMAY-G, SBM-II, MGNREGA, SAGY, 14 FC; Urban Development Schemes, Roads and Buildings, PMGSY, Ayushman Bharat, Jal Jeevan Mission, Power Development schemes, Social security schemes, PMKisan, DILRMP, Financial inclusion schemes like PMJDY, Mudra Yojana, PMJJBY, Atal Pension Yojana besides other schemes.

The Member Parliament laid emphasis on working in close coordination with elected representatives to overcome bottlenecks and maintain pace of development works in the Border district.

MP Jugal Kishore, while reviewing achievements under different schemes, directed the officers to expedite the augmentation of the road network, especially PMGSY roads. He also directed officers to adhere to timelines set for achieving allocated targets and stressed for early completion of works being executed under JJM.

Later, DDC Samba assured the Chairperson DISHA that the instructions issued in the meeting shall be adhered to in letter and spirit.

Commissioner Sec. inaugurates children playing, gym equipments at Veer Bhoomi Park, Samba

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JAMMU, JUNE 15: Commissioner Secretary Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad, today inaugurated children playing equipments and gym equipments installed at Veer Bhoomi Park, Samba.

Director General, Floriculture, Parks and Gardens Jammu, S. Jatinder Singh was also present on the occasion.

Different types of Children Playing Equipments have been installed in the park such as Slider, Swings and Rolling cap.

While addressing the gathering, Commissioner Secretary informed that new Children Playing Equipments are in the process of installation at 20 different Parks and Gardens of Jammu Province at an estimated cost of Rs. 80.00 Lakh in two phases. He appealed the general public to cooperate with the department in keeping the parks and gardens neat, clean and green.

On the occasion, the Committee of War



Memorial Veer Bhoomi Park, Samba, comprising Dr. Jagdeep Singh, Retired Professor Education Department, Shiv Charan Singh, Retired Zonal Education Officer, Captain Inder Singh, President Rajput Sabha, Samba and President of Voice of Ex-Servicemen District Samba submitted a memorandum regarding further development of the Park to the Commissioner Secretary.

Commissioner assured the Committee members that all their genuine demands will be considered and action shall be taken on each of them in a time bound manner.

DC Rajouri discusses STP cases at Single Window Clearance Committee meet

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RAJOURI, JUNE 15: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired the meeting of the Single Window Clearance Committee to discuss STP (Short Term permit) cases of the GREF.

Officers who attended the meeting were ADC, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; DMO, Naseeb Bajrang; CHO, Madan Lal; CAO, Sohan Singh; DSCO, Abdul Rashid; EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; AD Fisheries, Munesh Sharma and other concerned officers.

As many as 09 Short Term Permit cases were discussed during the meeting. Cases pertained to 58 RCC



for the up-gradation of National Highway. The DC also asked the concerned members of the single window committee to personally visit all the spots as per the site plan proposed by the GREF authorities.

The DDC said that the timely issuance of the necessary NOCs for short term permits is important to overcome the shortage of construction material and to speed up the pace of the

developmental works, besides the projects of National importance viz. roads, bridges etc being taken up in the district. Officers who attended the meeting were ADC, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; DMO, Naseeb Bajrang; CHO, Madan Lal; CAO, Sohan Singh; DSCO, Abdul Rashid; EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; AD Fisheries, Munesh Sharma.

DIPR, SWD organise Anti - Drug abuse awareness programme for students

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RAMBAN, JUNE 15: The Department of Information and Public Relations, in collaboration with ICDS, Social Welfare and Drug department Ramban organised an awareness camp on hazards of drug abuse under "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan" here in New Convent Secondary School Maitra. Programme Officer of ICDS, Ramban, Jahangir Hashmi, was the Chief Guest, while District Social Welfare Officer Rahul Gupta, Drug Control Officer Imtiyaz Ahmed, Chairman of School Mehboob Ul Hus-



sain and students participated in the awareness event. The event witnessed the active participation of more than 100 students.

The programme aimed to create awareness among the youth about the perils of drug addiction and equip

them with strategies to overcome this menace. PO ICDS engaged in a productive dialogue with the students, sensitizing them to the physical, emotional, and social harms associated with substance abuse. Through this interaction,

he provided valuable insights on how to break free from the clutches of addiction. In a symbolic gesture of commitment and solidarity, an oath-taking ceremony was conducted, which included the participation of PO ICDS, the District Social Welfare Officer, the Drug Inspector, the School Principal, dedicated teachers, and zealous students. The event served as a pivotal moment for the students, empowering them with knowledge and instilling a strong sense of responsibility towards their own well-being.

DC reviews issuance of Ayushman Sehat Cards, Aadhar updation at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, JUNE 15: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today reviewed the progress of issuance of Ayushman Sehat Cards and Aadhar updation in the district, here at a meeting held in his office chamber.

The DC exhorted the officers to spread mass awareness among the general public regarding updation of Aadhar cards and activate men and machinery to cover the whole population under Aadhaar enrolment. He set a one week deadline for completing the Aadhar enrolment of children between 0-5 years and 5-18 years.

A slew of directions were issued to all the concerned to redouble efforts



to achieve 100 percent target of registration of beneficiaries under Ayushman Sehat scheme in the district. The CMO was directed to conduct a pre-scripted Audit in the District.

Later, in another meeting, the DC discussed the land and other issues of the PMGSY road project from Rail-

way Station Chari to Swail road. The DC directed the concerned to sort out the land issue immediately to avoid further delay in the construction of the Road project.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Anil Manhas, PO ICDS, AD FCS&CA and other officers attended the meeting.

EDITORIAL

Upholding Islamic Principles : Combating Sale of Adulterated Food...

The recent controversy surrounding the well-known Convenience store of the town has shed light on a grave issue... The sale of adulterated food in the market. As Muslims, it is important to examine this matter from an Islamic perspective, as our faith emphasizes the significance of honesty, integrity, and compassion towards fellow human beings. In light of this, it is crucial to analyze the Islamic reference to the selling of adulterated food and understand the ethical obligations it places on Muslims and society at large.

Islam is a religion that provides comprehensive guidance for every aspect of life, including business transactions and consumer protection. Islamic teachings strongly emphasize justice, honesty, and fairness in all dealings, emphasizing that Muslims must refrain from any form of deception, exploitation, or harm to others. This includes the prohibition of selling adulterated or harmful food items.

Islam places great emphasis on trust and responsibility, particularly in matters that affect people's health and well-being. Selling adulterated food violates the trust placed by consumers in the vendors and retailers who provide them with sustenance. It is an act of betrayal that not only harms individuals but also undermines the fabric of trust within society.

The Quran categorically prohibits any form of dishonesty or deception in business transactions. Allah says in Surah Al-Mutaffifin (83:1-3): "Woe to those who give less [than due], who, when they take a measure from people, take in full. But if they give by measure or by weight to them, they cause loss." This verse highlights the dire consequences for those who engage in unfair practices.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) also emphasized the importance of honesty and warned against adulterating goods. He said, "He who deceives us is not one of us," underlining the severity of deceitful practices. He further stated, "The buyer and the seller have the right to keep or return goods as long as they have not parted or till they part; and if both the parties spoke the truth and described the defects and qualities (of the goods), then they would be blessed in their transaction, and if they told lies or hid something, then the blessings of their transaction would be lost."

The consequences of selling adulterated food extend beyond individual harm. Adulteration undermines public health, erodes trust in businesses, and disrupts social harmony. It affects the most vulnerable members of society, such as children and the elderly, who are more susceptible to the ill effects of contaminated food. Such practices not only violate Islamic principles but also contravene the moral responsibility to safeguard the well-being of others.

As Muslims, it is our duty to uphold ethical obligations and promote a just and compassionate society. In response to the controversy surrounding the selling of adulterated food, it is imperative that the Muslim community and regulatory authorities work together to ensure proper monitoring, inspection, and strict adherence to quality standards. Businesses should be held accountable for any violations, and consumers should be empowered with knowledge to make informed choices about the products they purchase.

The selling of adulterated food in the market is a violation of Islamic principles and ethical standards. Muslims have a duty to reject such practices and work towards creating a just and compassionate society. It is essential that individuals, businesses, and regulatory bodies collaborate to uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and consumer protection. By doing so, we can strengthen trust within society, promote integrity and honesty within human beings.

Anti-Christ-The Biggest (Trial) And Signs Of Resurrection



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God like in Animals, has created the biological growth and movement in plants and trees and the modern and contemporary sciences had also recognized the philosophy of life in plants and trees. Glorious Quran has mentioned this fact 14 hundred years ago, when there was hardly any scientific and technological invention." Indeed We offered the trust to the Heavens, the Earth and the Mountains but they apologized to carry." [33:72]. This means that there is such a movement and life within them by which they apologized before their creator and owner to carry this burden. Just like in human body, the blood circulatory pulse and moderate heart rate is essential to establish Human Existence. In the same way, in earth, God has kept certain positive and negative magnetic waves from North to South and South to North. Their own moderation is necessary for earth and they are in motion just like the human pulse and the movement of heart. Change of seasons and maintaining the natural speed of atmosphere is based on these magnetic waves which continuously travel in this atmosphere. If this atmospheric system of earth will run and keep going according to Divine power, then this whole universe will stuck to justice system. However, if in this natural system human hands began to intervene, the entire atmospheric system would suffer deterioration that is what man is doing now?

American scientists have proposed a conspiracy theory of HAARP TECHNOLOGY in 1910 and until 1930 more research was carried on it. Finally in 1980, HAARP was experimentally presented which went successful. HAARP TECHNOLOGY ,High Frequency Auroral Research Program was conducted by United States Military from 1990 to 2014. It is high-frequency Transmitter located in Gal-

konda Alaska and its scientific purpose was to study the Ionosphere, a region of the Earth's atmosphere where charged particles interact with the Earth's Magnetic Field. The radio waves interacted with the charged particles in the atmosphere, creating artificial Auroras and heating the Ionosphere which allowed scientists to study its properties and address a range of scientific questions related to the Ionosphere, such as how it affects satellite communications, responds to solar activity and how it influences the weather patterns.

It was also intended to have military applications, such as improving communication and navigation in the polar regions and detecting underground structures. Despite the programs stated scientific objectives, HAARP Technology is being conspicuously used for certain nefarious purposes.

WEATHER MANIPULATION:-HAARP was used to control the weather, causing natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes and artificial Tsunamis. Earthquakes can be caused by increasing earth's temperature while as with change in seasons, floods can be caused by rain wherever desired and rains can be stopped wherever needed. This is the miracle of this technology which is sponsored and supervised by America. Since Western Atomic Powers have badly failed to maintain their supremacy in the Nuclear World they have shifted their scientific and technological knowledge to the other to get control over the world's Economic and Fiscal Economy. So that it would be easy for them to destroy a certain land by rains and floods, and with lack of rain could made regions barren. This has been technically experimented at various places with successful results which had upset the western world who are afraid of America.

This will be the Anti-Christ Trial (Dajjali Fitna) about which prophets were scaring their Ummah and prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him) not only specifically mentioned rather described it as a sign of Resurrection.

MIND CONTROL:-HAARP was used for mind control or brainwashing purpose, based on the idea that radio waves could

influence human behavior. It is used in the migration of wildlife by causing unnatural effects on the crust and aerial surfaces of the earth. Rotational movement of earth creates day and night and its speed can be slowed by changing wind speed and can bring latitude in day-night system which has been mentioned in the light of Hadith as a sign of resurrection. When this happens, the day will be like a week, one week like one month and one month will be like one year. Earth will start rotating in the opposite direction by which the sun will rise from its place of setting that is from west instead of east. This is among the biggest signs of resurrection.

Abu Dhurr narrated that, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him) said, "Sun goes and prostrates beneath the throne, then it asks for permission (to rise) and permission is given to it. Soon it will prostrate, but it will not be accepted from it, it will ask for permission (to rise) but permission will not be given to it; It will be said to it," Go back to where you come from, so it will rise from its place of setting." [Sahi-Al- Bukhari].

God has made mountains as pegs being firmly fixed in the earth to stabilize it, otherwise it would fly in the space as straw are blown in the wind. But human beings are erasing and excavating mountains to end up this firm stay and easing the burden on earth. This will destroy the natural balance of earth and it will hang itself left and right. In this way the earth and the mountains will lose their identity.

"Have we not made the earth as a bed, And the mountains as pegs". [78:6-7]. "And the mountains He has fixed firmly. [79:32] The destruction which the Glorious Quran has called the "Great Earthquake of Resurrection" will occur and the mountains will be like Wool Fluffed up.

"When the Earth is shaken with its Final Earthquake"[99:1-8]. Man is doing all this with his own hands and raising resurrection for himself. Hadith mentioned that Dajjal will bring fake paradise and Hell with him and will open the gates of this fake paradise and luxurious equipments, sustenance and financial to those who believes in him, whereas whoever

does not listen/obey him will be subjected to all kinds of doom and punishment. Doors of sustenance will be closed, comforts and convenience of life be snatched and has to face drought. These prophecies have been already made by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him) and are compiled in Hadith Books. This way, there will be plenty of earthquakes near the Judgment day caused by the disturbance of the balance established by the mountains that resulted by the excavation and erosion of mountains. Huge explosions carried underground are raising earth's temperature and contributing to plenty of earthquakes.

Automatically, this will breakdown the solidity, strength of the earth and ultimately its bars will open up as mentioned in the signs of resurrection. These were some Highlights of Dajjali Fitna which were mentioned in the light of Hadith and have manifested in the form of HAARP TECHNOLOGY. However it is not yet known what further action will be taken on it but this Dajjali Fitna (Anti-Christ tribulation, trial) is backed by those Jewish Zionist powers who have big impact on world politics and possess bad grip on global economic system, rather the world politics and governance are their tools and dancing to their cue. Although in the nuclear world, they were ruling the entire globe, have suffered disappointment and failure. So they want to destroy the world economic system with this new technology, but forget the AL-JABBAR (The All-Compelling) and AL-QAHHAR (The All-Prevailing One) divine power will crush all their bad intentions and ambitions, because Allah loves His creation and will not tolerate the destruction of His creatures. Rather all these Anti-Christ powers will be destroyed as their day of reckoning is approaching. There is fixed time for everything in God's will and He erases and keeps the rest. So there is no need to worry and get disappointed. Everything belongs to God and He has power and control of the heavens and the earth.

HIGHEST POSITION ONLY SUITS TO THE LORD (ALLAH). WHO CAN TURN ORDINARY STONES INTO GEM-PEARLS.

"Empowering Kashmir's Youth: Rebuilding Values, Inspiring Change"



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Once known as the "Valley of Peace," Kashmir has undergone a transformation that has led to a rise in social challenges, including vulgarity, hooliganism, licentiousness, sexual exploitation, womenfolk molestation, acid attacks, drug addiction, killings of innocents, theft, bribery, revenge on love affairs, child kidnapping, dowry demands, late marriages, disobedience towards parents, and a general breakdown of societal values. This article aims to shed light on the prevailing issues and proposes collective responsibility and individual initiatives to combat these challenges. Additionally, it emphasizes the importance of self-defense training for women and addresses the impact of external influences on the region's social fabric.

The Unfortunate Reality: The deterioration of social values in Kashmir is a cause for concern. Incidents of vulgarity, violence, and moral degradation have become increasingly common, jeopardizing the well-being and safety of its residents. The erosion of traditional societal norms can be attributed to several factors, including the long-standing violent conflict that has engulfed the region and the influence of globalization.

Effects of the Conflict: The decades-long conflict in Kashmir has left a profound impact on its society. The constant state of unrest, violence, and political instability has disrupted the social fabric, leading to an increase in frustration, anger, and disillusionment among the youth. The lack of opportunities for growth and development has made them vulnerable to negative influences, which manifest as drug addiction, criminal activities, and a disregard for social norms.

The Influence of Globalization: "By celebrating Kashmir's rich cultural heritage, we can build a stronger society that is resilient against negative influences."

(Aubaidd Ahmad Akhoun).

The rapid process of globalization has brought with it both positive and negative consequences. While it has opened doors to new ideas, technology, and economic opportunities, it has also exposed societies to external influences that can be detrimental. The intrusion of Western culture, with its emphasis on individualism, consumerism, and sometimes explicit sexuality, has had an impact on the values and behavior of the younger generation in Kashmir.

Collective Responsibility: "To combat social challenges in Kashmir, collective responsibility is the key; we must all work together to restore values and rebuild society." - Aubaidd Ahmad Akhoun. To address the deteriorating social situation, it is crucial for all stakeholders, including the government, community leaders, educators, and families, to shoulder their responsibilities. Strengthening social institutions such as the family unit, educational institutions, and community organizations can play a pivotal role in restoring a sense of discipline, respect, and moral values within society.

It is only through collective efforts and individual initiatives that Kashmir can reclaim its status as a Valley of Peace and build a brighter future for its residents. By addressing these issues head-on, Kashmir can overcome the current social crisis and pave the way for a more prosperous and harmonious society.

Empowering the Youth: "The conflict in Kashmir has left scars on society, but by investing in education and skill development, we can empower the youth to shape a brighter future."

(Aubaidd Ahmad Akhoun).

Investing in the empowerment of young people is vital for shaping a better future for Kashmir. Encouraging education, vocational training, and skill development programs can provide avenues for personal growth and economic independence. Additionally, promoting extracurricular activities, sports, and arts can help channelize their energy into constructive pursuits.

Self-Defense and Safety: "Self-defense training for women in Kashmir is not just about safety; it's about empowering them and instilling confidence in the face of adversity."

(Aubaidd Ahmad Akhoun).

Considering the rising concerns for the safety of women in Kashmir, it is imperative to provide self-defense training

for girls and women. Empowering them with the knowledge and skills to protect themselves can act as a deterrent to potential perpetrators and instill confidence among women in the face of adversity. Martial art techniques taught at the domestic, community, and educational levels can equip them with the means to defend themselves if faced with challenging situations.

Preserving Cultural Identity: "Preserving Kashmir's cultural identity is crucial in the face of globalization; it strengthens the youth's sense of belonging and shields them from negative influences."

(Aubaidd Ahmad Akhoun)

While external influences may have an impact, it is crucial to preserve and promote Kashmir's rich cultural heritage. By celebrating local traditions, art, music, and literature, the younger generation can develop a stronger sense of identity and pride in their heritage. This can act as a shield against negative influences and provide a foundation for a more harmonious and inclusive society.

Bottom line: The challenges facing Kashmir's society today are a reflection of its tumultuous history and the wider impact of globalization. However, by recognizing the collective responsibility and empowering the youth, there is hope for positive change. Combating social challenges requires a multi-faceted approach that encompasses strengthening social institutions, investing in education and skill development, promoting cultural identity, and prioritizing the safety and empowerment of women. It is only through collective efforts and individual initiatives that Kashmir can reclaim its status as a Valley of Peace and build a brighter future for its residents. By addressing these issues head-on, Kashmir can overcome the current social crisis and pave the way for a more prosperous and harmonious society.

"In the struggle for peace, strengthening social institutions and promoting a sense of discipline and moral values is essential for the progress of Kashmir."

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Educational Philosophy Of Dr. Allama Iqbal (R.A)



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Abstract

The paper presents an overview of Dr. Allama Iqbal's philosophy and its application to educational process. His philosophy has tremendous significance not only for Pakistan educational system, but for the entire world. The nucleus of Allama Iqbal's philosophy on which the whole educational process builds, is the concept of self-identity (khudi) that strengthens the individual's innate powers to realize his full potentials towards goodness. His theory of education is subordinated to his fundamental philosophical thought rooted in Islam that (i) ultimate reality is Allah (swt); (ii) ultimate source of knowledge is revelation (wahi); (iii) ultimate value is unconditional surrender before the will of Allah (swt). As the paper is aimed to provide only some glimpses of Allama Iqbal's educational thought in an outline form.

Introduction

Dr. Allama Iqbal is not only a renowned thinker on education; he, in fact, practiced his thought. He taught in the institutions of higher learning both in the sub-continent and European world. His contribution as an active member of All India Mohammadan Educational Conference, 'Anjuman-e-Himayat-e-Islam', Punjab Educational Conference, and other educational forums further established him as an eminent educationist. Saiyidain, an eminent educationist and a pioneer researcher on Allama Iqbal's educational philosophy rightly observed that, "I do hope that educationists in India and Pakistan, who are seriously exercised about the problem of educational reconstruction in their countries will give thoughtful consideration to rich contribution which Allama Iqbal can make to our educational ideology".² With this background, an analysis of his philosophy and educational thought is presented below in an outline form.

Contents of Allama Iqbal's Philosophy

Allama Iqbal's philosophy, in terms of ontological, epistemological, and axiological content areas, which ultimately influenced his educational thought, is examined below:

Ontological View

Allama Iqbal's ontological view is presented under three sub-headings:

Theological aspect

- Allama Iqbal's concept of God is rooted in the Quranic diction. He is the First (nothing is before Him) and the Last (nothing is after Him), the Most High (nothing is above Him) and the Most Near (nothing is nearer than Him), and He is the All-Knower of everything.³
- The absolute Reality is Allah (swt) who is the Creator of whole universe and the Unity of God (tauhid) is the basis of 'unity of thought and action'.⁴
- Personality of the last Prophet (saws) is the eventual role model of an ideal character towards the holistic development of man and the entire humanity for all time and space.⁵
- The attributes of the Creator (Khaliq) demands that there is a life hereafter (aakhirah). This belief makes the individual and the society responsible and accountable in all spheres of life.⁶

Cosmological aspect

- Allah (swt) created the universe and natural laws with definite purpose - The entire universe is at the disposal of man as trust (amanah) to make it a service to humanity.⁷
- An important characteristic of the dignity of the caliph (Khalifah) is to conquer the whole universe in order to surrender before the will of Allah (swt) in all matters both individual and societal.⁸

Anthropological aspect

- Man is the best creation of Allah (swt). He has been entrusted with the vicegerency of Allah (swt) for a major purpose of His worship (ibadah) in both individual and collective life systems. Man is composed of soul (ruh), intellect (aql), and body (jasad). The proper education (tarbiyah) of this composition makes a balanced personality which distinguishes man from other creatures. With his typical personality, he discovers the signs (ayaat) of the Creator.⁹
- Man is free to make choice and for that he is responsible and accountable before the Creator and the whole humanity. Man with his responsible attitude and continuous struggle must unfold his hidden potentials and use those towards seeking the pleasure of Allah (swt).¹⁰
- Man has a specific entity called the good will (khudi). This concept of khudi (al-nafas) has to be related with the holy Will of Allah (swt).¹¹
- Individual has meaning only if exists in relation to community or nation (ummah). Allama Iqbal asserts:¹²

The individual exists in relation to the community. Alone he is nothing.

The wave exists in the river. Outside the river, it is nothing.¹³

- Explaining this point, an eminent educationist Dr. Saleem aptly interprets Allama Iqbal's concept of individual and community. To him, the "overriding

objectives of both (the community and the individual) are the same, that is, eradication of evil and establishment of a just moral order in this world. There is, so to say, natural cooperation, rather than inimical confrontations between the community and the individual."¹⁴

Epistemological View

- The absolute source of knowledge is Divine revelation (wahi) that is Quran and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (saw). Seeing (basar), hearing (sama') and soul (qalb) are fundamental faculties. Thought (taffakur), reflection (taddabur), intuition (wijdan), and exerting the faculties to the utmost endeavor (ijtihad) help in creativity, innovation, and solving difficult problems.¹⁵
- In fact, the composite of two activities that is rational analysis (tajziyah) and purification of heart (tazkiyah) is the best way to seek the ultimate truth (sadaqat/sehat-e-fikr), beauty (husn/ehsas-e-jamal), and goodness (khair/akhlaiq/amal).¹⁶
- Rational and empirical sources, despite their importance, have limitations. They grasp only the partial and piecemeal. Truth or Reality in its totality can best be apprehended under the supremacy of absolute source of knowledge.¹⁷
- Dr. Saleem, in his scholarly paper 'Permanent value of Allama Iqbal's philosophy', makes it clear that knowledge "can be categorized in two kinds: (i) Acquisitional knowledge or observational and scientific knowledge - in Quranic diction it is called 'Ilm-ul-Asma'; and (ii) Revelational knowledge (Ilm-ul-Kitab)."¹⁸ Both kinds have significance but with a superiority of Revelational knowledge.

Axiological View

- Axiology to Allama Iqbal is rooted in the metaphysical outlook. With this perspective, the ultimate or root value (qadr-e-aala) is unconditional surrender before the will of Allah (swt). All other values e.g. social, political, economic, education, ethics, aesthetics etc. are subordinated to the ultimate value.¹⁹
- Based on the root value, both individual and society are required to strengthen their individuality (khudi), abandon their dependence on others, and finally achieve a self-respecting identity. In this context, Dr. Saleem commented that, "Allama Iqbal devotes considerable time and talent to the problem of self and self-identity or to borrow his own expression, the concept of Khudi. How our self gets strengthened and intensified, and how it gets dissipated and destroyed is indeed one of the central problems of his thought and philosophy".²⁰
- For leadership development, other values like contentment (faqr), passion (jazbah), action (amal), power & dynamism (qudrat-o-harkat), trust (ammanah), honesty (diyanat), tolerance (tahammul), courage (jur'at), sense of honor (ghairat), discipline (nazm-zabt) and supreme holy effort in the cause of Allah (swt) (jihad) are also required to be inculcated among individuals right from the beginning.²³
- On the whole, values related to moral conduct (ethics); and values related to the subtle feelings and beauty (aesthetics) expressed through art, literature, and architect etc., must be rooted in the ultimate value.

Allama Iqbal's Educational Thought

Based on the above fundamental philosophical views, Allama Iqbal's educational thought is presented below under two headings i.e. theory of education; and process of education.

Theory of Education

Significant points regarding Allama Iqbal's theory of education (i.e. application of his philosophy to educational process) are as under:

- The nucleus of Allama Iqbal's theory of education on which the rest of his thought structure builds is the concept of good will (khudi) that strengthens the individual's innate powers. In this sense, education (ta'lim-o-tarbiyah) is

to unfold the hidden best potentials of the individual's and to channel those to attain goodness (khair).²⁴

- Education is about change for goodness. In this perspective, if an individual or a nation tries to withdraw from struggle or become passive, their individuality (khudi) will lose color or strength and their talents will remain unrealized.²⁵
- Education is uniquely a human endeavor. Acquiring knowledge is the natural

cultural languages, particularly Arabic should be the part of curriculum at all stages.

- Natural-Physical Sciences and other Technologies: Those sciences and technologies helpful in acquiring material benefit and for bringing world peace should be an essential part of the curriculum. The excellence and competence in this area should be for the total welfare of the whole world under Divine blessing (rahmat).

The above points assert an overall supremacy and direction of compulsory component i.e. Revelational knowledge. This type of curriculum, therefore, does not only deal with the 'requirements of life', but also with the 'objectives of life'. In fact, the later one is of prime importance.

- 'History' should be compulsory subject at all levels of education, but instead of depending upon its materialistic philosophical interpretation, moralistic philosophical interpretation should be given preference for understanding the causes of a nation's rise and fall (uruj-ozawal).
- Religion, philosophy, and science have to find out mutual agreement. Philosophy and science rooted in religion are most appropriate to the minds of present and future generation. In all areas, the atheist or secular notions need to be rejected; since both pollute the human mind. Allama Iqbal makes it clear that "the only course open to us is to approach modern knowledge with a respectful but independent attitude and to appreciate the teachings of Islam in the light of that knowledge...".³⁵
- For better and healthy development of women, the curricular scheme should not include that content, which works against woman's unique character (nisaiyat).³⁶
- Desirable co/extra curricular activities in line with educational aims will play a major role in comprehensive development of body, mind, and spirit. The educational institution should carefully organize and monitor such activities.
- Change for betterment is an important part of Allama Iqbal's curriculum model. However, change for the sake of change, ignoring the established perennial values, and destroying the cultural heritage is not acceptable.
- On the whole, curriculum at all levels should be developed in line with the balanced approach of building on 'past-present-future' needs and prospects.

Teacher's Role and Methodology

The teacher's role and methodology according to Allama Iqbal's educational theory is described below:

- In the teaching-learning process, Allama Iqbal considers teacher as a central and unique figure in shaping students' personality towards moral development. Khawaja Ghulam Saiyidain interprets it beautifully. To him, teacher is a man of character, a role model, and 'architect of the souls of men'.³⁷
- The essence of humanity (aadamiyat) is respect (ihtiram) for man. Allama Iqbal asserts:³⁸ The manifestation of above concept in education is that teachers should respect their students, and students should accordingly respect their teachers. Mutual respect is the key to effective teaching-learning process.
- Immoral teacher and value-free school environment ruin the moral integrity of the students. Allama Iqbal condemns those teachers using such instructional methods having no relevance with character building. He deplors:³⁹

"Masters of education (the teachers) have strangled you (the students). How can you proclaim? no guard but the Guard"

Teacher's role is to diagnose, polish, and activate the hidden potentials of the students in order to channel those towards goodness. Just pouring information in the minds of the students and exercising no reflection and foresight (taddubar) is undesirable. It is the teacher's subject excellence and pedagogical competence (salahiyyat), his righteousness and model of morality (salihiyyat); and overall healthy institutional climate which inspire the students to

transform desirable values.⁴¹

- Depending upon the age and grade level, methods like lecture, dialogue, discussion, study of nature, and research projects are very effective but not in a free-thinking mode and value-free environment. With teacher's overall guidance, the students acquire knowledge gradually and finally shift to reflective and critical thinking. However, the teacher should be cautious about the type of critical thinking which creates skepticism about eternal truths.⁴²
- On the whole, in order to create better teaching-learning process, the school and the classroom should be an axiological place linked with the vital pre-condition of compulsory curriculum component.

Evaluation

In the light of Allama Iqbal's philosophy, following points are important for students' overall evaluation:⁴³

- The evaluation system should take care of both transmission part (instruction) and transformational part (tarbiyah).
- Evaluation should focus more on examining the reflective and creative abilities.
- Depending upon the levels of education, students' evaluation should also be based on practical learning/participation in social work.
- Both formative and summative parts should be kept in view while evaluating students' progress. Since teacher is involved in the process of formative evaluation; especially in tasks of inculcating permanent values and maintaining subject excellence, he is the best judge for the overall evaluation of students' learning.

Wrapping up

Allama Iqbal's educational thought emphasizes such type of education which manifests the inspiration of Islamic ideology; aims at strengthening individuality (khudi); transforms the spirit of believing in the 'unity of God (tauhed)' and 'prophet-hood (risalat)' with the faith that the last prophet Muhammad (saws) is the ultimate role model; upholds the rational and empirical knowledge under the Divine revelation (wahi); cultivates values shaped under absolute knowledge; and produces reflective, creative, and responsible teachers who refrain from borrowed ideas and value-free instructional practices - As this paper presents just a sketch of Allama Iqbal's educational thought, it warrants an in depth study.

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need of the human being, which eventually helps in making choice between good (khair) and bad (sharr), and between just (haqq) and unjust (batil).²⁶

- The foundation of education is to examine and critique the world research, and finally develop its own viewpoint. Allama Iqbal states that "our duty is to carefully watch the progress of human thought, and to maintain an independent critical attitude towards it".²⁷
- Education system structured on mere instinctual needs without purification (on the criteria of absolute knowledge) will produce a mal-adjusted and split-personality. Only meeting the right and just natural needs of spirit (ruh), mind (aql), and body (jasad) will develop a balanced healthy personality. Without axiological emphasis, education would be either useless or destructive. In this perspective, education is never value-free.²⁸
- the whole, education is holistic, harmonious, and balanced only if it is spread over the whole life i.e. life here to life hereafter. Education advocating for mere life here having no link with hereafter is distorted and faulty.²⁹

Process of Education

Allama Iqbal's philosophy and theory of education coordinate the whole process of education, particularly its four essential elements viz.

(a) aims of education; (b) curriculum; (c) teacher's role and methodology; and (d) evaluation. These are discussed below:

Aims of education

The aims of education in accordance with Allama Iqbal's philosophy are to

- Produce a true personality (maumin) by strengthening his unique individuality (khudi) in order to play his destined role in the world to meet the diversified challenges of all times;³⁰
- Develop an everlasting attachment and great love (ishq) with the last Prophet (saws) and to practically follow him (saws) as a role of ideal character in every domain of life;³¹
- Eradicate intellectual secularism right from the early childhood;³²
- Produce such intellectuals (mujtahideen) in all fields who reflect and interpret the sciences (ulum) on the belief that Islam is a complete way of life; and finally regain leadership of the world (imamat-e-alam) having insight and vision for the future to establish world peace (amn), justice (adl), and overall welfare (falah-o-behbud).³³

Curriculum

For achieving the aims of education, Allama Iqbal considers curriculum as the most important element of the educational process. His curriculum model is based on the following points:³⁴

- For producing a balanced personality, curriculum must offer a core knowledge drawn from the following:

(i) Compulsory component: Revealed knowledge i.e. Quran and Sunnah as a compulsory component and nucleus of the whole curricular scheme. This component is to be manifested in every discipline at every level. Moral education to this effect is, therefore, obligatory part of the curriculum.

(ii) Humanities and Social Sciences: Subjects relating to humanities and social sciences essential for the social, material, and spiritual betterment of humanity are required to be developed in the perspective of compulsory component. In this context, Islamic culture and

India, Greece hold 13th FOC, discuss boosting ties in defence, trade, mobility

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New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) India and Greece held the 13th round of Foreign Office Consultations in Athens during which they discussed boosting cooperation in Trade, Defence, and Mobility areas and also discussed the Ukraine conflict and UNSC reforms.

The FOC were held in Athens on Wednesday, co-chaired by Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs and Ambassador Haris Lalacos, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece.

The Indian Embassy in Greece tweeted:

"13th round of India-Greece Foreign Office Consultations co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West), @MEAIndia and H.E. Ambassador Haris Lalacos, Secretary General, @GreeceMFA held today in Athens.

"The entire gamut of bilateral relationship was discussed during the consultations. Views on regional & global developments were also exchanged."

During the consultations, both sides undertook a comprehensive review of all aspects of their bilateral relations. The delegations discussed enhancing cooperation in a number of areas, including Trade, Defence, Culture, People-to-People ties, and Consular issues, including Mobility, a statement said.

Both sides appreciated that bilateral trade has been increasing at a steady pace, and agreed to diversify into new areas. The importance of



regular bilateral political exchanges in further strengthening ties between the two countries was also emphasized.

The two sides also exchanged views on regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest, including the Ukraine conflict, India's Presidency of G20, cooperation in multilateral fora, UNSC reforms, and developments in their respective neighbourhoods.

The Foreign Office Consultations are expected to impart further momentum to bilateral ties. It was agreed to hold the next session, on a mutually convenient date, in New Delhi in 2024, it added. The FOC were held in Athens on Wednesday, co-chaired by Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs and Ambassador Haris Lalacos, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece.

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BJP prez Nadda's HP visit: A move to put house in order

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Shimla, June 15 (UNI) BJP's National President Jagat Prakash Nadda was on a three day visit to Himachal Pradesh as he addressed party meeting at Jasur of Kangra, Jhanduta in Bilaspur and Dhalpur in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh.

During his visit at Kangra on June 11 he was expected to dent Congress party by including Sudhir Sharma in the party but Sharma didn't respond to any allurements moreover Major Vijay Singh Mankotia who joined BJP in last assembly elections did not turnout in BJP public meeting.

Nadda joined dias at Jasur rally with Union Minister Anurag Thakur, Party President Rajiv Bindal and Former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. Mr Nadda said in the rally that BJP is going to make contact with eight lakh household in the state before 2024 Lok Sabha Election on the nine years Governance of Narendra Modi government in the centre.

Nadda made scathing attack on Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Congress govern-



ment for burdening state coffers with Rs 1000 Crore over draft in last five months of its rule. He attacked Congress party to indulge in dynastic politics. This statement of Nadda indicates that Party could deny tickets to party candidate like Kishan Kapur from Kangra, Suresh Kashyap from Shimla and Anurag Thakur from Hamirpur.

Notably, party may put Vipin Kumar or Congress rebel Harsh Mahajan in the fray. According to media reports Mahajan consider close to Congress Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu therefore BJP may put Vipin Kumar Parmar in the fray against Kangra Paralitmentary.

He also addressed similar

the fray from Lok Sabha Hamirpur and replacing Anurag Thakur to put him in fray in place of Kiran Kher from Chandigarh. However party did not make this strategy public and this confined in Political circles. Nadda has also successfully launched a Dalit face in the party Prof Sikandar Kumar from Hamirpur by making him Rajya Sabha member.

In Jhanduta public meeting confined to tiffin diplomacy but Nadda joined party workers for showing him to be one of contender for party Paralitmentary Election and new party rural office was opened during his visit in the state. Party is trying to galvanize its eroded base again by consolidation of party in the booth level by launching apps for the membership where new workers were inducted in the booth level who could attend meetings online.

During Dhalpur party meeting at Kullu on June 12 Nadda address a huge rally on Dhalpur ground on which former HVC leader Maheshwar Singh also attended the rally.

Delhi Police files cancellation report of POSCO against Brij Bhushan

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New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) Delhi Police after investigation on Thursday filed a Cancellation report against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) Chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh under the provisions of Protection Of Children From Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act) at Patiala House Court.

Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Thakur last week requested to protesting wrestlers to withdraw all forms of protest and assured that the Police has been requested to file the chargesheet by June 15.

Police has submitted a report before the court after completion of investigation and requested for cancellation of the POSCO case against Singh based upon the statements of the victim and her father.

Delhi Police included the statement of the minor and details of the investigation and when no corroborative evidence found filed the Cancellation Report now further matter will be heard on July, 4 on the basis of report.

LS Speaker Birla addresses spl session of Goa Assembly

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Panaji, June 15 (UNI) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday addressed a special session of the Goa Legislative Assembly here, on the theme 'Viksit Bharat 2047: Role of Public Representatives'.

Addressing the gathering, in the presence of Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Assembly Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar, Birla highlighted that it is the responsibility of legislative bodies, from Panchayat to Parliament, to effectively convey issues of the public interest to the executive.

He emphasised that it is necessary that there should be a high level of discussion and dialogue in our legislatures and their proceedings should be conducted with decorum upholding the dig-

nity of the House.

"There are enough avenues to express dissent in a parliamentary democracy. If dissent is expressed in a dignified manner inside the House, it adds to the prestige of the nation and democracy," Birla said.

He said that public representatives must voice the hopes and aspirations of the people adequately in the House to ensure that their problems are addressed effectively.

Referring to proper participation of legislators in the process of lawmaking, Birla said, "There should be a comprehensive debate and discussion on the legal proposals brought by the government. The aim of this discussion should be to assess the effect of the laws on the lives of common people. The wider the discussion



on the laws, the more effective the laws eventually become."

The Speaker further observed that in the present times, people have higher hopes and aspirations from the Legislature.

"It is necessary that we set our priorities right and try our best to fulfill them. As public representa-

the achievement of this great resolution is possible only when every citizen and all institutions of the nation make a dedicated, collective effort. He said that the nation's legislative bodies will have to play a leading role towards the fulfillment of this resolution.

Emphasising that proper use of information and communication technology will reduce the distance between the public and the legislature, Birla said, "Besides public trust in democratic processes, people's participation must also be strong. All the Legislative Assemblies across the country should make maximum use of technology."

In his address, the CM said, "It is his firm belief that the new Parliament building will prove to be the gift of Amrit Kaal for generations to come."

Heavy rains in Saurashtra & Kutch coasts ahead of severe cyclone Biparjoy

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New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) As the severe cyclone Biparjoy inching towards Gujarat Coast, parts of the Saurashtra-Kutch region received heavy rains accompanied by strong winds.

As per Indian Meteorological Department, the landfall process of Cyclone Biparjoy will start Thursday evening at 5 PM close to Gujarat's fishing port Jakhau and continue till night with a wind speed of 115-125 kmph, gusting to 140 kmph.

The Weather agency has also sounded a "Red alert" for Saurashtra and Kutch coasts. Biparjoy is currently located 210 km west-south-west of Jakhau port, 220 km west-south-west



of Devbhoomi Dwarka, and 230 km west-south-west of Naliya.

The Met office has also predicted rain all over Gujarat for four days from Thursday, with "heavy to very heavy rain" likely over Kutch and Saurashtra.

The maximum impact of the severe storm will be seen in Kutch, Jamnagar, and Devbhoomi Dwarka districts, said the IMD.

"Heavy to very heavy rainfall at a

few places over Porbandar, Rajkot, Morbi & Junagarh districts of Gujarat and Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely over remaining districts of Saurashtra and north Gujarat region on 15th June" IMD said in statement.

In view of the situation the state administration has shifted more than 74,000 people living near the coast, as a precaution and deployed disaster management units for rescue and relief measures.

Addressing a press conference on Thursday NDRF DG Atul Karwal, said, "A total of 30 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams have been deployed in several parts of Gujarat."

UN adopts India-piloted resolution to set up Memorial Wall for fallen peacekeepers

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New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to establish a new Memorial Wall for fallen Peacekeepers, piloted by India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday expressed delight at the development and expressed gratitude for the support from UN members.

In a tweet, he said: "Delighted that the Resolution to establish a new Memorial Wall for fallen Peacekeepers, piloted by India, has been adopted in the UN General Assembly. The Resolution received a record 190 co-sponsorships. Grateful for everyone's support."



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in a tweet said:

"India piloted the adoption of a Resolution in the UN General Assembly to establish a Memorial Wall for

fallen Peacekeepers. "The Resolution received a record 190 co-sponsorships, a testimony to faith in India's contributions and intent.

"Sincere thanks to all member states who co-sponsored the resolution!" India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Kamboj introduced the draft resolution titled 'Memorial wall for fallen United Nations peacekeepers' on Wednesday in the UNGA and it was adopted by consensus.

About 177 Indian peacekeepers have died while on duty, the highest number by far from any troop-contributing country. "Sincere thanks to all member states who co-sponsored the resolution!"

Lok Sabha polls important will decide future of country: Akhilesh

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Lucknow, June 15 (UNI) Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday said that the Lok Sabha polls to be held in 2024 are very important as these elections will prove to decide the future of the coming generation and the country as well.

Addressing the party workers at the SP state headquarters, Akhilesh said, "SP will fulfill the expectations of the people by defeating Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Uttar Pradesh. SP has a vision of the future and a model of development. The standards of development that were set in the SP govern-

ment is the socialist model through which a public welfare state is built."

He called upon the workers to start preparing from now itself to strengthen the booth with solidarity, loyalty and honesty.

Cautioning the party workers, the SP chief said that this time there should be no mistake in the Lok Sabha elections.

"The public wanted to form the SP government in the 2022 assembly elections, it voted fiercely for the party candidates for that, but the BJP influenced the result by misusing power, lies, deceit and force," he said. He said that factionalism will not



work in the party. "SP workers should not make mistakes this time. Democracy has to be saved at the booth level. The Lok Sabha elections have to be fought very seriously and won," he said.

Akhilesh said that only the development schemes of the SP government are visible today and people are getting benefits from them. "BJP has only created problems. Inflation, unemployment are at its peak. Every class is worried. Farmers, youth, laborers all are struggling for survival. The BJP government has not run any scheme of public interest in the last six years," he said.

He said that development work has come to a standstill in the state. "Medical and health services have collapsed. Patients are not even getting proper treatment in hospitals. Murders are happening openly. There is chaos all around. Injustice is being done to the poor. No one is getting justice," he said.

The SP chief said that SP will root out BJP from power in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections to save the Constitution and democracy. "SP workers are united and determined to remove BJP from power," he said. "The public wanted to form the SP government in the 2022 assembly elections."

Greece hunts for survivors of migrant shipwreck, at least 78 dead

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Rescuers scoured seas off Greece on Thursday in a massive search operation, as hopes dwindled of finding survivors of a shipwreck that killed at least 78 migrants in one of Europe's deadliest such disasters in recent years.

Reports suggested hundreds of people had packed the fishing boat that capsized and sank early on Wednesday in deep waters about 50 miles (80 km) from the southern coastal town of Pylos, while being shadowed by the Greek coast guard.

As dawn broke on Thursday, a coast guard vessel sailed into the nearby port city of Kalamata, transferring victims. After an official count, authorities revised the death toll to 78 from 79. They said 104 people were rescued.

They said it was unclear how many had been aboard, but were investigating one account from a European rescue-support charity that there could have been 750 people on the 20- to 30-metre-long (65- to 100-foot) boat. The UN's International Organization for Migration said initial reports suggested up to 400 people were aboard.

News portals Proto Thema and Skai TV reported that, according to witnesses, mainly women and children were in the vessel's hold.

Government officials said migrants on the boat, which had set off from the Libyan port of Tobruk, had repeatedly refused offers of help from Greek authorities.



"It was a fishing boat packed with people who refused our assistance because they wanted to go to Italy," coast guard spokesman Nikos Alexiou told broadcaster Skai TV.

"We stayed beside it in case it needed our assistance which they had refused." No engine, no captain

The search operation was due to continue until at least Friday morning, according to government sources. Chances of retrieving the sunken vessel were remote, they said, because the area of international waters where the incident occurred is one of the deepest in the Mediterranean.

Aerial pictures released by the Greek coast guard showed dozens of people on

the boat's upper and lower decks looking up, some with arms outstretched, hours before it sank. Alarm Phone, which operates a trans-European network supporting rescue operations, said it received alerts from people on board a ship in distress off Greece late on Tuesday.

It said it had alerted Greek authorities and spoke to people on the vessel who estimated there were up to 750 people on board and appealed for help, and that the captain had fled on a small boat.

Government officials said that before capsizing and sinking around 2am on Wednesday, the vessel's engine stopped and it began veering from side to side.

Greece is one of the main routes into the

European Union for refugees and migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Under a conservative government, in power until last month, authorities have taken a harder stance on migration, building walled camps and boosting border controls.

Greece's caretaker administration, in power between an inconclusive election on May 21 and new elections on June 25, declared three days of national mourning.

Libya, which has had little stability or security since a NATO-backed uprising in 2011, is a major launching point for those seeking to reach Europe by sea.

People-smuggling networks are mainly run by military factions that control coastal areas. The United Nations has registered more than 20,000 deaths and disappearances in the central Mediterranean since 2014, making it the most dangerous migrant crossing in the world. Greece's caretaker administration, in power between an inconclusive election on May 21 and new elections on June 25, declared three days of national mourning.

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Two killed in shooting at Japan army base

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TOKYO: A new military recruit shot and killed two fellow soldiers and wounded a third at a training range in central Japan on Wednesday, the military said, with the 18-year-old suspect detained at the scene.

"During a live-bullet exercise as part of new personnel training, one Self-Defence Forces candidate fired at three personnel," the Ground Self-Defence Force (GSDF) said in a statement, confirming two deaths.

The shooter was an 18-year-old SDF candidate who joined the military in April. GSDF chief of staff Yasunori Morishita told reporters, adding he was detained on the spot by other soldiers.

"This kind of incident is absolutely unforgivable for an organisation tasked with handling weapons, and I take it very seriously," Morishita said.

He said the three victims had been tasked with training new recruits, including the attacker, at the range in the city of Gifu, without further elaborating on their relations.

Earlier in the day a local police spokesman said the suspect, whose identity was being withheld, had been charged with attempted murder. The cadet "fired a rifle at the victim with the intent to kill", the spokesman said.

National broadcaster NHK reported that one fatality was a 52-year-old supervisor, while the other, and the injured soldier, were both aged 25.

"Russophobic": Russia On Australia's Move To Block New Embassy

HT News Network

Moscow: Russia on Thursday blasted Australia's decision to prohibit Russia from building a new embassy after intelligence officials warned it posed a security threat.

"To our regret, Australia diligently continues to follow the path created by the authors of the Russophobic hysteria, which is now active in the countries of the collective West," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"Australia aims for excellence among these countries," he quipped, adding that Russia would consider retaliation.

Australia blocked Russia from building a new embassy in the shadow of Parliament House on Thursday after intelligence officials warned it posed a spying risk and security threat.

Russia holds the lease for a parcel of land some 400 metres (0.25 miles) from Australia's parliamentary precinct in Canberra, and has been laying the foundations for a new embassy building.

But after failing to block the development in the courts, the Australian government passed new laws on Thursday that were specifically drafted to halt its construction.

1 Russian Missile, 20 Drones Downed Overnight, Says Ukraine

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Kyiv, Ukraine: Ukrainian forces intercepted one cruise missile and 20 explosive drones launched by Russia in its latest nighttime attack, Kyiv said Thursday.

But three other missiles struck "industrial installations" in the Dnipropetrovsk region in Ukraine's centre-east, it said.

The statement came shortly after the Moscow-installed governor of Crimea said Russian forces had downed nine drones over its territory, without causing any casualties.

One drone nonetheless struck a village in the centre of the peninsula, breaking windows in several homes.

Drone attacks in Crimea, whose annexation by Moscow has not been recognised by the international community, have increased in recent weeks as Ukraine pursues a counter-offensive against Russian forces.

Kyiv has repeatedly said it plans to take back the peninsula as part of its efforts to regain territory since Moscow launched its invasion in February 2022.

Ukraine has claimed some success with its counterattacks, while Russia has carried out intense nighttime strikes against major Ukrainian cities in recent weeks.

China launches record-setting 41 satellites on single rocket

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Taiyuan, June 15 (UNI) China launched a Long March-2D rocket to place 41 satellites in orbit on Thursday, setting a domestic record for the most satellites lifted in one go. The rocket blasted off at 1:30 p.m. (Beijing Time) at the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern China and soon took the satellites, including the Jilin-1 Gaofen 06A, into preset orbit. These satellites will be used for commercial remote sensing services and verification of related technologies, said the launch site. This is the 476th flight mission of the Long March rocket series.

6.2-magnitude earthquake rocks Philippines

Manila, June 15 (UNI) An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.2 rocked Batangas province in the northern Philippines, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said here on Thursday.

The institute said the quake, which occurred at 10:19 AM local time, hit at a depth of 103 km, about 4 km southwest of Calatagan town in Batangas province, southwest of Manila. The institute said the tectonic quake could trigger aftershocks and cause damage.

Bangladesh: China opens up about US ban on RAB

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Dhaka, June 15 (UNI) China has now opened its mouth about the US ban on RAB as the country supported Sheikh Hasina's statement on the ban.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said this at a regular press conference in Beijing on Wednesday, according to Embassy source told here on Thursday.

When asked about China's position on Sheikh Hasina's statement regarding the US ban on RAB, Wenbin said without directly mentioning the name of the United States, a certain country (the United States) cannot control gun violence and drug-related crimes in its own country. But they are again interfering in the internal affairs of many countries including Bangladesh.

Appreciating Hasina's response to the US sanctions, the spokesperson of the Chinese Foreign Ministry added that Hasina is not only talking about a strong



position on behalf of the people of Bangladesh, but she also speaks the mind of the international community, especially the developing world. Wenbin said, we will fully support the protection of Bangladesh's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and uphold an independent domestic and foreign policy. China firmly supports the pursuit of a development path that suits national realities. He further said, Bangladesh is committed to building a community with a common future for mankind based on the objectives and principles of the United Nations Charter, to oppose all forms of hegemony and power politics,

to uphold the UN-centered international system, the international system based by international law, and the fundamental norms governing international relations. And ready to work together with other countries. Wenbin said, we will fully support the protection of Bangladesh's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and uphold an independent domestic and foreign policy. China firmly supports

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UN Security Council urges global action against hate speech, extremism

HT News Network

United Nations, June 14 (UNI) The UN Security Council on Wednesday unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the international community to condemn hate speech, racism and acts of extremism.

The Security Council says that hate speech, racism, xenophobia, intolerance, gender discrimination and extremism can lead to conflict.

Resolution 2686 was adopted to address the issue, calling on member states to publicly denounce such acts.

Inter-religious and intercultural dialogue should be considered a crucial tool in achieving peace, social stability and internationally recognized development goals by member states.

States were urged to promote women's safe participation and leadership in society; strengthen social cohesion, community resilience, gender equality and women's economic empowerment; and support quality education for peace. It reaffirmed states' obligation to respect, pro-



mote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all individuals.

Condemning misinformation, disinformation and incitement to violence against United Nations peacekeeping operations, the council encouraged all the secretary-general's special representatives and special envoys to use their good offices to support local peace initiatives and involve local communities, women, youth, civil society and religious leaders where appropriate.

In addition, it requested United Nations peacekeeping and special political missions to monitor hate speech, racism and acts of extremism that might impact peace and security.

Further, the council

urged relevant United Nations bodies to increase their activities focusing on peace.

The UN Peacebuilding Commission should continue utilizing its role to ensure a gender-responsive approach to promote tolerance, address hate speech and build and sustain peace. The council requested the secretary-general provide an oral briefing on the resolution's implementation by June 14, 2024, and to swiftly inform it of threats to international peace and security. The council requested the secretary-general provide an oral briefing on the resolution's implementation by June 14, 2024, and to swiftly inform it of threats to international peace and security.

Arab countries account for quarter of Israeli arms exports

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JERUSALEM: Israeli defence exports hit an all-time high of \$12.5 billion last year, with Arab countries that recently established ties accounting for nearly a quarter of purchase contracts, officials said on Wednesday.

The defence ministry, which oversees and approves the exports of Israel's defence industries, said one quarter of deals were for drone systems, with "missiles, rockets and air defence systems" making up another 19 per cent.

Ministry figures show total exports have doubled over the past nine years.

A breakdown of the regions to which the goods



are exported showed a leap among Abraham Accords countries from \$853 million (nine per cent) in 2021 to \$2.96 billion (24pc) in 2022.

The US-brokered Abraham Accords from 2020 saw Israel normalise ties with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Morocco. The defence ministry would not provide further details.

"Global instability increases the demand for Israeli air defence systems, drones, UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) and missiles, and we continually work to preserve our capabilities and strengthen them," defence ministry director general Eyal Zamir said in a statement.

German lawmakers on

Wednesday approved an advance payment for the purchase of the sophisticated Arrow 3 air defence system from Israel for nearly four billion euros (\$4.3 billion).

The budget committee in the lower house of parliament gave the green light for an initial payment of 560 million euros, a committee source said.

The long-range Arrow 3 system, designed to shoot down missiles above the Earth's atmosphere, is powerful enough to offer protective cover for neighbouring European Union states.

The committee also approved around 950 million euros for the purchase of six German-made Iris-T SLM air defence systems, the source said.

Red Cross visits POWs 'on both sides' of Ukraine war

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GENEVA: The Red Cross said on Wednesday it had visited 1,500 prisoners of war on both sides of the conflict in Ukraine, often sharing desperately longed-for news with their families. The International Committee of the Red Cross stressed the importance of access to both Russian and Ukrainian POWs. The ICRC said such visits are vital for checking detention conditions, offering support and sometimes books, hygiene items and other personal necessities, and also to relay information between the prisoners and their loved ones.

"For the prisoners of war and their families who have been able to share news, the impact is... immeasurable," Ariane Bauer, ICRC's regional director for Europe and central Asia, told reporters.

The ICRC and its partners have so far delivered around 2,500 personal messages between POWs and their families in the Ukraine conflict, she said. The organisation said it had also helped provide around 5,500 families with information on the fate of their loved ones in the conflict.

Tension over visits to POWs is core to the ICRC's mission enshrined in the Geneva Conventions, which define the laws of war. The organisation has faced repeated criticism by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on the ultra-sensitive subject of POW visits.

DC, MD Jal Jeevan Mission reviews progress of JJM schemes in Kathua District

■ HT News Network

KATHUA, JUNE 15: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas and Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Ghulam Nabi Itoo today jointly chaired a meeting of coordinating departments of the JJM in the Conference Hall of DC Office and reviewed the status of Mission Schemes.

During the meeting, comprehensive deliberations were held about the physical and financial progress of works being executed in the district.

The meeting was informed that funds to the tune of Rs 9158.270 lakh

are available out of which an expenditure of Rs 6403.15 lakh has been made which comes out to be 69.91%.

It was also given out in the meeting that 60,371 out of 1,34,135 households in Kathua have water connections by the end of March 2023 and 73,764 households are yet to be provided with tap water connections.

While discussing the measures for Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance (WQMS), the meeting was informed that Kathua has one (01) Lab at the district level and two (02) at sub divisional level for conducting the test to check quality of drinking water.

Reviewing other measures for the



quality of water, the meeting was informed that 2580 women have been trained for use of FTKs for conducting tests of water samples to ensure the supply of quality potable water.

Regarding the IEC activities, it was apprised that 453 Jan Sabhas, 455 Gram Sabhas, 318 baseline survey, 217 wall writings/slogan writing, 320 Prachar Rathas, 342 school rallies, and 36 street plays/ Nukkad Natak have been conducted to create awareness among the common masses across the district.

The directions were passed to the officers to work in coordination and ensure the smooth execution of JJM works in their respective areas.

While addressing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Kathua ensured early resolution of all the issues under JJM schemes related to the revenue department. He also

called for convening monthly meetings with contractors to resolve their genuine issues and added that any delay in execution of JJM schemes on the part of the contractor will not be tolerated. Mission Director JJM while taking serious note of slow pace in execution of allotted works directed Executive Engineer JJM to expedite the pace of execution of works allotted to the contractors and ensure completion within the stipulated time period. The Mission Director also passed instructions to the concerned officers for identifying the unregistered water connections besides motivating the people to get their connections registered.

District Institute of Education Research & Training (DIET), Pratham Foundation host District-Level TLM Exhibition

■ HT News Network

DODA, JUNE 15: District Institute of Education Research & Training (DIET) and Pratham Education Foundation joined hands to organize a district-level Exhibition of Teaching-Learning Materials (TLM), Models, Toys, and Puppet Show at Government Higher Secondary School Boys in Doda. The event aimed to promote the goals of NIPUN BHARAT and Ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) through colorful and attractive TLM designed for children in the foundational learning grade.

Teachers from different schools from across District Doda actively participated in creating the TLM exhibits, focusing on blended learning methodologies. The exhibition featured different stalls dedicated to TLM, Models, and Toys, showcasing the collaborative efforts in nurturing foundational literacy and numeracy skills in students.

The Exhibition was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, District Information Officer Mohammad Ashraf Wani, while Sandhra Malhotra, Principal of DIET Doda was the Guest of Honor.

Interactive session on Mental Health & Drug Abuse organized by Social Welfare Deptt Reasi

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REASI, JUNE 15: Department of Social Welfare Reasi, in collaboration with Police Department, organised an interactive session cum awareness program on Mental Health and Drug Abuse for the students of Government Polytechnic College Reasi, here today.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Reasi, Jyoti Salathia was the Chief Guest.

The ADDC, while interacting with students, reflected that youth are extremely susceptible to drugs and underlined the need to keep a close vigil on their activities. "Drugs deteriorate mental health and peer pressure leads vulnerable teenagers to indulge in drug abuse and become addicts. Drugs destroy lives, since the addicts can see nothing beyond their need to take drugs. We must urgently deal with the problem of drug abuse," she said.

DySPHQ, while interacting with the students, informed them about the special helpline 9070907017 and urged them to join hands in the fight against drug abuse.

The District Social Welfare Officer Reasi also interacted with the students and faculty. He conducted activities with students on the need of "COMMUNICATION & PARTICIPATION".

SHO Reasi, in his lecture, acquainted the students about the impact of drugs, the symptoms and controlling measures.

Kishtwar: HelpAge India Observes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

■ HT News Network

KISHTWAR, JUNE 15: HelpAge India, the implementing agency of the National Helpline for Senior Citizens, in Jammu & Kashmir, today organized an event to mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the Conference Hall of DC Office Kishtwar.

The programme was attended by distinguished guests and prominent figures from various organizations and communities.

Among the attendees were BDC Chairman Suresh Sharma; SSP, Khalil Poswal, Tehsildar Kishtwar, Muneeb Umar; DSWO, Zubair Ahmad; TSWO Kishtwar, Rajesh Sharma; TSWO Padder Chetna Sharma; President Senior Citizens Council Roshan Lal; Chairman



Senior Citizens Council Kishtwar Khurshid Ahmad; members of Senior Citizens Council Kishtwar, representatives from Various NGO's like Red Cross Kishtwar, Hilal Healthcare, Ababeel and students of Softek institute of information Technology Kishtwar, Showkat Hussain and Shahid Hussain from HelpAge

India along with other prominent senior citizens of Jammu. The program commenced with welcome address of Showkat Hussain, Field Response Leader J&K. Subsequently, Khalil Poswal, SSP Kishtwar shared his insightful views on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, followed by a screening of a short

video developed by HelpAge India with the theme Mein Bhi Hoon. On this significant occasion, HelpAge India also released its National Report 2023 titled "Women & Ageing: Invisible or Empowered?". The report sheds light on the challenges faced by elderly women and advocates for their empowerment in society.

In conclusion, BDC Chairman Kishtwar Suresh Sharma, expressed his gratitude to the audience for their presence and support in making the event a success. HelpAge India remains committed to its mission of supporting and safeguarding the welfare of senior citizens, and events like these serve as a powerful reminder of the significance of addressing elder abuse and promoting.

DLSA Srinagar, CHSS Nowgam organize cultural event at "Ahata-e-Waqar" Chanapora

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUNE 15: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, in collaboration with the Candid Higher Secondary School Nowgam, Srinagar, today organized a mesmerizing cultural event in the honour and dignity of senior citizens at "Ahata-e-Waqar" (a day care and recreation centre for senior citizens), Chanpora Srinagar. The event aimed to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Kashmir while fostering a sense of belonging and spreading joy among the elderly residents.

The cultural event held at Ahata-e-Waqar was a



vibrant and heartwarming gathering that brought together the senior citizens of Ahata-e-Waqar, Staff of DLSA, talented students from Candid Higher Secondary School Srinagar, Para legal volunteers, department of social welfare, Govt. of J&K and members of the community. It

was an occasion to recognize and honor the invaluable contributions of the elderly to society, while also showcasing the immense talent and creativity of the younger generation.

The program featured a captivating array of performances, including Naat Sharif, traditional Kashmiri music, dance, poetry recitations, and theatrical presentations. The students from Candid Higher Secondary School Srinagar presented a variety of cultural performances, demonstrating their dedication and skill in preserving and promoting the region's rich cultural heritage.

"Ahata-e-Waqar," was transformed into a festive ambience, with colourful decorations, warm lighting, and an atmosphere filled with joy and laughter. The senior citizens were delighted by the lively performances, as the students showcase their talent with unwavering passion and respect for the elders.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri reviews status of under construction GDC Buildings

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RAJOURI, JUNE 15: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the status of under construction Government Degree College Buildings.

The meeting reviewed the progress of work on buildings for GDC Darhal; GDC Doongi and GDC Koteranka.

Detailed deliberations were held on the issues and the DC asked the concerned officers to work in close coordination to resolve the issues which are hampering the construction work at the earliest.

He underlined the need for early construction of GDC buildings for the devel-



opment of the education sector in the region. "The timely completion of the construction work is necessary to provide the students with the requisite infrastructure and facilities for pursuing higher education," he added.

Officers who attended the meeting were ADC Koteranka, Surinder Mohan Sharma; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; SDM Thanamandi; Shafeeq Mir; Principals

of GDCs; EXEN PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan and other concerned officers. The meeting reviewed the progress of work on buildings for GDC Darhal; GDC Doongi and GDC Koteranka.

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Photography workshop organized by Deptt. of Journalism and Media Studies-JU

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JAMMU, JUNE 15: The much-needed and most effective storytelling skill for media students through digital photography marked its beginning at the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu, here today.

Two times National Award-Winning, Photography Officer of Public Relations Office, Ministry of Defence, Jammu Shib Narayan Acharya is conducting the two-day workshop on photography, photojournalism and visual storytelling with a special focus on digital photography.

In her welcome address, Dr. Garima Gupta, HoD, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Univer-



sity of Jammu encouraged the budding journalists to make the best academic use of such workshops that enables them with industry-specific skills. She also said that such initiatives help in establishing the quality of work being done by the media department at University of Jammu. She appreciated the faculty members for initiating ideas that help media students

navigate through their journalistic training with excellence.

Prof Sucheta Pathania, Dean, Faculty of Arts, congratulated the Head of Department, Journalism and Media Studies Dr Garima Gupta for always embarking upon ambitious and exciting projects despite being the youngest department of the University of Jammu.

DC Ramban flags off students tour to Verinag

■ HT News Network

RAMBAN, JUNE 15: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam today flagged off a group of 100 students of different Government High and Higher Secondary Schools of Ramban district for an Education Trip to Verinag.

The tour was organized under Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RRA) of Smaghra.

During the tour students shall visit Government Degree College Doru, Anantnag and interact with the students there.

Speaking at the occasion, the DC stressed upon the students to make best use of an exposure tour. He advised the students to avail the opportunity by taking best out of this tour as they will be visiting places of historical importance, rich heritage and culture.

He asked the education department to ensure such tours in future also so that students get knowledge and exposure in various fields.

Dy. CEO, Principal GHSS, Ramban, ZEO and other concerned functionaries were present on the occasion

GDC Ramgarh organises Screening of Documentary on Yoga

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SAMBA, JUNE 15: The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit-Prabha of Government Degree College Ramgarh celebrated 'International Yoga Day 2023' under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav by organizing week long activities on Yoga.

The first activity in the series was "Screening of Documentary on Yoga" which was held today under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College. Prof. Seema Sharma, Head, Department of Education said that yoga helps to improve the general wellness by relieving stress, supporting good health habits, and improving mental/emotional health and sleep. The Documentary was screened in the smart classroom of the college to enlighten students about the benefits of Yoga. At the outset of the event, Programme Officer Dr. Shamsheer Lal also shared his views on Yoga. He said that Yoga is essentially a spiritual discipline based on an extremely subtle science, which focuses on bringing harmony between mind and body. Yoga is a popular exercise that focuses on breathing, strength and flexibility. Practicing Yoga may provide many physical and mental health benefits.

Dr. Sandeep Kumar and Prof. Risha Kumari graced the occasion with their presence. Last but not the least, all the student participants enthusiastically and patiently watched the documentary and made this event successful.

Two-day Film Fest concluded at IUST

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Awantipora, June 15: The two-day Film Fest was organized by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in collaboration with Film South Asia and the Hri Institute for South Asian Research and Exchange. Six films by different media institutions were screened today. The Film, "Dream Wages" was adjudged best in recognition for its message towards promotion of SDGs etc. As a part of the fest, a workshop on Reframing Visual Depiction and a photo-exhibition were also organized. The program saw enthusiastic response from participants, students and faculty members from different media departments including MERC University of Kashmir, Department of Convergent Journalism Central University of Kashmir and media departments of Govt. Degree College Anantnag, Govt. Degree College Baramulla, Govt. College for Women M.A. Road and Islamic University of Science and Technology, Prof. Manzoor A Malik, Dean Academic Affairs IUST presided over the valedictory session of the program. He congratulated the department and applauded the contributions of the students from the participating institutions. The jury members, Ms. Laxmi Murthy (Director Hri Institute for South Asian Research and Exchange), Mr. Alok Adhikari Assistant Director Film South Asia, Mr. Pawas Manandhar, a film researcher, appreciated the students' unwavering commitment, attention to detail and enthusiasm towards film making.

Over 600 youth participate in daylong Job Fair at Budgam Job fairs are a best medium to bring both Job seekers & Job providers on a single platform: Director Employment J&K

■ HT News Network

BUDGAM, JUNE 15: District Employment and Counseling Centre (DE&CC) Budgam/MCC Budgam with the support of District Administration Budgam Thursday organized a one day Job Fair at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Budgam.

The Job fair was inaugurated by the Director, Employment J&K, Nisar Ahmad Wani in presence of Joint Director Employment Kashmir, Hakeem Tanveer, Principal BHSS Budgam and other dignitaries.

This is for the first time that NCS centre for differently Abled persons Srinagar partici-

pated in the fair and registered 4 candidates for rehabilitation.

As many as 12 reputed private companies participated in the job fair to conduct on spot interviews and provide jobs to the unemployed youth of the district.

The companies that participated in the job fair include Future Solutions, Royal International, SBI Life, Win Placement Services Wizkid Educorp, Fairdeal motors, Natural Lifecare Tata Aia life Insurance, Wishfin Technologies and v5 global, Zoonak technologies etc.

Around 600 candidates attended the job Fair out of which 201 candidates got registered themselves on spot on the Employment Department's J&K portal.



As many as 48 candidates were shortlisted for various jobs on the spot by job providing companies.

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There was an overwhelming response from the candidates.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Employment said such kind of Job fairs will be conducted in other parts of the valley in future where National, multinational and reputed companies participate and provide job opportunities to the maximum number of unemployed youth.

He urged youth to register themselves on the concerned portal to get ample opportuni-

ties to participate in these fairs and avail job offers at their door steps. The companies that participated in the job fair include Future Solutions, Royal International, SBI Life, Win Placement Services Wizkid Educorp, Fairdeal motors, Natural Lifecare Tata Aia life Insurance, Wishfin Technologies and v5 global, Zoonak technologies etc.

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Director Agriculture visits Naira Pulwama; advocates commercial cultivation of exotic vegetables

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 15: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited various Farmer's fields under exotic vegetable cultivation program at Naira Pulwama.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture highlighted the commercial importance of exotic vegetables for the agri-economy of the region. He interacted with the farmers engaged with the cultivation of exotic vegetables in the district and farmers also shared their views and experiences with the Director.

He said to the farmers that special interventions have been proposed for the



promotion of exotic vegetable cultivation on commercial lines in the region. He assured them of every possible support from the department for the development of the agriculture sector.

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 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 also directed the con-

cerned 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.

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DIPR, Art of Living organises "India Meditates" a mental wellness session

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 15: Department of Information and Public Relations J&K in collaboration with 'The Art of Living' Thursday conducted a program "India meditates" a mental Wellness session at Pandit Bhan Sopori Auditorium DIPR Srinagar.

Celebrating 75 years of independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav), DIPR in collaboration with The Art of Living together conducted the session aimed to teach and train the employees, artists and students of J&K to tackle the stressful and challenging situations at different stages of life and to help to internalise meditation in their life styles for experiencing improved



health, peace happiness and become aware of their inner latent potential.

The event witnessed more than 100 participants including the officers and employees of the Information Department, theatre artists, musicians, and students of different schools.

In his welcome address Cultural Officer Kashmir Burhan Hussain said "we

are all aware of the tremendous rise in Anxiety disorders, Depressions and other Health Ailments Globally, hence mental fitness and mental health awareness becomes the priority to be dealt with".

Vandana Daftari, the Regional Director for Art of Living conducted the session which was appreciated & applauded by all present.

Participants shared that they had never experienced such a state of calmness & peace before and were overwhelmed by the experience.

Officers of the Information Department appreciated the initiative taken by Art of Living and plan to host many such events across J&K for their employees & staff. It is worth mentioning that "India Meditates" is a collaborative initiative of The Art of Living and Ministry of Culture, Government Of India, under the aegis of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" (AKAM), as a special offering to benefit the citizens on the occasion of 75 years of independence for our Country. The aim is to reach out to the society and encourage people to experience Meditation.

Director Estates inspects works on residential complexes

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUNE 15: Director Estates Kashmir, Tariq Ganie, today visited several residential areas in Srinagar to assess progress on various ongoing works there.

The visit was aimed to oversee development and maintenance activities being carried out at various locations within the city by the Estates Department. Accompanied by senior officers and engineers besides officials from the department, Director Estates visited Sonwar, Gupkar, Jawahar Nagar, Tulsibagh, Natipora, Budshah and Bemina flats. During the visit, Tariq Ganie reviewed the ongoing works at each location and interacted with the supervisory staff, contractors, and workers involved in the projects. He asked for ensuring speedy completion of all ongoing works.

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VC SKUAST-K visits Faculty of Agriculture Wadura Inaugurates Wheat-Barley Field day, Training & Skill internship (VRITIKA) at the Campus

■ DR. AB QAYOOM

Sopore, Jun, 15: Acting Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir Prof. M.A. Siddique, visited the Faculty of Agriculture Wadura Sopore and inaugurated Wheat-Barley Field day, Training & Skill internship (VRITIKA) sponsored by SERB DST, New Delhi. The programme was attended by Mr. Choudhary Mohammad Iqbal Director Agriculture Kashmir, Former Deans of the Faculty, Scientists, PC of KVKs, Officers of the Development Departments and farmers. The main objective of field day was to concentrate on farm classrooms which help farmers learn successful farming technologies and techniques, and get practical information from agricultural experts, fellow farmers and research organizations that the farmers can use to plan or enhance their own operations. On this occasion Dean Faculty of Agriculture prof. Raihana Habib Kanth in her welcome address highlighted the role of high yielding crop varieties released by SKUAST-K in enhancing the crop productivity and congratulated the scientists for breeding these revolutionary varieties. Speaking on the occasion Director Agriculture Kashmir Choudhary Mohammad Iqbal expressed hope that the Holistic Agricultural Development Programme will help in developing critical rural infrastructure, build the capacity of farmers and

enhance their access to technology and national & international markets. He laid special emphasis on



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close coordination between SKUAST-Kashmir and Development Departments to achieve the desired objectives of HADP. Further, he impressed upon the scientists to breed for the varieties that are high in nutritional quality. He highlighted the role of early maturing wheat in the adoption of rice-wheat cropping system in the Valley. Meanwhile Chief Guest of the programme Acting Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir Prof. M. A. A. Siddique, M. A. A. Siddique emphasized that Farmer field days help farmers see how farming techniques can be practically used and applied to improve yields and economic returns, as well as nutrition security and economic growth in a broader economic sense. He highlighted the challenges farming community is facing regarding declining of agricultural land, water scarcity, inclement weather, climate changes, nutritional security and stressed upon the Scientists and researchers to find out the ways to overcome these for profitable farming. He also emphasized on the adoption of resource conserving technologies such as, system of rice intensification and direct seeded rice for saving water, crop diversification and use of green manures. Prof. Siddique also released several books which includes "Internet of Things in Business" for the benefit of students, stakeholders & farming.

Glenmark Reduces Cost of Trastuzumab Treatment For Breast cancer Patients

■ HT News Network

Srinagar, June 15, KNT: Glenmark Pharmaceuticals announced a price reduction of Trastuzumab for HER2-positive breast cancer, being marketed in India under the brand name 'Trumab'. A 440 mg vial of Trumab will be priced at INR 15,749, which makes it the most affordable option available currently in the country.

Trastuzumab is a monoclonal antibody that has been the mainstay of HER2-positive breast cancer treatment for many years. The cost of Trastuzumab treatment has been a major barrier for many patients in India. Most of the existing Trastuzumab brands in the market are priced in between Rs 40,000 to 54,000 per 440mg vial. Considering that a patient needs to undergo a minimum of 18 cycles (12 months) of treatment, the average cost of treatment ranges from INR Rs 4,00,000 to Rs 5,00,000 for early breast cancer and can exceed INR 5,00,000 for advanced/metastatic cases. This can be a significant financial burden for many families, especially in India, where out-of-



pocket expenditures account for approx. 52% of the total healthcare financing.

Alok Malik, Executive Vice President & Head of India Formulations, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd. said, "Our company's move of reducing the cost of its life-saving drug Trumab is a major step in this regard. This will not only increase the accessibility, but also bring hope to over 75% of self-paying HER2-positive breast cancer patients in India. Trastuzumab is a monoclonal antibody that has been

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Commissioner Secretary IT chairs meeting to review 4G saturation, RoW pendency

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, JUNE 15: Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Purna Puri, today held a meeting with Deputy Commissioners to review status of 4G saturation, Right of Way pendency and Aadhaar saturation in districts of Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting focussed on expeditious roll out and implementation plan for 4G saturation, RoW pendencies on the State Aadhaar Portal for the UT. During the meeting, Commissioner Secretary emphasised the significance of these initiatives and their impact on improving overall connectivity in the region for the resultant uptake of digital services. She had detailed discussion on actionable points aimed at expediting the progress for 4G connectivity and



RoW permissions. Regarding 4G saturation project, which aims to provide mobile services to previously uncovered villages, the executing agency, BSNL, presented the latest status. Directions were issued to BSNL for formulation of a monthly action plan so that the progress made can be monitored effectively.

Commissioner Secretary emphasised the need for concerted efforts on the part of district authorities and BSNL to ensure time bound completion of the 4G

saturation project. The meeting also addressed the RoW pendencies on the GatiShakti Portal. Furthermore, the meeting delved into the onboarding process on the State Aadhaar Portal besides activation of user IDs. In addition to the overall progress, district-wise data for 4G Saturation, RoW pendencies and Aadhaar Portal onboarding was shared during the meeting. This comprehensive data provided a clear picture of the status of these initiatives across different dis-

tricts, allowing for targeted intervention and progress tracking.

Commissioner Secretary also issued specific directions to the concerned authorities regarding various crucial issues.

For 4G Saturation initiative, Deputy Commissioners were directed to expedite the allotment and handing over of sites to BSNL within a week's time. BSNL, on the other hand, received instructions to commence work on the allotted sites immediately and submit a monthly action plan for implementation to the Information Technology Department. Additionally, BSNL was asked to provide fortnightly updates on the district-wise progress.

Regarding RoW pendencies, Deputy Commissioners were asked to clear the pendencies on the GatiShakti Portal. They were also instructed.

Rishabh Pant's recovery progressing faster than expected

Rishabh Pant's fast pace of recovery has surprised the BCCI and the medical staff at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, where the India wicketkeeper is undergoing rehabilitation after he survived a serious car crash last December.

ESPNcricinfo has learned that while the BCCI is attempting to fast track Pant's rehab to try and get him ready for the ODI World Cup this year, the recovery process is likely to last longer. However, the prospect of potentially not playing any cricket in 2023 has not affected Pant, who recently started to walk without crutches and climb stairs without any support.

Pant is believed to be largely pain-free, and while his skill works still "quite some time away", he is currently increasing his lower-body and upper-body mobility exercises under the guidance of physio S Rajnikanth, who has previously worked with several India age-group teams and has also been part of the Delhi Capitals support staff. Rajnikanth had previously helped rehabilitate Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah and M Vijay from serious injuries. Thulasi Ram Yuvaraj, another NCA physio, has been with Pant ever since he was airlifted to Mumbai, days after the car crash.

Pant is believed to be mixing his rehab with sessions of aqua therapy, light swimming and table tennis. He has also been spending time conducting interactive sessions with batches of age-group cricketers - male and female - who have been attending training camps at the NCA. These sessions have been facilitated by NCA chief VVS Laxman to help break monotony, while also boosting morale of young cricketers. Pant last played during India's tour of Bangladesh in December 2022. While being away from the field has been a big disappointment for Pant, it is understood he has been keeping himself occupied and positive, and watched the World Test Championship final with some of the other India players doing rehab at the NCA, such as Bumrah, Shreyas Iyer and Prasidh Krishna.

Both Bumrah and Shreyas underwent back surgeries recently, which made them miss the IPL and the WTC final, and are now at the NCA for their recovery.

The NCA medical staff is optimistic about both players being available for the Asia Cup in September. Bumrah, who suffered a recurring back injury, had surgery in New Zealand in March. He has not played since the home T20s against Australia last September. It is understood that Bumrah is mainly doing physiotherapy but has recently started light bowling workloads, which will gradually increase.

Shreyas, troubled by a bulging disc in his lower back, had to abort playing the final Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in March in Ahmedabad. He then underwent surgery in London in May and is now undergoing physiotherapy.

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