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New Era of Peace, Progress, Prosperity Across J&K post abrogation of Art-370 : Center to Supreme Court

■ HT News Network

NEW DELHI, JUL 10: Defending the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, the Centre on Monday told the Supreme Court that the entire region of Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed an "unprecedented" era of peace, progress and prosperity, with street violence, orchestrated by terrorists and secessionist networks, becoming "a thing of the past."

Referring to the "characteristic security situation" in the region, the Centre said organized stone pelting incidents connected with terrorism-separatist agenda, which were as high as 1,767 in 2018 has come down to zero in 2023 till date and casualty of security personnel has shown a 65.9 per cent decline in 2022 as compared to 2018.



The Centre's affidavit will be taken up on Tuesday by a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chan-

drachud, which is scheduled to hear a batch of petitions challenging the decision to abrogate Article 370 that had

given special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre had decided to strip the erstwhile state of J and K of special status and bifurcate it into two Union Territories.

Several petitions challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split J-K into two Union Territories—Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh—were referred to a Constitution bench in 2019.

The Centre contended that the "historic constitutional step" being challenged has brought unprecedented development, progress, security and stability to the region, which was often missing during the old Article 370 regime. It is submitted that the same

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JKBOSE declares class 11th result; Girls outshine Boys

Uniform Academic Calendar successfully concluded: Chairman JKBOSE

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: J&K Board of School Education has successfully concluded the implementation of the maid-



en Uniform Academic Calendar 2022-23 with declaration of result for 11th class, session Annual Regular 2022-23. In total, 139431 students were enrolled for class 11th

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NEWS BRIEF

Dr Mehta condoles accidental death of Dir Fin & his family members

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: A condolence and prayer meeting was today convened by JAKFAS, which was presided over by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta to mourn the tragic and untimely demise of Ranbir Singh Bali, Director Finance, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, along with his wife and son.

During the condolence meeting, Dr Mehta, expressed deep sorrow over the loss of precious lives in a

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Amarnath Yatra resumes from Baltal, 1 lakh pay obeisance at Cave shrine

SRINAGAR, JULY 10: A total of 20000 Pilgrims were allowed to proceed from Baltal base camp towards Amarnath cave shrine on Monday after three days of a halt due to inclement weather while it was going on normally from Pahalgam, an official said.

Meanwhile, with 6265 pilgrims paying obeisance at the holy cave shrine of Amarnath this morning, the total number of pilgrims having darshan has reached over 1 lakh so far since the commencement of the 62-day-long yatra on July 1, he said.

He said 19276 pilgrims, including

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Highway closed for 3rd day, to remain shut on July 11 also

BANIHAL/JAMMU, JUL 10: Traffic movement on the Jammu-Srinagar highway remained suspended for the third day on Monday and the authorities said that the thoroughfare shall remain closed on Tuesday despite stepped up efforts to restore the road amid improved weather conditions, officials said.

The highway, the only surface link connecting Kashmir Valley with outside world, was shut for traffic on Saturday following heavy rains overnight that triggered multiple landslides and also washed away a portion of nearly 40-metre road stretch near Panthiyal tunnel in Ramban district.

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Air Commodore Rawat to take over Jammu AF Stn command in July end

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, JUL 10: Air Commodore Sagar Singh Rawat on Monday was handed over the command of Indian Air Force, Jammu here at a function. He will take charge by the end of this month.

Air Commodore Rawat is a helicopter pilot with a vast experience and is currently chief instructor at the prestigious College of Defence Management, Secunderabad.

He has previously tenanted important appointments of Station Commander Mumbai, incharge of helicopter operations at South Western Command and Directorate of Air Staff Inspection, the Defence spokesman said.

Air Commodore Rawat will replace outgoing Air Commodore Gurjot Singh Bhullar.

In his speech, the outgoing officer lauded the air warriors for their consistent efforts which added many colours to the rich heritage of Air Force Station, Jammu. He took over the command

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By abrogating Article 370 Modi government did un-done work of Congress: Jitendra Singh

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Monday said that by abrogating Article 370 the Modi Government did what the Congress governments should have done.

Talking to media persons in Srinagar on the sidelines of a function, Jitendra said as for

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Army Commander Reviews Security, Operational Preparedness In Rajouri

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, JUL 10: General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Monday visited forward battalion in Rajouri sector of Jammu and Kashmir and reviewed the security and operational preparedness with the field commanders.

Army's Northern Command shared the information on its official Twitter handle,

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Skies clear as MeT predicts mainly dry weather in J&K

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: After a few days of rains which brought Kashmir Valley on the brink of floods and caused inundation



in parts of Jammu region, weather department here on Monday forecast mainly dry in J&K.

"Mainly dry weather is expected but a brief spell of rain may occur at isolated places in Kashmir region towards late afternoon/evening," a meteorological department official here told GNS regarding forecast for next 24 hours.

As regards forecast from July 11-14,

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HT IMPACT

"Discriminatory" final Seniority list of I/c Headmasters

Left-out Aggrieved Headmasters ready to Approach Honorable Court if not herad by the Concerned Authorities

■ Dr Abdul Qayyum
HT Correspondent

SRINAGAR, JULY 8: Day after the publication of a news item in daily Headlines Today the aggrieved Incharge Headmasters (now pensioners) have appealed Honorable LG Manoj Sinha to look into the matter of grave concern to them.

An emergency meet was called out today by the I/C Headmasters and equivalents at Kupwara. Through the meeting the Left-out headmasters Conveyed their displeasure over the recently issued final list of regularisation of IC Headmasters and equivalents. In this list a good number of I/C Headmasters has been left out of this list for unknown reasons. Participants alleged that despite finding place in two earlier lists and furnishing all the



requisite documents they have been left out. "It seems that the department has adopted pick and choose policy as it is pertinent to mention that our district representatives have misled the department to accommodate their dear ones in the list also The department has flaunted the seniority

JKPCL Appeals Public To Make Judicious Use Of Power

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, JUL 10: The Jammu and Kashmir Power Corporation Limited (JKPCL) has appealed the people to cooperate with department and use power judiciously in view of low power generation due

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Sagam Mushkbudji Becomes J&K's First Farmer Producer Company To Get EXIM Licence

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: Sagam Mushkbudji Farmers' Producers Company Limited has become the first farmer producer organisation (FPO) to get Import-Export licence in Jammu and Kashmir, a NABARD official said on Monday.

The FPO was incorporated as a farmer producer company in July 2019 to promote the scented variety of rice and help its marketing and sale across the country.



"Sagam Mushkbudji Farmers' Producers Company Limited, a farmer producer organisation

(FPO) promoted in Sagam area of Anantnag district by

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DC Srinagar chairs District Task Force meeting on Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IMI) Programme 5.0

Finalises strategy for door to door survey and data uploading on U-WIN

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: In order to strengthen the routine vaccination process and expand immunization coverage to all children across Srinagar District, a meeting of District Task Force on Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IMI) Programme 5.0 was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here today at Conference Hall of DC Office Complex to finalise the action plan to achieve full immunization coverage.

Among others the meeting was attended by Programme Officer, ICDS, Chief Medical Officer, Srinagar, Assistant Commissioner Development, Deputy Director Information & PR, Chief Education Officer, District immunization officer, Health Officer SMC, All Zonal Medical Officers, WHO Consultant Directorate of Family Welfare and other concerned.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner was given a detailed brief about the preparations, plans and objectives of IMI 5.0 through a power-point presentation. The presentation emphasized on selecting the right beneficiaries, areas, dropouts and missed out children under the



immunization process besides different basic parameters to be considered while conducting IMI 5.0 while also discussed.

On the occasion, the DC took a comprehensive feedback from Health, ICDS, SMC, RDD and other concerned Departments with regard to the measures being taken towards Measles Rubella elimination and improving routine immunization in the District. The meeting was informed that

first round of immunization under Mission Indradhanush 5.0 will commence from August 07, 2023 and continue till August 12, 2023 followed by the second round from September 11 to September 16, 2023 and third round from October 09 to October 14, 2023 to cover children aged 0 to 2 years and expecting mothers for immunization particularly covering high risks areas where nomads, labourers engaged in brick kilns

and people living in slums will be taken care.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner directed the officers and other stakeholders to work in synergy to ensure coverage of all drop outs under the Mission is achieved in a time bound manner. He asked the Programme Officer, ICDS to maintain close liaison with the Health Department and mobilise grassroots functionaries including Anganwadi workers

for the effective implementation of the Mission Indradhanush 5.0.

During the meeting, the DC asked the Departments of Health, ICDS, SMC were asked to carry out Medical Zone, Anganwari Centre and Municipal Ward wise headcount survey in the District to identify and enlist beneficiaries so that left out children are registered for vaccination on U-Win (win over vaccination), the platform to be used to register and vaccinate every pregnant woman and register her delivery outcome and required immunizations.

The DC also stressed on vigorous IEC campaigns and effective communication for mass mobilization at appropriate platforms for successful implementation of Mission Indradhanush 5.0 to achieve the set targets, besides ensuring actionable monitoring feedback at all levels specific to U-WIN and IMI-5.0.

Pertinent to mention that under Mission Indradhanush 5.0 vaccination against eight life-threatening diseases (diphtheria, whooping cough, Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) causing pneumonia and meningitis, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B) is to be provided.

NHM Chhattisgarh officers on visit to J&K to study best practices in healthcare system

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: A high level team of officers from State Health Society and National Health Mission, Chhattisgarh headed by Joint Director, Finance and accompanied by State Programme Manager and other senior officers from planning visited the office of State Health Society and National Health Mission, J&K, Old Secretariat here.

The team is on a week's visit to the UT of J&K



with an objective to study and understand the best practices in UT of J&K like IPHS based District Gap Analysis, ASHA Model, Skill Lab and DNB Programme which have been appreciated at the National Level and replicate these practices.

During the interaction with NHM officers, detailed presentation was made by the NHM, J&K and NIPPI officials to provide the implementation framework of the best practices adopted by the UT of J&K.

During the meeting officials from Chhattisgarh interacted with divisions of NHM, J&K like Maternal & Child Health, CP&ASHA, CPHC, DNB, Quality & Patient Safety, Skill Lab divisions.

The team from Chhattisgarh was highly influenced by the concepts that the Health Department of UT of J&K has adopted in developing the health care sector of J&K and expressed their gratitude towards the Health Department of UT of J&K particularly NHM, J&K for organising such knowledge sharing platform.

Advisor Bhatnagar addresses Northern Regional Review Meeting -Ayushman Sangam at Srinagar

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today emphasized on the effective implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), saying that this flagship scheme provides health coverage to economically vulnerable sections of society.

The Advisor made these remarks while addressing the inaugural session of two days Northern Regional Review Meeting -Ayushman Sangam at Hotel Raddison Blu here.

The meeting organised by National Health Authority, GoI and State Health Agency (SHA), J&K, aimed at enhancing the implementation of the ABPMJAY scheme in the Northern region. The meeting also took stock of past progress as well as draw a future roadmap for the smooth implementation of the scheme.

CEO, NHA, S.Gopalakrishnan; Additional CEO, NHA, Dr. Basant Garg; Secretary Health and Medical Education, J&K, Bhupinder Kumar; CEO, SHA, J&K, Sanjiv M Gadkar, CEOs and representatives of seven Northern States and UTs of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh and Ladakh were present during the meeting.

Addressing the gathering, Advisor Bhatnagar said that under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and support of central government, the J&K government made AB-PMJAY scheme universal and all the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir have been covered under the scheme. He added that for a fast growing nation like India, health is an important indicator to achieve the aspirations of this growth trajectory.

The Advisor, on the occasion, emphasized upon the utilisation of government hospitals to its best, highlighting that management of hospitals is very important to meet the aspirations of common people.

During his address, Advisor Bhatnagar commended the efforts of all stakeholders involved in the execution of ABPMJAY, highlighting the positive impact it has had on the lives of countless individuals in the country. He stressed the need for continued collaboration between the government, healthcare providers, and insurance agencies to maximize the scheme's benefits and extend its reach to even the remotest corners of society.

Advisor Bhatnagar further said that the medical infrastructure is witnessing remarkable growth in J&K, as State of Art Medicines are being established here. He added that two AIIMS, Cancer institutes, seven new medical Colleges and other important infrastructure had been put in J&K to provide advanced medical care facilities to people here.

Speaking on the occasion, CEO, NHA, said that empanment of hospitals is very important for the effective implementation of AB-PMJAY. He impressed upon the representatives of States and UTs for timely settlement of payments so that the people can take due benefits of the scheme.

During the meeting, Additional CEO, NHA gave a detailed presentation on the progress achieved by Northern States and UTs in the implementation of AB-PMJAY scheme.

Union Secretary MoRD reviews the progress of various schemes of Rural Development across J&K

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: Union Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Shailesh Kumar Singh today chaired a high-level meeting at Civil Secretariat here to evaluate progress of various schemes implemented by ministry across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary Rural Development Department & Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kaur, Secretary in the Rural Development Department, Director of Rural Development Jammu/Kashmir, MD JKRLM, COO Himayat, Director Finance RDD, Joint Director Planning, ADCs of all districts, and other relevant officers of the department.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, the Secretary emphasized on the need for expediting the implementation of all schemes to ensure the prompt



delivery of benefits to the deserving beneficiaries. He urged the officers to submit timely requests to the ministry for the release of funds necessary for the successful execution of these schemes. During the meeting, Commis-

sioner Secretary Rural Development Department & Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kaur, provided a comprehensive update on the progress of different schemes across the Union Territory.

It was informed during the

meeting that under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), last year record 2 lakh works have been completed with special focus on Amrit Sarovars and SBMG works. Under Amrit Sar-

ovar, through UT stands at number 2 in the country, but under the UT deliverables, target of having one Amrit Sarovar per panchayat has been given to the department, to be done in this year. Impact assessment of Amrit sarovars has been done and based on the assessment, corrective actions are being taken.

Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) (PMAY-G), Commissioner/Secretary thanked the MoRD Secretary for sanctioning additional 199550 houses to JK, to saturate its Permanent waiting list in this year. She assured that entire RDD team is working hard to ensure completion of all houses by 26th Jan 24.

The meeting also delved into the progress and status of J&K-based schemes such as HIMAYAT and JK Rural Livelihood Mission's UMEED, besides, SAGY and RURBAN.

In a first, over one lakh pilgrims visit holy cave in 10 days

24k perform darshan today; Yatra from Jammu remains suspended for 3rd straight day

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: In a first of its kind, a record-breaking number of pilgrims from different parts of the country have visited the Amarnath holy cave to perform darshan in the first ten days of the pilgrimage.

As per the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) over one lakh pilgrims have visited the holy cave in the first ten days of the pilgrimage. The record-breaking turnout has been witnessed despite the pilgrimage remaining suspended for two straight days in wake of the inclement weather conditions.

The total pilgrims performing the darshan of naturally formed Ice Lingam in cave shrine since the commencement of the yatra on July 1, touched 1,18,157, the officials said. "About 24,228 pilgrims performed darshan today till (08:00 pm)."

The annual Amarnath Yatra remained suspended from Jammu City for the third straight day on Monday.

"No fresh batch of pilgrims was allowed to leave Yatri Niwas base camp

at Bhagwati Nagar for the onward journey to the holy cave due to extensive damage caused to a section of the Jammu-Srinagar Highway in Ramban.

"Over 7,000 pilgrims are stranded at Jammu's Bhagwati Nagar base camp, 5,000 at the Chanderkot base camp in Ramban district and thousands of pilgrims who performed darshan are stranded at yatri niwas FCI Mir Bazar and Walnut factory Qazigund," an official said.

He said due to closure of the highway, the district administration Kulgam has created additional accommodation of 500 beds at Vessu for stranded Yatries to avoid any inconvenience to them.

Meanwhile, the traffic advisory issued by the traffic department reads that the Srinagar-Jammu highway will be thrown open for traffic on Wednesday and will continue to remain closed for tomorrow.

"Collective efforts from the administration and NHA, put in throughout the day, resulted in substantial

improvement in the road condition. However, complete restoration is expected to take some more time," police said in a statement. "Accordingly, it has been decided by the Administration to keep the traffic on Highway suspended for tomorrow also i.e. 11.07.2023 (Tuesday). HMVs have been advised to take Mughal Road for journeys from Jammu to Srinagar and vice versa."

"Traffic is likely to resume on 12.07.2023 (Wednesday), however, the next update will be issued tomorrow evening."

Meanwhile, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri told KNO the record-breaking pilgrims of over one lakh have performed the yatra so far.

"We are breaking all the records of development. We have crossed the figure of one lakh pilgrims till today," he said, adding that the Yatra remained suspended for couple of days otherwise the number could have touched more in the first ten days.

Rains damage standing cherry crop in Valley

SRINAGAR, JUL 10: Incessant rains in the last two-three days has caused damage to standing cherry crops in Kashmir.

Growers from different parts of Kashmir told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that over 50 percent crop of Mishry and Jadi varieties of the cherry have got damaged by rains.

Junaid Ahmad a cherry grower from Losdanew Shopian said that the rainfall has damaged about 70 percent of the Mishry and 50 percent of Jadi varieties of cherry. The rest of the varieties were harvested. Asif another cherry grower said that most of the Mishry and Jadi varieties are yet to be harvested and have suffered extensive damage in the last few days due to incessant rains.

He said that the fruit developed cracks as rains started during harvest period.

Similarly, growers from other parts of the Valley agreed the damage caused by rains will make them sell the fruit at low prices.

They demanded that the government must assess the damage and compensate growers.

Peer Muhammad Amin, president Fruit Mandi Shopian told KNO incessant rains have completely changed the scenario of un-harvested varieties.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost My Driving Licence Bearinging Licence No JK 01 2016 010 5456 some where at Home . Now I am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He//She may contact with RTO Srinagar within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name....Owais Farooq
S/O Farooq Ahmad Khan
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This is to inform the general public that my name has been mistakenly registered as Syed Zubair Hussain Bulkani Son of Syed Attiqullah Bulkani on my driving license, Now I am supposed to correct that as Syed Zubair Ahmad Bukhari Son of Syed Attiqullah Bukhari Resident of Kreeri District Baramulla, In this regard if anybody has any sort of objections He/She may file the same in the office of Assistant Regional Transport Office Baramulla/ Sopore within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that, no objections shall be entertained.

از عدالت سب جج کپواڑہ

باجلاس: منظور احمد خان

جمیلہ بانود ختر عوام الناس
محمد یوسف بت
ساکنہ موضع ہمولہ کپواڑہ

درخواست بابت حصول D.O.B

الملاح آگاہی ہر خاص وعام

مندرجہ عنوان القدر میں سائل جمیلہ بانو دختر محمد یوسف بت ساکنہ موضع ہمولہ کپواڑہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول B-O-P پیش کی سائل کی تاریخ پیدائش 29/01/1992|29/01/29|29/01/29 رخصتارڈیٹر اینڈ جی عدالت ہڈا میں ایک درخواست بغرض حصول پیش کی اگر درخواست ہڈا میں حکم صادر فرمانے بحق سائلہ کسی کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ امالت وکالت یا مختار اعدالت تغذامیں آکر تا تاریخ آئند 24/7/2023 تک تحریری طور پیش کریں ۔مخاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), the Tender Floating Authority, as specified in clause 1 of BDS, invites e-bids from reputed Contractors having Valid Class-A Electrical Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Chief Electrical Inspectorate of J&KPPD/ Relevant issuing authority/ registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/ Railways/GEM as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this document. The detail of work is as under:

S No.	Description of work:	Adv. Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	AA No. & Date	Work completion Period
1	Replacement of 100KVA Level 2 Transformer at Ward No 02 Panchayat HalaqaDahama B Block Ramhall	1.94	Rs 3900.00/=	Rs 200.00	43-DDCK of 2023 Dated: 15-06-2023	90 days

Time Schedule

A	Date & Time of Publishing of Standard Bidding Document	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in				
B	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	07-07-2023	03:00 PM			
C	Clarification start date & time	07-07-2023	03:00 PM			
D	Clarification end date & time	10-07-2023	04:00 PM			
E	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	31-07-2023	04:00 PM			
F	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time.	01-08-2023	01:00 PM			
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date &time (Only of the technically qualified bidders).	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders through email.				
H	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids	Office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara (KPDCL).				

The interested bidders are requested to submit their offer along with terms, conditions, technical specifications and annexures forming part of this tender document.

- The Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after site visit, careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.
- The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table.
- The bidders need to upload the proof/cost of e-Bid document and Earnest Money Deposit as stated in the above table through Treasury Challan and CDR/ FDR respectively pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The scanned copy of the Treasury Challan and CDR/ FDR must be enclosed along with the e-Bids but the original instrument should be submitted by the L1 bidder in the office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. In addition, Performance securityshall be Submitted by successful Bidder L1 only pledged to the office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The 2% EMD of successful bidders shall be released after receipt performance security.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
- The Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwarawill be final and binding.
- The bidders should upload Contact detail document (e.g., Address, Mobile No, e-mail ID etc.) and other document as per the SBD.
- The contractor has to get the key material, to be provided by him inspected by the PMA and or representative of the sub division and price quoted by the bidder will be inclusive of inspection expenses. No extra claim / charges will be paid. Test certificates are to be enclosed with the work done bill.
- Payments will be processed as per the availability of funds against the work done bills.
- The work has to be executed as per the approved GTP and Drawing available at <https://kpdcl.jkppd.net/> under “Standards and Specification”.
- The contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution & post-execution photographs (with GPS Coordinates i.e longitude & Latitude) along-with SLD of the site.
- As per the Govt. Circular No: 03-JK(PDD) of 2022, dated: 23-08-2022, all new electrical installations are to be cleared by the inspection Agency of JKPPD and contractor has to process and follow-up for same.
- The contractor has to produce the test certificates of all the material for all kind of works.
- The contractor must follow all SoPs during execution of work. Any deviation in this regard the fine can be imposed and he shall be solely responsible for any un-towards or any accident at site. Besides he shall be responsible for taking all safety majors. In addition to it, he should have group insurance of his workers working at site.
- The contractor has to get the work executed under the supervision of qualified Engineer/supervisor as per the SBD conditions.
- The Bidder needs to upload all the following documents to avoid cancellation in technical Evaluation Process:
 - a.Cost of e-Bid Document, amount specified in the table (Only Treasury Challan shall be accepted).

(Note: - The Bidders shall mention the e-NIT No. and name of the Firm on Treasury Challan and EMD in order to avoid using the same multiple times for different works.)

DIPK-NB-1822/23
Date: Jul 10 2023

S/d
Executive Engineer
Electric Division Handwara

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for Fertilizer/ Pesticides License with name Wani Pesticides (Wadipora). If anybody having any objection in this regard. He or she may file in Plant Protection Officer Lal Mandi Srinagar or Chief Agriculture Officer Kupwara Within Seven days after that no objection will be entertained.

Prop:- Danish Rashid Wani
S/o Ab Rashid Wani
R/o Wadipora Handwara Rajwar
District Kupwara

PUBLIC NOTICE

I informed to general public that I'm running tour and travel agency under the name of TRAVELLING BUZZ KASHMIR ...If anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may file His /her objection in the concerned Department within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

Name.....SHOWKAT AHMAD GANAIE
S/oABDUL MAJEED GANAIE
R/o.....HAIL KREERI
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost of my Fathers death certificate namely ABDUL MAJEED KHAN S/O QALANDER KHAN R/O. NILSAR who was died on 22/06/2012Now I am applying for his death certificate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/she may file His/her objection in the concerned police station CHANDOO-SA within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Name.....ABDUL MAJEED KHAN
F/OSHAZIA MAJEED
R/ONILSAR
Block ...WAGOORA

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Dated: 04-07-2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), the Tender Floating Authority, as specified in clause 1 of BDS, invites e-bids from reputed Contractors having Valid Class-A Electrical Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Chief Electrical Inspectorate of J&KPPD/ Relevant issuing authority/ registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/ Railways/GEM as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this document. The detail of work is as under: The interested bidders are requested to submit their offer along with terms, conditions, technical specifications and annexures forming part of this tender document.

1.The Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been

S No.	Description of work:	Adv. Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	AA No. & Date	Work completion Period
1	Installation of LT Poles with wire Makdam Mohalla Palpora Panchayat Halqa Khaiepora	2.72	Rs 5440.00/=	Rs 203.00	43-DDCK of 2023 Dated: 15-06-2023	90 days

Time Schedule

A	Date & Time of Publishing of Standard Bidding Document	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in				
B	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	06-07-2023	02:00 PM			
C	Clarification start date & time	06-07-2023	02:00 PM			
D	Clarification end date & time	08-07-2023	04:00 PM			
E	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	29-07-2023	04:00 PM			
F	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time.	31-07-2023	11:30 PM			
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date &time (Only of the technically qualified bidders).	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders through email.				
H	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids	Office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara (KPDCL).				

done after site visit, careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

- The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table.
- The bidders need to upload the proof/cost of e-Bid document and Earnest Money Deposit as stated in the above table through Treasury Challan and CDR/ FDR respectively pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The scanned copy of the Treasury Challan and CDR/ FDR must be enclosed along with the e-Bids but the original instrument should be submitted by the L1 bidder in the office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. In addition, Performance security shall be Submitted by successful Bidder L1 only pledged to the office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The 2% EMD of successful bidders shall be released after receipt performance security.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
- The Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara will be final and binding.
- The bidders should upload Contact detail document (e.g., Address, Mobile No, e-mail ID etc.) and other document as per the SBD.
- The contractor has to get the key material, to be provided by him inspected by the PMA and or representative of the sub division and price quoted by the bidder will be inclusive of inspection expenses. No extra claim / charges will be paid. Test certificates are to be enclosed with the work done bill.
- Payments will be processed as per the availability of funds against the work done bills.
- The work has to be executed as per the approved GTP and Drawing available at <https://kpdcl.jkppd.net/> under “Standards and Specification”.
- The contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution & post-execution photographs (with GPS Coordinates i.e longitude & Latitude) along-with SLD of the site.
- As per the Govt. Circular No: 03-JK(PDD) of 2022, dated: 23-08-2022, all new electrical installations are to be cleared by the inspection Agency of JKPPD and contractor has to process and follow-up for same.
- The contractor has to produce the test certificates of all the material for all kind of works.
- The contractor must follow all SoPs during execution of work. Any deviation in this regard the fine can be imposed and he shall be solely responsible for any un-towards or any accident at site. Besides he shall be responsible for taking all safety majors. In addition to it, he should have group insurance of his workers working at site.
- The contractor has to get the work executed under the supervision of qualified Engineer/supervisor as per the SBD conditions.
- The Bidder needs to upload all the following documents to avoid cancellation in technical Evaluation Process:
 - a.Cost of e-Bid Document, amount specified in the table (Only Treasury Challan shall be accepted).
 - b.PAN Card along with latest ITR.
 - c.Valid Registration Card with validity up to date.
 - d.GST Registration.
 - e.SBD.
 - f.Earnest Money Deposit.
 - g.Affidavit as per SBD
 - h.Annual Financial turnover certificate

(Note: - The Bidders shall mention the e-NIT No. and name of the Firm on Treasury Challan and EMD in order to avoid using the same multiple times for different works.)

DIPK-NB-1823/23
Date: Jul 10 2023

S/d
Executive Engineer
Electric Division Handwara

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION

DIVISION SRINAGAR NEAR J&K BANK,(Zaldagar)

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Gist of Short Term e-NIT No. 11 OF 2023-24, Dated: 08-07-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Srinagar, invites e- tenders on item rate basis by e-tendering mode *for:-*

S No	Particulars of the work	Tender fee (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost “Rs” in Lacs	EMD Amount	50 % Exemption Allowed for SSI/MSE	Completion Period	Class/ Registration Type (Qualification criteria)
1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7
1	Mechanical Repair Works to split casing pumping unit 1st at lift Irrigation Scheme Chanthan Gulapora of MISD Ganderbal.	100.00	0.37	2% of Estimated cost	Yes	05 days	Mechanical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience
2	Electrical repair works to 100 KVA HT Transformer at LIS Zazna- A of MISD Ganderbal.	100.00	0.55	2% of Estimated cost	Yes	05 days	Electrical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience
3	Electrical repair works to 250 KVA HT Transformer at LIS Zazna- B of MISD Ganderbal.	100.00	0.69	2% of Estimated cost	Yes	05 days	Electrical Contractors/ SSI Unit Holders/ Workshop holders/ other firms having relevant experience

The bidding process shall be completed online in **single cover** containing –Tender Document fee, EMD in the form of CDR/FDR, Pre-qualification & Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

The critical dates are as tabulated below:-

i	Publish Date	08-07-2023 at 1700 hrs
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	08-07-2023 from 1700 hrs
iii	Clarification start date	N.A
iv	Bid submission start date	08-07-2023 from 1700 hrs
v	Clarification end date	N.A
vi	Bid submission/ Document Download/sale end date	17-07-2023 upto 1400 hrs
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	18-07-2023 at 1230 hrs

The bid uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on scheduled date /time or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Zaldagar Srinagar.

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD Form No. 25 & 33.

Position of funds	Budgetary Provisions
Position of AAA	Accorded under order No. 76-MCO OF 2022-23, Dated :- 24-03-2023
Position of Technical sanction	Sanctioned vide No.'s 31, 32, 33 of 2023-24 respectively

DIPK-4767/23

Date: Jul 10 2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Irrigation Division,
Srinagar

DC Poonch visits landslide hit village Dhundak- Surankote

Provides relief material to affected families; Inspects progress of work on NABARD road projects

HT News Network

POONCH, JULY 10: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today visited landslide hit Dhundak village in Tehsil Surankote to assess the damage caused to the houses.

Tehsildar Surakote, Mohammad Akbar and concerned executive engineers accompanied the Deputy Commissioner.

Two houses were damaged when these were hit by landslides triggered by incessant rains. The Deputy Commissioner met with the affected

families and distributed relief material provided by the District Red Cross Society. He also assured additional relief to the families under SDRF within days.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner also inspected the ongoing work of the NABARD Road from Sanai Phambra Modh to Nari Dhundak. He gave a slew of directions to improve the quality of work and ensure that the road is constructed within the stipulated time frame.

The Sarpanch of the concerned Panchayat also apprised the Deputy Commissioner of



various problems faced by the local people. The Deputy Com-

missioner gave a patient hearing and asked the concerned departments to address the problems in a time bound manner.

Meanwhile, the District Development Commissioner also conducted a surprise visit to the site of the NABARD road construction project at Harni. The 7km road from Kasyote Harmutha to Gursai Mughalan is being constructed to improve surface connectivity in the region. During the visit, the DC inspected the culvert point where a buffalo died due to the contractor's negligence during heavy rainfall.

The DC was accompanied by Tehsildar Mendhar, Rahul Bas-kotra, Sarpanch Sameena Aras Khan local Nambaadar and other civil society members.

The locals and officials apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the status of the construction of the NABARD road and other issues.

Later, the DC inspected the ongoing construction work of the sports stadium at village Harni. He directed the contractor to expedite the pace of work of the stadium. He also instructed the Executive Engineer of PWD to complete the work of

the NABARD road within the stipulated time frame, including the culvert, for the benefit of the general public.

The DC issued directions to the officers for continuous monitoring of water levels and dissemination of real-time warning to all agencies to prevent any untoward incidents due to heavy rainfall.

Later, the DC visited the Ziarat Chotey Shah in Mendhar, where he paid his respects and participated in the Urs. He also reviewed the developmental works in the shrine.

American Society of Civil Engineers appoints Dr Pratik Kumar as Associate Editor

HT News Network

JAMMU, JULY 10: Dr Pratik Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu), has been appointed as an Associate Editor for the prestigious Journal of Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste (HTRW). This significant recognition comes from the renowned American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

This is the second Associate Editor appointment he has received this year, further validating his expertise and recognition in his field.

Earlier this year, Dr Kumar was appointed as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Nanotechnology for Environmental Engineering, published by Springer Publisher. These appointments not only showcase his academic prowess but also highlight his commitment to advancing scientific research in his respective domains.

The Journal of Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste publishes peer-reviewed original articles on all aspects of research, planning, development and management of hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW). These include the traditional areas of research, design, control, restoration/remediation, construction, planning, detection/analysis, oversight, operations, regulations and policy.

Finance Department mourns demise of S. Ranbir Singh Bali

HT News Network

JAMMU, JULY 10: The Finance Department has expressed profound sadness and grief over the demise of Director Finance, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, S. Ranbir Singh Bali, who along with his wife and son died in a fatal accident while on way to Poonch.

The Condolence message reads "It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart that we come together to share the devastating news of an unimaginable tragedy. Our exceptional colleague, S. Ranbir Singh Bali, Director Finance, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, an officer of the highest Caliber in the Finance Department, along with his beloved wife and son, lost their lives in a fatal road accident. Our souls are weighed down by grief as we try to comprehend the magnitude of this immense loss. Only their daughter, a survivor in the face of unthinkable odds, remains to bear witness to the shattered remnants of a once joyous family.

In this moment of profound sorrow, we struggle to find the words that could adequately convey the depth of our emotions. The pain we feel is indescribable, & the void left by their absence is immeasurable. The JAKFAS mourns not only the loss of an exceptional officer, but also the extinguishing of a beautiful family, united by love & shared dreams.

Tahira Tabassum grieved over the deaths of Ranbir Singh Bali, his wife, and son in a tragic accident on Mughal Road

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MENDHAR: Social Worker & Sarpanch Buffliaz B Tahira Tabassum expressed profound grief and sorrow over the tragic accident on Mughal Road that claimed the lives of Ranbir Singh Bali, Director of Finance in the Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department, his wife Parvinder Kour, and son Irvan Singh, and injured Ranbir Singh Bali's daughter, as the family was travelling from Kashmir to Surankote in their swift car when it plunged into a deep gorge near Pannar bridge along Mughal Road. The accident occurred late Sunday evening.

Tabassum expressed shock and profound grief over the tragedy. She said,



"The news of the accident that claimed the lives of Singh Bali, his wife, and his son has left me in a state of shock and profound grief. It is particularly heartbreaking for me as the family resided in my neighbourhood, and I had the privilege of personally knowing Mr. Bali. Words cannot adequately convey the depth of my emotions in the face of this tragic occurrence."

Horticulture Department organises series of orientation programs on HADP in Khour block

HT News Network

JAMMU, JULY 10: In a step towards promotion of Holistic Development of Agriculture & Allied Sectors, Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak today chaired the Kissan Samparak Abhiyan on Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in village Lower Narayana of block Khour Jammu. The programme was attended by Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu Ashwani Sharma; Horticulture Development Officer Khour, Amit Saraf; Sarpanch of the panchayat and PRI members. The programme was also attended by a mammoth gathering of farmers of the panchayat and surrounding areas. Speaking on the occasion, the Director elaborated different incentives and assistance being provided to the farming community under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme. He sensitized the gathering about the main components of the programme viz: DAKSH- Learning Management System related to skill development, SATHI- Dash-



board to apply online for different Government schemes, etc. He appreciated the efforts of the Mangla Rai Committee for organising the programme covering every aspect of the farmer related issues and also encouraged farmers to come forward to avail incentives under the programme.

Later, the Director launched a plantation drive by planting saplings of Citrus and Mango plants for compact plantation over an area of 100 Kanal in the farmers' field at village Lower Narayana and Pallanwala respectively.

DC Rajouri reviews implementation of Self-Employment Generation Schemes

HT News Network

RAJOURI, JULY 10: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today reviewed the implementation of self-employment generation schemes in the district. Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

During the meeting, DC took stock of the progress made under these schemes and directed the concerned officials to ensure effective implementation of these programs. He also stressed on the need to identify and support the beneficiaries to enable them to become self-reliant and contribute towards the development of the district.

The DC further emphasized the need for effective monitoring and evaluation of these schemes to ensure their success and to address any issues that may arise. He also urged the officials to work in close coordination



with other departments and stakeholders to achieve the desired outcomes of these programs.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the administration's commitment towards promoting self-employment opportunities and economic empowerment of the people, and urged the beneficiaries to take full advantage of these schemes to improve their livelihoods and contribute towards the overall development of the district.

Furthermore, the DC stressed the need for transparency and accountability in the implementation of these programs. He directed officials to ensure that the funds allocated for these schemes are utilized efficiently and effectively, and that the beneficiaries receive the support they need to succeed.

DC inspects pace of progress on Rajouri Thanamandi Surankote road

HT News Network

RAJOURI, JULY 10: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today inspected the progress of Construction work on Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road at numerous work sites.

The Deputy Commissioner sought detailed information about the progress made and expressed satisfaction over the pace of the construction work. He directed the officials to ensure timely completion of the project, while maintaining high-quality standards.

Later, Vikas Kundal also visited the take off point of Thanamandi bypass road where the work is to be



started. The DC asked the OC BRO to start the work at the earliest and also directed the SDM to ensure early processing of revenue records in this regard.

The DC issued instructions for the smooth movement of traffic on the Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road. He emphasized

the importance of ensuring the safety and convenience of commuters traveling on the road.

The Deputy Commissioner's visit and review of the BRO road project was conducted to ensure time bound completion of the project to provide early benefit to the people.

Labour department organises awareness camp at AIIMS Samba

HT News Network

SAMBA, JULY 10: The Labour Department Samba today organized a highly informative and impactful awareness camp at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to raise awareness about various labour rights and regulations among the workforce and promote a safe and harmonious work environment.

The awareness camp, organised jointly by Assistant Labour Commissioner Samba and Assistant Labour Commissioner J&K Building and Other Construction



Workers Welfare Board, (JKBOCWWB), witnessed an impressive turnout of participants including workers, employers and other stakeholders.

During the awareness camp, participants got the

opportunity to engage in interactive sessions led by experts in the field. These sessions focused on a wide range of topics, such as the benefits being provided by JKBOCWWB, minimum wage standards, workplace

safety protocols, grievance redressal mechanisms, and the importance of fair employment practices. The aim was to educate and empower the attendees with the necessary knowledge to protect their rights and contribute to a productive and secure work environment.

Speaking at the event, Assistant Labour Commissioner Samba Dr. Amil Khateeb reiterated the commitment of the Labour Department to safeguard the interests of workers and employers alike. "We are dedicated to ensuring that labor laws are effectively

Labour Department conducts awareness programme for BOC workers in Doda

HT News Network

DODA, JULY 10: An awareness programme was today organized by the Labour and Employment department Doda for Building and Other Construction (BOC) workers.

Speaking on the occasion, Idress Lone, Assistant Labour Commissioner, made the participants aware about the welfare schemes being implemented by the J&K Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, (JKBOCWWB).

Chief Guest, Roopali Gandotra, Assistant Labour Commissioner JKBOCW-



WB, in her address, briefed the participants about the

welfare schemes of JKBOCWWB in vogue and those to be incorporated from the next financial year, including increase in the rate of scholarship for different classes, special scholarship for the wards of Registered BOC workers who secure 90% and above marks, re-induction of marriage assistance. The chief guest has asked the construction workers to register themselves with the department to avail the benefits of the welfare schemes for betterment of their families.

The function was also attended by staff of the labour and employment department.

EDITORIAL

Unveiling the Silent Crisis: Addressing the Alarming Rise in Suicides in Kashmir

The tranquil beauty of Kashmir, often referred to as "paradise on Earth," conceals a distressing reality. In recent years, the picturesque valley has witnessed a distressing surge in suicide cases. This tragic phenomenon demands immediate attention and comprehensive intervention. As the region grapples with socio-political challenges, it is crucial for stakeholders to unite and address the underlying factors contributing to this silent crisis.

Kashmir has been grappling with socio-political unrest for decades, causing profound psychological scars on its residents. The persistent conflict, sporadic violence, and the loss of lives have taken an enormous toll on the mental health of the population. The constant fear, uncertainty, and trauma have left many feeling helpless and isolated, exacerbating the risk of suicide.

Another significant factor fueling the alarming rise in suicides is the lack of adequate mental health services in Kashmir. Insufficient infrastructure, a shortage of mental health professionals, and societal stigmatization have created barriers to seeking help for those struggling with mental health issues. Consequently, many individuals battling depression, anxiety, and other psychological disorders are left without the support and treatment they desperately need.

To tackle this crisis, it is imperative to initiate widespread awareness campaigns to educate communities about mental health and eliminate the stigma associated with it. By encouraging open conversations, dispelling myths, and fostering a supportive environment, we can empower individuals to seek help without fear of judgment. Schools, colleges, and religious institutions should play a pivotal role in promoting mental health literacy and providing avenues for support.

The government must prioritize the development of robust mental health infrastructure in Kashmir. This involves investing in the training and recruitment of mental health professionals, establishing counseling centers in schools and colleges, and ensuring the availability of affordable and accessible mental health services throughout the region. Collaborations with non-governmental organizations, both local and international, can also bolster efforts to address the crisis effectively.

Efforts should be made to foster resilience and instill hope in the hearts of the Kashmiri people. By encouraging activities that promote mental well-being, such as sports, arts, and cultural programs, individuals can find solace and healing. Community support groups, helplines, and online platforms can provide a lifeline for those in distress, ensuring they have a safe space to share their burdens and access the support they need.

Local leaders, elders, and influential figures within Kashmiri society have a critical role to play in addressing the suicide crisis. Their involvement is pivotal in challenging societal norms and advocating for mental health support. By leveraging their influence, they can drive positive change, break down barriers, and encourage the community to rally together in solidarity and support.

The rising cases of suicides in Kashmir demand urgent attention, empathy, and action. It is essential for the government, civil society organizations, mental health professionals, and the community as a whole to come together and address the root causes of this crisis. By prioritizing mental health infrastructure, eradicating stigma, and fostering resilience, we can restore hope and well-being to the people of Kashmir. Together, we must strive to create an environment where every individual feels valued, supported, and empowered to seek help in times of distress.

Make Your Life Better by Saying Thank You in These 7 Situations



JASWINDER PAL



Gratitude is a powerful and transformative emotion that has the potential to significantly enhance our lives. One simple yet profound way to express gratitude is by saying "thank you." This small phrase holds immense power and can create positive ripples in both our personal and professional relationships. In this article, we will explore seven situations where saying thank you can make a remarkable difference, bringing joy and fulfillment to our lives.

Expressing Appreciation to Loved Ones:

It's easy to take our loved ones for granted, but expressing gratitude can strengthen the bond we share with them. Saying thank you to our family members, friends, and partners for their love, support, and presence can deepen our connections and make us more mindful of the blessings they bring to our lives.

Acknowledging Acts of Kindness:

In a world that often feels hurried and disconnected, small acts of kindness stand out. Whether someone holds the door open for you, offers a helping hand, or provides a kind word, expressing gratitude can have a profound impact.



Saying thank you not only acknowledges their thoughtfulness but also encourages more kindness in the world.

Appreciating Service Providers:

From the barista who prepares your morning coffee to the delivery person who brings packages to your doorstep, countless individuals make our lives easier and more enjoyable. Taking a moment to say thank you to these service providers recognizes their efforts and reminds us of the interconnectedness of our lives.

Gratitude for Professional Opportunities:

In the workplace, expressing gratitude can foster a positive work environment and strengthen professional

relationships. Thanking colleagues, subordinates, or superiors for their support, guidance, or collaboration can create a culture of appreciation and enhance productivity. Recognizing the contributions of others helps build a sense of teamwork and mutual respect.

Thanking Teachers and Mentors:

Throughout our lives, we encounter educators and mentors who shape our knowledge, skills, and character. Saying thank you to these influential figures not only acknowledges their dedication but also serves as a reminder of the impact they have had on our personal growth and success. Expressing gratitude encourages them to continue making a difference in the lives of others.

Gratitude for Health and Well-being:

In our pursuit of personal goals and ambitions, we often overlook the importance of our health and well-being. Taking a moment each day to express gratitude for our physical and mental health can foster a positive mindset and increase our overall happiness. Saying thank you for our bodies, minds, and the ability to experience life can help us lead more fulfilling lives.

Thanking Yourself:

Lastly, we must not forget to express gratitude to ourselves. Acknowledging our accomplishments, efforts, and resilience allows us to cultivate self-compassion and develop a positive self-image. By saying thank you to ourselves, we reinforce our sense of self-worth and encourage continued growth and personal development.

Conclusion:

Incorporating gratitude into our daily lives by saying thank you can have a profound and transformative impact. It enhances our relationships, fosters a positive work environment, and promotes personal well-being. By expressing gratitude in these seven situations and beyond, we can create a ripple effect of positivity, making our lives and the lives of others better. So, let's embrace the power of gratitude and start saying thank you more often.

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VIJAY GARG



As technology becomes increasingly ubiquitous, many students and parents wonder about the relevance of Liberal Arts, its employment opportunities, and if there is career progression with a Liberal Arts Education. Artificial Intelligence (AI) driven systems can perform most tasks more efficiently and effectively than humans and are rapidly changing how we live, work, and interact with technology and the people around us. While AI-driven models like OpenAi GPT – 3, ChatGPT, Turing-NLG, BRT, and Watson Assistant can automate many tasks and provide us with vast amounts of information, can they replace humans? Definitely not. To develop, design and utilize information optimally, humans must still rely on creativity and critical thinking skills. This is where Liberal Arts Education can make a significant difference in enabling people to navigate the rapidly changing technological landscape. Liberal Arts Education focuses on preparing individuals with the skills needed to make informed decisions, tackle complex problems, and drive innovation in a constantly changing and complex environment.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, recognizes the need for a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to education that prepares students for the challenges of the 21st century and encourages the study of Liberal Arts. Liberal Arts allow students to explore multiple disciplines, such as humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, and facilitate students to gain an understanding of different cultural influences, methods of thinking, problem-solving, and forms of expression. Students can develop critical thinking, research, communication, collaboration, creativity and independent inquiry skills. Through a transdisciplinary approach, liberal arts equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in a wide range of careers, from research and development to entrepreneurship and leadership. Most importantly, it prepares students to become life-long learners.

Liberal Arts Education has evolved over the last few years to address the challenges of the modern world better and is an amalgamation of classical approaches integrated with contemporary practices. Some of the subjects and courses offered are – History, Sociology, Psychology, Language and Literature, Political Science, Economics, Art and Music, Philosophy, Media and Communication Studies, and Natural Sciences. The curriculum is designed to be more interdisciplinary and to

The value Liberal Arts Education in digital age



emphasize the integration of different knowledge domains. For example, courses like Digital Humanities have emerged to explore the intersection of technology and culture. Data Science and Data Visualization blend technical skills with liberal arts approach to understanding and communicating data. Courses in Language and Literature empower individuals to communicate effectively and collaborate in a digital environment. Engineering Psychology, or Human factors engineering, is a subfield of psychology that focuses on designing products and systems, the interaction between humans and technology, studying human perception and cognition, and improving human performance and well-being.

Steve Jobs, former CEO of Apple Inc., a strong advocate for liberal arts, states, "It's in Apple's DNA that technology alone is not enough – its technology married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yield us the results that make our heart sing."

In today's digital era, the need for well-rounded and culturally literate individuals is more impor-

tant than ever. Empathy, compassion, respect for others, appreciation of different cultures, perspectives, and experiences are critical in multicultural workplaces and lead to global citizenship. Liberal Arts and Humanities encourage students to analyze, interpret and think critically about the world around them, which is valued by employers. Andragogical approaches in Liberal Arts Education recognize that students have control over their learning process and seek to empower them to take an active role in their education through evolution and adaptation. Liberal Arts education prepares students not only to make a living but also to make a life.

Modern Liberal Arts Education places greater emphasis on practical skills and hands-on experience to better prepare students for dynamic environments. And there is a definite opportunity for students to opt for Liberal Arts to make the world a better place to live in.

Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab

SUICIDE: A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN!



MIR AUNISA

Suicide is the fastest-growing concern in every corner of the world. It has also affected our valley Kashmir tyrannically. The thought of suicide comes to mind when life seems burdensome and worrisome. There are enormous reasons behind this, most important reason in my sense is depression. Depression is the root cause of suicide.

When you feel that world is not able to get you and you feel yourself in some kind of trap. That trap in which you feel that you will never be able to get out of it.

This thought comes in your mind when you become dumb and tongue-tied. It becomes difficult to talk about your real and actual condition. When melancholy and loneliness hits you ruthlessly, this thought comes inside. When you feel that this world doesn't need you, this world doesn't make you feel wanted and loved. When you feel alone even in the crowd. When you don't find even a single person to talk about your condition. When you want to escape from your problems rather than facing them. When you feel

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Depression is not only the reason of suicidal happenings but there are enormous reasons behind this like sometimes some unforeseen contingencies. I myself have faced this condition, due

to depression these suicidal thoughts used to hit my mind everytime and honestly I have tried several times to end my life in that very phase. But fortunately I was able to contemplate with that. In that phase of my life I took anti-depressants for at least

8 months but those medicines just paralyzed my mind, my memory power declined, I was like detached from this world. But when I came out from that phase, I used to ponder (why I wasted my time in controlling my thoughts because I think healing lies inside us).

Life will not always be in smooth track so ups and downs are necessary to know our real potential and patience.

Day after day there come a lot of reports about suicide. These cases are increasing with each passing day. Especially cases related to youth are increasing with worst pace. We can collectively do better in order to make a decline in these suicidal cases.

There should be some counseling centres for this so that this menace can be removed and abolished from our society.

Ending your life by your own hands should not be the option at all.

We should always keep in mind that (every problem comes with a solution and with patience we can find solution to every problem). Always remember everyone is facing problems, everyone is struggling at their own place, nobody's life is perfect. With patience and faith everything gets alright.

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India's Stock Markets Have Become Now Punters' Paradise



NANTOO BANERJEE

Stock exchange is expected to serve as an economic barometer that is indicative of a country's state of the economy. Key market indices should provide the pulse of the economy. However, the theory is of little practical value in India. Indian stock markets have become punters' paradise, a big gambling den for foreign portfolio investors (FPI) who are in control of the trade. The stock markets are rising and falling too frequently for vague reasons to help big time operators book large profits. Take for instance the fall and rise of India's stock market during the current year.

The benchmark equity indices BSE's Sensex and NSE's Nifty showed heavy losses in the beginning of this year, after the economy accelerated to over six percent in 2022-23. During the current fiscal, the economy is predicted to grow at a slower rate of only around five percent. But, last week, the stock market flared up suddenly, breaking all previous records. The winning run of Sensex and Nifty continued for eight days. In just four sessions, Sensex surged over 2,000 points. However, before the weekend, Nifty dropped 165.50 points and Sensex lost 505 points as some punters were quick to selectively sell part of their stocks to book profit.

On January 24, this year, the 30-share BSE Sensex traded over 1,800 points down at 59,108 against the previous 60,978.75 mark. Likewise, the 50-share NSE Nifty index retreated more than 550 points to 17,566 from 18,118. Dalal Street once again witnessed market mayhem on March 13 as Nifty sank to its lowest level in 2023. Last week, the market sentiments suddenly reversed. The Sensex logged a lifetime high of over 65,600 intraday on July 4. Of course, the share price movements had little to do with physical performance of those listed Sensex and Nifty companies. Suffice it to say that their corporate financial performance or earnings per share (EPS) for 2022-23 and future business prospects had nothing to do with the market volatility in terms of their prices or profit-earning (P/E) ratios.

In effect, the stock market volatility is unsettling the country's economy, putting Indian Rupee (INR) continuously under pressure. Interestingly, the Reserve Bank, the government and the Securities and Exchange



Board of India (Sebi) have been acting mostly as mute spectators. The stock trade is practically controlled by FPIs, the largest non-promoter shareholders in the Indian market. Their investment or disinvestment decisions have a huge bearing on the stock prices and overall direction of the market.

As on March 31, 2022, the FPI holding in NSE listed companies stood at as much as Rs.51.99 lakh crore. The US accounts for a major chunk of FPIs, followed by Mauritius, Singapore and Luxembourg, according to data available with the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL). The FPIs hold sizable stakes in India's private banks, information technology companies and big caps such as Reliance Industries (RIL). Not all these sectors are performing too well. Yet, last Thursday, FPIs' net investment in the Indian market was Rs.2,641.05 crore that helped pep up the market to a record high.

For instance, India's IT services sector, a global leader, is expected to report modest numbers in the upcoming corporate financial results season. Weaker discretionary spending, delays in decision-making, and weakness in sectors like mortgage, retail and telecom are expected to keep revenues down in the April-June quarter of the current financial year. HDFC Securities estimated the IT sector's growth to moderate to five percent in 2023-24. India's industrial production growth rate slipped to five-month low of 1.1 percent in March from 5.8 percent in February 2023, mainly due to poor performance of power and manufacturing sectors, showed government data. The previous lowest level of growth was recorded in October 2022 at a contraction of 4.1 per cent.

Globally, stock market indices are evaluated on two parameters — returns and risk. The most volatile

Nifty, Sensex Are Among
Most Volatile Global
Stock Indices

indices in the US markets are the diversified Russell 2000 and NASDAQ 100. In the European region, DAX 30 of Germany and AEX Index are among the most volatile. The AEX index of Amsterdam contains the 25 largest tradable companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam in terms of free float market capitalisation. In the Asia Pacific region, the NSE's Nifty is the most sensitive with over 100 percent volatility. The NSE's Nifty volatility is followed by the Chinese index (SSE) and Japan's Nikkei Index. The BSE's Sensex too is equally volatile. In fact, Indian indices rank in the sweepstakes as the most volatile. Ideally, fundamental factors should drive stock prices based on a company's earnings and profitability from producing and selling goods and services. Unfortunately, this is not quite happening in India as in several other highly volatile markets in developed economies.

High and frequent market volatility confuses foreign direct investors (FDI) about the economic growth prospects and long-term investment stability, especially in an emerging economy. It certainly brings a negative impact on the exchange rate of the domestic currency. The Reserve Bank may agree that INR has been the worst victim of frequent market volatility with millions of US Dollars in the form of 'hot money' rushing in and out of the central bank's foreign exchange coffers in quick intervals, impacting the currency in circulation. In a more stabilised economy, when a domestic equity market rises, confidence in that specific country grows as well, leading to larger inflow of funds from foreign investors. This tends to create a demand for the domestic currency, causing it to rally against other foreign currencies. Unfortunately, the trend is reversed in India. The average exchange rate of US\$1 in 2014 was equivalent to Rs. 60.9994. It has been going down steadily. Last week, a US\$ went for Rs.83.61. One of the reasons behind the continuous decline of the value of INR is the unpredictable role of 'hot money' in the country's secondary market.

Foreign exchange and stocks are the world's two most traded financial markets. There exists a correlation between the two markets. A generally bullish stock market is expected to influence economic policymakers to raise interest rates. The central bank must use the interest rate mechanism at least to partly check violent stock price movements. The frequent stock price volatility in India is harming the market, confidence of genuine investors, exchange value of Rupee and the economy.

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PM speaks to ministers, officials amid heavy rainfall; IMD issues "Red Alert" to HP

HT News Network

New Delhi, July 10 (UNI) In the wake of widespread rainfall in most parts of India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to senior ministers and officials to take stock of the situation on Monday.

The Prime Minister assured that the NDRF and SDRF teams are working for the well-being of those affected.

"PM Narendra Modi spoke to senior Ministers and officials and took stock of the situation in the wake of excessive rainfall in parts of India. Local administrations, NDRF, and SDRF teams are working to ensure the well-being of those affected," the PMO tweeted.

Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a red alert on Monday and advised people to avoid areas prone to Waterlogging and stay away from vulnerable structures.

In a tweet, IMD said



"Himachal Pradesh will experience Heavy to Very heavy rainfall, including extremely heavy downpours exceeding 204.4 mm, on July 10".

The Weather agency also issued an "Orange alert" to Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, and Rajasthan and said these states are likely to get "Heavy to very heavy rainfall (115.6 to 204.4 mm) on July 10.

"Uttarakhand is also likely to get Heavy to very heavy rainfall (115.6 to 204.4 mm) during July 10 to July 12," it said.

The Weather agency said Heavy to very heavy rainfall, including extremely

heavy downpours exceeding 204.4 mm, was expected in parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim on July 11 and 12.

The national capital continued to receive moderate to heavy rainfall on Monday, with the maximum temperature likely to be around 32 degrees Celsius.

The city recorded 107.3 mm of rainfall in the last 24 hours, taking the total to 298.3 mm this month so far—more than the normal of 209.7 mm for the entire month.

"Light to moderate rainfall is likely to continue on Tuesday as well," IMD said. Meanwhile, the Yamuna

river is currently flowing 204.6 metres in Delhi and is expected to reach 205.5 metres on Tuesday morning.

Addressing a press conference here, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, "If the Yamuna river level crosses 206 metres, we will start evacuation".

"As per CWC, the Yamuna River is flowing at 203.58 metres in Delhi. It is expected to reach 205.5 metres Tuesday morning. Also, according to weather predictions, the water level in the Yamuna is not expected to rise too high," he said.

He added that the food situation is unlikely, and the state authorities are ready to deal with any situation that arises due to the flood.

In response to the heavy rainfall, Haryana released over one lakh cuses of water into the Yamuna river from the Hathnikund barrage. He added that the food situation is unlikely, and the state authorities are ready to deal with any situation that arises due to the flood.

At Least 34 Dead In North India Rain Rampage, Himachal Worst-Hit

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New Delhi: Heavy rain in several parts of north India has brought the region to its knees, claiming more than 34 lives in the past three days.

In cities and towns, many roads and buildings remain submerged in knee-deep water.

The weather department has predicted more downpour for Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Delhi and its adjoining areas over the next couple of days.

Frightening images of the chaos - vehicles floating like paper boats, muddy waters gushing into residential areas, structures submerged on the banks by the swollen rivers and land cave-ins - were shared online by people from Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Delhi.

In Himachal Pradesh, landslides and flash floods, triggered by incessant rain, damaged houses, structures and paralysed normal life. Some shops and vehicles were also washed away in flash floods in Manali, Kullu, Kinnaur and Chamba as all major rivers - including Ravi, Beas, Satluj, Swan and Chenab - are in spate.

Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has appealed to people to stay indoors for the next 24 hours. "I want to request all residents of the state, please stay home for the next 24 hours because very heavy rain is expected. We have started three helplines --



1100, 1070, 1077. You can call up these numbers to share information about anyone stuck in the calamity. I am available round the clock to help you," he said in a video message.

"So far, more than 20 people have lost their lives majorly due to road accidents and similar reasons. The loss of lives due to landslides and flash floods is not as high. Over 1,300 roads, including major national highways, district, and link roads in the state, are affected. We are on high alert for the next two days," Himachal Pradesh Minister Jagat Singh Negi said today.

Landslides and flash floods were reported in neighbouring Uttarakhand too, with reports of water level in rivers and streams crossing the danger mark.

All schools in Gurgaon and Delhi remain shut today as heavy rain has led to waterlogging. The Gurgaon administration has also advised cor-

porate houses to work from home today to avoid traffic jams.

The Delhi government has set up 16 control rooms to monitor the flood-prone areas after Haryana released more than one lakh cuses of water into the Yamuna river from the Hathnikund barrage.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal chaired a high-level meet to discuss waterlogging caused by rain in the city and Yamuna's rising water levels. Floods are unlikely in Delhi, Mr Kejriwal today said, quoting predictions made by experts. If needed, we will shift the people from low-lying areas to safe spots, he added.

A red alert has been issued for Kathua and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir. Although, the Amarnath Yatra resumed on Sunday from the Panjarni and the Sheshnag base camps after remaining suspended for three days.

SC to hear Manish Sisodia's bail plea on July 14

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New Delhi, July 10 (UNI) Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear the bail plea of former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader, Manish Sisodia, arrested in connection with the Delhi liquor policy irregularities case on July 14.

A bench of the Supreme Court, headed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI), Dr Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud, said on Monday that we will hear the bail plea on July 14.

Sisodia sought bail on the grounds of her wife's hospitalisation.

Initially, the Apex Court agreed to hear Sisodia's bail application on July 17. But senior lawyer Dr Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Sisodia, pleaded to the Supreme Court bench for preponing the hearing from July 17 to 14, which was accepted by the CJI.

Sisodia had moved the Supreme Court against the denial of bail to him in two separate cases lodged by the two probe agencies, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED), in the Delhi liquor policy case.

Delhi CM holds emergency meet to deal with heavy downpour affects

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New Delhi, July 10 (UNI) Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said Delhi's system was not designed to tackle heavy downpour, this year an unexpected rainfall recorded in the national capital so people have to face problems. Kejriwal, chaired an emergency meeting at Delhi Secretariat with all the ministers and Mayor on the situation in Delhi arising out of continuous rains here, said unprecedented rains have been lashing entire north India for a few days. For the first time in 40-50 years, it is raining so much. All the state governments of north India are working at their respective levels to provide relief to the people, said CM. He said that the ministers, MLAs, councilors and concerned officers are working day and night to deal with such situation.

Nominations for Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar extended

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New Delhi, July 10 (UNI) The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has extended the last date of receipt of application for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) to August 31 from July 31, a statement said on Monday.

"It is for information of the general public that the applications for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2024 are now started on National Awards Portal <https://awards.gov.in>. The awards are given in the fields of Bravery, Sports, Social Service, Science & Technology, Environment, Arts and Culture and Innovation, which deserve recognition at the national level," the Ministry of Women and Child Development said.

Any child, who is an Indian citizen and residing in India, and not exceeding 18 years (as on the last date of receipt of application/nomination) may apply for the award. Any other person may also nominate.

Supreme Court Refuses To Pause Centre's Ordinance On Control Of Services

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New Delhi: There will be no freeze on the Centre's executive order controlling the bureaucrats posted in Delhi, the Supreme Court said today in response to a petition by Delhi's Aam Aadmi Party government, which had challenged the constitutional validity of the Centre's order. But the court has issued a notice to the Centre following the Delhi government's petition.

"We will issue notice to amend the petition to implead the Lieutenant Governor," said Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud. The next hearing is on Monday, when the court will also hear the Delhi government's petition on the Lieutenant Governor sacking 400 specialists like fellows, research officers.

The Lieutenant Governor is "acting like a super CM," Delhi had told the court in its petition, filed shortly after the Centre passed the executive order last month. The Ordinance over-rides the Supreme Court order given barely a week ago that said only the Delhi government was the boss.

Except for issues linked to land, police and public order, the Lieutenant Governor



has "no independent decision-making powers" under the Constitution, said the five-judge Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice Chandrachud, which had looked into whether the Central government has administrative control over transfers and postings of civil servants in the national capital.

Head Of US Marine Corps Job Unfilled Due To Political Feud

The case has its roots in 2018, when the Arvind Kejriwal government had gone to court, arguing that its decisions were constantly being over-ridden by the Lieutenant Governor, who acts as the Centre's representative in Delhi.

Transfers and appointments of officials was one of the first flashpoints between Mr Kejriwal's government and the Lieutenant Governor.

Remain on alert mode following heavy rains in HP, Uttarakhand: Yogi

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Lucknow, July 10 (UNI) Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday directed all the departments, including irrigation and water resources to remain pointing out that there is a possibility of an increase in the water level of various rivers in the state in the next few days alert due to heavy rains in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

While reviewing efforts being made following heavy rains in various districts of the state in a high level meeting, the CM said, "So far this year, 24 districts have received more than average rainfall, while 31 districts have recorded less than average rainfall. However, according to meteorologists, there is a possibility of good rainfall in these districts in the month of July. Constant monitoring of the changing weather conditions should be done."

He said that there have



been reports of loss of life and property due to lightning at many places in the last few days. "Assistance should be provided to such victim families immediately. This year, incidents of lightning are increasing in eastern UP. It is necessary to develop a better system for accurate forecasting of celestial lightning (early warning system)," he said.

Yogi said, "This is necessary to keep loss of human and cattle lives to the minimum. The central government is also cooperating in the process of installing rain

gauges in every village, this work should be completed expeditiously."

He directed, "Maintain dialogue with Revenue and Relief, Agriculture, State Disaster Management, Remote Sensing Authority, the Indian Meteorological Department, and Central Disaster Management Authority and develop such a system, so that common people can get accurate weather information on time."

The CM said that continuous monitoring should be done in the event of flood

Mission Chandrayaan-3 to be launched this week: Dr Jitendra Singh

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New Delhi, July 10 (UNI) Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh on Monday said that Chandrayaan-3 would be launched this week from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

"After such a quantum rise in our space expertise under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India can no longer wait to be left behind in its march to the Moon," the Minister said in a statement.

India will become the fourth country, if it lands the spacecraft on the surface of the Moon.

Jitendra Singh said Chandrayaan-3 is a follow-on mission of Chandrayaan-2 and is aimed to demonstrate India's capability in soft landing and roving on the surface of the Moon or the Lunar surface.

Chandrayaan-2 was launched on September 6, 2019 but it could not yield the desired result. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was personally present at Sriharikota to witness the event.

Elaborating further on Chandrayaan-3, Jitendra Singh said, its primary objectives are threefold - the first is to demonstrate



safe and soft landing on Lunar Surface, the second is to demonstrate Rover roving on the moon and the third is to conduct in-situ scientific experiments.

The Minister said, as a successor to Chandrayaan-2, Chandrayaan-3 has undergone a few changes to increase the robustness of the Lander. He said, all these modifications have been subject to exhaustive ground tests and simulations through test beds.

"The Lander and Rover module of Chandrayaan-3 is also configured with payloads that would provide data to the scientific community on various properties of Lunar Soil and rocks including its chemical and elemental composition," he said.

Kharge expresses grief over loss of lives due to incessant rains in North India

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New Delhi, July 10 (UNI) Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday expressed deep grief over the loss of lives due to the incidents caused by incessant rainfall in various parts of North India.

"Death of several people due to excessive rains in the states of North India is sad and painful," Kharge wrote in a tweet.

The Congress chief also informed that he spoke to Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and inquired about the situation in the Himalayan state caused by heavy downpours.

"Relief operations have picked up pace in the state, and all efforts are being made to evacuate the people of the rain-hit areas to safety, despite the inclement weather. SDRF and NDRF teams are doing this work," Kharge said. Adequate compensation will be given to the victims, and all possible help will be given to compensate for the loss of life and property, he informed.

Kharge also urged the Centre to make available an additional relief amount from the PM CARES Fund for Himachal Pradesh and other states.

Our thoughts are with those affected during this difficult time, he added. "Relief operations have picked up pace in the state, and all efforts are being made to evacuate the people of the rain-hit areas to safety, despite the inclement weather. SDRF and NDRF teams are doing this work," Kharge said.

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Israel will work to prevent collapse of Palestinian Authority, says Netanyahu

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JERUSALEM: Israel's security cabinet on Sunday decided Israel would work to prevent any collapse of the Western-backed Palestinian Authority, according to a statement from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office.

Israel has been stepping up military operations in the occupied West Bank, where the Palestinian Authority (PA) has limited autonomy. Netanyahu's office said he and his defence minister would bring to the cabinet "steps to stabilise the civil situation in the Palestinian arena." It did not give any specifics.

Judicial reform
Netanyahu on Sunday summoned his attorney-general to explain the police's handling of resurgent demonstrations against his plan to overhaul the justice system, as the reform bill edges ahead.

The bill that would limit "reasonableness" as a standard of judicial review — and which critics argue would open the door for abuses of power — is scheduled for the first of three ratification readings in parliament on Monday.

Compromise talks hosted by Israel's president between the government and the opposition stalled last month. Street protests that had subsided are flaring anew.

"An agreement is attainable. And yet, still no one is willing to sit down and talk, now, without preconditions. This is a blunder of historic proportions," said President



Isaac Herzog, whose post is largely ceremonial.

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In televised remarks before the cabinet session, Netanyahu said it was "unthinkable" that his religious-nationalist coalition would abridge the right to demonstrate or support any violence against protesters.

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He said Attorney-General Gali Baharav-Miara must "give an accounting" at Sunday's cabinet. As the meeting began, Israeli media carried leaked quotes of some ministers calling for her to quit. Baharav-Miara, according to a person briefed on the session, said she hoped the government was not asking her to say a more aggressive crackdown was needed even if it was inconsistent with the judgement of police commanders on the ground and prosecutors. "I hope the government does not expect the

law-enforcement apparatus to maintain 'quotas' of arrests or indictments of protesters," she was quoted as saying.

Announcing the plan to shut all 24 of its malls on Tuesday, Big Shopping Centres called the "reasonableness" bill, if it passes its first reading, a "serious step on the way to clearly illegal governmental corruption, and another step on the way to dictatorship." Protesters plan to converge on Israel's main airport as parliament debates the "reasonableness" bill.

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BBC suspends presenter over sexual misconduct allegation

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London, July 10 (UNI) The British Broadcasting Corporation has suspended one of its male presenters over the allegation that he had for several years paid a teenager for explicit content and will meet with the police on Monday in order to establish more facts, BBC News said.

This past Friday, UK tabloid newspaper The Sun reported that its editorial office had been contacted by a mother whose child received money from a prominent BBC host for sending explicit photos.

The communication between the teenager and the TV presenter reportedly started in 2020, when the former was 17 years old.

The teenager, who according to reports is a girl, became a drug-addict after obtaining big amounts of money.

The total payment she allegedly received from the BBC presenter was 35,000 pounds sterling (\$44,900).

The BBC said that the corporation became aware of the complaint in May and that it was planning to hold discussions with the Metropolitan Police on Monday to address the issue and "to establish the facts in order to properly inform appropriate next steps."

In the meantime, the unnamed presenter has been suspended since Sunday, the broadcaster said.

Additionally, BBC Director General Tim Davie said that the allegation had been taken "incredibly seriously" and described the situation as "complex."

The corporation was working to timely establish the facts and "to ensure that these matters are handled fairly and with care," Davie added.

DPRK condemns US plan to send strategic nuclear submarine to Korean Peninsula

■ HT News Network

Seoul, July 10 (UNI) A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defense of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) condemned the U.S. plan to send a strategic nuclear submarine to the Korean Peninsula in a press statement on Monday.

The deployment of the U.S. strategic nuclear submarine carrying nuclear warheads on the Korean Peninsula means that the U.S. strategic nuclear weapons will appear on the peninsula for the first time since 1981, said the statement, quoted by the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

The statement called the U.S. attempt to introduce strategic nuclear weapons onto the Korean Peninsula "the most undisguised nuclear blackmail against the DPRK and its neighboring countries and a grave threat and challenge to the regional and global peace and security."

It urged the United States to stop at once all the provocative moves.

Tokyo, surrounding prefectures issue summer's first heatstroke alerts

■ HT News Network

Tokyo, July 10 (UNI) Heatstroke alerts were issued for Japan's capital Tokyo as well as Saitama, Chiba and Ibaraki prefectures on Monday for the first time this season as sweltering weather prevail in the Kanto and Koshin regions.

The mercury soared as scorching heat gripped the regions on Monday, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), with temperatures reaching 35 degrees in central Tokyo, also this summer's first.

The high temperatures as of 11:30 a.m. were 36.4 degrees centigrade in Otsuki City, Yamanashi Prefecture, 35.7 in Ome City, western Tokyo, 35.6 in Kasama City, Ibaraki Prefecture and 35.2 in central Tokyo.

Weather officials added that humidity is also high, warning people of heatstroke risks.

The high temperatures and moist air flowing in could because localized downpours, said the JMA, forecasting hourly precipitation of up to 60 millimeters in the northern Kanto region and 30 in southern Kanto.

NATO SG to hold meeting between Turkish, Swedish leaders

■ HT News Network

Vilnius, July 10 (UNI) NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg will hold a meeting in Vilnius on Monday between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson on Sweden's membership in the alliance.

The secretary general has expressed hope that the sides will reach a political decision on the matter before the upcoming NATO summit.

Vilnius will host the NATO summit from July 11-12. Stoltenberg will chair the meeting.

Discussions on Ukraine's NATO prospects, strengthening the alliance's eastern flank and defense spending are expected to top the summit agenda. The secretary general has expressed hope that the sides will reach a political decision on the matter before the upcoming NATO summit.

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Ukraine, Poland leaders jointly mark WWII massacres

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KYIV: The Ukrainian and Polish presidents jointly marked the anniversary on Sunday of World War II-era massacres of Poles by Ukrainian nationalists, killings that have caused tension for generations between countries that are now close allies. Warsaw has positioned itself as one of Kyiv's staunchest supporters since Russia invaded the country in 2022. But the Volhynia massacres have continued to hang over ties between the two nations, particularly ahead of the July 11 anniversary of one of the bloodiest days of a series of killings that took place from 1943 to 1945.

Poland says around 100,000 Poles were killed in the massacres by Ukrainian nationalists. Thousands of Ukrainians also died in reprisal killings.

Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his Polish counterpart Andrzej Duda attended a church service together in the western Ukrainian city of Lutsk, in



memory of the victims.

"Together we pay tribute to all the innocent victims of Volhynia! Memory unites us!", Duda's office and Zelenskyy both wrote on Twitter. "Together we are stronger."

The service was attended by the heads of the largest Orthodox and Catholic churches in Ukraine and the head of the Polish Bishop's Conference, Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki. The Ukrainian president's chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, wrote on Telegram that Ukraine and Poland were "united against a common enemy who

dreamed of dividing us".

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Uzbekistan holds vote set to cement president's rule

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TASHKENT: Uzbeks exercised their voting rights after polls opened across the gas-rich country on Sunday to choose a leader to drive their country into the future for the next seven years.

At a press briefing early morning, the Central Election Commission of Uzbekistan, announced that polling exercise began at 8am and was set to close at 8pm on Sunday, with about 20 million Uzbeks eligible to vote in Central Asia's most populous country.

The snap election came months after a constitutional referendum paved the way for the incumbent president Shavkat Mirziyoyev to serve two more presidential terms and increased the tenure from five to seven years.

President Mirziyoyev, was running against three candidates — Ulugbek Inoyatov of the People's Democratic Party, Robakhon Mahmudova of "Adolat" (Justice) Social Democratic



Party and Abdushukur Khamzaev of the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan.

Early voting, which took place from June 28 to July 5, this year, was participated by 815,313 voters, of whom 180,729 voted abroad and 634,584, inside the country. The list of voters included more than 19.5 million citizens, which included 53 per cent women and 47pc men, said the Central Election Commission. The Central Election Commission, claimed that presidential elections were conducted in full compliance with its national electoral legislation, international norms and standards, and international demo-

cratic principles such as openness, transparency, and fairness.

More than 53,000 local observers from political parties that had nominated presidential candidates and from citizens' self-governing bodies directly observed the elections. A total of 1,400 local and foreign media representatives monitored the electoral process to ensure transparency. According to the Central Election Commission the exercise remained peaceful throughout, with no incidents of violations reported. Head of polling station number 213, Haydarova Ziyoda Tolipovna, told Dawn.

New Zealand signs free trade agreement with EU

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Wellington, July 10 (UNI) New Zealand and the European Union have signed a ground-breaking Free Trade Agreement (FTA) that will provide "significant new trade access" to New Zealand's fourth-largest trading partner.

The FTA will increase New Zealand's exports to the EU by up to 1.8 billion NZ dollars (1.11 billion U.S. dollars) per year by 2035, New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins said on Monday. Tariff savings on New Zealand exports are 100 million NZ dollars (61.84 million U.S. dollars) from day one of the agreement entering into force, the highest immediate tariff saving delivered by any New Zealand FTA, Hipkins said, adding that is around three times the immediate savings from the FTA between New Zealand and Britain. This will add billions every year to New Zealand's GDP, Hipkins said. Minister for Trade and Export Growth Damien O'Connor said the NZ-EU FTA will cut costs and support exporters to grow and diversify their trade. It will provide new opportunities for New Zealand exporters of products such as kiwifruit, seafood, onions, honey, wine, butter, cheese, beef and sheep meat, O'Connor said, adding this new access will help to accelerate New Zealand's post-COVID and post-Cyclone Gabrielle recovery. Based on current trade figures, New Zealand will have the opportunity through combined FTA and World Trade Organization quotas to provide up to 60 percent of the EU's butter imports, up from 14 percent currently, the minister said.

Thai PM frontrunner rallies supporters ahead of vote

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BANGKOK: Thailand's progressive frontrunner for prime minister told supporters on Sunday he would "not step back" ahead of a parliamentary vote this week that will determine if he will lead the country.

Pita Limjaroenrat's pro-democracy Move Forward Party (MFP) netted the most seats at the May 14 election but there are no guarantees it will be able to form government or that he will become the premier.

MFP's eight-party coalition has a total of 312 lower house seats but remains short of the 376 votes needed across both houses of parliament to endorse Pita for the top job.



He faces resistance from the military-appointed, 250-member Senate, due to his party's controversial push to reform Thailand's royal defamation laws, as well as plans to shake up business monopolies.

Meanwhile, outside parliament, he is being investigated over claims he was ineligible to run for office since he allegedly owned shares in a now-defunct

media company. Legislators are not allowed to own media shares. Pita said the kingdom faces a momentous day this week when both the upper and lower houses will vote.

"If you do not step back, I won't," he told hundreds of supporters gathered in the rain in central Bangkok.

"If we make the right decision and give Thailand a chance, our country will

develop," he told the crowd. But if the decision was wrong, he said Thailand's cycle of poor democracy would continue. "I don't know how long we will have to wait before the golden chance of 13 July will come again," he added, referring to the date of the vote. Pita urged senators to remember "we're all the people's politicians".

"My thanks to those that say they're on the people's side and siding with the people's majority," he said. Following his speech, Pita told reporters that he had found "closer common ground" with the senators.

"Hopefully, in the four days remaining we will be able to come to a consensus and move this country forward," he said.

DC Kupwara reviews progress in execution of Kendriya Vidyalaya Drugmulla

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KUPWARA, JULY 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of concerned officers here at Meeting Hall of DC office complex Kupwara to review the issues being faced in execution of Kendriya Vidyalaya Drugmulla.

Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to revisit the site jointly and resolve all issues being

faced in execution of Kendriya Vidyalaya at Drugmulla.

Deputy Commissioner instructed the executing agency (CPWD) to start the execution of work so that this important project is executed well in time.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara asked Tehsildar Drugmulla to demarcate the land for the construction of approach road for the Kendriya Vidyalaya and resolve other issues so that Kendriya Vidyalaya is established at Drugmulla and quality education



with extra co-curricular activities are provided to the students of Kupwara district.

It is in place to mention here that district administration has already transferred Kahcharai land measuring 40 Kanals of land under Khasra No-4593/3473 at Drugmulla for construction of Kendriya Vidyalaya.

While briefing the meeting, ACR Kupwara said that authorities have retrieved 170 Kanals of Shamilat (Kahcharai) land at the same spot and they can provide land for the con-

struction of approach road for Kendriya Vidyalaya Drugmulla.

Meeting was attended by ACR Kupwara, Principal Kendriya Vidyalaya Baramulla, Executive Engineer CPWD Srinagar; Dy. CEO Kupwara and officials of land acquisition DC Office Kupwara. It is in place to mention here that district administration has already transferred Kahcharai land measuring 40 Kanals of land under Khasra No-4593/3473 at Drugmulla for construction of Kendriya Vidyalaya.

Second edition of Vomedh's Pagah Theatre Festival commences in a grand way to celebrate Kashmiri folk theatre.

Sets the stage for an enchanting showcase of Kashmiri cultural heritage in the week-long festival.

■ Surkhhab Zehra

Srinagar, July 10, 2023 - The Pagah Theatre Festival Second Edition 2023, presented by Vomedh in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), commenced with a grand opening program at jam packed Tagore Hall today in Srinagar. It showcased an extraordinary program flow, captivating audiences and setting the stage for a week-long celebration of Kashmiri theatre especially the folk and its rich cultural heritage.

The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Chief Guest Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary of JKAACL and Guests of Honour Mohammad Amin Bhat, President



of Adabi Markaz Kamraz, Prof Shaad Ramzan, Convener of Sahitya Akademi, Sanjay Saraf (National Spokesperson IJP), Satish Vimal (writer, poet & Broadcaster) Mushtaq

Ali (Theatre Actor Director) among other distinguished personalities Ayash Arif, Arvind Shah. Their presence at the inaugural ceremony underscored the festival's commitment to promoting and preserving the rich heritage of Kashmiri language and theatre. Rohit Bhat, festival director, delivered a warm and heartfelt welcome address. Bhat expressed his deep gratitude to all attendees and participants for their unwavering support and dedication to the theatrical arts, setting a tone of enthusiasm and excitement that permeated throughout the event. The event started with mesmerizing performances of "Rouf" by Sonzal & Yimberzal Art and Cultural Group. The audience was transported to a world of artistry, dance, and storytelling, experiencing the true essence of Kashmiri cul-

ture. Choreographers Ifra and Shagufta added their unique touch, enriching the visual spectacle and leaving the attendees awe inspired. The performances of the participating groups in the Second Edition promise to be a feast for the senses, showcasing the diversity and talent of Kashmiri theatre. From July 10 to July 16, attendees can look forward to captivating performances by renowned groups. On opening day, Kashmir Bhagat Theatre mesmerized the audience with "Bakarwaal Paather," Directed By Manzoor Ahmad Mir a production that beautifully weaves traditional Kashmiri folklore with music, dance, and evocative storytelling. In the days to come, audiences can enjoy a range of other exceptional performances.

DC Kulgam inspects additional accommodation for Yatris at Vessu

■ Farooq Rather



KULGAM, JULY 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today visited Vessu and took stock of facilities available for Yatries there.

The DC took a detailed stock of available facilities and instructed the concerned to ensure availability of all requisite facilities for Yatries to ensure their comfortable stay.

It was informed that due to closure of the highway the District Administration has created additional accommodation of 500 beds at Vessu for stranded Yatries to avoid any inconvenience to them.

The DC was accompanied by SSP Kulgam Sahil Sarangal, ADC Viqar Ahmad Giri, A-SP NH44 Shabir Ahmad, ACR Mir Imtiyaz UI Aziz, CMO, Ex. Engineers from PHE and PDD besides other officers and officials from other departments.

DTF on Measles & Rubella (IMI 5.0) held at Pulwama

ADDC stresses on active participation of educational institutions & PRIs in spreading awareness & sensitizing people

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PULWAMA, JULY 10: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Pulwama, Dr. Shiekh Abdul Aziz today chaired a meeting of District Task Force (DTF) on Measles & Rubella (IMI 5.0) at Circuit House, Pulwama.

District Immunization Officer Pulwama briefed about the road map for implementation of the campaign and strategies formulated by the Government for Measles, Rubella elimination from the country by 2023.

ADDC stressed on active participation of educational institutions and PRIs in spreading awareness and sensitizing people about the infection of Measles and Rubella. Block Development Officers were directed to continue the awareness at panchayat and Block Level and ensure discussions and resolutions for 100 per cent coverage through Gram Sabhas.

He urged the health functionaries of the district to take all possible measures and give focused attention towards the Measles, Rubella elimination in the district.

In order to cater the migratory population and nomads, ADDC directed CEO Pulwama to utilize the ser-



vices of Mobile teachers in identifying the Children presently in Bahaks in various Pastures.

Officers were directed to adopt the multi-pronged interventions to identify the target at the right time to arrest the disease at the right time through committed effort in order to achieve the objective of the campaign i.e to rapidly build up immunity for both Measles and Rubella diseases and ensure that all the children should receive MR vaccine during the campaign. The three phased immunization Campaign is starting from 7th

august 2023 and will be completed by ending Oct. 2023. The meeting was attended by CMO, BMOs, MS, CDPOs, DSWO, Ex. Officers MCs and other Officers. Officers were directed to adopt the multi-pronged interventions to identify the target at the right time to arrest the disease at the right time through committed effort in order to achieve the objective of the campaign i.e to rapidly build up immunity for both Measles and Rubella diseases and ensure that all the children should receive MR vaccine during the campaign.

Kissan Sampark Abhiyan kick-starts at Shadab Karewa, Shopian

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SHOPIAN, JULY 10: With an aim to sensitize farmers about new interventions approved under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and benefits under other Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Kisan Sampark Abhiyan, a three-day orientation programme for farmers was kick started today in Panchayat Manloo B, Shadab Karewa of Shopian district.

Prabhari Officer Ajaz Ahmad Bhat,



Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) presided over the Orientation programme. The program aims to create awareness and build confidence in collaboration with all line departments for organizing, facilitat-

ing and taking all stakeholders on board for implementation of the prestigious project. The approved plan consists of 29 projects, which aim to push agriculture & allied sectors to a new trajectory of growth, with the mission of massive transforma-

tion of agriculture in the UT.

People turned up in large numbers and were keen to learn about various schemes. The participating farmers were sensitised about different schemes aimed at holistic development and promotion of Agriculture and allied sectors and enable the farmers to get maximum profit and create employment opportunities. In his address, Director JKEDI highlighted the role of such orientation programs.

DTFI: DC discusses roll-out of IMI 5.0 across Bandipora

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BANDIPORA, JULY 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Monday chaired the meeting of District Task Force for Immunization (DTFI) here to discuss the roll-out of Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IMI 5.0) programme in the district. On the occasion, Dy. CMO Bandipora gave a detailed power-point presentation on the aims and objectives of IMI 5.0. The meeting was informed that first round of immunization under Mission Indradhanush 5.0 will commence from 7th August and continue till 12th of August 2023 followed by the second round from 11th September to 16th September 2023 and third round from 09th October to 14th October 2023 to cover children aged 0 to 2 years and expecting mothers for immunization. She informed that the program aims at identifying and selecting the right beneficiary area wise (dropouts and left-out children) for immunisation so that 100%



targeted children are immunised. While explaining the current immunisation scenario in the district, she said that the district has recorded some vulnerable spots for Measles, Rubella which are to be taken up on priority under IMI 5.0 besides covering high risk areas where nomads, labourers engaged in brick kilns will be taken care. The drop-out and left-out children.

DC Kulgam reviews Physical/ Financial achievements under District Capex

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JULY 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers to take the stock of physical and financial achievements made under District Capex and other schemes. During the meeting, it was informed that there are a total of 2421 approved works under District Capex which include 2270 new works and 151 ongoing works. 1770 works have been administratively approved for execution.

The DC instructed the concerned to float tenders of administratively approved works at an earliest.

While reviewing progress under centrally sponsored schemes, the DC instructed concerned officers to achieve the set targets so that the potential outcome shall be achieved.

The DC also directed the concerned officers to ensure completion of all approved MPLAD works. He stressed to utilize the working season properly to complete works well in time.

He also urged the concerned to work religiously and to induce extra efforts to achieve the desired results.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Showkat Ahmad Rather, JDP Zahid Sajjad, ACD Mohammad Imran, ACP Shurjeel Ali, Executive Engineers from R&B, REW, CMO, CEO and other officers.

Iftakhar Naseem assumes charge of District Information Officer Kupwara

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KUPWARA, JULY 10: Iftakhar Naseem (JKAS-2015) today assumed the charge of District Information Officer (DIO), Kupwara.

Iftakhar Naseem, who got repatriated from Ladakh, recently, has served in Kargil district of Ladakh UT for 4 years.

After assuming charge, the District Information Officer chaired an introductory meeting with the employees of District Information Centre (DIC), Kupwara and reviewed the functioning of the Department in the district.

The DIO enjoined upon the officials to work in complete synergy and team spirit with special focus on highlighting Govt. welfare schemes so that people can avail benefits of these schemes.

He highlighted the role of media and said that media is playing a pivotal role in shaping public opinion, at present, apart from spreading information and educating people. He stressed on the officials to highlight positive aspects of various development initiatives undertaken by government in the district and counter fake news and negative reporting.

DLSA Ganderbal organizes Awareness program for unorganized workers at Manasbal

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GANDERBAL, JULY 10: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal today organised an awareness programme for unorganized workers at Manasbal Park, Ganderbal. The programme was held under the supervision of Chairman DLSA Ganderbal, Ritesh Kumar Dubey and under the guidance of Secretary DLSA Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak. The programme witnessed active participation from unorganized workers across various sectors, including street vendors, construction workers, domestic helpers, and daily wage laborers. Fayaz Mohammad Bhat (Para Legal Volunteer) of DLSA Ganderbal educated the attendees about their rights and entitlements under different government initiatives.

Notably, this pioneering initiative aims to bridge the information gap and address the challenges faced by unorganized workers when accessing government schemes. During the programme, Fayaz Mohammad Bhat (PLV) threw light on several government initiatives designed to uplift and support unorganized workers.

He also assisted participants in enrolling for the Ayushman Bharat scheme and provided step-by-step guidance on the registration process, ensuring all eligible individuals were successfully enrolled. This initiative is expected to significantly bridge the gap between unorganized workers and the healthcare services they are entitled to.

DLSA, Ganderbal, expressed gratitude towards the participants for their active involvement and enthusiasm in embracing the benefits of government schemes.

Cultural Unit Kashmir of DIPR remembers noted Folk Singer, Ghulam Mohammad Kawa

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SRINAGAR, JULY 10: Popular Kashmiri folk singer and senior artist of Cultural Unit Kashmir Ghulam Mohammad Dar (Kawa) was fondly remembered today on his Death anniversary. In this connection, a daylong musical tribute event was organised by the Cultural Unit Kashmir DIPR and other cultural organizations at the banks of Jhelum, Dana Mazar Park. Scores of legendary folk singers, scholars and the fans of the late singer assembled to pay glowing tributes to late Kawa. Prominent folk singers of the valley participated in the program and paid rich musical tributes to the late singer. The speakers from Intizamiya Committee Ustaad Ghulam Mohammad Dar (Kawa), highlighted various dimensions of his life and contribution to the field of Kashmiri folk singing and promoting sufiyana kalam. The dignitaries and the family members of late Kawa appreciated Cultural Unit Kashmir for remembering the artists after their demise and promoting sufiyana folk singing in J&K.

Muharram-ul-Haram arrangements reviewed at Kulgam

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JULY 10: : The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather today convened a meeting of officers to review arrangements for ensuing holy month of Muharram ul Haram at mini-secretariat, here. The ADDC directed the officers from PDD and PHE to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply during the holy days especially in Shia dominated areas of the district. The PHE authorities were also asked to keep tanker service available at Imam baras while PDD officers were directed to install gensets near Imam baras. FCS&CA authorities were asked to ensure adequate availability of essentials in Shia populated areas while Health authorities were instructed to set up first aid camps near Imam baras of the district besides keeping ambulance service ready. R&B authorities were directed to ensure repair of all roads, link-roads especially the ones leading to Imam baras wherever required. The authorities of Municipal Committees of the district were asked to ensure proper sanitation in and around Imam baras. The meeting was attended by CMO, ARTO, Tehsildar Pahloo, Tehsildar Headquarter, Ex. Engineer PHE Qazigund, and officers besides representatives from Shia Community.

DAE, statistics and FOA SKUAST-K conducted One day National workshop/awareness programme on the application of statistics in Agriculture and allied subjects,

■ DR. AB QAYOOM



Sopore, Jul, 10: The Division of Agricultural Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-K Vadura conducted a one day national workshop-cum-awareness programme on the application of statistics in Agriculture and allied subjects, on the occasion of 130th (June 29) birth anniversary of Father of Indian Statistics, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis. The aim of the programme was to make aware the participants about the importance of statistics and data sciences in research, policy formulation and more particularly in economic planning of the country. At the beginning, Course Co-ordinator, Prof Tariq Ahmad Raja, Head, Division of Agriculture Economics and Statistics, spoke on the topic. He briefed the audience about the experiences and contribution of the guests of the event. G. A. Qureshi, Former DG, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, J&K Govt. who graced the occasion as chief guest, in his address spoke at length about the contribution of Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis, the Father of Indian Statistics, in economic planning, statistical evaluation, policy formulation, and overall human welfare. He threw light on pre and post-independence scenarios of Indian Statistical Systems, and Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis' contribution in this field. He also suggested that a workshop should be held on the methodologies for computation of GDP at National and State levels, for which he offered his services for arranging funding and technical facilities from the concerned agencies. Prof. G. M. Bhat, the former Dean, Central University of Kashmir, deliberated upon the importance of data in state and central policies, and about the progress of three-tier system regarding Sustainable Development Goals, and the contribution of Dr. Mahalanobis in the growth of manufacturing sector in India, among other things. Prof. Khursheed A. Mir, Controller of Examinations, Cluster University, Srinagar, stressed on the importance of statistics in research, analysis and need for proper interpretation of data. Worthy Dean of the faculty, Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth, in her words of wisdom, laid stress on the need of career planning and option of statistics and data sciences as career options for students across the disciplines. She hailed the contribution of guests in their respective fields towards the society. Few video messages on the subject, particularly by Prof. Med Ram Verma of Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi, Prof. Parmil Kumar Head Department of Statistics, Jammu University and Mr. Altaf Hussain Haji, first Indian Statistical Service qualifier from J&K, and currently the Dy. Director General of NSSO, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, were also displayed during the event. Dr. Intiyaz from SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, also graced the occasion with his presence.

DC Baramulla discusses Action Plan for round 1st Immunization under IMI 5.0

Calls for saturating all left-outs especially in far flung & high Risk Areas with Immunization

■ HT News Network

BARAMULLA, JULY 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired a meeting with the concerned officers to discuss the action plan for Round 1st Immunization under Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 commencing in the district from August 7.

The 1st round of Immunization under the intensified Mission Indradhanush will commence in the district from 7-12 August, followed by the second and third round from September 11-16 and October 9-14 respectively.

During the meeting, Dr Sehrish took a review of the action plan for the first round of immunization under Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 in the district being rolled out to strengthen routine immunization to achieve full immunization coverage.

On the occasion, the Deputy Chief Medical officer Baramulla through PowerPoint presentation briefed the chair about the preparations and



plans to ensure coverage of all left out children for Vaccination across the district.

While discussing the action plan, the DC directed the officers to work in synergy and mobilize grassroots functionaries including Aganwadi workers and Ashas for the purpose.

Dr Sehrish exhorted upon the officers to focus on the target beneficiaries including children and unvaccinated/ partially vaccinated pregnant women.

The officials will also focus on areas with vaccine hesitancy/refusal for vaccination and areas with high left-out and drop-out children with a special focus on MR-1 and MR-2, said the DC.

Elaborating further, Dr Sehrish said that the Indradhanush 5.0 is also aimed to eliminate Measles and Rubella. "When we cover all the children only then we will be able to achieve that target," DC added.

12th round of HADP Kisan Samparak Abhiyan held in Ramban

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RAMBAN, JULY 10: The twelfth round of ongoing Kisan Sampark Abhiyan (Farmers Orientation programme) under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and with the theme Atma Nirbhar Bharat, was started today in 2 blocks of district Ramban.

The orientation program was held at Panchayat Ghar Doligam Upper A Banihal and Dandrat C Ramban.

People turned up in large numbers and were keen to learn about the HADP and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

The participating farmers were sensitized about various schemes aimed at holistic development and promotion of Agriculture and allied sectors so that



the farmers can get maximum profit and create employment opportunities from the Agriculture sector.

The use of audio-visual aids to explain the schemes engaged and engrossed the farmers. Informative booklets in 03 (three) languages regarding the scheme of HADP were distributed among the participants. A Baseline survey/Skill gap study of the farmers was

also being carried out simultaneously during the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan.

Farmers were also aware about Daksh Kisan and Kisan Sathi Portal. Farmers were also informed about the mode of application under these schemes using the KISAN SATHI- the IT Dashboard of the schemes developed by APD. A simple scan of the QR codes on the pamphlets takes the farmer to the KISAN SATHI Por-

tal where he can register easily and there is no need for visiting any office for applying under any of the schemes.

The farmers were also apprised of DAKSH KISAN-a Learning Management System (LMS) for skill development of the farmers. A first of its kind in the country, DAKSH KISAN, has been developed by Agriculture Production Department, where 118 skilling courses as per the agro-climatic zones of the J&K UT are available for free to the farmers. In addition to this, thread bare discussions and Question Answer sessions were held at every panchayat following each video screening session to address farmers' concerns. Around 94 farmers were registered during the first day of the twelfth round of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan.

Cultinno, CII jointly organizes pitch party at NIT Srinagar

■ HT News Network

Srinagar, : The Cultinno, an Innovation platform, in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized a successful pitch party at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar where students showcased their entrepreneurial prowess and presented their ground-breaking start-up ideas.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response, with approximately a dozen registrations, highlighting the growing entrepreneurial spirit among the student community in the Institute. The pitch party



served as a platform for aspiring student entrepreneurs to pitch their innovative ideas before a panel of distinguished investors. Following a rigorous selection process, a select few were shortlisted to present their concepts to these esteemed investors on a subsequent day. The Cultinno Pitch Party was an

integral part of the 3rd International Conference on Contemporary Business Trends at NIT Srinagar. Representatives from Cultinno, CII, and NIT Srinagar also shared their thoughts on the successful Pitch Party. In his message, Registrar NIT Srinagar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said these sessions are the need

of the hour and are designed to support and highlight student entrepreneurship. "These competitions assess not only the feasibility and innovation of the idea but also the participants' ability to articulate their vision and strategy," Prof. Bukhari said. On the occasion, Dr. Rahul Mirchandani, Co-founder, Cultinno said this pitch party showcased the exceptional talent and innovative thinking present within the student community. "We are thrilled to witness the enthusiasm and passion displayed by the participants, and we are committed to supporting them on their entrepreneurial.

Secretary Health chairs SLTF meeting to review preparedness for Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0

■ HT News Network

SRINAGAR, : Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar today chaired a State Level Task Force (SLTF) meeting to review the preparedness of the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 to be held in all districts of the J&K from 7th August this year. The meeting was attended by Director Fam-

ily Welfare MCH & Immunization J&K, Dr. Tabasum Jabeen; Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr. Mush-taq Ahmad Rather; Assistant Director Family Welfare MCH & Immunization Kashmir Division, Dr. Masrat Jabeen and other senior officers of the health department. Deputy Commissioners of all districts of J&K, Chief Medical Officers, officers from Department of Women and Child

Development, Rural Development Department, attended the meeting through video conferencing. During the meeting, Secretary Health gave directions to all DCs to review the preparations and ensure robust head count survey and timely uploading of U-WIN. He also directed CMOs to take the lead and ensure no child is left unvaccinated. He also advised on flexi session

timings so that wages are not lost while coming for vaccination of their children especially those working in Brick Kilns. Bhupinder Kumar expressed his satisfaction that UT of J&K does not face problem of vaccine hesitancy as compared to other states and lauded the society for taking the children's vaccination seriously based on scientific evidence. He directed all CMOs to actively support.

KVK Anantnag organizes Awareness/ Demonstration programme on Nano Urea & Nano DAP

■ HT News Network

ANANTNAG, JULY 08: KVK-Anantnag, SKUAST-Kashmir today organised an awareness cum demonstration programme on Nano Urea & Nano DAP at KVK-campus in collaboration with IFFCO for the farmers of district Anantnag.

The programme was organised on the directions of Director Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir.

The Head KVK-Anantnag Dr. Ishtiyaz A. Khan highlighted the importance of organising such programmes for creating awareness among the farming community and emphasized on the need to conduct field trials by the scientists of the Kendras for promoting the product.

Showkat Ahmad, Area Manager IFFCO in his address praised the efforts of KVK-Anantnag for the excellent work being carried out by the scientists of the Kendra for the welfare of the farming community and deliberated about the importance of using Nano Urea & Nano DAP on various crops for enhanced production which is being promoted by the Govt. of India in a big way for promoting efficient use of plant chemicals.

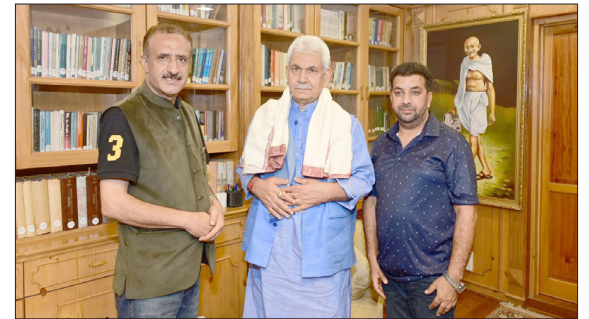
He further promised to conduct more such programmes with KVK-Anantnag in near future.

Syed Muzamil AGT, IFFCO gave a detailed PowerPoint Presentation on the use of Nano Urea & Nano DAP.

During the programme Nano Urea & Nano DAP bottles were distributed among 42 farmers.

Chairperson DDC Srinagar, Former Minister, public delegations call on Lt Governor

■ HT News Network



SRINAGAR: Sh Aftab Malik, Chairman, District Development Council Srinagar, Sh Sukhnandan Choudhary, former Minister, and public delegations called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today.

A delegation of PRI members from Soibugh Budgam led by Sh Mohammad Ashraf Azad met the Lt Governor and apprised him of the developmental demands of their area.

Later, delegations of Youth Development Forum Chadoora and Ms Mahi Irfan, Vice President BJP Pulwama also called on the Lt Governor and put forth the development issues of their respective areas.

During the interactions, the Lt Governor assured the members of the delegations of appropriate action on the genuine issues and demands put forth by them.

DC reviews implementation of self employment schemes in Udhampur district

■ HT News Network

UDHAMPUR, JULY 10: To review the implementation of self employment schemes being implemented in different sectors of the district, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today chaired a meeting of officers of different departments, here in the Mini Conference Hall of DC Office Complex.

The DC took extensive department and scheme wise review of cases sanctioned under PMEGP and other self employment oriented schemes.

The Officers of concerned departments apprised the DC about the status of coverage of beneficiaries under their departmental schemes. District officers were directed to organise outreach awareness camps and sensitized the general public with the help of PRI members regarding self employment opportunities in the District. He stressed upon the officers to convince the people to enroll themselves for different schemes. He asked the officers to verify all cases from the DC Office before forwarding.

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

Implementation of Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme discussed in Samba

■ HT News Network

SAMBA, JULY 10: The implementation of Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme (Under National Trust for the welfare of person with Autism, Cerebral-Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999) was discussed here today at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma.

After discussing the scope of the scheme, the DC asked the health department to conduct door to door survey and organise special camps in coordination with the Social Welfare Department to identify the persons suffering with autism, cerebral palsy, multiple disability and intellectual disability.

The meeting was attended by PO, ICDS, DSWO, AD FCS and CA, CMO and members from Muskaan foundation Samba. The meeting was attended by PO, ICDS, DSWO, AD FCS and CA, CMO and members from Muskaan foundation Samba.

Narine to lead LA Knight Riders, Simmons named head coach

Bharat Arun is the bowling coach and Ryan Ten Doeschate the assistant coach

Sunil Narine will lead LA Knight Riders (LAKR) in the inaugural season of the MLC starting July 13 in the USA. Narine and his Kolkata Knight Riders team-mate Andre Russell are among the big names at the Knight Riders franchise that also named Phil Simmons as their head coach in the MLC. LAKR will kick-start MLC against Texas Super Kings at the Grand Prairie Stadium.

"I've always spoken about wanting to represent the Knight Riders wherever they play," Narine said in a Knight Riders release. "We've long talked about coming to the United States and I'm glad it's finally happening. As captain of this side, I am looking forward to the challenge. There



are a lot of experienced guys in this team who I can bounce information off, so it will be an exciting time for us. We hope for all Knight Riders fans in America to come out and support us, and all those around the world to keep cheering for us." The LAKR squad also features

Lockie Ferguson, Jason Roy, Rilee Rossouw, Martin Guptill and Adam Zampa among the other international names.

Simmons will be assisted by Bharat Arun as the bowling coach, Ryan Ten Doeschate as the assistant coach and AR Srikanth as the team analyst. Arun

is also the bowling coach for KKR in the IPL.

Simmons brings with him extensive coaching experience from both international cricket and T20 leagues around the world. He served as the head coach of the West Indies teams twice (2015-16 and 2019-2022) and was also with the Zimbabwe (2004-05), Ireland (2007-2015) and Afghanistan (2017-19) teams.

In the T20 circuit, he was recently named the coach of Trinbago Knight Riders - the most successful team in the CPL - and also won the title with Barbados Royals (then Tridents) in 2019. This year, he also led Dubai Capitals to the playoffs in the inaugural edition of ILT20.

Nuzhat Gul: An Administrator Who Changed The Face J&K Sports Council In Terms Of Sports, (Zubair Dar General Secretary Baramulla Cricket Forum)

BARAMULLA, JUL 10: Baramulla Cricket Forum General Secretary Zubair Ahmad Dar talking to Headlines Today Correspondent, said that Nuzhat Gul Secretary J&K Sports council took over the charge, then became the architect of the present sports scenario of the J&K UT. Her biggest gift to the players of different sports of J&K UT was to involve the more and more youth in Sports and do participate in different levels within the Country but also at International Platforms. General Secretary Baramulla Cricket Forum Zubair Ahmad Dar said that Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gul is the brain behind Changing the face of J&K Sports Council in terms of Sports and the Baramulla Cricket Forum is hopeful she will sharpen his laborious efforts to bring the J&K Sports at the top level of the nation in all Sports disciplines and will leave ever-lasting legacy in the Sports Of Jammu and Kashmir.



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