

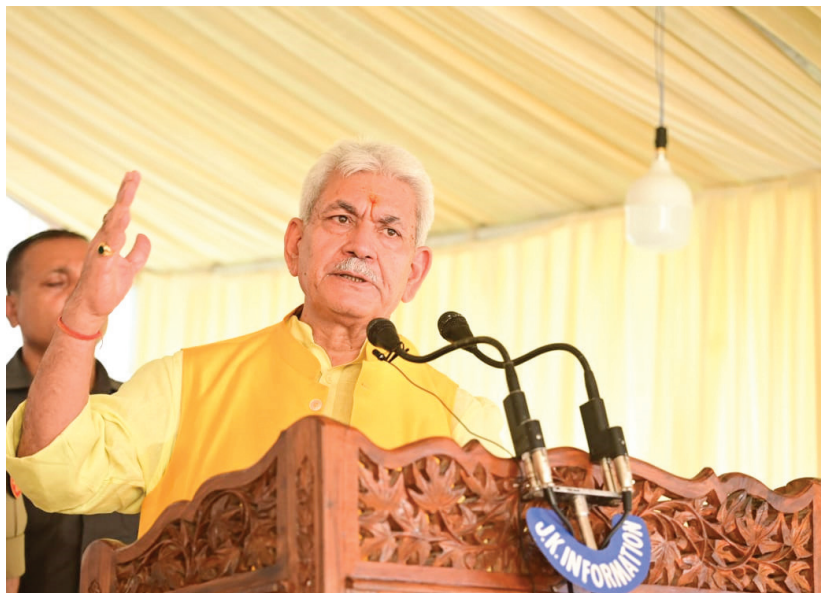
# Ecosystem of militants dismantled, people strongly yearn for peace and development: LG Sinha

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, SEP 7:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the ecosystem of militants and secessionists have been dismantled and there is a strong yearning for peace, prosperity and development among the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"We have dismantled the ecosystem of conflict profiteers, terrorists, secessionists and there is a strong yearning among all sections for peace, prosperity and accelerated development in Jammu and Kashmir," Sinha said after inaugurating various development projects in Sopore township of Baramulla district.

He laid e-foundation stones for upgradation of inner link roads of Sultanpora Goshbugh and Auglar costing Rs



6.29 crore, and Water Supply Scheme Parihaspora and Peripheral Parihaspora under Jal Jeevan Mission worth Rs 57 crores.

The LG said the projects dedicated to the people and the new works initiated today will improve the overall quality of life, and remove the socio-economic and regional imbalances in development.

Sinha appealed to the people to remain vigilant against the divisive elements in the society. It is also the duty of every citizen to protect the public property and the tangible cultural heritage, he added.

"Development is our commitment; it is our religion. The administration is determined to attend to the developmental needs of people without

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## Lt Governor chairs Governing Body meeting of Mission Youth

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha chaired the third Governing Body Meeting of Mission Youth, at Raj Bhawan earlier today.

During the meeting, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, CEO, Mission Youth, briefed the Chair on the significant self-employment initiatives for the Financial Year 2023-24 by the department to promote entrepreneurship and enable young people to realize their dreams.

The meeting discussed achievements, action plan for FY 2023-24, Targets and Roadmap for various Youth Entrepreneurship Schemes, etc.

The Lt Governor observed that all the requirements for Young Entrepreneurs should be taken care of so they can contribute to society and achieve self-growth.

"All our institutions, departments, financial support system and technological mechanism should focus on serving their needs and handholding of those who were engaged in running enterprises," the Lt Governor said.

The meeting discussed the establishment and operationalization of District Youth Centres in all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir; career counselling, and

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## NEWS BRIEF

### 'Hybrid' militant of TRF arrested in Srinagar

**SRINAGAR, SEP 7:** Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested a "hybrid" militant of "The Resistance Front" in Srinagar, police said on Thursday.

The "hybrid" militant of TRF, believed to be a shadow group of Lashkar-e-Taiba was identified by police as Mohammad Yawar Rangrez, a resident of Firdousabad Batamalo Srinagar.

According to police "hybrid" militants are those who carry out attacks and later pose as civilians.

Police said he was arrested with a hand grenade and a case was registered in Kothi Bagh police station Srinagar.

Srinagar Police announced the arrest on X- formerly known as Twitter.

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### Kerala man trains farmers in Kashmir tree climbing skills

**KULGAM, SEP 07:** A man from Kerala is training walnut farmers in Kashmir safe climbing skills.

A well-known rescuer Shameer Karimba is teaching people how to climb tall poplar trees using special equipment.

Talking to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), he said that he is providing free training to local harvesters and farmers in Kashmir safe tree climbing.

"I am not here to make money, I am here to help," he said. "I have created a safety kit that makes climbing tall trees easy and secure, reducing the

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### Gol creates 94 faculty, 244 non-faculty posts for health institution

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** In a significant move, the Government of India has created 94 faculty posts and 244 non-faculty posts for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) coming up in Kashmir.

The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has ordered creation of the faculty and non-faculty posts for AIIMS Awantipora.

In an order, a copy of which is in possession of news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare said that the President of India has accorded sanction for creation of these

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## J&K Govt Finalizes Prohibition Of Child Marriage Rules

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** The Jammu & Kashmir Government has finalised prohibition of child marriage rules.

The administration has unveiled the Jammu and Kashmir Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2023 nearly four years after the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 became applicable to the Union Territory.



As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Rules state that officers of different departments shall act as child marriage prohibition officers under the law within their

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## Janmashtami: Kashmiri Pandits take out Shoba Yatra in Srinagar

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**SRINAGAR, SEP 7:** Kashmiri Pandits

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## Growers switch to high-density apple farming, say it fetches good returns in less time

From 600 hectares currently, govt to bring 5,500 ha under this farming in next few years

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** The high-density apple farming is revolution-

ising this industry in J&K, with the demand for the plantation of such apples increasing with each passing day.

Growers from various areas of the valley told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that after witnessing losses in the last few years due to multiple reasons,

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## Jammu Air Show: IAF flying machines to hover in sky on Sep 21

■ HT News Network

**JAMMU, SEP 7:** In a first ever Air Show at Jammu, the India Air Force (IAF) flying machines will hover in the sky close to the western borders on September 21.

The first of its kind air-show on September 21 at Jammu is being hosted by the IAF as part of its 91st anniversary on October 8, 2023 and set to enthrall people with maneuvering of fighter aircrafts like Sukhoi, Rafale and war-helicopters like Apache

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## Over 1.8 bn US dollar worth assets recovered from economic offenders & fugitives : Dr Jitendra Singh

■ HT News Network

**NEW DELHI, SEP 7:** Union Minister of state (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that more than 1.8 billion US dollar worth assets have been recovered from economic offenders and fugitives in the last about four years after Economic Offenders Act came into

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## SRK craze in Kashmir, 'Jawan' attracts Houseful crowd at Srinagar theatre

Movie shows increased to eight per day

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** In view of the enormous response to Bollywood superstar Shahrukh Khan starrer 'Jawan movie', Inox theatre in Srinagar has added to the number of daily shows of the film. As per news agency—Kashmir News

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## CS kick starts preparations for the 2nd phase of Meri Maati Mera Desh

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** After the successful completion of the first phase of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh', the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta reviewed the preparations for the upcoming 2nd phase of the programme to commence from 1st Sept to 30th of October.

Besides Secretary, Tourism & Culture, the meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Secretary, Transport and



other concerned officers. In the outset, the Chief Secretary

commended the role of Divisional

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## Amid tourism boom, Govt making efforts to ensure pollution-free Dal Lake

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** Amid rising footfall of tourists in Jammu & Kashmir, the world famous Dal Lake in Srinagar is being preserved by the government with hectic efforts going on to make and keep the water body clean by installing biodegesters in all the houseboats.

The news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) spoke to many houseboat owners, who expressed dismay over the deteriorating condition of Dal Lake as they claim that the waste goes directly into the water body, which affects the glory of the lake here.

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### Ecosystem of.....

any discrimination. We have successfully implemented a vast spectrum of economic activities and historic transformations are taking place in all areas," he said.

"Sopore has a rich history of communal harmony and prosperity but also has its own unique challenges for inclusive development", the LG said and added "the administration has taken many important steps in three years that reflect the firm commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to rapid development and inclusive growth."

He said today, Sopore aspires to become a Smart city. The citizens want good roads, world-class infrastructures and modern facilities for quality living. We need to work together with the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari to change the destiny of our aspirational towns and villages, Sinha said.

Many cities and towns of J&K today exhibit impressive manifestations of all-round development, the LG said.

Responding to the demands projected by the public representatives, Sinha assured that the government will explore every possibility to address the genuine demands in a time-bound manner. UNI

### Lt Governor.....

market-driven skill development programs; recreation facilities, social engagement, and sports activities, including LG's Rolling Trophy; Young Lawyer's initiatives, Exposure tours (Know India, Love India) and awareness programs, besides, Youth innovation promotion program and inclusive youth engagement and outreach.

The Lt Governor directed the Department of Industries & Commerce and Mission Youth to work together to promote start-ups and facilitate the spirit of enterprise among the Youth to grow.

"We can achieve our target through convergent functioning of departments, banks, financial institutions and higher educational institutions and provide all the support and guidance. It is our prime objective to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of our youth," the Lt Governor added.

The meeting chaired by the Lt Governor approved the establishment of State-of-the-Art Libraries. It was also decided to implement AVSAR Program in all districts of the Union Territory.

The meeting discussed "The Model Finishing School" to enhance employability of qualified youths under the Endeavour to Empower program of Mission Youth. The Lt Governor directed all the stakeholders to fully contribute to its successful implementation.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh R.K. Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; other members of the Governing Body; Administrative Secretaries; Heads of Departments and senior officials attended the meeting, in person and through virtual mode.

### J&K Govt.....

respective jurisdiction.

As per Rules, chief medical officer, chief education officer, assistant commissioner (panchayat), block medical officer, block development officer, assistant labour commissioner, district social welfare officer, child development protection officer, tehsildar, naib-tehsildar and zonal education officer shall act as child marriage prohibition officers within their respective jurisdictions.

According to the Rules, it shall be the duty of every child marriage prohibition officer to act immediately upon any information of solemnization of any child marriage that may be received through any mode of communication including written or oral.

He/ she should produce the child whose marriage is expected to be solemnised or child victim of child marriage before the child welfare committee constituted under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2016 and Jammu and Kashmir Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2021.

These officers are also required to furnish quarterly return and statistics to the district magistrate concerned and the directorates of social welfare Jammu/ Kashmir.

According to the Rules, it shall be their duty to file petition for annulling a child marriage in district court in case any of the contracting party to the marriage is a minor.

The Rules further state that the district magistrate shall ensure that in every Panchayat, a committee c is constituted to assist the child marriage prohibition officer in obtaining information about such child marriages, in prevention of such ceremonies and in annulling of such marriages.

As per these rules, that it shall be the duty of local priests of any religion bestowed with the solemnization of marriages, to inform the child marriage prohibition officer of her/ his area about the likelihood of such child marriages and shall refrain from solemnizing such marriages with a view to prevent such instances of child marriage.

### Janmashtami.....

on Thursday took out Shoba Yatra in Srinagar on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami festival being celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety.

The Yatra with a group of children dressed in traditional attire on a "Jhanki" was taken out

from Kathleshwar temple in Tankipora area in Srinagar and passed through the roads of Hab-bakadal, Ganpathyar, Barbar Shah, Regal Chowk, Lal Chowk, Hari Singh High Street and Jahangir Chowk, amid tight security arrangements.

Chanting religious hymns, a good number of Kashmiri pandits accompanied the yatra that passed off peacefully.

Security forces were deployed at various points in strength as a precautionary measure, an official said.

President of the Hindu Welfare Society of Kashmir Chunni Lal on the occasion prayed for the peace and prosperity of the whole humanity.

He said the traditional brotherhood amity among the people of Kashmir valley may flourish for centuries peacefully.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami.

"Greetings and good wishes to everyone on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami. May the festival inspire us towards the goal of Viksit Jammu Kashmir and herald peace & prosperity for all", the Lieutenant Governor said in a message on X. UNI

### Growers switch.....

the high-density apple farming has brought back smiles on their faces as it fetched handsome amounts in the market.

They said the new varieties of apples were introduced in Kashmir after 2015 and the best thing about them is that they start bearing fruits just a year after their plantation and reach full production in the 4th or 5th year.

The traditional apple trees start bearing fruits at least ten years after plantation and are harvested in November. This at times causes growers to sustain damages due to untimely snowfall, but the high-density apples are harvested in August only and have facilities available to save them from hailstorms and other things.

Mohammad Younis, who has high-density apples on around 8 kanals of land in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, said people have noticed the benefits of high-density apple farming. We have started cutting old traditional trees and are going for high-density apple farming as this requires low input cost and less labour cost, he said, adding that the quality of such apples is also high with uniformity in colour and size.

Jeromine, King Roat, Gala Scarlet, Red Velox, Scarlet Spur-II, Super Chief, Redlum Gala and Auvi Fuji are some of these varieties grown in J&K currently.

The growers said the high-density apples are fetching handsome amounts as compared to traditional varieties as the rates go around double as compared to traditional ones.

"You don't need to wait for decades to get fruit but on the very first year, high-density plants start bearing fruits with bumper crop every year. It also requires less fertilisers and pesticides," Younis said

Azhar Anjum, an agriculture expert, said the high-density apples grown in J&K are quite similar to those grown in other countries but we lack grading skills. "We will be able to improve our grading as our apples can compete with those other countries. This industry will grow further here," he said.

"Our apples are the most delicious in the world but we are still using traditional ways of packing and grading due to which customers are preferring the apples from other countries that are packed smartly," he said, adding, "We have been still using hay and other things in packing and using high-quality apples in upper layers while low quality and less shining apples in lower layers are creating problems for all."

Azhar added, "We need to learn to pack apples in small boxes or trays in a smart way that can be given as gifts on functions as well. If we are able to do so we can easily compete with apples from other countries and earn a livelihood very well."

The horticulture officials told KNO that around 600 hectares of land has been brought under high-density apple farming in J&K so far and the department is working to increase it to around 5,500 hectares in the next few years.

They said the 50 percent subsidy is provided to orchardists who establish or switch to high-density fruit production.

In September 2015, the then J&K Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed inaugurated the erstwhile State's first-ever high-density apple orchard at Bamdoora in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kashmir on average produces over 20 lakh metric tonnes of apples every year, a figure that in some years touches 25 lakh metric tonnes.

According to the 2017 economic survey in J&K, half of Kashmir's population is directly or indirectly dependent on the apple industry and over 3.5 lakh hectares are under apple cultivation.

Horticulture is an essential contributor to SGDP with a share of about 9.5 percent. About 8.50 crore man-days are generated through this sector in J&K every year.

### Jammu Air.....

with jet speed.

"First time such an event is going to be held in Jammu for which all special arrangements are being made by the IAF authorities in collaboration with the district administration for the visitors," said an official.

Last year, the Air Show was organised at Udhampur on October 12 to commemorate the anniversary of the Indian Air Force.

An official added that around two dozen fighter planes and choppers will showcase skills in the sky, adding, "few aircraft will fly from the northern air bases like Ambala, Jalandhar, Chandigarh to reach Jammu to bang the skies near the Pakistan Border."

However, sky-diving will be an added attraction at the air show.

Jammu Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya also recently chaired a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the event urging the stakeholders to ensure that the event is a success and is widely publicised to encourage maximum public participation. UNI

### Over 1.8 bn.....

force, while the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) has helped in attaching the assets of offenders worth more than 12 billion US Dollar since 2014.

Dr Singh disclosed this in his address at the first-ever "International Day of Police Cooperation" after conferring Indian Police Medals to distinguished CBI officers at an Investiture Ceremony at CBI headquarters here, Office of the Ministry of Personnel said in a communiqué.

The Minister said there has been a quantum jump in extradition of criminals and fugitives in recent years especially after India hosted 90th Interpol General Assembly in October 2022.

He said while this year so far 19 criminals/ fugitives have returned to India, in the previous years, on an average around 10 criminals/ fugitives have returned to India with 27 returning in 2022 and 18 in 2021, it said.

Dr Jitendra underlined that the marked increase in the return of criminals/ fugitives to India, is the result of enhanced cooperation policing between India and other countries pursuant to the 90th Interpol General Assembly held in Delhi in October 2022.

Speaking about the enactment of the Economic Offenders Act in 2018, he said, the Central government is aggressively pursuing with economic offenders, fugitives and money launderers and informing them about the recovery and attachment of their huge assets, the Minister said.

The Minister recalled that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who presented a nine-point agenda for action against Fugitive Economic Offenders and Asset Recovery at the G-20 Summit in 2018 and expressed happiness that decisive steps are being taken by the working group.

The Minister was happy to note that the United Nations General Assembly on December 16, 2022 adopted a historic resolution to designate September 7 as the International Day of Police Cooperation, to be observed starting in 2023. The resolution emphasizes 'the need to strengthen international cooperation at the global, regional and sub-regional levels in various areas related to preventing and combating transnational crime, in particular transnational organized crime, and preventing and countering terrorism,' he noted.

He was pleased to note that this year is the Diamond Jubilee Year of CBI and in its 60 years of existence, it has emerged as India's premier investigation and anti-corruption agency and internally evolved as a capable organization to handle investigations ranging from bribery and corruption, sensational and complicated cases handed over by States and Constitutional Courts besides economic offences, and banking frauds.

On account of its sheer professionalism and integrity, this bureau has gained the confidence of the executive, judiciary, legislature, and the common man.

"Needless to say that the basic principles in fighting crime will never change and stronger international police cooperation in the proposed framework will ensure that police all around the world are connected," said Dr Jitendra Singh. UNI

### SRK craze.....

Observer (KNO), directed by Atlee, Sharukh Khan and Nayanthara starrer Jawan was released on Thursday across India. The movie which also features south superstar Vijay Sethupathi and Deepika Padukone in cameo witnessed an enormous response at Inox Srinagar, where the halls were jam packed with SRK fans.

On Thursday, the theatre owner ran eight shows of the film to cater to the rush of the audiences, who had booked tickets in advance for the movie.

All the shows today ran houseful with audiences including students, professionals and elderly. As the film started, SRK fans whopped and grooved over the songs of the film.

For Friday, the Inox multiplex owner has kept five shows while eight shows have been kept for weekend- Saturday and Sunday each.

The Inox owner has expected the movie to run houseful this weekend given the enormous requests for booking of tickets.

"Jawan" is witnessing a 'good' response in Srinagar as advance bookings are coming in huge numbers. This is the first time since the launch of the multiplex that we had to run eight shows a day. We are expecting the movie to run houseful for few more days," said Vijay Dhar, owner of the INOX Cinema theatre.

### Amid tourism.....

However, on the other hand, the government has made progress in installing the biodigesters in houseboats in a bid to reduce the pollution from the houseboats.

Vice Chairman, Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LC&MA) Srinagar, Bashir Ahmad told KNO that the progress has been made in installation of biodigesters in houseboats in Tailbal area.

"Almost 70 per cent of the houseboats have been completed while the rest are being covered. The process is going on and all the houseboats will be completed by October end," he said.

Pertinently, the installation of biodigesters on houseboats to prevent and treat the human waste from the houseboats has been approved by the Committee of Experts under the chairmanship of E Sreedharan, popularly known as the 'Metro Man', which was appointed by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court to suggest measures for the restoration, maintenance and preservation of the lake.

LC&MA was asked to finalise the installation of biodigesters for treating sewage from the houseboats within a stipulated time.

With the growing pollution in Dal Lake becoming a major concern, the expert committee in October 2018 had approached the DRDO for a technological solution to prevent the discharge of human waste in the lake. Subsequently, four prototypes of the biodigester were evaluated by the DRDO in houseboats in Dal over a period of six months and the technology developed has been certified by an independent laboratory.

Moreover, AEE LC&MA, Tanveer Ahmad told KNO that the sewerage pipeline is being laid since May this year for the houseboats in Dal Lake, adding that the deadline for the project is November end.

He added that 90 per cent work on the pipeline has been completed and they are expecting to complete the process by October end only. "The sewerage pipeline is also being laid with an aim to ensure pollution free Dal Lake," he said.

### 'Hybrid' militant.....

"A Hybrid terrorist of TRF namely Mohd Yawar Rangrez S/o Abdul Rashid Rangeez R/o Firdousabad, Batmaloo arrested by Srinagar Police with one Hand grenade. FIR no 37/2023 registered in Kothibagh PS," Srinagar police said on X. UNI

### Kerala man.....

risk of falling."

According to him, physical strength is important for climbing trees, but if health conditions deteriorate while climbing trees, it may result in fall.

But a safety kit can save your life, he added.

"I have so far visited five districts including Kupwara in north Kashmir to teach people how to climb tall walnut trees. Hundreds of people participated in the demonstration events," he added.

Naik Qayoom, an innovator from the Dooru area of Anantnag is helping organize the event by connecting with growers, harvesters, and farmers in Konibal area.

He said Harsha Kotecha, a start-up entrepreneur from Mumbai, brought Shameer to Kashmir for a period of ten days.

"The purpose of this trip is to showcase skills in tree climbing to the local community," Qayoom said.

### Gol creates.....

posts for AIIMS, Awantipora under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

The Ministry has ordered creation of two posts each of professors and additional professor, five posts of associate professor and 85 posts of assistant professor.

Out of 244 non-faculty posts, 100 posts are meant for nursing officer (Staff Nurse Grade II) Level-7 100 and 50 each for senior resident and junior resident.

The Ministry in the order, said these posts may be filled once the infrastructure is ready.

"The institute may ensure that in no case shall the pay level of posts agreed for creation is greater than posts already sanctioned in various AIIMS and that all posts are filled up on regular basis as per approved recruitment rules only. They should also ensure that there is uniformity in pay scale/grade pay levels on the similar posts carrying similar duties & responsibilities to avoid any complication/ litigation in future," reads the order.

As already reported by KNO, the Government of India had appointed Lt. General, Dr. Anup Banerji, a retired top medico from the Army, as its first executive director in June 2022. But he didn't join, prompting the Government of India to start the selection process afresh in February this year for filling the key administrative position.





# CEO NRAA visits MRCFC Khudwani, Paddy SR-IV Seed village Subhanpora

Also interacts with progressive farmers

**ANANTNAG, SEP 07:** CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA), Dr Ashok Dalwai, today visited Mountain Research Centre for Field Crops (MRCFC), Khudwani and Paddy SR-IV Seed village Subhanpora and took stock of the agriculture activities in the areas.

The CEO was accompanied by VC SKUAST Professor Nazir Ahmad Ganie; Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Extension SKUAST Kashmir, Director Research SKUAST Kashmir, ADC Kulgam, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Wadora SKUAST Kashmir and scientists from Mountain

Research Centre for Field Crops, Khudwani.

During the visit to MRCFC-Khudwani, he reviewed the progress of on-going research programmes at the center.

Associate Director Research (MRCFC), Prof. N.R. Sofi, briefed the Secretary about the progress and distinguished achievements of the center.

During the field visit, Dr Ashok Dalwai was impressed by the incredible local germplasm conservation programme and its commercial utilization.

He was highly impressed with the lot of genetic variability



created at the centre through indigenous breeding programme. He laid special emphasis on high value rice varieties like Mushk Budji, Kamad, red rice as well as recently released fine grain varieties like Shalimar Sugandh and much improved advanced breeding lines to improve socio-economic development and livelihood security. He advised the scientists to coordinate with KVKs and development departments for their large-scale popularization.

CEO NRAA during the visit also held interaction with the progressive farmers and also took stock of the agriculture

activities in the areas. He also reviewed the progress on various projects under holistic agriculture development programme.

Interacting with the farmers, CEO NRAA reiterated department's commitment to the development of agriculture and allied sectors in the region.

He impressed upon the young educated farmers to go for diverse agriculture activities like mushroom cultivation, bee keeping as a main source to earn income and livelihood.

The CEO also visited Paddy SR-IV Seed village Subhanpora and interacted with farmers.

## DNB residents at GMC Anantnag on strike over non-payment of stipends

'Our families suffering, will resume duties only after written assurance'

**ANANTNAG, SEP 07:** The DNB resident doctors at Government Medical College-associated hospital at Janglat Mandi Anantnag are on strike for over the non-payment of their monthly stipends.

The Diplomate of National Board is a postgraduate Master's degree same as the MD/MS degree awarded to Specialist Doctors in India after the completion of a three-year residency.

Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) the DNB resident doctors said they haven't received their stipends since April this year and were forced to go on the strike.

"We have been pursuing DNB courses since last year and are facing such issues frequently," they said, adding, "We are around 40 DNB residents and most of us are from outside J&K. We have families who are dependent on us and without stipends, we are even unable to make our ends meet."

They said despite meeting higher officials of the Health and Medical Education Department in this regard and filing an online complaint with the Governor's Grievance Cell, no positive response has come from any side.

Every official, including Principal GMC Anantnag, is assuring us verbally that the stipends will be released soon but we want written assurance, they said, adding, "Once we receive written assurance along with the date of releasing the stipend, we will resume our duties."

They have requested the higher-ups to look into the matter at the earliest "so that our families don't suffer anymore". An official of the GMC said they have taken up the issue with higher-ups and the stipends of DNB resident doctors will be released in the next 15 days.

## Rotary International conducts 546 surgeries in last four days in South Kashmir

'Surgeries to continue till September 13'

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** The Rotary international has conducted 546 Surgeries in last four days in South Kashmir and they will continue to conduct surgeries till September 13.

Details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that the surgeries are being performed in different government hospitals of South Kashmir and around 2000 patients are registered for surgeries.

Details reveal that 119 surgeries were conducted on September

04 at District Hospitals of Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam and GMC associated hospital Janglat Mandi Anantnag followed by 155 on September 05, 141 on September 06 and 131 on September 07.

The type of surgeries include general surgeries, ENT, Ophthalmic, orthopaedic and gynae Surgeries.

Dr Girish Gune Chairman-Kashmir Mega surgical project said that last year a Kashmir Mega Surgical Project was held in North Kashmir in four places in Baramulla, Kupwara, Sopore and Gand

derbal.

"This Mega Surgical Project was highly successful with the fact that 2500 beneficiaries got operated in nine days. The Government provided all the infrastructure for surgeries including theatres, hospitals etc. Moreover extra paramedical staff, nursing and theatre assistant staff and local medical consultants & Government Doctors were made available to take care of patients' pre & post operatively," he said.

With the help of a team of 42

Rotary Volunteer Surgeons, operations were performed in specialities of Ophthalmology, General & Laparoscopic Surgery, Gynaecology, Orthopaedic Surgery, ENT Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Urology, he said.

"This year, we are conducting a Mega Surgical Project of the Government of Kashmir and Rotary International in South Kashmir from 3rd September to 13th September. The Surgeries are performed at Government Hospitals in Anantnag, Pulwama,

Shopian and Kulgam in specialities of Ophthalmology. General & Laparoscopic Surgery, Gynaecology, Orthopaedic Surgery, ENT Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Urology, Paediatric Surgery and Cancer Surgery.

"Almost 2000 patients are registered for this Mega Surgical Camp and around 550 surgeries have been conducted already. We are extremely thankful to the Government of Kashmir for showing this trust in Rotary for this humanitarian service," he added.

## 'Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K': LC&MA organizes Grievance Redressal Camp

Participants raise many issues, officials assure early redressal

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** In the ongoing week-long 'Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K' campaign, the Lakes Conservation and Management Authority (LC&MA) on Thursday organized a grievance redressal camp here at Dockyard (Mechanical Division) to ensure speedy redressal of their grievances.

The camp was attended by the Executive Engineer 1st division Mu'eed Ahmed, Executive Engineer 2nd division Manzoor Ali, Executive Engineer Mechanical Shakil Fazili, Ghazala Abdullah and others.

On the occasion, the people from different areas falling under the juris-

diction of LC&MA were present, who raised their grievances and the officers present on the occasion promised them of early redressal.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the issues pertaining the Rakh-e-Arth was mainly discussed by most of the participants, who claimed that the residents who have been shifted from Dal Lake to the Rakh-e-Arth have been ignored completely as the area even lacks basic facilities. Moreover, the demand for construction of embankments in Nallahs and other things have been raised by the participants.

The chair assured the participants of early redressal of their all genuine grievances.

Executive Engineer 2nd division, Manzoor Ali while talking to the media persons said that the camp was organized today in view of the week-long 'Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K' campaign, saying that at least eight grievances have been redressed on the spot and other grievances taken up will be addressed as soon as possible.

Pertinently, the Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K week was started from September 04, 2023 and will culminated on September 10, 2023.

## Non-availability of water supply triggers protest in Batwara

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** Scores of residents, including women, in the Batwara area of Srinagar took to streets on Thursday to protest against Jal Shakti department due to non-availability of water supply in the area.

As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), people held a sit-in protest and blocked the road near Batwara, affecting traffic for some time. "We have suffered badly due to the non-availability of water supply, and we are facing immense hardships for the past two months," said a protesting lady. They said that the concerned authorities are not paying any heed to their genuine demands.

An official of Jal Shakti department told KNO that there was some fault, which will be resolved within three days.

## Residential house damaged in fire incident in HMT

**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** A three-story residential house was damaged in a fire incident in HMT area in the outskirts of Srinagar on Thursday afternoon, officials said.



An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that a call about a fire incident was received at 1:45 pm and soon after officials rushed to the spot to douse off the flames.

"In the incident, the upper roof of the residential house was involved and is under control now," he said, adding that no loss of life was reported.

## Paytm Foundation presents 30 computers to district administration of Kulgam, J&K

Aims to help NEET and IAS aspirants to prepare for competitive exams and establish 3 e-libraries in the district



**SRINAGAR, SEP 07:** One 97 Communications Limited that owns the brand Paytm, India's leading payments and financial services company and the pioneer of QR and mobile payments, along with Paytm Foundation has distributed 30 desktop computers to the district administration in Kulgam on 2nd September 2023. These computers will help NEET and IAS aspirants to prepare for the competitive exams and will be used to establish 3 e-libraries in the Jammu and Kashmir's district.

Paytm Foundation has been supporting education and bridging the digital gap in the country, as well as ensuring empower-

ment of NEET and IAS aspirants. This event was held in collaboration with the district administration of Kulgam, and was graced by Additional District Development Commissioner, Kulgam Showkat Ahmad and representative of Paytm Foundation.

Paytm Foundation Spokesperson said, "The distribution of computers in Kulgam is a step towards fostering the education and empowerment of the NEET and IAS aspirants. We aim to create a conducive environment for learning and growth, facilitating knowledge sharing among aspirants and enhancing their overall academic performance."

## 6 councillors in Sopore put in their papers; allege lack of proper protocol at official event

Admin denies allegation

**SOPORE, SEP 07:** Six councillors in Sopore tendered their resignation to the director Urban Local Bodies alleging proper protocol was not followed during the inauguration of Municipal Complex.

The councillors who were per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), submitted their resignation include Irfan Ali of ward 14, Javed Ahmed Bhat of ward 03, Abdul Ahad Malla of ward 17, Mushtaq Ahmed Changa of ward 20, Saima Begum of ward 01 and Abida Begum of ward 04.

"We were humiliated and stopped by the security men as we were not having the passes from the district administration," they said. "We are elected representatives and are representing the people. It

is unacceptable, the administration can't disrespect us like this," they said at a presser.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sopore, S A Raina denied the allegations levelled by councillors saying standard protocol was followed.

On Thursday, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha visited Sopore and inaugurated the multiple developmental projects.

Everybody including the councillors were taken into confidence and were invited. Allowing anyone inside the event is being done by security and the administration is nobody to comment over the matter," the ADC said.

He said they will still look into the issue and sort it out.



EDITORIAL

The Heartwarming Culture of Kindness and Hospitality : Islamic Beliefs in Kashmir

In the breathtakingly beautiful region of Kashmir, nestled in the northern part of the Indian subcontinent, the culture of hospitality and kindness has deep roots. This remarkable tradition finds its essence in the Islamic beliefs and values that have been an integral part of Kashmiri society for centuries.

Islamic teachings emphasize the importance of kindness, compassion, and helping those in need. These principles resonate profoundly with the people of Kashmir, who have embraced them as an inseparable part of their culture. The Quran, the holy book of Islam, encourages believers to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate, emphasizing that acts of charity and goodwill are integral to a Muslim's faith.

One of the most striking manifestations of this culture is the warm and welcoming nature of Kashmiri households. It is a common sight for visitors to be greeted with open arms and be offered tea, bread, and a hearty meal, often regardless of their status or background. This practice stems from the Islamic belief that treating guests with respect and kindness is a noble virtue.

In the context of Kashmiri culture, the term 'Mehman Nawazi' holds immense significance. It refers to the art of welcoming and taking care of guests. This cultural norm is deeply rooted in Islamic beliefs, where hospitality is seen as a virtuous act. It is not just about providing food and shelter; it is about making guests feel like family, ensuring their comfort and well-being.

Furthermore, Kashmiris have a long history of supporting one another during difficult times. Whether it's helping a neighbor in need, contributing to a communal cause, or providing assistance during natural disasters like 2014 floods or during COVID19 crisis, the spirit of generosity is ever-present. This sense of solidarity is an extension of the Islamic principle of helping those facing adversity.

In these challenging times, when the world often seems divided, the culture of kindness and hospitality in Kashmir serves as a powerful reminder of the values that bind us all. It exemplifies how Islamic beliefs can harmoniously coexist with local traditions, fostering a society where compassion and goodwill thrive.

As we celebrate the rich tapestry of Kashmiri culture, we must acknowledge the role of Islamic beliefs in shaping a society where kindness and hospitality are not just virtues but a way of life. This enduring legacy reminds us that, regardless of our backgrounds or beliefs, the power of compassion can bridge divides and inspire us to be better, kinder human beings.

European Countries Are Keen To Get Increasing Share Of Indian Defence Market

France And Germany Are Taking More Pragmatic Approach In Dealing With New Delhi

■ [Girish Linganna](#)

China and Russia's aggressive actions against the West have caused problems, like conflicts over spy balloons, and have also led to NATO becoming stronger. One important result of this has been the West's effort to develop a closer relationship with India. In June, India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, visited Washington and received a warm welcome from the White House, Congress, and business leaders.

Europe has also been making efforts to strengthen its relationship with India. Recently, Emmanuel Macron, the President of France, invited Narendra Modi for a state visit. In February, Olaf Scholz, the Chancellor of Germany, visited Delhi. Giorgia Meloni, the Prime Minister of Italy, also made a trip in March. After the Ukraine war started last year, Ursula von der Leyen, the President of the European Commission, visited India, accompanied by seven European foreign ministers. Ministers and officials from Hungary, Spain, and Nordic countries have also been visiting Delhi.

The US is trying to strengthen its relationship with India for two main reasons. Firstly, it wants to enhance its business connections with the fastest-growing major economy in the world. Additionally, the US sees India as an important ally in its strategy for dealing with China. The US hopes that India can serve as an alternative manufacturing base as supply chains diversify away from China. Moreover, the US aims to reinforce security ties with India, as its relationship with China has been tense in recent years. During Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit in June, the two countries signed defense deals, including an agreement to manufacture jet engines in India. Importantly, President Joe Biden did not criticize Modi's government for its human rights record or the erosion of democratic norms.

Europe shares similar goals with the US in terms of boosting trade with India



and reshaping supply chains. However, countering China is not as high of a priority for Europe. Instead, Europe is focused on getting other countries to oppose Russia's war in Ukraine. Additionally, Europe places greater emphasis on human rights compared to the US.

The Biden-Modi summit went well, but Europe faces three barriers in improving relations with India. One obstacle is that Europe does not take seriously what it considers to be small annoyances but greatly upsets India and its people. An example is the European Union's visa policies for its Schengen region. Europeans can easily get a visa to visit India, while Indians face numerous document requirements and the possibility of rejection when trying to go to Europe. This issue also affects Britain's efforts to establish a free-trade deal with India. The process should be simplified for business tourists.

One problem is that Europe wants India to publicly criticize Russia's invasion of Ukraine. European leaders have been calling for international support to stop the conflict, but India values its independence and believes it should maintain relationships with different countries, including Russia, without being influenced by their actions. This demand from Europe is not well received in India.

Europe's emphasis on human rights is another reason why they are struggling to gain India's support. The EU follows a foreign policy that is based on values, which can upset Indian officials who are defensive about outside criticism, particularly from Western nations whom they view as hypocritical. A recent resolution by the European Parliament that condemned India's handling of ethnic violence in Manipur, a state in north eastern India, received a strong backlash from India's

foreign ministry. They firmly stated that it was an internal matter and that the EU should focus on its own affairs.

None of these challenges are impossible to overcome. One European leader, French President. Macron, seems to understand what motivates India. He avoids lecturing and supports India's pursuit of strategic independence, focusing on security cooperation. In July, Mr. Narendra Modi was a special guest at France's annual military parade, where they successfully impressed President Trump in 2017. Additionally, India's Defense Acquisitions Council approved deals worth \$10 billion to buy 26 French Rafale jets and three Scorpène submarines. If other European countries genuinely want to strengthen ties with India, they might have to adopt Mr. Macron's approach.

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Space Economy For The New Space Faces Mounting Concerns

Increase In Orbital Debris And Fragile Growth Worrying

■ [Gyan Pathak](#)

Space economy for the 'new space' is now face to face with mounting concerns which include the fragility of current growth and the worrying rate of increase in orbital debris.

An OECD report prepared for the G20 Space Leaders' Meeting under India's G20 Presidency titled "Harnessing 'New Space' for Sustainable Growth of the Space Economy" says that the space sector undergoing a transformation as "new space" is being provided with disruptive new offerings in space manufacturing and operations among other offerings, investment, and innovations models.

The phenomenon called "New Space" has begun about 15 years ago, but it has gained significant momentum in the last couple of years. This major shift is due to several factors: the emergence of new space technologies such as small satellites, lean manufacturing processes, billionaires from tech companies investing in space projects and paving the way for more private investment, advances in computing power and digitalisation leading to new space applications, and eventually key policy decisions to support the development of a new ecosystem of commercial space actors.

"New space" is characterised by new commercial actors who are introducing innovative industrial practices and funding strategies to the space sector. This has led to a reduction in the cost of access to space technologies and has fostered further space innovation. In just over a decade, "new space" actors have had a major impact on the global space sector.

This has led to a more intensive use of orbital resources, with higher launch activity and many more operational satellites on orbit. It has also democratised space access around the world with many governments supporting the development of national space capabilities, better distributing the benefits of space technologies and further improving conditions for innovation.

However, increasingly, there are concerns about

the sustainability of this growth. Increases in launch activity are associated with a worrying increase in orbital debris, which could (in a worst-case scenario), disrupt orbits of high socio-economic value. Furthermore, the vitality of the "new space" ecosystem is fragile to economic shocks and market entrenchment.

The rising concerns about the sustainability of the growth in the "new space" ecosystem is associated with a worrying increase in space debris, and recent years' succession of economic shocks threaten the vitality of the innovation ecosystem.

From a policy perspective, this creates multiple challenges in terms of sustainable and secure use and equitable access to technologies and orbital resources, which will require close collaboration between stakeholders at both the domestic and international level.

Launch activities have picked up from 2011 onwards, with the launch of the first nanosatellite constellations for earth observation. Commercial missions in the low-earth orbit are often deployed in multi-satellite constellations to improve geographic coverage and shorten revisit times, leading to a notable increase in the number of launched satellites or payloads.

Starting from 2019, the bulk of global launch activity is dedicated to the deployment of satellite broadband constellations in the low-earth orbit.

By the end of 2022, the constellations from two commercial operators, US' SpaceX and UK's OneWeb (3000 and 500 satellites respectively) represented more than half of all operational satellites on orbit. Commercial operators and their infrastructure now dominate in low-earth orbits and in geostationary orbits.

This is just the beginning. The US Kuiper constellation, backed by Amazon, is set to start deployment in 2023 and has booked up to 83 launches on various rockets in coming years to place their planned 3 000+ satellites on orbit. Other G20 economies have their own projects.

The Canadian government is supporting the commercial Telesat Lightspeed constellation, projects in

the People's Republic of China (Guo Wang) and Korea (Hanwha Systems) were announced in 2021; and in 2022, the European Union introduced its IRIS2 constellation for secure communications, expected to be fully operational in 2027. This comes in addition to multiple fully commercial projects.

Even if they do not all come to fruition, these initiatives increase the demand for space manufacturing and launch services, as well as orbital resources such as orbital occupancy and radio spectrum and fuel the creation of additional activities. There are now projects for commercial spaceports across the globe, from Norway to New Zealand.

There is also increased commercial interest for other space resources. By 2022, the United States, Luxembourg, the United Arab Emirates and Japan had voted laws concerning resources extracted commercially from celestial objects.

The rapid growth of the space economy is raising concerns about the environmental sustainability of future activities. Furthermore, the current economic climate puts the continued vitality of the "new space" ecosystem at risk. Finally, there are doubts about the economic viability of several of the proposed projects for satellite broadband and other ambitious activities, such as in-space resource extraction.

Increased density on orbit increases risk for collisions and debris generation, as well as light pollution disrupting astronomical observations. There is also pollution associated with manufacturing, launch and spacecrafts' re-entry into the atmosphere.

"New space" business model also faces multiple technological, market and regulatory risks, the report warns. However, to sustain the growth, policy action is needed to ensure that this growth is sustained, sustainable, and equitable. Finally, multi-actor collaboration and partnerships are needed to solve mutual challenges such as the long-term stability of a crowded orbital environment.

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# Janmashtami celebrated with religious fervor at Ganderbal

## After gap of 34 years Shoba Yatra taken out at Nunner

■ HT News Network

GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 07: Janmashtami was today celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety in Ganderbal.

On this occasion, an impressive Shoba Yatra, as part of the traditional celebrations was taken out after a gap of 34 years by the local Pandit devotees from historic Bedeshwar Mahadev Temple Nunnar which culminated at Devraj Temple Chapergund Wail peacefully.

The devotees including men and women besides children were part of the procession who were chanting religious prayers throughout the procession journey. Both the temples wore a festive look as they were beautifully decorated with flowers and lights.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir also participated in the Shoba Yatra and paid obeisance at the temple. He interacted with the devotees and extended his greet-



ings on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami.

Meanwhile, Chairperson District Development Council Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq; SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; ADDC Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani and local PRIs also participated in Shoba Yatra and extended their greeting to the local pandits.

The Pandit brothers on this occasion expressed their gratitude towards the district administration and local community for their

support.

Pertinently, foolproof arrangements were put in place by the district administration and police for the successful celebration of Janmashtami festival and Shoba Yatra.

On this occasion, several NGOs, Civil Societies, police and locals greeted the local pandits and offered sweets, water and fruits among the devotees, displaying the social fabric of the Ganderbal. The devotees including men and women besides

children were part of the procession who were chanting religious prayers throughout the procession journey. Both the temples wore a festive look as they were beautifully decorated with flowers and lights.

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# DDC Pulwama pays visit to District Hospital; takes stock of healthcare services

■ HT News Network

PULWAMA, SEPTEMBER 07: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today paid a visit to the District Hospital (DH) and inspected various sections of the health institution besides taking stock of the quality healthcare services and medical facilities being provided to the patients there.

During his inspection, DDC visited different sections and wards including emergency, operation theatre, OPD, Post Operation wards. He enquired about the availability of medicines, diagnostic and other facilities available in the hospital.

While interacting with the patients, DDC enquired about their well being and facilities provided to them.

The patients/ attendants gave feedback and were largely satisfied with the



services. Patients lauded the efforts of UT administration for conducting Surgery camps in collaboration with Rotary International.

More the 400 cases of elective surgeries are listed to be done during special camp at DH Pulwama.

The DDC took an overall review of the working of District Hospital emphasising on quality healthcare, emergency services, critical care and trauma management and intensive care units, district mental health

care unit, referrals, sanitation, blood bank, non communicable diseases, power auditing, implementation of Ayushmaan Bharat and other Govt sponsored schemes.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC urged hospital administrator to improve patient registration through additional counters and queue management and also use of technology (QR code registration) to reduce waiting time.

The DDC also directed MS DH to submit monthly hos-

pital supply audit report. In addition streamlining of parking space for optimum utilisation.

He also took note of post-operative care and directed MS to ensure presence of dedicated Doctors/ paramedics for post-op care, especially during night hours.

The DDC was accompanied by Chief Medical Officer, Medical Superintendent and other concerned officials of the Health Department. Patients lauded the efforts of UT administration for conducting Surgery camps in collaboration with Rotary International.

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# DC Kulgam conducts surprise visit to DH; takes stock of patient care at the institution

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 07: To take stock of healthcare facilities being provided to the patients, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today paid a surprise visit to District Hospital (DH) Kulgam.

During the visit, the DC inspected various wards and sections of the hospital and took stock of the overall functioning of the health institution.

The DC enquired about the availability of medi-



cines, diagnostic and other facilities available in the

hospital and services being provided to patients there.

He also interacted with the patients and attendants to inquire about their satisfaction with the services of this health institution.

The DC directed the hospital administration to maintain complete hygiene in and around the hospital and provide better medical care facilities to the patients. He also stressed for proper utilization of human resources and to serve the patients with utmost dedication and sincerity.

Accompanying the DC were ACR Mir Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz, CMO Dr. Rafeeq

■ HT News Network

BUDGAM, SEPTEMBER 07: In a major development, the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today inaugurated the first-ever cellular network connectivity at famous Tourist destination, Doodhpathri. The telecom towers have been installed by JIO at Doodhpathri.

SSP Budgam, Al-Tahir Gillani; Director NIFT, Javed Ahmad; Jio company UT Head, Shehzan Hamid; ADDC, Dr Akramullah Tak; CEO DDA, Nargis Fatima Tak; SDM, Khanshab Tariq Ahmad were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the cellular connectivity which was a long pending demand at such a beautiful tourist destination is indeed a much required achievement for the district administration and all other stakeholders.

The DC said that the network facility will not only help in promoting this destination as one of the best tourists spots in J&K but will also enhance the livelihood opportunity for the locals at this destination.

Expressing his happiness over this development, the DC expressed his gratitude to Jio company, Tourism department, Forest department and



all other stakeholders for their support in ensuring installation of the twin towers at Doodhpathri in shortest possible time.

He said that the LG Administration is committed to develop Doodhpathri and other tourist spots including Yousmarg and Tosamaidaan in Budgam as Tourism hubs not only in Kashmir but all across the country and all efforts are afoot to develop tourist related facilities.

The DC said that the network facility will prove as a major development in changing the overall tourism scenario of this tourist spot.

He further said that the District Administration Budgam has also invited NIFT Srinagar to provide

designing support for development of Tourist shelters, selfie points, beautification of traditional Doks at the spot. Efforts are on to ensure development of Additional toilet blocks, cafeteria and parking facility at Doodhpathri.

He said that as many as 8 lac tourist visited Doodhpathri during last season, however, this year, the number of tourist footfall has been recorded as 14 lac so far.

SSP Budgam, Al-Tahir Gillani who also spoke on the occasion, said that the destination sans network facility was a cause of concern for all, however, the issue stands addressed now and will prove a game changer for its tourism potential.

## Public Notice

Whereas, I Shabeer Ahmed S/o Jenab Ghulam Mohammad R/o Jawaharnagar Srinagar Kashmir intend to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style 'M/s Eastern Travels situated at Jawaharnagar Srinagar Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I will submit State Subject/ Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency./ Adventure tour operator.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/ Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration (e-mail Id: ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

Shabeer Ahmed  
Proprietor Eastern Travels Agency

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I Gulam Qadir Channa S/O Gul Mohammad Channa Resident of Chinkral Mohalla Sringar, Hereby Announce Through This news paper that in my Driving License Bearing Number JK01 19782982517 in which my name is written as Gulam Qadir fathers name as Gulam Mhammad instead of Gulam Qadir Channa fathers name Gul Mohammad Channa which is required to be corrected and Driving License need to be renewed. If any person or organization has any objection, should file the same at Regional Transport office srinagar within seven days.

Name Gulam Qadir Channa  
S/o Gul Mohammad Channa  
R/o : Chinkral Mohalla srinagar. Srinagar (North) 190001

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my medical assistant marks sheet under roll no: C-i-1159 passed in year February 1983. Now i am applying for duplicate certificate of this from pharmacy council srinagar. If anybodt have any objection regarding this he may contact President pharmacy council srinagar within one week from issuance of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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S/o Gh Mohammad Rather  
R/o Tilagam Pattan

# DC Kulgam visits Vessu KP colony; greets people on Janmashtami

■ Farooq Rather



KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 07: Janmashtami was today celebrated with great spiritual fervour and gaiety by the Kashmiri Pandit community at Kulgam.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, on this auspicious occasion today visited Vessu KP Colony and greeted the Hindu community on the festival eve.

Meanwhile all requisite arrangements were already put in place at the colony by District Administration to ensure smooth celebrations of the festival.

The Janmashtami festival marks the birth of lord Krishna and is celebrated globally by the devotees.

Accompanying the DC were ADC Viqar Ahmed Giri, Tehsildar and other officers.

Later, the DC also inaugurated a badminton court in the colony in presence of people and officers.

## ARTO Bandipora blacklists Vehicle involved in Stunt making

BANDIPORA, SEPTEMBER 07: In a swift action, the Regional Transport Office (RTO) Bandipora Thursday officially blacklisted a vehicle that was involved in a stunt-making incident.

The Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) said that a video of vehicle, bearing registration number JK15B 1238, went viral on social media platforms while the driver of the vehicle was seen standing on the roof top of the car. He said that this incident posed a threat to public safety and the life of the driver.

He said that the vehicle was instantly blacklisted. The ARTO further said that the vehicle owner/driver will face legal action under IPC and Motor Vehicle Act.

# Bhrastachar Mukht Week: RDD organises special camp at Kulgam

Participants apprised about online services of depts; grievances listened for redressal

■ HT News Network

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 07: Under the banner of week-long Bhrastachar Mukht J&K, the Rural Development Department (RDD) Kulgam today organized a Special camp at new conference hall Kulgam.

On the occasion, addressing the gathering the Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Mohammad Imran highlighted the aim and objective of organising the camp and added that the week-long programme is observed to discuss corruption, its consequences and the need for promoting transparent and accountable governance. PRI members and locals from various areas also participated in the programme. During the programme, through a powerpoint presentation participants were briefed about various online services of Rural Development Department.

Meanwhile, as part of Bhrastachar Mukht Week series of activities were carried out in the district during this week. Under the banner of week-long Bhrastachar Mukht J&K, the Rural Development Department (RDD) Kulgam today organized a Special camp at new conference hall Kulgam.

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# Shri Krishna Janmashtami celebrated with religious fervor, gaiety in Kishtwar

■ HT News Network

KISHTWAR, SEPTEMBER 07: The district Kishtwar today witnessed an overwhelming convergence of thousands of devotees who came together to celebrate the joyous occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami with immense devotion and enthusiasm.

Shri Krishna Janmashtami, which marks the auspicious birth anniversary of Lord Krishna, was celebrated across the district of Kishtwar with deep religious fervor. Temples throughout the district were adorned with devotees who thronged in from the early hours of the morning to participate in the sacred festivities.

At GoriShankar Mandir Sarkoot, the day commenced with the performance of rituals associated with Shri Krishna Janmashtami, including an

early morning Hawan followed by the solemn Poorna Ahuti ceremony.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the religious processions conducted at every nook and corner of the district following a long-standing tradition.

In Kishtwar, the main Shobha Yatra began at Gori Shankar Mandir and proceeded through Parade Ground, Dakbunglow Road, Shaheedi Road, Om Mehta Chowk, Bus Stand, and concluded at Ram Mandir. Thousands of devotees, accompanied by representatives of Sanatan Dharma Sabha and Ekal Abhiyan, chanted bhajans and kirtans as they moved along the procession. The Shobha Yatra was filled with the vibrant colors of children dressed as Lord Krishna and Radha, and it was led by Jhankies joining from the town and its adjoining villages.



The procession witnessed the active participation of Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav and SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmed Poswal. They not only joined the procession but also oversaw security, traffic management, and other logistical arrangements.

The event was also graced by the presence of ADDC Kishtwar Sham Lal, ADC Kishtwar Inderjeet Singh Parihar, ACR Varunjeet Singh Charak, Dy DEO Naresh Kumar, Tehsildar Kishtwar Muneeb Umar, State Taxes Officer Maneet Sharma, along with other civil, police, and army officers who extended their congratulations to the people of Kishtwar on the joyous occasion of Janmashtami.

The district administration left no stone unturned in ensuring the smooth conduct of the celebration by providing foolproof security, efficient

traffic management, medical facilities, and adequate water and sanitation facilities.

Prominent socio-religious figures including Mahant Shri Ram Sharan Das Ji, District President of Sanatan Dharma Sabha Kishtwar, Surinder Kumar Sen, and former Minister Sunil Sharma joined thousands of devotees in celebrating the auspicious day at Gori Shankar Mandir Kishtwar. The event was also graced by the presence of ADDC Kishtwar Sham Lal, ADC Kishtwar Inderjeet Singh Parihar, ACR Varunjeet Singh Charak, Dy DEO Naresh Kumar, Tehsildar Kishtwar Muneeb Umar, State Taxes Officer Maneet Sharma, along with other civil, police, and army officers who extended their congratulations to the people of Kishtwar on the joyous occasion of Janmashtami.

## Tahira Tabassum meets Director Rural Sanitation, demands many projects

■ M S Nazki



Surankote Sarpanch Bufliaz B Tahira Tabassum, the famous voice of Pirpanjal in the government net, the Sarpanch who is elected by Bufliaz B voters belonging to Bufliaz area of demarked Panchayat met the Director Rural Sanitation J&K Charandeep Singh and discussed in detail the possible solution of the public interests and issues and welfare of the people. Appreciating the mandate of the people, the said lady Sarpanch does not hesitate to negotiate with the higher officials about the improvement, safety and development works of the people. This time also the Tabassum met the Director Rural Sanitation in a very good environment and the people Discussed about immediate resolution of problems, difficulties and sufferings. She spoke to the Senior Officer for revival of the Sanitation Complex and asked for various other projects at very first site. She made a bold demand for more CSC in Health Centers as well as Schools, Madrassas and at Community levels And She also demanded Pink toilet and termed the Director's visit to Pirpanjal as welcome and historic trip. She also welcomed his initiative People appreciated her efforts very widely and with open handily.

## Pakistani Flag Attached With Balloons Found In J&K's Udhampur

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, Sept 7: A Pakistani flag attached with scores of balloons were found in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, police said on Thursday. It was found hanging from a tree in Sunetar village of Ramnagar tehsil earlier in the day, they said. The flag was attached with posters and scores of red and green balloons. Senior Superintendent of Police of Udhampur Vinood Kumar said that it might have flown to this side with balloons. The flag was attached with posters and scores of red and green balloons. Senior Superintendent of Police of Udhampur Vinood Kumar said that it might have flown to this side with balloons.

## CAO Reasi inspects Agriculture Activities in Block Pouni

■ HT News Network

REASI, SEPTEMBER 07: Chief Agriculture Officer of Reasi, Harbans Singh embarked on an extensive tour of Block Pouni, engaging with numerous progressive farmers in the region. His visit encompassed several agricultural endeavors that exemplify the area's agricultural diversity.

In the Panchayat Bhambala, he inspected integrated farming activities, wherein farmers concurrently tended to cattle and cultivate vegetables. This multifaceted approach to agriculture was among the highlights of his tour.

Moving on, Harbans Singh proceeded to Panchayat Maghai, where he observed a farmer's successful cultivation of pulse crops, specifically the mash variety PU 10 from the minikit pro-

gram. This showcased the efficacy of government support in improving crop yields.

The tour continued with a visit to the fields of Yash Pal, a progressive farmer in the village of Sudheen. Yash Pal's flourishing cucumber cultivation, sold profitably on the roadside, caught the Chief Agriculture Officer's attention. He encouraged Yash Pal to explore off-season vegetable cultivation through protected methods, assuring him of subsidies available under the Horticulture and Agriculture Diversification Program (HADP). This comprehensive inspection and interaction with the farming community underscore the commitment of the Agriculture Department in promoting sustainable and prosperous agriculture in the Reasi region.

## DC Doda inspects condition of Basti Village Road in Bhaderwah

■ HT News Network

BHADERWAH, SEPTEMBER 07:- District Development Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan inspected the Nalthi Bridge to Village Basti road along with ADC Bhaderwah, Chowdhary Dil Mir, ASP, ACD and BDO Bhaderwah.

The DDC assessed the condition of the road and interacted with the residents of the area to listen to their concerns and issues related to the road.

The DDC directed the concerned authorities to take necessary action for the maintenance and improvement of the road. He emphasized the importance of timely repairs and ensuring the safety of commuters. He also assured the



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## Janmashtami celebrated with religious fervor, gaiety in Doda District

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DODA, SEPTEMBER 07: The Lord Krishna's birthday, also known as 'Janmashtami', was celebrated with enthusiasm and religious fervour across the district Doda. The Temples were decorated, and 'Shoba Yatra' was taken out as per the traditional celebrations by locals in Bhaderwah and Doda town.

In Doda town, the temples decorated with lights and flowers added to the festive atmosphere amid singing of Bhajan in Praise of Lord Krishna.

Shoba Yatra, taken from Radhey Sham Mandir and Shiv Mandir, culminated at Ram Lila ground Tondwah.

Similar Shoba Yatra was taken out in Bhaderwah. Prayers were offered during the night. Muslim neighbours greeted devotees warmly, continuing the tradition of brotherhood and harmony. Foolproof security arrangements were made by the administration along with deployment of the Duty Magistrates across the district,



especially in Doda and Bhaderwah towns for the smooth celebration of the festival.

In his message, Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan greeted the people and prayed that Janmashtami, the day of birth of Bhagwan Krishan on earth may guide us all on the righteous path.

He emphasised the importance of preserving the diverse cultural heritage of the district and fostering harmony among its communities. In Doda town, the temples decorated with lights and flowers added to the festive atmosphere amid singing of Bhajan in Praise of Lord Krishna.

## Fourth International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies observed by J&K Pollution Control Committee

■ HT News Network

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 07: International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is observed on September 7 every year.

J&K Pollution Control Committee observed the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies 2023 with this year's theme "Together for Clean Air".

To mark this event, J&K PCC organized debate and painting competitions amongst the students of different schools of Jammu.

The children along with their teachers were felicitated by JKPC for their participation in the event. JK PCC also felicitated M. K Wadera, Director Basohli School of Art and his team for their contribution in promoting art in general and orienting children towards environmental conservation in particular.

The programme was attended by officers/officials of JK PCC. The paintings made by Children were displayed in the event and were appreciated by all the participants. The participants also attended the national level function that was held in Bhopal to



mark International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies through Video Conferencing.

Similar event was organized by J&K Pollution Control Committee at Industrial Estate Khunmoh in collaboration with Industrial Association Khunmoh, in which officers/officials of J&K Pollution Control Committee, Environmentalists and Industrial unit holders participated. Similar event was organized by J&K Pollution Control Committee at Industrial Estate Khunmoh in collaboration with Industrial Association Khunmoh, in which officers/officials of J&K Pollution Control Committee, Environmentalists and Industrial unit holders participated.

## Shri Krishan Janamashtami celebration Shoba Yatra taken out at Ramban, Batote amid religious fervour

■ HT News Network

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 07: Shri Krishan Janamashtami the festival celebrating the birth of Lord Shri Krishna was celebrated across Ramban with religious fervour and gaiety.

Impressive 'Shoba Yatra' was also taken out from Raghu Nath ji Temple Ramban and after passing through different parts of the town the congregation culminated at GREF Temple at Maitra. Similar Shoba Yatra were also taken out at Batote and other parts of

the district. Before the Shobha Yatra, Pooja was performed by a number of devotees in the temples across the district.

The impressive Jhankies displaying various aspects of divinity of Lord Shri Krishan accompanied by a large number of devotees added to the festivity. The devotees were chanting religious hymns and singing Bhajans. The traders had erected welcome gates to greet the Shoba Yatra across its route.

The Shoba yatra was given a warm welcome by the people from all walks of life to keep the traditional and



age old brotherhood alive for which Ramban has taken

a lead in testing times. District and Police admin-

istration Ramban made foolproof security and other arrangements for the convenience of devotees.

The temples in Ramban began the celebrations by singing bhajans at mid-night and continue the entire next day. Devotees visit temples to have glimpses of the Lord Krishna and get the pleasure of rocking the cradle of Lord Krishna. Shri Krishan Janamashtami the festival celebrating the birth of Lord Shri Krishna was celebrated across Ramban with religious fervour and gaiety.

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## DH Samba hosts awareness lecture on Clean Air Campaign

■ HT News Network

SAMBA, SEPTEMBER 07: To mark the 'International Day of Clean Air for blue skies', an awareness lecture was delivered by Medical Superintendent District Hospital Samba to Medicos, paramedics, under training students and general public regarding the National Program for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCHH) with the theme "Together for Clean Air Campaign". All attendees were encouraged to adopt different measures to save our planet and universe from the pollution and stop deforestation.

A plantation drive was also conducted by the Medical Superintendent DH Samba in presence of staff of the District Hospital Samba. To mark the 'International Day of Clean Air for blue skies', an awareness lecture was delivered by Medical Superintendent District Hospital Samba to Medicos, paramedics, under training students and general public regarding the National Program for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCHH) with the theme "Together for Clean Air Campaign".



# NIT Srinagar Introduces Students' Gymkhana System on occasion of Teacher's Day

■ HT News Network

Srinagar, Sep 07: In a momentous celebration of Teacher's Day, the National Institute of Technology Srinagar took a significant step towards enhancing student involvement and empowerment by introducing the Student's Gymkhana System.

The event, held on September 5th, 2023, was inaugurated by the Director of NIT Srinagar, Prof. Sudhakar Yedla, and was graced by the presence of the Deans, Heads of Departments, Faculty, Staff and the enthusiastic students of the institute.

The ceremony commenced with a sense of unity and tradition as participants came together for the syncretic Diya lighting and Izband burning ceremony. The lighting of the diya symbolized the enlightenment of knowledge, while the Izband burning ceremony was a homage to the rich cultural heritage of Kashmir.

During the event, a brief presentation was made to help attendees better understand the structure and objectives of the Gymkhana System. This system is designed to empower students by giving them a platform to actively participate in various co-curricular and extracurricular activities, fostering leadership, and nurturing holistic development.



The Student's Gymkhana System will be managed by the students under the guidance of Faculty Coordinators, the Vice-Chairperson & the

Chairperson of Gymkhana System.

It will encompass a wide range of clubs and societies, covering areas such as cultural, technical, sports, arts, and more. This platform will enable students to explore their passions, collaborate with peers, and organize events, workshops, and competitions.

Director Prof. Sudhakar Yedla expressed his enthusiasm for this new initiative by saying, "NIT Srinagar has always been committed to providing a well-rounded education to its students."

"The Student's Gymkhana System will provide a platform for our

students to excel not only academically but also in extracurricular activities. It is a step towards nurturing well-rounded individuals who will contribute positively to society," he said. Dean of Students Welfare, Prof. Abdul Liman, in an address, stated, "The introduction of the Student's Gymkhana System is a significant milestone for NIT Srinagar."

"It is not merely an administrative change but a paradigm shift in how we engage with our students. This system will empower our students to shape their own experiences and contribute to the vibrant life of our institute," he added.

## Faculty of Earth Sciences, Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhadarwah Campus, University of Jammu Celebrates Dual Foundation Day

■ Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, The Faculty of Earth Sciences at the Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhadarwah Campus, University of Jammu, celebrated the Foundation Day of both the University of Jammu and the Institute of Mountain Environment. This dual celebration served as a testament to the institution's commitment to academic excellence, research and its profound impact on the field of Earth Sciences, a statement in this regard said.

The celebrations, brought together students, faculty, staff,

and distinguished guests from various fields to commemorate the rich history, achievements and vision of these institutions. The event featured a series of activities and presentations that underscored the significance of this milestone, it added.

"The Faculty of Earth Sciences at the Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhadarwah Campus, continues to be at the forefront of Earth Sciences research, environmental conservation and educational innovation. As it celebrates this dual Foundation Day, it looks forward to a future marked by even greater achievements and contributions to society," Dr



Chhering Tandup Incharge Head of the faculty of Earth Sciences

informed. Earlier, Dr. Tandup warmly welcomed all the teachers and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated efforts of our students. "The Institute of Mountain Environment began its journey with just two faculty members in 2011 and today our family has grown to encompass more than 30 dedicated members," he remarked. He further emphasized that through the collective endeavors of the faculty and students, the institute is continuously advancing knowledge creation within society. He extended his gratitude to the Rector Prof. Rahul Gupta, who also serves as the Registrar of the Uni-

versity of Jammu, for his unwavering support, encouragement and guidance, which has been instrumental in propelling the department towards further academic growth. Dr. Neeraj Sharma, In-Charge Head of the Institute of Mountain Environment, said that the IME serves as the unique selling point (USP) of both the University of Jammu and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He underscored the importance of strengthening research and academic activities through active student participation within the Institute. Dr. Sharma also highlighted that the IME has been at the forefront.

## LCMA organises Redressal Camp at Dockyard

■ HT News Network

RINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 07: A redressal camp was today organised by Lakes Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) at Dockyard in observance of Bhadrachar Mukti J&K Week.

The camp was organised to redress the grievances of the people face to face and lot of grievances were resolved on the spot. People were assured of resolving their pending grievances as well.

The officers who were present to redress the grievances were Manzoor, Ex. Engineer Lake Div 2; Shakil Fazili Ex. Engineer Mechanical; Mueed Ex. Engineer Lake Div 1; Gazala Abdullah, Project Officer, all AEEs, JEs and other officials.

The camp was organised to raise awareness among masses about the zero tolerance to corruption and total transparency in the work culture.

## Aryans & MRSPTU to organize Healthcare Job Fest on 23rd September

■ HT News Network

Srinagar 7th Sep Giving golden opportunity to the students of North India, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh & Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Job Fest on 23rd September at Aryans Campus. The aspiring freshers/ experienced can visit Aryans Website i.e. www.aryans.edu.in for free online Registration. Around 20 renowned companies will recruit the candidates for around 300 vacancies.

Dr. Buta Singh Sidhu, Vice, Chancellor, MRSPTU said that MRSPTU is always committed to provide better placements to its students. This job fest will provide opportunity to the prospective employers as well as students passed out from the university to have an open interaction to discuss the employability potentials and suitabilities required to meet the job requirements.

Harjot Singh Sidhu, Director-Training & Placement Officer said, it is expected that this job fest will elicit a good response & large number of youth will flock for the interviews with all pharma companies. Job openings are available in different fields like Pharmacist, Nursing Care, Marketing, Manufacturing, Drug Safety, Quality Assurance, Quality Control, Health Worker, Paramedical Staff, Legal Manager etc.

## Aafan Warnow, Lolab bridge incomplete even after 13 years, Ashai lambasts administration.

■ HT News Network

Lolab, 7th September: Castigating present regime over repeated failures across all sectors, JK People's Party Chief Sheeban Ashai lashed out at administrative ineptness in erstwhile state. Ashai in statement said, "What one earth can justify a delay of whopping thirteen years in completion of a simple bridge. At a time when govt is bragging about moon landings and technological advancement, what explains such harrowing tales from Kashmir? Authorities have been watching as mute spectators as lives of thousands were put at risk due to incompletion of Aafan Warnow bridge over Warnow stream in Kupwara, Lolab. As per locals concerned departments left the construction work midway. Following approval of bridge, construction started but was confined to construction of two abutments. Wooden bridge that is used to cross the nallah poses threat to women, children.

## Delegation of Kashmiri Minority leaders calls on Lt Governor

■ HT News Network



SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 07: A delegation of Kashmiri minority leaders called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan today.

The delegation was led by Sh Manoj Kumar Tandan, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Kupwara. He was accompanied by Sh Gurmeet Singh and Sh Mahinder Pal Singh from District Gurdwara Committee Kupwara.

Sh Javid Ahmad Tenga, President, Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry also met the Lt Governor and apprised him of the upcoming events of Business Interactive Seminar and awareness campaign on Drug Menace to be organised by KCCI. The delegation was led by Sh Manoj Kumar Tandan, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Kupwara. He was accompanied by Sh Gurmeet Singh and Sh Mahinder Pal Singh from District Gurdwara Committee Kupwara. Sh Javid Ahmad Tenga, President, Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry also met the Lt Governor.

## Majlis-E-Chehlum held at Imam Bargah Zadibal Molvi Syed Muzaffar throws light on the life and teachings of Imam Hussain (AS)

■ Surkhhab zehra

Srinagar, Sep 7: The Jammu and Kashmir Shia Association (AJKSA) today organized a Majlis-e-Chehlum at the historic Imam Bargah Zadibal (Srinagar), in which thousands of devotees from different parts of the valley participated. Molvi Syed Muzaffar recited the Majlis and gave an hour-long lecture on the occasion in which he paid tribute and spoke on the hardships faced by the martyrs of Karbala. Molvi Muzaffar threw light on the life and teachings of Imam Hussain (AS) and asked people to follow the path and teachings of Islam, besides he said that the martyrs of Karbala have set an example before us through their deeds, which will remain till the



the last day of this world. Moreover, he prayed for the whole Muslim Ummah for their religious peace, unity and integrity. The Majlis started at 10 am with the Marsia by prominent Zakirs the whole day at the Imam Bargah followed by a recitation of Ziyarat E Arbreen. The Zakireens

were led by Zakir Majid Khwaja. Later at 5 pm a Zuljanah Shareef procession was carried out from Mohallah Syed Afzal (Shri Bhutt) to Imam Bargah Zadibal which was led by All JK Shia Association General Secretary Abid Hussain Ansari in which a huge gathering participated.

## Janmashtami Celebration In Mendhar

■ MS Nazki

MENDHARA Shobha

participated in the Shobha Yatra chanting Bhajan Kirtan. Number of refreshment



Yatra was taken out on the occasion of Janamashtami from Hanuman Mandir Mendhar which passed through main chowk main bazar Bus Stand, and Main Market. A large number of people from all walks of life

stalls were established enroute. Tehasildar Rahual Ji Baskotra Naib Tehasildar Mukesh Singh SDPO Sheezen Bhat SHO Sajid Bania Chairman Sarpanch Association Mendhar Waseem Rafiq Hussein Khan BJP Leader Satish Sharma BJP Youth leader Asif Asad Khan Social Worker Balram Sharma and others.

Leader Satish Sharma BJP Youth leader Asif Asad Khan Social Worker Balram Sharma and others were present in the rally. Yatra was taken out on the occasion of Janamashtami from Hanuman Mandir Mendhar which passed through main chowk main bazar Bus Stand, and Main Market. A large number of people from all walks of life participated in the Shobha Yatra chanting Bhajan Kirtan. Number of refreshment stalls were established enroute. Tehasildar Rahual Ji Baskotra Naib Tehasildar Mukesh Singh SDPO Sheezen Bhat SHO Sajid Bania Chairman Sarpanch Association Mendhar Waseem Rafiq Hussein Khan BJP Leader Satish Sharma BJP Youth leader Asif Asad Khan Social Worker Balram Sharma and others.

## Kashmir fruit growers demand implementation of crop insurance scheme

■ HT News Network

Baramulla: Worried over the frequent changing weather conditions, the fruit growers from the apple rich areas of Baramulla district have urged the J&K administration to implement the Crop Insurance Scheme (CIS) forthwith.

President of Fruit Growers Association, Fruit Mandi Sopore, Fayaz Ahmad while advocating for immediate implementation of the CIS said that the fruit growers could no longer afford to wait for the implementation of this important scheme, which could save the growers from frequent losses occurring due to changing weather conditions. "For the past 8 years, be it 2014 floods, frequent hailstorms, and other volatile conditions, the fruit growers witnessed huge losses. Despite assurances from the authorities about the implementation of CIS, nothing has been done so far," Ahmad said. Expressing concern over the non-implementation of CIS for Kashmir farmers, he said that

when the same scheme was applicable in other parts of the country then why not in Kashmir? "The J&K administration, which is serious about reviving the local economy, needs to intervene and implement the scheme in the larger interest of the people of J&K," Ahmad said. The fruit growers said that Kashmir's Rs 13,500 crore apple industry cannot sustain without the support of the administration, especially in terms of coherent insurance policy.

According to them, unpredictable weather, hailstorms, heavy rains, and temperature fluctuations have been witnessed across Kashmir since the past decade, which makes the CIS extremely important for the sustainability of this important economic activity of Kashmir. Ajaz Ahmad, a fruit grower from the Achabal area of Rafiabab, said that with insurance coverage, farmers were more likely to be eligible for loans and credit facilities from financial institutions. He said financial institutions could feel more confident in providing credit to the farmers when there is protection against crop losses.

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