

# The Kashmir Talk

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## Lt Governor Chairs High-level Meeting on Boosting Investment

*Help desk of Industries & Commerce Department to be established at the Divisional Commissioner Office and in 4 DC offices of Jammu, Kathua, Samba and Udhampur*

**JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha chaired a high-**



**level meeting today to discuss strategies to attract more investments into UT of J&K, proactively resolving all the issues with great synergies and to enhance ease of doing business to boost the economy.**

The meeting was attended by Sh Shaleen Kabra, Financial Commissioner Revenue; Dr Piyush Singla, Secretary Revenue Department; Sh

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Ms Avny Lt Governor directed for setting up help desk of Industries & Commerce Department at the Divisional Commissioner's Office at Jammu and in 4 Deputy Commissioner's offices of Jammu, Kathua, Samba and Udhampur.

The Lt Governor said prime objective of Jammu Kashmir Administration is to ensure proactive and structural response to resolve all issues including change of land use and to enhance ease of doing business.

"Concerned officials must provide necessary support, handholding of investors and help the investors getting all clearances in a time bound manner," the Lt Governor said.

## J&K police busts inter-state narco-terror smuggling syndicate, 4 held

**KUPWARA: The Jammu and Kashmir police on Saturday busted an interstate narco-terror smuggling syndicate originating from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and recovered eight kilograms of heroin along with the arrest of four smugglers, read a statement from Kupwara Police.**

The accused have been identified as Yousuf Bokra, a resident of Rathanpora Kralpora, Showkat Ahmad Khatana, a resident of Meliyal Kupwara, Maroof Ahmad Mir, a resident of Jumagad in Kupwara and Laba Masih, a resident of Awaan Ramdas Ajnala, Punjab. Acting on a tip-off, a joint search operation was launched by Kupwara Police along with a local army unit in the Zurhama area of Police Station Trehgam. "During the operation, 8

packets of narcotics (Heroin like substance) weighing about 8 Kilograms along with 5 lakh cash in Indian currency

1990s to join terrorist ranks. Both Manzoor and Asad, over a period of time have become terrorist handlers of LeT



notes has been recovered from the possession of the arrested persons," Kupwara police said.

"During the preliminary investigations, it has transpired that the narcotic consignment has been sent by two PoJK-based terrorist handlers of LeT namely Manzoor Ahmad Mir son of Ab Rashid Mir and Asad Mir son of Diya Mir, both original residents of Jumagund Kupwara, who have exfiltrated to PoJK in early

mainly acting as Launching commanders besides pushing narcotics and weapons to sustain terrorist activities in the UT of J&K," said Kupwara police. A case under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and UA(P) Act has been registered at police station Trehgam. "Further investigation is underway. More arrests can't be ruled out," Yougal Manhas, SSP, Kupwara said.

## BJP determined to establish J&K as symbol of prosperity, progress: Jugal

*Jugal Kishore Sharma, Balwant Mankotia, GL Raina listens to the grievances of public*

**JAMMU: "BJP determined to establish Jammu & Kashmir as a symbol of prosperity and progress", said senior BJP leaders, while listening to public grievances at Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.**

Jugal Kishore Sharma MP (Lok Sabha, Jammu Poonch), former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, and former MLC Girdhari Lal Raina listened to the grievances of the public in a public grievances camp organized daily at party headquarter.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, while listening to the grievances of the visiting people and deputations, said that Bharatiya Janata Party is determined to establish

Jammu & Kashmir as a symbol of prosperity and

will be completed in short span of time. Sharma said

dents. He added that the new Jammu & Kashmir would be

their lives better. He said that the BJP leaders try their best



progress. He said that the BJP leaders with the strong policies and liberal funding of the Modi government has initiated major projects in the region, many of which

that these projects would provide modern infrastructure for health, studies, industries and other fields upgrading the overall socio-economic status of J&K resi-

developed as per aspirations of its residents.

Balwant Mankotia said that the masses in J&K trust BJP due to the hard efforts made by the party to make

to give a helping hand to the visitors with their issues. Girdhari Lal Raina said that people reach the party office with a very positive mindset that their issues would be resolved soon. During the camp, individuals and deputations of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir reached the Trikuta Nagar office to meet senior BJP leaders with their grievances. They narrated their woes and sought kind intervention from the party leader to get their problems solved. Various deputations and individuals presented their woes before the BJP leader and sought his intervention in the matters concerned. Main issues were linked to the departments like PHE, PDD, PWD, revenue, etc.



## Congress sweeps Karnataka 'Bazaar of hate is shut, shop of love is open': Rahul Gandhi

BENGALURU

**After the BJP's debacle in the Karnataka Assembly polls, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has stepped down from the post. So far, the Congress has won 135 seats, well above the majority mark of 113 seats in a 224-seat state Assembly. The BJP, on the other hand, is set to finish with 65 seats.**

As the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) office swung into celebrations after the party's resounding victory in the Assembly polls, top Congress leaders including AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, state party chief DK Shivakumar, and former CM Siddaramaiah displayed a show of strength during a press conference there. Will it be Siddaramaiah or DK Shivakumar? All eyes are now on who the Congress will pick as the next chief minister.

Meanwhile, a row erupted at the counting centre in Jayanagar - the only seat yet to have its results declared - after BJP's R Ashok and Tejasvi Surya were seen inside the centre. According to Election Commission website, the Congress is leading in Jayanagar.

## CONGRATULATES

**A**LL India Mahila Congress Secretary Shameema Raina congratulates to Madam Sonia Gandhi Ji, Mallikarjun Kharge Ji, Rahul Gandhi Ji, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra Ji, & DK Shivakumar Ji, & Siddaramaiah Ji, for the huge victory of the Congress in Karnataka, elections. She thanks to the people of Karnataka, who have demonstrated wisdom & maturity to give Congress a decisive victory & stable majority. Equally also congratulating all the Congress workers for their spirited campaign & not overwhelmed by BJP's unprecedented use of resources. Truth & progress have won while lies, communal-politics & deceit have failed. They did their worst. We did our best. Democracy won in Karnataka!



## BJP devoted to the welfare of people of J&K: Ravinder Raina

*BJP holds meet of senior party leaders to discuss forthcoming party programmes*

**B**HARATIYA Janata Party is devoted to the welfare of common people of Jammu & Kashmir, said Ravinder Raina in a meeting of senior party leaders at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta and General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal was addressing a meeting of senior party leaders to discuss the forthcoming party programmes.

J&K BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma, Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, BJP NEM Priya Sethi, Dr. Drakshana Andrabi, Adv. Sunil Sethi, Sarbjit Singh Johal, Vikas Choudhary, Neelam Langeh, Sanjita Dogra, Arun Dev Jamwal, Pawan Sharma, YV Sharma, Tilak Raj Gupta, Sanjay Baru, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Ankit Gupta, Adv. Ishant Gupta, Parneesh Mahajan, Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Ritika Trehan, Danish Mishra, Adv. Neha Mahajan, Nitish Mahajan, Rakesh Pant and others participated in the meeting.

While addressing the meeting, Ravinder Raina asked the party leaders to work for the core strengthening of the party. He said that the BJP is the only political party that works with

the people and for the people for 365 days in a year that keeps it united with the people in their every need. He laid emphasis on strengthening the party at booth-level, as Jammu & Kashmir will witness major elections in the near future.

Ravinder Raina told the party leaders that the Modi government has now successfully

Modi government, both at the National level as well as the schemes diligently designed to empower the residents of Jammu & Kashmir.

While discussing the future party programmes in detail, Ashok Koul told the party leaders to organize the party programmes with the involvement of all the local party sympathiz-



served the people for 9 years now and asked the leaders to plan the future party programmes to celebrate the occasion. He told the party leaders to contact the ground level workers and the common masses hailing from their booth area to apprise them of the works done by the

ers, supporters and the prominent locals. He laid special emphasis on the Parliamentary Constituency wise programmes in the whole region for the future party programmes.

Adv. Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Manyal conducted the proceedings of the meeting.

**U**NDER the insightful directions of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority and also under the radiant guidance of Sh. Ashok Kumar Shavan, Worthy Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Kathua (also Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Kathua), 2nd National Lok Adalat of the calendar year 2023 was inaugurated by Sh. Ashok Kumar Shavan, Worthy Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Kathua (also Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Kathua) today i.e. on 13.05.2023 with the ceremonial lighting of lamp in District Court Complex Kathua. Six Benches for settling the referred cases were constituted in which Bench No. 1 was comprising of Sh. Sh. Ashok Kumar Shavan, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kathua and Sh. Surinder Kumar Thappa, Special Mobile Magistrate, Kathua; Bench No. 2 was comprising of Ms. Kusam Lata Pandita, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Kathua and Ms. Neena Thakur, District Mobile Magistrate, Kathua; Bench No. 3 was comprising of Ms. Swati Gupta, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kathua and Ms. Cheena Sumbria, Munsiff JMIC, Kathua; Bench No. 4 was comprising of Sh. Jeevan Kumar Sharma, Munsiff JMIC, Basohli, Advocate Sh. Shub Kumar, President, Bar Association Basohli; Bench No. 5 was comprising of Smt. Jyoti Bhagat, Munsiff JMIC, Billawar and Mrs. Poonam Gupta, Member, Billawar; Bench No. 6 was comprising of Ms. Rajni Bhagat, Munsiff JMIC, Mahanpur. Ms. Rekha Kapoor Nishcal, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Kathua coordinated the 2nd National Lok Adalat of the calendar year, 2023 organized at ADR Centre, District Court Complex Kathua. The matters placed before the Benches included Civil, Criminal Compoundable, Cheque Bounce, Recovery matters, BSNL, 138 NI Act, 125 Cr.PC, Revenue matters, MACT, Matrimonial, Public Utility Services, Pre-litigation matters and also Traffic challans. A total number of 772 cases were taken up



for their amicable settlement out of which 547 cases were settled and an amount of Rs. 2,09,18,206/- was realized as settlement amount. Besides this, District Legal Services Authority Kathua also organized a Legal Awareness program on "Role of Lok Adalats and Access to Justice" at ADR Centre, District Court Complex Kathua wherein Sh. Ashok Kumar Shavan Worthy Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Kathua (also Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Kathua) were the Chief Guest. Worthy Chief Guest in his special address highlighted the scope of lok adalat for the amicable settlement of disputes. Welcome address and vote of thanks presented by Ms. Puneet Kumari, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel. The program was attended by Ms. Kusam Lata Pandita, Worthy Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kathua, Ms. Swati Gupta, Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kathua and Sh. Surinder Kumar Thappa, Ld. Special Judicial Magistrate Kathua, Ms. Cheena Sumbria, Ld. Munsiff JMIC Kathua, Ms. Neena Thakur, Ld. District Mobile Magistrate Kathua, President Bar Association Kathua, Panel Advocates, staff members of District Court Complex Kathua, staff and PLVs of District Legal Services Authority Kathua. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Ms. Puneet Kumari, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel.



# Lt Governor addresses Y20 Consultation at Kashmir University

**SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed Y20 Consultation on 'Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life' at University of Kashmir, today.**

He said the massive participation in this Y20 Consultation Conference signals the encouraging prospect of a new energy in a global partnership on environment, development and our collective effort to ensure equity, global prosperity and better quality of life for all. The Lt Governor while welcoming the national and international delegates said, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has made it clear to the global family that climate change cannot be fought from conference tables alone. It has to be fought from the dinner tables in every home.

"Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji has called upon the global community to transform the effort of tackling climate challenge into a mass movement and promote an environmentally conscious lifestyle.

I firmly believe under the leadership of Hon'ble PM,

India will guide the world in building a sustainable society that will both be an economic powerhouse and a major contributor in restoring the delicate balance of Nature," the Lt Governor said. By adopting 'Green Growth' as one of the seven key priorities (Saptarshi), the Hon'ble Prime Minister has shown the world that India stands firm on its resolve to achieve the goal of Zero Carbon Emission by 2070, he added. At the Y20 Consultation, the Lt Governor called upon youth to ensure ideas to create productive harmony between nature and human are translated into action and it contributes to a better world. "Youth will lead the world in offering pragmatic solutions to climate & global challenges of 21st century. I believe the young generation will synergise innovative ideas and actions to preserve natural resources and also become stakeholders in policymaking for sustainable development," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor in his address also talked about the vision of India's G20 Presidency and collective responsibility of the global community to nurture the nature for bene-

fit of humanity. "Vision of India's G20 Presidency focuses on our shared responsibility to tackle two great challenges- Protect climate living our forefathers dedicated Prithvi Sukta, in Atharv Veda to mother earth highlighting its resources and urging the



& promote sustainable development. As one family, we need to nurture earth that sustains life and commit for inclusive development to transform lives of common man," the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor also highlighted the values and principles as enshrined in the ancient Indian scriptures on sustainable living and environment protection. "The sustainable living is Indian way of life. Long before the global community realized the importance of sustainable

people to utilize them in a sustainable manner. Thousands years before the term Sustainable Life Style was popularized across the globe, Yajurveda mentioned about harmonious living with earth, water, trees and to prioritize the use of natural resources," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor emphasised that the vision of our forefathers was not merely ideas confined to the books but were focussed on action from the community as every

ancient Indian scripture calls for selfless act. We must adopt a balanced & holistic approach between development and nature to manage the challenges of accelerated growth and ecological sustainability. Our rights on natural resources are not absolute, it is temporary.

This thinking should become part of our daily habit to ensure prosperous earth for our future generations, he further added.

The Lt Governor also reiterated the UT Government's commitment to support sustainable development and lead the action against climate change. Rajeev Rai Bhat-

nagar, Advisor to Lt Governor, in his address, called upon the Youth and other stakeholders to join the efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Prof Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Pankaj Kumar Singh, Director, Department of Youth Affairs, GoI; Prof Manzoor Shah, Y20 Chair, Kashmir University; Guru Prakash Paswan, Senior Faculty, Patna University and Akash Jha, Secretary Programs & Logistics, Y20 India also spoke on the occasion and impressed upon the youth to raise awareness & exchange ideas on the most pressing global issues. On the occasion, the Lt Governor inaugurated Y20 Exhibition and released the Y-20 Chronicle of the University about the run-up activities to the event. Y20 and U20 integration, a joint initiative by the respective engagement groups for Jan Bhagidari was also launched. Delegates & panelists from various Countries and across India, prominent citizens, senior officials, youth representatives, students and scholars were present.

## C20 summit on 'Technology and Security for One World' at AVV to begin May 13

**JAMMU**

**The C20 Summit on Technology and Security for One World is going to be held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, on May 12-14, 2023, hosted by an official Engagement Groups of the C20: Technology, Security and Transparency.**

Several key dignitaries would be present during the inaugural ceremony. These include Shri RN Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu; Lt Gen Dr. Rajesh Pant, National Cyber Security Coordinator, PMO, India; Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, Vice Chairman, Mata Amritanandamayi Math and Troika Member C20; Vijay Nambiar, Sherpa C20 and Former UN Secretary Generals

Special Advisor; Vilas Dhar, President and Trustee of the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation; Micha Weis, Strategic financial cyber-leader and advisor for the Israeli Ministry of Finance; Bharati Ghosh, National Spokesperson of BJP & Member of National Executive Committee of BJP; Dr. Venkat Rangan, Vice Chancellor of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. Virtual Participation includes Sonya Kilkenny, Member of Parliament, Victorian Government, Australia; and Ah Mafuthan, Troika member C20, Indonesia. World-renowned spiritual leader and humanitarian Mata Amritanandamayi (Amma) is the Chair of C20. Amma said "Amma sees the world as a flower. Each country is a petal of the flower. The foundation of all positive change is

true education. Along with knowledge about the world, we have to understand ourselves. Only then will our education be complete. Technology has truly revolutionized human life, but its negative aspects raise alarming concerns about the future of human kind." Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri "The C20 Working Group on Technology, Security and Transparency is focused on access and affordability of innovative technologies for social impact, and the value the CSOs provide towards fostering consistency, accountability, and scale for technology development and diffusion. It is imperative that Civil Society Organizations have their voices represented, along with the private and governmental sectors. We are looking forward to this Summit

to launch key initiatives that are essential for CSOs and NGOs to learn about key technology that help their business for additional impact to help society."

Dr. Vint Cerf, Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist, Google and co-founder of the internet and Nguyen Anh Tuan, CEO of the Boston Global Forum, and will address the delegates virtually.

Marco Teixeira, United Nations Representative on Drugs and Crime for South Asia; Marcele Frossard, Policy advisor, National Campaign for the Right to Education, Brazil; Dhayalan Matthew Chetty, Impact Area Manager, e-Government at Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), South Africa; and Lindy Wafula, Village Ventures Kenya will also be speaking at the Summit.

## Greenply Industries flags off first dispatch of Greenply MDF

**JAMMU**

**Marking a significant development in the wood panel industry, Greenply Industries, one of India's largest interior infrastructure brands with over 30 years of experience in manufacturing a comprehensive range of plywood, block boards, decorative veneers, flush doors, and other allied products, has flagged off the 1st dispatch of its newly launched product Greenply MDF from its recently commissioned plant in Vadodara district, Gujarat.**

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Sanidhya Mittal, Joint Managing Director, Greenply Industries Limited said, "Greenply is already a leading brand in the plywood sector and venturing into the MDF business is a natural progression. This is one the most ambitious project for us at Greenply that we have completed it in just 15 months. We are extremely elated to have made our first dispatch and looking forward to a positive customer feedback"

A grand ceremony was organized to celebrate the first dispatch of the product which was also attended by the players of the Indian Premier League franchise Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), as a part of Greenply's association with the LSG, wherein, the cricketers were seen reveling the momentous feat being achieved by Greenply, amidst the company's most trusted channel partners. With the newly launched MDF product, the company's dealer community nationally will now have an extended product portfolio to offer to the customers.

The company has employed PRODIQ-NEO technology, the first of its kind in India that is equipped with measuring equipment and artificial intelligence software to guarantee product quality, precision, durability.

Greenply is the first in the wood & panel industry to have successfully acquired the FSC® - FM (Forest Management) Certification from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) for its plantations and real-time data accessibility.



# Rajouri: MP Jugal Kishore reviews progress of CSSs at DISHA meeting

## Calls for timeline completion of projects

**RAJOURI:** *Jammu-Poonch Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma today chaired the meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) of Rajouri district to review the progress of various centrally sponsored schemes. The meeting was attended by several officials, including the ADC Rajouri, DFO Rajouri and Nowshera, ACR, ACD, CPO, PO ICDS, GM DIC, ACP, SE Hydraulics, SE PWD, and other concerned officers. The District member of DISHA, Dr. Nisar Choudhary, also attended the meeting.*

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on the progress and achievements under different schemes being implemented in various sectors of the district, such as MGNREGA, CRF, NABARD PMGSY, NSAP, SSA, PMJDY, APY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, PMMY, PMUY, PMEGP, Poshan Abhiyan, PM Kisan, KCC, soil health cards, ICPS, BADP, BBBP, NHM, housing for all, PMAY-U, PMAGY, NSAP, ISSS, and other centrally sponsored schemes.

DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress and sta-

tus of different developmental projects and progress in the implementation of the centrally sponsored schemes being executed and implemented in the district by different agencies. Regarding the Progress made under CRF,



the SE PWD informed that 10 projects are underway across the district. He assured that the works will be completed within this year. The MP was further informed 114 NABARD Funded projects are also underway across the district out of which 25 have been completed.

The Assistant Commissioner Development Rajouri informed that out of 28981 works taken up under MGNREGA, 11769 works have been completed generating 27.05 lakh mandays. He also informed that 646 families have been provided with 100 days of employment.

Under SBM, 161 Segregation sheds and 150 Commu-

nity sanitary complexes have been constructed in the district, informed the ACP.

He also informed that door to door collection of solid waste has been started in the panchayats to achieve the goal of Swachh green Rajouri.

It was further informed that 23954 houses under PMAY-G and 3741 houses under AWAAS PLUS have been completed in the district, while 293 Jal Jeevan Mission schemes comprising 677 components have been approved at a project cost of Rs 1942.80 cores and 653 components have been allotted and 72 components completed. "The meeting proved to be an excellent opportunity for officials to exchange ideas and assess the progress of various schemes being implemented in the district," said MP Jugal Kishore Sharma while chairing the meeting.

Jugal Kishore Sharma emphasized the importance of

prompt and efficient implementation of the Central schemes and projects in the district.

He stressed the need for transparency and accountability in the execution of the projects and urged officers to

work with dedication and sincerity towards the development of the district.

The MP also highlighted the need to monitor the progress of centrally sponsored schemes to ensure effective and efficient implementation. He encouraged officers to work in coordination with each other and prioritize projects based on the needs of the people.

Additionally, he urged officers to explore new and innovative ways of implementing these schemes and involve local communities in the decision-making process.

To ensure timely completion of projects and that the benefits of these schemes

reach the intended beneficiaries, the MP directed officers to implement schemes in a transparent and efficient manner.

He also stressed the importance of consulting with Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) during the formulation of plans for the implementation of these schemes.

"The involvement of PRIs is crucial for the successful execution of these schemes, and officers should work closely with them to tailor schemes to the specific needs of local communities," said Hon'ble MP.

He also assured officers of his full support and cooperation in their efforts towards the development of the district and the welfare of its people. By working together and prioritizing the needs of the community, officers can ensure the successful implementation of these schemes and projects.

The MP, while taking stock of the issues raised in the previous DISHA meeting, expressed his satisfaction with the progress made by the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee in resolving the issues. He commended the DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, and other officials for their tireless efforts in ensuring the timely completion of projects and schemes in the district.

# Chief Justice administers oath of office to Justice Sreedharan

**SRINAGAR:** *Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, today administered the oath of office to Justice Atul Sreedharan as Judge of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in the Chief Justice's Court Room at Srinagar.*

The Oath taking ceremony was physically attended at Srinagar by Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Mohan Lal, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal while Justice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary and Justice Rajesh Sekhri participated online from Jammu Wing of High Court.

The proceedings of the oath taking ceremony were conducted by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir

and Ladakh, who read out the contents of the Notification received from Government of India, Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Justice (Appointments Division) and the Letter of Authorization issued by the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, authorising Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to administer the Oath of office to the newly transferred Judge.

The ceremony was also attended by the Former Judges of High Court, Advocate General, Secretary Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Additional Solicitors General of India, Srinagar/Jammu, Additional Director General of Police Security, President Bar Association, Jammu/Srinagar, Senior Advocates, Principal District Judge Srinagar, Officers and functionaries of the Civil Administration and Police, Officers and Staff of the Registry, family members and guests of Justice Atul Sreedharan.

With the transfer of Justice Atul Sreedharan as Judge of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has risen to 16 Judges including the Chief Justice against the sanctioned strength of 17.

## PSPS Govt Women College organises interactive session on "Utilization of Library E-Resources"

**JAMMU:** *The Department of Philosophy, in collaboration with the Department of Library Sciences of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev College for Women today organised an interactive session on the topic "Utilization of Library E-Resources."*

The session was held under the patronage of the College Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan. The resource person of the occasion was Prof. Sonika, the Librarian of the College. She introduced to the students the e-platforms subscribed by the college for enhancing the knowledge of the students. The students were also guided about different login and download procedures of the respective e-platforms. The session turned out to be really beneficial for students, especially for those who are unable to afford books and journals for themselves. They would be able to access over 5400 E-books, E-Journals, E-Papers etc. available on certified portals like N-LIST and DELNET without any monetary burden. A total of 31 students participated in the session with great enthusiasm. The session was coordinated by Dr Varun Sharma, the Head of Department of Philosophy.



## DC Rajouri reviews revenue department related cases of Army

**RAJOURI:** Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today chaired a significant meeting of revenue officers and army officials to discuss crucial revenue-related issues. The meeting was held in the DC office conference Hall, where three cases were presented by the ADEO office for discussion and resolving.

After thorough deliberation, the deputy Commissioner approved a case on the spot while the

DC directed Tehsildar Sunderbani to submit a detailed report in one of



the other two cases. Similarly, he asked concerned

officers to revisit the site with regard to the third case and submit a report at the earliest.

The meeting was crucial in addressing rev-

enue-related issues and ensuring that appropriate action is taken to re-

solve them. The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of the revenue officers and army officials in identifying and bringing these issues to his notice. He also stressed the im-

portance of timely resolution of such issues to ensure smooth functioning of the revenue department.

The Deputy Commissioner also advised the revenue officers for joint sitting on regular intervals to remove any communication issues.

The meeting was attended by station commander Col Dev Nath, ADC Rajouri, Rajeev Khajuria, ADEO Rajouri, Tehsildar Sunderbani, Kapil Kant Khajuria and other staff of ADEO office.

## Group of 20 Kishtwar youth flagged off for Adventure Training Course to Pahalgam Institute

*Pool of Resource Persons being created to promote Adventure Tourism in the District: DC*

**KISHTWAR:** A Group of 20 Kishtwar youth was today flagged off for Adventure Training Course to Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports, Pahalgam here under Project SANKALP of Ministry of Skill Development.

The District Administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with Skill Development Mission Jammu and Kishtwar Development Authority, has

organized the 15-day adventure course training programme for the local youth being held from May 12 to May 15.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav flagged off the contingent of 20 youth for the training. He informed that the move aims to create a pool of resource persons to promote adventure and tourism activities in the district.

"A group of 5 candidates have already been sent to the Jawahar Institute of

Mountaineering and Winter Sports in Pahalgam for basic mountaineering course, and this adventure course training programme will further enhance the skills of the candidates enable them to avail livelihood opportunities, besides promoting adventure tourism and creating skilled resource persons who will contribute to the development of the district," he added.

Earlier, on March 25, 2023, a 10-day Travel

and Tourists Guide training course was conducted under the SANKALP Programme at the State Bank of India Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI RSETI) Kishtwar. As many as 32 youth from across the Kishtwar District were trained.

ADC/CEO Kishtwar Development Authority,INDERJEET Singh Parihar, Mission Youth's MGNF Fellow, Pranav Kumar, besides staff were also present on the occasion.

## Director Horticulture reviews departmental activities in Ramban District

**RAMBAN:** Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak today visited Ramban district and reviewed the Horticulture scenario in the District at a meeting of the Extension and Nursery staff.

During the meeting, he directed to achieve the allotted targets with respect to Area Expansion under UT CAPEX Budget and revised Modified High Density Plantation Programme and creation of Mother Block and Nursery Production units in Public Sector to meet out the emerging demand of quality

planting material raised therein. All the staff members of Ramban, Ramsoo, Banihal and Gool attended the meeting.

At the outset, Chief Horticulture Officer, Anil Kumar Gorka welcomed the Director Horticulture and briefed about the status of Public Sector nurseries and works going on in the field.

Farm Manager ACHD, Govindpora, Virinder Kumar also briefed the chair about the farm activities and production status of the Plants.

The Director also laid thrust on

active participation of the employees of Horticulture Sector in the ongoing "Kissan Sampark Abhiyan" of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme so that the farming community could take advantage of the Govt. Schemes of the Horticulture sector.

During the tour, the Director also inspected the farm activities at the ACHD Govindpora.

Later, he visited the MOCN Banihal to inspect the preparation of the Nursery Production Unit to be created under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

## Bank of Baroda launches Electronic Bank Guarantee on its digital platform

**JAMMU**

Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, announced the launch of Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) on its BarodaINSTA platform, in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL), which offers a platform for the issuance of Inland BGs through electronic mode. NeSL is India's first and only Information Utility and is regulated by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) under the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC). With this launch, Bank of Baroda joins a select group of banks to issue Electronic Bank Guarantees - a start-to-end digital process across the complete lifecycle of a BG including issuance, amendment and closure resulting in substantial reduction in the turnaround time in issuing a BG, while at the same time bringing in greater security and accessibility.

The conventional paper-based process of issuing inland Bank Guarantees normally takes a few days to execute from BG issuance to receipt by the beneficiary. Further in the absence of a central repository, it is difficult to verify the BG status and there is also scope for misuse.

In an e-BG, physical stamping is replaced by e-stamping by NeSL, preventing fraud. The e-BGs are stored in a central repository resulting in complete transparency and accessibility for all stakeholders, as well as ease of authentication and verification. Also, as against the average 2-3 days TAT in case of a conventional BG, an Electronic Bank Guarantee gets processed and delivered in a matter of minutes.



## Doda Police organized debate competition on 'Drug Abuse' at GHS School Assar

### DODA

**As a part of series of events under Civic Action Programme (CAP), District Police Doda today on 9th of May-2023 organized debate competition on drug abuse at Govt. Higher Secondary School Assar.**

On this occasion, SSP Doda, Sh. Abdul Qayoom-JKPS, delivered an impressive lecture to make the students aware on drug abuse, cyber crime, traffic violations with special focus on de-radicalization and other social crime in the society.

SSP Doda emphasized upon the students to channelize their energy in positive direction and devote their time in studies and sports which has a key role to build their fu-

ture career and also for better and healthy society.

It was also urged upon

participants including teaching staff attended the debate competition and SSP Doda appreciated for the

role of Police for organizing such awareness programme.

Among the students who were adjudged as 1st, 2nd and 3rd are (1) Miss Suman Devi of Govt. Higher Secondary School Assar was given 1st prize (2) Mr. Mohd Naim Salaria of Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Assar was given 2nd prize and (3) Miss Tamsha Kumari of Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Assar was given 3rd prize.

On this occasion, Sh. Lekh Raj SDM Assar, Sh. Susheel Kumar DySP DAR Doda, Sh. Sudershan Chandail Principal Govt. Higher Secondary School Assar, Inspector Bhovinder Singh SHO PS Assar among other officers / officials of Civil /Police department were also present.



the participants to cooperate the Police in eradicating the menace of drug and other evils from the society.

Nearly 250 partici-

outstanding performance of the students who participated in this event.

The staff as well as the students appreciated the

## Over 16 Lakh Pilgrims Visit Vaishno Devi In 1st Quarter 2023

**JAMMU: Amidst the chants of 'Jai Mata Di', more than 16 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance in the first quarter (January to April) of this year at the sanctum sanctorum of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Cave Shrine situated in the Trikuta hills in Katra town of Reasi district in Jammu and Kashmir.**

Official sources said that in the first four months of the ongoing year, a total of 16,45,333

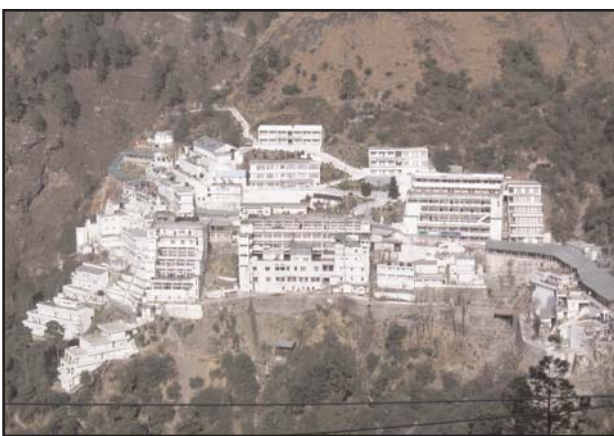
pilgrims (devotees) visited the holy cave shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno

15000 to 20000 of pilgrims daily visited the cave shrine and in the

brated, the pilgrims figure increased as 25,000 to 30,000 pilgrims visited the shrine," they said.

A Shrine Board official said that in January, a total of 4,08,861 lakh devotees visited Bhawan while in the month of February, 3,89,549 lakh, in March, highest, 5,25,198 lakh pilgrims and in April, 3,21,725 lakh devotees offered prayers at the holy cave.

Around 1000 to 1200 pilgrims are visiting the shrine on a daily basis nowadays.



Devi. "In the months of January and February, the rush swelled and

month of March when ex-aminations were over and navratras were also cele-

## Govt. Post Graduate College, Rajouri organizes Grievance Redressal Camp.

### JAMMU

**Women Development Cell in collaboration with NCC Unit (SW) organized a Grievance Redressal camp on 9th May, 2023 under the patronage of the Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Shamim A Azad. The camp was organized to interact with the girl students of the college and redress their griev-**

**ances. The camp was attended by colossal number of students with enthusiasm wherein the students put forth their grievances and presented various suggestions for making the campus more dignified and more congenial for the girl students.**

Prof. Salma Farooq, Coordinator, women Development Cell and NCC Officer

(Girls' Wing) briefed the audience about the significance of organizing the camp for developing self-confidence among the students and for asserting the importance of economic, social, racial and gender equality among the students. NCC cadets played a spectacular role in motivating the girl students to stand up for themselves to feel empowered in today's contemporary world full of chal-

lenges. Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Shamim A Azad, interacted with the students and emphasized for the need of organizing such camps for making the institution a safe place with friendly environment for the students. He further stressed on maintaining health and hygiene among the students and the role of Women Development Cell in accomplishing the same.

## Dal Lake Cleaning On In Double Shifts For G20 Meeting In Srinagar

**SRINAGAR: Authorities in Srinagar have pulled out all stops to clean up the city and the famous Dal Lake ahead of the G20 working group meeting later this month with 500 labourers working under "mission mode" to beautify the urban water body.**

The tourism group meeting of the G20 is scheduled to be held at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake here from May 22 to 24.

In the run-up to the event, the cleaning drive at the lake is in full swing.

Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) – which is responsible to keep the water bodies, including the Dal Lake, clean has deployed men and machinery for the cleaning process.

The authority is using both mechanical and manual means to clean the lake and make it beautiful for the guests.

"The main function is happening around the Dal Lake, and so, the drive to make it beautiful and attractive is on," vice chairman of LCMA, Bashir Ahmad Bhat said here.

Bhat said for the beautification process, the authority is using mechanised interventions, including machines, harvesters, etc, and the work has been taken up in double shifts.

"We are working in double shifts. The labour force is cleaning the shorelines.

The drive has been taken up under a mission mode, not just for the G20 event, but for the forthcoming tourist season as well.

We will keep the lake clean and I am hopeful that our guests will be happy to see the lake," he said.

The vice chairman, LCMA, said around 400-500 labourers were working every day to clean the lake.

"We have nine harvesters, 8-10 weed grabbers have also been deployed, they are working in double shifts.

There is dredging going on near the shorelines as well," he added.

Bhat said many aerators were used, adding that lighting systems have also been installed to give the lake a special look for the G20 event.

Apart from the cleaning process, a thick layer of security has been thrown around the lake to secure the meeting venue, and Marine and NSG commandos will also be deployed as an extra security measure.

At a security review meeting here last week, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Kashmir zone Vijay Kumar emphasised the importance of river and lake domination in ensuring the security of the G20 summit, a police handout said.

Kumar also emphasised the need for the Marine Commandos (MARCOS) to be deployed to provide a strong security cover for the water bodies around the summit venues, it added.

"The ADGP Kashmir shared with all stakeholders that NSG teams will be used for counter fidayeen attack along with SOG and specialise NSG teams to counter drones will be deployed at all venues," the police said.



## J&K Weather Likely To Remains Dry After Days Of Rains, Snowfall Dips Temp

**SRINAGAR:** *The weather is likely to improve on Tuesday and remain dry after days of rains in plains and snowfall over upper reaches caused a dip in the temperature in Jammu and Kashmir.*

The Meteorological department has predicted mainly dry weather with a brief spell of rain or thunderstorm in the late afternoon or evening at some places, although chances are less. The temperature is likely to rise from May 10-12 and produce

warmer days followed by rain or thunderstorm at isolated places from May 13-15, the Met office said.

The day temperature has dropped from 10-12 degree Celsius while the night temperature dipped 4-5 degree Celsius after days of fresh snowfall over the upper reaches and moderate rains lashed plains of Kashmir valley triggering wintry conditions.

Srinagar received 6.4mm of rainfall, Qazigund 7.2mm, Pahalgam 25.3mm, Kupwara 8.2mm, Kokernag

19.8mm, Gulmarg 15.0mm and Kupwara 6.3mm during the past 24 hours till 0830 hours today. Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of 6.3 degree Celsius against 6.7 degree Celsius which was 4.4 degree Celsius below normal.

Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low 5.8 degree Celsius against 4.8 degree Celsius and it was 3.4 degree Celsius below normal for the gateway of Kashmir.

Pahalgam in south

Kashmir recorded a low of 1.8 degree Celsius against 2.6 degree Celsius which was 3.7 degree Celsius below normal for the famous tourist hot spot.

Kokernag recorded a low of 4.0 degree Celsius against 2.2 degree Celsius and it was 5.2 degree Celsius below normal for the famous picnic hotspot of south Kashmir.

Gulmarg had a low of minus 0.5 degree Celsius against minus 0.4 degree Celsius and it was 5.7 degree Celsius below normal for the famous ski resort of north Kashmir.

Chandel said that the number of children of Jaichand has increased in the country

**JAMMU:** BJP Hinduist leader Mr. Raju Chandel talking to reporters in Jammu today said that

Sanatani Hindu brave emperor Maharana Pratap, who had defeated the Mughals, today is the birth anniversary of such a great warrior, while saluting him, I want to say that today the number of Jaichand's children in the country has increased wildly, which is making the country hollow. Jaichand's children are the most engaged in Jammu and Kashmir, who eat food from India and sing songs from Pakistan.

Jaichand was the biggest traitor in the history of India, who betrayed Sanatan Veer Hindu Hriday Samrat Maharana Pratap and got him killed at the hands of the Mughals. Has happened and history is being repeated when Mughal culture civilization tries to weaken Sanatan Dharma, similarly traitor Jaichand and his progeny leave no stone unturned to weaken India's warriors and Sanatan Dharma. Mr. Chandel said that now the time has come that Jaichand and his children should be completely eliminated in the field of politics and in the field of terrorism. Will be able to do otherwise like Sanatani Hindu Hriday Samrat Maharana Pratap these traitors will continue to harm Indian warriors and true patriots Mr. Chandel said that the image of Sanatani Hindu Hriday Samrat Maharana Pratap is visible in the future Chief Minister of Bharatiya Janata Party of Jammu and Kashmir, brother Ravindra Raina ji, and the way the public relations campaign after the stormy tour he is conducting in Kashmir. A huge crowd is pouring in to welcome him grandly.

Seeing him, the children of Alibaba Chalis Chor Gang Jaichand are in complete panic, they can't find a place to hide.

Shri Chandel said that the development of Jammu and Kashmir will be the basic mantra of victory in the civic elections of Jammu and Kashmir. Most of the civic body elections seats for the development work done in Jammu and Kashmir by the glorious Prime Minister of the country Mr. Narendra Modi.

## DPT presents DGP's medal to 10 Telecom officials

**SRINAGAR:** *An investiture ceremony was held to present DGP's commendation*

*(DPT) office, here.*

DPT J&K, Manoj Kumar Pandith presented DGPs commendation certi-

year-2021.

On the occasion, DPT J&K applauded the awardees and said that

zeal in future also. Deputy SP (S) Nassar-ullah-Khan (Private Secretary to DPT J&K), Manzoor Ahmad Khan Deputy SP (Headquarters) Telecom J&K, Inspector (S) Vinod Kumar, Inspector (M) Abdul Majeed Reshi and Inspector (Telecom) Shameem Ahmad were present on the occasion.

Those who were presented DGPs medal include Inspector (Telecom) Adil Shafi Najar, SI (Telecom) Gh Geellani, SI (M) Tariq Ahmad Paul, SI (M) Raj Kumar, HCs (Telecom) Mohd Yousaf, Sanjay Kumar Bhat, Sudhir Koul, Maheshwar Sharma, Gurvinder Singh and Tanveer Ahmad.



*certificates and medals to the officers/officials of the Telecom wing at Director Police Telecommunication*

cates and medals to 10 officers/officials who have been awarded with the DGP's medal for their exemplary services to the Department during the

DGP's medal is an appreciation of their good work. He wished them good luck and hoped that they will continue to work with the same dedication and

## PTTI organizes lecture for Traffic Induction Course

**VIJAYPUR:** *Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) organized a lecture for trainees of one Week Traffic Induction Course.*

Inspector Anil Jad, DTI Banihal delivered lecture on the importance of technology for traffic enforcement such as e-challaning, use of camera, e-Parivahan app, understanding and operating e-challaning machines etc.

He told cops that while

managing traffic maximum use of modern gadgets and technology is

The lecture was attended by trainees as well as staff of the Institute.



quite helpful to book violators and to avoid arguments with them so that traffic rules can be enforced strictly.

Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur highlighted that the aim of organizing such lectures for trainees and staff is to

make them aware about modern traffic gadgets. He emphasized upon staff and trainees to follow traffic rules for smooth traffic regulation. Zia-Ul-Haq, Dy.SP Admn/ Outdoor; Kuldeep Raj, Dy.SP Indoor/Tech; Davinder Gupta, Dy.SP R&D; Inspector Surrinder Paul, Inspector Mulkh Raj, Inspector Javed Hussain, Inspector Anil Kumar, Inspector Kanwal Raina and Inspector Himanshu Dutta were also present on the occasion.



## FADA complaints against sales of 2-wheelers by 'unauthorized' multi-brand outlets

**JAMMU**

**The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), in collaboration with the Delhi & Mumbai State Transport Department, has expressed concerns over the illegal practices of unauthorized multi-brand outlets (MBOs) selling two-wheelers.**

FADA has reported that these MBOs are acquiring unregistered vehicles in bulk from dealers and reselling them to customers at discounted rates, higher than the prices offered by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) through authorized dealers, without any commitment to after-sales service. This has not only impacted the legitimate dealerships but has also shaken customers' confidence in the brand and dealer partners. Furthermore, these MBOs indulge in evasion of GST, income tax, issuance of fake/undervalued insurance policies, delivery of vehicles without regis-

tration/ HSRP and helmets, resulting in revenue loss on various fronts.

FADA has reached out to Shri Eknath Shinde, Honorable Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra, Mr. Vinod Aggarwal, SIAM President, and the Transport Commissioners of Mumbai and Delhi, urging them to take stringent action against these MBOs and ensure their compliance with industry standards and regulations.

Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Transport Commissioners of Mumbai and Delhi have initiated action against this illegal practice. The Delhi transport department is also taking stringent action against the outlets operating such illegal trade practices.

The authorities had already issued notice on Trade Certificate cancellation to such business units.

Commenting on the stringent actions being taken by the transport

department, Mr Kailash Gahlot, Transport & Environment Minister of Delhi said "Delhi govt will not tolerate any such illegal activity or corruption. We are committed to take action against any such instance".

Mr. Ashish Kundra, Principal Secretary cum Transport Commissioner, Transport Department of NCT Delhi, acknowledged FADA's contribution and said, "FADA has been working closely with the Dealer fraternity and the government to maintain a healthy and lawful business environment in the region. A legal notice has been issued to all the involved parties, and their respective trade certificates have been put under the scanner."

Mr Vivek L Bhimansar, Transport Commissioner, Maharashtra said, "The Maharashtra Transport Authority is committed to offering a legitimate business environment in the region. We appreciate FADA's effort in working with us to elim-

inate the MBO threat from the state and for bringing in our attention to persistent illegal business practices in the region. All parties concerned have been given legal notice. We have cancelled the trade plate of dealers supplying vehicles to Unauthorized Multi-Brand Outlets (MBO's)& have impounded vehicles stationed at such unlawful outlets. we have impounded over 6,000 vehicles, and trade certificates of over 50 dealers have been suspended for a week as of now".

Mr. Manish Raj Singhanian, President of FADA said, "We have raised the issue of unauthorized multi-brand outlets (MBOs) in the 2-wheeler industry, which are not certified as bona fide dealers and sell unregistered vehicles without any trade certificates or after-sales services. This has caused many legitimate two-wheeler dealerships to shut down, making their businesses unviable. Such activities not only tarnish the image of dealerships

but also harm brand image and values.

The dealership business is dynamic and contributes consistently to the economic development of the nation, generating significant employment opportunities in the sector. Illegal practices such as this cause massive losses to the government and society and lead to significant loss of motivation among dealers, leading to greater loss of employment opportunities."

FADA has urged all 2W dealerships to remain vigilant and report any instances of unauthorized purchases or sales to the appropriate authorities. FADA has also written to SIAM, the association of OEMs, requesting them to raise the issue with concerned OEMs to amend their sales process, ensuring no supply of new/unregistered vehicles to unauthorized outlets. This will have a great impact in eliminating the multi-brand outlet menace and building the credibility of the entire Auto Industry.

## 'Bladder Cancer Support Group' at Medica celebrates one year of solidarity

**JAMMU**

On the occasion of Bladder Cancer Awareness Month this year, Medica Group of Hospitals, the largest private hospital chain in Eastern India, hosted an awareness and cultural program at Medica Superspecialty Hospital on Monday, May 8th, along with their Bladder Cancer Support Group's cancer survivors. The conference mostly focused on the "Life Beyond Bladder Cancer". At the event, Dr. Abhay Kumar, Head of Urology, Surgical Oncology, and Robotic

Surgery at Medica Superspecialty Hospital highlighted some myths and facts, as well as signs that may indicate bladder cancer. Approximately 50 inspirational cancer survivors shared their life stories beyond cancer. Following the awareness session, the cancer survivors hosted a cultural program for the attendees at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Abhay Kumar, Head of Urology, Surgical Oncology, Robotic Surgery, Medica Superspecialty

Hospital, said, "This year for Bladder Cancer Awareness Month, we're focusing on patient uncertainty; our effort is to make it easy and accessible for individuals of all age groups, suspecting any symptoms of bladder cancer, to be tested at the earliest. Medica has consistently fought the stigma of cancer inevitably being terminal. If detected early, cancer is highly treatable, especially with regular screening and treatment. The support group assembled here today exemplifies a

happy and healthy life after fighting and defeating cancer." He further added, "It takes a team effort to educate ourselves and our loved ones about the importance of regular check-ups and screenings. By doing so, we can detect cancer earlier and increase the life expectancy of patients. We must continue to support and advocate for better cancer treatments and prevention methods.

I'm glad to see the Bladder Cancer Support Group, which is primarily led by our former

patients, is doing such good work to build a community centred around hope and support. Each of their stories inspires others to never give up. I congratulate them on organizing such an inclusive and successful cultural program for us here today."

The hour-long event and the interactive session took the viewers through clinically oriented topics ranging from defining the symptoms of this cancer to the technicalities of managing the same for well-being.



## Injured Indian mountaineer Anurag Maloo to be flown to Delhi as his infection spreads

**NEW DELHI:** The family of injured Indian mountaineer Anurag Maloo is planning to fly him to New Delhi from Nepal for further treatment as the infection is spreading in his body, a relative and an official of an expedition company said here on Tuesday. Anurag, 34, a resident of Kishangarh in Rajasthan, went missing in mid-April after he fell from around 6,000 meters while descending from Camp III. Mount Annapurna is the 10th highest mountain in the world.

He was found alive in a deep crevasse at some 5800-metre altitude on April 20 after three days of continuous search by a team of rescuers. He was rushed to Manipal Hospital in Pokhara and then airlifted to Kathmandu for further treatment.

Sudheer, Anurag's cousin, told PTI that the family is planning to fly him to New Delhi for treatment but cannot say anything till all arrangements are done. "His infection has spread and

needs further treatment, so he will soon be flown to Delhi," an official at the Seven Summit Trek, the organiser of the expedition of which Anurag was a part, said.

The official, however, said that he has no information as to when the Indian mountaineer will be discharged from the Kathmandu hospital and flown to New Delhi.

Earlier, the doctors said that his health is gradually improving, though his condition is not out of danger. Anurag is still on ventilator support at the Intensive Care Unit of the Medicity Hospital, one of the top private hospitals in Kathmandu.

He was on a mission to climb all 14 peaks above 8,000 metres and the seven highest points in all seven continents to create awareness and drive action towards achieving the UN Global Goals. He has been awarded REX Karam Veer Chakra and became the 2041 Antarctic Youth Ambassador from India.

### Welfare measures for police personnel

## DGP sanctions welfare loan of Rs.1.18 Crore

**JAMMU:** The Director General of Police J&K Shri Dilbag Singh has sanctioned over Rupees 1.18 crore welfare loan/relief in favour of 100 personnel to meet their immediate financial needs vide PHQ's order No.1423 of 2023. He has also sanctioned a welfare relief in favour of NOKs of 02 deceased police personnel.

Under this order, a welfare loan of Rs. one lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of 55 police personnel while as rupees 1.50 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of 31 police personnel to meet the expenses of their own marriage and marriage of their sons/daughters. 09 police personnel have been provided a welfare loan of Rs. 1.5 lakh each for higher/professional education of their wards.

Rupees one lakh each has been sanctioned in favor of

two police personnel for professional/higher education of their wards. Similarly, Rupees 50 thousand each has been sanctioned in favour of two police personnel for Mundan ceremony of their children.

While Rs. 50,000 has also been sanctioned in favour of one police personnel to meet the expenses of marriage of his sister. Besides, the DGP has sanctioned Rs. one lakh in favour of a daughter of a martyred head constable in connection with her marriage ceremony.

Meanwhile, The DGP under another order has sanctioned a special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each in favour of NOKs of HC Rakash Kumar, HC Naresh Kumar and SgCt Muzid Ahmad.

These personnel have passed away while in service.

# Man injured in firing by security forces in Rajouri

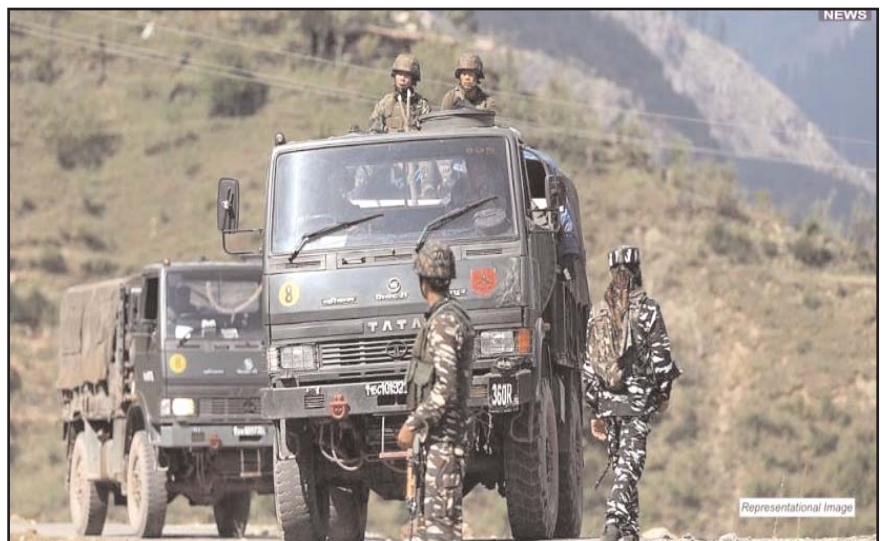
**RAJOURI:** A mentally challenged man was injured in a firing by security forces after they detected suspicious movement along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Tuesday, official sources said.

The incident took place near a key security establishment on the LoC in Kalal belt of Nowshera tehsil here, they said.

The injured, Anil Kumar, was loitering near the security establishment and paid no heed to

the repeated warnings by forces, the man started running and was shot in

Kumar was hospitalised and is reported to be in



they said.

On being chased by the

the foot and taken into custody, the sources said. stable condition, they said.

### Natrang felicitates Sunny Mujoo

**JAMMU:** Natrang felicitated Sunny Mujoo-A prominent dancer and choreographer for his contribution in the enrichment of traditional dance traditions of Jammu and Kashmir. The felicitations were done by Natrang Director Padmashree Balwant Thakur in an exclusive function at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu. He was joined by senior functionaries of Natrang which included Neeraj Kant, Anil Tickoo, Sanjeev Gupta, Pankaj Sharma and the new team of dancers and choreographers currently working with Natrang Jammu. Speaking on the occasion, Natrang Director Balwant Thakur said that this has always been an endeavor of Natrang to recognize versatile talents in various fields of performing arts and felicitate them so others also get inspired by such aspiring cultural activists.

Speaking about Sunny Mujoo, Balwant Thakur said that he is a witness to his performances in both the houses of British Parliament (UK) and historic Trafalgar square, London where he performed as the lead dancer showcasing the diverse dance traditions of Jammu and Kashmir before global audiences.

He is a multifaceted artist having worked immensely as an actor, model, dancer and a choreographer.

As a theatre artist, he achieved a lot of success. Fact remains that it was theatre which groomed him as an artist. He worked as a child artist with Song & Drama division. Further, he worked with other groups as an actor..

**SAMBA:** Senior Superintendent of Police Samba Benam Tosh today inaugurated J&K Police library at Purmandal at an impressive function which was attended by a large number of aspirants of various competitive exams, students of Govt. Degree College Purmandal, Govt. Higher Secondary School Purmandal, officers of civil & police administration, educationalists, PRIs and other prominent citizens. SSP Samba was accompanied by Additional SP Samba SurinderChoudhary, Deputy SP Garu Ram Bhardwaj and SHO Police Station Purmandal Vijay Verma.

This is the first comprehensive library established by J&K Police under CAP in Purmandal area of Samba district for the use of aspirants of IAS, IPS, JKAS, JKPS, UPSC, PSC, SSRB, NDA, CDS, Banking and other competitive exams. Library with full sitting and reading facilities having standard books of all subjects, magazines, globes, maps & standard dictionaries has been opened by police at world famous holy place of Purmandal on the bank of holy river Devika which is the center of several vil-



lages from educational/learning point of view.

DDC Purmandal Avtar Singh, Principal GDC Purmandal Raj Shri, ZEO Purmandal Rajinder Kumar, NaibTehsildar Purmandal Sardar Ali, Sarpanch Purmandal Joginder Paul Sharma, Sarpanch Deon Rashid M o h d . , SarpanchKharaMadana Upper Sunita Kumari, a n d SarpanchKharaMadana Lower Sunil Sharma were present on the occasion and thanked police for establishing library at Purmandal which would really be helpful for young generation to get through in various competitive exams and inspire them to pursue higher studies & stay away from drugs.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Samba Benam

Tosh congratulated the aspirants of various competitive exams, students, scholars and the public of Purmandal and adjoining villages on getting library which would go a long way in providing success in competitive exams, in creating curiosity to learn more & more and in grooming the personality/outlook of the users. SSP Samba further informed that police would organize anti-drug awareness programmes & other events in the areas of police station Purmandal and would also provide desks to the students shortly. Benam Tosh advised the students to stay away from the drugs and devote their energies towards studies, games and social service.

Vote of thanks was presented by Additional SP S a m b a SurinderChoudhary.



## Bravado, rhetoric and hyperbole hall mark of BJP Govt's nine years tenure: Bhalla

**JAMMU:** JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla Tuesday continued discussing present political situation in J&K and party affairs with grass root leaders in different areas of Bahu constituency as a part of his mass contact programme to mobilize public opinion against wrong policies of BJP Govt. The meeting discussed the current political situation, deliberations concentrated over the organisational affairs of the party besides the overall political situation including the preparedness & scenario about the forthcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla asked party cadre to unitedly fight the anti-people and anti-youth policies of the ruling BJP and defeat their divisive agenda in Jammu and Kashmir, to strengthen the party and gear up their activities keeping an eye on the forthcoming Assembly elections.

He asked leaders to concentrate in their respective areas and be amongst the people to highlight their problems. He appreciated local leaders and cadres for their struggle and commitment to fight against the communal and divisive forces in Jammu and Kashmir. Bhalla exhorted party leaders and workers to get united to fight the BJP's "wrong and anti-people policies," urging them to strengthen the Congress Party at grass roots, as that, it is the Congress Party which has served and shall continue to serve the people.

Bhalla criticized the misgovernance of the BJP Government due to which the common masses are feeling cheated. He blamed the Government for failing to tackle prices and making life difficult for the common man. "There is a significant increase in poverty and hunger, rule of falsehood and injustice in the country. Whoever

raises his or her voice has to bear the brunt of the Government's anger," he added. He observed that Governments are elected to ease the burden of people. The public grievances are mounting every day but BJP Government has remained unmoved. He said that public issues and grievances are piling up with the passage of every day but the Administration has failed to solve the basic issues.

He slammed BJP for dividing and downgrading the J&K into UT to serve its political agenda.

He said Congress Party is capable enough to fight against the BJP's vendetta politics, it will continue to highlight the price hike, rising unemployment, lack of development, misuse of agencies against the opponents at every appropriate forum to make BJP accountable and answerable to people.

Bhalla lashed out at the Central Govt for the

unprecedented price hike and record unemployment besides failing to address the grievances of people of J&K on every count after promising massive development in garb of their wrong policies in J&K.

Bhalla claimed that so far BJP rule has been of "mismanagement, immense despair and agony" and the country today stands at a stage where the common people are suffering from the wounds inflicted by the Government whereas Congress has been continuing its efforts to listen to grievances of aggrieved people in various areas of J&K.

He predicted a dark future for the country on the economic and social side and alleged that it was on the verge of seeing strife under the BJP-led NDA government. Bhalla also demanded a white paper on the government's employment strategy.

Launching a frontal attack on the NDA government for celebrating

ninth anniversary, Bhalla said the hallmark of this government in the last nine years has been of "bravado, rhetoric and hyperbole". "The future of this country is dark from the economic point of view and from the social point of view. The country had never been so undivided.

The country is on the verge of seeing strife in the future," he said. He said the last highlight of Modi government is "media management, propaganda, platitudes and acronyms" and asked people to bring a change in the politics.

Noting that the voter of the country is very intelligent, he said, "India needs a massive political change. This change in politics is not only going to reflect in the politics of today but the politics of tomorrow."

He said people do not want to hear speeches, but want to know the government's employment strategy based on hard facts of last nine years.

"How will jobs be created, by slogans?," he asked, adding that the Prime Minister promised two crore jobs "but what is the outcome?"

Bhalla claimed that in the last nine years, aspirations have been crushed and the nation betrayed. BJP government's 'Modi Fest', is it a celebration of people? Are farmers and youth celebrating?

Is the Industry celebrating?," he asked. Painting a pessimistic picture of the country on several fronts, he said that tall claim of 7.2 per cent GDP growth does not translate into jobs or wealth creation and asked what it translated into.

He said we are seeing disposable incomes in rural India going down, which generate demand in rural areas and that is the reason for the misery of the people. He stated that Congress party is the party which builds and saves the country and also brought freedom to the country.

## Doda Admin launches E-Kaksha under ADBHUT Doda initiative

**DODA**  
Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Vishesh Mahajan to-

labs available at DIET Complex.

The move will help to provide students of the

teachers on a big LED digital screen.

The DC, while speaking on the occasion, said

used for their career counselling by the reputed Career Counsellors, he said.

"To mitigate the deficiency of teaching staff, especially subject specific teachers we have launched e-Kaksha by engaging the teaching staff of the schools falling within the Doda Municipality area under ADBHUT Doda initiative," the DC said. He urged the teaching staff to bring the students on this platform to update their skills in the field of education and make them capable of competing with fellow students at UT and national level.

The officers present at the inaugural function of virtual school classes were CEO Parshotam Kumar Gouria; Principal DIET, Headmaster of Govt Middle School boys Doda, Teachers and the students.

**Army to have common uniform for all officers at Brigadier and above ranks from August 1**

**JAMMU:** In a major development, the Indian Army has decided to have a common uniform for all the officers at Brigadier and above ranks, aimed at promoting and strengthening a common identity and approach in service matters among the senior leadership.

It would come into effect from August 1. It must be noted that the officers at Brigadier level and above ranks, including Major General, Lt General and General do not have regimentation boundaries. Sources in the Indian Army said that the step would further reinforce the force's character to be a fair and equitable organisation.

They also added that the decision was taken after detailed deliberations during the recently concluded Army Commanders Conference in April this year with extensive consultations with all stakeholders.

How would the uniform be?

The headgear, shoulder rank badges, gorget patches, belts and shoes of senior officers of flag rank (Brigadier and above) will now be standardised and common. The flag-rank officers will now not wear any lanyards. The sources also added that there is no change to the uniform worn by Colonels and below-rank officers. It is pertinent to mention here that in the Indian Army, Brigadier and above officers are those who have already commanded units, and battalions and are mostly posted at headquarters and establishments where officers from all arms and services work and function together. "A standard uniform will ensure a common identity for all senior-rank officers while reflecting the true ethos of the Indian Army," sources said.



**day inaugurated E-Kaksha (Online Classes) to reach out to the students of far flung areas of the district with subject experts by using ICT**

far off schools education at par with students studying in the reputed institutions of the UT. On the occasion, a live demonstration of virtual class was given by the

that the virtual school (Online classes) is a digital platform developed to impart quality and inspiring education to the students of rural schools. The classes shall also be



# All Science Ministries to jointly observe 'National Technology Day': Dr Jitendra

**NEW DELHI:** Continuing with the trend initiated by him of holding joint meetings of different scientific streams in order to break the silos and evolve a synergistic integrated approach, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh chaired a high level joint meeting of Science Ministries and departments, including Science & Technology, Biotechnology, CSIR, Earth Sciences, Space and Atomic Energy, wherein the Minister said that this year all the Science Ministries and Departments will jointly observe "National Technology Day" on May 11th, 2023.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that

this is in keeping with the "whole of the government" approach suggested by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his increasing emphasis from time to time of



working in synergy and breaking silos between Ministries and Departments. Dr Jitendra Singh said that "National Technology Day", celebrated on 11th May in India, highlights the achievements of tech giants, researchers, and engineers in technology in our country.

This year, the focus theme of "National Technology Day" will be "Atal Tinkering

Labs", a pathbreaking initiative undertaken in 2016 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to create and promote innovation StartUps and entrepre-

neurship via intervention at the level of school and teaching institutions, in a bid to ignite the young minds.

The Minister emphasised that India has witnessed explosive growth in technological advancements in the past 9 years, thanks to the landmark reforms undertaken by the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

National Technology Day is the perfect occasion to acknowledge the effort of scientists and engineers as growth drivers, he said. Apart from review of the preparations for the National Technology Day to be observed on 11th May, the agenda of today's meet were discussion on Awards rationalisation, status update on the creation of Science Media Communication Cell (SMCC) and review of relaxation in age for technical staff for appointment in projects.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, once the Science Media Communication Cell (SMCC) comes into force, the success stories of all the departments must be compiled and disseminated to common people to create general awareness among all stakeholders about India's Scientific Prowess.

**DC Doda leads Blood donation; Inaugurates series of Awareness programmes; flags of awareness Rally**

**DODA:** To mark World Red Cross Day 2023, a series of activities were today held across the District Doda, including Blood donation camps, free Medical/ Consultation camps, Awareness programmes in the health and educational institutions, awareness Rallies, free eye screening camps and other activities. The theme of this year's World Red Cross Day is "Everything we do comes from the heart."

The main event was held in the Govt. Higher Secondary School (Boys) Doda to highlight the importance and activities of District Red Cross Society and role of Red Cross organisation in serving humanity across the globe. The day is also observed to pay tribute to Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross Society. Chairman District Red Cross Society, Vishesh Mahajan inaugurated the programme which witnessed debate and painting competitions, symposiums and speeches.

Vishesh Mahajan, also inaugurated blood donation camps at Associated Hospital GMC and Sub District Hospital Baderwah.

A free testing and consultation for Breast Cancer, organised by the American Oncology Institute in association with World Cancer Care, was also held in SDH Baderwah. The free medical/ consultation camp on breast cancer at Sub district Hospital Baderwah. ADC Bhadrwah Ch Dil Mir, Additional SSP Baderwah Kameshwer Puri, CMO Doda, Dr Hamid Zargar, BDC Chairpersons, DDC Councillors and others were also present.

A free Eye screening camp was also held at Associated Hospital GMC Doda on the day.

Earlier, the DC and other officers and participants participated and took the Red Cross pledge at GHSS Boys Doda. A rally of students on the Red Cross Day was also flagged off by DC, which passed throughout the Doda town and culminated back at Boys GHSS Doda.

Highlighting the importance of World Red Cross Day, the DC urged upon the youngsters to volunteer for the humane cause and develop in them the principles of universality, impartiality, love, care, and sympathy.

## Forest Department Kathua kick-starts month long LiFE Mission Campaign

**KATHUA:** Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, District Kathua, in collaboration with District Administration Kathua, organised an awareness rally here today as a part of one Month long "LiFE Mission Campaign-2023".

The rally was attended by about 300 participants consisting of students, Youth and staff of the Forest Department.

Speaking on the occasion, DFO Kathua, Khalid Amin Mehta & Wild Life Warden Kathua Vijay Kumar Verma, highlighted the "LiFE Mission Campaign" announced by the Prime minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi.

They said it focuses on bringing individual behaviors at the forefront of the global climate action narrative. They under-

lined that Mission LiFE inspires us to do all that can be done in our daily life to protect the environment and believes that the environment can be pro-



tected by making changes in our lifestyle.

All the participants were encouraged to contribute in the campaign with their

respective capacities by adopting simple changes in their life which eventually will have a positive effect on the health of the environment. Further, it

was informed that a month-long action plan has been formulated under the campaign wherein various activities shall be

organised throughout the district by all the wings of the Forest Department under the guidance of HODs of all the wings of Forest Department and under the overall supervision of Principal Secretary to Govt. Deptt. of Forest, Ecology & Environment.

A Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Pledge by committing to consciously participate in taking up the environmental lifestyle and inculcate long term environment- friendly habits was also taken by all the participants before the start of the rally.

The Vote of thanks was given by DFO Billawar Vivek Modi.

The programme was attended by Munish Bhardwaj DFO Social Forestry, Kathua and other officers/ officials of all the wings of the Forest Department.



## DRCC Kulgam celebrates World Red Cross day; organizes blood donation camp

**KULGAM:** *The District Red Cross Committee (DRCC) Kulgam today celebrated the World Red Cross Day 2023 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross Movement, Sir Jean Henry Dunant.*

The theme for this year's World Red Cross Day was 'Everything we do come from the heart' and the main function was held at the mini-secretariat Kulgam which was presided over by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, Viqar Ahmed Girri.

Tehsildar Hq and other officers attended the programme, besides students

from various educational institutions also participated and highlighted the importance of the day. Speaking on the occasion,



sion, the ADC highlighted the historical background of the Red Cross and Red cross movement which is a global humanitarian net-

work that operates in nearly every country around the world and provides assistance and support to those in need

during emergencies, disasters, conflicts and other crises. He said that the movement works to alleviate human suffering,

protect human dignity and promote peace, health and well-being.

He added that the celebration of the day must ignite commitment to work for the betterment and welfare of the people and we all shall be ready to extend our help and support to the people in need around us.

Tehsildar Hq, presented a brief on account of Red Cross society Kulgam for the year 2022 and the assistance provided during the year 2022 under Red Cross.

Meanwhile, a blood donation camp was also organized at mini-secretariat in which employees and media persons donated blood.

## Indian Red Cross Society, J&K celebrates 'World Red Cross Day'

**SRINAGAR:** *The Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu and Kashmir chapter and its allied Regional and District units today celebrated the 'World Red Cross Day-2023' to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross Movement, Sir Jean Henry Dunant.*

The theme for this year's 'World Red Cross Day' was 'Everything we do comes #fromtheheart'.

The main function was held at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Kothibagh Srinagar. Qazi Sarwar, Additional Commissioner, Kashmir was Chief Guest of the event and Shams Ud Din Bhat, Joint Director, School Education Department was the Guest of Honour.

Members of the Managing committee of IRCS, former Secretaries of IRCS and different Heads of Departments, representatives of various NGOs, Life members, staff, and volunteers of the Red Cross attended the function.

In his address, the Chief Guest, Qazi Sarwar highlighted the role of the Red

Cross Movement during disasters. He said, "today's world is in a state of constant upheaval and permanent crisis, but whatever the problem – a natural hazard like fires, earthquakes, floods etc, the climate crisis, conflict



or migration – Red Cross staff and volunteers are visible ambassadors for peace and solidarity and active players in shaping the future of our communities and countries.

He said in these trying times, their commitment and dedication, as first responders and local actors, to alleviating human suffering remains strong and powerful.

Kifayat Hussain Rizvi, Former General Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu and Kashmir in his address said, World Red Cross Day is the day to recognize the work of our volunteers

and staff who are on the frontline responding to the growing needs of communities affected by the disasters.

He said they show kindness and solidarity around the globe and provide hope and dignity in

the midst of despair. The incredible spirit of our volunteers during this crisis is not only a cause for admiration but also a source of inspiration for others to get involved too, he added.

Mohammad Shafi Rather, Managing Committee Member and Former Honorary General Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu and Kashmir lauded the efforts of the Red Cross during disasters. In his address, he said that Red Cross volunteers are always at the forefront during disasters and there was a need to strengthen

the movement in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rather also lauded the efforts of various NGOs, Religious organisations who actively reach out to the people with immediate help during disasters, emergencies and exigencies.

Earlier, welcoming the Chief Guest and other participants, G.A. Qureshi, Honorary Treasurer, Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu and Kashmir said that 'World Red Cross Day' is a time to celebrate the spirit of humanitarianism and recognize the individuals who make a difference in their communities.

He said this year's theme focuses on foregrounding the volunteers of the Red Cross and their contribution to society. The description of the theme is to highlight the universal, human, and diverse aspects of the Red Cross Movement by focusing on volunteers and their involvement within communities.

On this occasion, a Painting Competition was also organized which was attended by participants from various schools of the city.

## Div Com Kashmir chair meeting regarding Army Recruitment in Srinagar

**SRINAGAR:** *The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today chaired a meeting of Civil Administration Officers and Officers of Indian Army from Chinara Corps for coordination regarding the conduct of the Indian Army Recruitment Rally scheduled to be held at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar in Jun 2023.*

Army Recruiting Office, Srinagar had recently announced the completion of the online common entrance exam as the first filter in the modified recruitment procedure for recruitment into the Indian Army under the Agnipath Scheme.

The meeting was also attended by Mohammad Aijaz Asad, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, representatives from the Police Department, Traffic Police Department, JK SED, JK BOSE, JK BOTE, JK Sports Council, Medical, PWD officers from the civil administration side and Officers of the Chinara Corps and Army Recruiting Office, Srinagar from the Indian Army side. While chairing the meeting, Div Com assured of all support from the civil administration for the smooth conduct of the recruitment rally which will serve as a great employment opportunity to the youth of Kashmir in the Indian Army which epitomizes the glorious tradition in nation building. Meanwhile, Div Com directed concerned departments to make adequate security arrangements and other necessary requirements to facilitate the aspirants and the agency.

## Mother's Recipe unveils its summerwala sharbat campaign with a new tagline 'Swad Jo Dilaye Bachhpan ki yaad'

**JAMMU**

Sharbat, the sweet and refreshing drink has the power to bring back memories of childhood. The tradition of having sharbat in summer always strikes nostalgia. In Indian households, making sharbat is a family affair, with everyone pitching in to help prepare the drink. Grandmothers are often the ones who pass down their traditional recipes and techniques for making sharbat. In the summer season, tea gets replaced with sharbat while welcoming guests. Sharbats are offered as a thirst quencher to beat the scorching summer heat. As the temperatures rise and people begin to seek out refreshing drinks to quench their thirst, Mother's Recipe, one of India's leading food brands has launched a DVC campaign for its newly launched Summerwala Sharbat.

This delicious and refreshing range of Mother's Recipe sharbat is perfect for those hot summer days. We have all seen our mothers indulging in the process of making khus, aam panna and many other drinks at home. Whether we returned from school or came back from playing, or it was a special occasion or a family gathering, one thing common for the summer season was the cooling, refreshing sharbat. With the concept of reminiscing childhood memories, Mother's Recipe has replicated the same in their latest DVC for Summerwala Sharbat.



## Doda Police organized a marathon for the students of Bhaderwah Town

### DODA

**As a part of ongoing series of events under Civic Action Programme (CAP)-2022-23, Doda Police today on 10th of May-2023, organized "Run for Unity Marathon" in which students of various schools of Bhaderwah town participated**

The Marathon was organized by Addl. SP Bhaderwah Sh. Kameshwar Puri under the guidance of SSP Doda Shri Abdul Qayoom-JKPS. The purpose of organizing this event was to spread the message of unity, brotherhood, awareness on cyber crime with special focus

to give awareness against drugs and its hazardous effects in the society.

society and can play effective role in eradicating the evils from the society.

/officials of Civil /Police Administration, Addl. DC Bhaderwah Sh. Dalmir Choudhary,



The participants were informed that it has been endeavour of Doda Police to organize various programmes under Civic Action Programme in which mostly youth are involved as the youth is the backbone of the

The Marathon concluded with refreshment to the participating students besides Medals, Mementos and Appreciation Certificates were also given to the participating students.

Among other officers

Tehsildar Bhaderwah Sh. Shoket Hayat Mattoo, BDO Bhaderwah Sh. Sunil Kumar, SDPO Bhaderwah Sh. Vaseem Mehmood, Inspector Jatinder Singh Rakwal SHO PS Bhaderwah was also present.

**GDC Bhaderwah organises Swachtha Abhiyan with active participation of 100 students**

**BHADERWAH:** Government Degree College (GDC) Bhaderwah- NSS Unit today conducted Swachtha Abhiyan (Cleanliness Drive) within the college Campus under the guidance of the College Principal Prof. (Dr) Kuldeep Kumar Sharma. Program Officer of NSS, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed led the initiative which witnessed active participation from around 100 students.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed highlighted the significance of maintaining a green campus as a stepping stone towards sustainable development. Considering Jammu and Kashmir's participation in the G20, GDC Bhaderwah has undertaken the responsibility of making its campus plastic-free and promoting environmental consciousness. In this regard, the NSS is organizing lectures and discussions to foster awareness among the students.

During the event, the NSS Unit's Program Officer revealed a comprehensive action plan that will be implemented in the future. Both the faculty members and students enthusiastically pledged to combat littering and manage waste effectively within the college campus. The cleanliness drive was spearheaded by eminent faculty members, including Prof Pinky Kotwal, Prof Sanjay Kumar, Dr. Nazar Ul Islam, Prof Deep Chand and others. Their active involvement alongside the students served as a source of inspiration for everyone present.

The NSS Unit's Swachtha Abhiyan at GDC Bhaderwah exemplifies the college's commitment towards creating a cleaner and greener environment. By instilling the values of cleanliness and sustainable development, the college aims to contribute to the greater vision of a healthier and more vibrant society.

## Samba admin launches major crackdown against illegal mining

*14 vehicles seized, 16 vehicles fined on spot, Rs 3 lakh penalty compounded in one week: Officials*

**SAMBA:** On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Samba Abhishek Sharma the Geology and Mining Department has intensified its efforts to crack the whip on illegal mining of minor minerals by laying round the clock Nakas in several areas of Samba district.

During the exercise, DMO Samba, M Sayeed and team seized dozens of minor mineral laden vehicles in different parts of the District.

During the crackdown, around 30 vehicles including 10 dumpers, 18 tractor trolleys and 2 JCB machines were seized and penalized.

Besides a fine of Rs 3

lakh has been compounded, this includes the vehicles apprehended by Samba Police.

sources only and stay away from illegal mining practices.

The District administra-

thorized transportation of minerals and people involved in the illegal trade shall not be spared, said a senior officer.

The drive was conducted in continuation to the administration's tough stance against illegal mining in the district.

The locals were also asked to alert the administration of all illegal mining activities so that strict action could be initiated against those involved.

Meanwhile, authorities have urged general public to purchase the minor minerals (construction material) from the legal vendors on notified Government rates through online mode with assured service deliverance within the given time frame.



The departmental team asked drivers to purchase minerals from legal

minerals from legal mining and unau-



## DC Rajouri reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission schemes

**RAJOURI:** Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting to review the progress under the Jal Jeevan Mission in the district.

Officers who attended the meeting were CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; SE Hydraulics, Bhram Jyoti Sharma; EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; EXEN Jal Shakti Nowshera, Vipin Kumar and other concerned officers.

The meeting was informed that out of the 293

approved JJM schemes, sioner emphasized on lines for completion of all work for 291 schemes maintaining quality of projects under JJM. have been allotted and work, timely completion The meeting was aimed



construction of 129 of projects and close supervision.

schemes is already in progress. The laying of the supply pipe network has been progressing well, with 980 km of pipes already laid against the target of 13520 KMs.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized on strict adherence to time-

at ensuring that the Jal Jeevan Mission is implemented effectively in the district so that the people in rural areas have access to safe and adequate drinking water, which is essential for their health and well-being.

## 2 Day Handloom & Craft Exhibition cum Sale organised in Poonch

**DC asks to connect local artisans with online platforms**

**POONCH:** A two day exhibition cum sale is organised by Handloom and Handicrafts Department Poonch today on Wednesday.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary at Pritam Park Poonch.

The exhibition aims to promote the local crafts of the area and provide a platform to the artisans to showcase their craftsmanship and skills.

The program also aims to generate awareness amongst the masses regarding various beneficiary schemes being run by the department. The event received overwhelming

response from the general public at large.

The programme was organised under the overall

The AD Handloom informed that a total of 42 shawls were sold with a Revenue generation of



supervision of Assistant Director, Handicrafts /Handloom Poonch, Shazia Rehman. 21300 and several products of chikhri wood were also sold out.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed upon the

department to make these products commercially viable and to connect the local artisans with online platforms like Myntra, Amazon etc.

He also shared the ideas to modernize the craft.

He appreciated the department for the efforts put in to promote the craft sector in Poonch.

He also interacted with Weavers and Artisans registered with the department.

Local art and craft has huge potential to generate employment for the youth as well as self help groups/cooperatives, he further added.

## DC Udhampur holds public outreach camp at Tikri under Block Diwas program

**UDHAMPUR:** Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaishya today conducted an extensive tour of Block Tikri of District Udhampur and listened to public issues and demands at Panchayat Ghar Tikri as part of Weekly Block Diwas program.

BDC Chairperson, Nisha Sharma; DDC Councillor, Ashu Sharma, Sarpanches, Panches besides a large number of general public hailing from adjoining panchayats projected scores of demands and problems being faced by them.

They demanded water supply augmentation under JJM scheme, release of pending liabilities under 14th FC, Establishment of Anganwadi centre, Repair of solar lights, installation of Hand pumps, Scarcity of drinking water, Opening of Sewing centre, Construc-



tion of Boundary walls, Construction of Panchayat Ghar, Construction and Black topping of various roads, road connectivity, Construction Foot Bridge over NH, inclusion of area on tourism map, Uninterrupted power supply in the area, Installation of mobile towers, Appointment of JE post, etc.

The DC gave a patient hearing to the demands and problems raised by the PRIs and general public and passed on-spot directions for redressal of their grievances at the earliest. He directed the officers to take first hand appraisal of all the grievances of PRIs and redress them on priority.

The DC redressed many grievances on the spot by passing directions to the concerned officers. He stressed upon the officers to work with dedication and sincerity and redress genuine grievances of the people pertaining to their respective departments within the specified time frame. BDC Chairman, DDC member and general public presented a detailed memorandum of demands to the DC and thanked for organizing the public outreach camp in the area.

## Awareness Rallies on Women Empowerment

## Director Libraries hails successful conduct of programme

**Thanks RRRLF, SED, Heads of Participating Educational Institutions**

**SRINAGAR:** Expressing great satisfaction over the smooth and successful conduct of Awareness rallies on "Women Empowerment" by various educational institutions across J&K, Director, Libraries & Research, Mohammad Rafi has hailed the cooperation extended by the Directors of School Education Kashmir/Jammu, officers of the School Education Department and the heads of the participating educational institutions.

The Director Libraries also hailed the contribution of I/C Librarians and the staff of District Libraries of Srinagar, Anantnag, Budgam, Pulwama and Kathua for effectively coordinating with the concerned educational institutions in their respective districts to ensure successful conduct of the programme.

The Director Libraries has extended sincere thanks to Prof A P Singh, Director General, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata

and his staff for their consistent support not only towards upgradation and expansion of Library infrastructure in J&K, but also actively involving J&K's Libraries Department in various activities sponsored by RRRLF.

Pertinently, a series of awareness rallies of students on Women Empowerment were organized by various educational institutions across J&K on 8/9 May 2023 to commemorate 250th birth anniversary of Raja Rammohun

Roy, the father of Modern India.

These rallies were jointly organized by the Department of Libraries & Research, J&K and the School Education Department, J&K under the aegis of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Ministry of Culture, Govt of India.

In Kashmir division major rallies were organized by the students of Govt Higher Secondary School, Humhama Budgam; Govt Girls Higher

Secondary Institution, Chana-pora, Srinagar; Govt Model Girls Higher Secondary School Ranibagh, Anantnag and Govt Higher Secondary School Nehama Pulwama. In Jammu an impressive rally was organized at District Library Kathua.

The Director Libraries said that the Department would continue to engage with various stakeholders to conduct various activities on community engagement through Public Libraries.



# Kisan Sampark Abhiyan Phase-III concludes in Ramban district

## Witnesses massive participation of farmers

**RAMBAN:** The 3rd Phase of Farmers' Orientation Programme 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) witnessed a huge participation of the farmers in all the eleven blocks of district Ramban. The campaign ended today at a positive note as an overwhelming response was received from the farming community in all 11 blocks of the district.

Farmers of different sectors, including Agriculture, horticulture, farming, dairy sector and poultry, besides officers from Agriculture and allied de-

partments and PRIs attended the programme. Villagers turned up in large numbers and showed keen interest in learning the projects of HADP and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

District Nodal Officer, Dr. Suhail Kawoosa informed that as many as 1158 farmers were registered during the three day programme across 11 blocks of the district. He said that the programme is aimed at reaching out to farmers and educating them about the latest agricultural practices and technology.

Audiovisuals (AVs) aids helped in disseminating the information at the grass root level about various government spon-

sored schemes meant for the welfare of the farmers in various sectors like Pisciculture, Sericulture etc. People were made aware regarding the



Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture, Apiculture, schemes in vogue in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sericulture,

Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and Horticulture.

The resource person from Agriculture and allied departments briefed the farmers regarding the schemes. Threadbare discussions and Question Answer sessions were held in every panchayat.

Informative booklets in English Urdu and Hindi containing information about the schemes of HADP were distributed among the participants.

Moreover, farmers were also made aware about Daksh Kisan (online learning portal for skill development) and Kisan Sathi (IT Dashboard) portals regarding the digitalisation of various services/schemes. The PRI members present at the occa-

sion lauded the efforts of the departments for educating the farmers regarding the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan of their respective panchayats. Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Islam appreciated the stakeholders department for successfully culminating the 3rd phase of Farmer Orientation Programme 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) across 11 blocks of the district.

He also said that the Government has launched a number of schemes and programs for the welfare of the farmers and urged them to avail the benefits of the same.

### PSPS Govt College for Women hosts Training Workshop on 'Effective Communication & Leadership'

**JAMMU:** Department of English, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, in collaboration with ELFA International, hosted a one-day Training Workshop on "Effective Communication and Leadership" here today.

Around 85 students from different departments of the College participated in the said workshop. The Resource Person for the Workshop was Mr. Mehran Khan, a renowned International Humanitarian Activist and a Development Practitioner.

Dr. Jyoti Dutt, the HOD English extended the formal welcome to the Principal of the College, Resource Person along with his team from ELFA International- Sajad Mir, Regional Coordinator; Anjali Anand, Project Coordinator and Fatima Khan, Mobilization Officer and student participants. She further highlighted the objective of such meaningful workshops from which students can benefit themselves in practical usage

of language.

The engaging activities during the workshop helped participants to learn communication effectively, build stronger relationships and lead teams to success. The workshop also covered a variety of topics including communication styles, active listening, non-verbal communication, conflict resolution and leadership skills that shall help the learners to wade through the adversities of life.

The College Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan, in her address encouraged the students to be part of such workshops to meet the modern parameters of language and communication skills to get into the mainstream. She also congratulated the organizing Committee for taking such initiatives which is the need of the hour.

The workshop was jointly organised by Prof. Bindu Sharma, Prof. Neelam Thapa, Dr. Kiran Kalra, Dr. Nidhi Choudhary, Prof. Suman Bala, Dr. Sheweta Magotra and Dr. Fayaz Ahmed.

## Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote Road Project

### DDC visits Atti to address alignment issues

**RAJOURI:** District Development Commissioner (DDC) Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today visited Atti to address the pressing alignment issues related to the Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road.

The DDC was accompanied by DDC Member Rajouri, Sain Abdul Rashid; SDM Thanamandi, Vikas Dhar; Assistant Commissioner Defence, Saleem Qureshi; Tehsildar Thanamandi, Sahil Shah and concerned officers from BRO.

During the visit, the DDC interacted with the public and listened to

their concerns. He assured them that their genuine issues would be resolved and directed the concerned officers to take



appropriate measures. Additionally, he appealed to the public to amicably resolve any issues that would impede the completion of the vital project.

He said that the road is a

crucial project of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) that connects the border district of Rajouri to the Mughal road.

The widening of the existing road will significantly reduce traffic congestion and journey time, and will also play a major role in boosting the local economy of the area, he

said.

"The district administration is committed to complete the prestigious Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road project at the earliest," he said and sought the cooperation of the public.

The DDC also took stock of the progress on the road and directed the concerned departments to expedite the completion where work has been started, while maintaining quality standards.

The DDC directed the SDM Thanamandi, AC Defence and tehsildar concerned to get the issues resolved at the earliest.

## Rajouri: DDC Vice Chairman, DDC kick start work on Kanyal Gali to Nagali Kass road project

**RAJOURI:** Vice Chairman District Development Council Rajouri, Shabir Khan, in presence of District Development Commissioner (DDC), Vikas Kundal, today inaugurated the construction work of the Kanyal Gali to Nagali Kass road.

The 5 KM road project has been approved under NABARD RIDF XXVIII, with an estimated cost of Rs 7.41 crore. The road will benefit the villages of Kakora, Naili, Gurdhan Bala, Kanyal, Dupri, Kote, and Kalsan. Chief planning Officer, Mohd Khurshid; EXN PWD,

Sardar Khan and other officials of PWD and Local PRI were also present.

The DDC expressed satisfaction that the project had finally come to fruition. He emphasized that the construction of this road would have a significant impact on the economic development of the area, as it will provide better connectivity to remote villages, making it easier for people to travel to markets and other urban areas. The project was approved under the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Rural In-

frastructure Development Fund (RIDF) XXVIII, which aims to improve rural infrastructure and promote sustainable rural development. The DDC thanked NABARD for supporting the district's efforts to improve rural infrastructure.

The DDC directed the concerned officials to ensure that the construction work is carried out with utmost quality and within the stipulated time frame.

He urged the contractors to complete the project within the given deadline so that the public can avail of

the benefits of this vital infrastructure project as soon as possible.

"The construction of this road will improve the lives of people living in the remote villages of Rajouri by providing better connectivity and access to markets, education, healthcare, and other essential services," said DDC.

He also reiterated that the district administration is committed to the timely completion of this project, and all necessary measures will be taken to ensure that the work is completed on time.



## DC Kishtwar listens to people's issues at Bonjwah; Attends Kisan Sampark Abhiyan

**KISHTWAR:** Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav, along with a team of District and sectoral Officers conducted an extensive tour of Block Bonjwah the other day to take appraisal of various developmental works and listened to the grievances of the locals at various places. The DC also presided over the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan programme there.

After listening to the grievances of people, he redressed many on spot in consultation with concerned officers besides assuring timely redressal of other grievances.

He was accompanied by ACD, Kishtwar Sunil Bhutyal; DSWO Zubair Ahmed; ExEn PMGSY, Mohinder Kumar; Ex En PHE, Sunil Sharma besides concerned Officers and officials of RDD, Revenue and other line departments. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for estab-

lishing a Model Library at GHSS Binoon like that of Kishtwar Reading Hub (24\*7 Library) which will be extremely beneficial for the students of Block Bounjwah.

up-gradation of public facilities.

The Deputy Commissioner also issued directives to the concerned officers to prioritize the repair of lanes and

tions. He further directed the PMGSY authorities to start the second stage of construction on the Patnazi Road without delay.

During his visit to Kewa, the Deputy Commis-



He instructed the CEO and the Principal GHSS Binoon to formulate a plan proposal for the repair of the institution under appropriate schemes.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner asked the RDD authorities to ensure prescribed quality and component ratio in the MGNREGA works and also adhere to the guidelines with regard to the

drainage systems in different locations, including the lane & drain at FPS Godown and retaining wall of GHSS Binoon under MGNREGA.

During inspection of the Dunadi-Bonjwa Road, the Deputy Commissioner issued stringent directives to the PMGSY authorities to expedite the pending and allied works, including the culvert construction at various intersec-

sioner assessed the feasibility for construction of a Block-level Waste Segregation Plant and identified suitable land for the same.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner presided over Kissan Sampark Abhiyan programme at Panchayat Binoon, where the farmers were sensitized about various schemes aimed at promoting agricultural growth and development.

## Deputy Commissioner approves Civil Defence plan 2023-24 for Rajouri District

**RAJOURI:** Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today approved the Civil Defence plan for the year 2023-24 here at a meeting after a comprehensive discussion with the officers of the Civil Defence department.

The meeting was highly productive as it focused on enhancing the safety and security of the residents of the district.

There are currently 220 volunteers in the district with majority of them in Rajouri, Nowshera and Sundarbani towns. The Deputy Commissioner

also reviewed the availability of crucial equipment and other tools used

The Deputy Commissioner also advised officers to utilize the services

department.

The meeting was attended by Additional



for rescue during natural calamities.

He emphasized the need to organize awareness camps at the village level, especially in border towns.

To increase the manpower, the department was asked to focus on inducting new volunteers.

of volunteers for spreading awareness about the drug menace and educating the public about its harmful effects.

The Deputy Commissioner encouraged all residents to participate in the awareness camps and consider volunteering with the Civil Defence de-

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Rajeev Khajuria; District Information officer Rajouri, Narinder Kumar; DySP Civil Defence, Jabeen Lone; Chief Warden Civil Defence Rajouri, K K Langer and other officials of Civil Defence Department.

## ADDC Kishtwar reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission projects

**KISHTWAR:** Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kishtwar, Sham Lal today chaired a meeting here in his office to review the progress of work on Water Supply Schemes (WSS) taken up under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The meeting was attended by ExEN PHE, Sunil Sharma; Coordinator DPMU, Vishal Singh; District Head TPQI, Jagjeet Singh, besides AEES, JES of all PHE sub-divisions of the district.

During the meeting, the officials informed the chair that out of the 129 tendered water supply schemes, 90 works have been allotted, while work on 60 Water Supply Schemes is in full swing.

The chair directed ExEN PHE Sunil Sharma to start work on additional 15 schemes within a week's time.

The meeting discussed various bottlenecks hampering the progress of WSS under JJM, and the concerned quarters were issued directions to remove the encumbrances immediately to ensure timely completion of the WSS.

To fast-track the implementation of JJM in the district, the chair informed the officials that regular review meetings would be conducted and the next meeting would be held on May 18. The officials were directed to ensure the submission of action taken on the deliberations made in today's meeting. The progress on the establishment of Jal Shakti Kendra in the district was also taken up in the meeting. The ADDC directed the officials to ensure the establishment of the Kendra within a week's time, so that a knowledge and technical guidance center is established and linked with a helpline number for public ease. Overall, the meeting was productive, and the officials were urged to work diligently to ensure the successful implementation of JJM in the district.