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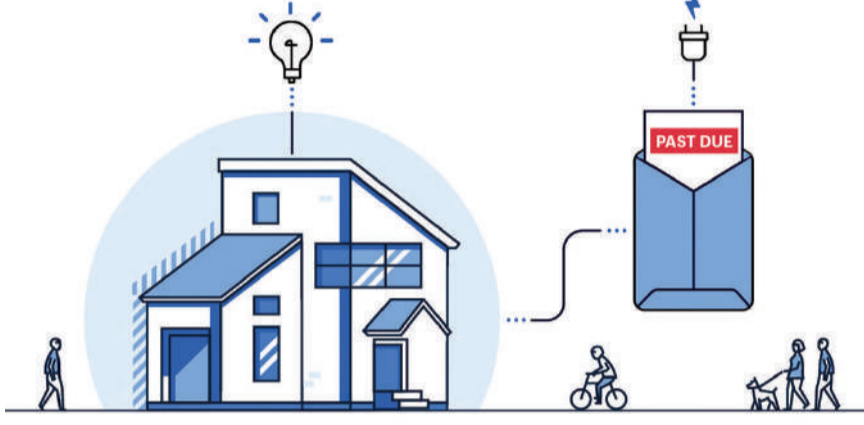
My brother HH @MohamedBinZayed has not only graced the @VibrantGujarat Summit but also spoke at the Summit. His remarks were extremely encouraging. India cherishes his thoughts and his efforts to boost India-UAE ties.

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7 Out Of 8 Seats Of JKPSC Members Lying Vacant

SRINAGAR: With the retirement of Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) member Zubair Ahmed Raza, seven out of eight seats in the JKPSC are now vacant. Tariq Ahmad Khan, a former Director General of Planning, remains the sole active member and is also due to retire soon. The commission, operating without a chairman since November last year, has halted the recruitment process. Since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 •P-06

Action Needed MD KPDCL Warns Of Disconnection Over Unpaid Bills

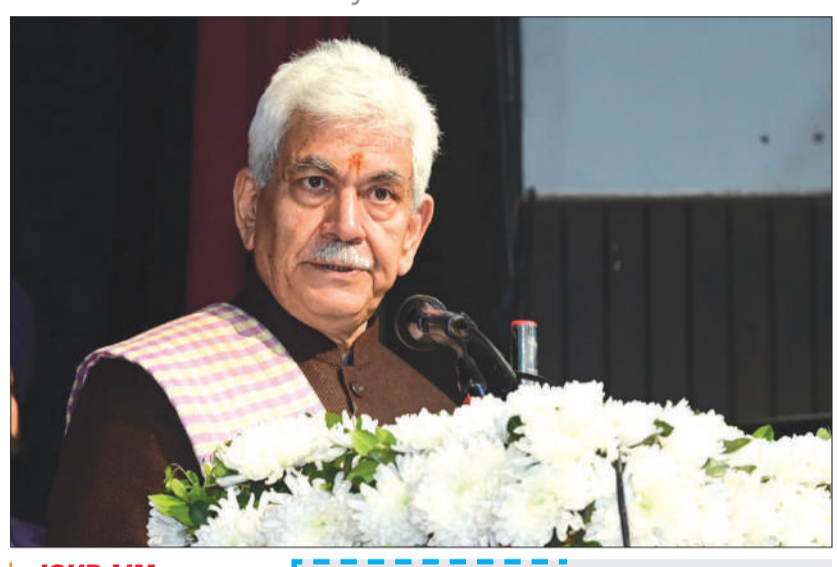


SRINAGAR: Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Musarat Islam, Wednesday urged consumers to clear their outstanding balance on account of electricity dues, failing which KPDCL shall be left with no option but to further accelerate its disconnection drives as warranted under Section 56 of the Electricity Act. He further stated that smart meter consumers with arrears are being automatically disconnected if they do not pay their pending power bills. Expressing serious concern over huge default figures in domestic, commercial and industrial categories, the MD stated that revenue realized on account of clearance of pending bills shall enable KPDCL to have enough resource availability for power purchase which will be critical for providing reliable supply. The MD also said that huge default figures are taking a toll on the financial health of the Corporation as it would impact the fund flow under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), which is aimed at transforming the LT Distribution Network in Kashmir Division. •P-06

Terrorism Counting Its Last Breath In Kashmir: LG Sinha

Says Will Soon Finish Terror Ecosystem From The Soil

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Wednesday said the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory has improved significantly and terrorism is taking its last breath here. "Terrorism is breathing its last breath and we will soon finish terror ecosystem from the soil of J&K. Peace and development has brought qualitative change in people's lives and standard of living," the Lt Governor said while attending the Abhinandan Samaroh organised by All Minority Employees Association of Kashmir at Abhinav Theatre. Reiterating the commitment of the J&K Administration towards the well-being of minority employees, the LG said that the administration is sensitive in addressing all their concerns through the established institutional mechanism. The Lt Governor said the administration is sensitive to the needs and aspirations of every section of the society. Our aim is to fulfill the dreams of the common man, provide new heights of success to people's aspirations and every person needs to be empowered to contribute in developed India, he said. He said the UT •P-06



'OUR AIM to fulfill the dreams of the common man'
'J&K LAND of almost all major religions known to humankind'
'RESPECT for all religions has enriched cultural heritage'

LG Participates In 'Block Diwas' Programme In Jammu

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Wednesday participated in Block Diwas, a public outreach programme of J&K UT Administration, at Bhalwal. Congratulating people for overwhelming response on Block Diwas, the Lt Governor said the Jan-Bhagidari campaign to strengthen participatory governance is empowering citizens, generating awareness about responsibilities and ensuring accountability of officers in administration. He called upon every section of the society to take initiative with dedication and determination to make their panchayat clean, liveable •P-06

IGP Stresses On People-Friendly, Transparent Policing

SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Zone V. K Birdi Wednesday visited Police District Awantipora where he inspected Police Station Tral and Police Post Arupal and held a detailed interaction with the Police personnel. DIG SKR Anantnag •P-06

'India, UAE Aim To Take Bilateral Trade To \$100 Billion'

GANDHINAGAR: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said that India and UAE aspire to expand their bilateral trade to \$100 billion. He also highlighted efforts that were underway to facilitate rupee-dirham trade. Addressing the UAE India Business Summit at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, the minister invited investors to participate in India's growth story that was backed with a demographic advantage of a young, aspirational population. Goyal said that both the countries were looking for newer propositions from industry and business to further enhance their partnership. •P-06

India To Become World's 3Rd Largest Economy By 2027-28: Sitharaman

GANDHINAGAR: India will become the world's third-largest economy by 2027-28, with its GDP surpassing \$5 trillion during that period, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Wednesday at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit. The estimate that India will be at least a \$30 trillion economy by 2047 is a conservative estimate, the Finance Minister said. "We are not only aiming to become a \$30 trillion economy by 2047, but also aim to ensure inclusive growth," she explained. She emphasized that the nation's goal extends beyond achieving economic milestones, with a commitment to fostering inclusive growth in the long term. The finance minister said India has received USD •P-06

'Only 15% Of Govt Teachers Trained For Computer-Aided Teaching'

SRINAGAR: In Jammu and Kashmir only 15 percent of teachers in government-run schools are trained to use computers as a medium of teaching—raising a question on upgrading the quality of education in the public institutions. According to the official figures accessed, among the total number of teaching staff in Jammu and Kashmir, only 26,180 teachers were trained in use of computers and teaching through the means. The official figures reveal that the department of School Education was having a strength of 1,67,000 teachers across the region out of which only 26,180 teachers were trained in use of computers. At pre-primary level only, the official figures reveal that only 2037 concerned teachers were able to impart education through computers. Similarly, at primary school, a total of 8934 teachers were trained to teach students through the medium of computers. Likewise, at upper •P-06

Dry Spell Kashmir Parts Witness Unexpected Rise In Day Temp



SRINAGAR: The unexpected rise in the maximum temperature amidst the ongoing prolonged dry spell is a cause of concern for everyone as the summer capital of Jammu & Kashmir has been witnessing warmer days than the outside states with experts claiming that it will have serious repercussions in the future. The Meteorological department (MeT) here has informed that Srinagar has recorded above 7-8 degree Celsius and 6-7 degree Celsius day temperatures respectively on Tuesday and Wednesday. As per the data, the national capital Delhi and other places including Chandigarh and Jammu are witnessing colder days than Srinagar. Director MeT, said that the maximum temperature has recorded a rise in Srinagar and a few other parts, which will continue till January 20. "Such a temperature during the day is a cause of concern as it will certainly end up in water scarcity and other related issues in the times to come," he said. Dr Muhammad Muslim, an environmentalist, who is also Assistant Professor at Kashmir University's Environmental Sciences department, told KNO said that it will surely have an impact as the winter season is known as the recharging period, but the •P-06

Hajj Applicants Appeal for Deadline Extension SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: Several Hajj aspirants in Kashmir on Wednesday appealed to the government to extend the deadline for the submission of online applications as they cited that their passports are currently under process. Notably, the Hajj Committee of India (HCI) has invited online applications from eligible candidates interested in serving as Trainers to provide Orientation/Training for the selected pilgrims of Haj-2024 (Hijri-1445), with the deadline for submission set at January 15. Hajj aspirants expressed the need for an extension of the deadline for online applications saying their passports are still in process, and there is a possibility they might not receive them by the on the cutoff date. "I have completed all the necessary procedures and even underwent verification. But my passport is still pending," said Mohammad Ayuob, a Srinagar resident. "The delay in passport processing is causing concern; an extension in the application deadline would provide much-needed relief," he said. "Passport renewal for •P-06

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No DT presently damaged in ED II Srinagar: KPDCL

MD visits Divisional Workshop, reviews buffer stock

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Mussarat Islam, Wednesday inspected Divisional Workshop of Electric Division (ED) II, Srinagar at Huzuribagh and obtained a firsthand appraisal about replacement of damaged transformers.



December 2023, down from 62 in the corresponding period in 2022. In January so far, only 5 DTs have been reported damaged and all have been replaced within the stipulated timeline fixed by the Government.

While visiting 3x6.3MVA Receiving Station and Billing Centre of S/D Huzuribagh, the MD appreciated the KPDCL staff and urged upon them to increase the billing and collection efficiency and maintaining the momentum of inspection and disconnection drives in the Electric Division.

The MD also appreciated the improvement in revenue realisation in Electric Division II and hoped that targets fixed by the Government will be achieved.

Transformer (DT) is presently damaged in Electric Division II and all damaged DTs have been repaired at

the workshop. He was further informed that only 34 DTs were damaged in the month of

Minga Sherpa assumes charge as DC Baramulla

Chairs introductory meeting with the district officers

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BARAMULLA: Minga Sherpa, a 2017 batch IAS officer, Wednesday took over the charge as Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, relieving incumbent Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sehrish Asgar for her new assignment.

Dr. Sehrish handed over the charge to Minga Sherpa in a ceremony held at the DC Office, Baramulla.

The ceremony was attended by all the senior officials from the district including Senior Superintendent of Police, Amod Nagpure; Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf; Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Principal Government Medical



College Baramulla, Prof. Roohi Reshi among others who extended a warm welcome to Minga Sherpa on his new role.

Speaking on the occasion, Minga Sherpa, who was earlier posted as Additional Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, Shri

Manoj Sinha and Director Information extended his heartiest gratitude for the warm reception accorded by the administration.

He congratulated the departing DC, Dr. Sehrish, for her successful tenure as Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla and wished her success for

the new assignment. After taking over the charge as DC Baramulla, Minga Sherpa held an introductory meeting with the officers/officials of all the line departments of the district to get acquainted with the ongoing developmental scenario of the district.

The officers/officials in the meeting provided a brief overview of the progress of the works being conducted in the district and challenges impeding seamless delivery of the services.

The DC expressed his determination and enthusiasm to work closely with all the officials, aiming to implement transformative initiatives and elevate the district Baramulla to newer heights of development and progress during his tenure.

DC Pulwama inaugurates CCE Classes under AVSAR

GMK NEWS NETWORK

PULWAMA: A significant stride in educational empowerment unfolded Wednesday at the Govt Degree College for Boys in Pulwama, marking the inauguration of comprehensive competitive exam classes under the AVSAR program.

This initiative, encompassing various competitive exams, including the NEET Super 50, operates under the Mission Youth scheme.

The ceremony, inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Bharat Qayoom emphasized the inclusive nature of AVSAR, acting as the overarching program facilitating diverse competitive exam preparations.

The DC delivering a compelling speech, elucidated the significance of AVSAR, which translates to opportunity. He shared that the initiative comes under the Mission Youth scheme, and Pulwama's proposal stood out among 20 districts, garnering an appreciable response.

Addressing the students, he encouraged them to view this platform as the best opportunity for

personal and academic growth.

Delving into personal insights, the DC motivated the students, emphasizing the pivotal role of conviction and self-confidence in achieving success. He underscored the importance of leveraging the Information Technology revolution and announced the throwing open of an advanced center dedicated to technology utilization within days.

The Government and District Administration are fully committed to ensuring that students reap the benefits of these initiatives, added DC expressing the collective determination to facilitate comprehensive support.

The ceremony also featured the felicitation of earlier qualifiers, adding a celebratory touch to the event.

As the comprehensive competitive exam classes, including NEET Super 50, commence under the AVSAR program, Pulwama anticipates a transformative impact on the educational landscape, fostering a generation of empowered and confident individuals prepared for a spectrum of competitive exams.

DC B'pora presides over Mega Public Darbar in B'pora

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: The District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday organised a public darbar cum grievance redressal camp at Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Bandipora to get first hand appraisal of various issues faced by local people and other adjacent areas.

The public darbar was presided by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ul Rehman Rather and was attended by traders association Bandipora, transporters, prominent citizens, besides locals of district Bandipora.

On the occasion, the general public put forth various demands relating to the improvement of roads, proper drainage system in main town Bandipora besides establishment of public toilets and beautification of Nishat Park and town Bandipora.

Demand for a bypass road to district Bandipora was also raised by civil society members. People also demanded the long pending issues related to District Hospital Bandipora, including augmentation of staff and medical facilities.

Truck Owners Association Bandipora led by Arshad Hussain Rather raised the issue of relocation of municipality check post at papchan which

becomes a major reason for traffic jams.

Speaking on the occasion, Rather said that holding public interaction programs enables administration to have an on spot status of developmental programs besides other welfare initiatives, schemes run by various departments relating to all sectors.

The DC directed health officials to ensure basic facilities in all the health institutions falling within the region, especially keeping in view the ongoing winter season.

The DC, on the occasion, urged the public to cooperate with administration and submit all requirements pertaining to their areas in consultation with PRIs.

While ensuring proper disposal of the concerns raised by the people, the DC said that district administration is committed to the welfare of people. Locals on the occasion praised the efforts of district administration and welcomed Shakeel Ul Rehman for being posted as DC Bandipora.

Among others, ADDC Bandipora Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, ADDC Bandipora Umar Shafi, Exen R&B and Exen Jal Shakti Department, and other officers from line departments were present on the occasion.

DC B'pora chairs DLC meeting on CLU, approves 5 cases



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BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ul Rehman Rather Wednesday convened a meeting of the District Level Committee (DLC) regarding Change of Land Use (CLU) cases in the district.

During the meeting, detailed discussion was held regarding comments submitted by various departments for the issuance of NOCs of pending cases of CLU in the district.

As many as 10 cases were put up for discussion; after thorough deliberation on various aspects of the policy, 05 cases were approved by the committee and 05 cases were reverted

to applicants to get some observations cleared.

The DC directed the concerned departments to submit quality comments/concrete NOCs within stipulated time as per the provisions of PSGA Act to ensure timely disposal of CLU.

Rather emphasised that since CLU cases involve comments from various departments, there is an increased need for inter-departmental coordination. The DC directed officers to stick to the given timelines and conduct the joint site inspections of the cases.

The meeting was attended by ADC, ACR, Tehsildars, and concerned officers from related departments.

DC Pulwama presides over Block Diwas in Kakapora



GMK NEWS NETWORK

PULWAMA: In a momentous event held at Block Headquarter Kakapora, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Bharat Qayoom Wednesday presided over the Block Diwas cum Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

On the occasion, various line departments showcased their schemes and benefits through stalls, enlightening the public about opportunities available. A substantial turnout marked the event, where public delegations voiced their demands and expressed gratitude for the District Administration's responsiveness.

The DC, while actively listening to grievances, expressed appreciation for the people's participation and acknowledged Kakapora's pivotal role in the program's success. He emphasized the essence of such events as a platform

for effective public outreach, aimed at redressing grievances promptly.

Reflecting on the success of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Dr. Bharat noted that the program's triumph lies in the active participation of the community. The Yatra, which commenced on November 25, 2023, has significantly impacted the lives of the people, aligning with its goal of fostering development and progress.

He extended gratitude to the public for their engagement in the sanitation campaign within the Block. He also pledged to establish a sports playground for the Panchayat and encouraged artisans to participate in the upcoming Vishwakarma scheme camp.

This Block Diwas cum Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra stands as a testament to the District's commitment to proactive governance and public welfare.

DC Budgam visits SDH Chadoora, H&WC Kralpora

Says H&WC Kralpora to be dedicated to public soon



GMK NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo Wednesday inspected SDH Chadoora and Health & Wellness Centre (H&WC) Kralpora and took stock of healthcare facilities.

During the visit, the DC instructed on making the lift facility and new OT section functional in the shortest possible time for its round the clock functioning. He directed concerned to ensure both important facilities are made functional very soon.

On the occasion, the DC also stressed on proper maintenance, functioning and proper signage of recently dedicated toilet complex at the hospital.

He also instructed on construction and repairing of boundary wall, tile works and completion of sanitary works at healthcare facility.

Akshay said other required works with respect to modern machinery and equipment of the healthcare building shall be taken up under District

Capex to ensure better health facilities are dedicated to the general public within the shortest possible time.

The DC said that the district administration is committed to ensure required upgradation and improvement at all health facilities for better patient care across the district.

Later, the DC also visited the Health & Wellness Centre Kralpora Building, where he took stock of pending works.

During inspection, the DC reviewed the state of major works and assured locals that the new Health & Wellness centre shall be dedicated to the general public soon.

In order to make the new building functional, the DC stressed on speedy completion of pending works, including doors and windows fittings, electricity, sanitary works and rallying installation.

He instructed that these works be completed within this month to make the healthcare facility functional in the shortest possible time.

DC Kulgam reviews Winter preparedness

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KULGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan Wednesday chaired a meeting of officers to review winter preparedness in the district.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed availability of snow clearance machines, pre-stock position, action plans prepared by the concerned departments to prevent interruption to services during this winter season.

He impressed upon the officers to remain available at headquarters for prompt response to the public grievances and for better coordination in dealing with snow clearance operations and to ensure smooth power, water supply and other essential supplies to avoid any inconvenience to people.

Concerned officers from the Mechanical Engineering Department briefed the

DC about the action plan and informed that there are 25 Machines available to them including 2 snow cutters for snow clearance.

The DC directed for ensuring that snow clearance machines are positioned at all critical spots and that these are pressed into service as soon as snow starts to accumulate, prioritizing roads leading to all important installations across the district including Hospitals and other essential institutions.

He also reviewed availability of buffer stock of transformers and availability of stock position of essentials.

The DC sought inter-departmental coordination for effective response for any eventuality in the winter season and exhorted that the reaction time should be prompt and the snow clearance plan should be effectively implemented.

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
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For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) RWS Division Ganderbal/SGR, invites e tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/ Companies/ Joint Ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/ firm and Financier of relevant classes (mentioned against each) registered in JKPWD / CPWD / Railways or any other state Government for "Providing, Laying, fitting, successful testing & commissioning of HDPE pipes including Pipe specials and Laying / Fitting of delivery / distribution Pipe network of GMS Tubes and DI/GI pipes of different nominal bores along with pipe fitting and control valves at different locations of District Ganderbal under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)" pertaining to Jal Shakti PHE RWS Division Ganderbal.

The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the Work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit (in shape of CDR/FDR/BG) @ 2% of Advt. cost	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)	Class of Contractor
1.	Providing, supplying, Laying of various dias of HDPE pipes and laying / fitting of DI/ GI pipes for Mains/Sub-Mains/Distribution Network for Upgradation and Retrofitting of various water supply scheme Augmentation Kangan of District Ganderbal under JJM.	463.535	Rs. 4000/-	Rs. 9.271 lacs	180 days	90 days	AAY
2.	Providing, supplying, laying of various dias of HDPE pipes & L/F of DI/GI pipes for mains/ sub mains/ distribution network and Construction of Anchor / saddle blocks & R/walls along naked portion of pipe line for upgradation and retrofitting of various water supply schemes Kangan Block of District Ganderbal under JJM	384.49	Rs. 3500/-	Rs. 7.69 lacs	180 days	80 days	AAY

Position of Funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE RWS Division Ganderbal/SGR.
Critical Dates: Table 1.1

i	Publish Date	09.01.2024
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	10.01.2024 from 10.00 AM 24.01.2024 upto 12.00 PM
iii	Date of Pre-bid meeting (Optional) on specific request intending bidders only and may not be exercised.	17.01.2024 (AT 2.00 PM)
iv	Bid submission start date	10.01.2024 from 10.00 AM
vi	Bid submission end date	24.01.2024 upto 12.00 PM
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	24.01.2024 (AT 13:00 PM)

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money (in shape of CDR/FDR/BG) and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer JS-PHE RWS Division Ganderbal/SGR (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1) OF SBD besides other requisite docs. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the (Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Srinagar/Ganderbal (H.Q. Engg. Complex Silk Factory Road RajbaghSgr) on 24.01.2024 at 01.00 PM. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue:

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Abid Rasheed visits GMC Jammu, assesses medical care facilities

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Secretary Health and Medical Education (HME), Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah Wednesday visited Government Medical College here, during which he took comprehensive round of all the wards of hospital to assess the medical care facilities available for patients. The Secretary, on the sidelines of the visit, also chaired a meeting with the administration of GMC and Associated Hospitals to review the progress of works on major projects of GMC. During the visit, the Secretary assessed the current state of healthcare infrastructure and services at GMC Jammu, focusing on patient care, infrastructure, medical equipment and overall operational efficiency of the hospital. Interacting with the doctors and other staff on the occasion, Dr. Abid underlined that the goal is to ensure that the medical facilities meet the highest standards and we are able to provide effective healthcare

services to the community. He emphasized upon the doctors to commit themselves towards the enhancing the quality of medical services in the hospital. He called upon the medical professionals to conduct through rounds in the hospital for efficient management of patients, acknowledging their role in providing vital medical services to the people of region. During the visit, the Secretary took detailed round of hospital including state of art BSL 3 Lab and COBAS 6800 Lab, patient wards, emergency wards, MRI lab, radiation oncology lab and other related infrastructure and took first hand appraisal of each facility systematically. He also interacted with the patients as well as attendants and took detailed feedback from them about the healthcare facilities being provided there. The Secretary, during the visit, also inspected the Jan Ashudi Kendra at the GMC and took stock of the availability of medicines there. He asked the



Principal GMC to establish more Jan Ashudi Kendra's in the hospital so that the people can take maximum benefit out of it. Later, the Secretary also visited Girls Hostel of GMC Jammu and took stock of facilities there for the students. He inspected the dining area, study room and other facilities of the hostel. He passed on the spot directions for rectification of various things in the hostel

premises for the facilitation of girl students. The Secretary, on the occasion, also interacted with the students and sought first hand feedback from them about the services being provided at the hostel. Earlier, Dr. Abid chaired a high level meeting with the management of the GMC and Associated Hospitals to review the progress of ongoing works

on major projects of GMC. The meeting was attended by Principal GMC, Chief Engineer, PWD, Jammu, HoDs of different departments of GMC, Medical Superintendents of GMC and its Associated Hospitals, Executive Engineers of all wings and other concerned officers. Addressing the officers during the meeting, Dr. Abid maintained that these projects play a crucial role in advancing

healthcare capabilities, have much role in improving the overall healthcare standards of Jammu region. He called upon the officers to work with zeal and zest so that the GMC Jammu emerges as best performing health institution across J&K. He called upon the Administration of GMC and Associated Hospitals to maintain an absolute cohesion and team work among all agencies as well as medical professionals so that the desired and improved medical care facilities are provided to public at large. Dr. Abid further said that we are here for public welfare and we need to work with that yardstick. He remarked that the barometer of success of any hospital is how we meet the expectations of public and society at large. The Secretary called upon the doctors to maintain punctuality and be conscious working hours to maintain faith of public regarding health care services. He also asked the Principal

GMC to focus on innovative and new researches at the institute so that the GMC Jammu can emerge Hub of excellence in medical sciences across the country. The Secretary further asked the officers to delve a mechanism for better patient management so that patients get sense of relief and welfare in the hospital. He also called upon the engineering agencies to take due diligence while carrying different works in hospitals considering the sensitive nature of hospitals regarding patient flow. The Secretary, during the meeting, directed for immediate operationalisation of Bone and Joint Hospital Jammu as well as Col. R.N Chopra Nursing Home. The Secretary, on the occasion, expressed satisfaction with the commitment and dedication of the healthcare professionals at GMC Jammu and acknowledged their role in providing vital medical services to the people of Jammu region.

Govt designates BDOs as administrators of Panchayats

NASIR AZAM

SRINAGAR: A day after the five-year term of elected Sarpanchs and Panchs came to an end in Jammu & Kashmir, the administration of the Union Territory on Wednesday appointed block development officers as administrator(s) of Halqa Panchayats falling under their jurisdiction. The J&K government Wednesday appointed block development officers as administrator(s) for running the affairs of Halqa Panchayats for a period of six months, saying that it is satisfied that Halqa Panchayat(s) cannot be constituted immediately. "The term of Halqa Panchayat(s) has expired on 09.01.2024 and the Government is satisfied that Halqa Panchayat(s) cannot be constituted immediately," reads a notification issued by Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

"Now therefore in exercise of powers conferred by section 9 of Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, the Government hereby appoints Block Development Officers (BDOs) as administrator(s) of the Panchayat Halqa(s) under their jurisdiction for a period of six months w.e.f 10.01.2024 or till further orders, whichever is earlier," it further states. KNO had already reported that government is appointing administrator(s) for running the affairs of Panchayats. The government had already made similar arrangements urban local

bodies after their five-year term came to end in October- November last year. It had empowered deputy commissioners and additional district development commissioners as administrator(s) of municipal bodies. The elections for Urban Local Bodies and Panchayats were expected in October- November last year, but couldn't take place due to a host of reasons. The local bodies polls in J&K are unlikely to be held before the 2024 parliament polls which would take place in April-May. In December 2023, the administrative council headed by LG Manoj Sinha proposed amendments in Jammu & Kashmir's Panchayati Raj Act to grant reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in these institutions—(KNO)

Pulwama's famous springs dry up due to lack of snow, rain

JAHANGEER GANAIE

PULWAMA: The persistent dry spell in the Kashmir Valley has led to the drying up of renowned water springs in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, causing a water shortage in several villages. Aripal Spring in Tral and Bulbul Spring in Newa Pulwama are among the affected water sources. Officials from Public Health Engineering (PHE) Tral told KNO that the water level of the famous Aripal Spring began had been decreasing for weeks and has now completely dried up. The spring served as a vital drinking water source for multiple water supply schemes, and its depletion has resulted in water scarcity in various areas.

The Fisheries Department's fish farm, located near Aripal Spring, had to relocate its fish due to the drying up of the spring. They have now shifted the fishes to Dobiwan and other places. Officials warn that if there is no snow or rain in the coming weeks, the entire spring could dry up, which would worsen the water shortage problem. Local residents said they have been grappling with water scarcity for several days due to the reduced water level at Aripal Spring. This marks the first time in recent history that the water level at this prominent spring has dropped significantly. Similarly, Bulbul Spring in Newa, which has been supporting a water supply

scheme for four decades, has also dried up, leading to water shortages in numerous villages. Locals said there is an immediate need for a well until rain or snowfall replenishes the springs. While the groundwater department identified suitable land for the well, no action has been taken, they said. Residents of Tral and Newa have urged authorities to address the issue and initiate necessary measures before the crisis escalates further. Officials said they exploring alternate arrangements and have deployed tankers to supply water to affected villages so that the people don't suffer. Further steps are being taken to alleviate the water crisis, they said—(KNO)

Comm SMC chairs Introductory Meeting with Officers of SDA



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SRINAGAR: The Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Dr Owais Ahmad who is also holding additional charge of Vice Chairman, Srinagar Development Authority (V.C SDA) Wednesday convened an introductory meeting with the officers of the Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) to outline the vision, goals, and strategic priorities for fostering sustainable urban development in the region. During the meeting, the Vice Chairman emphasized the pivotal role of SDA in shaping the city's urban landscape and highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts to realize the objectives set forth by the Smart City

initiative. The discussions focused on aligning the SDA's activities with the overarching goal of enhancing livability, promoting economic growth, and preserving the cultural heritage of Srinagar. The chair underscored the need for a holistic and integrated approach to urban planning, encouraging the officers to leverage innovative solutions and best practices to address urban challenges while ensuring inclusive and sustainable development. The gathering concluded with a renewed sense of purpose and a collective commitment to drive positive change through strategic urban interventions, leveraging the expertise and dedication of the SDA's officers.

Dr Owais conducts spot inspection of ongoing Smart City projects

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SRINAGAR: In a proactive move to ensure the timely and efficient execution of the Smart City Projects, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), Dr Owais Ahmad Wednesday conducted on-spot inspections of the ongoing development works in Srinagar City. These projects include Construction, Improvement and Place Making of Jehangir Chowk Junction, Construction of Traditional Souq Market and Craft Centre at Batamalo including Landscaping, Development of Parking,

Central Plaza and Pedestrian Seating Spaces, and Improvement and Upgradation of Batamalo Mominabad Road. The inspections, which were part of the CEO's ongoing commitment to monitor the progress of the Smart City Projects, aimed to assess the quality of work, adherence to project timelines, and the overall impact on the local communities. CEO engaged with project managers, engineers, and on-site workers to gain firsthand insights into the status of the development and to address any immediate concerns. Expressing satisfaction

with the pace and quality of the ongoing works, the CEO emphasized the importance of delivering a world-class urban infrastructure that aligns with the Smart City vision. The hands-on approach demonstrated the CEO's dedication to ensuring that the Smart City Project remains on track to enhance the city's livability, sustainability, and economic vibrancy. The spot inspections serve as a testament to the CEO's unwavering commitment to realizing the Smart City's potential and fostering inclusive urban growth for all residents.

VBSY revolutionizing agriculture in south Kashmir's Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: In a monumental stride towards agricultural transformation in Anantnag, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, Dr. Syed Fakhruddin Hamid inaugurated the first-ever Medicinal Aromatic Plants Germplasm Bank at Verinag. Spanning five hectares on land reclaimed through an anti-encroachment drive, the bank, owned by the Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare aims to address the increasing demand for herbal drugs and cosmetics by facilitating the production and distribution of planting material for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants. Underlining the initiative's significance, DDC planted the inaugural lavender cuttings, symbolizing the commencement of a project poised to expand

cultivation in the region. As many as 20,000 cuttings will be transplanted, marking a pivotal step in harnessing the potential of Anantnag's agro-climatic conditions for Medicinal plant cultivation. The MAP Germplasm Bank, a pivotal component of the Horticulture and Agro-based Industries Development Programme (HADP), is anticipated to drive substantial growth in the agriculture and allied sectors. This transformative venture aims to elevate the local economy, bolster productivity, and fortify resilience in the existing agricultural system. The DDC emphasized the role of technology and innovation in ensuring sustained output growth without inflating input costs. He expressed confidence that this initiative will become a cornerstone of the local economy in the years to come. Discussing the proj-

ect's broader objectives, Dr. Hamid underscored its commitment to making farming in Anantnag viable, steady, and sustainable. The comprehensive approach includes providing superior inputs, extension support, and ensuring remunerative prices and market support for Medicinal and Aromatic Plant cultivators. Addressing a substantial gathering of farmers and general public in weekly Block Diwas held at the inauguration, Dr. Hamid reassured that the administration is unwavering in safeguarding farmers' interests, fostering prosperity in farms and homes, and instilling self-respect in the 118,314 farmer families of District Anantnag. This innovative project heralds a promising future for agriculture in the region, aligning with the vision of a developed and prosperous Bharat.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost documents of my motorcycle (Pulsar 220) bearing registration No. JK13C-5106 while traveling from Rainawari to Nigeen, Srinagar. Now I'm applying for the new documents. Anybody having any objection in this regard may please contact RTO Kashmir, Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, no objection shall be entertained after the expiry of said period.

Tasib Fayaz, S/o Fayaz Ahmad Rather, R/o Abi Gurpura, Rainawari, Srinagar.

Surya Namaskar session held at Sun Temple Martand Anantnag



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ANANTNAG: Directorate of Ayush UT of J&K in collaboration with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga & Archaeological Survey of India Wednesday organised a session of SURYA NAMASKAR hear at iconic Sun Temple Martand in Anantnag. The program was organised by District Ayush Officer Anantnag under

the guidance of Director Ayush UT of J&K, Dr. Mohan Singh. 2nd Commandment CRPF & Deputy Commandant CRPF 96 Bn, Assistant Conservator Archaeological Survey of India (Srinagar Circle) were also invited as guests. The whole staff of Ayush Anantnag and Ayush Kulgam also participated in the event. Program started with

recitation of the National Anthem. Afterwards stunning programs of SURYA NAMASKAR with some standing Asanas of yoga were performed. At the conclusion of the session, District Ayush Officer Anantnag on behalf of AYUSH department thanked all, especially District Information Centre Anantnag, for making the event a grand success.

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT ANANTNAG

Tentative Merit List of Applicants for the post of Sanganis (AWWs) advertised vide this office No:-04 of 2023

Dated:-24.11.2023,

S.N o.	Index S.No.	Name of Candidate	Parentage/ Spouse	Married / Un-married	Address	Panch/MC Ward	Name of AWC	D.O.B	Qualification	Board	Max. Marks	Marks obtained	%age of Marks	% Points for Candidate belong to Retiring AWW/AWH	Final points
1	3	Masfee Jan	Mukhtar Ahmad Dar	Unmarried	Kadipora Laizbal	Kadipora 12	Kadipora A	04.03.1996	12th	JKBOSE	500	421	84.2	0	84.2
2	1	Tabasum Manzoor	Sameer Ahmad Teesa	Married	Kadipora Laizbal	Kadipora 12	Kadipora A	03.12.1988	12th	JKBOSE	500	291	58.2	0	58.2
3	2	Shaiesta Ali	Ali Mohd Ahanger	Unmarried	Kadipora Laizbal	Kadipora 12	Kadipora A	20.05.2003	12th	JKBOSE	500	251	50.2	0	50.2
4	4	Nargis Ali	Mohd Rafeeq Teesa	Married	Kadipora Laizbal	Kadipora 12	Kadipora A	10.03.1989	12th	JKBOSE	750	354	47.2	0	47.2
5	5	Bisma Rehman	Lt Abdul Rehman Dar	Unmarried	Kadipora Laizbal	Kadipora 12	Kadipora A	01.11.1990	12th	JKBOSE	750	303	40.4	0	40.4

NOTE:- CDPO ANANTNAG will public the tentative merit list in her office / concerned Municipal ward and local dailies for inviting of objection within 10 days.

1. Seal & Signature of Child Development Project Officer, ANANTNAG
2. Seal & Signature of Assistant Employment, ANANTNAG (Member)
3. General Manager, ANANTNAG (Member)
4. District Social Welfare Officer, ANANTNAG (Member)
5. District Programme Officer, Poshan Projects Anantnag.

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Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Tribal Museum

All hail Shahida the tribal girl from Bandipora who helped build the first tribal museum in Bandipora district. She is emerging as a beacon of hope for preserving the rich culture of Kashmir's highland tribals. The Gujjar community has been at the forefront of an extreme life as the pastoral community depending on climate-specific metrics moves from mountains to warmer valleys. This community is always on the move, but that does not take away the fact they are deeply rooted in their culture and way of life, just that they are rooted to a particular geography and do not have permanent homes like us.

Apart from preserving traditional things in her museum she also offers a formal training of Sozni, embroidery, knitting, tailoring, designing and creating traditional jewelry to local women of her community. Not only does this help preserve their culture but also in giving vocational courses to the local inhabitants which can help them earn a livelihood for themselves. Gujjar community is indeed the most hard-working community of the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and they have to perennially face the vagaries of weather and of late wild animals too. Due to unbridled concretisation and over-tourism it remains to be seen how long the great pastures would be available for grazing and how long they can retain their culture in the most unadulterated form.

This tribal museum should get all monetary support from the government. This will go a long way in showcasing our cultural diversity. It can also become a part of the cultural tourism thing that the current establishment is pursuing tirelessly. Apart from organising tours of picturesque Bandipora the establishment can help organise tours for this museum as well so that tourists also get a feel of our rich cultural diversity.

Young women like Shahids are the pride of our society. By almost single-handedly coming forward to organise this museum is indeed a great feat. The state establishment must recognise her efforts and remember her at the time of giving away state awards - a great effort by Shahid indeed.

Srinagar Smart City

Paving The Way For Tomorrow



MUSKAAN NARGIS

Introduction: In the heart of the serene valley of Kashmir, where tradition meets modernity, Srinagar has embarked on a transformative journey - a journey that promises not just urban development but a harmonious blend of technology, culture, and sustainability. As I delve into the narrative of Srinagar Smart City, I find myself captivated by the vision unfolding, and it's my pleasure to share this journey with you.

The Smart City Odyssey: Srinagar, like a pearl in the crown of the Indian subcontinent, found itself included in the prestigious Smart City Mission by the Ministry of Urban Development. Launched with the objective of urban renewal and retrofitting, this mission aimed to develop 100 cities that provide core infrastructure, ensure a decent quality of life for citizens and apply smart solutions for improved services and infrastructure.

The Srinagar Smart City project, approved in the third round of challenges in April 2017, comprises two crucial components: Area-Based Development and Pan City Solutions. The commitment to this vision is not just lip service; it is a concrete reality backed by an estimated budget of Rs. 2869.24 crore for Area-Based Development and Rs. 765.03 crore for Pan City Solutions.

Institutional Backbone: To ensure the effective execution of this ambitious project, the Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) was incorporated on September 8, 2017, under the Companies Act, 2013. As a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) governed by a Board of Directors, with the Administrative Secretary of the Housing and Urban Development Department, Jammu and Kashmir, as its Chairman, SSCL plays a pivotal role in steering the course of the smart city mission. Under the vigilant oversight of the State Level High Powered Steering Committee, headed by the Chief Secretary of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the project receives the strategic guidance necessary for its success.

The Vision and Concept: Envisioned as more than just a technological marvel, the Srinagar Smart City project



aspire to transform the city into an eco-friendly, resilient, and socio-economically vibrant hub. It is not about discarding the city's rich natural and cultural heritage but celebrating it through innovative and inclusive solutions. As a writer, I find inspiration in this vision that seeks to create harmony and opportunities for all, weaving a story of progress that respects the roots it grows from.

Understanding Smart City: The term "Smart City" carries a weight of meaning in the modern urban context. It goes beyond a mere technological hub; it signifies an urban region that is highly advanced in terms of overall infrastructure, sustainable real estate, communications, and market viability. The principal infrastructure revolves around information technology, serving as the foundation for providing essential services to residents. Originating from the aftermath of the 2008 economic crisis, the concept gained momentum globally. Srinagar's inclusion in this movement reflects a commitment to not just keep pace with global advancements but to set a unique example in the Indian subcontinent.

India's Smart City Mission: The Smart Cities Mission in India, overseen by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, is a beacon of urban renewal and retrofitting. With a mission to develop 100 cities that offer core infrastructure, a decent quality of life, a clean and sustainable environment, and the application of smart solutions, this initiative is reshaping the urban landscape.

Salient Features of Smart Cities:

Srinagar is embracing several key features in its pursuit of becoming a smart city. From promoting mixed land use and housing inclusiveness to creating walkable localities and preserving open spaces, the city is a canvas on which the brushstrokes of comprehensive development are vividly painted. The emphasis on a variety of transport options, citizen-friendly and cost-effective governance, and giving a unique identity to the city based on its economic activity are indicative of a thoughtful and holistic approach.

Progress Report: Currently, the Srinagar Smart City project boasts an impressive portfolio of 137 projects, with 66 completed and 71 ongoing. These initiatives span various domains, including mixed land use, housing, transport, and governance, showcasing a comprehensive approach to urban development.

Socio-Economic Impact: Beyond the concrete structures and technological innovations, the essence of the Srinagar Smart City project lies in its potential socio-economic impact. It aspires to create job opportunities, enhance the quality of life, and contribute to economic growth. In doing so, the project echoes the broader goals of inclusivity and sustainability, ensuring that the benefits reach every stratum of society.

Challenges and Resilience: No grand endeavor is without its challenges, and the Srinagar Smart City project is no exception. Yet, what sets it apart is the resilience and adaptability displayed in overcoming these hurdles. Addressing challenges head-on and finding innovative solutions have become integral to

the project's DNA, ensuring that the vision remains unwavering in the face of adversity.

Appreciating Government Initiatives: In the tapestry of progress that Srinagar is weaving, a significant thread is the support and initiatives of the government. The commitment to providing substantial budgets, establishing dedicated institutions like SSCL, and forming steering committees demonstrates a government dedicated to fostering holistic urban development. The Smart City Mission, under the guidance of the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, showcases a commitment to creating not just modern cities but sustainable, inclusive, and technologically advanced urban centers. The synergy between government initiatives and local implementation is crucial, and it's heartening to see the alignment in Srinagar's smart city journey.

Conclusion: In the unfolding narrative of Srinagar Smart City, I, as Muskaan Nargis, find a story worth telling. It's a story of a city that dreams not just of skyscrapers and technology hubs but of eco-friendly landscapes, socio-economic vibrancy, and cultural richness. As the Srinagar Smart City project continues to shape the city's destiny, I, as an author, look forward to witnessing a future where the balance between progress and heritage is delicately maintained, and the city emerges not just smarter but wiser and more beautiful than ever before.

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Building Bridges With Books

Parraypora's Educational Odyssey



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In the modern era, despite the plethora of available resources, the everlasting importance of books continues to grow. Books serve as gateways to the imagination, with each reader living a thousand lives before their ends. The world belongs to those who read, and books are rightly called the "WORLD OF WONDERS."

Nestled near the Indira Gandhi Road and housing a bustling airport, Parraypora, Baghat, thrives as a vibrant educational hub. However, a crucial need emerges—a public library to enrich the educational landscape of this region. Despite the presence of coaching centers and academic activities, a noticeable void exists, emphasizing the immediate need for a public library.

Parraypora, known for its vibrant educational atmosphere, sees students immersing themselves in various subjects through coaching centers and educational initiatives. However, the absence of a public library creates a gap in the learning ecosystem. Students, despite their dedication to studies, face challenges in accessing diverse resources beyond their specific courses.

The Role of a Public Library: A public library stands as a beacon of knowledge, providing students with a diverse range of books and materials relevant to their academic pursuits. It serves as a communal space where individuals can broaden their horizons, explore new subjects, and



engage in self-directed learning. Furthermore, a public library acts as a unifying force, fostering a sense of community and shared intellectual growth.

The urgency for government intervention is evident. By designating suitable land for a public library in Parraypora, the authorities can significantly contribute to the educational infrastructure of the area. This initiative not only addresses the immediate need for accessible learning resources but also cultivates a culture of continuous learning and intellectual development.

A Dynamic Hub for Educational Activities: A public library in Parraypora would not only serve as a repository of knowledge but also as a dynamic hub for educational activities. It can host workshops, seminars, and community events, creating a space where students and residents

can engage in intellectual discourse and collaborative learning.

In conclusion, Parraypora and its adjoining areas, with their rich educational landscape, are primed for the establishment of a public library. This endeavor requires proactive government measures, including the identification and allocation of suitable land. Such an investment in education will undoubtedly contribute to the academic success and intellectual vibrancy of the community, ensuring that Parraypora remains a beacon of learning for generations to come.

The Transformative Power of Books: Reading transports individuals to imaginary places, ignites curiosity, and expands perspectives. A voracious reader values books over anything else, considering them as treasures that unlock

knowledge and information. Books are not merely possessions; they are sources of happiness.

Each book is a magical box, offering a journey to discover treasures of knowledge. They illuminate the human conscience, act as companions in loneliness, and serve as healers of anxiety. The importance of books is deeply rooted in various aspects of life. The Qur'an itself is introduced as "Al-Kitab," highlighting the significance of awareness towards knowledge.

Global Perspective on Reading and Knowledge: Research indicates that engaging in intellectual activities like reading contributes to lower rates of mental decline in old age, emphasizing the enduring impact of books on cognitive well-being. Despite the global importance of books, it is noteworthy that Islamic countries

are absent from the top-selling nations, signaling a need for a renewed focus on knowledge and literature.

Tailpiece: In conclusion, books, with their transformative power, play a crucial role in shaping individuals, communities, and nations, making them indispensable in the pursuit of knowledge and personal growth. As John Piper aptly puts it, "Books don't change people; paragraphs do, sometimes even sentences." The call for a public library in Parraypora echoes this sentiment, emphasizing the transformative potential of literature in building bridges and fostering an educational odyssey in the heart of Kashmir.

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PM **Modi's** Impact

From Bold Policies To Bright Future



PROF. JASIM MOHAMMAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership over the past nine years has been marked by transformative policies, bold decisions, and commendable achievements that have significantly shaped India's progress on both the domestic and international fronts. From economic reforms to diplomatic initiatives, his tenure has been characterized by a positive impact on the nation's development.

One of the defining moments of his leadership was the demonetization drive in 2016. The decision to scrap high-value currency notes was a bold move aimed at bringing unaccounted wealth into the formal economy. Despite facing some challenges, he emphasized that this was part of a long-term structural transformation to boost the economy. The move had a profound impact, broadening the formal economy and encouraging digital transactions.

In the realm of taxation, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) introduced during his tenure stands as India's most significant tax reform in 70 years. This unified tax system replaced numerous federal and state levies, simplifying the tax structure and bringing millions of businesses into the tax net. While implementation faced challenges, the GST aimed to streamline taxation, enhance compliance, and bolster government revenues, fostering a more transparent and efficient tax system.

A historic and noteworthy decision during his tenure was the revocation of Article 370 in 2019, stripping Jammu and Kashmir of its special status and bifurcating it into two union territories. This move aimed to integrate the region more closely with the rest of India, lifting restrictions on property purchases and challenging the reserved status of government jobs and college places for state residents. It was a significant step toward fostering development and inclusivity in the region.

The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), another policy initiative, grants Indian citizenship to persecuted non-Muslim minorities from neighboring countries. While it triggered discussions, supporters argue it provides refuge to those facing persecution. The passage of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act criminalized instant triple talaq, empowering Muslim women and curbing the practice of divorcing wives abruptly. The Prime Minister's emphasis on social reforms aligns with his vision for an inclusive and progressive society.

Economically, his focus on self-reliance and the 'Vocal for Local' initiative is evident. The attempt to reach a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 faced challenges, but the emphasis on domestic production and innovation reflects a commitment to economic growth. The 'PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan' showcases efforts to enhance logistical performance and boost exports, contributing to job creation and infrastructure enhancement.

The construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, following a Supreme Court ruling, symbolizes the fulfillment of a longstanding promise by the BJP. This move is deeply intertwined with the party's ideological roots and has garnered both support and positive discussions.

In the realm of sustainable development, programs like 'Satat Bharat - Sanatan Bharat' demonstrate a commitment to clean energy, disaster-resilient infrastructure, and eco-restoration. Similarly, the 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan' aims to boost rural employment and infrastructure, contributing to the well-being of communities.

Prime Minister Modi's initiatives extend to global recognition, with awards such as the 'Order of the Nile' from Egypt being a testament to India's diplomatic achievements during his tenure. Modi's 13



international awards highlight his standing on the global stage, showcasing India's increasing influence and positive contributions to international affairs.

In the United States, he was honored with the Legion of Merit, a testament to his outstanding services. Other honors from countries like Bhutan, Bahrain, Russia, the UAE, and Palestine highlight Modi's diplomatic achievements. Additionally, prestigious awards from organizations such as CERA, the Bill and

International Awards highlight his standing on the global stage, showcasing India's increasing influence and positive contributions to international affairs.

In the realm of political empowerment, the recent passage of the Women's Reservation Bill 2023 is a landmark achievement. Officially known as the 128th Constitutional Amendment Bill or Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, this legislation reserves one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha, State legislative assemblies, and the Delhi assembly for women. Notably, the reservation also extends to seats earmarked

a significant step toward fostering greater political representation for women across India.

The passage of this bill reflects the government's dedication to fostering inclusivity and ensuring that women have a more prominent role in shaping the legislative landscape of the country.

His adept diplomacy has marked a notable positive shift in India's relations with the Islamic world. For the first time, India has successfully cultivated positive diplomatic relations

several Islamic countries. The establishment of mutually beneficial partnerships in trade, technology, and counter-terrorism initiatives has played a crucial role in strengthening these newfound connections. Modi's diplomatic overtures underscore a commitment to promoting global harmony and cooperation, reflecting a pragmatic approach in building bridges with the Islamic world during his government.

In Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nine-year tenure, India has undergone a transformative journey marked by bold policies and remarkable achievements. The demonetization move in 2016 aimed at long-term structural transformation, broadening the formal economy. The introduction of GST in 2017 streamlined taxation, fostering transparency. Revoking Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir emphasized development and inclusivity.

Economically, India's rise to the fifth-largest global economy in FY22 showcases sustained growth. Globally, his adept diplomacy has garnered prestigious awards, and India's active participation in the G20 summit reflects its increasing influence on the world stage. Domestically, initiatives like 'Satat Bharat - Sanatan Bharat', the 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan', and the 'PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan' underscore a commitment to holistic development, job creation, and infrastructure enhancement. In healthcare, the focus on Ayush traditional medicines and the establishment of the Global Centre for Traditional Medicine position India as a key player in this sector.

His leadership has been widely acknowledged on the global stage, with numerous awards and honors conferred upon him. These recognitions highlight his diplomatic achievements and India's growing influence in international affairs.

His leadership has been marked by a mix of bold policy decisions, economic reforms, and a vision for a self-reliant, inclusive, and globally recognized India. The achievements of his tenure are diverse, encompassing economic growth, diplomatic recognition, social reforms, and initiatives for sustainable development. While India continues on its trajectory of progress, the impact of his leadership will undoubtedly be a crucial chapter in the nation's history.

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Melinda Gates Foundation, and the UN for environmental leadership and contributions to world peace showcase the diverse dimensions of Modi's global recognition. These accolades collectively underscore the Prime Minister's impactful lead-

ership and India's prominent role in international affairs. In the realm of political empowerment, the recent passage of the Women's Reservation Bill 2023 is a landmark achievement. Officially known as the 128th Constitutional Amendment Bill or Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, this legislation reserves one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha, State legislative assemblies, and the Delhi assembly for women. Notably, the reservation also extends to seats earmarked

with Islamic nations, transcending historical and geopolitical complexities. His emphasis on economic cooperation, cultural exchanges, and diplomatic engagements has contributed to a more harmonious and collaborative relationship with

Alok Kumar Convenes Mega Public Grievances Redressal Camp In Reasi

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REASI: Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Alok Kumar, Wednesday convened a mega grievance redressal camp at Mini Secretariat, Reasi.

District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, SSP Amit Gupta, ADDC Jyoti Slathia, ADC Abdul Star, Joint Director Planning, Sunita Kanchan, PO ICDS Mohammad Anwar Banday, SDM Katra Deepak Dubey, CEO, Principal GDC Reasi, Superintendent Engineers of R&B, PMGSY and PHE, and other senior officers of district administration were present on the occasion.

Chairman District Development Council Reasi, Saraf Singh Nag, PRI members and various delegations attended the outreach camp.

The participants apprised the Principal Secretary of their developmental issues and demands seeking his intervention to redress the same at the earliest.

People mainly approached with specific problems pertaining to up-gradation of roads, repair of irrigation khuls/canals and construction of small check dams for irrigation, fresh survey of PMAY houses, circular road to District Hospital and Government Degree College, hostel facilities in Govern-



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ment Degree Colleges, beautification of Kalika, Shankarya Acharya and Baba Aghar Jitto Temple, installation of solar lights, pending land compensation, up-gradation of school buildings, rationalization of staff in Schools and Colleges, approach road to Tribal Basti Julla, parking facility in Reasi Town, scarcity of water supply in residential areas, revision of rent on agriculture land taken over by army and other departments besides augmentation of infrastructure in public health institutions and JJM

A delegation of social activist

raised the issue related to facility of hostel in GDC Reasi, shifting of veterinary hospital, and operationalisation of Mother and Child Hospital in Reasi.

In response to public grievances, Principal Secretary emphasized the urgent need for hostel facilities at GDC Reasi and directed principal GDC to furnish a complete detail of students who are looking for the facility for the same so as to make an actual assessment of the hostel requirement. He directed officers to allocate alternative land for establishment of a Veterinary hospital.

Principal Secretary directed the concerned authority to put forth a comprehensive proposal for beautification of all pilgrimage and tourist places in district.

Alok Kumar also issued on spot directions to the concerned officers to look into all the issues pertaining to their respective departments projected by various delegations and the individuals and initiate action for early redressal of the same.

Later, Alok Kumar distributed 20 engagement orders among Sanginis and Shalyikas engaged recently in the project in district Reasi.

DC Srinagar Inspects Developmental Works In Harwan Block



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SRINAGAR:- Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Wednesday undertook an onsite visit to various panchayat Halqas of Harwan Block of the District and inspected several developmental works.

The DC accompanied by the Officers inspected the proposed site for development of a playground for which over 70 kanals of land has been allotted at Darbagh.

While inspecting the site, the DC asked the con-

cerned Officers to pace up the development works of the playground in order to ensure local youth are provided better sports facilities at the earliest.

The DC also took onsite appraisal of the works being carried out on development of spring (Amrit Sarovar) at Syedpora area at an estimated cost of Rs 1.66 lakh.

Similarly, the DC inspected the ongoing works on the construction of Health cum Nutrition Centre being executed at a cost of Rs 24 lakhs under Aspirational Block Development

programme(ABDP).

On the occasion, DC instructed the concerned executing agencies to speed up the pace of works to complete the project in a time bound manner. He asked them to maintain quality of works with visible impact on the ground.

Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Sub Divisional Magistrate East, Murtaza Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Development, Syed Farooq, Tehsildar North, Kaiser Mehmood, Block Development Officer, Raja Majid Iqbal and other concerned.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

MD KPDCL Warns

Seeking cooperation of all consumers in clearing dues, the MD further stated that keeping in view the compulsion for realization of arrears, KPDCL has passed directions to all 19 Electric Divisions to further accelerate disconnection drives of defaulter consumers who are reluctant to pay their energy dues on time.

Terrorism Counting

Administration, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is determined to root out terrorism and to provide a safe and secure environment to the people.

The Lt Governor congratulated the individuals and organizations from diverse fields honoured on the occasion for their outstanding contribution to the society.

"I am extremely happy to see people are working with a new commitment for a brighter future of the nation," he said.

J&K is the land of almost all major religions known to humankind. Respect for all religions, sects and co-existence has enriched cultural heritage. Everyone will have to work together to restore its glorious past and promote virtues of culture, humanity and selfless service, the Lt Governor further added.

He also assured all necessary support by the administration to enable the creativity and dedication of the 5163 youth registered by Relief & Rehabilitation Department for self employment.

LG Participates

, achieve 100% literacy rate, maintain green spaces and 100% saturation of all government schemes.

"The sense of commitment and duty among the citizens towards the society and their respective panchayats will improve quality of life and pave the way to prosperity," the Lt Governor said.

He said, the massive and historic participation of people in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and 100% saturation of all schemes will remove developmental imbalances and give a tremendous boost to local economy.

The Lt Governor reiterated the resolve of the UT Administration towards equitable and inclusive development and to ensure empowerment of all.

Poor and underprivileged have the first right on government resources. Efforts are being made towards promotion of Dogri and other regional languages, connecting remaining panchayats with road, boost industries, religious tourism and tapping the potential of Agriculture & Allied sector, he said.

"Besides central government schemes, the J&K UT administration is running more than a dozen self-employment schemes with an objective to provide resources and requisite training to youth to start their own business. This could be a game changer both in urban and rural areas," the Lt Governor further added.

At Block Diwas programme, the Lt Governor urged the people to assist Civil Administration and Police to intensify crackdown on drug supply chain to make their Panchayat Nasha-Mukt.

Responding to the issues put forth by former PRI members on the occasion, the Lt Governor assured them that their suggestions and genuine demands would be considered in the planning of District Capex Budget.

He also directed Deputy Commissioner Jammu to take a comprehensive review of the development of playfields in panchayats of the District and ensure that by the end of the month of April, every panchayat of Jammu District, where land is available, has a playfield.

The Lt Governor inspected the stalls put up various departments and enquired about the grievances received by the citizens. He handed over sanction letters to beneficiaries under different government schemes.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairman, District Development Council Jammu; Sh Anand Jain, ADGP, Jammu; Sh Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Sh Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, senior officers, former PRI members, and people in large number were present.

7 Out Of 8 Seats Of

and the bifurcation of the state into two Union Territories, JKPSA Chairman Satish Chandra took on the role of the reconstituted PSC's first Chairman in June 2020. However, several members, including the Chairman, have retired since then, leaving only Tariq Khan as the single active member.

The members who retired from the reconstituted Commission include former judge Syed Iqbal Aga on January 15, 2022; Samir Bharti, a retired Indian Forest Service officer, on January 28, 2022; Subhash Gupta on March 28, 2022; Prof Showkat Ahmad Zargar on April 3, 2022; retired IAS officer and incharge Chairman Dr Farooq Ahmad Lone on June 1, 2022; engineer Desraj on December 15, 2022; retired IGP Syed Ahfadul Mujtaba on February 11, 2023; and Chairman Satish Chandra on November 19, 2023.

Officials said the vacancies have not only impacted the recruitment process for hundreds of gazetted posts but have also caused concerns among students. They said the absence of a chairman and members has delayed the forwarding of selected candidates' lists to respective departments.

"The Chairman has the authority to make decisions related to conducting examination but the absence of the chairman is not putting an impact on the functioning of the commission but it is also causing concerns among students," they said.

According to officials, the absence of the chairman and its members has put the recruitment process of around 800 gazetted posts on halt. "More than 200 assistant professors were selected in October and November 2023 in the Health and Medical Education and Higher Education Department, but the lists are yet to be forwarded due to the absence of the chairman and members," they said, adding that the examinations for hundreds of posts scheduled for December 2023 and January 2024 have been postponed, and DPCs of various departments are pending.

Candidates, speaking, have expressed frustration, saying the issue was brought to the notice of higher-ups several times but no positive steps have been taken as of now.

They have urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Atal Dullo to intervene and expedite the appointment of a new chairman and members to ensure the swift functioning of the commission—(KNO)

IGP Stresses On

Rayees Mohammad Bhat, SSP Awantipora Ajaz Ahmad Zargar and other senior officers of the Police district were also present on the occasion, a police spokesman said in a statement issued.

The inspection zeroed in on critical elements, including the crime data and statistics for the jurisdiction, assessing the effectiveness of on-going initiatives and identifying areas for improvement, functioning of Woman Help Desk, Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems, reporting systems, accommodation and allied facilities for jawans.

IGP Birdi engaged in a detailed interaction with the Police personnel at Police Station Tral and Police Post Aripal, seeking valuable insights into their experiences and challenges.

Highlighting the paramount importance of creating a conducive and secure environment for those dedicated to ensuring public safety, IGP Birdi expressed sincere appreciation for the dedication and hard work exhibited by the Police personnel and encouraged continuous efforts to enhance community safety.

IGP Kashmir stressed for adopting comprehensive counter measures to tackle terror

crime incidents adding that protecting the lives of people is our utmost responsibility.

He urged officers to strengthen communication within the ranks and to augment the security grids in their respective areas. This strategic move aims at bolstering the safety and security of the people in the area. Addressing the ongoing threat, he urged vigilance against suspicious elements providing any kind of support to terrorist activities.

He emphasized the importance of keeping such elements under constant radar to foil their attempts and prevent any untoward incidents. The IGP stressed the need for stringent action against individuals found involved in anti-peace activities.

During the visit, he urged officials for better management of Police Station records, stressing the significance of organized and accessible documentation as per laid down rules for efficient policing.

In a bid to enhance community engagement, IGP Kashmir urged officials to spruce up interactions with the public. He highlighted the importance of fostering a strong and positive relationship between the police force and the community it serves.

'India, UAE Aim

He said bilateral trade has increased under the India UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). He also highlighted key collaborations such as the India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor and initiatives to promote Rupay and facilitate direct rupee-dirham trade.

The minister praised the exceptional leadership of UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in elevating the relationship between the two countries.

He emphasized on exploring new partnerships, identifying opportunities, and expanding cooperation in various sectors. He envisioned the India-UAE partnership as a defining alliance of the 21st century, rooted in shared history and aspirations for mutual progress.

Goyal highlighted the UAE-India business relationship across various sectors, such as the plan to establish a Bharat Park in the Jebel Ali Free Zone under the guidance of DP World Group CEO Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem.

He expressed confidence that this initiative would open myriad opportunities for international trade between the two nations and beyond, significantly elevating India's global visibility.

The minister also praised Vice Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce, Yousuf Ali Abdulkader, in fortifying bilateral ties, mentioning the significant investments being made in India's growth story, such as the establishment of a shopping mall in Kashmir.

Drawing attention to the burgeoning defence, cultural, and economic relations between the nations, Goyal lauded the UAE's political stability, business-friendly policies, and infrastructural advancements as conducive factors for mutual growth and prosperity.

India To Become World's

919 billion in foreign direct investment in 23 years till 2023 as much as 65 per cent or USD 595 billion of which came in the last 8-9 years of the Narendra Modi government.

She also said that since 2014, the approach between states and Centre has been of cooperative federalism, competitive federalism, and collaborative federalism. That is how today you find states competing with one another on who will contribute how much towards India becoming a developed nation in 2047, she added.

India's GDP is currently around USD 3.4 trillion making it the fifth largest economy in the world after the US, China, Japan and Germany. The country is also the fastest-growing major economy with a GDP growth of 7.6 percent in the July-September quarter this year.

'Only 15% Of Govt

primary level, a total of 7852 teachers were trained to deliver the education through computers followed by 5083 teachers at secondary level and 2272 at higher secondary level respectively.

When contacted by the newly appointed Administrative Secretary, School Education Department Piyush Singla was not able to attend the calls.

Pertinently, in November-2023 reported that in Jammu and Kashmir, nearly 5000 government schools located in remote and hilly terrains have infrastructural gaps.

The 'JK Vision document 2047' reveals that, "Infrastructure gaps exist in 5000 schools located in remote and hilly terrain."

The Planning Department and Monitoring Department in the proposed vision has further revealed, "Considerable chunk of human resource is not skilled in the art of teaching. Over 36000 ReTs or RReTs are not possessing desired level of qualification have been regularised."

Stating the further weaknesses, the department has said, "Development works get delayed due to hilly terrain and Climatic Conditions-snow bound areas."

The documents also reveal that at least 1,67,106 teachers for 27.18 lakh students, i.e. one teacher for 16 students on an average are available in the region—(KNO)

Hajj Applicants Appeal

Hajj is underway, and despite fulfilling every requirement promptly, the pending status has become a hurdle. A deadline extension would offer a fair chance for us to submit our applications once our passports are in hand," said Mohammad Saleem, another resident.

A group of Hajj aspirants said that there is crucial requirement of a passport number for the Hajj application, which they are yet to receive from the concerned authority. "With the application deadline set for January 15 and the uncertainty of receiving passports by that time, we urge the government to extend the deadline, providing much-needed relief for those awaiting their essential travel document," they said—(KNO)

Dry Spell

rising temperatures will have impact even on the glaciers as well.

"If conditions continue to remain so, there is every possibility that our soil will become conducive for growth as well," he said, adding that such a temperature will have a significant impact on water regime also.

"It will have larger consequences in terms of everything. Our climate is altogether changing," he said.

Pertinently, Srinagar recorded a day temperature 12.9 degree Celsius against yesterday's 14.2 degree Celsius. Qazigund recorded a maximum temperature of 13.2 degree Celsius while in Jammu it settled at 9.0 degree Celsius.

Moreover, the MeT here has predicted generally dry weather till January 20, adding that a few feeble Western Disturbances are approaching on January 12th and 17th.

"Generally cloudy with light snow over isolated higher reaches is possible on 17th Jan," he said.

Pertinently, the parts of Kashmir continued to witness sub-zero temperature amidst the ongoing 40-day harshest winter period, Chillai-Kalan, which commenced on December 21, 2023 and will end on January 31.

Srinagar has recorded a low of minus 5.0 degree Celsius while Qazigund, the gateway of Kashmir recorded a low of minus 4.4 degree Celsius. Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort, has recorded a low of minus 5.0 degree Celsius.

Pahalgam, a famous tourist place, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 6.3 degree Celsius. In Kupwara, the mercury settled at minus 4.7 degree Celsius while in Kokernag, a minimum temperature of minus 2.4 degree Celsius was recorded—(KNO)

BEL to provide equipment to armed forces in integrated manner: Defence Secretary

NEW DELHI: Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane on Wednesday said that efforts are being made that Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) should play an important role in ensuring that the equipment is provided to armed forces and Indian Coast Guard in an integrated manner. Aramane on Wednesday was in Ghaziabad in UP where he inaugurated

'Abhigyaan' -- a state-of-the-art auditorium at the Central Research Laboratory (CRL) of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Defence Public Service Unit (DPSU). Aramane termed the Abhigyan auditorium as an asset for the scientific community. He also lauded the efforts of scientists and engineers of BEL, saying that their efforts bolster national security while carrying forward

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. He also urged the scientists to have more collaboration with the domestic start-ups and incubators with the aim to provide state-of-the-art technologies/products to the armed forces. He emphasised that more initiatives should come from the scientists and engineers of BEL. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Defence said that the

Abhigyan auditorium consists of excellent acoustics, smart interfaces, a large interactive data wall and three cameras with extensive features for live feed. "There are also two high resolution displays for simultaneous presentation and demonstration. The auditorium has a seating capacity for 250 people and will be used for product demos, symposiums, hackathons, tech talks and lectures," the ministry said.

Global business leaders hail PM's vision amid rollout of investment plans

GANDHINAGAR: Global business leaders hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India as they unveiled their investment plans for the country at the 10th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024 which was inaugurated by the PM on Wednesday. Sanjay Mehrotra, CEO of US chip manufacturing giant Micron, thanked the Prime Minister for his vision to open up the country to semiconductor manufacturing. He said that it will become a huge economic driver in the future as India marches forward to become the third largest economy in the world.

He also touched upon the company's plans to roll out the first EV produced in India while also exporting it to European countries and Japan as he underlined the efforts on increasing production capacity. Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani expressed pride in being a part of every edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit so far and thanked the Prime Minister for his extraordinary vision. "You don't predict the future, you shape it," Adani. He credited the Prime Minister

for reorienting India to become the world's fastest-growing nation and positioning the country as the global social champion driven by the philosophies of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Vishwa Guru. Adani lauded the Prime Minister's achievements on the international stage and highlighted the nation's journey from a country seeking to put its voice on global platforms to one which now creates global platforms. He also credited Prime Minister's leadership during India's G20 presidency. Reliance Group chairman Mukesh Ambani called Vibrant Gujarat the most prestigious investment summit in the world today as no other summit of this kind has continued for 20 long years and is going from strength to strength.

is coming up in Jamnagar which will be ready to be commissioned in the second half of 2024 itself. "Due to the fastest roll out of 5G, today Gujarat is fully 5G enabled. This will make Gujarat a leader in digital data platform and in AI adoption," Ambani said. He said that Reliance Retail will expand its footprint to bring quality products and help lakhs of farmers and small merchants. Jeffrey Chun, CEO Simtech, South Korea, said that as key supply chain partner in the semiconductor assembly and test facilities expressed excitement for their India project as a co-location investment following their major customer Micron's project in the state of Gujarat. Tata Group chairman N Chandrasekaran said that steady and spectacular progress of Gujarat consistently over such a long time clearly demonstrates visionary leadership and the mindset of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also elaborated on the expansion plan of the group in Gujarat in the areas of EV vehicles, battery production, C295 defence aircrafts and semiconductor fab, advance manufacturing skill building.

Medical facilities ensured for all priests, seers in Ayodhya tent city

AYODHYA: The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust will ensure medical facilities for priests and saints attending the 'Pran Pratishtha (consecration) ceremony of the Ram Temple on January 22. "All medical arrangements have been made in the tent city. All the priests

will come here by January 14 evening and the rituals of the consecration ceremony will begin on January 15," said a member of the trust. All kinds of facilities are available for the guests, including treatment in case of health problems in the tent city. When asked about the arrangements made for the accommodation of priests

and seers attending the consecration ceremony, the trust member said that there were 10 VVIP rooms for aged priests, in which there were three beds to a room. "There are 10 VVIP rooms for aged priests and 50 other rooms for those who will accompany them. There are all kinds of facilities available for the guests, including treatment in case of health problems," he

added. The consecration ceremony will be held over a span of seven days, starting on January 16. On the final day, January 22, after the morning puja, the deity of Ram Lalla will be installed in the 'Mrigashira Nakshatra' in the afternoon. Prime Minister Modi will preside over the consecration of Ram Lalla's idol at the grand temple.

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The Provisional Answer Key of the question paper (Series A, B, C, D) for the above said examination is provided at Annexure "A" to this notice for the information of the candidates.

Any candidate having objection(s) to the answer key, may submit his/her objection(s)/representation(s) in respect of such question(s) on prescribed format/proforma annexed herewith as Annexure "B" along with the documentary proof/evidence substantiating the claim (hard copies only) and a fee of Rs. 200/- (in the form of demand draft) per question (refundable in case of genuine/correct representation/objection) in favour of the Accounts Officer, J&K Services Selection Board.

In case, the objection is found correct, the Answer Key will be revised accordingly in respect of all candidates. No candidate will be informed about the acceptance/non-acceptance of his/her objection individually.

The objections/representations can be submitted in offline mode only, in the office of JKSSB, CPO Chowk, Panjtirthi, Jammu/JKSSB, Zamzam Building, Rambagh, Srinagar on three working days starting from 10-01-2024, during office hours only. The Board shall not entertain any such representations/objections after the expiry of the stipulated period or through any other mode.

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ANNEXURE - "A"

Provisional Answer Key of the Written Examination for the post of Assistant Scientific Officer, Cyber Forensics, conducted on 09-01-2024.

Text Booklet Question No.	Series A	Series B	Series C	Series D
Q1	A	B	A	B
Q2	D	C	C	C
Q3	B	B	A	B
Q4	D	B	A	A
Q5	C	A	B	A
Q6	C	D	D	D
Q7	B	C	D	C
Q8	B	B	A	D
Q9	C	B	C	A
Q10	B	D	B	A
Q11	C	A	C	D
Q12	C	D	A	A
Q13	D	D	B	C
Q14	A	B	C	A
Q15	C	D	A	B
Q16	A	D	B	B
Q17	B	D	C	B
Q18	D	D	B	D

Q19	D	A	A	D
Q20	B	A	D	A
Q21	B	B	D	A
Q22	D	D	A	A
Q23	C	A	A	C
Q24	A	C	B	C
Q25	D	A	B	D
Q26	A	C	C	A
Q27	B	A	C	C
Q28	C	A	C	A
Q29	A	B	C	B
Q30	B	B	B	A
Q31	B	A	B	A
Q32	C	C	C	D
Q33	B	A	B	B
Q34	B	A	A	D
Q35	A	B	A	C
Q36	D	D	D	C
Q37	C	D	C	B
Q38	B	A	D	B
Q39	B	C	A	C
Q40	D	B	A	B
Q41	A	C	D	C
Q42	D	A	A	C
Q43	D	B	C	D
Q44	B	C	A	A
Q45	D	A	B	C
Q46	D	B	B	A
Q47	D	C	B	B
Q48	D	B	D	D
Q49	A	A	D	D
Q50	A	D	A	B
Q51	B	D	A	B
Q52	D	A	A	D
Q53	A	A	C	C
Q54	C	B	C	A
Q55	A	B	D	D
Q56	C	C	A	A
Q57	A	C	C	B
Q58	A	C	A	C
Q59	B	C	B	A
Q60	B	B	A	B
Q61	A	B	A	B
Q62	C	C	D	C
Q63	A	B	B	B
Q64	A	A	D	B
Q65	B	A	C	A
Q66	D	D	C	D
Q67	D	C	B	C
Q68	A	D	B	B
Q69	C	A	C	B
Q70	B	A	B	D
Q71	C	D	C	A
Q72	A	A	C	D
Q73	B	C	D	D
Q74	C	A	A	B
Q75	A	B	C	D
Q76	B	B	A	D
Q77	C	B	B	D
Q78	B	D	D	D
Q79	A	D	D	A
Q80	D	A	B	A
Q81	D	A	B	B
Q82	A	A	D	D
Q83	A	C	C	A
Q84	B	C	A	C
Q85	B	D	D	A
Q86	C	A	A	C
Q87	C	C	B	A
Q88	C	A	C	A
Q89	C	B	A	B
Q90	B	A	B	B
Q91	B	A	B	A

Q92	C	D	C	C
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Q94	A	D	B	A
Q95	A	C	A	B
Q96	D	C	D	D
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Q109	D	D	A	A
Q110	A	B	A	D
Q111	A	B	B	D
Q112	A	D	D	A
Q113	C	C	A	A
Q114	C	A	C	B
Q115	D	D	A	B
Q116	A	A	C	C
Q117	C	B	A	C
Q118	A	C	A	C
Q119	B	A	B	C
Q120	A	B	B	B

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ANNEXURE - "B"

Representation regarding objection(s) to Answer key pertaining to Written Examination for the post of Assistant Scientific Officer, Cyber Forensics held on 09-01-2024.

(NOTE: USE SEPARATE FORMS FOR SEPARATE QUESTIONS)

Name of the Applicant : _____
 Exam Name : _____
 Advertisement No(s). : _____
 Application No(s). : _____
 Roll No. : _____
 Date of Exam : _____
 Exam Centre Division (Jammu/Kashmir) : _____
 Correspondence Address : _____
 Contact / Mobile No. : _____
 Demand Draft No. date : _____
 Candidates Account No. (16 digit) & IFSC Code: _____

Question No. & Series	Details of the Objection	Resource Material (copy to be enclosed)	Remarks
Correct Answer / Option as per candidate:			

Date of Application: -01-2024 Signature of the Candidate

Note: Application for each question/answer shall be made on separate page in the given format, otherwise the first question entered in the format shall only be considered.

G'bl **Inferno**

Blaze Devours Properties Valued Rs 3 Crore in 2023

RAJA SYED RATHER

GANDERBAL: The Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district has witnessed 149 fire incidents last year, causing losses worth Rs 3 crore.

The alarming figures highlight the urgent need for enhanced fire safety measures in the district. Besides, data obtained showed the fires devoured the lives of 24 people.

The affected properties included residential houses, a mosque, a Darul-Awam, commercial centers, government buildings, tin sheds, cowsheds, poplar trees, electricity transformers, vehicles, poultry farms, a dairy farm, and gas cylinders. The estimated cost of the



damaged assets surpasses 3 crores, leaving a trail of devastation.

Electric short circuit has been found to be responsible for 80 percent fire incidents.

Amid the losses, the district is equipped with only five fire stations across 139 revenue areas, raising concerns among the local

population. campaigns and enhanced fire protection procedures implemented by the department.

Tragically, the year 2023 also saw seven individuals, including two firefighters from the Fire and Emergency Department, sustain injuries while battling the blazes.

This underscores the challenges faced by emergency responders and emphasizes the need for a comprehensive approach to fire safety in Ganderbal.

The district is now at a crossroads, with residents and business owners urging the establishment of additional fire stations in prominent tourist spots like Sonmarg and Manasbal as well as other areas including Tulmulla—(KNO)

Commissioner Secretary reviews working of J&K Housing Board

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur, who is also Chairperson of J&K Housing Board, Wednesday reviewed overall working of the Board.

Among others the meeting was attended by Narinder Khajuria, Special Secretary H&UDD, Seema Bhasin, Director Finance H&UDD, Yoginder Katoch Joint Director, Planning, Deputy Secretary, H&UDD and Deputy Director Planning in person and other officers of Housing and Urban Development Department through online mode.



A detailed PPT was presented on various projects and schemes of the Housing Board by Dr. Shabir Hussain Keen, Managing Director, J&K Housing Board.

Commissioner Secretary reviewed online services being provided by the Board, new housing

colonies/projects under development, deposit works of other departments, Human Resource Management issues, status of PMAY(Urban) Mission and other issues.

She further directed the concerned to conduct social audit and accounts audit

of PMAY Scheme besides converging the same with SBM and Science and Technology Deptt. for providing additional assistance to the beneficiaries.

Later, the Commissioner Secretary inspected Head Office of J&K Housing Board and directed for immediate solarisation of the building.

On the occasion, the Consultancy hired for various colonies displayed PPT on master plan of their respective colonies like Chatterhama, Birpur etc.

It is pertinent to mention that this was first such review meeting of Mandeep Kaur after assuming charge as Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD.

ADDC Shopian presides over mega Block Diwas in Hermain

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SHOPIAN: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Dr. Nasir Ahmed Lone Wednesday presided over a mega block diwas at block Hermain Shopian.

At the outset, ADDC sought feedback from the people about ongoing and completed developmental works and the schemes provided by the government.

The people apprised ADDC about their needs particularly lack of playground, providing of Dustbins, street lights, people of Hajipora and Chakoora raised the issues which

include, providing of drinking water facility, street lights, repairing of roads and people of DK Pora raised the issues regarding providing of playground.

After giving patient hearing to the public, the ADDC assured that all genuine demands shall be looked into on priority. He said that the District Administration is committed to ensuring provision of all facilities to the people.

Asserting on cleanliness, sanitation and behaviour change, the ADDC urged the concerned and locals to propagate the tenets of village sanitation

by adopting good behaviour practices.

ADDC said there is a need to strengthen the mechanism for disposal of single use plastic and other garbage in rural areas. He reiterated that it is our responsibility to keep our surroundings clean and green.

Addressing the gathering, ADDC said that the concerned officers and officials shall be held accountable regarding the utility, feasibility and quality of all developmental works being executed in the district.

He directed concerned officers and field functionaries to be proactive, responsive, accessible and

visible to the people in the field so that the purpose of the schemes is fulfilled.

While replying to the demand of the area for construction of a playground, ADDC directed concerned to take up the construction of a playground in Hermain and ensure its work starts in the same financial year so that the youth of the area do not face any problem in absence of a playground.

Among others, SDM, Zainapora, Mushtaq Ahmed, Tehsildar, Hermain, BDO, Hermain, officers and officials of line departments and people in large number participated in the said block diwas,

Nizam colony, Srinagar residents protest against water scarcity



REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: The residents of Nizam Colony in Saida Kadal area of Srinagar expressed their anguish against the Jal Shakti department for failing to ensure adequate water supply to them.

The aggrieved residents, chanting slogans, gathered in the area to highlight the ongoing water scarcity issue, which according to them has severely affected their daily lives for an extended period.

"We have been facing an acute water shortage

for the past six months now, and despite numerous complaints and pleas to the authorities, there has been no concrete action to resolve this pressing matter," one of the locals said.

"The authorities need to understand the severity of our situation and take immediate steps to ensure adequate water supply," said Basit, a local student from the area.

Moreover, when contacted, officials from Jal Shakti told KNO that the issue will be resolved soon—(KNO)

Director Agriculture visits SMF Allowpora Shopian

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Wednesday visited Seed Multiplication Farm (SMF) Allowpora, Shopian.

While interacting with the concerned officers and technical staff of the farm, Director said that SMFs are the most important assets with the Department and in order to achieve the target of self reliance in the field of seed production and assured seed availability to the farming community of the union territory with respect to all the crops grown in the region, Department is committed to promote these SMFs on modern scientific lines.

He said the departmental farms are practicing modern scientific techniques in crop science, during the seed pro-

duction of different agricultural crops.

Director Agriculture exhorted upon the concerned officers to organise awareness programmes, invite farmers and agri-entrepreneurs to these farms and hold demonstration sessions with them, so that the modern scientific technology could be transmitted to the grassroots level in a comprehensive manner.

Later, the Director visited Tahab, Wasoora, Palpora and some other areas of Pulwama District. He inaugurated a Hi-tech polyhouse at Wasoora Palpora and held interaction with the farmers at many places.

Director Agriculture was accompanied by District Agriculture Officer Pulwama, Shah Nawaz Ahmad Shah and other officers of the Department.

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