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India Reports 159 New Covid Cases

NEW DELHI: India logged 159 new Covid-19 cases on Saturday while one fatality was reported from Kerala in the last 24 hours, taking the death toll to 5,33,444, as per the Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

Meanwhile, the total number of active cases further fell to 1.623, while until last week more than 2.000 active cases were recorded

As of now, the total number of Coronavirus cases in India, since the initial outbreak in January 2020, has reached 4,50,24,894

According to • P-06

Terror Module Busted In Kupwara

SRINAGAR: J&K Police on Saturday said that it has busted a cross-border terror module in Kupwara border district.

Police said that acting on credible information and corroborated by other sister agencies, Kupwara police along with 9 Para Field Regiment busted a terror module involved in the smuggling of arms and ammunition sent by two Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) based handlers of LeT namely Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh alias Shakoor and Qazi Mohammad Khushal.

"Both at present are • P-06

MeT Predicts Extended Wet Spell From Today



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SRINAGAR: Amid successive Western Disturbances affecting J&K, an extended wet spell is expected from today afternoon till 3rd February, weatherman said Saturday.

An official from the meteorological department said that an 'extended' wet spell is expected from Sunday afternoon which will last till 3rd February.The official said that between January 28th-29th, there is a possibility of light to moderate rain/ snow at many places with "heavy snowfall" over isolated higher reaches of

Kashmir Division: Kupwara, Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Shopian and Kulgam from the night of January 28 to January 29 late afternoon and evening.

On January 30-31, there is a possibility of light to moderate rain and snow at many places with chances of "heavy snowfall" over few higher reaches, he said.

From February 1-3, he said, there is a possibility of light to moderate rain and snow at many places.

In Jammu division the official said there is a possibility of intermittent light to moderate rain with thunder and lightning in plains and for higher altitudes he said light to moderate snowfall is expected between 28th January and the afternoon of 3rd Feb-

A significant drop in day temperature is expected during the period, the official said.

The MeT office also issued an advisory, warning that the weather may lead to temporary closure of roads along the higher reaches including the important passes of Sinthan Pass, Mughal Road, Sadhna Top, Razdan pass, and Zojila etc, especially during January 28-31.

'Travellers are advised to plan accordingly • P-06

Family's Musical Legacy

13-Yr-Old Rabab Maestro Earns Pradhan Mantri Bal Puraskar

BARAMULLA: Fell in love with the Rabab when he was just 7 years old, Ishfaq Hamid's melodious compositions have resonated far beyond the region, earning him accolades and recognition at the national level

Ishfaq, a 13-year-old boy, hailing from the Kreeri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district said that at the age of seven, he discovered his passion for the

"Rabab is not just a musical instrument for me, but a companion, a language through which I express emotions.' Ishfaq, a class 6 student,



Ishfaq's dedication to both the art and heritage of the Rabab playing has

proven to be a winning combination, earning him a prestigious Pradhan Mantri Bal Puras-

kar Award. President of India Daroupadi Murmu gave Ishfaq this award on January • P-06

Rights Abuses

NHRC To Hold Sitting In Srinagar To Hear Pleas

MUBASHIR ALAM

SRINAGAR: In a significant move, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) will hear grievances about rights violations in Jammu & Kashmir.

mission has decided to hold a camp sitting and open public hearing on grievances about human rights violations in Jammu

Kashmir Union Territory from February 7 to 9. This is the first such hearing by the NHRC in Jammu & Kashmir after it was

empowered to deal

with human rights issues of J&K following the abolition of the State Human Rights Commission.

According to a public notice issued by the NHRC, the complaints about alleged rights violations • P-06

LG Attends 'Akhil Bhartiya' Kavi Sammelan In Jammu



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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Saturday attended the 'Akhil Bhartiya Kavi Sammelan at Abhinav Theatre Jammu.

Popular Poets of J&K and across the states and UTs of the country joined the event organised by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages to celebrate 75th Republic

On the occasion, the Lt Governor welcomed the veteran and acclaimed poets to J&K UT. He highlighted the important role of literary personalities and • P-06

Terror **Financing**

ED Files Chargesheet Against 3 Persons In Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The Enforcement Act (PMLA), 2002 Directorate on Saturday said it has filed a money laundering charge-sheet in connection with a terror financing case in Kashmir and has three persons in the complaint.

The prosecution complaint (charge-sheet) was filed before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Srinagar on January 25, the federal agency said in a statement.

The complaint was filed under

of Money Laundering against Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh, Mushtaq Ahmad Kambav and Mohd. Iqbal Khan

before the special

court Srinagar. The statement reads that the court has taken cognizance of the complaint and issued notices to the accused per-

sons for further trial "ED initiated investigation on

the provisions of Prevention the basis of FIR dated 11.07.2015 registered by Police Station Kulgam (J&K) against Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh,

Mushtaq Ahmad. Kambay, Mohd. Iqbal Khan, Mohd. Abbas Sheikh (Later killed in encounter) and Tauseef Ahmad Sheikh (Later killed

in encounter) for the offences under section 420 of Ranveer Penal Code (RPC) pari-materia to sections 420 of IPC, • P-06

PM Vishwakarma Schemes

CS Reviews Solarization, **PM Vishwakarma Schemes**



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JAMMU: In two separate meetings Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Saturday reviewed the progress in implementation of two flagship Centrally Sponsored Schemes currently under implementation here in

In the meeting held to review the progress in implementation of PM Vishwakarma scheme, Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Secretary, RDD; Secretary, SDD; Deputy Commissioners; Director, SDD participated either physically or through Video

Conferencing. • P-06

Set For Drone Survey

Train To Chug In Remote District Of Kupwara



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KUPWARA: In a major feat for the northern district of Kupwara, the border district will get connected with the rail line as the Northern Railways is set for a drone survey after a go-ahead by the district administration.

Officials said that the permission for conducting Drone Survey for FSL work of New Rail Line between Sopore to Kupwara has been granted which aims to facilitate the connection of the border district Kupwara through the railway network.

The railway alignment from Sopore to Kupwara spans 33.7 kms and the survey is anticipated to yield crucial insights and data for a project of great importance, contributing to the enhancement of transportation infrastructure in the region, the offi-

cials said. However, the permission is subject to specific conditions designed to ensure the safety and security of the area.

According to an official communique accessed, Northern Railways is required to cooperate with local police, PMF and sister agencies, assuming personal responsibility in case of any eventuality.

The further conditions for the NRs include that they will cooperate with the local police/PMF and other sister agencies and in case of any • P-06

'J&K Transformed Post Art 370 Repeal'

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UDHAMPUR: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana Saturday spelled out the broad contours of politico-developmental transformation in Jammu and Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, saying the Union Territory has proactively joined the country's growth story under Prime Minister Mr Narendra

Modi.

Speaking at Shakti Vandana National workshop at the party Headquarters, Udhampur with NGOs and Self Help Groups Mr. Devender Singh Rana said the focus of the BJP-led government at the Centre during the past decade in general and nearly five years in particular has been to steer out Jammu and Kashmir from

the difficult situation on securi-

ty front and to ensure equitable development. "A huge transformation is discernible with peace paving the way for holistic development and the people getting opportunities to prosper and progress," Rana said, adding that concerted efforts are underway to address the issues of the youth, the marginalized and weaker sections, farmers and women. He said the BJP is committed to remove the disparity between regions and sub- P-06

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DC Sgr chairs DLIC meet on implementation of **PM Vishwakarma**

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Saturday chaired a meeting of District Level Implementation Committee(DLIC) on implementation of PM Vishwakarma here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the progress of registration of beneficiaries on the Portal

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner was apprised by the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Srinagar that 2nd-level verification of as many as 295 Artisans of the District has been completed at the District Level Committee

The DC was informed that 98 cases have been verified from rural areas by the Rural Development Department and 197 cases from urban areas of the District by Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

On the occasion, the DC accorded the approval for all 295 cases of the benefi ciary Artisans of the District who will be imparted necessary trainings to



upscale their professional skills, in addition, stipend and free of cost tool kits will also be provided to them during

He emphasized the importance of concerted efforts and creating awareness among masses to maximize the scheme's impact on the socio-economic upliftment of the Artisans.

The DC said that the PM Vishwakarma scheme is poised to directly benefit thousands of artisans and craftsmen in the district, providing them with essential tools, training, and financial support for their socio-eco-

nomic development. The DC also laid stress on monitoring the implementation of PM Vishwakarma cases on a daily basis includ-



ing progress in Artisan registration on Portal, verification processes in rural and urban areas, stakeholder capacity building. He emphasized the importance of creating awareness among masses to maximize the scheme's impact on the ground to ensure efficient and effective implementation of PM Vishwakarma for overall welfare and socioeconomic development of

the Artisans. Pertinent to mention that, the PM Vishwakarma scheme offers a range of benefits including toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000, training to artisans, Rs 500 per day during training, collateral-free credit supports up to Rs 1 lakh (first tranche) and Rs 2 lakh

(second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%, incentives for digital transactions and marketing support.

The PM Vishwakarma scheme initially covers 18 trades including Carpenters, Boat Makers, Armourers, Blacksmiths, Hammer and Tool Kit, Makers, Locksmiths, Goldsmiths, Potters, Sculptor, Stone breakers, Cobblers (Shoe smith's/ Footwear artisans), Masons, Basket/ Mat/Broom Makers/ Coir Weavers, Doll & Toy Makers, Barbers, Garland makers, Washermen, Tailors and Fishing Net

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Syed Ahmad Kataria, General Manager DIC, Hamida Akhtar, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Assistant Commissioner Development, Syed Farooq, BDO Harwan, Majid Iqbal, Distric Manager CSC, Asrar Shirazi, besides representatives from MSME and other stackholders attended the meeting through virtual mode.

DC Ganderbal chairs DLIC meeting of HADP

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GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir Saturday convened a DLIC meeting, here in the VC Room of DC Office to review the progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) in the district.

The DC took stock of the progress made under HADP since its launch, meticulously examining advancements in key areas like seed distribution, irrigation infrastructure development, microirrigation projects, farm mechanization, farmer training programs, and market linkages.

He said that effective collaboration is vital for



ensuring proper planning, execution, and monitoring of HADP activities. He underscored the need for increased focus on capacity building initiatives, empowering farmers with knowledge and skills to embrace innovative practices and adapt to changing agricultural landscapes.

While scrutinizing the progress of projects under HADP, the DC directed Heads of Departments to provide valid reasons for any project rejection on the portal. He emphasized that all criteria must be strictly adhered to, following the established guidelines before

approving any project. The DC set clear timelines for achieving specific targets under HADP and demanded regular progcerned departments.

He emphasized the importance of close coordination between various departments involved in HADP, including Agriculture. Horticulture. Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and

The DC emphasized the primary goal of the program which is to empower local farmers by equipping them with knowledge and tools that can significantly enhance their productivity and profitability.

farmer representatives.

The meeting was attend ed by Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, and other concerned.

5-part Hematology Analyser donated to DH Bandipora

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BANDIPORA: The Bandi pora Youth Federation and Ali's Sports Academy Saturday donated a vital piece of medical equipment to the District Hospital Ban-

The handing-over ceremony was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ur Rehman Rather.

The DC in presence of Padma Shree Faisal Ali Dar, ADC Umar Shafi, MS Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad and other health officials and prominent citizens/youth dedicated the 5 part Hematology Analyser, valued at rupees 6 lakh approximately, to District Hospital Bandipora.

Speaking at the ceremony, the DC lauded the efforts of the Bandipora



Sports Academy, highlighting their dedication to improving the lives of their community members and emphasized that such youth led community

efforts shall be inspiring each one of us to do our bit for the betterment of

society Medical Superinten-

federation, stated that the vital equipment will significantly enhance the diagnostic capabilities of the District Hospital Bandipora, enabling faster and more accurate analysis of blood samples.

He further said that this will lead to quicker diagnosis and more effec tive treatment plans for patients suffering from a range of blood-related disorders, including anemia, leukemia, and infections.

Representatives from the Bandipora Youth Federation and Ali's Sports Academy expressed their pride in being able to contribute to the well-being

of Bandiporians. They emphasized the importance of youth engagement in social causes and their commitment to supporting healthcare initiatives

Dy. DEO inspects Special **Camps in Shopian**



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SHOPIAN: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Who is also District Panchavat Election Officer, a team of Officials lead by Deputy District Election Officer. Jahangir Ahmed Saturday visited the Special Camps in Heerpora and its adjoining Panchayats.

The special camps were held across the district to register new voters as well as to fill the gap between the mother roll and Panchayat electoral roll.

The revision for the Panchayat Electoral Roll has started from 15th January and shall continue till 5th February 2024, during which all the new voters as well as those who are left out can get enrolled by applying through Form PER-2A . The eligible voters can approach their Panchayat Electoral Booth Officers who are either a local village worker or Gram Sevak.

During the inspection of polling stations, PEBO's were urged to purify the

electoral roll by making it complete and accurate. They were also urged to carry out door to door visit

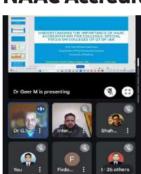
register of their respective Special camps shall continue also on 27-01-2024, 28-01-2024, 03-02-2024 & 04-02-2024 during which PEBO's shall be available in their Panchayat headquarters with their electoral rolls and forms for addition and deletion.

and maintain population

A large gathering of local residents and Assembly BLO's were present at the camps. It was also stressed upon PEBO's to undertake the task of spreading awareness among the people during the revision period.

The period for filling of applications shall be up to 5-02-2024 during which eligible voters can apply for enrolment. The disposal of claims and objections' shall be carried out by ERO's till 16-02-2024 and the final publication of Panchayat Electoral Roll shall be carried out on

GDC Kulgam organises Webinar on Importance of **NAAC Accreditation**



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KULGAM: An illuminative and enriching webinar on the theme "Understanding the Importance of NAAC accreditation for colleges with special focus on colleges of UT of J&K" was conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Government Degree College Kulgam Saturday under the aegis of Viksit Bharat @2024 for the colleges of UT of J&K to understand the importance of NAAC accreditation.

The webinar was attended by more than 120 participants from different colleges of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and other institutes across the country. Among the participants included the noted academicians, principals of various colleges, faculty members, research scholars and stu-

dents from all over country. Principal of the college, Prof. Syed Eazaz Hussain Rizvi, in his welcome address thanked Shri Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Govt. to Higher Education Department and Prof. (Dr.)



Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges for their unwavering support and guidance. He highlighted the importance of NAAC accreditation for colleges and showcased the progress made by the institu-

tion in this direction. The invited speaker on the occasion, Prof. Geer Mohammad Ishaq, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. University of Kashmir gave a detailed presentation on the theme with his perspective and understanding on the importance of NAAC accreditation for colleges. His presentation on different aspects of NAAC highlighted the requirements to be prioritized for a successful NAAC accreditation of Higher Edu-

cation Institutions. Coordinator IQAC. Government Degree College Kulgam, Dr. Gowhar Hamid Dar in his talk profiled the progress made by the institution since its foundation in the year 2004. He further, highlighted the achievements made by the college and IQAC cell post accreditation and also spoke about the plan of action to be carried

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e-NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

NIT No: 56 of 2023-24/issued under No SPHE/K/6154-60 Dated :-25/01/2024

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders in single cover system are invited on item rate basis from registered Contractors whose registration Certificates are valid in terms of standing rules for the following works:-

S.No	Name of work	Earnest Money (in Rupees)	Class of Contract	Advt Cost	Cost of tender Document	MH of Account
1	Carrying of various IEC activities under JJM in block Manzgam (Main convocation, Convocations at various villages of the block, wall painting, lettering and art work, Providing refreshment for race/painting competitors, installation of flex banners etc)	30000/=	DEE/CEE	Rs10.00lacs	500/=	JJM
2	Carrying of various IEC activities under JJM in block D H Pora (Main convocation, Convocations at various villages of the block, wall painting, lettering and art work, Providing refreshment for race/painting competitors, installation of flex banners etc)	30000/=	DEE/CEE	Rs10.00 lacs	500/=	JJM
3	Carrying of various IEC activities under JJM in block Behibagh (Main convocation, Convocations at various villages of the block, wall painting, lettering and art work, Providing refreshment for race/painting competitors, installation of flex banners etc)	30000/=	DEE/CEE	Rs10.00 lacs	500/=	JJM
4	Carrying of various IEC activities under JJM in block D K Marg (Main convocation, Convocations at various villages of the block, wall painting, lettering and art work, Providing refreshment for race/painting competitors, installation of flex banners etc)	30000/=	DEE/CEE	Rs10.00 lacs	500/=	JJM
5	Carrying of various IEC activities under JJM in block Frisal (Main convocation, Convocations at various villages of the block, wall painting, lettering and art work, Providing refreshment for race/painting competitors, installation of flex banners etc)	30000/=	DEE/CEE	Rs10.00 lacs	500/=	JJM
6	Carrying of various IEC activities under JJM in block Kulgam (Main convocation, Convocations at various villages of the block, wall painting, lettering and art work, Providing refreshment for race/painting competitors, installation of flex banners etc)	30000/=	DEE/CEE	Rs10.00 lacs	500/=	JJM
7	Carrying of various IEC activities under JJM in block Pombai (Main convocation, Convocations at various villages of the block, wall painting, lettering and art work, Providing refreshment for race/painting competitors, installation of flex banners etc)	30000/=	DEE/CEE	Rs10.00 lacs	500/=	JJM
8	Carrying of various IEC activities under JJM in block Qaimoh (Main convocation, Convocations at various villages of the block, wall painting, lettering and art work, Providing refreshment for race/painting competitors, installation of flex banners etc)	30000/=	DEE/CEE	Rs10.00 lacs	500/=	JJM
9	Carrying of various IEC activities under JJM in block Pahloo (Main convocation, Convocations at various villages of the block, wall painting, lettering and art work, Providing refreshment for race/painting competitors, installation of flex banners etc)	30000/=	DEE/CEE	Rs10.00 lacs	500/=	JJM

Identifying Juveniles in prisons

DLSA G'bal kick-starts Pan-India Campaign

GMK NEWS NETWORK

GANDERBAL: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Ganderbal under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority and J&K Legal Services Authority, started Pan-India campaign for identifying juveniles in prisons and rendering legal assistance to them.

The campaign was launched by Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA on the eve of the 75th Republic Day, throughout the India, aimed at identifying persons currently in prison who were potentially



minors at the time of commission of offence.

DLSA, Ganderbal under the Chairmanship of Ritesh Kumar Dubey, Chairman DLSA, Ganderbal and under the guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA, Ganderbal started the campaign and conducted orientation programme on the campaign

on 26th of January, 2024. In order to aware prisoners about Juvenile Justice Law, Secretary, DLSA Ganderbal organized awareness programme at Subsidiary Jail Dignibal Ganderbal today.

In her address she highlighted the importance of the said campaign and make prisoners aware about the Juvenile Justice Act.

She interacted with the prisoners during her visit and took feedback about their grievances. The prisoners were also assured that the issues raised by them would be taken up with the concerned authorities.

Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel and Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel apprised the prisoners about Juvenile Justice Law and explained about the Legal Protection and Legal Aid for juveniles.

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), terms & condition of contract can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.iktenders.gov.in as per the dates shown below:

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		Publishing date of NIT	25/01/2024	04:00pm
	II	Download start date	25/01/2024	04:00 pm
	III	Bid submission start date	25/01/2024	04:00 pm
	IV	Bid submission end date	01/02/2024	03.00 pm
	IV	Bid opening date	02/02/2024	12.00 am

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan shown against the each item advertised & credited to MH:0215-PHE Government Account as per the format devised / attached with this NIT & earnest money in the shape of CDR pledged to the Executive Engineer PHE Division Kulgam.

- The bids shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Kulgam on above mentioned date in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like CDR/Cost of Tender document in the form of Treasury Challan (TR) / PAN/GST Registration with latest return/Bidders Address Format / Registration card duly renewed./latest ITR.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of tender due to any reason.
- The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days.

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95 pc construction work of AIIMS completed: Craft Safari of H&H Deptt comes full circle with Padr **Executive Director**



SRINAGAR: Around 95 percent construction work of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jammu has been completed and is expected to be thrown open to the public soon. Dr Shakti Gupta, Execalready functional with the

utive Director of AIIMS admission of 60 candidates Jammu, informed that 42 towers are coming up simultaneously and around 95 percent of construction is complete.

He said the inauguration of this major hospital is expected soon; however, the date of inauguration is to yet be fixed by the PMO.

Officials said a total of 42 major buildings are coming up on 226.84 acres of the land allotted to the hospital on the National Highway-44 and the majority of works have already been completed. They said the required equipment is being procured within and

outside the country. Around 50 departments including 30 general and 20 super specialities will be made operational and the required staff will be hired even as some junior cadres were being selected by a local committee of the AIIMS Jammu, officials said, adding that a Nursing College of AIIMS Jammu is

for BSc Nursing. AIIMS Jammu is currently offering an MBBS program for a duration of 5 years and 6 months with a total seat intake of 62 that will be taken to 100 once the institute is made

operational. Notably, in November last year, the Centre in the Rajya Sabha said that 92 percent of the civil construction of AIIMS Jammu and 42 percent of AIIMS Awantipora has been completed.

In a written reply to a question Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar had said that 92% of civil construction work of AIIMS Jammu has been completed, while 1450 faculty and non-faculty posts have been sanctioned out of which 549 have been

filled up. The super speciality hospital will have 750 beds, including 46 trauma and emergency beds, 193 ICU beds, 20 operation theatres, a helipad, and a 1,000-seat auditorium besides MRI, CT and CATH lab equipped with the most modern technology.

The departments include

General Medicine, General Surgery, Cardiology, CVTS, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Gastroenterology, Gastroenterol Surgery, Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Urology, Nephrology, Pediatric Surgery, Burn and Plastic Surgery, Nuclear Medicine ENT Dermatology, Dentistry, Dermatology, CFM, Anaesthesiology, Anatomy, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Pathology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Psychiatry, Radiology and Pulmonary

Medicine—(KNO)

comes full circle with Padma Shri honour to Ghulam Nabi

SRINAGAR: A commendation ceremony was Saturday organized by the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir at Ghulam Nabi Dar's residence at Dana Mazar Safakadal to honor his recent accolade, the Padma Shri, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the art of wood carving, particularly on walnut.

Renowned for his craftsmanship, Ghulam Nabi has amassed acclaim over the years, receiving accolades like State Award in the year 1984 and a National Award in 1995. His artistic prowess has transcended borders, garnering appreciation in countries like Iraq, Germany, and Thailand, establishing his global reputation.

After Srinagar joined the UNESCO creative cities network, the Department of Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir launched the first craft safari from the Safakadal area, showcasing Ghulam Nabi Dar among seven other artisans. These craft safaris were instrumental in raising the profile of artisans, fostering direct connections between buvers and craftsmen, providing a deeper understanding of their craft, and enabling direct purchases from the



At the felicitation event, the Director of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir underscored the significance of the award. emphasizing that it not only brings recognition to artisans like Ghulam Nabi Dar but also reflects positively on the community

and the state. **Encouraging Ghulam** Nabi Dar to persist in his pursuit of excellence, the Director highlighted that such awards open doors for business opportunities and inspiration to others. He expressed optimism about positive transformations in the handicrafts sector and urged collaborative efforts between the department and awardees to elevate the realm of handicrafts to new heights.

The Department of

Prof Minu calls on LG Manoj Sinha



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JAMMU: Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu Saturday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Administration, faculty and students of the college for achieving the prestigious A++ Grade in the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation.

Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar with CGPA 3.64 on a 4 point scale in its third cycle of accreditation now ranks 5th in the country.

Film Maker calls on LG

JAMMU: Film-maker Ashok Saxena Saturday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

Earlier, Ms Garima Abrol, a student of 11th Class presented a 3D portrait painting of the Lt Governor to him. The Lt Governor appreciated the young painter for her work of art.

Prez Kailakh Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust call on LG

JAMMU: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust Saturday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today.

A delegation of Yuva Jatt Sabha Jammu led by its President Sh Amandeep Singh Boparai apprised the Lt Governor on various welfare issues of the Jatt community and installation of statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh

A delegation of former PRI members from Suchetgarh led by Sh Rashpal Singh also called on the Lt Governor.

*DLSA Sgr organizes Awareness program for prisoners in Central jail

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SRINAGAR: In accordance with PAN India Campaign for Identifying Juveniles in Prisons and Rendering Legal Assistance 2024, aimed to restore the youth and uphold justice, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar Saturday organized an awareness program for prisoners in Central Jail Srinagar, focusing on the Juvenile Justice Law.

It is worth mentioning here that the campaign was virtually launched on January 25, 2024, by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Saniiy Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India, and Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority;

Today's programme was held under the guidance of Jawad Ahmed, Chairman of District Legal Services

Authority (PDJ) Srinagar. Under the campaign,. Jahangir Ahmed Bakshi, Secretary DLSA, Srinagar, officials. Assistant LADC's

and Para Legal Volunteers,

of DLSA Srinagar, visited

the Central Jail to fulfill the objectives of the campaign. This collaborative initiative underscores the commitment of legal authorities to ensure fair and just treatment for juvenile offenders within the legal

framework. The program aimed to raise awareness among Juveniles about their rights and entitlements under the Juvenile Justice Law and to provide them with legal assistance and guidance. The program also aimed to identify juveniles in prisons and ensure their timely release and

rehabilitation. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, emphasized the importance of providing legal assistance to juvenile prisoners. He said that the Juvenile Justice Law is a comprehensive legislation that provides for the protection and care of children in conflict with the law. He also urged the prison authorities to ensure that the rights of juvenile pris-

oners are upheld. Superintendent, Central Jail, Srinagar, Barkat Ali and Deputy Superintendent Shabir Ahmad Mir expressed their support for the campaign and emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to ensure its successful implementation. They assured all necessary logistics assistance to facilitate the smooth conclusion of the campaign.

They stressed the need for collaborative efforts between the judiciary. District Legal Services Authorities, and prison authorities to effectively address the issues faced by juveniles in the criminal justice system.

During the visit, Secretary along with LADCs, Jail PLVs team interacted with inmates, gathered information, and provided guidance on the legal process for claiming juvenility. It was also emphasized that necessary documents be provided to Jail PLVs and LADCs for expeditious initiation of process for claiming juvenility

The program witnessed the presence of inmates, jail officials, and members of the LADCs. The program was a success and achieved its objectives of raising awareness about the Juvenile Justice Law and providing legal assistance to juvenile prisoners.

Dr. Shahid stressed the importance of timely bill-

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BJP appoints Tarun Chugh as election incharge for J&K, Ladakh

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when Ladakh was its part. Post reorganization of the erstwhile state of J&K, J&K UT has five LS seats

OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR KHANPETH

NOTICE

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death certificate from Gh Hussain Dar, S/o Ali Mohd Dar, R/O Diver Yakhmanpora. The concerned chowkidar has submitted report regarding the event to this office accordingly. Now the said applicant has approached this office for registration of death of his mother Sakeena Begum, W/d Late Ali Mohd Dar, R/o Diver Yakhmanpora (died on 23/03/2022). Anybody, if having any kind of objection in this regard may file the same at the office of Naib Tehsildar within 7-days of period from the date of publication of this notice, after that no objection

> Sd/- Naib Tehsildar Khanpeth

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PW D(R&B) PROJECTS DIVISION III, SRINAGAR.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 69 of 01/2024 Dated: 25-01-2024

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage basis for the below mentioned

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SCHEDULE OF TENDER:

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Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Project Division III

Secy RDD discusses MGNREGA **Annual Action Plan**

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary on Saturday concluded a comprehensive series of meetings across 10 districts within the Jammu Division. These meetings were

aimed at discussing the Labour Budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 and formulating an Annual Action Plan for development initiatives in the region. The meeting which was also attended by Assistant

Commissioner Development (ACDs) of different districts emphasized the critical importance of convergence with various departments, including the Forest Department, Social Forestry, Youth Service and Sports, Agriculture Department, and more, to ensure a comprehensive and community-centric approach to development.

Dr Shahid underscored the profound significance of the MGNREGA plan, emphasizing that it transcends being a mere document, serving as a visionary guide for society's development with clarity and purpose.



during the meetings included the development of community assets, support for vulnerable sections of society, and prioritization of projects directly benefiting the community. Special attention was given to Category B works focusing on natural resource management and the welfare of vulnerable sections.

Dr Shahid stressed the need to allocation of 60% of expenses towards agriculture and allied works, emphasizing the pivotal role of boosting the agricultural sector for overall community development.

He underscored the importance of timely payments of wages through the Aadhaar Based Payment System to enhance transparency and accountability.

Other crucial discus-

sions included a focus on

social audit, addressing Electronic Money Transfer (EMT) issues, and investing in training and skill development programs to foster personal development among the workforce engaged in MGNREGA initiatives.

The formulated plan encompasses strategies for improving land productivity, enhancing livelihoods through various agricultural activities, and developing fallow or waste

structure development for livestock and fisheries, along with the construction of bio-gas plants for individuals and communities. were also outlined to promote sustainable practices.

addressed in the meetings.

Furthermore, stressed the importance of 100% usage of the National MGNREGS Management System (NMMS) and encourages the adoption of the Janmanrega app for a The provisions for inframore efficient workflow. To ensure financial

required registers and calls for timely billing processes. Waseem Raja, Additional Other issues such Secretary, RDD highlighted as Geo-tagging, NMMS the progress of MGNREGA, usage, and the closure of noting that 85% of audited social audit concerns were panchayats have been cov-

ered this year.

MUBASHIR AALAM WANI Kashmir and Ladakh, has been named the election

SRINAGAR: In a significant move, the Bharatiya Janta Party has appointed Tarun Chugh as election in-charge for upcoming Lok Sabha polls for Jammu & Kashmir and

According to details available, BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh, who is the party's in-charge for political affairs in Jammu and

and Ladakh one—(KNO)

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Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status/ place of registration and principal place of Business.

Earnest money/Bid Security & tender document Fee indicating name of the work/NIT No. therein

DT: 27-01-2024

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Morning Kashmir

Oscar Nomination

here is some great news for the cinema-loving public in the whole union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The movie 'Country of Blind,' an adaptation of H.G. Wells' novel, has garnered international praise and earned a prestigious screening at the Cinelounge in Los Angeles. This is a remarkable achievement and highlights the picturesque and antique locales that Kashmir can provide for shooting any historical drama. The screenplay had already found a coveted spot in the Permanent Core Collection of the Oscar Library in October this year. It is believed that the academy members are now passionately advocating for its Oscar nomination.

What makes this a resounding victory for the cinema setting in Kashmir is that almost the entire cast of this movie including the directors are from the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The movie features Hina Khan in the leading role. The other prominent Kashmiri actors who have acted in this movie are Shoib Nikash Shah and Ahmad Haider. Mir Sarwar and Hussain Khan. The film is directed by Rahat Kazmi and produced by Tariq Khan, both raised in Surankote, Poonch. This is hugely remarkable for the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kashmiri people have a great sense of art. There was a time in the 70s and 80s when it was a normal sight to see people milling in and out of our cinema halls. Firdaus, Shah, Neelum, and Palladium were some of the cinemas that used to be mostly crowded at all times of the week. Kashmir has produced some of the finest actors and scriptwriters over the years. Both the Pandit as well as the Muslim communities have contributed significantly to the field of arts over the last four years.

The Oscar nomination for a movie that has a near-about entirely Kashmir-based actors will go a long way in soliciting prospective producers across South Asia and other parts of the world to come and shoot their movies in India. Besides, it will inspire the younger generation to take up cinema as a confident career choice. Congratulations once again to the whole of Kashmir.

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CABG And Stenting

Natural Bypass Technique A Better, Non-Invasive Technique

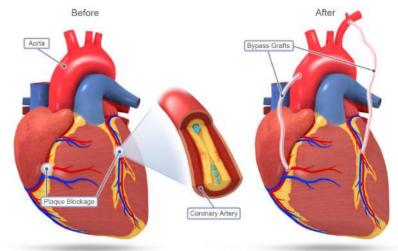


ttributing to an increase in changing lifestyles, people often miss out on taking care of their health as a result of which there has been an exponential increase in non-communicable diseases among the middle-aged population in the last decade. There is a rise in the incidences of diabetes, hypertension, and obesity that ultimately leads to cardiovascular ailments, which has not only increased but has almost doubled in the last two decades, among the younger population

More and more patients are being referred at a much younger age for management of heart problems and the reason for this is not only the stress and strain that we face but pollution, smoking, poor eating habits, improper sleep patterns, and other risk factors also. This is also contributing to a great extent to heart diseases being more common in the younger population and that has actually resulted in almost an epidemic of heart diseases in India. Indians are genetically more prone to get heart problems. It is also seen that in the Indian sub-continent, there is more of a problem called truncal obesity (fat accumulated around the stomach and back) which most of us have. Truncal obesity is a very strong indicator of getting coronary artery disease or heart

For the past 27 years, SAAOL has marked its presence all across India and is now aiming to spread globally.

Bypass surgery – is there a necessity? The mortality rate due to cardiovascular diseases tops the list with over 1.7 crore annual deaths. Over 3.2 crore Indi-



ans suffer from some type of cardiac ailments and only 1.5 lacs of them undergo Bypass Surgeries annually.

A recent US study has also claimed that in over 85% of stable cases of heart ailments, medical intervention like angioplasty or bypass surgeries can be avoided and alternate medical therapy along with lifestyle changes works better.

The study results have put a big question mark on the use of unnecessary Angioplasties and Bypass surgeries in India and the 10,000 Heart Hospital Industry driven by greedy Heart Surgeons and Interventional Cardiologists. In India, more than 5 lac stents are being put on every year and some 60,000 Bypass surgeries are being done in the heart Hospitals and 85% of them are done on stable heart patients - which can be easily avoided

Lifestyle management along with Optimum Medical Management is the key to the solution of heart diseases. Not only they are highly effective for a healthy heart, but also prevent Bypass surgery or Angioplasty. SAAOL (Science and Art of Living) has been treating heart patients for the last 25 years successfully and its theory is now being proven correct by the most modern medical research. To avoid heart attack

all the patients need is thorough training on lifestyle and coverage of Allopathic medicines

Natural Bypass - Advancement towards cure

External Counter Pulsation (ECP) also known as the Natural Bypass technique is an approved mechanical process without pushing wires, stents, etc. into the body but dilates blood vessels and enables the body to grow new blood vessels much like bypass and stem cell therapy. Most patients can walk longer distances and faster, have fewer episodes of pain chest, and require less medication after the therapy.

The patients experience a better quality of life while tests can confirm the improved cardiac status. Patients have decreased chest pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, and tiredness as well as a significant improvement in exercise tolerance and energy. They can walk longer distances and faster more comfortably. Medication is reduced in almost all patients. Stress Thallium can picture the heart muscle's blood flow while the new non-invasive Cardiovascular Cartography can map the heart's blood flow and study the Oxygen demand reserve ratio, blood vessel elasticity, myocardial burden, etc.

In comparison to the conventional

CABG (Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting) which requires splitting the breastbone through a 10-inch incision, Natural bypass therapy is completely noninvasive, preserves the cosmetic appeal, is a painless procedure, has no risk of infection and requires no hospital stay or recovery time. The benefit usually lasts up to three to nine years.

Sometimes Bypass surgery and angioplasty are not successful, there may be a recurrence of symptoms after bypass, and the patient may not be fit for surgery or the patient may prefer to avoid surgery for cultural or personal choice. Now non-invasive treatments such as External Counter Pulsation (ECP) is an option for these patients without the fear and trauma of surgery and are coming up as post-bypass reha bilitation support.

Who All can benefit from Natural Bypass Technique?

Timely diagnosis and early detection of probability of onset of heart disease can work wonders in preventing the mortality and morbidity rate due to Heart ailments.

Pre-existing heart patients with Angina or chest pain.

High-risk individuals with family history of heart disease, diabetes, overweight, high cholesterol, smokers, high blood pressure, sedentary lifestyle, stress, etc.

Patients unfit for angioplasty or bypass due to lung, kidney or other conditions

Failure or recurrence after angioplasty, stents or bypass. Those not wanting to undergo sur-

gery for religious, cultural or other Small vessels disease (more common

in diabetics and women) that is less responsive to angioplasty and bypass. Leg pain due to Peripheral Artery

Disease (PAD). With advanced and non-invasive treatment methods like the natural

bypass, many patients on the verge of cardiac ailments can be treated.

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Gandhian Principle For Peace



AGA SYED MUNTAZIR MEHDI

umanity is passing through roads plagued by wars, conflicts, hunger, environmental destruction, and loss of natural resources. We must restore the balance between individuals, people, and nature before it is too late and non-violence has much to contribute. The ideal of non-violent world social order may not be possible in the present state of affairs at the global level, but it can be realizable in the future as a result of the evolution of human society.

The most important contribution of India to the contemporary world is the message of non-violence and global peace. It was formulated and practiced by Mahatma Gandhi. His principles and values faced changing and challenging conditions in our days- but they continue to remain unbeaten and march on. The transition of the concept of peace from the absence of war and violence to a dynamic, positive vision of peace incorporating structural and cultural violence has broadened the scope of peace movements from being focused on single issues to a wide range of issues including human rights, gender equality, democracy, social justice and sustainable development and

The beauty of Gandhi's values lies in their simplicity and timelessness. He emphasized the principles of social justice, and his concern about the environment remains relevant even today. The contribution of Gandhi in developing contemporary perspectives on the concept of peace and nonviolence has been acknowl-



edged by well-known peacelover people across the world. Since Non-violence originates from love, compassion, goodwill, cooperation, harmony, and selflessness, a genuine and enduring peace can be ensured only through nonviolent means. Non-violence offers us practical means to struggle efficiently against injustice. Gandhi was striving to demolish the prevailing ideology of violence through his speeches and writings. Violence is unable to shape history; it can often only serve to destroy it. In that sense, it is indeed violence, and not nonviolence, which is utopia. Our challenge is to cultivate a culture of nonviolence. The Peace conveys the

meaning of Peace with justice. Non-violence is no longer passive. It is a radical force. Gandhi believed that human beings are essentially non-vio-

lent. Non-violent means are the only alternative to eradicate the beastly and anti-social tendencies from the human mind and to elevate human society to a superior plane wherein the entire humanity can live in peace and harmony. Gandhi, perhaps was the only person who changed the concept of non-violence. Ahimsa, the Indian word for non-violence is commonly understood as doing no harm or injury to other people. But Gandhi visualized it as a radical force. Even during the initial stages, he explained the idea of positive non-violence. Gandhi's theory and practice

provide five interrelated guiding principles for a sustainable world can be described in principles: Ahimsa is the greatest force available to humankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of

a man. Gandhi was the first person who applied the concept of non-violence for a political purpose. Gandhi's greatest contribution, therefore, is the use of non-violence into a successful technique for direct mass action.

Satyagraha is the most cultured way of bringing desirable social change. Satyagraha campaign might involve the use of multiple non-violent resistance techniques. It is the generic term for nonviolent action. It can take the specific forms of direct action, boycotts, strikes, letter writing, mass protests, prayerful fasting and so on. In all cases it tests the hypothesis that all humans, whatever their differential stakes in hierarchical power structures, share a common core of humanity which can be reached, educated, and liberated by nonviolent and, if necessary, selfsacrificial action.

Injustice is the root cause of all national and international conflicts. Inequality breeds exploitation, fear and strife. Peace is possible only among equals. Therefore, the consciousness of equality is an essential requirement to bring about a climate of peace. The universality of Gandhi's principles can be utilized as the necessary first step to creating a nonviolent world, since peace begins in our minds and hearts, moral regeneration of individuals, and an equitable social order on the other are necessary requirements for achieving global peace.

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Journey Of ATB Survivor From Pain To Strength



SHOBHA SHUKLA KALPANA ACHARYA

mmortal words of Leonard Cohen, "there is a crack in everything, that is how the light gets in," best sum up the transformative journey from pain to strength of Binika Shrestha, a native of Hetauda in Nepal. Binika shared the travails of the long path she trodfrom being diagnosed with TB, going through the TB treatment, fighting the side effects of medicines as well as the haunting and daunting stigma, to eventually getting cured, and then, a few years later becoming a district TB officer herself.

It is noteworthy to mention that Binika had also addressed the world leaders at the 2023 United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on TB and called upon them to make TB programmes more peoplecentered and inclusive. Currently she is on her way to complete her postgraduate degree course of Public Health in Nepal.

The rollercoaster ride

'I had just begun my Bachelor of Public Health degree course at the age of 18. But the excitement of new beginnings lasted for just over a month when symptoms of TB cast their shadow. TB is a social disease and is heavily stigmatized in countries like Nepal. I hoped against hope that my symptoms were not related to TB but to some other health issue. However, diagnosis in healthcare institutions confirmed TB. Then I was put on TB treatment," shared Binika.

Binika was speaking in End TB Dialogues, #90for90 #GlobalVoices series with Kalpana Acharya, former President of Nepal Health Journalists Forum and Shobha Shukla.

She added: "Barely a week into the anti-TB therapy, severe side effects began affecting me. My face swelled so much that it looked like a water-filled balloon. My joints throbbed with pain, affecting my mobility. It became all the more difficult for me to go through these side effects of TB treatment as at that time I was living all by myself in a hostel - far away from my family and parents. My studies suffered as I could not go to the college for over a month. My mental health also got negatively affected as I was mortified of people finding out of me having TB. My parents too asked me not to share about my disease with anyone, but rather say that it was 'chest infection' to skirt TB stigma. TB stigma was so severe that I started having selfdoubts. I had not even shared about my TB treatment with my friends. It became more traumatizing as I had no one to share with of what I was going through.'

After a month of fighting it all alone, Binika left the hostel and moved with her parents. Family support made it more bearable. "As time passed by, my parents suggested that I drop out of college because I was so unwell. It was a struggle to walk properly even for a minute. Climbing a staircase became a herculean task. But I persisted. I had worked very hard in my life to get into college, so I was very reluctant to drop out of it. I kept on coping somehow, not only with the physical side effects of TB treatment, but also with TB stigma, which lurked around me menacingly for quite a long time.

She became TB negative but positively resolute to end TB

Binika could eventually see the light at the end of the tunnel when her six-months long TB treatment got over and she was declared TB negative. "After I completed my Bachelor of Public Health degree, see the turn of fate - my first job was of becoming a District Programme Officer for TB - the same disease which had almost made me dropout of college and thwart my efforts to live my dream! This is my life story for now - my journey from pain to strength."

Find all TB early and accurately and link to continuum of care



As per the latest Global TB Report of the World Health Organization (WHO), only about half of the estimated TB patients in Nepal are notified every year: out of 70,000 cases every year, 37,000 are notified. Of those notified every year, only half of them get diagnosed using a WHO recommended molecular test

When a person with presumptive

molecular test (and the rest are still diagnosed using microscopy).

Binika agrees: Early and accurate TB diagnosis is not only a critical gateway to TB care pathway, but also a public health and human rights imperative. It helps stop the spread of TB infection as well as reduces unnecessarv human suffering and risk of untimely deaths due to TB.

the grassroots, then the programmes should also be at the grassroots. If the problem is in the community, then the programmes should also be in the communities. We have to detect TB

early and accurately," asserts Binika.
Bringing the laboratory services closer to the community, especially in countries with centralized healthcare services like Nepal can be a toms is not enough to find all TB in high burden settings

In Nepal, the national TB prevalence survey 2018-2019 had found that over 70% of people with TB were asymptomatic - and would have been missed if X-ray was not used to screen them for presumptive TB (and was followed by molecular test to confirm TB disease). India's national TB prevalence survey 2019-2021 had shown that almost half of the TB patients would have been missed if X-ray was not used as a screening tool.

Bringing TB screening and testing facilities to the communities will be very beneficial - it will also reduce the cost people incur in traveling to big cities and reduce delay in diagnosis. "Mobile health clinics can go closer to the people and communities with TB screening, diagnosis and treatment services instead of centralized TB services in big cities waiting for the people to come to them. We should also add a component of TB screening and diagnosis in maternal and child healthcare services across Nepal.' hopes Binika.

Public private partnerships could also help reach the unreached people and communities with full spectrum of TB services. Private healthcare providers must notify TB cases to the government so that we know the epidemic. We should also leverage the use of digital technologies.

Affected communities must remain central to TB responses

"I urge the government to include the people who have survived TB because they have the firsthand experience of it, they know where the problem or barrier is. We need to bridge the gap between 'felt need' and real need of the people," said Binika

Shrestha. It was long after finishing her TB treatment that Binika gathered courage to disclose her experience and to contribute actively towards ending TB. "It took immense courage for me to openly acknowledge my past battle with this disease. The journey from pain to strength has been a profound and transformative experience for me. I am determined to advocate for the inclusion of TB survivors' voices at the decisionmaking level. I firmly believe that their perspectives and experiences are invaluable in shaping policies and strategies to combat TB effectively. By working towards inclusiveness, I aspire to create a society where TB survivors are not only heard but also actively involved in shaping a healthier future for all.'

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TB is offered a TB test, it should be a WHO recommended molecular test upfront. WHO has called upon all the governments to 100% replace microscopy (which badly underperforms in diagnosing TB) with molecular test by 2027. At the 2023 UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on TB, the world leaders had reechoed their promise to do so by 2027. But progress is appallingly slow with only 47% of TB patients worldwide getting diagnosed using a

Bringing "lab to the people" (and not people to the lab) is the first vital step towards finding all TB. If we fail to do this, we will keep missing TB cases despite having the best of tools

If problem is at the grassroots, then why are programmes not rooted there?

"Community engagement and awareness is a critical cog-in-thewheel to find all TB, treat all TB and prevent all TB. If the problem is in

big game changer in the context of finding TB early and linking with care, said Binika. The WHO recommended point-of-care and decentralized molecular test (Truenat) can increase accessibility of TB testing for people who would otherwise either get missed or diagnosed late. Molecular tests not only accurately tell if a person has TB but also confirm if a person is resistant to most powerful

anti-TB drugs, like rifampicin. Verbal screening for TB symp-

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Yasha Mudgal Convenes Mega **Public Darbar In Kishtwar**

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KISHTWAR: Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Yasha Mudgal. Saturday chaired a mega public darbar at Drabshalla block, Kisht-

Addressing the concerns of the community, Commissioner engaged with the public, while assessing progress on developmental initiatives within the tourism sector and beneficiaryoriented schemes under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

The event was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav, DDC member Drabshalla A, Ashok Kumar, DPO, Sunil Bhutyal, AD FSC & CA Executive Engineer PHE, CDPO Drabshalla, CAHO, DSHO, CAO Kishtwar, CHO, Tehsildar Drabshalla, BDO Drabshalla, TSWO Kishtwar besides officials of KDA

and tourism and locals. Scores of locals from adjoining areas thronged the public darbar wherein representatives including DDC members raised their issues and demands, ranging from infrastructure and tourist facilities at Bimal Naag to pending road compensations and develop-

ment of trekking routes. Other highlighted concerns included establishment of cricket stadium at Drabshalla, employment in Ratle HEP, speedy construction of roads like Kuntwara and Kalchanda to Bimal Naag, uninterrupted electricity supply, enhanced bus services for school children, and completion of building projects

such as HSS Chhirod. Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner Secretary underscored the paramount importance of holding these public darbars, stating that its primary objective is to ensure that every individual reaps the benefits of welfare and developmental schemes. She urged upon the public to actively engage with the district administration to elevate the development profile of the district.

Emphasizing the pivotal role of Nasha Mukt youth in building a thriving society, Commissioner Secretary called for a joint efforts by the District Administration and the community to intensify the Nasha Mukt campaign on a mission mode to combat drug addiction.

Assuring a prompt resolution of issues, Yasha Mudgal stated that concerns raised during the public darbar would be examined and addressed expeditiously.

Commissioner Secretary shared a comprehensive tourism plan for the Union Territory. focusing on holistic development from infrastructure to guide

Proposing development of Bimal Naag as a spiritual tourism circuit connected to the Machail area, she encouraged exploration of untapped tourist areas to promote adventure tourism. She stressed the need for challengebased tourism destination development and assured facilitation of events like the Winter carnival and other tourism festivals.

Discussing the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). Yasha Mudgal informed that about 110 schemes offering heavily subsidized credit-linked options for farmers are being implemented. She directed the district administration to intensify awareness camps and encourag farmers to leverage HADP schemes for hi-tech farming and

allied sector practices. Commissioner Secretary underscored the importance of a multidimensional approach, urging collaboration between the district administration and Women Self Help Groups to enhance the impact of developmental initiatives under HADP.

During the event, the Deputy Commissioner provided insights into the tourism profile and outlined initiatives being taken up by the District Administration to boost tourist footfall. Highlighting the significance of tourism festivals and carnivals held at Sinthan, Devilgol, Paddar, Kishtwar, and Warwan, he showcased the collaborative efforts that resulted in Rafting and Mountaineering training courses for youth, aiming to bolster the tourism sector.

The Deputy Commissioner further shared positive updates, including transparent employment of 250 land losers in the Hydropower Project (HEPP) and the approved RR plan for the Ratle HEP, fostering infrastructure development in the region.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner Secretary inspected departmental stalls besides distributing Self-Help Group approval letters, sanction letters for various units, and nutriceutical inputs under

the HADP scheme. He also distributed wheelchairs and sticks among the Persons with Disabilities.

Lastly, success stories from NRLM SHG members were shared on the occasion.

Prerna Puri Visits Ramban, Chairs Public Darbar

RAMBAN: Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Prerna Puri, Saturday visited Ramban to listen to the issues and demands of the public, besides assessing the status of development works and beneficiary oriented schemes in the district.

Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan along with DDC members, public representatives besides the general public attended the public darbar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary outlined the significance of holding public darbar, saving that the main motive behind launching this government-people interface programme is to ensure that not even a single person is deprived of the benefit of welfare and developmental schemes. She emphasized upon the people to ensure their proactive engagement with the district administration in taking the development profile of the district to top place.

Emphasizing the improvement of public service delivery in the district, the

informed that more than 1100 government schemes and services are being provided to the public on online mode. She informed that the Department of Information Technology has fixed the rates at Rs.50 for CSC for providing online services, besides setting up a helpline number 14471 for convenience of the general public.

The Commissioner Secretary said that these public darbars will be a regular feature and result oriented people friendly initiative. She asked the Additional Deputy Commissioner to review the action taken by the departments on issues highlighted by various public representatives and general public during this public darbar before organizing the next similar event.

Prerna Puri said that all the issues will be examined and taken up for redressal in a time bound manner on priority basis.

In her address, the DDC Chairperson highlighted various developmental achievements registered in the district. She demanded opening of Awaas plus portal, issuance of new ration cards, conduct of new in funding under NABARD, completion of ongoing developmental projects under Area Development Fund, PMGSY, JJM and other road projects besides sanction for issuance of an ambulance under ADF.

Meanwhile, DDC members and other public representatives also highlighted various issues and demands including construction of overhead bridges at Chanderkote and other identified areas over NH-44, development of sports infrastructure, release of funds for road projects sanctioned under various schemes, deployment of staff in health centres, educational institutions and other departments, Girls Higher Secondary School for Ramban, completion and up-gradation of road projects of PMGSY, PWD, opening of trauma hospital at Batote, bifurcation of Panchayats and power curtailment issues.

Earlier, the Commissioner Secretary along with other dignitaries inspected the stalls established by various departments displaying their schemes and programmes meant for empowering common masses.

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MeT Predicts

Farmers are also advised to withhold irrigation and application of fertilizer while they should also drain out excess water from the orchards and fields during this period.

Meanwhile, night temperature hovered above normal at most places barring twin capitals with Srinagar recording a low of minus 2.3°C against minus 0.5°C on previous night and it was 1.3°C below normal for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 2.2°C against minus 0.2°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 0.4°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the MeT official said.

-Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 5.1°C against minus 0.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 0.8°C against minus 0.1°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal by 1.8°C for the place, the

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 2.4°C against 2.5°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C above normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 6.4°C against minus 3.7°C on the previous night and the temperature was 1.1°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 7.0°C and it was below normal by 1.7°C for the winter capital of J&K.

Banihal recorded a low of 0.4°C, Batote 3.1°C and Bhaderwah minus 0.2°C, he said

Kashmir valley is presently going through 'Chillai-Kalan', the 40-day harsh period of winter, which will end on January 29. However it does not mean an end to the winter. It is followed by a 20-day-long period called 'Chillai-Khurd' that occurs between January 30 and February 19 and a 10-day-long period 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) which is from February 20 to March 1st. (GNS)

13-Yr-Old Rabab 22 this month at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi. Sharing the experience, Ishfaq said he was overjoyed when he learned about receiving the prestigious award from the President of India. "It's a dream come true, and I feel incredibly honoured to be recognized at such a high level," he expressed.

I started learning to play the Rabab from my father Abdul Hamid, who has around 37 years of experience in this field, he said. "Watching my father play the Rabab inspired me to follow in his footsteps. It's a tradition in our family and I wanted to be a part of it.'

Music is about connecting with my roots and I hope to carry forward the legacy, the young maestro said, adding that he made a well-thought-out decision to carve his future within its soulful strings.

"I have performed not only here but in Mumbai, Pune, Kolkata, Lucknow, Delhi and other cities while accompanying my father,'

Ishfaq said his family's support is the foundation upon which his musical aspirations stand. "Behind every achievement is a family's support, which weaves a strong thread. As a representative of the fourth generation in the Bhat family, I am grateful for constant encouragement from everyone. It's by their support only which fuels my passion for the Rabab." he said.

Proud of his son's national recognition, Abdul Hamid said the award is for "everyone in our valley". "My son's dedication to the Rabab music is a source of immense pride for our family, and we see it as a celebration of our rich cultural heritage," he said.

Ishfaq said that dedication to pursuits with a defined goal is key to success. "Success is not a distant mirage. Setting goals and remaining dedicated is how you see success touching your feet," he said—(KNO)

NHRC To Hold

can be submitted to the commission by speed post or email by January 29.

'Such complaints, as deemed fit for inquiry, shall be taken up at the open public hearing. The parties shall be informed in due course about the date and venue of open public hearing," reads the notice.

After abrogation of Article 370, the J&K government abolished state human rights commission as a follow-up to legal changes effected by the Union Government through J&K Reorganisation Act.

On March 18, 2020, the Government of India empowered the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to deal with all human rights concerns in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir—(KNO)

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INSACOG, over 1,500 cases are of the Covid-19 sub-variant JN.1 in India, with Madhya Pradesh the latest state to be reporting its

The JN.1 sub-variant is a descendent of the Omicron subvariant known as BA.2.86 or Pirola, with Kerala being the first state to report a case.

Maharashtra led with more than 450 cases followed by Karnataka, reflecting regional variations in sub-variant prevalence.

Currently, Andhra Pradesh leads with over 215 cases of the variant. Kerala and Gujarat follow closely behind. Other states reporting the variant include

West Bengal, Goa, and Tamil Nadu. Rajasthan and Telangana have recorded over 30 cases with Chhattisgarh and Delhi following Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha, Uttara-

khand, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, and Nagaland have also reported a few cases. Monitoring and further assessment of the

situation is ongoing to address the spread of this sub-variant, the ministry said. Recent genetic studies on coronavirus samples from January reveal that the JN.1

subvariant accounts for nearly all cases in Maharashtra. INSACOG's data revealed that 239 Covid cases in December 2023, and 24 in November

2023, were identified with the presence of the The overall recovery from Covid has reached

over 4.4 crore individuals, reflecting a national recovery rate of 98.81 per cent. India has administered a total of 220.67 crore

doses of Covid vaccines, as per the available

Terror Module Busted

operating from across the border," police said in a statement.

Police said that one person identified as Zahoor Ahmad Bhat of Karnah in Kupwara district was arrested from whose possession one AK, one AK Magazine, 29 rounds, two pis-

'Two PoK based handlers from across were in touch with the Zahoor who hails from a village which is close to the LoC," police said.

tols and two pistol magazines were recovered.

Police said that the consignments dispatched to this side from across were thereafter delivered to other terror associates who were in contact with Zahoor Ahmad Bhat and the PoK based handlers.

"In addition to Zahoor, four more terror associates namely Khursheed Ahmad Rather, Mudasir Shafiq, Gulam Sarwar and Qazi Fazal, all residents of Karnah, have been arrested.' police said.

Police said that the arms and ammunition and other incriminating material recovered from them including five AK Rifles (short), five AK magazines and 16 AK rounds (short) were recovered.

LG Attends 'Akhil

events like Kavi Sammelan in shaping new

"A poet, thinker, writer is also a mystic who shapes new ideas and viewpoint, ignites young minds with dreams, vision and new resolve. Our country has a rich and proud tradition of Kavi Sammelans and they have made immense contribution in national integration," the Lt Governor said.

He said the first-ever Dogri Kavi Sammelan will be organised in J&K in the coming days as a part of Republic Day celebrations.

Such events not only bring together the literary talent but also celebrate our linguistic and cultural heritage, the Lt Governor further added.

Today's Kavi Sammelan witnessed the participation of Sh Upendra Pandey, Sh Dinesh Raghuvanshi, Sh Akhilesh Mishra, Sh Sudeep Bhola, Dr Vishnu Saxena, Sh Rajesh Aggarwal, Dr Shailendra Madhur, Sh Ajay Atpattu, Ms Kalpana Shukla, Dr Satish Vimal, Prof Raj Kumar, Prof Nirmal Vinod and other acclaimed poets and young talent who enthralled the audience with their rhythmic poetry recita-

Sh Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Culture Department; Sh Anand Jain, ADGP Jammu; Sh Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Sh Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary JKAACL; renowned artists and people, especially the youth in large number were present.

Terror Financing1860 and Sections 17, 18 of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967 for raising funds for the purpose of committing terrorist

activities," it reads. It added that ED investigation revealed that the accused persons were raising funds for terrorist activities in the Kashmir Valley on the directions of terrorist outfit namely Hizbul Mujahidin and thus, generated huge proceeds

"Part of proceeds of crime so generated from them were also found in possession in the form of 33 gold coins and 17.50 Lakh, which was to be used in terrorist activities. Further investigation is under progress," it reads—(KNO)

CS Reviews

Regarding the smooth implementation of this scheme launched by PM for the handholding of the artisan class, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the concerned DCs to saturate the scheme in their areas. He directed for on boarding all the Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) for registration of artists resid-

He stressed on holding camps in villages and towns for making the registration process easy for the artists. He even asked them to give more focus to clearance of cases at both first and 2nd tiers so that these are sent for approval to the Ministry of MSME. He even called for accelerating the process to transferring the benefits to the artisans by providing them toolkits and credit linkages as per the scheme guidelines.

He advised the Skill Development Department to plan meticulously about the training program of the selected artisans. He sensitized them about the need of identifying both the trainers and the venues for imparting the necessary training to the artisans. He asked them to have close coordination with the district administration for making such planning and subsequent arrangements.

In their presentations the Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Vikramjit Singh and the Secretary SDD, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan highlighted their roles in the given scheme. It was given out that the training has to be imparted by the SDD while the extension part like enrolment and registration has to be culminated by the Industries Department.

It was given out that in the UT some 1,71,093 applications had been received putting J&K at the 13th spot in the country. It was also given out that out of the 18 registered trades Tailoring has received majority of 95,093 applications followed by Carpentry (27,608), Masonry

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(25,5632) and Barber (5,295) applications. Moreover it was given out that the trained

artisans would be provided the toolkit costing upto Rs 15000 each and can also avail a loan of Rs 3 lakhs in two instalments. It was said that the departments would ensure that the necessary approvals at tier first and 2nd are given within a week or so. Earlier in a meeting attended by Principal

Secretary, PDD; Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, S&T; Deputy Secretary, MNRE; MDs KPDCL/JPDCL; Representatives of NHPC and other concerned, the Chief Secretary took note of the Rooftop Solar Power Plants here. During this meeting the Chief Secretary

asked the concerned to ensure implementation of the scheme as per its guidelines. He asked for appointing Nodal Officers at both UT and district level for its smooth implementation here.

Dulloo asked them to identify all the buildings fit for installation of the solar rooftops. He also advised them to increase the expenditure besides taking other measures for evacuation of this energy to the grid.

It was given out in the meeting that it is envisaged that 100% government buildings in the UTs are to be covered under the rooftop Solar Programme. It was further informed that MNRE has nominated NHPC as a technical partners for assessment of potential and feasibility of Rooftop Solar under Government Sector in the UT of J&K.

The meeting was also apprised that the sites which are easily accessible are proposed to be taken up in the first year and others in the next calendar year. For meeting this objective MNRE has designated REC Limited as overall Program Implementing Agency (PIA) for Coordination with all stake holders to implement RTS programme across the country.

'J&K Transformed

regions on the developmental front and opportunities for all to flourish.

Devender Rana referred to the path-break ing initiatives taken in recent years with a thrust on transforming the Union Territory that has unfortunately been subjected to neglect and deprivation by successive governments in the past. He said the people in this part of the country are for the first time having a feel of being at the centre stage of various schemes aimed at ameliorating their lot. The restoration of peace has paved the way for unprecedented initiatives on economic and developmental fronts, the results of which are hugely visible, he said, adding the people are now deriving the dividends of peace.

Addressing the gathering Pawan Gupta, BJP Leader and former minister referred in detail to the other path-breaking initiatives like Ayushman Bharat, One Nation-One Ration Card, StartUp, Digital Bharat, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Jan Dhan Yojana, Izzat Ghar programme and much more, saying these schemes have changed the lives of the people. He said the commitment of the Prime Minister to public welfare keeps every BJP Karykarta on mission mode to realize his dream of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Pryas, Sabka Vish-

Train To Chug
eventuality they will be personally responsible. "That they will report at the concerned police station police posts before their travel, journey in the said areas. That they will not cause obstruction in free flow traffic," the permission read, adding that "there shall not be annoyance to the general public/educational institutes/religious places and other impor-tant establishments. That they will not use drones near LoC and sensitive areas.

The permission issued by the DC Kupwara also stated that the organisers of the survey should follow the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court or any other court of competence. "That the photographer should use drone during day time i.e. from 9 am to 4 pm,' the permission order read—(KNO)

untoward incidents will

occur after construction of

the temple, but nothing of

that sort happened because

we handled it carefully,"

Naik said, adding that it

was 'Modi's Guarantee' to

hand over the temple to the

temple construction will

help us to gain votes. I

would say our votes will be

doubled and we will cross

the 400 seat mark. Even in

Goa it will now be easy to

win both the seats. Since

this development many

people have started join-

ing BJP because now they

are confirmed that we can

deliver," Naik further said.

Amit Palyekar said that

BJP tried to derive politi-

cal dividend out of this

occasion. "BJP doesn't

do anything without any

political benefit. They

have tried to garner votes

through this, but we will

have to wait and watch

whether people will allow

them to grab the opportu-

Lord Ram was not center

stage, but Lok Sabha elec-

tion was. Let us accept

that the temple has been

constructed. But I feel

that even if we construct

100 temples, the question

remains of the income

source of people. Today,

the BJP has failed to create

jobs and give education, or

proper health facilities.

Middle class people are

suffering. We will take

these issues to the people.

Finally, the people have

to decide," he said, adding

It was like a BJP event.

nity," Palyekar said.

AAP Goa President

"Definitely the Ram



Goa BJP confident of doubling vote share

SANJAY BORKAR

PANAJI: BJP leaders in Goa are in a jubilant mood post the consecration ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya and are stating that nobody can stop them from winning 400 plus seats in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. However, the Opposition is pointing out that there should not be a place for religion in politics.

On the consecration day Hindu organisations and the BJP held rallies across the state and citizens also participated with zeal.

Only one or two Opposition leaders participated in the celebrations but the rest of the leaders of the Opposition parties distanced themselves from the rallies and did not even wish the people on social

Sources said that Congress MLA Carlos Alvares Ferreira welcomed a rally by some Hindu groups in his constituency Aldona.

Another Opposition MLA and President of Goa Forward Party Vijai Sardesai also celebrated the day at his residence by inviting people from all faiths.

Vijai Sardesai said that 'Ram Rajya' means inclusivity and pluralism, not one-sided governance.

"'Ram Rajya' means inclusivity and pluralism, not one-sided governance. I celebrated the occasion with a Deepotsav along with members of the Hindu, Christian and Muslim community, all together. I believe this



is the true spirit of 'Ram Rajya' in which all sections of society are treated justly, fairly and respect-Sardesai, former Deputy Chief Minister in the BJP-led Government (last term), said.

"While we welcome Ayodhya being developed into a centre for spiritual tourism, on lines of Mecca and Medina for Islam and Rome for Christianity, we in Goa must preserve our ageold culture of tolerance and coexistence and usher in real 'Ram Rajya'

in the state," he said.
"Jai Shri Ram is not the slogan to vote for one party. It is a slogan to imbibe values of Ram and bring 'Ram Rajya'. He doesn't belong to just one party. One party is chanting slogans and trying to show that Ram is only theirs. There is no Ram Rajya today, in Goa we know that the concept (of Ram Rajya) has not become a reality. Our role is to see whether our conscience is clean and we can live together.'

Sardesai said Earlier he had said that 'Ram Rajya' means not just cleaning temples, but welfare of the people

According to political analysts, Opposition MLAs failed to wish the people or participate in rallies held by Hindu organisations fearing it would benefit

While taking the credit, BJP had managed the rallies so well that every party leader was present for the rallies and programs in the temples and interacted with the public.

BJP's General Secretary and former MLA Damodar Naik blamed the Congress for the delay in the construction of the Ram

"The Congress created hurdles in the construction of the temple. They hoodwinked people over this issue. But we resolved the issue by giving alternative space to the Muslim community to build a mosque. We could do it the constitutional way. Congress instigated people that that the middle class is suffering the most in the BJP regime.

Palyekar alleged that the BJP initiated a program to clean temples to gain political mileage, whereas "our temples are always clean. I visit temples regularly but never see dust in temples. If they wish to bring 'Ram Rajya' then it should become 'Ram Rajya'. Don't do politics over gods, it should stop."

The Congress incharge of four North East states, Girish Chodank, said that the BJP was trying hard to cash in on the Ram temple to gain votes as they had failed in all aspects.

"This is a perfect example of how the BJP is baffled by the wrath of the public over its failures. This forced them to use Lord Ram to cover up issues facing the people. Goans and people of India are prudent enough to know that BJP uses the religion card and divides people. If they really want 'Ram Rajya' and Hindu 'Rashtra' then why are they not resolving the issue of Bhoma by saving villages and our culture? When they have a way to construct a bypass then why are they destroying a village which has three

National Highway?" he said. "BJP is cheating people of the nation by not providing employment, through inflation and by giving fake promises of bringing back black money and depositing Rs 15 lakh each in the public's account. The people of the nation have not forgotten that," he said.

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PM Modi to launch Digi SCR on Jan 28

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch Digital Supreme Court Reports (Digi SCR) on January 28 at the Supreme Court auditorium.

"During the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Supreme Court, the Prime Minister will launch citizen centric information and technology initiatives that include Digital Supreme Court Reports (Digi SCR), Digital Courts 2.0 and new website of the Supreme Court. He will also address the gathering on the occasion," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

The PMO said that Digital Supreme Court Reports (SCR) will make Supreme



Court judgments available to the citizens of the country free of cost and in electronic format.

The key features of digital SCR are that all 519 volumes of the Supreme Court reports since 1950, covering 36,308 cases, shall be available in a digital format, bookmarked, user friendly, and with open access," the PMO office said.

It said that the Digital Courts 2.0 application is a recent initiative under the e-Courts project to make court records available to the judges of the district courts in the electronic form.

"This is coupled with use of artificial intelligence (AI) for transcrib ing speech to text on a real time basis," the PMO said.

It said that the Prime Minister will also launch the new website of the Supreme Court.

The new website will be in bilingual format in English and Hindi and has been redesigned with a user-friendly interface, the PMO said.

Covid infection no longer perceived as serious health problem: Study

LONDON: Covid-19 infection is no longer perceived as a serious health problem, finds a large study that showed people still care about the health problems they were facing before the pandemic.

Over 10,000 people from countries including Colombia, South Africa, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and Vietnam, ranked the seriousness of the seven health problems such as alcoholism and drug use, HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, lung cancer and respiratory diseases caused by air pollution and smoking, and water-borne

diseases like diarrhoea. In most countries, respiratory illnesses were perceived to be a more serious problem than Covid.

People in the seven middle-income countries perceived Covid to be serious (on par with HIV/AIDS), but not as serious as other respiratory illnesses, revealed the study, published in the journal Communications Medicine.

"An important lesson for health ministries is to not get too carried away by what media focuses on a particular point in time. It is important to avoid crowding out ordinary health services," said Dale Whittington from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden.

"It's also clear that public perceptions of the seriousness of health problems can differ considerably within and across countries and population segments defined by demographics and knowledge, Whittington added.

Surprisingly, in six of the seven countries, the respondents ranked waterborne diseases as the least serious health problem. In the seventh country (South Africa), it was ranked next to last. In Africa, people felt that alcoholism and drug use were also more serious

Centre provides Z+ security to Kerala Guv

THIRUVANANTHA-**PURAM:** Hours after Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan staged a sit-in protest for two hours on Saturday against the 'lapse' on the part of Kerala Police, the Centre intervened in the matter by placing him under Z+ security cover of the CRPF.

This was disclosed by the office of Khan through his social media account.

On Saturday morning, Khan was enroute a function about 70 km from here. When his motorcade reached Nilamel, about two-dozen SFI members were seen on the roadsides, waving black flags

and raising slogans. Seeing this, Khan stopped his car and walked towards the protesters, expressing his anger against the police.

He then sat on a chair that was brought from a roadside tea stall and asked his Secretary Mohan to immediately call the Commissioner of Police

"If not, call the Prime Minister. You (pointing his fingers at the police officers present there) are responsible for this, I will not go from here. You are giving them (the protesters) protection. You are breaking the law. If not you (the police), who will uphold the law," asked a fuming Khan.

Khan was peeved as the police did not arrest the protesting SFI activ-



ists before his motorcade

passed through Khan said that if such an act took place while the Chief Minister was passing by, the police would have

immediately arrested the

protesters. Khan also made his position clear that unless the protesters were taken into custody, he will not move.

After almost 90 minutes. the police informed him that they have registered a case against the protesters under non-bailable charges and they have been taken into custody.

The Governor then got up and left for the programme where he was the chief guest.

With the media covering the sit-in protest live, Khan got calls from Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar and a few others and

soon after a post appeared on his official social media account that the Centre has decided to provide him Z+

security cover. For a while now, Khan has been up in arms against the protesters, especially the SFI members, as was seen recently at Kozhikode and in the state capital before that.

However, Khan has another official programme lined-up for the evening and the angry SFI agitators have announced their protest would continue.

Earlier, just before Khan arrived for the event, the police took SFI workers into custody from near the

meeting venue. Meanwhile, veteran CPI-M leader and convenor of the ruling Left, E.P. Javarajan, said it's strange to see a Governor behaving like this

"Never before have we seen such an act. Is waving black flags against a minister or a Governor happening for the first time? I am of the view that he should have sat there for a longer period of time. The Centre is responsible for this irresponsible behaviour and we are waiting to hear the response from the Centre. He (Khan) should be recalled," said

Jayarajan. State Education Minister V. Sivankutty too flayed Khan, saying that this is nothing but a show-off by the Governor, which has

never happened before. Now all eyes are on the hurriedly-called press meet by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, while Khan has agreed to speak to the media at another private function.

Govt puts development of 68 km Ayodhya bypass on fast track

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struction of this bypass

NEW DELHI: The government has put the development of the 68 km greenfield Ayodhya bypass project on the fast track to decongest the holy city and facilitate economic, social and logistics connectivity across multiple districts in

the region. The project has been discussed under the PM GatiShakti initiative to 'spur implementation and planning," according to a statement issued by the Commerce and Industry

Ministry on Friday. The Ayodhya Bypass Project has been evaluated as a critical infrastructure project by the National Planning Group meeting held under PM GatiShakti. the statement said.

The 67.57 kms project comprises construction of 4/6 Lane Northern Ayodhya Bypass of a total length of 35.40 kms and construction of 4/6 Lane Southern Ayodhya Bypass which has total length of 32.172 kms. The project will cover key districts such as Lucknow, Basti, and Gonda.

This project will facilitate improvement in connectivity to economic, social and logistics nodes, including tourist and pilgrim sites, across these three districts.

Ayodhya is situated

between the two economic Ayodhya -Gorakhpur; NH-330A: Raebareli -Ayodhya; hubs of Lucknow and Gor-NH-330: Sultanpur-Ayodakhpur and major commodities such as leather, hya-Gonda and NH-135A: engineering goods, build-Akbarpur -Ayodhya). ing materials, iron and steel, etc. pass through the

The project will enhance multi-modality with integrated infrastructure such as Railway Stations (at Ayodhya Railway Station,

to Siliguri (West Bengal); (iii) Gorakhpur-Bareilly Corridor- Development of project stretch from Gorakhpur to Rampur.

Siliguri Corridor- Develop

ment of project stretch from

Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh)

The Railway Station in Ayodhya has been redevel-



terrupted freight flows and decongest the city, the statement said.

This bypass which is expected to cater to multiple forecasted increase in passenger and freight vehicle movement (from 89,023 in 2023 and 216,928 in 2033) around eight influence areas around Ayodhya, will also enable seamless movement of people and goods, and reduced travel time to critical national highways (such as NH-27: LucknowSohwal Railway Station, A N Dev Nagar Railway Station and Ayodhya Cantt Railway Station) and Air-

port (at Ayodhya Airport). The project is also envisaged to complement and bring synergies along with other proposed projects evaluated in NPG meetings including (i) Prayagraj - Raibareili Project (Construction of Prayagraj City bypass (Total Length-64.763 km) in the state of Uttar Pradesh; (ii) Gorakhpur-

oped to meet modern standards, ensuring seamless connectivity with major cities across the country. The revamped station will facilitate movement of 60 thousand commuters compared to the current capacity of 10 thousand. Improved rail infrastructure not only facilitates the movement of people but also supports the efficient transportation of goods, contributing to regional economic development.

Pran Pratishtha fuels BJP's electoral momentum in Gujarat ahead of LS polls

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GANDHINAGAR: The recent 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya has sparked a political and social ripple effect, particularly in Gujarat, where the BJP is leveraging the event to consolidate its position ahead of the forthcom-

ing general elections this year. Soon after the consecration ceremony, BJP National President JP Nadda, while inaugurating the election office in Gandhinagar, underscored the party's achievements under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Nadda cited a substantial

poverty reduction in India, with reports from the IMF and NITI

Aayog supporting this claim. He emphasised that the BJP's continued governance was essential for fulfilling Modi's vision of eradicating poverty.

The BJP's campaign strategy in Gujarat is multifaceted, focusing on economic achievements and social, religious and cultural aspects. The inauguration of election

offices across all 26 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state indicates the party's commitment to a robust electoral presence.

Nadda's mention of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, which aims to provide quality housing for all, highlights the party's focus on welfare schemes. Another significant

development was the induction of around 1,500 former leaders and members from the Congress and other parties into the BJP. a move that strengthens the saffron party's position in Gujarat.

This influx of new members. which includes notable figures like Indrajitsinh Thakor and Vipul Patel, indicates a strategic consolidation of support for



the BJP.

The BJP's narrative around the construction of the Ram temple plays a pivotal role in their political strategy.

Gujarat BJP chief CR Patil emphasised Modi's commitment to social harmony, suggesting that the peaceful construction of the Ram temple exemplifies national unity and cultural pride.

The BJP's ideology of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the whole world is a

family)' welcomes members from various political backgrounds, indicating a broadbased approach to the party's expansion and inclusivity.

This strategy appeals to a broader electorate, transcending traditional party lines.

In contrast, the Opposition's response to this narrative is not explicitly outlined in the State due to a lack of leadership, internal conflicts in the Congress party, and the resignation of party members.

The impact of the Ram temple and the associated cultural symbolism on the BJP's prospects in Gujarat and other states is likely to be significant.

The temple's construction has long been a cornerstone of the BJP's cultural and political agenda, resonating deeply

with a large section of its sup port base.

In Gujarat, a state with a strong BJP presence, this could further bolster the party's chances in the forthcoming elections. Overall, the BJP's strat-

egy in Gujarat post-'Prana

Pratishtha' appears to be a blend of highlighting developmental achievements, cultural pride, and a broad-based political approach. This strategy, coupled with

the emotive appeal of the Ram temple, could strengthen the BJP's position in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.(IANS)

Good Morning Kashmir **NEWS**

In a first remote Kulgam village gets potable water under Jal Jeevan Mission

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KULGAM: In a first, a remote village in south Kashmir's Kulgam district has received portable water. thanks to Jal Jeevan Mission that has connected the village to a water source, ending their long wait.

An official of the Jal Shakti Department said that the residents of Peer Mohalla in Khur Batpora have received piped water for the first under JJM scheme. He said that amid sub-zero temperatures, the employees of the department worked relentlessly to get the village connected to a nearest water source

through a pipeline. The villagers also

to the department concerned, stating they have been relieved of the concerns about quality of drinking water.

Abdul Rehman, a local, said that they had to face a lot of hardships particularly during winters in the absence of portable water. "Now we will heave a sigh of relief as our long wait for piped water is over and our dream has become a reality," he said.

Assistant Engineer Jal Shakti department, Damhal-Hanjipora Shoaib Mubarak said that the department has fulfilled a long-awaited demand of the villagers that will benefit around two dozen families—(KNO)

Pulwama villagers demand resumption of work on sports stadium

JAHANGEER GANAIE

PULWAMA: Residents of Khellan village in Pulwama district have demanded civil work of the sports stadium should be resumed.

They said that the government had identified 26 kanals land for construction of a sports stadium and construction work was started. But it was later stopped due to unknown reasons.

The sports stadium, as per locals, is poised to become a hub for various sporting events.

The athletes of the area said that they had to go to other places to play different games as there were no such facilities available in the area. They said that the government has identified the state land and cut down the trees on it and the leveling process has already started.

They added that the facility was anticipated to enhance the

sense of community pride and provide a platform for aspiring athletes to showcase their talents on a larger stage.

Sameer Ahmad, a cricket player said that he had to go for about 15 kms to play cricket as there was no such facility available in the area . Rameez Ahmad, another local resident, said that area is known for drug abuse and peddling as well.

"But if we will be able to engage our young generation in sports activities then to a great extent we will be able to keep them away from drug addiction," he said. "We believe that investing in a playground is an investment in the future of our community. It's not just about swings and slides. It is about creating a space where kids can learn, grow, and build lasting friendships."

An official said that work on the stadium will be resumed soon under MGNREGA—(KNO)

CJ lays foundation stone for **Special Court for NIA cases**

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Chief Justice, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh, Saturday laid foundation stone for Special Court for NIA cases at District Court Complex. Jammu, in presence of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Administrative Judge for Jammu district, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Rahul Bharti and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi.

The event was also graced by Advocate General D C Raina, Secretary Law, Achal Sethi and Chief Engineer R&B Jammu, Rajesh Gupta.

While interacting with the executing agency, Chief Justice said that the new building should suitably cater to the needs of Special NIA Court with all its emphasis on security, protection of witnesses etc. He said that the new building will cope up with shortage of infrastructure at district headquarter. The initiative marked a pivotal step towards ensuring a more accessible, efficient



and fair justice system for the people

Chief Justice and other Judges, later, took stock of infrastructural facilities around the District Court Complex, besides interacting with the members of Bar Association Jammu.

Chief Justice lauded the initiatives as a testament to commitment of judiciary towards providing swift and accessible justice for all. He exhorted upon members of the Bar to come forward and join judicial services especially in relation to recruitment from Bar to filling up of the post of District Judges against direct quota Advocates

Justice Tashi Rabstan, while speaking on the occasion, said that this is not just the laving foundation stone but the laying of ground work for a brighter future where justice is accessible, efficient and

available to one and all. The event was also attended by Bala Jyoti, Special Judge Anti Corruption, CBI Cases, Jammu, Shahzad Azeem Registrar General, High Court of

Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Y.P.Bourney, Director Judicial Academy. Member Secretary DALSA and other officers of High Court registry besides judicial officers at the Jammu

Headquarter. Earlier, Sanjay Parihar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu, extended warm welcome to the Chief Justice and Judges of the High Court and other dignitaries and gave an overview of the infrastructure being laid in District Court Complex, Jammu.

Ganderbal woman achieves remarkable success with hi-tech polygreen house

RAJA SYED RATHER

GANDERBAL: Mehbooba Akhter, a determined female farmer from the Repora Lar area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district has been cultivating routine cereal crops for the past decade. Despite facing challenges due to chilling winters, untimely rains, and hailstorms, she harboured a strong desire to increase her profits through the cultivation of quick-maturing vegetables and vegetable seedlings.

Sharing her journey, Akhter said upon the introduction of the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) by the government, she actively participated in programmes aimed at informing farmers about modernised schemes and technologies.

"I learned about Hi-tech Polygreen houses designed for vegetable cultivation under extreme climatic conditions. This all-weather setup allows for the growth of vegetables and the raising of seedlings, promising additional profits," she said. Eager to turn her dream

istered on the Kisan Sathi Portal under HADP. After approval and sanction, she installed a Vertical Expansion Low-cost Polygreen House on her land in Repora Lar. This installation eliminated climatic challenges, enabling me to grow various types of vegetables throughout the year, she said. "Now equipped with the

into reality, Mehbooba reg-

Polygreen House, my vegetable produce is ready for the market even when other farmers are still waiting. This gives me a competitive advantage, allowing me to make substantial profits and meet market demands consistently," she added. Beyond vegetable culti-

vation. Akhter has ventured into raising seedlings of different vegetables, adding to her income and establishing financial independence.

Expressing her gratitude to the Agriculture Department, especially for guiding her in installing the vertical expansion polygreen house, Mehbooba said. "The department's subsidy made it affordable for me, proving to be a game-changer in my vegetable farming by significantly enhancing her net revenues."—(KNO)

Drainage work on vital Parimpora stretch causes traffic jams

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: The ongoing drainage work on the Parimpora stretch, connecting traffic movement from north and central Kashmir with Srinagar is causing chronic traffic jams during the peak hours, affecting the vehicular traffic movement including ambulances, said locals of the area.

Locals as well as commuters said that due to the ongoing

drainage work in the area by Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), the movement of traffic is getting hugely affected during the peak hours.

"Since the start of this drainage work, traffic jams have become a norm. Sometimes these are so severe that locals have to volunteer to regulate the traffic movement," said a resident, adding "Not only the vehicles but the movement of ambulances is

also getting affected."

A local shopkeeper said the stretch serves as a gateway to Srinagar, with major hospitals in the valley, including SMHS, SKIMS Soura, and Bone and Joint, relying on this route. The slow progress of the ongoing work is causing significant issues not only for traffic movement but also for local businesses, he said.

The residents expressed concern over the sluggish pace of drainage and roadwork, saying that dug-up roads and uncovered main holes contribute to the vehicular movement challenges

A top SMC official said the work on the project is underway and they have directed the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) and the contractor to expedite the work on a fast-track basis to minimize disruption to public and ambulance movements in

"Whenever there is a work of this nature involving drainage work on the main road, there may be temporary disruptions in the traffic movement, but the concerned have been directed to expedite the work so that the public does not face any inconvenience. I will also make a personal visit to the site to check the progress of the work," the official assured—(KNO

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