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## **Empowering Tribals, Transforming J&K**

## Historic Step for Inclusive Development

Communities getting benefits of ST reservation

- Balti Beda
- Bot, Boto
- Brokpa, Drokpa, Dard,
  Shin
- Changpa Garra
- Mon Purigpa
- Gujjar 🔹 Bakarwal
- Gaddi
- Sippi

Addtional Communities who will get benefits of ST reservation

- Pahari Ethnic Group
- Paddari Tribe
- Koli
- Gadda Brahmin
- Based on SEBC Commission Recommendations
- Additional & proportionate reservation will be provided separately for above



**Existing Communities** including **Gujjar Bakarwal** will continue to get the 10% reservation and there will be no reduction in it

Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir** 







JJM organises debate competition

**Debate Competition** on the topic

Water Conservation is primarily the duty

of the Government, not individuals

on water conservation



#### NASHA MUKT BHARAT ABHIYAAN

## **Addiction Treatment Facility** inaugurated at IMHAANS

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SRINAGAR: As a part of the ongoing efforts of the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to address drug demand through the National Action Plan For Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR), an Addiction Treatment Facility(ATF) Centre under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was inaugurated at Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences(IMHANS) Govt Psychiatric Diseases Hospital, Badamwari here on Thursday

The Addiction Treatment Facility was inaugurated by Union Minister Social Justice and Empowerment Minister, Dr. Virendra Kumar through virtual mode.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat and Principal Government Medical College(GMC), Srinagar Dr. Masood Tanvir Bhat were present at the inaugural ceremony.

While, Administrator, GMC, Srinagar Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Nodal Officer ATF IMHAANS. Dr Arshid, Incharge Drug **De-addiction Centre SMHS** Hospital, Dr Yasir, DDMO, Srinagar, Imtiyaz Amin Naik and other concerned were also present on the occasion.

After dedicating ATF to the public, the Union Minister Social Justice and Empowerment Minister,



implemented on ground to

monitor drug abuse and

take remedial measures to

The DC also sought

cooperation from the

families particularly from

parents to overcome the

menace among the youth

which also leads to other

social evils and crimes

important role to keep

the youngsters away from

the use of drugs and also

the family support for the

affected people could lead

them towards normal life.

The DC further said that

curb the menace.

Dr. Virendra Kumar in his address through virtual mode said that these ATF centres will prove beneficial in eradicating the menace of drug abuse from the society and help make the dream of drug free nation a reality. He said public participation will play a crucial role towards this cause.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar said that the objective of ATF is to bridge the gap between drug abuse victims and the treatment facility dedi-

cated for them. While interacting with the Staff of ATF, the DC emphasised upon the Doctors and other Paramedical staff to take the job as a noble task and treat the affected people with patience and dedication.

The DC further said of ATFs include drug preelimination of drug menace ventive education, awarefrom society is top priority ness generation, capacof the Government and to ity building, skill developcombat this rising societal ment, vocational training, and livelihood support for problem, multi-pronged rehabilitation, counselling victims of drug abuse. and guidance policy is being

Deputy Commissioner inspected the Addiction Treatment Facility(ATF) and took stock of the facilities available. He also inspected the Department of Clinical Psychology and Tele-MANAS centre providing free tele-mental health services to those in need.

Pertinent to mention He said parents have an that Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar, today virtually inaugurated as many as 41 addiction treatment facilities (ATFs) across the country including an ATF the objectives of setting up at IMHAANS, Srinagar.

JAMMU: Aimed at creating awareness about importance of water conservation, the Mission Directorate Jal Jeevan Mission of Jal Shakti Department organized a debate After inauguration, the

competition on the topic "Water Conservation is primarily the duty of government, not the individual" at Teachers Bhawan here. The event was participated by students from ten schools of Jammu district who spoke for and against the motion. Additional Chief Secre-

tary (ACS), Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, was the Chief Guest while Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar was the Guest of honor on the occasion. Speaking on the occa-

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sion, ACS outlined the importance of collective

efforts of different stakeholders like community. individuals and the most importantly different departments and private institutions like NGOs to make the country water secure by countering the challenges like climate change, contamination etc.

ACS highlighted that the advancements in the technology particularly the spread of internet connectivity and lowering cost of software, hardware and electronic devices has made it possible to bring efficiency in the management of water resources

and water supply systems. Shaleen Kabra appreciated the understanding of students about the importance of water security while complimenting them for sharing their ideas in an articulated way.

Divisional Commis-

sioner, while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the importance of community engagement for making impact of government initiatives like Jal Jeevan Mission, Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana in making the

UT water secure. The students from various schools presented their views on water conservation and touched all concerned aspects of the initiative, Nal Se Jal, Catch the Rain, Micro Irrigation etc. Neha Rana from GGHSS

Shastri Nagar bagged first prize while Moksh Sharma from Jodhamal School won second prize and Khushboo Parihar from GGHSS Mubarak Mandi got third prize in the debate competition. During the event, the

Mission Directorate displayed the JJM Tableau and demonstrated its sig-

nificance to the students for disseminating the aim and objective of Jal Jeevan Mission.

Pertinent to mention here that Jal Shakti Department is implementing the Jal Jeevan Mission in the UT, aimed to cover all its 18.71 lakh rural households with functional household tap connections with the active involvement of the local communities in planning, implementing, monitoring, owning, operating and maintaining the water supply systems.

Mission Director Jal Jeevan Mission, Director School Education Jammu, Chief Engineer, PHE Department Jammu, Chief Engineer I&FC Jammu and other officers of the Jal Shakti Department and School Education Department were present on the occasion

# JKAACL's 2 day Punjabi writers seminar commences

#### **GMK NEWS NETWORK**

JAMMU: A two day Punjabi writers seminar on the topic 'Samkali Punjabi Sahit, Jammu-Kashmir', organized by J&K Acad emy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) commenced Thursday at K L Saigal auditorium.

Principal Secretary Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta, was the chief guest on the occasion.



the Academy is organizing jabi Bhasha Di Vartmaan literary, cultural and art events in different parts Stitthi', and Dr. Gurpreet of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to provide platform to young and senior artists. He added that the Academy has organized many such Punjabi literary programmes at district and tehsil levels in J&K. He emphasized that the seniors should encourage the young generation to pursue art, culture and literary pursuits, so that the next generation is prepared to make their contribution in the field. In his presidential address, S Ajit Singh Mastana appreciated the Academy for organizing literary activities of Punjabi language at tehsil and district level. He also applauded the regular holding of Punjabi literary activities during the last two years. During the first academic session of the seminar, three research papers were presented by Dr. Harbhajan Singh on the theme 'Samkali Punjabi Kahani: Sarvekhan Te Mulaankan', Dr. M P Singh on the theme

### PRIME MINISTER'S VISION Shailendra Kumar emphasizes role of agri, allied sectors

#### GMK NEWS NETWORK

CHAKROI: Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar, emphasised the pivotal role of agriculture and allied sectors in realizing the vision of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, during a mega farmers interaction program held at the frontier village of Chakroi, Ranbir Singh Pura here. While addressing the gathering at Fruit Plant Nursery of Department of Horticulture Jammu, the Principal Secretary stressed the importance of reaching the agricultural community in far-flung areas of Jammu region. He expressed his commitment towards addressing the diverse needs and challenges faced by farmers, highlighting the necessity for robust communication channels between stakeholders. The event witnessed participation of District Development Council member, Taranjit Singh Tony; Director Horticulture/ Agriculture Jammu, Ram Sevak; Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir; Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal; Joint Director Horticulture and other concerned from Horticulture and Agriculture



#### **OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR BIRTHS CERTIFICATE BLOCK WAILOO**

#### NOTICE

Sub: Application from Huzaif Mushtaq S/o Mushtaq Ahmad Peer R/o Baba kahi Pora, Kunzar, regarding issuance of his birth certificate

Whereas, the births certificate block Wailoo, has submitted a case file of the person namely Huzaif Mushtaq S/O Mushtaq Ahmad Peer, resident of Baba Kahi Pora, Kunzar, has approached the BDO Office with an application seeking issuance of his birth certificate, born on 01-03-2018 at his home as reported by concerned Sarpanch and Secretary Panchayat Halga Baba khai Pora. For this the said applicant has submitted an affidavit and other documentary evidences. Now the said applicant want to apply for issuance of the birth certificate. Anybody, if having any kind of objection in this regard may file the same at BDO Office Wailoo, within 4 days of period from the date of publication of this notice, after the passage of time no objection will be entertained

Secretary, JKAACL, Bharat Singh and former Additional Secretary. JKAACL, Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn besides others were also present.

S. Ajit Singh Mastana, senior Punjabi writer and ghazal poet was the guest of honour in the function while Popinder Singh Paras, Senior Editor Sheeraza Punjabi, JKAACL shared the dais.

The programme organized under the guidance of Secretary JKAACL was attended by a large number of intellectuals, writers, poets, faculty students and scholars of Jammu University and colleges besides lovers of Punjabi language.

Principal Secretary appreciated the Academy for promoting local language es and cultural legacy of the region beaides encouraging the youth in this regard. He also appreciated the regular publication of Sheeraza Punjabi of JKAACL.

The Secretary said that

Kour on the theme 'Sam-kali Ate Jammu-Kashmir Di Punjabi Kavita Ik Jaiza'. Senior Puniabi writers including Khalid Hussain, S. Joginder Singh Paandhi and Dr. Monojit gave their impressions on content of the papers presented and other aspects of the session.

During the second session of the day, Punjabi short story writers Khalid Hussain, Surinder Neer, R S Rajan, Dr. Satwant Singh, Jasmeet Singh and Antariit Kour presented their short stories. Veteran Puniabi writer Dr. Baljit Singh Raina and Professor Raikumar were present in the

presidium. They expressed their views on the short stories presented during the session and the other related aspects of the seminar.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Anuradh, Probhjot Kour and Amanpreet Kour while S. Popinder Singh, Senior Editor Sheeraza Punjabi presented vote of thanks.

departments.

During the interactive session, farmers from various districts of Jammu region voiced their concerns, ranging from farm-

ing practices to broader agricultural issues. The Principal Secretary assured prompt resolution of issues raised during the programme and issued onthe-spot directions to the concerned officers in this regard.

Shailendra Kumar said that in a bid to bolster agricultural resilience and foster growth, a plan for 29 projects has been sanctioned by the Apex Committee for Holistic Development of Agriculture and allied sectors. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Sevak, highlighted ongoing developmental works at the nursery spanning 805 kanal. He emphasized incorporation of cutting-edge technolo-

gies to ensure production of high quality fruit plants, aligned with market demands.

During a comprehensive inspection, Principal Secretary toured state-ofthe-art protected cultivation structures, including Hi-Tech poly greenhouses and automated irrigation systems.

Shailendra Kumar displayed keen interest in understanding the nuances of advanced agricultural technologies, signaling a commitment towards innovation-driven growth.

Also, he evaluated the progress of infrastructure development for laboratories, including Tissue Culture, Virus Indexing and **Bio-control Laboratories**, highlighting government's investment in research and development.

Earlier, Shailendra Kumar planted a sapling of Guava at the Fruit Plant Nursery.

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#### NOTICE

Sub: Issuance of birth certificate

Whereas, the birth certificate block Wailoo, has submitted a case file of the person namely Zanib Mushtaq D/O Mushtaq Ahmad Peer R/O Baba Khai Pora, Kunzer, has approached the BDO Office with an application seeking issuance of her birth certificate, born on 05-08-2017 at her home as reported by concerned Sarpanch and Secretary Panchayat Halqa Baba Khai Pora. For this the said applicant has submitted an affidavit and other documentary evidences. Now the said applicant wants to apply for issuance of the birth certificate. Anybody, if having any kind of objection in this regard may file the same at BDO Office Wailoo, within 4 days period from the date of publication of this notice, after that no objection will be entertained.

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### DC B'la flags-off 20 students for educational tour of IIT Kanpur

#### **GMK NEWS NETWORK**

BARAMULLA: In a significant initiative to foster educational enrichment and broaden the horizons of young minds, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa in presence of CEO, Balbir Singh Raina, flagged off a group of 20 students from different Government Educational Institutes in Baramulla for an immersive six-day educational exposure tour of IIT Kanpur.

The six-day educational tour of the IIT aims to provide students with a firsthand experience of the renowned educational institution, providing them insights into cutting-edge research, tech-

#### nological advancements, and

Speaking on the occa-

sion, the DC emphasized the

importance of youth-oriented

programs, highlighting their

role in broadening individu-

als' vision and horizons of

Minga Sherpa under-

scored that such experi-

ences provide opportunities

for exploration and learning

bevond traditional class-

The educational tour to IIT

Kanpur signifies a commit-

ment of the administration to

nurture talent at young age and

foster a culture of continuous

learning and growth among

the youth of Baramulla.

knowledge.

rooms

**GMK NEWS NETWORK** academic excellence.

**KUPWARA:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Thursday conducted an extensive tour of Kupwara town.

The tour encompassed areas including the Bus stand Kupwara, Jamia road Kupwara, parking slot at main chowk Kupwara, Hospital road and Bve-Pass road and other markets of town, where the Deputy Commissioner assessed the status of basic amenities, cleanliness and

and interacted with people. During her visit, the DC also engaged with local residents to gather feedback, understand concerns the people

management, market

checkings, and anti

encroachment drive from

roads and pavements of



DC Kupwara conducts extensive tour of main Town

and reinforce collaborative Kupwara town. efforts towards beautifica-

DC reviewed the status tion of the town and to proof traffic management vide hassle free services to in the town and checked the parking slots besides DC took first hand assessing bottlenecks appraisal of Solid waste impeding smooth flow of

> traffic in the town. DC directed CEO, Municipal Council Kupwara to get important

roads and pavements like Bye-Pass road and Hospital road free from vendors and illegal encroachments.

DC directed EO to impose fine on those shopkeepers who don't use dustbins and spread litter and plastic wastes in the market.

DC directed that no vehicle shall be parked on Jamia road Kupwara, Hospital road and bypass, instead commuters will use parking slot near old Chowk Kupwara and Rigipora bus stand.

DC was accompanied by EO Municipal council Kupwara, Naveed Aijaz, officers and officials of Police and revenue departments.

**OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR BIRTHS CERTIFICATE BLOCK WAILOO** 

notice, after that no objection will be entertained.

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**Snow Clearance Underway On Sgr-Leh** Highway



GANDERBAL: Snow clear ance operation is in full swing at the Zojjila Pass after snowfall blocked the Srinagar-Leh Highway road. Heavy machinery has been pressed into service in collaboration with the Border Roads Organization. Another significant • P-06

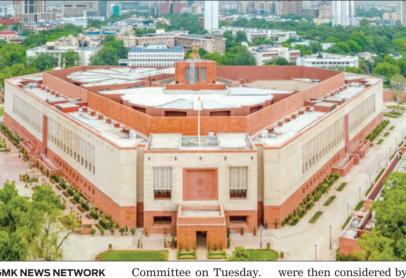
#### J&K, Army Share Special **Relation: Dwivedi**



JAMMU: The Jammu Kash mir Police and Army share a special relation because not only they work together but they sweat together and bleed together, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, at his farewell function organised at Police Headquarters here on Thursday.

The function hosted • P-06

### **Parliament Approves Appropriation Bills For J&K**



#### **GMK NEWS NETWORK**

Chief Secretary, Atal JAMMU: The Parliament Dulloo, Principal Secconsidered the Revised retary Finance Santosh Vaidya and Secretary Planning Mohammad Estimates for 2023-24 and Interim Budget 2024-25 of Government of Jammu Aijaz represented Jammu and Kashmir starting and Kashmir before the from Tuesday. The two Committee. This effort highlighted the develop-Appropriation Bills on the Supplementary Budget mental initiatives of the for 2023-24 and Vote on UT government before the Account for 2024-25 were Parliamentary Standing placed by Union Finance Committee. The Lok Sabha con-Minister, Nirmala Sith-

raman on 5th February, sidered the Bills on 6th and 7th February and The ongoing efforts of passed both the Bills on the UT Government were Wednesday. After seekalso appreciated by the ing approval of the Presi-Parliamentary Standing dent of India, these Bills

were then considered by the Rajya Sabha which approved them on Thursday.

The Finance Department of the UT Government had drafted both the Bills for the Supplementary Budget for the current year and the Interim Budget for the next financial year. For this, the Department had assessed the revenue receipts of the UT Government from GST, motor spirit tax, excise, and stamp duty. Further, the non-tax revenue from electricity and water supply, mining royalty, timber • P-06

### Srinagar Terror Attack Marches, Protests In Kashmir To **Condemn Civilian Killings By Terrorists**

**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

SRINAGAR: Protes demonstrations and candlelight marches were held on Thursday in Kupwara, Baramulla and Bandipora districts in north Kashmir and Shopian district in the south against the killing of two non-local civilians in the capital city on Wednesday by terrorists. As per an official, a

demonstration was held in Main town Baramulla which saw participation of hundreds of general public of the district. Scores of people gath-

ered near Kiryapa Park in Baramulla hold a candlelight vigil denouncing the killings of two non-local civilians.

The peaceful pro-test, attended by traders, transporters, and civil society members of Baramulla, was held in response to the innocent killing of two non-locals in Srinagar.

#### **Injured Punjab Resident Succumbs**, Toll Two

**REHAN QAYOOM MIR** 

SRINAGAR: The death toll in Shaheed



The protesters termed the killings of the duo as a collective loss to society and an attack on the communal harmony of Jammu and Kashmir.

Omar Kakroo, former President of the Municipal Council (MC) Baramulla, denounced the killings of civilians, stating killing any innocent civilian is a highly condemnable act and no religion

Gunj, Srinagar terrorist attack on Thursday reached two as the injured civilian, hailing from Amritsar, succumbed to his injuries at the hospital here, offion earth teaches such actions.

"We stand in solidarity with the families of the non-local civilians killed in Srinagar vesterday. It's our collective loss. Innocent killings have no place in our society," he said.

communal harmony of He appealed to the DGP Jammu and Kashmir,' RR Swain to enhance the he added. process of apprehending the perpetrators behind who was part of • P-06

Pertinently, two

spot death of Amritpal and injuries to Rohit, who was evacuated to hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries this morning.

"As a civil society, we

oppose the killing of

innocent civilians that

occurred in Srinagar

and this gathering is a

message to the perpetra-tors that their wicked

tactics won't damage the

Ishfaq Ahmad, a trader

As per the details available, both the • P-06

#### Shab-e-Me'raj Observed

### **Dargah Reverberates With Durood On Shab-e-Me'raj**



### Farm-Level **Diversifications** J&K Has Diverse Agro-Climatic Zones: LG **GMK NEWS NETWORK**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday said that Jammu and Kashmir UT has diverse agro-climatic zones which provide ample scope of adopting farm-level diversifications.

#### non-locals identified as Amritpal Singh (31) and Rohit (27), both hailing from Amritsar, Punjab were fired upon by the terrorists in Shaheed cials said Gunj, resulting in on



SRINAGAR: The Enforcement Directorate has arrested a Kupwara resident in money laundering case linked to admissions of Jammu and Kashmir students in MBBSa n d other courses in Pakistan. In a post on X, ED said that it h a arrested Mohammad Abdullah Shah, a resident of Kupwara under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 in connection with money laundering case. It said that the was linked to

accused persons involved in terror financing who were hand in glove with Pakistani handler Manzoor Ahmad Shah, who arranged admissions in

#### **INSHA SHIRAZI**

SRINAGAR: Thousands of devotees from all over Kashmir converged at the revered shrine Hazratbal in Srinagar to have the glimpse of the holy relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) on the occasion of Mehraj-e-Alam (SAW) on Thursday. Mehraj-e- Alam (SAW) was celebrated with great religious fervour across J&K. From Wednesday evening, thousands of devotees from far off places of Kashmir reached the Hazratbal shrine to be part of the night-long gathering. • P-06

'J&K has diverse agro-climatic zones which provide ample scope of adopting farm level diversifications. With this scientific solution, we can mitigate the impact of climate change and will be able to generate higher farm revenue from the same piece of land," the Lt Governor said while addressing the inaugural session of the 6th J&K Agricultural Science Congress on "Diversification of Agriculture for Self-Reliant Moun-



Jammu. The Lt Governor welcomed the

eminent scientists and research-

ers from across the country in the three-day conference. He said the exchange of ideas and discussions among • P-06

MBBS & other courses in the colleges of Pakistan for students from J&K.

The Central agency said that Mohammad Abdul lah Shah was produced before the court of the Special Judge ACB (CBI-Cases) Kashmir. "The court has granted ED custody till February 13," it said—(KNO)

### Laced With NDPS Act **Police Goes Tough Against Drug Dealers In J&K**

MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir police has tightened its noose on the drug peddlers by booking the big sharks under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) act as it has seized movable and immovable properties of those involved in drug trade besides freezing a large amount of cash. The police move has evoked a great response from all sections of the society with people hailing the move widely.

Figures available suggest that 15 vehicles and gold coins worth Rs 10.66 lakh were recovered and seized in 2023. "Of this, four vehicles were seized from the Jammu region with cash worth Rs 28, 10 lakh was also freezed," the figures reveal.

Similarly, while continuing its war against narcot-



ics, seven houses and 21.5 malras of land was seized in Kashmir where Rs 238 lakh were also freezed. "Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) also seized one house and four malras of land in Kashmir last year,"

the figures reveal. In total, 15 vehicles and gold coins worth Rs 10.66 lakh were seized under NDPS in 2023 besides eight houses and 21.9 malras

land also attached under NDPS. "In total, cash worth Rs 296 lakh were recovered and freezed," the figures reveal

A senior police official said that along with the NDPS, police are acting tough against big fish involved in supplying and distributing drugs among youth in J&K. "Special police teams have been constituted to crack • P-00

### **Process Begins** To Procure 25 **More E-Buses**



#### MUBASHIR ALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: With the increasing demand, the authorities have started the process to procure additional 25 electric buses for Srinagar while the officials stated that some among them have already reached Jammu.

Pertinently, the administration had announced the procurement of 200 e-buses, 100 each for Srinagar and Jammu cities. However, only 75 have been introduced so far while a process to introduce more 25 e-buses has been started.

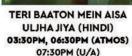
Chief Engineer, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), Er. Abdul Qayoom Kirmani said that out of the initial target of 100 e-buses, only 75 e-buses are presently operational • P-06

### INOX INOX CINEMA SHIVPORA SRINAGAR



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## Skyrocketing Áirfares

Morning Kashmir

he snowfall came as a blessing. The highland ski resort of Gulmarg witnessed massive snowfall and at the first phase of Gondola ropeway, it is being reported that many feet of snow has accumulated. Good snowfall has also been reported from south Kashmir as well. There is a wave of joy in the general public as this snowfall was much awaited.

However, this snowfall has led to a surge in the airfare to Kashmir. There is over-tourism in the air as the tourists who had cancelled their tours earlier are now rebooking in bulk. Since these airlines work on the cruel supplydemand analysis a higher demand means a steep surge in air fares. The airfares currently are so high that one really needs to have the proverbial deep pockets to reach Srinagar in an airline. Some time back there was this talk of moderating airfares and putting an upper circuit/bar on the prices but all these considerations seem to have gone for a toss. There are Kashmiri families literally stranded in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad who had gone to spend winter with their relatives. They now want to return as the harshest part of the winter is over because of the soaring airfares. A majority of these families have one or two elderly or sick members and do not want to risk the prospect of travelling through the Srinagar-Jammu Highway. At the same time, they cannot travel through air because they cannot afford it.

The airlines have been minting money on the Delhi-Srinagar route for a long time. These are all the more reasons that many in Kashmir are keenly waiting for the rail network to start on the Udhampur-Baramulla stretch. Let this be the last season that Kashmiris have to risk either their lives on the risky Srinagar-Jammu Highway or a substantial chunk of their income by travelling in an airline. The soaring airline fares need to be checked at the earliest. The government must strictly ask the airlines to adhere to the regulatory orders and charge nothing above the permissible cap. The passengers cannot be left at the whim and fancy of these airlines. May the train start chugging soon!

## Emerging Trend **Surge In Progressive Heart** Failure Among Youth



#### DR PANKAJ RANJAN

ardiac ailments have swiftly risen to prominence as the leading cause of mortality in India and globally, claiming the lives of approximately in 5 men and 1 in 8 women, according to reports from the World Health Organization (WHO). This surge is primarily attributed to the accumulation of fatty substances in the arteries, causing a blockade in the heart's blood supply-a condition exacerbated by lifestyle factors such as smoking, obesity, high cholesterol, elevated blood pressure, and diabetes

In a noteworthy departure from the conventional association of heart attacks with old age, an alarming trend has surfaced, with an increasing number of individuals in their 20s, 30s, and 40s grappling with heart-related ailments. The escalating stress levels inherent in modern life have exposed even the younger demographic to the perils of heart diseases. While genetic predisposition and family history remain uncontrollable risk factors, the majority of heart diseases among the youth are linked to excessive stress, prolonged working hours, erratic sleep patterns, smoking, and a sedentary life style, all of which contribute to inflammation and escalate the risk of heartrelated issues.

Startling statistics reveal that every day witnesses approximately 9,000 fatalities due to heart ailments, translating to one life lost every 10 seconds. Alarmingly. 900 of these casualties belong to the youth demographic, those below 40 years of age. Urgent and widespread education is crucial to stave off the impending epidemic of heart diseases in India, lest it becomes the leading cause of mortality by 2020.

While cardiac hospitals in India perform over 200,000 open-heart surgeries annually, witnessing a 25% annual increase, these interventions are merely palliative measures. The key to mitigating the prevalence of heart attacks lies in comprehensive public education about heart diseases and their risk factors

Recognizing the Symptoms: Symptoms of coronary heart disease (CHD) can vary widely, with angina chest pain being a common feature. Ranging from mild discomfort to severe pain, individuals may experience sensations akin to indigestion or intense pain, heaviness, or tightness. Pain typically centers in the chest and may radiate to the arms, neck, jaw, or stomach. accompanied by palpitations and abnormal breathlessness

Prognosis and Diagnostic Measures: Early assessment of a suspected CHD patient involves a comprehensive examination of medical and family history, lifestyle evaluation, and blood tests. Confirmatory diagnostic tests include non-invasive procedures such as electrocardiogram (ECG), X-ray, treadmill test (TMT), cardiovascular cartography, CT angiography, and invasive coronary

angiography.

Management of Heart Ailments: Although coronary heart disease cannot be cured, effective management involves a multifaceted approach encompassing lifestyle changes, medications, and non-invasive treatments. Severe cases may necessitate invasive and surgical interventions. Lifestyle modifications, including a balanced diet, regular exercise, abstinence from smoking, and control of blood cholesterol and sugar levels, significantly reduce the risk of CHD, stroke, and dementia.

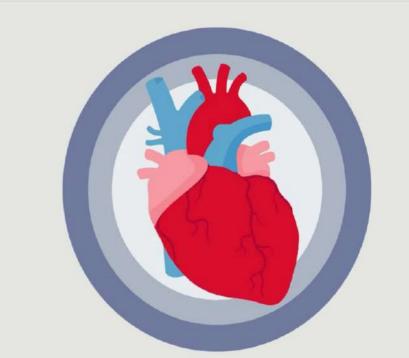
Treatment Options: Various medications are employed to treat CHD, targeting cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes. While these medications are generally effective, periodic blood tests are recommended due to potential side effects. Advancements in medical science have led to less invasive surgical methods, such as Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG), valve replacement surgeries, Minimally Invasive Direct Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (MIDCAB), Thoracic surgeries with VATS, and management of heart and

lung failure using Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO).

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT) plays a crucial role in managing progressive heart failure by synchronizing the contractions of the heart's chambers. This innovative treatment involves implanting a device that coordinates the heart's rhythm, enhancing its efficiency and alleviating symptoms. CRT significantly improves the quality of life for individuals facing advanced heart failure

Demystifying Heart Failure: Contrary to its ominous name, heart failure can be managed effectively with improved care and diagnosis. Prevention revolves around avoiding lifestyle and dietary habits that contribute to obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure. A healthy lifestyle remains the simplest and most effective means of warding off heart failure and ensuring optimal heart function.

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**Unforgettable Persona Of Peetkak From Habbakadal** 

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n the heart of Srinagar, Kashmir, amidst the bustling streets and the timeless flow of Habbakadal Bridge, there existed an unforgettable persona known to all – Peetkak, the betel nut/ leaf seller. The early Sixties marked an era where Peetkak's ageless charm and distinctive presence left an indelible mark on the memories of those fortunate enough to witness his captivating personality.

Peetkak's small shop, nestled beside Zind Panwala's, was a cultural hub for the locals. The desire to listen to Radio Ceylon's Binaca Geetmala and cricket match commentaries on the radio, placed strategically in Peetkak's shop, drew people from both sides of the bridge. In a time when owning a radio was a luxury, Peetkak's shop became the gateway to entertainment for the entertainment lovers. Standing tall and robust,

Peetkak's face was adorned with a prominent tilak in the center of his forehead, adding to his distinctive allure. Patrons and admirers often noted the discreet cup of red wine by his side, cleverly concealed from the view of customers. Sipping at intervals, Peetkak maintained a cheerful temperament, smoothly engaging with his clientele.

Habbakadal Chawk bore witness to Peetkak's charisma, a result of his wit and audacity. His shop, strategically placed near the bookstores of Mr. Kapoor and Ali Muhammad, became a central point in the

fortress of Srinagar city. The Habbakadal area, where my ancestral home was situated near Purushyar Mohalla, was enriched by the presence of Peetkak and his unique shop.

Peetkak's close familiarity with his customers set him apart. He remembered their preferences and adeptly presented them with their preferred Pan or betel leaf. His shop, almost an extension of his personality, became a haven for those seeking not only betel leaves but also a sense of connection and amity.

Those were the days when amidst the peace in the valley, attempts to disrupt social harmony by anti-social and destructive elements were ongoing. Peetkak, with a touch of wisdom, would often express his concern about the daily closures, curfews, protests, and demonstrations in the city. He would often say to me, "Get out of here, or you'll end up selling betel leaves all your life like me

As time marches on, the memories of Peetkak resurface up, bringing with them a sense

of nostalgia and reflection. Today, I find myself pondering over whether he still exists in this world and also, I begin to understand the profound wisdom in Peetkak's words. As a matter of fact, fate or destiny significantly shapes our future, influencing our career and life's path. My journey led me from Kashmir to Kurukshetra University, then to the historic land of Rajasthan and ultimately to Dubai, a dreamland of fascination and magnificence. The unknown possibilities that lie ahead always

continue to intrigue.

Peetkak remains a vivid thread, intricately woven into the fabric of a bygone era in the old-fashioned lanes of Habbakadal. His unforgettable presence leaves an indelible mark on the memories of those who were fortunate enough to witness the timeless charisma of this Panwala/betel-leaf seller.

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## Tobacco Epidemic Reducing Tobacco Use And Access



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urrently the intergovernmental talks on the legally binding global tobacco treaty are taking place in Panama. This meeting, formally called the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), has delegates from 183 countries representing more than 90% of the world's population, to review progress in the implementation of the global tobacco treaty, and take the next steps to help achieve the right of all people to lead healthy lives.

Daniel Dorado, Tobacco Campaign Director at Corporate Accountability rightly says that these talks are a critical venue to advance the global campaign to hold Big Tobacco accountable and liable for its deadly products. He informs that over 30,000 signatures have been delivered onsite to government delegates attending the tobacco treaty talks showing the broad support from people around the globe to make Big Tobacco pay for its deadly products.

The global tobacco treaty (WHO FCTC) is the first-ever public health and corporate accountability treaty of the WHO. If implemented fully it will protect human and environmental health. It plays a pivotal role in saving lives even as the tobacco industry comes up with newer tactics to entice new consumers and mint more profits.

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Article 5.3 of the FCTC acknowledges the inherent conflict between the industry and public health policy. It calls to "Protect public health policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry." It prohibits the tobacco industry from having any role in policymaking. However, Big Tobacco still interferes with the treaty, year after year, to protect its profits. The tobacco industry is always present in the spaces in which the governments are trying to regulate it.

Asian Tobacco Industry Interference Index



social responsibility (CSR) activities. In Brunei and Lao PDR, stringent regulations are in place to prevent engagement with the tobacco industry.

However, despite these prohibitions, government endorsements of them have been recorded in India, Myanmar, and Thailand during the monitoring period of the Index. In India, significant amounts of CSR contributions by tobacco companies continue to occur, particularly in the areas of agriculture and livelihood. During the COVID-19 pandemic, tobacco companies increased their CSR contributions.

In Myanmar, JTI continues its initiative to provide drinking water for refugees.

In Thailand, the Tobacco Authority of Thailand organized the "See, Taste, Shop Chiang Rai Tobacco" project for Chiang Rai residents, facilitating agricultural product trading.

In Indonesia, CSR activities are encouraged under national laws. While there is a restriction of tobacco industry sponsorships, it is weakly enforced. namely Brunei, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, and Thailand, have proactively introduced policy measures aimed at safeguarding the bureaucracy or a specific ministry or department from undue interference by the tobacco industry.

Policies for disclosing records of interactions with the tobacco industry and its representatives are in place in countries such as Brunei, India, Maldives, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Nepal is also in the process of drafting such a policy. However, the effectiveness of these policies is hindered by the fact that governments do not disclose or make information from these interactions available to the general public.

SEATCA calls upon all governments to fortify their commitment to the implementation of Article 5.3 for the effective realisation of tobacco control measures. 'It is crucial to ensure the protection of public health policy against the efforts and influence of the tobacco industry, as the success of the industry is diametrically opposed to the safeguarding of accorded to the tobacco industry by governments, as well as unnecessary interactions that occur between government officials and the tobacco industry that could facilitate policy interference. The index also sheds light on the level of implementation of preventive measures as recommended by the WHO FCTC.

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Musah shared specific examples of tobacco industry participation in policy development in Cameroon and Mozambique; unnecessary interactions between the government and the tobacco industry in Nigeria; and CSR activities by the industry in Lagos, Ghana and Madagascar.

The index shows that African governments do not adequately address conflict of interest situations and current and former public officials continue to work for and in the interest of the tobacco industry.

As per the index findings, Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique continue to have the highest level of tobacco industry interference from 2020-2023 in almost all indicators.

However, there have been some positive improvements in increasing

national Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) says it is high time to build government's accountability to ensure implementation of WHO FCTC.

"It is the government's role to ensure there is accountability, and at COP10 to WHO FCTC, the governments are there to discuss the implementation of the global tobacco treaty. We see governments are part of the solution, but they can also be part of the problem. On one hand, they are part of the FCTC, and on the other hand, they are partners with the tobacco industry because they see the tobacco industry as having benefits - contributions to political campaigns for example. The tobacco industry is not part of the solution, they are the problem," he said.

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Let us hope that the decisions made by the delegates at COP10 from the countries that have ratified the WHO FCTC, will further protect people around the world from the devastating health, social, economic and environmental consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke, as well as help to eliminate all forms of illicit trade in

The Asian Tobacco Industry Interference Index 2023 published by the Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance (SEATCA) measure the compliance of Article 5.3 in 19 Asian countries on a score of 0 to 100. The higher the score, the worst is the country's performance.

Japan has the strongest tobacco industry interference (score is 88), followed closely by Indonesia (80), Malaysia (76), China (73), Bangladesh(72) and Lao PDR (70). In contrast, the governments of Brunei with a score of 14 and Mongolia (score of 38) emerge as leaders in their ongoing efforts to combat tobacco industry interference.

Brunei, Lao PDR, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, India and Thailand have enforced prohibitions on the tobacco industry's corporate Tobacco industry CSR is not banned and remains a big problem in Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Vietnam. In Cambodia, the industry engaged in various COVID-19 relief efforts, including providing alcohol dispensers and banners to the Ministry of Justice, distributing food packages in lockdown areas, and donating disinfection supplies to provincial administration.

With the exception of Brunei, which has prohibited duty-free tobacco products, all countries surveyed still permit duty-free allowances for international travelers. This practise undermines the effectiveness of tobacco taxation, and promotes and normalizes tobacco use.

The good news

Some countries are taking preventive measures. Ten countries, public health and sustainability by nature.'

#### African Tobacco industry Interference Index

During a recent media briefing hosted by the Network for Accountability of Tobacco Transnationals (NATT), just ahead of COP10 to WHO FCTC, Labram Musah, Executive Director, Vision for Alternative Development (Ghana) shared the findings of the African Tobacco Industry Interference Index 2023 for the 18 countries of the AFRO WHO region.

This index is 'a critical assessment tool to scrutinize and quantify the various forms of interference perpetrated by the tobacco industry in public health policymaking'. It focuses on how the tobacco industry participates in policy development, the industry's CSR activities, benefits tobacco taxes in Ghana, Mauritius, South Africa and Nigeria.

In 2023, Mauritius became the first African country to introduce plain tobacco packaging and received the acknowledgement of being the first in Africa to adopt the WHO full-scale tobacco control measures along with the Netherlands, Brazil, and Turkey.

It is very important to denormalize and ban the industry's CSR activities, fast-track the passing of pending tobacco control laws, maintaining a strong stance against tobacco industry interference, and encourage and empower civil society to act as watch dogs, says Musah.

#### Hold governments accountable

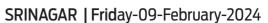
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moment all of us have to put as much public pressure on the decision-makers to move forward in the right direction.

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### Good Morning Kashmir

### Parliament Approves sales, annual rent from industrial lands,

etc were also examined. The own revenue of the UT Government has been estimated at Rs. 20,867 crore. The UT Government also pursued Government of India for getting central financial assistance.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo led the UT's efforts in this direction. Crucial meetings were held in August 2023, October 2023 and January 2024 in Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Finance to review these demands of the UT Government. Union Home Minister and Union Finance Minister personally reviewed the fiscal management of the UT Government in recent months.

Accordingly, the Central Government has agreed to provide Rs. 41751.44 crore to the UT Government in this financial year and Rs.37277.74 crore in the next financial year. These assistance figures were duly captured in the Revised Estimates of 2023-24 and the Budget Estimates of 2024-25 of the Union Government. This assistance includes the normal assistance (resource gap) to the UT Government, equity contribution for hydropower projects at Kiru, Kwar and Rattle. etc.

Building on this, Finance Department drafted its Supplementary Budget for 2023-24 and Vote on Account for 2024-25 and the two Appropriation Bills. The revised estimates for 2023-24 is overall lower than the budgeted estimates 2023-24 as the UT government was successful in streamlining its expenditure. The supplementary demands for 2023-24 of Rs 8,712.90 crore pertain to the four Departments of Finance, Power Development, Hospitality and Protocol and Cooperatives. The supplementary budget is required by Finance department in view of the repayment of debt, while Power Development department needs to provide for power procurement. The Hospitality and Protocol department intends to develop the new J&K Bhawan at Dwarka, New Delhi for which land will be allotted from DDA. The Cooperative department requires the funding additionality for its new CSS, Assistance to Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). These additional demands are proposed to be catered with Supplementary Demands for the current year 2023-24.

The Parliament also approved the interim budget for 2024-25 for Jammu & Kashmir which makes provisions for the ongoing initiatives in J&K to promote social inclusion, enhance transparency, augment revenues, and step up infrastructure development. It also provides for ongoing measures for sustainable agriculture, industrial estate, PRI level works, employment generation, and developing tourism. The Parliament also approved the UT's Vote on Account for Rs. 59,364 crore. This interim budget covers revenue expenditure of Rs. 40,081 crore and capital expenditure of Rs. 19,283 crore. It provides for the ongoing measures and schemes as follows

1) Rs 2959 crore provisioned for tapwater connectivity for rural areas under Jal Jeevan Mission with Rs 532 crore as UT Share.

2) Rs 934 crore for transforming agriculture and allied sectors of the UT through the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), including provisions for IFAD funded J&K Comprehensive Investment Plan (JKCIP).

3) Rs 1907 crore for rejuvenating school education infrastructure and services through funding under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, PM SHRI and PM Poshan.

26) Rs 100 crore for conclusion of World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project.

27) Rs 100 crore for Mission Youth programmes for education, skilling, and employment

28) Rs 91 crore for new tourism destinations, new circuits, Sufi circuit and identified religious circuits, ropeways, highway resting places and promotion of Golf.

29) Rs 70 crore under infrastructure for welfare of tribals for construction of Tribal Hostels/Milk Villages/ Nomad Shelters/ Libraries for Gujjars.

30) Rs 100 crore for sewerage projects in urban areas, Rs 70 crore for development of new Townships and affordable housing and Rs 50 crore for Dal development.

With the Parliamentary nod to the two Appropriation Bills on the Supplementary Demands for 2023-24 and Vote on Account for 2024-25, the UT Government will now focus on expediting infrastructure projects and social and economic measures and meeting the revenue realization targets.

### Marches, Protests

the protests, said that the people of Baramulla as a whole denounce the killing and appeal to the government to nab the culprits behind this barbaric act and punish them according to the law.

Similarly, to express solidarity with the families of the two Punjab residents killed on Wednesday evening in Srinagar by terrorists, hundreds of people in North Kashmir district held a candle march Thursday evening.

Amrit Pal Singh and Rohit Masih, who were killed in a terrorist attack in Srinagar on Wednesday evening, belonged to poor families in Punjab's Amritsar and had come to Srinagar to support their families.

Around 6:00 pm, hundreds of people including the local residents, members of Civil Society Kupwara, Traders, and Transporters took out a candle march from Kupwara Bus stand which culminated at Fountain Chowk Rigipora after passing through **Kupwara By-Pass** 

The protesters denounced the attack and expressed solidarity with the families of the civilians killed.

Terming the killing an unfortunate and dark chapter in Kashmir, protestors said that such incidents create sadness and distress among people of Kashmir.

The protesters said that people want to live in peace & harmony. They said that such unfortunate incidents should not take place as every human life is precious. (KNO inputs)

### Injured Punjab slain non-locals were working as carpen-

ters.

Meanwhile, the body of Amritpal Singh reached his native village today, where the cremation took place.

Moreover, the body of Rohit is expected to reach Amritsar by tomorrow where the last rites will be held—(KNO)

### **Snow Clearance**

road affected by the recent snowfall is the route from Ranga to Domail in Sonamarg, where the Border Roads Organization (BRO) authorities have initiated snow clearance operations. The BRO is actively engaged in deploying heavy machinery to clear the snow from the said road.

PVSM, AVSM, moves on to his new role as the Vice Chief of Army Staff, he assured his unwavering support for the J&K Police in the future.

R.K Goyal FC (ACS), Home department J&K in his address spoke about the qualities of head and heart of the outgoing Lieutenant General and wished him good luck for the future. He said that in the tenure of Lieutenant General Dwivedi the civilmilitary relations remained excellent.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director General of Police (DGP) expressed his gratitude to Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi for his cooperation and support during his tenure in Jammu and Kashmir.

R.R Swain praised the highly decorated officer for his exceptional service, describing him not only as a professional soldier par excellence but also as a human being one could connect, communicate, share thoughts, and draw inspiration from. Discussing the strong bond of trust and support that Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi had cultivated with the Jammu and Kashmir Police during his posting in the region, R.R Swain said that the outgoing General will be missed.

He expressed hope that the synergy and cooperation that exists between the J&K Police and the army would continue in the future. and the law enforcement agencies will maintain their collaborations and work towards the betterment of the region and its people.

He wished the Lieutenant General good luck for the future assignments.

On the occasion Lieutenant General decorated ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain and IGP (POS) PHQ, B.S Tuti with the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Disc for their excellent services. Also, as a gesture of great bonding between the two organisations mementoes were exchanged between the officers. R.K Goyal FC (ACS), Home also presented a memento to the outgoing officer.

### **Dargah Reverberates**

Duroods, Khatmatul Moazamat and naats were recited throughout the night at the shrine after which the holy relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was displayed to devotees soon after the Fajar (pre-dawn) prayers. As per reports, similar gatherings were held in the Jammu region as well.

Thousands of people were seen rushing towards the shrine for Zuhr (afternoon prayers) and to have a glimpse of the holy relic. Holy relic was displayed after every prayer of the day.

The 26th night of Islamic month Rajab is observed as Mehraj-e-Aalam (SAW) across the world. It was the night, when Prophet Muhammad (SAW) descended on the journey of skies in the middle of the night.

Emotional scenes were witnessed at the shrine when the holy relic was displayed for the devotees after Zuhr prayers. People, children and women were seen praying amid moist eyes. "This is the time when our prayers get answered," Shameema, a woman devotee, who had come from northern district of Kupwara said.

Like her, there were scores of women seeking the blessings of Almighty Allah while the holy relic was on a display. "Have the glimpse of the holy relic gives us relief from the pain. This soothes our eyes, hearts and purifies our hearts," said Ali Muhammad Darzi, a resident of Srinagar.

Children including young boys and girls were also seen in tears while having the glimpse of the holy relic.

Meanwhile, the medical camps had been

similar capacity in the next 6 months, the Lt Governor further added.

Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and Conference Chair emphasised upon the importance of diversification of agriculture and its potential in attaining food and livelihood security.

At SKUAST Jammu, the Lt Governor inaugurated the International Hostel of the University.

He also released the Souvenir cum Abstracts of the 6th J&K Agricultural Science Congress being organized by SKUAST-J in collaboration with J&K Science, Technology and Innovation Council, Department of Science & Technology, J&K

On the occasion, J&K Science, Technology & Innovation Council, Department of Science & Technology handed over a cheque of the financial assistance of Rs 1.45 crore to SKUAST Jammu on account of research of R&D projects under the Sponsored Research & Extension Programme scheme.

Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST Kashmir; Sh Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner/Secretary, Science & Technology Department; senior Officers of UT Administration and SKUAST, Agriculture Scientists, scholars and students were present.

Process Begins and that they are planning to procure around 25 more e-buses of 12 meter length.

"Of the 75 available smart e-buses for Srinagar city, three are designated as backup in the event of any issues with the operational fleet. 25 e-buses, most likely of 12 meter length, will be added to the existing bus fleet," Chief Engineer SSCL stated.

He added that some among the total 25 have reached Jammu. "Some of the buses have already reached Jammu and are under registration process. Once done with paper work they will be added to the fleet," he said. He added that all the 25 e-buses are expected to reach Srinagar by March.

The officials said currently, the e-buses in operation offer a seating capacity of 23, with 17 seats allocated for men and 6 reserved for ladies and disabled passengers.

Er. Kirmani said that their eco-friendly mobility aims to bolster public transportation infrastructure in Srinagar for a better commuting experience.

He highlighted the importance of incorporating public feedback into their mobility initiatives, emphasizing the city's dedication to enhancing urban transportation accessibility.

'By expanding the e-bus fleet, Srinagar aims to not only reduce its carbon footprint but also provide convenient and reliable transportation options for commuters," Er. Kirmani said—(KNO)

### Police Goes Tough

the gangs and nexus among suppliers and dealers. Focus is to ensure stern pun-ishment those involved in spreading this poison among youth of J&K," he said, wishng not to be named.

From seizing the properties including movable or immovable and freezing the cash earned out of the sale of narcotics, NDPS act is coming handy in dealing with the narcotics dealers, suppliers and distributors. "We want to set an example by ensuring the stern punishment to those involved in this drug trade so that it is rooted out from the society forever," he officer said.

After last year's success, police teams continue their efforts of reaching out to the big fish to crack the whip on the narcoterrorism in J&K. Meanwhile, locals have hailed the police action against drug abuse in J&K stating those involved in the supply chain should be booked under NDPS and sternly punished. "As far as this action is concerned, we are with the police every time. Our support is for the police as drug menace is eating our young population. Youth are falling prey to drugs at a great speed. Booking big fish under NDPS is a great move," a group of people from Srinagar's downtown told KNO. Similarly, locals from various district headquarters of Kashmir hailed the police move of going tough against drug suppliers and stated that drug supply should be plugged and those involved in it be strictly punished. "We appreciate the police for using NDPS as a big tool against the narco-smugglers. We are ready to support the police in breaking the nexus between suppliers and distributors. It's a time for a collective effort to root out drug abuse from Kashmir," a group of elder people from Baramulla and Kupwara districts said—(KNO)

4) Provision of improving road connectivity with Rs 1683 crore for PMGSY roads, Rs 300 crore for CRF roads, and Rs 1000 crore NABARD scheme.

5) Rs 1313 crore for strengthening decentralized governance by providing for local area works of panchayat and urban local bodies

6) Rs 1271 crore for strengthening infrastructure and services in Health sector.

7) Rs 1093 crore for rural housing under PM Awas Yojana-Grameen scheme.

8) Rs 1000 crore for e social security coverage for Old aged, Widow and Disabled pensions.

9) Rs 660 crore for J&K's equity for in the hydro electric projects at Ratle, Kwar, and Kiru, which would provide stable revenue source and cheaper power.

10) Rs 505 crore for timely procurement of machinery, equipments, prosthetic aids and drugs in Health sector through the dedicated corporation.

11) Rs 500 crore for capitalization of Cooperative Banks, Rural Banks, J&K Bank, etc.

12) Rs 450 crore for infrastructure of new Colleges and Universities as per NEP vision

13) Rs 430 crore for women empowerment intervention of Ladli Beti and Marriage Assistance

14) Rs 400 crore for construction of Transit accommodations for Kashmiri Pandit employees

15) Rs 400 crore for development of Industrial Estates and related infrastructure.

16) Rs 370 crore under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Urban) scheme.

17) Rs 390 crore for Flood Management Project of River Jhelum.

18) Rs 450 crore for GST re-imbursement to ensure timely reimbursement of the claims

19) Rs 272 crore for DDC /BDC grants improving local governance at district and block level

20) Rs 174 crore for development of model schools under PM-Shri scheme.

21) Rs 155 crore for industrial incentives, Start-ups, trade promotion, Job fairs, etc.

22) Rs 155 crore for Heritage conservation, Tourism promotion, and promotion of festivals, cinema/ threatre.

23) Rs 150 crore for developing rooftop solar and other avenues of new and renewable energy.

24) Rs 140 crore for creation of Sports Infrastructure

25) Rs 104 crore for construction of Police Housing, Bunkers, Police Stations, CCTV, etc.

An official said that Beacon started clearing snow from Zojila and Minimarg Shatan Nallah.

The Srinagar-Ladakh road was closed by the authorities as a precaution following last Saturday's significant snowfall.

After the recent snowfall on Zojila Pass, an official informed KNO that they have put in 300 snow cutters, 2 dozers, 1 EX 200, 3 excavators and 90 workers to clear the road. "We continuously monitor the amount of urea and salt. Our goal is to go via the Zojila Pass as quickly as we can," he said.

"The snow is drifting because of the strong wind. Even though we have connected both ends, the path is frequently covered in snow," he added.

A labourer said that they are facing many challenges while clearing the road including heavy winds yet they are working to clear the road—(KNO)

### J&K, Army Share Special

by the Director General of Police, J&K. R.R Swain, was attended by R.K. Goyal FC (ACS) Home Department J&K, Lt. Gen. Naveen Sachdeva, AVSM, SM, GOC 16 Corps, ADsGP S.J.M Gillani, Vijay Kumar, Anand Jain, Maj. Genl. Sameer Srivastava, VSM, GOC 10 Inf. Div., Maj. Gen. Gourav Rishi, SC, SM, GOC 25 Inf. Div., Maj. Genl. Upkar Chander, GOC CIF (D). Maj. Gen. Manish Gupta, VSM, GOC CIF (R), IGP (Hqrs) PHQ B.S Tuti, and a galaxy of officers from Police and Army, a statement issued reads.

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, while speaking on the occasion referred to the special relation between Police and army and said that there is unwavering trust between the two organisations.

He said when you have 'trust' then every issue gets settled. He said that because of cooperation between the two there has been huge success in operations against the terrorists.

He shared that he has been serving in the Army for 40 years now and during this period, he had the opportunity to work with various police forces across the country and this synergy between the J&K Police and the army is unparalleled.

The Lieutenant General went on to express his hope that the cooperation between the J&K Police and the army would continue and flourish, allowing for more quantifiable outputs in the future. As Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi

set up at the shrine and the administration had made excellent arrangements for the devotees. For the protection of the devotees, policemen were deployed in length. As per the shrine administration, the holy relic will be displayed for the devotees after every prayer tomorrow as its Friday. "We expect a large gathering at the shrine tomorrow (Friday)," an a caretaker of the shrine—(KNO)

### J&K Has Diverse

the experts on critical aspects of alternative agriculture systems, digital agriculture, start-up culture, advanced veterinary science, innovation, and data sciences will help in addressing the challenges and exploring opportunities in sustainable agriculture.

The Lt Governor directed the Agricultural Universities to prepare a strategy for diversification, value addition, supply chain management and profitable market linkage for small and marginal farmers.

The Lt Governor made certain valuable suggestions to improve productivity and make the agriculture and allied sector more lucrative for farmers and stakeholders.

He advised for chalking out an effective scientific strategy for organic and integrated farming. Our farmers should be provided necessary handholding and guidance on Monoculture farming so that they could avail the benefits of this 'Farming of Future'. he said.

The Lt Governor emphasized on increasing awareness and dissemination of information on the benefits of crop rotation, digitization and precision farming tools among the farmers.

He also advised for Rural Action Plan for innovation, technological advances, digital agriculture to make rural community accessible to the key flagship areas of the agriculture and allied sectors.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor shared various progressive steps taken by the government including Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), high-density plantation, GI tags for niche products, agri-entrepreneurship, new Farmers Producers Organisations and developing educational institutions as a technical hub to support farmers

J&K is the biggest producer of apple in the country. Last year, our annual production was 75 % of the country's total production. In the last 3 years, 2.44 lakh metric tonnes of CA storage additional capacity have been added and we are aiming to add





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security and operations to the forefront. Her par-

ticipation underscored the crucial role women play in

safeguarding India's vast

coastline and ensuring

regional stability. Her presence at the event helped in fostering stronger ties

and collaboration between

India and other nations in

the maritime domain, said

said that participation of

these three exceptional

women officers at the

WDS 2024 served as a tes-

tament to the growing role

of Indian women in the

defence landscape. The trio

will deliver an inspiration-

The Ministry of Defence

the MoD.

## **30** space missions planned from India in next 14 months



#### IANS

CHENNAI: A total of 30 space launches -- commercial and non-commercial by government and private players-- are being planned from India over the next 14 months from the Indian spaceport in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh, the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) said on Thursday.

Included in the proposed missions are the test flights relating to India's human space mission, Gaganyaan. This was stated by IN-SPACe, the regulator for the private sector in the space industry, in its integrated launch manifesto using Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) infrastructure.

"About 30 launches are planned for 2023-24 (Q4) and 2024-25 from SDSC (Satish Dhawan Space Centre) half of which are catering to the commercial space sector of India with the rest being user-funded, scientific missions or technology test launches," IN-SPACe said.

According to IN-SPACe, out of the 14 commercial missions identified, seven launches are being undertaken by NewSpace India Ltd -- the commercial arm of Department of Space -including the realisation of two Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles (PSLV) from the

L&T-HAL consortium. This marks a substantial increase in launch activity compared to previous years and is a positive indicator of the expand-

ing space ecosystem in the country. This initiative aligns

with the directives of the recently-ratified Indian Space Policy, entrusting IN-SPACe with authorisation of launch manifesto for launch-infrastructure created through public expenditure.

The launch manifesto comprehensively covers user-funded, scientific missions and other technology demonstration launches by ISRO along with the commercial launches and associated primary and cosharing passengers.

"The Integrated Launch Manifesto is in line with Department of Space's vision on optimising resources and encouraging innovation to establish India as a global manu-

facturing hub for space activities, aligning with the vision of 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India)," IN-SPACe said.

The key private sector rocket missions include planned Sub-Orbital and Orbital launches by Agnikul Cosmos and Skyroot Aerospace

Few of the private sector satellites that would be flown are from Digantara Research & Technology, Dhruvaspace, Space Kidz India and academic institutes like IIT-Madras, Manipal Institute of Technology and C.V. Raman Global University Odisha, IN-SPACe said. However, IN-SPACe will make every effort to accommodate any additional requirement of private players during this period

### Women officers represent India at **Riyadh Defence show**

IANS

**NEW DELHI:** Indian women from the Tri-Service were representing the country at the World Defence Show (WDS), currently being held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

WDS 2024 witnessed Tri-Service women representation, a testament to Prime Minister Narendra Modiled government's vision of leveraging Nari Shakti across domains.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said that Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth, **Colonel Ponung Doming** and Lieutenant Commander Annu Prakash represented the Armed Forces in the various seminars of the WDS 2024, especially in the International Women in Defence themed events.

On February 7, Squad-ron Leader Bhawana Kanth, a fighter pilot from the Indian Air Force, took centre stage as a panellist at the seminar titled 'International Women in Defence - Investing in an Inclusive Future', hosted by Saudi Ambassador to the US Princess Reema bint Bandar Al-Saud.





grammes through the implementation of the PSP

module has begun.

Under this procedure,

the PSP will cover the pay-

ment of employees essen-

tial for the proper function-

ing of these institutions,

along with expenses relat-

ed to consumables, elec-

tricity, maintenance, and

all taxes and levies associ-

ated with fixed assets (land

In addition, these agen-

and buildings).

LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh government is now focussing on the operations of 47 ITI and Polytechnic institutes across the state, while also enhancing the training processes for the students. The Directorate of

IANS

**Training and Employment** (Training Block) has taken a decisive step to engage private companies in the operation of ITI and Poly-



The Squadron Leader officials added. shared her inspiring journey of breaking barriers and soaring through the skies, thus becoming a part of the revered fighter pilot club in India. Her insights on leadership, resilience and the evolving role of women in modern warfare resonated with the diverse audience, who were impressed to know about her journey. She is the first woman fighter pilot to take part in the Republic Day Parade (2021). She also participated in the Republic Day 2024 Flypast,

**Colonel Ponung Doming** 

the first woman officer to command the world's highest Border Task Force located above 15,000 feet in the Northern sector with multiple firsts to her credit in over 20 years of service. She has been at the forefront of many challenging assignments being an Engineering officer, the MoD added. Lieutenant Command-

al talk about their remarkfrom the Indian Army is able journey at Inter-

national Indian School, Riyadh on Thursday to about 600 school children from various schools. The event will serve as a platform in showcasing the diverse talents and leadership skills of Indian women in uniform, inspiring future generations to follow their dreams and

cover new grounds. er Annu Prakash of the The WDS 2024, commenced on February 4 and Indian Navy brought her will culminate on Thursday. expertise in maritime

We freed UP from the status of **BIMARU** state: Yogi



IANS

**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Thursday, said that labelling UP as BIMARU state was a "political mindset".

in the country.

He said, "For the first He highlighted the time, more than 500 foreign transformative shift in perbuyers participated, and it spective, noting that Uttar engaged around 70,000 people with a footfall of 3 lakh." Pradesh has now become the second-largest economy

Pradesh's potential.

He announced that the second edition of the International Trade Show will take place in Greater Noida from September 25 to 29. Through this event, Uttar Pradesh is once again going

of last year's International

Trade Show in Greater

Noida, which set a new

record and served as a robust

platform to showcase Uttar

# BJP govt in R'sthan announces 70,000 jobs for youth

making allegations and Card Scheme, an interest counter-allegations instead free short term loan of JAIPUR: Rajasthan Deputy of the budget speech. How-Chief Minister and finance ever. the Chief Minister for 5 lakh Gopalak families

income of Rs. 1 lakh. She also announced the Mission Olympics 2028 under

minister Diya Kumari on Thursday presented the interim budget in the Assembly in which 70000 new recruitments for the youth, Gopal Credit Card Scheme for farmers and loans to 5 lakh cowherds, expansion of Metro in Jaipur and solar plants installation in 5 lakh houses of Rajasthan were announced

The Finance Minister said that a provision of Rs 1500 crore is being made for the development of roads in the state. She said that as a result of the wrong policies of the previous government, we have inherited a huge debt.

The debt has doubled to more than Rs 5 lakh crore. The opposition created a ruckus during the budget speech, alleging that the Finance Minister was

said that a woman was reading the budget, and she should be encouraged.

A few of the ambitious announcements in the budget include a Project Monitoring Unit for the 'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana', A target of more than 5 lakh solar plants has been proposed and 500 electric buses for cities like Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Kota along with

inter-state routes. The DPR for the extension of the Jaipur Metro alongwith Tonk Road, Sitapura, Ambabari upto Vidhvadhar Nagar has been announced to free the city

from traffic congestion. Diva Kumari said that the Gopal Credit Card Scheme will be started for farmers and loans will be given to 5 lakh cowherds. Under the Gopal Credit in the first phase has been announced. An expenditure of Rs. 150 crore will be incurred on this.

Kinder Garten to Post Graduate free education has been announced for the students belonging to low income group families. small/marginal/bataidar farmers/ farm labourers. Also, a high tech city near Jaipur has been

announced with world class facilities .

The finance minister announced a Lado Protsahan Yojana in which a saving bond of Rs. 1,00,000 will be issued on the birth of a girl in poor families.

The deputy CM announced a Lakhpati Didi Yojana for the economic empowerment of women, This will benefit 5 lakh families with an annual

which world class sports facilities will be provided to 50 talented youths, A Centre of Excellence for Sports has been announced in Jaipur with a

provision of Rs. 100 crore. For the timely conduct of recruitment exams an annual calendar of recruitment examinations by

RPSC and the Rajasthan Staff Selection Board etc has been announced Diya Kumari further

announced that sugar and jaggery will be exempted from mandifee. There will be no land tax imposed now on. All previous demands will be waived off on payment of 10% of the tax demand. She also announced the formation of a Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit in which places related to Maharana Pratap including Chawand-Haldighati and others will be developed.

technic institutes spread across various districts of Uttar Pradesh Their role will be crucial

in ensuring the seamless implementation of training and skill development programs for the trainees. The selection process

for these agencies is being conducted based on the Private Sector Partnership (PSP) module. Upon completion of this

process, it will pave the way for smoothly carrying forward all the educational processes and activities including short-term vocational courses in all these ITI and Polytechnic institutes

The government spokesman said that the process of identifying suitable agencies to advance education and training procies will operate ITIs in two shifts, while polytechnics will operate in a single shift every day. Additionally, alongside infrastructure development in terms of land and buildings for ITIs and Polytechnics, it will be necessary to develop the

management system as well. The selected 47 ITIs and polytechnic institutions operating through the PSP module will ensure compli-

ance with the standards of NCVT and AICTE guidelines. If required, the process of making changes and acquiring equipment for conducting short-term curriculum and other educational activities in ITIs and Polytechnics will also be completed. A website will be

established for rules, policies, and information related to management, operation, and performance.

Addressing the curtain raiser ceremony of the second edition of the International Trade Show held at Lok Bhavan here, the chief minister said, "Traditional craftsmen, artisans, and young entrepreneurs but they lacked encourage ment from the government in the state who were once disappointed now have and a suitable platform. The state had numerous units of enthusiasm on their faces. The ODOP scheme has now MSMEs for centuries, but

'Our current objective is

to propel UP into the position

of the leading economy in

the nation." he emphasized.

become the foundation of a self-reliant India. The chief minister inaugurated 13 projects of industrial estates and ODOP CFCs. He also honoured traditional artisans and craftsmen from

various districts. During his address, the chief minister expressed gratitude to the MSME department, extended congratulations to new entrepreneurs, and bestowed honours upon skilled craftsmen and artisans in the state He highlighted the success the chief minister added.

to demonstrate its capabili ties to the global community. He mentioned that arti sans, craftsmen, and young entrepreneurs in Uttar Pradesh had the capability,

distressed and forced to migrate. "In 2018, we initiated the ODOP scheme, enabling traditional industries to enter the market and providing technological support. As a result. UP's ODOP has now become a unique scheme in the country. ODOP has become the foundation stone of a self-reliant India, bringing pride to Uttar Pradesh"

due to continuous govern-

ment neglect and 'Inspector

Raj,' entrepreneurs were

### Study shows anticoagulants fail to prevent unexplained strokes

#### IANS

**NEW YORK:** A common practice of prescribing anticoagulants to people who have had unexplained strokes should stop, according to a study that shows it is not beneficial to prevent the risk.

Anticoagulants were thought to prevent additional strokes in people whose initial stroke has an unknown cause but who have a heart condition, atrial cardiopathy, that resembles atrial fibrillation, a common cause of stroke.

"We know these drugs work for people with atrial fibrillation, so we thought that they would probably work for people with atrial

cardiopathy as well," said Mitchell Elkind, Professor of neurology at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons.

However, the trial of 1,015 people, published

in JAMA, found that patients with atrial cardiopathy who were given the anticoagulant apixaban had the same stroke rate, 4.4 per cent as patients who were given aspirin, the current standard of care.

"It's disappointing as a physician-scientist to not have your hypothesis proven, but this study is still providing really useful information.

"It tells neurologists that patients with this type of heart condition, atrial

cardiopathy, should not get anticoagulants, which are riskier than aspirin and should be reserved for people with definitive evi-

dence of atrial fibrillation," Elkind said.

One-third of strokes have unknown causes, a challenge for neurologists trying to help their patients avoid subsequent strokes

The team found that the unexplained strokes occur due to changes in heart that resemble changes seen in AFib.

They said there are several possible reasons why the trial did not support their hypothesis, including that they tested the right treatment in the wrong patients.

### **ED** summons Bengal govt officers in MGNREGA case

#### IANS

KOLKATA: Enforcement Directorate (ED), on Thursday, issued notices to a number of state government officers for interrogation in connection with the alleged irregularities in implementation of the 100-day job scheme under MGNREGA in West Bengal. Sources said that all of

them have been summoned between February 12 and February 15 at ED's Salt Lake office in the northern outskirts of Kolkata.

Among those summoned. two are West Bengal Civil Service (WBCS)- cadre ranking officials. One of them is Sanchayan Pan, a deputy collector rank-

ing official and another is Suvrangshu Mondal, also a WBCS officer

Sources said that the ED sleuths, after preliminary investigation, has identified two types of irregularities in the implementation of the 100- day job scheme in West Bengal.

The first irregularity, according to sources, is in relation to fake job cards created for the beneficiaries under this scheme. The second irregularity is the use of fake caste certificates that were used in the process of creation of fake

iob cards. On Tuesday only ED sleuths conducted marathon raid and search operations at four different

locations in West Bengal in relation to this case.

Sources said that ED sleuths had been silently carrying out the background investigation in the 100- day job scheme based on specific complaints and inputs that they received. After the process of accumulation of the basic evidence was over the ED sleuths started these raid and search operations from Tuesday morning.

Currently, the focus of the investigation is how a section of the state government employees as well as some political functionaries played an instrumental role in carrying out the irregularities through the creation of fake job cards.

### Sensex tanks more than 600 points after RBI credit policy

#### IANS

NEW DELHI: BSE Sensex tanked more than 600 points after RBI announcement of credit policy with banks leading the fall.

Sensex was trading at 71,523.08 points down by a massive 628.92 points or 0.87 per cent

Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Nestle are down more than 2 per cent. The private banks index is down more than 1.5 per cent. Au Bank is down 2 per cent, Kotak Mahindra Bank is down 2 per cent.

FMCG stocks are down with the index falling 1.2 per cent. Tata Consumer is down 2 per cent, Britannia is down 2 per cent, Jyothy Labs is down 3 per cent.

Chowdhury, Suman Chief Economist and Head Research, Acuité Ratings & Research said it was no surprise that RBI MPC decided to keep the status quo on the interest rates for the sixth consecutive time. However, RBI continued to sound hawkish as against the market expectations and has not provided any indication of the timing of the change in monetary stance from "withdrawal of accommodation".

Chowdhury said given the tone of the MPC statement and the expectation of growth buoyancy, we believe that the likelihood of any rate cut by RBI has significantly reduced over the next six months.

"In our opinion, the short term rates will continue to remain high in the near term. We also expect bank deposit rates to show an increase by 25-50 bps, given the continuing gap between credit and deposit growth," said Chowdhury.







RKVY- Normal, Rs 22.45 Cr for Agriculture Machin-

ization, Rs 2.38 Cr for Soil

Health Fertility, Rs 2.10 Cr for Rainfed Area Develop-ment (RAD),Rs 6.71 Cr for

PKVY and Rs 18.75 Cr for

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The meeting also dis-

lence in Horticulture with

# LG attends the closing ceremony of 72nd AIPK Championship

Lauds the significant contribution of Police, Security personnel

#### **GMK NEWS NETWORK**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday attended the closing ceremony of 72nd All India Police Hockey (Men/Women) Championship at K.K Hakku Hockey Stadium.

The Lt Governor congratulated the J&K Police and all participating teams. He also felicitated the best performing teams and players on the occasion.

In his address, the Lt Governor lauded the significant contribution of the Police and Security personnel to the society and the nation.

"I am proud of Police and Security Forces. I bow to their magnificent heroism and selfless sacrifice to safeguard country's integrity and sovereignty," the Lt Governor said. Sports inspire the youth

to be fearless. Sports chal-



come any challenge.

lenges the youth to achieve the new milestones. Sports "Sports creates constant challenges in life has the power to unite the so that in our journey of people, society and the nations, the Lt Governor nation building there is no stagnation but dynamism He said the participation and every moment someof more than 700 players thing new is created which from different states & UTs makes the nation stronger," he said. and strong display of Nari

On the occasion, the Lt Governor paid homage to the Hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. He also

appreciated the incredible arrangements and the impressive performances of all the players.

A total of 25 men and 9 women teams participated in the tournament.

Earlier, the Lt Governor inspected and took salute at an impressive march past by the players of different teams. A souvenir of the tournament was also released by the Lt Governor.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sh RR Swain, DGP J&K; Dr Mahesh Dixit, Additional Director, IB; Sh Vijay Kumar, ADGP Law & Order; Sh Anand Jain, ADGP Jammu; Sh Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, senior officials of Police, Security Forces and UT administration, prominent sports personalities, sports enthusiasts and hockey lovers were present.

### CS led Committee approves AAP for key Agri schemes

Stresses on percolating maximum benefits down to grassroots level

**GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Thursday chaired the UT level committee meetings called for giving approval to the Annual Action Plans (AAP) of some of the key Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for development of Agriculture and Horticulture sectors here in the UT. Besides the Principal

Secretary, APD and Principal Secretary, Finance, the meeting was attended by MD, HADP; Secretary, RDD; DG, Codes; DG Resources and HoDs of the Agriculture Department who also happen to be the Mission Directors of these schemes for J&K.

While taking note of the components included in each scheme, the Chief Secretary maintained that these schemes are meant the objectives in a timebound manner.

He called for regular monitoring and evaluation of these schemes at higher level so that the bottlenecks if any are removed instantly. He also advised inter-department for coordination for smooth implementation of these schemes here in the UT. Dulloo also stressed

upon making the scheme benefits readily available to





**GMK NEWS NETWORK** properly from last several days, it's tubes had devel-**KUPWARA:** In reference oped some technical snag to the news item "CT Scan



the prospective beneficiaries by simplifying the procedures. He also called for making necessary amendments as per the guidelines, wherever required, for orienting these with the interests of farmers here.

The Principal Secretary, APD, Shailendra Kumar informed the meeting about the monitoring mechanism put in place by the department for achieving the targets on time. He also made out that the department has ironed out certain complications for the applicants based on their feedback.

He also threw light on the overall picture of the implementation of these schemes here besides the measures the department is contemplating to enhance the outcomes for each such scheme under implementation in the UT.

The respective Mission Directors presented the performance made in each scheme during the ensuing financial year. They also unveiled the AAP for the financial year 2024-25.

projects of this scheme. The outcomes of the scheme includes 15-20% increase in production of vegetables and availability of 3.65 Cr vegetable seed lings, distribution of 82,846 It was given out that quintals of quality seeds, under for CSS Rashtriassured irrigation, employya Krishi Vikas Yojana ment generation, gender-(RKVY) funds to the friendly machinery, better tune of Rs 13.21 Cr were utilisation of Natural released by central govresources, better marketing and better returns

ernment for different projects like RKVY- Normal, by reducing distress sale Agriculture Machinizaamong farmers besides dozens of other benefits tion, Soil Health Fertility, Rainfed Area Developaccruing to them. ment (RAD), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana cussed the projections (PKVY) and Agroforestry. made under the Saffron

Mission, Bamboo Mis-The outcomes of the scheme includes distribusion, Krishannoti Yojana, tion of one crore vegetable ATMA, and the Mission for seedlings among farmers, Integrative Development installation of borewells, of Horticulture (MIDH). It was said that the AAP bower systems. Similarly 230 clusters had been proposed under MIDH for established for promotion 2024-25 is Rs 60.00 Cr. of organic farming under The meeting also dis-PMKVY and distribution cussed the projects initiof 41 water lifting devices, ated on increasing the product of Saffron, honey 82 vermi compost units, 252 besides other niche crops

apiculture hives has also been done under RAD. in the UT. It also deliber-The meeting also held ated upon establishment deliberations about the of two Centres of Excel-AAP under RKVY 2024-25. It was apprised that the help of Netherland the AAP amounting to Rs here besides the impact of 63.03 Cr has been laid for HADP among other farmer the next financial year. oriented schemes imple-This includes Rs 6.51 Cr for mented in J&K.

### **Mohammad Amin** Bhat bereaved, father passes away

#### **GMK NEWS NETWORK**

SRINAGAR: A renowned social personality, Haji Abdul Majied Bhat, passed away on Thursday after brief illness. He was father of President, Adbee Markaz Kamraz, Mohammad Amin Bhat.

Adab Sonawari condoled

the demise and expressed

bereaved family, especially Mohammad Amin Bhat. People from different sections of society also visited the bereaved family and expressed sympathy with Bhat family.

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Journalist fraternity also expressed deep sympathies with the bereaved

### 'Around 7,000 cancer patients registered in GMC Sgr since 2017'

#### JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: The number of cancer patients is on the rise in Jammu and Kashmir as around 7,000 patients have been registered alone at the Department of Radiation Oncol-⊕ ogy, SMHS Hospital GMC

Srinagar since 2017. As per the details available, 1640 cases of cancer were reported at the Radiation Oncology Department in 2023, which is the highest in the last several years.

The details reveal that 491 new cancer patients were registered at the radiation oncology department, SMHS in 2017; 1,032 in 2018, 801 in 2019, 650 in 2020, 1.010 in 2021, 1.169 in 2022 and 1,640 in 2023.

is a sharp increase in new cancer cases in J&K, with the department registering a record number of 1640 cases in 2023, out of which 911 were males and 729 were females.

observed

Shakti in this tournament

signifies that with greater

determination, teamwork

and unity, we can over-

"The most common tumour in males was lung cancer and in females breast cancer. This scenario looks very grim as far as lung being the most common tumour in males is concerned because this cancer has a direct bearing and relation with tobacco

use," he said "This indicates the magnitude of tobacco products in our society and how much awareness we have to make among the general public regarding the use of tobacco," he said.

change in lifestyle," Prof

He called for public awareness through signs and symptoms of cancer, preventive measures and timely medical evaluations

Ahmad said.

He said that the OPD of the department remains functional for six days (Monday-Saturday) from 10 am to 4 pm where the consultant along with senior resident and PG student remains available.

"After checking the relevant reports in the OPD, patients are registered and data is digitized," he said, adding that there are two separate units where patients are being admitted and four consultants along with senior residents

him," he said.

All high-tech and latest technologies are available at the department including Intensity-modulated radiation therapy, Imageguided radiation therapy, Stereotactic body radiation therapy, Stereotactic radical surgery and Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy (VMAT), the doctor said.

Prof Manzoor said all treatments are being done easily. "There is an inpatient ward, day care ward for patients who come for blood transfusion and chemotherapy besides that there is a ward for terminally ill patients as well," he said, adding that all kinds of tumours among adults as well as children except acute leukaemia are

#### to enhance the overall productivity and quality of crops thereby substantially increasing the returns for the farmers. He remarked that the timely interventions on part of the department could aid in meeting

Officials told KNO that around 5 to 6 new cancer patients are being registered at the department every day.

Prof Manzoor Ahmad, Head of the Department of Radiation Oncology at GMC Srinagar said there

As far as breast cancer in females is concerned. one of the major reasons is the lack of physical activity and obesity. "So both the common cancers, whether it is lung in males or breast in females, could be easily avoided if we make the

remain available in each of the wards

"Later, plans are being discussed after proper unit meetings and accordingly, the patient is being treated for months. The patient comes for follow-up in OPD whenever it is feasible for

being treated at the department.

The department has Telecobalt 60, linear accelerator, Brachytherapy and CT stimulator machine available and everything is being managed very well, he said—(KNO)

defunct at DH Handwara, people suffer" published in English Daily, Greater Kashmir, District Administration Kupwara issued rebuttal of the news saying that the news is incorrect and is not based on facts.

"CT Scan is working

which were replaced and set in order by engineers" said the MS District Hospital Handwara

**District Administration** has asked the management of print and social media platforms not to publish such news without cross checking the facts.

Not just the female devo-

tees, elderly men shared

similar feelings. Abdul Ahad

Khan, a resident of Kulgam,

said that in the past 30 years,

he has never missed Mehraje-Alam (SAW) prayers at the

Each year, he joins the

devotees at Hazratbal Shrine,

finding solace and strength.

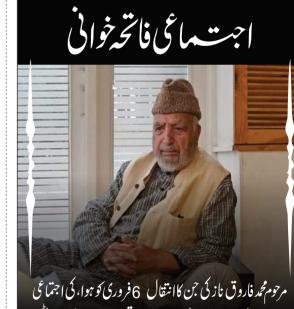
As he sees the sacred relic,

he cries at the child. "This

Hazratbal

Hundreds of people from all walks of life participated in the Nimaz-e-Jinazah of the deceased, at their residence in Baramulla. Meanwhile, Halqu e

family. Editor-in-Chief Good Morning Kashmir, Javed Shah also condoled the demise and sympathised with Mohammad Amin Bhat and other members of the bereaved family.



فاتحہ خوانی ان کے آبائی مقبرے واقع ملہ تھا، نزدیک کاٹھی دروازه، تمرينگر، بروزينيچروار، مورخه 10 فروری, 2024 بوقت 11 بجے دن انجام دی جائے گی۔ بعد ازال ایک تعزیتی اجلاس شو پوره میں مرحوم کی رہائش پرمنعقد ہوگا۔



This is for the information of general public that the Date of Birth of my son Rizwan Nazir Dar S/o Nazir Ahmad Dar R/o Dahama Handwara mentioned in Aadhaar Card needs to be corrected from 05/09/2013 to 12/04/2015. In this regard, if anyone have any kind of objection, the same may be conveyed/registered to concerned authorities within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice, objections received thereafter shall not be entertained

> Nazir Ahmad Dar Father of Rizwan Nazir Dar R/o Dahama Handwara, Kashmir

### J&K filmmaker's "Sanson Ki Mala" earns global acclaim

#### MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: A filmmaker from Jammu and Kashmir has come up with a remarkable cinematic masterpiece "Sanson Ki Mala" (Beads of Breath), which has garnered applause worldwide.

Shoaib Shawl's 'Beads of Breath' is a poetic odyssey with a strong theme about true nature of love.

The film revolves around an eccentric man, who yearns to find the true nature of love while villagers' varied perspectives about his identity heat things up.

"Beads of Breath" transcends borders, both geographical and cultural. The Himalavas, in their raw, resplendent glory, morph from mere backdrop to living characters, mirroring the emotional ebb and flow of the protagonists. At the heart lies an enigmatic man, consumed by a yearning for love's true essence. His presence ignites a web of speculation and intrigue amongst the villagers, their varied perspectives painting him as a puzzle to be deciphered," he said.

For Shawl, who is fuelled by his artistic passion and deep Pahari roots. "Beads of Breath' is more than just a story.

He said it's an amplification of his region's voices.

Through this film, he champions local talent, showcasing their skills on an international platform while weaving the rich folklore, culture, and stories of the Pahari people into the very

Alongside the captivating performance of Usman Shawl as the enigmatic protagonist, a talented ensemble cast. including veteran Kashmiri actor Yousuf Shahnaz, Javaid Khan and local talents, lends their distinct voices to the narrative.

fabric of the film.

Shawl said this film has already resonated with audiences worldwide. "Fresh from captivating view-

ers at the Chicago South Asian Film Festival, "Beads of Breath" garnered both Best Student Film and Best Actor (Usman Shawl) awards at the Avodhva Film Festival, alongside accolades at

the Indogma Film Festival. Now. it prepares to enthrall audiences once again at the Kolkata Short Film Festival." he said. He said the film's title, inspired

by the Sufi hymn "Sanson ki Mala Pe" sung by Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, pays homage to the legendary singer.

"As audiences embark on this mystical quest, they are invited to contemplate the mysteries within themselves and the world around them," he said.

"Beads of Breath" is more than a short film; it's a sensory immersion, a philosophical inquiry, and a testament to the enduring power of love and nature. This is a cinematic experience that lingers long after the credits roll, leaving audiences breathless with a glimpse of the divine hidden within the breathtaking beauty of the Himalayas," Shawl said-(KNO)

Youth electrocuted to death in Budgam **GMK NEWS NETWORK** 

BUDGAM: A youth was electrocuted to death at Kanoora area of Khansahib in Central Kashmir's Budgam district on Thursday.

An official said that he was doing some work when he received an electric shock. He was immediately rushed

to a nearby health centre where he was declared dead on arrival by doctors.

He identified the youth as Ishfaq Ahmad Bhat, son of Ghulam Ahmad Bhat of Hardasorish Khag.

An official said that they have taken the cognizance of the incident. adding that the body will be handed over to family after legal medical formalities-(KNO)

#### **Rajiv Omprakash** Pande assumes charge as DIG CKR **GMK NEWS NETWORK**

SRINAGAR: Rajiv Omprakash Pande on Thursday assumed the charge as Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Central Kashmir Range (CKR). "In pursuance to govt order No.74-Home of 2024 dated 06-02-2024, issued vide endorsement No PG/232/2021-08 (CC47857) dated 06-02-2024, Shri Rajiv Omprakash Pande-IPS took over the charge of the office of Deputy Inspector General of Police. Central Kashmir Range, Srinagar today on 08-02-

a statement issued

2024," a police spokesman said in

### **FAITH UNSHAKABLE** Elderly devotees continue to visit Hazratbal shrine to get their prayers answered

she said.

#### INSHA SHIRAZI

SRINAGAR: In the heart of Kashmir, amidst the tranquil setting of Srinagar, lies the revered Hazratbal shrine of Hazratbal. Every year, on the eve of Mehraj-e-Alam, a significant event in Islamic tradition, the shrine witnesses a remarkable sight of elderly men and women from various walks of life making their way to this sacred place to pay homage and seek blessings.

Their visit to the shrine is not just a religious obligation but a testament to their unwavering faith, devotion, and resilience

One such devotee is Saleema, a resident of Baramulla district of north Kashmir, who stated that the shrine is a place of solace where Almighty washes of everyone's worry whosoever visits with clean intentions and heart.

Clad in her traditional attire, Saleema, 70, joins the rows of women devotees with her heart brimming with reverence and gratitude. As the holy relic was displayed, Saleema offered her prayers, seeking solace and guidance in her daily

struggles. For her, the visit Gulshan, the pilgrimage is is a source of strength and a symbol of familial bonds renewal, reaffirming her and spiritual unity, a tradifaith in the divine. tion that binds her family together in faith and love.

Another devotee, Feroza, 65, from Pampore, shares a similar sentiment. Despite her busy schedule at home with gardening, Feroza makes it a point to visit the Hazratbal shrine every year on the eve of Mehrai-e-Alam (SAW). For her, the pilgrimage is a spiritual retreat, a time to disconnect from the chaos of the world and connect with the divine. "Whenever I visit the shrine my prayers get answered, especially at the time when

the holy relic is displayed," The visit to Hazratbal shrine holds a special significance for Gulshan (name changed) a homemaker from Nishat. In her mid-70's, for years, Gulshan has been visiting the shrine with her family, passing down the tradition from one generation to the next. As she sees the holy relic,

Gulshan's heart overflows with reverence and devotion. She prays not only for her own well-being but also for the happiness and prosperity of her loved ones. To

is the time when Almighty Allah listens to our prayers. It's the time when our sins get washed away and prayers get answered. I don't have avenues to reach Madinah, so this is the place where I express my love for my beloved prophet (SAW)," he said. Another devotee, Gul Raza expressed similar feelings. "This is my 25th visit to the shrine on the eve of Mehraj-e-Alam (SAW). I don't miss this opportunity. This night our Prophet (SAW) descended on the journey of skies and brought enormous gifts for his Ummah. I am proud to be the Umati of this great prophet (SAW)," he said-(KNO)

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