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Police Transfers Cancelled After ECI Modifies Its Order

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir police has cancelled transfers it ordered on February 25 after the Election Commission of India (ECI) modified its order on Tuesday.

The zonal police headquarters Kashmir cancelled the transfers it ordered on February 25 after poll body's fresh directive.

Modifying its order, the commission today exempted the States and UTs with five Parliamentary constituencies from its **•P-06**

Lok Sabha Polls 2024

BJP Finalises Panel Of Candidates For J&K Seats



SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir BJP has finalised the panel of candidates for the three crucial seats from Kashmir as the list of probable candidates have been forwarded to the head office where the party's Parliamentary affairs panel will soon take a final call.

Reliable sources within the BJP said that the BJP has shortlisted Darakshan Andrabi, Altaf Thakur, Ashok Bhat and Arif Raja for Central Kashmir parliamentary seat while for the North Kashmir seat, there are three probables that include Anwar Khan, Surinder Ambardar, and Fakir Muhammad Khan.

For Anantnag-Rajouri constituency, J&K BJP chief Ravinder Raina has expressed his desire to contest himself while former National Conference MLC Shehaz Ganai, who joined BJP in New Delhi recently, is also in the panel. "There is every possibility that Shehaz Ganai would be given the party ticket for the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency given her father's legacy and huge fan following," said a source in the BJP.

The party leadership in J&K is in constant touch with the BJP leadership in New Delhi. "The list of candidates has been sent to the parliamentary panel of BJP and final call is expected shortly so that candidates are given time to campaign," a senior BJP leader said.

He said BJP is confident to bag all three seats in Kashmir. "Joining of prominent faces has given a new impetus to the party and more influential and protuberant people are in the list to join the party in the days ahead,"

J&K Saw Era Of Peace, Progress Post Art-370 Abrogation: LG Sinha

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed an unprecedented era of peace, progress and prosperity post Article-370 abrogation, adding that the common people of Jammu and Kashmir are living life according to their own wishes.

"The backward classes of society had reservations in jobs, panchayat elections and education in other parts of the country, but not in Jammu and Kashmir, now they are getting all those things. Kashmir has changed since the abrogation of Article 370. Peace cannot be bought here now. There flourishes good governance only," LG Sinha said while speaking at TV9 Bharatvarsh Global Summit: 'What India Thinks Today?'

On being asked about what has been the development in Jammu and Kashmir in the past four years, he said that "I observe that **•P-06**



LeT Associate Arrested In B'la

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police along with security forces arrested terrorist associate linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT and recovered incriminating materials, ammunition from his possession in Baramulla, a police spokesman said on Tuesday.

"On a specific input of terrorist movement in Pattan area, a joint Naka was established at Chinar Crossing Pattan by Baramulla Police, 2nd Bn SSB & Army 29 RR," police spokesman said in a statement issued. **•P-06**

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Pahalgam, Gulmarg Receive Fresh Snowfall

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SRINAGAR: Rains and snow lashed Kashmir Valley as Pahalgam and Gulmarg received nearly 3 inches of snowfall, officials said.

A meteorological department official here said amid cloud cover, there was also increase in night temperature across Jammu and Kashmir.

He said Srinagar received 2.6mm of rain since overnight till 0830 hours and recorded a minimum of 1.0°C against previous night's minus 2.0°C. It was below normal by 0.5°C for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year, the MeT official said.

Qazigund received 0.4mm of rain and recorded a minimum of 1.2°C against minus 2.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.8°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam received 7.4cms of snow and recorded a low of minus 1.3°C against minus 7.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.2°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir. **•P-06**



Man Posing As Under Secy Raj Bhawan Arrested

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Crime Branch on Tuesday arrested a man posing as under secretary with Raj Bhawan even as probe is underway.

An official said that the man was arrested by CICE Jammu unit of Crime Branch after taking cognizance in case FIR 03/2024.

He has been identified as Firdous Ahmad Wagay, son of Ghulam Nabi Wagay of Waskora, Ganderbal.

The official said that some incriminating material including fake ID cards, seals and other documents used in the commission of crime has also been seized from his possession.

He added that investigation of the case is in progress—(KNO)



Centre Extends Ban On Jamaat-E-Islami For 5 Years

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SRINAGAR: The Union Home Ministry on Tuesday extended the ban on Jammu and Kashmir Jamaat-e-Islami for 5 years. The outfit was earlier banned in 2019.

In a post on X, Amit Shah said that pursuing PM Modi's policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and separatism the government has extended the ban on Jamaat-e-Islami for five years.

He said that the organisation is found continuing its activities against the security, integrity and sovereignty of the nation.

"The outfit was first declared an 'Unlawful Association' on 28 February 2019. Anyone threatening the security of the nation will face ruthless measures," he said.



CS Administers Oath To Rajesh Sharma As JKWRRRA Member

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Tuesday administered oath of office to former Custodian General, J&K, Rajesh Sharma as the member of Jammu & Kashmir Water Resources Regulatory Authority (JKWRRRA) here.

On the occasion the ACS, Jal Shakti; Member, JKWRRRA; Secretary, Jal Shakti; Chief Engineers of the Department besides other officers were present.

Dulloo complimented Sharma for assuming his charge and asked him for using his expertise in bringing innovations into the working of the Authority.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to ask the I&FC Department to further expand their command area under different irrigation schemes here in the UT. He also sensitized **•P-06**



'PM Modi To Address Public Rally In Kashmir In March'

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Jammu and Kashmir next month and address a public rally in Anantnag district, BJP sources said here on Tuesday.

This would be the prime minister's first visit to the Kashmir Valley after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

The public rally will be held as part of the BJP's election campaign for the forthcoming general polls, the sources said.

"The prime minister's public rally is scheduled in Anantnag district next month," the BJP sources said.

"While the exact date is yet to be finalised, the rally will take place any day between March 14 to 17," the sources said, adding the party was waiting for the final dates from the Prime Minister's Office.

The BJP is focussing on the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat which comprises of the south Kashmir areas of Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag, and Rajouri-Poonch areas in Jammu.

Before delimitation of the constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir, Anantnag seat comprised only of the four south Kashmir districts -- Shopian, Kulgam, Pulwama and Anantnag.

The seat was won by National Conference's Justice (retd) Hasnain Masoodi in 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

The visit would be the prime minister's first visit to the Kashmir Valley after the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories in August 2019 by the Centre.

However, this would be Modi's second visit to J&K in two months. The PM addressed a public rally in Jammu on February 20 during which he also unveiled multiple development projects totalling over RS 32,000 crore.



Houseboat Sinks In Jhelum River

REHAN QAYOUM MIR

SRINAGAR: A houseboat sank in the Jhelum River in the Rajbagh area here on Tuesday morning.

Abdul Rehman Pakhtoon, the owner of the houseboat, that they discovered the sinking houseboat early in the morning. "As soon as we noticed it, we immediately alerted the administration for assistance," he said.

As we informed the authorities, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and the Fire and Emergency Services swiftly initiated a rescue operation to handle the situation, he added.

Abdul Rehman said they need support and shelter from the administration, especially considering the inclement weather conditions.

When contacted, the President of the Houseboat Association (HBOA), Manzoor Ahmed Paktoon told KNO that the issue of sinking houseboats in the Jhelum River has been persisting for long. "This **•P-06**



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11:45AM, 02:40PM, 06:40PM (U/A)

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NHM releases ranking of public health facilities on e-Sahaj

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SRINAGAR: National Health Mission, Jammu and Kashmir, Tuesday released ranking of Public Health facilities on Hospital Management Information System (JK e Sahaj) for the month of January 2024.

In the category of Associated Hospitals of Government Medical Colleges, the first rank has been clinched by Chest Disease Hospital, Jammu followed by Psychiatric Disease Hospital Jammu, Government L D Hospital Srinagar, Kashmir Nursing Home Srinagar, Govt Medical College, Jammu. The bottom five in this category included Super Speciality Hospital Jammu, GMC Handwara, Government Medical College, Baramulla, Government Dental College, Srinagar and Government Medical College, Rajouri.

In the category of District Hospitals, DH Shopian, secured the first rank



followed by DH Ganderbal, Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, ASYM DH Budgam and DH JLNM Srinagar. The bottom five in this category included DH Ramban, DH Bandipora, DH Kulgam, DH Samba and DH Reasi.

In the category of Community Health Centres (CHCs), the first rank has been bagged by CHC Charie-Sharief Budgam, followed by CHC Banihal, Ramban, Government Hospital Sarwal, Jammu, AH Gagwal, Samba and CHC Pakherpora, Budgam. The

bottom five in this category included CHC Thanamandi, Rajouri, Rajeev Gandhi Hospital, Jammu, CHC Langate, Kupwara, CHC Zachaldara Kupwara and CHC DH Pora Kulgam.

JK e-sahaj (Electronic System for Automation of Hospital Administration in J&K) initiative was formally launched on 4th November 2022 as part of Jashn-e-Sehat, by the Lt Governor, J&K having integration with Rapid Assessment System (RAS), 104 Centralised Health Helpline for outbound calling and RCH portal of MoHFW, Government of India.

The hospital ranking has been done on the basis of registration, conversion of EMR (Electronic Medical Record), registration of IPD patients and patient feedback uploaded on the portal of JK e Sahaj for the month of January 2024, on real time basis. The detailed list of facilities has been shared on NHM website.

Jammu admin gears up for Intensified Pulse Polio Immunisation Drive



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JAMMU: The district administration Jammu is gearing up for Intensive Pulse Polio Immunisation Drive scheduled from March 3 to 5, 2024. The drive aims to ensure that all children under the age of five are immunised against polio, regardless of their previous immunisation status.

A meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya reviewed preparations for the drive, emphasising the importance of reaching out to previously immunised and any children who might have been missed during earlier campaigns.

Special camps will be set up at public places like bus stands, railway stations,

airports and other high-footfall areas. Additionally, healthcare workers will conduct house-to-house visits to ensure complete coverage.

The Deputy Commissioner has urged all parents to get their children vaccinated during the drive. He highlighted the critical role of polio immunisation in protecting children from this debilitating disease.

The meeting was attended by senior health officials including Chief Medical Officer Dr Harbakh Singh, District Immunisation Officer Dr Rashmi Sharma, Dy CMO Dr Arti Nayyer besides others. WHO Surveillance Medical Officer Azmat Khan was also part of the meeting.

SSB Empowers Kashmiri Women Through Vocational Training



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PATTAN: In a commendable initiative directed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and orchestrated by the Sashashtra Seema Bal (SSB), 2nd Battalion in north Kashmir's Pattan, successfully concluded a month-long Vocational Training of Tailoring Course for 40 female youths from the Kashmir Valley.

Under the motto of "Service, Security, and Brotherhood," the training took place at the esteemed Comtech Institute of Boutique and Tailoring in Pattan, Baramulla. The program aimed at skill development, focusing on empowering the female youth of the region for their career

progression. Asheesh Naithani, the Commandant of 02 Bn SSB, graced the Closing Ceremony, underscoring the significance of the training. During the event, Sh. Deepak Tomer, Adjutant of 02 Bn SSB, Mr. Sajjad Ahmad, Director of Comtech Institute, and instructors Miss Nazish Akhter and Miss Mehak Jan were present to celebrate the achievements of the participants.

Addressing the gathering, Commandant Asheesh Naithani expressed gratitude to the parents for trusting the force and allowing their wards to participate in the course. He emphasized that the vocational training, one of the ten organized by SSB, aims to equip the youth with tailoring skills,

opening doors for employment and self-employment opportunities. In addition to vocational training, 30 youths sponsored by 2BN SSB enjoyed a Bharat Darshan Tour to Delhi-Agra.

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DCPU-Mission Vatsalya organize CBP in Sumbal

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BANDIPORA: District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Mission Vatsalya Bandipora Tuesday organised training cum capacity building programme (CBP) on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, POCSO Act 2012, Adoption Regulations, and child rights at Dak-Bangloow Sumbal, here.

The program was attended by DDC member Tahir ul Qadri, DDC member Ghulam Nabi Ambar, Chairperson/Members from CWC, JJB and DCPU officials, CHL officials, officials from Education Department, ICDS, Health, Labour Department, SJPUs, representatives from DLSA, NGOs, Traders, Transporters, Civil Society Members, BLCPCs, VLPCCs, representatives from Village Level Child Protection Committee and other concerned stakeholders.

During the program, various speakers highlighted the crucial role and responsibilities of stakeholders in ensuring the effective implementation of these Acts and encouraged active participation.



Earlier, Gowhar Mahmood Protection Officer NIC delivered the introductory speech on the structure of Mission Vatsalya besides explaining the importance of the programme and gave a detailed description of the topic and its working mechanism at the district level.

Detailed discussions were held on rescue and rehabilitation operations for vulnerable child labourers.

The facilitators dis-

cussed case studies, group work and role playing to make the program engaging and enriching for the participants.

Speakers highlighted the role of CWC/ JJB/ SJPU and other line departments.

Asmat Quansar, Legal Officer delivered a speech on Adoption Regulations.

On the occasion, certificates of participation were distributed to acknowledge the active involvement of the participants in the programme.

DC Shopian chairs District Level NCORD Committee meeting



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SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb who is also the chairman of District Level Committee (DLC) under Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD), Shopian Tuesday chaired the NCORD Committee meeting with the concerned members at Mini-Secretariat, here.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on various issues related to incidence of drug addiction, areas of concern and hotspots of drug use besides cultivation of illicit poppy and bung in the district.

The DC sought details from the concerned departments about the measures taken to control the drug menace and cultivation of illicit poppy and cannabis in the district.

He stressed on intensified crack downs on the drug peddlers along with rigorous awareness/ sensitization camps and inspection drives in a coordinated manner between the concerned departments such as Police, Medical, Education and Social Welfare, etc.

The DC impressed upon the stakeholder departments to work with synergy to combat drug abuse in the district by playing an active role in anti-drug measures.

He directed the concerned officers to plan a

sensitization programme about drug addiction with participation of all the concerned stakeholders, including school principals, students, civil society members and others.

Assistant Drug Controller apprised the meeting that 95% medical wholesale/retail shops so far have installed CCTV cameras for proper surveillance of sale of over the counter drugs

The DC directed the Assistant Drug Controller to ensure installation of CCTV in all Pharmaceutical stores.

During the meeting, DC exhorted upon the SDM, Zainapora and Tehsildars for organising mass awareness drives on drug abuse in their respective areas with active participation of the Police department. He further directed SDM, Zainapora to keep a high vigil in such areas which are vulnerable to drug trafficking.

The meeting also discussed the role of Social Welfare, Education, Health, Youth Services and Sports for drug demand reduction strategies, rehabilitation and mental health counseling etc.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Shopian, Tanushree; ACR, Shopian, Shakoor Ahmed Dar, SDM Zainapora, Tehsildars, CMO Shopian and other concerned Civil and Police officers were present.

DC Shopian presides over skill development meeting

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SHOPIAN: Asking youth to come forward and seek skills for self-employment to earn their livelihood, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb Tuesday remarked that the skilling of youth in relevant trades is the key to tide over the problem of unemployment.

The DC underlined this while speaking in a meeting to discuss the ways and means of skilling and capacity building of stake-

holders. He impressed upon the officers the skill gap in the district as per employment potential and expected areas of investment.

He asked them to impart skills to every youth as per aptitude and willingness. He called for imparting skills that are relevant in the market and help the person in gainful employment.

The DC issued instructions for making a robust mechanism to skill those youth identified during the recently held outreach pro-

grammes of Back to Village and My Town My Pride. He reiterated that investments worth crores are coming to UT in next few years under Single Window System and it would open doors for thousands of youth to gain employment.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Shopian; Assistant Commissioner Development, Shopian; LDM, CAO, CHO, CAHO, AD Fisheries, representatives from ITI and Polytechnic and other concerned.

NIT Sgr hosts FDP on 'Current trends in additive manufacturing'

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SRINAGAR: A weeklong Faculty Development Program (FDP) on 'Current trends in Additive Manufacturing' workshop began at Department of Mechanical Engineering (MED), National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The hands-on training workshop is being sponsored by the National Centre for Additive Manufacturing (NCAM), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India and ITE&C Department, Govt. of Telangana.

The inaugural session was presided over by HOD MED Prof. Adnan Qayoum, Dean Alumni and International Affairs Prof. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh. Prof. Babar Ahmad, a senior faculty member at MED was also present in the session.

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, and Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman extended their best wishes to participants and commended workshop coordinators for organizing this hands-on training workshop on relevant

topics. Dr. Deepak Kumar Naik and Dr. Dinesh Kumar Rajendran are the Coordinator of the workshop. The event is being attended by 30 participants from across the country.

Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Noor Zaman Khan, Dr. Sandeep Rathee, and Dr. Ved Prakash Sharma are the co-coordinators for the workshop.

In his key speech, Prof. Adnan Qayoum said this FDP offers a comprehensive and immersive learning experience tailored to empower educators with the essential knowledge and skills required to effectively teach and inspire participants in the field of 3D printing.

"It is designed to address the growing significance of additive manufacturing and its transformative impact across diverse industries. It will bridge the gap between academia and industry," he said.

Prof. Adnan said additive manufacturing plays a crucial role in advancing microfluidics by offering innovative fabrication techniques, customization capabilities, and rapid

prototyping, ultimately contributing to the development and optimization of microfluidic devices for various applications.

On the occasion, Dean AIA Prof. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh shared some challenges he faced during his M.Tech studies at IIT Madras when there were limited resources on airplane manufacturing.

"At that time, there were no readily available books on the subject. We had to rely on innovative methods. We obtained a module from Russia, and through collaborative efforts, we designed airplanes," he said.

Prof. Sheikh said today, that with the advent of 3D printing, there is tremendous potential for students to design and create without being dependent on external designs. "Now, with 3D printing technology, students can design many components independently. They can explore and innovate without the need for external designs. It is essential for students to leverage such workshops and harness the benefits of modern technology," he said.

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BJP strengthens grip on Rajouri-Anantnag seat ahead of LS elections

ALI ASAD

SRINAGAR: As BJP state President Ravinder Raina on Tuesday has been nominated as a candidate for Rajouri-Anantnag Seat for the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls, the party is meticulously planning to secure victory on the seat through more means than one.

In a strategic move aimed at consolidating its presence in the crucial Rajouri-Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has welcomed three prominent leaders along with their supporters into its fold. This development marks a significant effort by the BJP to expand its influence in the Kashmir Valley.

Former National Conference minister Mushtaq Bukhari, ex-MLA Shahbaz Ganai, and former MLC Rafiq Shah have recently



joined the BJP, signaling the party's concerted push to capture the Anantnag-Rajouri parliamentary seat. These acquisitions underscore the BJP's determination to make inroads into Kashmir politics with substantial backing from influential leaders who hold sway over both Pahari and Gujjar communities, as well as Muslim voters.

With approximately 14

affiliations to the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP) is now up for grabs.

Sources informed that the BJP's outreach efforts in the region may extend further in the coming days, with plans to enlist additional prominent leaders from both hill and Muslim communities. This concerted approach underscores the BJP's resolve to contest the Rajouri-Anantnag seat vigorously.

In a parallel development, the BJP dealt another blow to the National Conference as former provincial secretary KD Singh, along with 300 supporters, joined the party. Additionally, senior BJP leader Nanak Chand and more than 100 supporters aligned themselves with the BJP in a symbolic move aimed at strengthening the party's grassroots presence—(KNO)

High-end CCTV cameras installed on Udhampur-Banihal highway

MUBASHIR ALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: Traffic police authorities along the Udhampur-Banihal highway stretch have installed high-end Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras equipped with night vision capabilities.

Rohit Baskotra, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) for Traffic National Highway Ramban, highlighted the significance of camera installation, saying it will ensure enforcement and regulation.

"We have installed night vision-enabled high-end cameras on those points which witness the traffic congestion. The points include Dalwas, Mehar, Jakhani Chowk and other places," he said, adding that the cameras have been installed at strategic



locations so that they can give a view of at least 3-4 kilometres.

Rohit said the functioning of the cameras will be monitored by the traffic control Ramban, and that with the help of these cameras, the field agencies will get to know where exactly they have to reach to address any issue arising

due to traffic jams, accidents or breaking down of any vehicle.

"The cameras are strategically positioned at multiple locations along the particular stretch to facilitate smoother traffic management and address congestion effectively," he said.

SSP Traffic NHW

Ramban underscored the significance of these cameras in addressing hit-and-run cases, saying they serve as a valuable tool for tracking down vehicles involved in such incidents.

Currently, 10 cameras have been installed, with plans to add more soon, he said.

"We are looking to expand the coverage by installing cameras at an additional 5-6 locations, thereby further enhancing traffic regulation and enforcement," the SSP added.

He said that the initiative signifies a proactive approach by the authorities towards leveraging technology for ensuring safer and more efficient travel experiences along the Udhampur-Banihal stretch—(KNO)

LOK SABHA ELECTIONS

Workshop held for political parties in Jammu



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JAMMU: In preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024, one day workshop for political parties was organized Tuesday at Nirvachan Bhawan here.

The program was attended by around 40 representatives of major political parties of Jammu and Kashmir including members of national and state level political parties like BJP, Panthers Party and Apni Party among others. The training covered all important aspects of the election process like nomination, qualification and disqualification of candidature, EVM preparedness, Election Expenditure Monitoring, Model Code of Conduct besides media certification and monitoring committees. The representatives were also apprised of poll day related Standard Operating Procedures to be observed by polling parties as well as the contesting candidates.

Chief Electoral Officer,

Jammu and Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, inaugurated the session and stressed upon the central role of political parties in a vibrant democracy like India.

National Level Master trainers, Chand Kishore Sharma and Riaz Ahmed Butt, imparted training on several topics including EVM preparedness, issues pertaining to Model Code of Conduct, Election Expenditure monitoring, MCMC and Social Media.

The Chief Electoral Officer, in his closing address, apprised the representatives of various election related aspects highlighting the need for a closer liaison between political parties and administrative machinery in ensuring a free, fair and civil discourse both during and after election processes. He also emphasized upon the importance of maintaining good practices and transparency to ensure peaceful and fair elections in the UT.

RTC bus enroute from Delhi to Srinagar develops technical issue

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: Passengers onboard a Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (RTC) bus travelling from Delhi to Srinagar remained stranded for nearly nine hours after the vehicle encountered a technical issue enroute.

The passengers of the vehicle alleged negligence from authorities, as they expected a proper check of the bus before it departed from Delhi.

One of the passengers of the bus, said the bus developed technical snag at a location where there were no facilities including water. "The unexpected delay left us frustrated and inconvenienced as we waited for hours," he said, adding that despite efforts by the bus crew, the vehicle remained stuck, causing considerable discomfort to those onboard.

Another passenger, Shafiq Ahmad, said they were stuck in the middle of nowhere without any basic amenities for almost nine hours, facing an ordeal.

He added that after many hours, the RTC authorities sent another bus, but they were stuck for nearly seven to eight hours and faced many problems.

When contacted, a Road Transport Corporation (RTC) official told KNO that they acknowledge the delay, but it's machinery and can fail anywhere—(KNO)

Dir Agri inaugurates Hi-tech Polyhouse in Chakoora

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PULWAMA: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Tuesday inaugurated Hi-tech Polyhouse at Chakoora, and inspected under-construction hi-tech Polyhouses at Tahab, Pulwama.

Speaking to the farmers of different areas of the sub-division, Director Agriculture said that the department is working on an ambitious plan of providing farmers with round the year availability of seedlings of

different vegetable crops. He said to achieve this goal, the department has established hi-tech poly houses in all the districts of Kashmir division.

He highlighted the importance of integrated farming and asked the farmers to diversify their agriculture operations.

Addressing the farmers, the Director said that the department would provide all the technical assistance to them to comprehensively perform their agriculture activities.

J&K to produce high-density plantation material of 12 fruits: Dir Horti

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: The government is set to produce the quality high density plantation material of 12 fruits in Jammu and Kashmir.

Director Horticulture Kashmir Gh Rasool Mir said that with the introduction of the High-Density Plantation (HDP) system and production of quality planting material, the government is set to revolutionize its fruit industry. "High density orchards have proved very beneficial for the people of Jammu and Kashmir but the plantation material being brought to J&K from Europe isn't enough to cater to the demand," he said.

He said that the government has decided to produce planting material of 12 fruits in J&K and in next five years J&K will become a self-reliant bio-economy by harnessing the economic



potential of its diversified fruit crops.

He said that the 12 fruits of which plantation material will be produced here include apple, pear, cherry, peach, dragon fruit, almond, walnut, Kiwi, mango, lichi, citrus and guava.

For all these high density plantations, a scheme is in progress and now planting material of all these fruits will be produced here, Mir said.

He said that this year the government is importing

15.6 lakh root stock from Europe and it is expected to reach here in the first week of March.

He said that mother orchards are being developed and in this regard 390 hectare of nurseries in public and private sectors are being developed that will help in producing material here

According to him, people developing nurseries under private sector will be produced subsidies from 50 to 80 percent so as to encourage people to

come in this stage.

Officials of the department said that the Department of Horticulture, in collaboration with Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture (ICAR-CITH) have ventured together to provide technological intervention for the new project. They said that the project shall create 200 new enterprises in the form of HD nurseries and provide potential jobs to 25000 persons.

They further added that the project aims to strengthen plant testing and quality control, tissue culture and virus indexing labs besides building capacity by training 5,000 farmers and 150 technical manpower from SKUAST and the Department of Horticulture—(KNO)

Ganderbal embarks on comprehensive Tourism Development Plan



GMK NEWS NETWORK

GANDERBAL: In a significant move towards boosting the tourism sector, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir Tuesday chaired a pivotal meeting on the preparation of the District Tourism Plan at VC Room DC Office, here.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani; CEO Sonamarg Development Authority, Farooq Ahmad Baba; CPO, DFO Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal, Tourist Officers of Sonamarg Development Authority and Wullar Manasbal Development Authority and Assistant Faculty JKEDI Ganderbal.

The meeting's core objective was to harness the collective expertise and perspectives of a diverse group of professionals, each bringing their unique insights to the table.

This collaborative effort aimed at formulating a comprehensive strategy to elevate Ganderbal's tourism infrastructure, promote sustainable tourism practices, and spotlight the district's distinctive attractions to both domestic and international tourists.

At the outset, a detailed discussion was held on potential unexplored soft

and hard tourism zones within the district, setting the stage for an in-depth discussion on leveraging these areas for tourism development.

The meeting saw active participation from various key stakeholders including President Adventure Tour Operators, Rouf Ahmad Trambo; renowned trekking and expedition specialist, Manzoor Wangnoo; Ex. President Travel Agents Association Kashmir, Farooq Ahmad Kuthoo; Founder of Discover Kashmir, Sajad Kralyari and tourism vlogger, Mohammad Sharif Bhat who shared insights on the industry's challenges and opportunities, and discussed strategies for marketing Ganderbal as a top-tier destination.

The meeting served as a vibrant forum for exchanging ideas and recommendations, setting a positive trajectory for the development of a tourism plan that not only aims to enhance Ganderbal's tourism appeal but also ensures the sustainability of its natural and cultural heritage.

With such a broad spectrum of expertise and commitment, Ganderbal is poised to emerge as a leading destination in the region, offering a rich and diverse tourism experience to the visitors.

Convergence for empowering youth NIFT Srinagar signs MoU with IIM Jammu



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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu and the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Srinagar on Tuesday inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost entrepreneurship and innovation in J&K. The MoU was signed at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi during Bharat Tex 2024 by Prof. B. S. Sahay Director, IIM Jammu and Dr. Javid Wani, Director NIFT Srinagar. The MoU is envisioned for a collaboration between the two prestigious institutes for convergence in the areas of academics, research, executive education, training, and the promotion of entrepreneurship and incubation facilities.

The IIM Jammu, established in 2016, is an Institute of National Importance, and NIFT, is a premier institute of fashion education in India. With 18 campuses across the country, including NIFT Srinagar, the institute has been at the forefront of providing professional human resources to the textile and apparel industry. The intersection of management and fashion technology is recognised as a dynamic and evolving landscape, necessitating a comprehensive understanding of both industries.

As per the MoU, the collaboration between IIM

Jammu and NIFT Srinagar seeks to bridge this gap, promoting interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving and ensuring the success and sustainability of both institutes.

"The MoU outlines several areas of collaboration, including academic partnerships, joint executive education programs, and sharing of research facilities. A key focus is the joint development of entrepreneurial activities, start-up incubation facilities, and the overall enhancement of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in J&K," the hand-out reads.

Convergence of two reputed institutions in J&K is expected to foster exchange of students, staff, educational resources etc. The cooperation shall open new avenues of education and research to the student community studying in both institutions. This collaboration is also expected to transform the lives of the artisans and craftpersons who shall get benefitted through specialised training programs.

On sidelines of Bharat Tex 2024, NIFT (All India level) has signed MoUs with many national and internationally renowned institutions like Arts University Bournemouth UK, BUFT Bangladesh, RMIT Australia, IIT Kalyani, IIT Mandi, IIM Udaipur, IIM Bodh Gaya, IIT Jodhpur, NID Ahmedabad etc

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE YARIPORA.

Subject: Auction of Entry Fee / Terminal Tax Collection contract for the year 2024-25.

E-AUCTION NOTICE.

NIT No: MC/YRP/2024/012 of 2023 Dated:26 /02/2024.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K LIT, term e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited from the interested persons / parties for Auction of Annual Entry Fee of Municipal Committee Yaripora, for the year 2024-25 w.e.f 01-04-2024 to 31-03-2025. The Minimum reserved bid is fixed as Rs. 183150.00 Lacs (Rupees: Eighteen Lacs Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Only). The Entry Fee Schedule of the vehicles is as under and the successful highest bidder is bound to recover Entry Fee as per the approved schedule of MC Yaripora. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in, as per the schedule of dates given below:

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	29.02.2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 29.02.2024 to 07.03.2024
3	Bid submission Start Date	29.02.2024 from 10.00 AM
4	Bid submission End Date	07.03.2024 upto 2.00 PM
5	Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online)	07.03.2024 at 03.00 AM in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Yaripora.
6	Mode of Payment	10% to be deposited on spot as token money by the highest bidder. 65% to be deposited before taking possession. 25% within 03 months from date of possession.

No: MC/YRP/2023-24/302-06
Dated: 26/02/2024.

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DT: 27/02/2024

Executive Engineer
Municipal Committee
Yaripora

Good Morning **Kashmir**

EDITORIAL

PM's Kashmir Visit

There is massive euphoria in Kashmir. From Kupwara to Qazigund everyone is joyous to know about the decision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit Kashmir in person next week. It is a great moment in the history of Kashmir as this visit comes just a couple of months before the voters in India will decide PM Modi's third term as the prime minister of India in the privacy of the voting booths.

Not many details have been divulged as of yet but obviously what is known till now is that he would be attending an official meeting and will address a public rally in Anantnag. While Modi has visited Jammu at least three times in the last few years it will be his first visit to Kashmir after many years. Some observers believe that he may thank the people of Kashmir valley for showing maturity post abrogation of article 370 and also the last unconnected link of the Indian Railways' ambitious project of connecting Kashmir with Jammu could be inaugurated by Modi on this tour. While some observers feel he might inaugurate a job mela like the ones being conducted in Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka recently. It could also be that he will inaugurate a slew of projects and also lay the foundation stone of the Baramulla-Kupwara rail link.

Whatever be the main pivot of Modi's visit this visit is of immense significance. He will definitely begin the outreach by highlighting the massive number of tourists that visited Kashmir in the last few years, the revenue generated from horticulture, and the general peace around. This outreach would be aimed at making inroads at the voter base of Kashmir. BJP wants to increase its voter share in Kashmir and if the latest trends are anything to go by BJP will win quite a good percentage of votes in the valley.

The people of Kashmir are eagerly waiting for Modi to make the speech in his famous style and inaugurate a slew of projects for the betterment of Kashmir Valley. This visit can further increase the tourist flow to Kashmir. The last five years have been the most peaceful that Kashmir has ever been. All thanks to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the meticulous execution of the same vision by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha – a true double-engine governance.

Pros And Cons

Contributions Of Citizens In Pollution Control



DR. RAJKUMAR SINGH

Citizens play a crucial role in pollution control through various actions and behaviors that contribute to reducing pollution in their communities and beyond: a. Reducing Waste: By minimizing waste production, reusing items, and recycling, citizens can significantly reduce pollution. This includes reducing single-use plastics, composting organic waste, and recycling materials like paper, glass, and metal. b. Conserving Energy: Using energy more efficiently at home and in transportation can lower pollution levels. Simple actions like turning off lights when not in use, using energy-efficient appliances, and reducing car use in favor of walking, cycling, or public transportation can make a big difference. c. Supporting Clean Energy: Citizens can advocate for and choose to use renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydroelectric power over fossil fuels. This reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. d. Educating and Raising Awareness: Sharing information about pollution and its effects with friends, family, and community members can lead to collective action and behavior change. Education can empower individuals to make more environmentally friendly choices.

Participating in Community Clean-Up Activities: Engaging in local clean-up efforts, such as beach, river, or park clean-ups, can directly reduce pollution in local environments. f. Advocating for Environmental Policies: Citizens can influence pollution control by supporting policies and legislation that protect the environment. This can include voting for environmentally responsible leaders, supporting environmental organizations, and participating in environmental advocacy and protests.

Practicing Sustainable Consumption: Choosing to buy products that are produced in an environmentally friendly way, have minimal packaging, and are made to last can reduce pollution. This includes supporting local and sustainable businesses and products. h. Responsible Disposal of Hazardous Materials: Proper disposal of hazardous materials like batteries, electronics, and chemicals prevents harmful substances from contaminating the environment. By adopting these practices, citizens can significantly contribute to reducing pollution and protecting the environment for future generations.



History of pollution control: The citizens role in pollution control is deeply rooted in the environmental movement, which gained significant momentum in the 20th century, particularly in the 1960s and 1970s. This period marked a growing public awareness of the environmental impact of industrialization, urbanization, and the unchecked use of natural resources. Especially, the environmental movement and the recognition of the critical role that citizens play in pollution control include: a. Publication of Influential Works: The publication of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" in 1962 is often cited as a pivotal moment for the environmental movement. The book exposed the dangers of pesticide overuse, particularly DDT, and its detrimental effects on wildlife and human health, sparking widespread public concern about environmental degradation and the importance of pollution control.

Environmental Disasters: Several environmental disasters highlighted the consequences of pollution and galvanized public demand for stronger environmental protections. Notable examples include the 1969 Cuyahoga River fire in Ohio, caused by oil-slicked debris, and the 1967 Torrey Canyon oil spill, one of the world's most serious oil spills at the time. c. Rise of Environmental Organizations: The formation of environmental organizations, such as the Sierra Club, Greenpeace, and the Natural Resources Defense Council, played a significant role in mobilizing citizens and advocating for environmental protection and pollution control measures. d. Legislative Milestones: In response to growing environmental concerns, governments around the

world began to enact legislation aimed at protecting the environment and controlling pollution. In the United States, this period saw the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1970 and the passage of landmark laws such as the Clean Air Act (1970) and the Clean Water Act (1972). e. Shift in Public Attitudes: The environmental movement led to a significant shift in public attitudes towards the environment. There was a growing recognition that individual actions and lifestyles had a collective impact on the planet, leading to increased interest in sustainable living, recycling, and conservation efforts. f. International Agreements and Conferences: The role of citizens in pollution control was also recognized at the international level, with conferences and agreements such as the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment in 1972 and the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, which led to important treaties and global initiatives.

Global status: The global status of the role of citizens in pollution control is dynamic and varies significantly across different regions and communities but there is a growing global consensus on the importance of individual and community actions in combating pollution and protecting the environment: a. Increased Awareness and Activism: There is a global increase in environmental awareness among citizens, partly due to the widespread availability of information through digital media. This has led to a rise in environmental activism, with individuals and groups advocating for stronger environmental policies, engaging in protests against polluters, and partici-

pating in global movements like Fridays for Future, inspired by Greta Thunberg. b. Community-Led Initiatives: Across the world, there are numerous examples of community-led initiatives aimed at pollution control. These include local clean-up efforts, community recycling programs, urban greening projects, and grassroots campaigns against local sources of pollution. c. Sustainable Lifestyle Choices: More people globally are adopting sustainable lifestyle choices that contribute to pollution control, such as reducing single-use plastics, choosing public transportation or eco-friendly vehicles, and supporting sustainable agriculture practices.

The role of citizen science in monitoring pollution and environmental quality is expanding. With the availability of affordable monitoring technology, citizens can contribute valuable data on air and water quality, helping to identify pollution hotspots and inform policy decisions. e. Corporate and Government Accountability: Citizens are increasingly holding corporations and governments accountable for environmental protection and pollution control. Through campaigns, boycotts, and shareholder activism, citizens are pushing for more sustainable business practices and stronger environmental regulations. f. International Collaboration: Citizens' groups and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are increasingly collaborating across borders to address global environmental challenges, such as climate change, plastic pollution in the oceans, and transboundary air pollution.

Challenges and Inequalities: Despite these positive trends, there are significant challenges and inequalities in the role of citizens in pollution control. In some regions, lack of access to information, economic barriers, and political repression limit citizens' ability to engage in environmental activism. Additionally, the burden of pollution often falls disproportionately on marginalized communities, which may have fewer resources to advocate for change. h. Digital Engagement: Social media and digital platforms have become powerful tools for raising awareness, mobilizing support, and coordinating actions. Online petitions, campaigns, and informational content can reach a wide audience and influence public opinion and policy. The global status of citizens' role in pollution control reflects a complex interplay of increased awareness, activism, and engagement across diverse communities, coupled with ongoing challenges and disparities.

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Importance Of Reading Books



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Encourage students to develop a mini home library, carrying or having 10 to 20 books, by giving them stars in their progress reports. Books are precious, books are assets, books are a treasury of knowledge, and books are the best alternative when we have nothing to do, books are so valuable, and books enhance our interest in several things. Books are the main source of facts and information. Books are compatible gadgets carrying a gallery of facts and figures.

Why books? For students up to 10th grade, NCERT books and general knowledge from weekly or monthly magazines are the best sources of what they need. I suggest students in the 6th grade and above read NCERT books and accumulate basic knowledge for the higher classes. One very unfortunate thing is that the students of higher education are lacking in the basics of history, civics, geography, Urdu, Hindi, and English, as they have chosen some professional courses and they think reading other books



is none of their business. One thing is clear: we have to know about all the subjects we are studying at the school level.

We should never prepare ourselves only for the final exams, midterms, or unit exams. As a parent or teachers, we provide our students with different interesting books that they read during their free time and get interested in several ways by reading books. School administrations should provide all the interesting and updated books to the students, provide them with knowl-

edge about the scope of reading books, and provide them with what they will get in the future if they read books regularly and get started reading all the relevant books, which will benefit them in the future and make them feel very less pressure and stress.

We are making it our habit, and sometimes we purchase a storybook or a handy novel written by famous novelists. We think it's better to read books to enhance our interest and get updated on several concepts we have never learned

during our school days or our study period. We have different and strange thoughts regarding book reading.

Like during school, most of us emphasize to our students to keep our whole concentration on certain subjects. We have changed our thinking and induced interest among the learners to learn in a very happy and free zone. In a free zone, our learners learn more things, and they will become independent learners at a comfortable stage of their age. I think up to the 10th

standard, our learners must have a grip on spoken English and the ability to address several basic concepts. Usually, a degree is just a paper. We must have the potential so that we can learn from and discuss with others and teach others what we have accumulated.

Home library: I think we need to give stars to students in their progress reports who have maintained a home library with a minimum of 15 to 20 books. Home libraries are very important these days, as we are going through tough times. Make the students decorate Almirah with books. Some people used their room, Almirah, as they kept show pieces and had no fun with them. Keeping books in the Almirahs can provide a chance for your kiths and kin to learn more and more things within their room and have no need to go to libraries.

Emphasize to students that they should have more books available at their home library and avoid going to libraries. Keeping all the trending books for various exams and all the story books, novel books, and religious books can give our learners a chance to learn when they feel free. Having facilities can provide us with a good opportunity to learn things in a very free and normal way.

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Treatment **Is Prevention**

Identify And Treat All Tuberculosis Cases



SHOBHA SHUKLA
BOBBY RAMAKANT

! The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." These golden words of Michelangelo perhaps sum up the fundamental gap in the fight to end TB worldwide.

The stark reality that around 3 million people were missed by TB services globally in 2022 (as per the latest WHO Global TB Report) reminds us once again that there is no place for complacency. We have to a) stop missing all TB cases and b) stop failing to link every person diagnosed with TB to care continuum.

The only pathway to end TB is to find all TB, treat all TB, and prevent any further transmission of TB infection. "Once we diagnose a patient, we must treat them - which also stops the spread of infection. Finding all TB patients and putting them on effective treatment is the most important part of #endTB efforts," said Dr Joju Pomson, a senior pulmonologist who has also served as District TB Officer and District Medical Officer in Kozhikode (Calicut) and Malappuram in Kerala.

Dr Pomson added: "If we do not find a person with TB, then the infection can further spread to another 10 people. That is why finding all TB cases, and treating all of them remains so fundamental. We must go for 100% detection of all estimated cases everywhere and put them on treatment, motivate them to finish the therapy and get cured. We also need to get the diagnosis closer to the people."

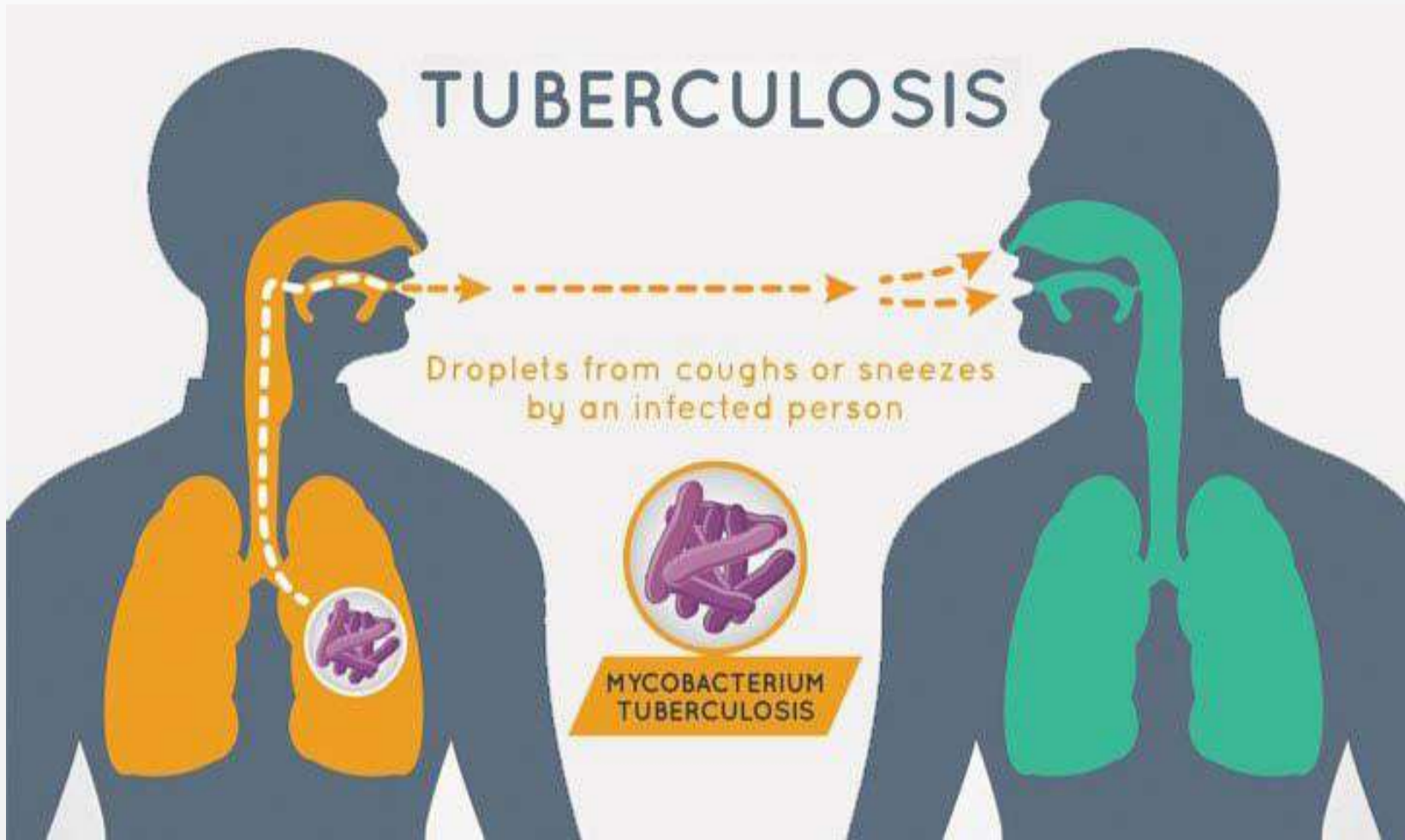
Offering a TB test to all the people is important in high burden settings

"We are seeing more TB cases as we are testing more. Our latest National TB Prevalence Survey shows that around 60% of patients who had TB showed no symptoms. If we take random x-rays of people, some are likely to have TB but no symptoms. Our motto is to - find all TB to eliminate TB," said Dr Kuldeep Singh Sachdeva, who has earlier been the head of India's TB elimination programme at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (as Deputy Director General - TB). Dr Sachdeva has also served as Southeast Asia Regional Director of International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) and currently leads Molbio Diagnostics as President - Chief Medical Officer.

Agrees Dr Rennis Davis Kizhakepedika, President of Association of Pulmonologists Thrissur and Professor and Head, Pulmonary Medicine Department and Vice Principal, Amala Institute of Medical Sciences. "Findings of our national TB prevalence survey are an eye-opener as over half of TB patients would have been missed if x-ray screening was not done. We have a lot of undiagnosed TB in the population. I feel we have to get to the community level and find TB regardless of the 4 symptoms, as many may not have them. If we can reach the moon, then why cannot our TB and health services 'reach the unreachable' at the community level?"

Ensuring that everyone gets screened for TB and all those with presumptive TB get a WHO recommended molecular test diagnosis is key to ending TB. We need to stop using TB tests like microscopy which underperforms in diagnosing TB and misses around half of TB patients, in addition to not being able to diagnose drug-resistant TB.

That is why the WHO's highest level initiative Find.Treat. All (first launched in 2018) calls upon all governments to replace microscopy with upfront molecular testing completely. This call was also echoed by the world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on TB in September 2023. But, as per the latest WHO Global TB Report, more than half of those diagnosed



with TB in 2022 did not receive a molecular test.

Screen everyone regardless of TB symptoms

As typical symptoms of TB may not be there in all people with TB, x-ray is the best screening tool recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). We now have handheld battery-operated x-ray machines to screen for TB. We also have point-of-care, decentralised and battery-operated molecular tests for accurate diagnosis of all those screened for presumptive TB. We must replace microscopy with 100% upfront molecular testing - we are moving in this direction, but we have to increase the pace, said Dr Rakesh PS, who has earlier served the

science has to offer and what reaches the people

"Our role as a community service organisation, is to bridge the gap between what science has to offer and what reaches the people. All of us are at risk of TB, but some- like migrants, homeless and slum dwellers- who we call the key vulnerable populations- are more exposed and vulnerable to it due to poor living and nutritional conditions. Many people in the community do not read newspapers and do not have access to media. Also, there is a lot of misinformation about TB. We can help at the grassroots by going from person to person and mobilizing communities to access services. People in the community should have access to correct informa-

tion will keep spreading from one person to another. Finding them - which means early and accurate molecular test diagnosis - and linking them to effective treatment, supporting them through the treatment and ensuring they get cured - is vital cog-in-the-wheel if we are to inch towards ending TB.

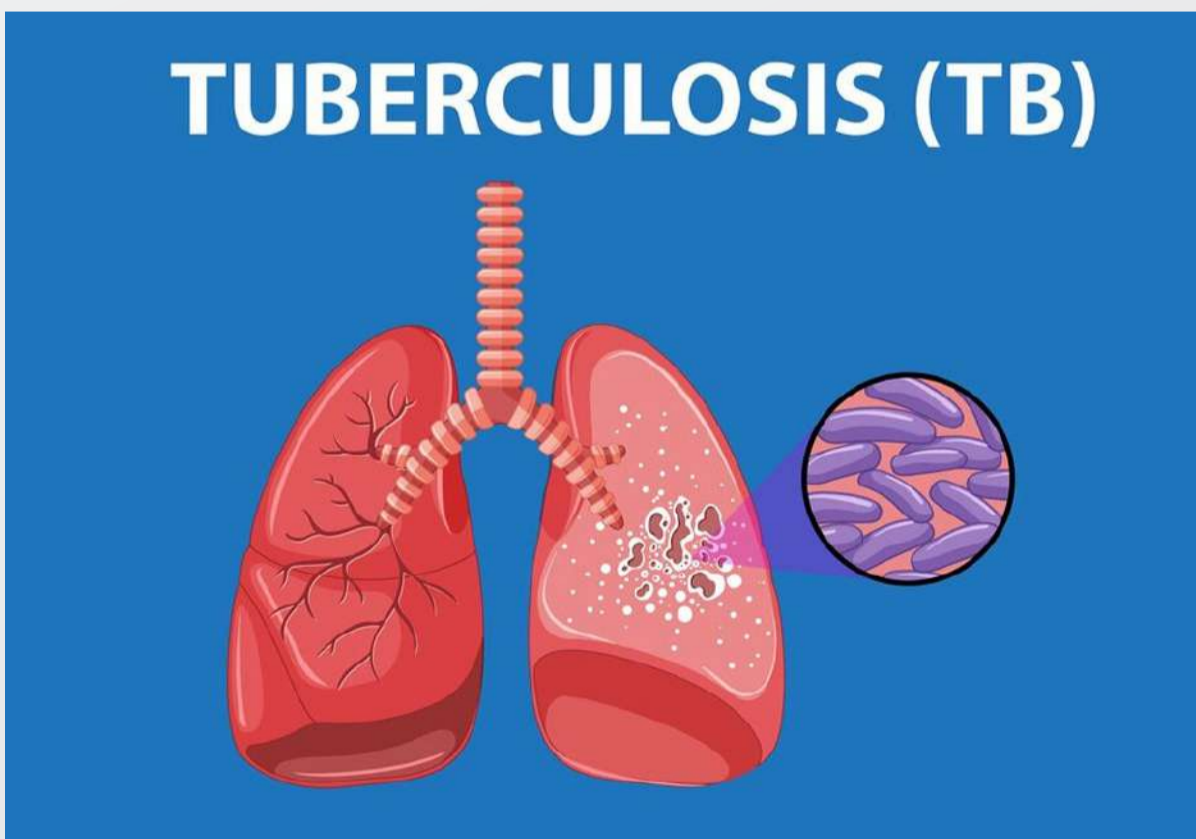
Treating latent TB infection is also preventing TB. More importantly, addressing risk factors of TB play a vital role in protecting people from getting infected in the first place. TB risk factors also increase the risk of people progressing from latent TB infection to active TB disease. These risk factors also make TB difficult to treat. As per the WHO, biggest risk factor for TB is undernutrition. Tobacco and alcohol use,

from TB but the infection will also keep spreading. Dr Mario Raviglione, former Director of WHO Global TB Programme had said to CNS ten years ago that not doing DST upfront is a clinical malpractice. We need to make universal DST for all the medicines used in the treatment a reality on the ground.

Join the call to find all TB, treat all TB and prevent all TB

One hundred and forty nine TB experts at the conference endorsed a global call to find all TB to stop TB (www.bit.ly/findalltb),

Dr Pomson Dadded: "If we do not find a person with TB, then the infection can further spread to another 10 people. That is why finding all TB cases, and treating all of them remains so fundamental. We must go for 100% detection of all estimated cases everywhere and put them on treatment, motivate them to finish the therapy and get cured.



WHO as well as Kerala State TB Office, and is currently part of the Southeast Asia regional team of The Union.

"Community involvement is a must. We have to take help of people who have lived experience of going through TB disease. They are the ones who know the ground realities - what it is like to seek care, how to navigate through the health system, get diagnosed and be put on treatment. Science has gifted us tools to get correct and accurate TB diagnosis in one hour. But situation on the ground could be different. It may take a person many visits to the clinic /doctor (even months) to finally get a test done for TB," added Dr Sachdeva.

Bridge the gap between what

and create demand for the best tools to help find all TB," said Lisbeth Aarup of Humana People to People India.

Dr Sachdeva, Dr Rakesh PS, and Lisbeth Aarup were among the panelists who spoke at a media workshop hosted by Kerala Union of Working Journalists Thrissur at Thrissur Press Club along with TB People (India) and CNS. Dr Joju Pomson and Dr Rennis Thomas K were featured in the End TB Dialogues at the 78th National Conference of Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (78th NATCON).

Treatment is also prevention

Failure to find people with TB of the lungs will not only increase their human suffering but also

diabetes, and HIV are some of the other major risk factors that put people at risk of TB. Comprehensive TB prevention campaigns that are evidence-based must be rolled out optimally to protect people from TB. Also we must remember that protecting people from malnutrition, tobacco, alcohol, HIV or diabetes would be a major boost for public health and sustainable development.

Doing drug susceptibility testing (DST) - a test which informs if the medicines used to treat TB, work on the TB bacteria (or is the bacteria resistant to one or more of them?), is also necessary. All persons diagnosed with TB must be put on appropriate treatment with drugs that are effective to treat TB in them. Otherwise not only the person keeps suffering

findalltb), which has 1 key ask: Stop missing TB cases, by taking 2 actions:

Replace smear microscopy 100% with WHO recommended molecular tests as soon as possible, along with a paradigm shift from a lab-centric to a fundamentally people-centric model to find TB, leaving no one behind

Find the missing millions! Screen everyone (and not just those with TB symptoms) in high burden settings with WHO recommended screening tools, and confirm those with presumptive TB using molecular tests.

Shobha Shukla and Bobby Ramakant co-lead the editorial of Citizen News Service and on the governing board of Global Antimicrobial Resistance Media Alliance (GAMA) and Asia Pacific Media Alliance for Health and Development (APCAT Media). Follow them on Twitter @shobhaishukla and @bobbyramakant

Cold Weather Can Cause Stiffness In Joints; Try These Strategies For Relief

Cold weather can cause stiffness in joints for some individuals, especially those with conditions like arthritis or other inflammatory joint issues. In this article, we share a few remedial strategies that can help provide relief from joint stiffness.

10 Strategies to help reduce stiffness in the joints during winter:

- 1. Keep warm**
Opt for warm, baggy clothing that will retain body heat near the skin. Instead of hiding under several blankets to stay warm, you can stay warm while you're moving around by dressing in layers of warm clothing.
- 2. Apply heat**
Use tools like heating pads, warm towels, or hot water bot-

les to apply heat on affected joints as it helps increase blood flow and reduce stiffness.

3. Gentle exercise
Engage in low-impact exercises like walking, swimming, or yoga to keep joints mobile and relieve stiffness. Avoid high-impact activities that may strain the joints further.

4. Stay active
Avoid prolonged periods of inactivity or sitting. Take regular breaks, stretch, and move around to prevent joints from becoming stiff.

5. Use joint protection techniques
Use assistive devices like braces, splints, or supports to protect joints and reduce stiffness caused by cold weather.

6. Maintain a healthy weight
Excess weight can put additional strain on joints. Follow a balanced diet and maintain



a healthy weight to alleviate joint stiffness. Maintaining a healthy weight can further help you better stretch and

maintain better overall health. **7. Stay hydrated**
Drink plenty of water to keep the joints lubricated

and reduce stiffness. You are encouraged to consume 2-3 litres of water daily for better overall health.

8. Incorporate anti-inflammatory foods

Add foods like fatty fish, nuts, green leafy vegetables, and berries to your diet as they contain anti-inflammatory properties that may help reduce joint stiffness.

9. Try supplements
Certain supplements like omega-3 fatty acids, glucosamine, or turmeric may assist in reducing inflammation and stiffness. Consult a healthcare professional before starting any supplements.

10. Seek physical therapy
Consider working with a physical therapist who can provide tailored exercises, massages, or other therapeutic techniques to alleviate joint stiffness.

To follow these strategies effectively:
Check the weather forecast

and be prepared with appropriate clothing and heating equipment.

Prioritize staying active with gentle exercises and joint protection techniques.

Stay consistent with your exercise routine and avoid long periods of inactivity.

Incorporate anti-inflammatory foods and supplements as advised by a healthcare professional.

Seek guidance from a physical therapist for proper joint maintenance.

These strategies help reduce stiffness by improving blood circulation, keeping the joints lubricated, providing warmth, reducing inflammation, and promoting joint flexibility. However, it is important to consult a healthcare professional to determine the best approach for your specific condition.

Feeling Hungry After Eating? Here Are 5 Reasons Why

Do you feel hungry after finishing a full-fledged meal? If yes, you are not alone. It is a common problem that many face. Several factors such as diet, hormones, meal timings and lifestyle can make you feel hungry even after eating. To beat these hunger pangs you will find yourself snacking more than usual. Unhealthy snacking can further contribute to weight gain. To keep the post-meal hunger at bay, it is crucial to understand the possible causes. In this article, let's discuss the reasons why you feel hungry after eating with solutions.

Reasons why you are hungry after eating

1. Lack of protein and fibre
Both protein and fibre play a significant role in keeping full for longer. They promote satiety and prevent unnecessary hunger pangs. So, try adding enough protein and fibre to your meals to suppress hunger.

2. You are thirsty
It is common to confuse thirst for hunger. Many times you will find yourself snacking when thirsty.



When you are hungry, try drinking some water. It might be the perfect calorie-free solution.

3. You eat very quickly
If you eat too quickly without chewing your food properly, you might not feel full. Therefore, you should chew and enjoy every bite of your meal.

4. You exercise a lot
When you exercise your body might require more calories than you think. If you are indulging in heavy exercise, eat a wholesome protein and fibre-rich meal to stay full. Not consuming enough calories might affect your exercise performance too.

5. High blood sugar
Cravings and hunger are common side effects of high blood sugar levels. If you are a diabetic or pre-diabetic, it is essential to monitor your blood sugar levels regularly.

Here's what should you do
Start your day with a healthy, filling breakfast
Eat lunch on time with all essential nutrients

Drink plenty of water throughout the day
Snack on healthy yet filling food items

Eat slowly and chew your food thoroughly
Manage stress and sleep well
Avoid distractions while eating

Here's How You Can Add Moringa Leaves To Your Diet

Moringa or the leaves of the drumstick plant can offer a range of health benefits. Moringa leaves can be used in both fresh and dried forms. They are also easily available in powdered form. Moringa leaves are a powerhouse of nutrients. They are loaded with essential nutrients including protein, vitamin C, iron, magnesium, vitamin A, vitamin B6 and riboflavin. Now you know why adding these leaves to your diet is a must! However, many are still not aware of the multiple ways these leaves can be inculcated into the diet. If you are confused too, keep reading.

First, let's understand the benefits of moringa leaves:

High blood sugar levels can elevate the risk of several conditions. Moringa leaves can help reduce blood sugar levels. People with diabetes can also add moringa powder to their diet to manage the condition effectively.

Moringa leaves are loaded with antioxidants that can help your body fight against free



radicals.
Studies have shown that moringa leaves can help reduce inflammation and cholesterol levels.

Moringa may also help maintain healthy blood pressure numbers.

The anti-inflammatory properties of moringa can help people with arthritis manage the condition.

Ways to add moringa to diet

1. Add to dough
You can wash and chop moringa leaves then add these to the dough you are preparing. Dried moringa leaves or moringa powder can also be used in a similar manner.

2. Sprinkle the powder
Sprinkle some moringa powder on yogurt, oatmeal, soups, smoothies or curries.

3. Mix with water
You can mix some moringa

powder into a glass of lukewarm water. Drink this as it is or add lemon or honey to enhance the taste.

4. Add to salads and sauces
You can easily add moringa powder or fresh leaves to salads and sauces to enhance the nutritional value.

Moringa leaves can offer you many health benefits. However, you should not overconsume it.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

BJP Finalises Panel

more influential and protuberant people are in the list to join the party in the days ahead," the leader said.

For two seats in Jammu, the names are being finalised and will soon be sent to the parliamentary affairs panel of BJP in New Delhi. For Kathua-Udhampur Lok Sabha seat, MoS in PMO and incumbent MP Dr Jitendra Singh is all set to be repeated for seat while as for Jammu seat, there is a likelihood to replace incumbent MP Jugal Kishore. "Former J&K Assembly speaker Kavinder Gupta and Devender Singh Rana are two main contenders for the seat," sources in the BJP said—(KNO)

J&K Saw Era Of

today people of all religions have the freedom to celebrate their festivals in Kashmir. The picture here has changed. Anyone can now buy land in the Kashmir valley. Kashmiri Pandits now feel powerful and empowered. We have become economically strong.

He added that Jammu and Kashmir was the place where even the President of India could not take an inch of space. An Indian soldier could not sacrifice his life to protect Jammu and Kashmir, but could not build even a hut there.

"This is a big transformation. From social point of view, the work of empowering 100 million people has been accomplished under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi," he added.

"What India Thinks Today", a global level Summit, is being held in the national capital Delhi.

The event, being hosted by TV9, India's number one news network, has begun to deliberate deeply on several significant issues including the country's politics, governance, economics, health, culture and sports.

Apart from PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister, Amit Shah, Defense Minister, Rajnath Singh, Union Ministers Anurag Thakur, Bhupendra Yadav and Smriti Irani, Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnav, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath, Assam Chief Minister, Mahanta Biswasrama, Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, Congress President, Mal-

likarjun Kharge, Uttarakhand Chief Minister, Pushkar Singh Dhami, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Mohan Yadav, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister, Vishnu Desai, Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar, Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Man, AIMIM Chief, Asaduddin Owaisi, Congress leader, Pawan Kheda, Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev and former NITI Aayog CEO, Amitabh Kant will also present their views in 'What India Thinks Today'.

Besides, prominent figures from arts and sports world including former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott, former Maldivian Defense Minister, Maria Ahmed Didi, Velina Tchakarova, former India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Syed Akbaruddin will also express their views.

Pahalgam, Gulmarg

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, received 0.6mm of rain and recorded a minimum of minus 0.3°C against minus 2.8°C on the previous night and the temperature was below normal by 0.4°C for the place, the official said.

Kupwara town received 1.0mm of rain and recorded a low of 0.4°C against minus 3.5°C on the previous night and it was 3.5°C below normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg received 4.0 cms of snow and recorded a low of minus 6.4°C against minus 9.0°C on the previous night. The temperature was below normal by 0.6°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 9.9°C and it was below normal by 1.7°C for the winter capital of J&K.

Banihal recorded a low of 3.8°C, Batote 4.8°C and Baderwah 3.4°C, he said.

Regarding the forecast, he said, on February 28-29, partly to generally cloudy weather is expected with possibility of light rain and snow at isolated places.

From March 1-3, he said, there is possibility of light to moderate rain and snow at most places with heavy rain and snow at few middle and higher reaches during March 2 and 3.

"Few places may experience thunder/lightning/hailstorm accompanied by gusty winds during the period."

While 'Chillai-Kalan', the 40-day harsh period of winter ended on January 29 and 20-day-long winter period called 'Chillai-Khurd' ended on February 19, Kashmir is the middle 10-day-long period 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) which culminates on March 1. (GNS)

Police Transfers

earlier directive.
The modification of the order by ECI has come as a major relief for J&K government, which otherwise was required to effect another round of transfers.

In the earlier order, the poll body had directed officers who are transferred out of the district are not posted within the same Parliamentary constituency. Only States and UTs upto two segments were exempted from the directive—(KNO)

LeT Associate

During naka checking suspicious movement of one person coming towards naka point by foot was observed, police said.

"While seeing police party and security forces, the suspect person tried to flee from the spot but alert naka party apprehended him tactfully. During preliminary questioning, he was identified as Mehraj ud din Bhat son of Manzoor Ahmad Bhat resident of Mundyari Pattan," police said.

"During his search, one live hand grenade was recovered from his possession. In this regard, case under sections UA (P) & Arms Act has been registered in PS Pattan and investigation has been taken up," police said.

CS Administers Oath

them about the preparedness of the UT to receive the waters from the Shahpur Kandi barrage. He asked them to further explore possibilities of bringing more land under crop production by devising requisite irrigation schemes under NABARD etc.

On the occasion the ACS, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra informed the gathering that the regulatory authority has now become fully functional as 3 out of 5 members are in place now making the quorum viable.

He gave out that the Authority has an

essential duty of regulating water resources in the UT. He said that its mandate includes ensuring judicious, equitable and sustainable management, allocation and utilization of these resources, fixing the rates for use of water, and all other relevant matters.

Pertinent to mention here that Sharma, an erstwhile IAS officer has served in higher administration and management roles in J&K government holding senior responsibilities.

He had been the Regional Director (Survey & Land Records), Udhampur, Director Handloom Development Department, Secretary Public Service Commission (J&K) and lastly the Custodian General of J&K before superannuation from active government services in June, 2023.

Houseboat Sinks

incident underscores the long-standing demand for the relocation of houseboats, which has been neglected by the authorities for years," he said.

The sinking of the houseboat serves as a reminder of the challenges faced by the houseboat owners of River Jhelum, Paktoon said. He urged the concerned authorities to address the issue promptly to prevent further incidents—(KNO)

Change Of D.O.B

I want to change the date of birth in my Driving licence bearing registration number JK0520210002535 from 16/03/2001 to 15/03/2001.

In the regard if anyone has any objection can contact ARTO Office Baramulla within seven working days after that no objection will be entertained.

Obaid Majeed Wani
Son of Ab Majeed Wani
Resident of Wadoora Payeen Sopore

India's rural-urban income gap declines sharply amid fall in poverty level: SBI Report

IAN S

NEW DELHI: Along with the sharp decline in poverty in India, there has also been a marked reduction in the rural-urban income divide in the country, according to an SBI Research analysis of a Consumer Expenditure Survey released on Tuesday.



Rural Poverty has staged a significant 440-basis point decline since 2018-19 and Urban Poverty a 170-basis point decline post-pandemic, which shows that the government initiatives for promoting the welfare of the bottom of the pyramid are having a significant beneficial impact on rural livelihood, the report states.

Rural Poverty is now at 7.2 per cent (25.7 per cent in 2011-12 while Urban Poverty is at 4.6 per cent (13.7 per cent in 2011-12), official data show.

The report further states that India is becoming more aspirational as indicated by the increasing share of discretionary consumption (like spending on beverages, intoxicants, entertainment,

prime reason for the incrementally shrinking horizontal income gap between the rural and urban landscape and the vertical income gap within rural Income classes, according to the SBI report.

The states once considered laggards are showing the maximum improvement in rural and urban gap. States like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh are showing increasingly the impact of these factors, the report adds.

The bottom half of the rural pyramid are now having consumption patterns mostly converging to urban counterparts. The report also states that revised MPCE weights in CPI computation could help India real GDP growth

for FY24 to top 7.5 per cent. Other highlights: Rural and Urban consumption are growing, on an average, at nearly the same growth rate (2.66 per cent for rural, 2.59 per cent for Urban) across classes. Using the statistical equivalent of Gini Coefficient, Horizontal Consumption Inequality between Rural and Urban across fractiles has declined from 0.560 to 0.475

*Urban Rural gap as a percentage of rural consumption is on a declining trend. It has declined from 90.8 per cent in 2004-05 to 71.2 per cent in 2022-23 and we believe, is projected to further decrease to 65.1 per cent in 2029-30

Bengal Gov writes to Mamata govt, seeks Sheikh Shahjahan's immediate arrest

IAN S

KOLKATA: West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose has written a letter to the state government seeking immediate arrest of Sheikh Shahjahan, the absconding Trinamool Congress leader from Sandeshkhali and accused mastermind of the attack on ED and CAPF personnel.



In the letter, according to a government official aware of its contents, the Governor has also sought an explanation from the state government in case the arrest is not done within the next 72 hours.

The official further said that the email communiqué on this count was forwarded to the state secretary on Monday night and it came to the notice of the

state government officials on Tuesday morning.

In the letter, the official said, the Governor has also directed the state government to initiate an investigation on the reported event of a child snatched from her mother's arms and flung casually by a group of miscreants in Sandeshkhali recently,

a matter, which even the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) has also taken note of.

The Governor's letter is extremely significant considering that Calcutta High Court Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam, on Monday, made it clear that there is no stay order on the arrest

of absconding Trinamool Congress leader Sheikh Shahjahan and hence there is no restriction on the state police to arrest him.

Immediately, after that observation of the Chief Justice, the Governor hinted at exercising his constitutional authority if the state government failed to take prompt action in addressing the grievances of the local women in Sandeshkhali who have alleged sexual harassment by the local Trinamool Congress workers.

"If the state government fails to act as per constitutional norms, the Governor will exercise his constitutional power," Bose said while addressing a programme at Bandel in Hooghly district on Monday.

IIT-Kanpur's Class of 1974 pledges Rs 10.11 crore for their alma mater

IAN S

KANPUR: In a heartfelt gesture to their alma mater, the Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur (IIT-K), the Class of 1974 has pledged Rs 10.11 crore for supporting various activities at the institute.

The pledge comes as part of the Golden Jubilee Reunion of the batch held from February 23-25, with over 80 alumni in attendance along with their families.

This generous commitment highlights the alumni's enduring dedication to support various research endeavours and initiatives benefiting students at IIT-Kanpur, while the three-day celebratory event offered them the scope to reminisce, reconnect, and reaffirm their commitment to the institute's thrive for continued excellence.

Expressing gratitude for such a generous pledge made by the Class of 1974, Prof. S. Ganesh, Director, IIT-Kanpur, in a release, said: "IIT-Kanpur takes great pride in its alumni, and time and again, our alumni have come together for supporting the growth of their alma mater through various means. This pledge by the Class of 1974 resonates with a collective vision for promoting excellence at the institute by contributing to the development of infrastructure, R&D Facilities, and academic activities. The pledge is to be constituted as 'The Class of 1974 Batch Legacy Fund' and will be utilized to enrich opportunities for students and faculty alike."

RS poll: Cross-voting fears haunt Congress in Himachal

IAN S

SHIMLA: Cross-voting haunts in the Congress-ruled Himachal Pradesh as the main Opposition BJP has made the battle for the lone Rajya Sabha seat challenging by fielding a Congress rebel who for over a decade played a crucial role in strengthening the party's organisation at the grassroots.

The BJP has accused the Congress of pressuring its legislators by issuing a whip to vote for the party candidate, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who is facing a tag of an outsider. The Congress has a comfortable majority of 40 in the 68-member House. The BJP has a strength of 25 legislators. There are three Independent legislators,

comprising two BJP rebels and one Congress, who have indicated support for the ruling party.

The saffron party has fielded Harsh Mahajan, who was once known for his long proximity with Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu.

Three-time legislator Mahajan had left the Congress and joined the BJP just ahead of the assembly elections by saying the previous party was directionless and lacking vision.

Poll observers told IANS that all eyes in this poll are on two legislators -- Rajinder Rana and former cabinet minister Sudhir Sharma -- who have been "gunning" their government for its failure to fulfil poll promises.

SP chief whip in UP quits party post, slated to join rebels

IAN S

LUCKNOW: Yet another Samajwadi Party MLA has joined the rebel group. Manoj Pandey, the MLA from Rae Bareilly, on Tuesday morning resigned from the post of chief whip of

the SP legislature party without assigning any reason.

Pandey is said to be ready to vote for the BJP and had skipped the Samajwadi Party meeting on Monday night.

He had been upset over Swami Prasad Maurya's

statements against Santana Dharma and had even voiced his ire over the matter.

Earlier, Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA Rakesh Pratap Singh, who represents the Gauriganj Assembly seat in Amethi, cross-

voted in favour of BJP in the Rajya Sabha elections.

He said, "It is not against any party. It is a voice of conscience," and went on to chant 'Jai Shri Ram'.

Another SP MLA Abhay Singh was also seen with him.

Annexure II
GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
HOLISTIC AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Subject: Advertisement Notice for engagement as Krishi Udyami (KUs) in District Shopian.
Applications on prescribed format are invited from eligible candidates for engagement as Krishi Udyami (KUs) on contractual basis for a period of two years (extendible) subject to terms and conditions laid down in contract agreement.

A. KEY DETAILS:

S. No	Details	Description
1.	Position	Krishi Udyami (KU)(Agricultural Entrepreneur)
2.	Number of positions	50 across pre-identified panchayat level Kisan Khidmat Ghar's of the District Shopian (list enclosed as Annexure "AA")
3.	Engagement Duration	Initially for a period of 2years, with the possibility of annual extensions subject to the satisfactory performance of the PLE.
4.	Qualification	Diploma* in Agriculture & Allied Fields or Graduation in Science (BSc), Graduation** in Agriculture and Allied Fields, (BSc/BVSc) Additional preference will be given to candidates possessing post-graduation (science/agri & allied) & computer*** diplomas/certifications. *Diploma courses: Diploma in Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Fisheries, Sericulture, Agri. Engineering, BHT, BAT from government recognized institution **Agri Allied courses: BSc in Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Sericulture; B. Tech in Agriculture Engineering, BVSc & AH from a Government recognized institution *** Diploma/Certification course in computers of 3 or more months duration from a government recognised institution
5.	Job profile	Operate Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme in Jammu & Kashmir as per details mentioned at (F)
6.	Remunerations	The engagement is based on a self-earning/entrepreneur basis. Full details of KKG operations can be viewed at (G)
7.	Last date for receipt of Complete applications	21 days from the date of publication of this notice in News paper.

B. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- Detailed information including application form can be obtained from office of Chief Agriculture Office, Mini Secretariat Arhama Shopian or downloaded from official websites of Deputy Commissioner Shopian (<https://shopian.nic.in>)
- Candidate must have the requisite qualification for the post applied.
- Age should be between 21 and 45 years as of the last date of submission.
- Self-attested photocopies of the following documents must be attached with the application form:
 - Date of birth certificate (Matriculation certificate).
 - Marks certificate of all qualifying examinations.
 - Domicile Certificate.
 - Character certificate issued by competent authority
- Completed application forms should be submitted to the office of the Chief Agriculture Officer Mini Secretariat Arhama Shopian in person or through registered post.
- Any postal delay shall not be the responsibility of the APD/advertising authority.
- Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected without further notice.
- Original documents shall have to be presented during the verification process.

C. PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PLE (Panchayat Level Entrepreneurs)
The following procedure and criteria shall be adopted for the recruitment of Krishi Udyamis (KUs):

- Application Submission:**
Interested candidates are required to submit their applications as per prescribed format (Annexure A) in person in the office of Chief Agriculture Office, Shopian or via post. Applications must be submitted on or before the specified deadline. Any postal delay shall not be the responsibility of the APD/recruitment authority.
- Eligibility Criteria:**
Candidates must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the official notification, including educational qualifications, age limits, and any other specified requirements.
- Selection Process:**
The selection of KUs will be based entirely on a point-based system, as detailed below:

Description	Maximum Points
Domicile of Local Panchayat	25Points
Female candidates	05points
Educational Qualification	45Points
Diploma in Agri./BHT/BAT etc*	15Points
General Graduation (Science)	25Points

Graduation in Agri. & Allied Courses**	45Points
Post-Graduation(Science/Agri & Allied)	10Points
Diploma/Certification in computers***	15Points
TOTAL Marks	100

*Diploma courses: Diploma in Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Fisheries, Sericulture, Agri. Engineering, BHT, BAT from government recognized institution
**Agri Allied courses: BSc in Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Sericulture; B. Tech in Agriculture Engineering, BVSc & AH from a Government recognised institution
***Diploma/Certification course in computers of 3 or more months duration from a government recognised institution

The highest-scoring candidates meeting the eligibility criteria will be considered for the position.

iv. Document Verification:
Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo document verification. Original certificates, marks sheets, and other essential documents must be presented for verification.

v. Publication of List of Selected Candidates:
The list of selected candidates, subject to document verification, will be published on the official websites of the District and the Agriculture Production Department.

vi. Engagement Duration:
Successful candidates will be engaged initially for a period of two years, with the possibility of annual extensions based on satisfactory performance and continuation of scheme.

vii. Agreement Signing:
Selected candidates will be required to sign a Agreement with the Agriculture Production Department, outlining the terms of engagement and responsibilities.

viii. Declaration:
Applicants must submit a declaration (Annexure B) affirming the accuracy of the information provided in the application.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
HOLISTIC AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
(District Development Commissioner, Mini Secretariat Arhama Shopian)
Annexure A (Application Form)

Application Form for Krishi Udyami (Agricultural Entrepreneur)

- Name of the applicant: _____
- Parentage: _____
- Panchayat applied for: _____
- Present address: _____
- Permanent address(Domicile): _____
- Aadhaar no: _____
- Contact no: _____
- Email: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Highest Education Qualification: _____
- Gender: _____
- Age as on last date of submission (years, months & days): _____
- Qualification Details: _____

S. No	Qualification	Year of passing	Board / University	Subjects	Marks & Percentage
A					
B					
C					
D					
E	ICT knowhow (Degree/ Diploma/ certificate course)				

- Any other Qualification/Experience/achievement relevant to job

ANNEXURE-B
(DECLARATION ON NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT)

I, [Your Full Name], Son/Daughter of [Your Father's Full Name], Resident of [Your Complete Address], hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the entries made herein in the application form for engagement as a Krishi Udyami (Agricultural Entrepreneur) for Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG), are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and nothing has been concealed thereon. I undertake that if any misrepresentation of facts or concealment of any information in the above application is found at any stage, my candidature/selection shall be liable to be canceled ab initio, without giving any notice to me.

Signature of the Candidate _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

Annexure-AA
List of 50 pre-identified panchayat level Kisan Khidmat Ghar's of the District Shopian

S No	Tehsil	Block	Panchayat Halqa	Location/ Name of KKG
1	Zainpora	Zainpora	Zainpora & Babapora	Zainpora
2	Hemlain	Hemlain	Hemlain & Reshipora	Hemlain
3	Shopian	Shopian	C.S.Khan & Chotigam	Chek Sidiq Khan
4	Shopian	Shopian	Trenz & Pahnoo	Trenz
5	Shopian	Chitragam	Chitragam A & B	Chitragam
6	Barbugh	Imamsahib	Nildora & D.K.Pora	DK Pora
7	Keegam	Keller	Balpora & Devpora	Shirmal
8	Keller	Keller	Keller & Zampathri	Keller
9	Keller	Keller	Gatipora & Kathu Halan	Gatipora
10	Keller	Keller	Batmaran & Berthipora A & B	Batamaran
11	Keegam	Keller	Tukroo	Tukroo
12	Barbugh	Imamsahib	Kenigam & Urpara-B	Kenigam
13	Shopian	Kaprin	Kaprin & Dangam	Kachdoora
14	Keller	Keller	Zawoora A & B	Zawoora
15	Keegam	Shopian	Nazneenpora & S-Shirmal	Nazneenpora
16	Zainpora	Zainpora	Safanagri & Aglar	Aglar
17	Keegam	Chitragam	Chidren & Sheikhpura	Children
18	Chitragam	Chitragam	T-Wangam & Maldera	T-Wangam
19	Chitragam	Chitragam	Urpora-A & Dachoo	Dachoo
20	Chitragam	Chitragam	Narwani	Narwani
21	Chitragam	Chitragam	Heff & Sugan	Heff
22	Hemlain	Hemlain	Chakoora	Chakoora
23	Hemlain	Hemlain	Ch. Chulland & H.S.Pora	Ch. Chulland
24	Imamshab (Barbugh)	Imamsahib	Handew & Barbugh	Barbugh
25	Imamshab (Barbugh)	Imamsahib	Losedanew & K M Gund	K M Gund
26	Imamshab (Barbugh)	Imamsahib	Sangren	Sangren
27	Imamshab (Barbugh)	Imamsahib	Dangerpora & Sugoo	Dangerpora
28	Imamshab (Barbugh)	Imamsahib	Nadigam & Baskuchan	Nadigam
29	Shopian	Kanjullar	Kanjullar & Pudsoo	Kanjullar
30	Shopian	Kanjullar	H P Batagund & Nowgam	Nowgam
31	Shopian	Kanjullar	Shamsipora & Vehil	Vehil
32	Shopian	Kaprin	Mantribugh & Pratabpora	Mantribugh
33	Shopian	Kaprin	Kachdoora A & B	Kachdoora
34	Shopian	Kaprin	Bemnipora A & B	Bemnipora
35	Keller	Keller	Chowan	Chowan
36	Keegam	Keller	Diaroo & Doompura & Wathoo	Diaroo
37	Keller	Keller	Mastpora & Moshwara	Mastpora
38	Keller	Keller	Manloo A & B	Manloo
39	Keller	Keller	Narapora & Zarkan & Nasarpura	Narapora
40	Keller	Keller	Pehlipora A & B	Pehlipora
41	Shopian	Ramnagri	Saidpora A & B	Saidpora
42	Shopian	Ramnagri	Sedow A & B	Sedow
43	Shopian	Ramnagri	Ramnagri A & B	Ramnagri
44	Shopian	Ramnagri	Amshipora & Reshinagri	Reshinagri
45	Shopian	Shopian	G Hadoo & G P Arsh	GP Arsh
46	Shopian	Shopian	Chotipora & Heerpura	Heerpura
47	Zainpora	Zainpora	Awneera & Cheermarg	Awneera
48	Zainpora	Zainpora	Melhura	Melhura
49	Zainpora	Zainpora	Sofipora & Reban	Reshipora
50	Zainpora	Zainpora	Wachi A & B	Wachi

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RTO Kashmir shifts office to Bemina

Efforts underway to ensure smooth shift: RTO

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: The Regional Transport Office (RTO) Kashmir has announced to shift its main office to a new building in Bemina on Tuesday.

The move, aimed at enhancing efficiency and accessibility, may cause temporary disruptions in routine services for a few days.

The RTO Kashmir Syed Shahnawaz Bukhari said that the transition to the new location is being meticulously planned to minimize inconvenience to the public.

"Efforts are underway to ensure a smooth shift



while maintaining essential services as much as possible during the transition period," he added.

He added that, in light of the relocation, people are advised to anticipate possible delays in accessing

RTO services during the transition phase.

However, to facilitate the public, the RTO has announced that the new office in Bemina will be open for visitors starting Thursday—(KNO)

Week-long MDP on Business Marketing Management culminates in B'la

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BARAMULLA: MSME DFO Srinagar under Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in collaboration with the District Industries Centre (DIC) Baramulla, Tuesday successfully concluded a week-long Management Development Program on Business Marketing Management.

The program aimed to enhance the capacities of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the region, focusing on the latest marketing strategies, with a special emphasis on GeM and Social Media marketing.

Saheel Alaqband, Assistant Director MSME GoI, expressed gratitude on the final day, highlighting the program's objective

to build the capacity of MSMEs in the region.

Alaqqband said, during the week, participants were exposed to expert insights and knowledge from resource persons who are experts in their respective fields. The sessions covered various aspects of marketing, with a particular focus on emerging trends in GeM and Social Media marketing.

In addition to marketing strategies, the program also shed light on other crucial areas. A session on Intellectual Property Rights was conducted by the Assistant Director MSME GoI providing participants with valuable information on safeguarding their intellectual assets.

Another insightful ses-

ion was led by Shahid Abbas, CEO of GIF NIT Srinagar, on the Importance of Design for Manufacturing.

Participants (MSMEs) expressed their satisfaction with the program, commending the organizers for providing them with valuable insights and practical knowledge. Many emphasized the need for more frequent programs of this nature to keep MSMEs updated on the latest industry trends and best practices.

It is noteworthy that the Ministry of MSME specifically allocated this program for the Aspirational District Baramulla, recognizing the importance of fostering growth and development in this region.

Alliance with Congress certain, aimed to strengthen politics in J&K: Dr Farooq

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) president and incumbent parliamentarian, Dr Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday said that the alliance with Congress in the upcoming parliamentary polls is certain and that it is aimed to strengthen politics in Jammu & Kashmir.

Talking to media persons, Dr Abdullah said that there is nothing new in people coming and joining the political parties, especially during the elections. "We have to fight the elections on our own. But, there is no doubt that the party is entering into a pre-poll bonhomie with Congress. Omar Abdullah is presently engaged in talks with Congress in

this regard," he said.

"A group has already come up and there is a need to strengthen it. Align with Congress is aimed at strengthening politics in J&K. We cannot stay alone, as part of the nation we have to merge and strengthen the country, which cannot be ensured while staying alone," he said.

Asked about the claims of BJP with regard to the seats in Kashmir, he said it depends upon the people to decide the fate of any political party or a leader in the elections.

About assembly polls, Dr Farooq said that they want the polls to be held at earliest. "When parliamentary elections can be held then why not assembly polls," he asked—(KNO)

DG Rural Sanitation reviews work done under SBM-G

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BUDGAM: Director General (DG) Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra Tuesday undertook a comprehensive visit to district Budgam to assess the functionality of Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G) assets.

The visit aimed to ensure the effective implementation of sanitation facilities and timely interventions for better results in door-to-door waste collection, collection of user charges, engaging Self Help Group members in different activities, creation of Swachhta Bank and developing of legacy waste sites into revenue generation places and community involvement in different activities.

During her visit, Anoo Malhotra meticulously inspected the sanitation facilities at Panchayat Choon, where she interacted with community members at Common Service Center (CSC), inspected Segregation Shed, Community Compost Pits, Legacy Waste sites and visited Soak Pit constructed at



Government Secondary School.

She directed the concerned officers to expedite the functionality of Segregation Shed and Community Compost Pit within two weeks' time emphasizing the importance of clean and hygienic facilities for locals.

Continuing her inspection, Anoo Malhotra visited Panchayat Arigam in Khansaheb Block of the district to interact with community members and to evaluate the functional status of the assets constructed in the panchayat. She stressed the need for proper maintenance and utilization of these plants

to maximize their benefits for the community.

Addressing a large gathering at Panchayat Ghar Arigam, DG Rural Sanitation highlighted the significance of community participation in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene. She emphasized the role of community in ensuring the success of sanitation initiatives by cooperating in collection of user charges from households in the area.

She emphasized the importance of field functionaries in spearheading Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns to drive behavioral change within

the community. "Massive IEC campaign is needed to aware locals about the proper use of assets created under SBM-G," she said.

DG Rural Sanitation also asked the officers to speed up the Swachhata Green Leaf Rating (SGLR) process with different Hotels and Resorts and identification of land for construction of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) in the district.

Anoo Malhotra told the officers to consult Project Management Unit (PMU) expert team led by Sumit Mehta for any kind of technical interventions or guidance regarding implementation of different components of SBM-G.

The tour underscored the Directorate General Rural Sanitation's commitment to promoting sanitation, sustainability, and community engagement in rural areas.

Other officials who were part of this tour included Deputy Director Rural Sanitation Kashmir, ACP Budgam, District Panchayat Officer, Budgam and BDOs.

'Centre likely to notify CAA rules before announcement of LS poll schedule'

IANs

NEW DELHI: The Central government is likely to notify the rules for the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) before the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) comes into play ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Earlier this month, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had said that the CAA would be implemented before the Lok Sabha elections this year. Now, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) could notify the CAA rules any time before MCC comes into effect.

The CAA amends the Citizenship Act of 1955 to provide Indian citizenship to migrants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan who belong to Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Parsi, Buddhist, and Christian communities and had entered India on or before December 31, 2014, due to religious persecution in their home countries. The CAA will help refugees from these neighbouring countries, who don't have documents.



Sources further said that an online portal is ready for registrations.

In what is seen as a precursor to CAA, powers have already been given to the district authorities to issue long-term visas, sources said.

Over 30 district magistrates and home secretaries of nine states were given powers to grant Indian citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians coming from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan under

the Citizenship Act, 1955.

The CAA was enacted by the Parliament on December 11, 2019. The issue had drawn massive protests across India.

The Model Code of Conduct, a set of directives issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI) regulating the conduct of political parties and leaders, is activated upon the announcement of the election schedule.

Earlier, Home Minister Shah had reiterated the act's objective, emphasising

its humanitarian intent to grant citizenship solely to those subjected to persecution in the neighbouring nations.

"There is misinformation and incitement targeting our Muslim brothers regarding the CAA. The CAA is solely meant to grant citizenship to people, who sought refuge in India due to persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, and it does not aim to deprive anyone of their Indian citizenship," Amit Shah had said.

Babila Rakwal convenes Public Darbar in Samba

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SAMBA: Secretary, Cooperatives, Babila Rakwal Tuesday convened a Public Darbar at Rajpura block here to assess the public grievances as well as review the overall developmental profile of the area.

The Public Darbar witnessed overwhelming response from all sections of the society with delegations of former BDC members, former PRIs, social workers and community representatives participating in the event. They presented memorandum of demands and grievances before the Secretary, covering wide range of developmental and infrastructural issues concerning their respective areas.

During the Darbar, the delegations and public raised various issues before the Secretary like road connectivity, PMAY houses, Jal Jeevan Mission, border road connectivity, cleanliness in schools, illegal mining, consistent power supply for farming activities, requirement of ambulance for emergency, one block level tehsil headquarter and availability of veterinary facilities and



dispensaries for the local population among others.

The Secretary gave patient hearing to the speakers and assured them their genuine issues will be immediately prioritized by the District Administration and matters pertaining to the Government shall be projected to the concerned departments for redressal.

Babila Rakwal urged district officers to enhance service delivery, emphasizing that it is crucial for Good Governance. The Secretary highlighted the need for increasing awareness on HADP to promote good farming practices and

uplift farmer skills.

On the sidelines of the public darbar the Secretary also gave away a Tractor to farmer as part of extending facility of subsidised farming implements. She also handed over a Tractor and sanction letters among the beneficiaries.

Later, Babila Rakwal also felicitated local female runner who brought laurels by clinching Gold Medal for Samba.

Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma; Sub District Magistrate Ghagwal besides other senior officers were also present on the occasion.

India, France army chiefs discuss ways to bolster bilateral cooperation

IANs

NEW DELHI: France's Chief of Army Staff General Pierre Schill on Tuesday called on Indian Army chief General Manoj Pande and discussed ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two armies.

General Schill is on a three-day visit to India from February 27-29 to strengthen strategic collaboration between the two nations across defence, security, and technology.

"They exchanged ideas and held constructive discussions on various temporary issues, including strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two armies," the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

Prior to the meeting, a ceremonial Guard of Honour was presented to General Schill at the South Block lawns here where General Pande was also present.

The visit commenced with a wreath-laying ceremony at the National War Memorial, where



the French army chief paid homage to the fallen heroes of the Indian Armed Forces.

"The visit by General Pierre Schill highlights the shared commitment of France and India to strengthen their strategic collaboration across defence, security, and technology."

"Such bilateral visits and various exercises between the militaries of both the nations epitomise the longstanding bond between the armed forces and reinforce their dedication to promoting regional stability and international security."

Going further, General Schill will be interacting with defence industry representatives and also witness Pinaka firing demonstration in Rajasthan. He will also be visiting Sapt Shakti Command in Jaipur and interact with senior military commanders.

On February 29, he will be addressing the officers at the prestigious National Defence College (NDC).

A 95-member contingent and a 33-member band contingent from France marched down the Kartavya Path this year on Republic Day with the French Foreign Legion contingent including six Indians.

MISSION SHAKTI BOOSTS GIRLS

'Beti Bacho Beti Padho' event encourages equality, education in Jammu



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JAMMU: Social Welfare Department on Tuesday arranged a special event under the mission of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" here at the Mission Shakti Office in Preet Nagar, aiming to support girls and promote equality.

Inspired by the slogan of the Government of India's initiative, the event focused on "Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child." It emphasized the importance of investing in girls' education to create a fair society.

Under the slogan of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, the event aimed to stop bias against girls, addressing issues like female feticide, underage marriages and gender prejudices. The goal was to raise awareness and create an environment for the overall development of girls.

The event had Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya,

as the Chief Guest, along with Additional Deputy Commissioner Shishir Gupta and special guests Ishita Rathi (IAS) and District Social Welfare Officer Mamta Rajput.

Other attendees included Shagun Manchanda, District Mission Coordinator Mission Shakti and officials from DHEW and OSC Jammu.

Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya spoke about the "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" campaign and also distributed essential items like nutritional kits, baby essentials, school bags, laptop bags and sewing machines among beneficiaries.

The program included informative sessions with Advocate Mamta discussing legal matters, Dr. Paras Khanna from Shankus Hospital sharing health insights and Khushboo Kapthe, a Gender Specialist from DHEW Jammu, presenting women-centric schemes.

Mission Vatsalya Kupwara organizes CBP on JJ ACT 2015

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KUPWARA: District Child Protection Unit, Mission Vatsalya Kupwara Tuesday organised

training cum capacity building programme (CBP) on Juvenile Justice (care and protection) Act 2015, POCSO Act 2012, Adoption Regulations, and child rights at Environmental Hall Handwara.

DDC Rajwar, Mir Suliaman was chief guest on the occasion.

District Child Protection Officer Kupwara, Hidayatullah Mir; Chairperson Child Welfare Com-

mittee Kupwara, Abdul Rashid Malik; Members CWC Member Juvenile Justice Board Kupwara, District child protection Unit officials, PLVs from DLSA Kupwara, ICDS workers, prosecution wing JJB Kupwara, Chairperson empowering widows, orphans and Diable people's trust J&K Asha workers, Teachers from education department, PRIs,

ULBs, JPU HANDWARA and social welfare officials attended the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC Rajwar Mir Suliaman appreciated the concerned officers and institutions for their concerted efforts in child care protection in the district. He emphasized the need for proper implementation of dif-

ferent legislations of the Government including Juvenile Justice Act to ensure the protection of child rights.

During the programme, various speakers highlighted the crucial role and responsibilities of stakeholders in ensuring the effective implementation of these Acts and encouraged active participation.