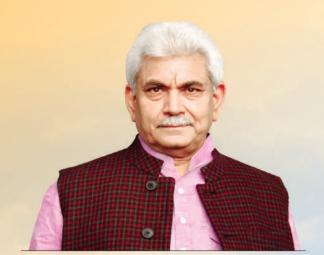
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Redefining Agricultural Paradigm in Jammu and Kashmir

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by

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Hon'ble Prime Minister

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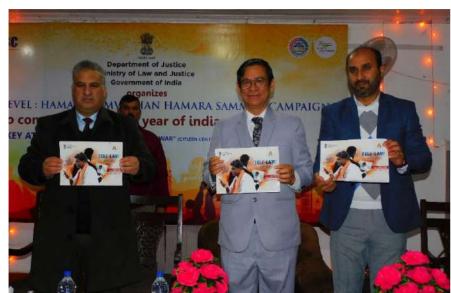
CJ chairs Tele-Law cum Mela held under **CSC-SPV** campaign

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SRINAGAR: Under the banner of "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman" a significant UT level Tele-Law cum mela was organized here at Amar Singh College, Srinagar as part of CSC-SPV campaign. This event not only commemorates India's 75th year as a Republic but also channels the ethos of "Jan Seva Janta Kay Dwar" – service to the people at their door-

The programme was attended by Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, N Kotiswar Singh as chief guest besidescampaign CSC-SPV orchestrated other participants including Principal Amar Singh college, Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Registrar Judicial, High Court of J&K and Ladakh. Farooq Ahmed Bhat, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar, Jahangir Ahmed Bakshi, Shahnawaz Rashid, Head CSC-SPV, staff members of DLSA, Srinagar, faculty members of college, Panel Lawyers, Village Level Entrepreneurs, students of Amar Singh College.

The Chief Justice illuminated the importance of justice for all, highlighting Tele-Law as an innovative means to reach the unreached and marginalized sections of the society. He emphasized on continuation of such workshops



at district and panchayat level, ensuring widespread access to justice for all. He also underscored the constitutional and statutory provisions that mandate the authorities to extend support to the marginalized and weaker sections of the society

Secretary DLSA, Srinagar, earlier in his opening marks , underscored the critical role of Tele-Law initiative in reaching the unreached, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to "Justice for All." He emphasized their role in bridging the justice gap by providing access to legal information and assistance to individuals in remote and underprivileged areas, through the use of technology, empower marginalized communities by facilitating legal consultation, online dispute resolution and awareness campaigns, thus promoting equitable access to justice for all.

Principal, Amar Singh College, added another dimension emphasizing the need for legal awareness at the grassroots level, especially among college students. He stressed the importance of students being well-versed in their legal rights and duties as outlined in the Constitution of India.

Head CSC-SPV, Shahnawaz Rashid, emphasized the pivotal moment we find ourselves in, celebrating India's 75th year as a Republic. Reflecting on the impactful Tele-Law journey of the past 7 years, Rashid noted that collective efforts have provided justice to over 70 lakh beneficiaries nationwide. including more than 4 lakh in the UT of J&K.

The Chief Justice, on the occasion, also released two comprehensive books on Tele law, an innovative initiative aimed at providing legal aid to marginalized communities through virtual platforms and also felicitated the officials of

Pertinently, CSC-SPV has been instrumental in establishing Tele Law centers in remote areas, bridging the gap between legal services and underprivileged citizens.

Dir Seri inaugurates Skill Development Training Programme in B'la

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BARAMULLA: The Director Sericulture J&K, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat Tuesday undertook a comprehensive field visit to Baramulla where he inspected developmental projects and inaugurated various Farmer Skill Development

Programmes. The visit aimed at evaluating the progress of the construction of Silkworm Crop Improvement Laboratory at Basic Seed Station Mirgund, monitor the progress of developmental works, preparations for ensuing silkworm rearing season and dissemination of awareness about the different schemes of the department among the silkworm rearers, farmers and youth.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director highlighted the important role of Silkworm Crop Improvement Laboratory and urged the executive agency to complete its construction within the stipulated timeline.

He also visited Mulberry Nurseries/Farms, Silkworm Seed Units, and the Office of Manager Seed, Sericulture Dev. Department, Basic Seed Station Mirgund and issued on spot instructions to the officers and other field functionaries of the department to work with dedication and ensure operational

arrangements well in He informed trainees advance for the ensuing about the department's facilities, including financial assistance for rearing On the occasion, the Director kick-started shed construction in a

> tives for silkworm rearers. The ongoing Skill Development Training programs aim to equip silkworm rearers, farmers, and youth with the latest sericulture practices to earn dignified subsistence and livelihood.

phased manner and incen-

Moreover, the Director while sharing his insights said that the department has also started various programmes by virtue of which the landless farmers, tribal people and college going students are being sensitized and encouraged to take part in

sericulture activities and acquaint themselves about different schemes to get all the benefits provided by the department.

On the occasion, as a token of encouragement, the Director Sericulture felicitated silkworm rearers with tool kits.

He also informed that for establishment of Silk Reeling Units in J&K the department is providing 90% subsidy as government share for automatic Silk Reeling Units.

Moreover, he emphasized that with the establishment of more reeling units the cocoons produced in J&K could be consumed locally at large scale which will not only boost the local economy but also work as a catalyst to generate employment opportunities

in J&K. He further informed that the department has put in place a helpline facility in this regard to assist the silkworm rearers, farmers and youth to address their queries on priority. However, these helpline numbers have already been shared by the department through print, electronic and social

The Director Sericulture J&K was accompanied by the District Sericulture Officer, Baramulla, Manager Seed, Basic Seed Station Mirgund and many other field functionaries of the department.

Landslide-affected families provided relief in Balnai

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POONCH: The landslides affected Balnai village residents were provided relief items by the district administration Poonch. Tehsildar Mandi, Ashfaq Hussain, on the direction of Deputy Commissioner, Yasin M. Choudhary visited the affected area of Village to provide vital assistance to the affected families. Ex Sarpanch, Lamberdar and Chowkidar were also present.

Tehsildar Mandi distributed relief items to the affected families including tents, blankets, mattresses and utensils. Tehsildar Mandi expressed gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for his guidance and support in carrying out the relief efforts.

The coordinated efforts of the administration, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Poonch demonstrated its dedication to provide immediate relief and support during times of crisis.

Awareness camp on BBBP held in Shopian

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SHOPIAN: An awareness programme on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) was Tuesday conducted by the Department of Health Shopian in collaboration with District Hub for Empowerment of Women at ANMT College Shopian.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Shopian, Dr. Arshid Hussain was the chief guest on the occasion.

On the occasion, BMO Shopian raised awareness among the audience about various legislations including PCPNDT Act and POCSO Act, and stressed upon education of girl child, gender equality and child rights.

Clinical Psychologist, Ishrat conducted an insightful session addressing various aspects of mental health. Dr Javid, Gynecologist imparted awareness on menstrual health and hygiene practices, and dispelled taboos associated with menstruation. District Mission Coordinator DHEW Shopian raised awareness regarding working and functioning of the District Hub for Empowerment of Women and made participants aware about all the women empowerment schemes available at District level. The programme was attended by officials of health department DHEW. Asha workers and students of the college

HDFC Bank signs MoU with SAIL for corporate salary relationship

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SRINAGAR: HDFC Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for Corporate Salary Relationship. Under the MoU, over 60,000 on-roll and 65,000 contractual employees of SAIL now have the opportunity to move to HDFC Bank's PSU across various industries including petroleum, infrastructure, food security and warehousing.

Manoj Mehta Sr. Vice President & Zonal Head EBFS, HDFC Bank said, "Through this partnership we look forward to catering to the banking needs of the 1,20,000 strong employee-base. They will have the benefit of an enhanced and

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Corporate Salary Account. The move will vastly benefit the employees of SAIL from the host of facilities offered as a part of the account.

This relationship also offers extended benefits exclusively for the employees of SAIL including, family banking facility, personal and air accident cover, medical top-up and exclusive range of credit cards and access to attractive offers on personal loans, home loans, auto loans and two-wheeler

The MoU with SAIL marks HDFC Bank's 5th association with a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) for corporate salary relationship. HDFC Bank already hosts salary differentiated experience as the benefits associated with a salary account are tailored to meet the needs of different industries.

The MoU was signed by Praveen Nigam - ED F&A, SAIL and Manoj Mehta Sr. Vice President & Zonal Head EBFS, HDFC Bank in the presence of other senior officials including Manas Ranjan Rath- CGM HR, SAIL, Ms. Madhvi Vashist - GM Finance, Ashutosh Kumar Sr. Vice President & Regional Head PSU, HDFC Bank, Mayank Srivastava National Account Manager - PSU, HDFC Bank, Yatin Sehgal Cluster Head, HDFC Bank, Ashutosh Sinha - Area Acquisition Head, HDFC Bank and Ms. Radhika Sinha - RM PSU (Corporate Banking Group),

accounts some of the other HDFC Bank. **GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR** OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPTT

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Shailendra reviews progress on CSSs, CAPEX, HADP

2023-24



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SRINAGAR: Principle Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (APD), Shailendra Kumar, Tuesday convened a meeting of agriculture and horticulture departments here to review progress on implementation of several Centrally Sponsored Schemes CSSs. CAPEX and HADP besides assessing the physical and financial achievements recorded, so far, under these

programmes. During the meeting, different centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the department of agriculture and horticulture including RKVY, MIDH, ATMA, NFSM, PM KISAN, Soil Health Card scheme, KCC scheme and others were discussed in detail. The implementation of projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development program were also

discussed threadbare. Addressing the meeting, Shailendra Kumar highlighted the importance of judicious expenditure of funds being released under different CSSs, projects under HADP and CAPEX. He asked the officers that

funds allocated under different components of centrally sponsored schemes must be expended completely to avoid any lapses. He reiterated the importance of maintaining the highest level of transparency and accountability during all expenditures.

silkworm rearing season.

extensive mulberry plan-

tations drive by planting a

sapling at Dak Bungalow,

Baramulla. He informed

that the department aims

to plant 20,000 mulberry

saplings in District Baram-

ulla as part of its extensive

mulberry plantation initia-

tive to provide mulberry

foliage in abundance to the

five day Skill Development

Training Programme at

Dak Bungalow, Baramul-

la, as part of the Holistic

Agriculture Development

Plan (HADP) for the year

He also inaugurated a

silkworm rearers.

The Principle Secretary asked the concerned officers to work in close coordination with district administration during the implementation of different initiatives at district level. He directed the officers to reach out to the farmers of every area and make them aware about latest farmer friendly technologies in agriculture and horticulture sector. He asked the officers to work in collaboration with the representatives of local communities for successful implementation of different schemes at grassroots level.

Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Horticulture Kashmir, Joint Directors, Deputy Directors, Chief Agriculture and Horticulture Officers of concerned districts and other senior officers of the department of agriculture and horticulture were present in the meeting.

Awareness programme on— PM Vishwakarma Yojana held in Kulgam



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KULGAM: Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) in collaboration with District Administration and District Industries Centre Kulgam Tuesday organized a daylong seminar cum awareness programme on the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana at new conference hall of minisecretariat, here.

The event was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan.

The event, aimed to educate and enlighten the participants about the benefits of the PM Vishwakarma Yojana, was attended by Panchavat Secretaries and a large number of beneficiaries.

Besides, ADDC Bashir Ahmad Wani; AD MSME, Davindar Kumar; AD MSME, Rajesh Kumar; ACD, GM DIC and other officers

were present at the event.

During the day-long programme, various experts and resource persons shared valuable insights on the scheme, its eligibility criteria, benefits and application process.

Queries and concerns raised by the participants were also cleared by providing them with a better understanding of how they can leverage the scheme for their personal and professional growth.

Addressing the occasion, DC underscored the significance of the Vishwakarma Yojana and emphasised to reach out to all eligible beneficiaries so they can avail benefits of the scheme.

It was shared that PM Vishwakarma scheme is a transformative initiative of GoI and will directly benefit thousands of artisans and craftspeople working with their hands and tools in 18 trades.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WATER WORKS DIVISION SRINAGAR

GIST OF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

SHORT TERM E-N.I.T. No:- 63/WWD of 2023-24 DT:- 04.03.2024

Executive Engineer Water Works Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K (U.T.), invites tenders by e-tendering mode from approved & eligible "DEE Class" registered Contractors of Union Territory of J&K. Position of A.A.A. 'Accorded'

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of Horticulture Kashmir

Zahoor Bhat

assumes charge as

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SRINAGAR: Zahoor Ahmad

Bhat, Tuesday officially

assumed the charge of Direc-

tor Horticulture Kashmir. In

a handover ceremony, he

received the charge from the

Bhat possesses a wealth of

experience spanning over 24 years

in the field of Horticulture. He has

served in various capacities within

the department, including as Chief

Horticulture Officer in Kupwara

and Baramulla. Prior to his eleva-

tion, he served as the Joint Director

outgoing Director, G.R. Mir.

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2 Die In Late-Night Ramban Accident

RAMBAN: At least two people died in a road accident after a vehicle they were travelling fell into deep george near Battery Chashma along Jammu Srinagar national highway in Ramban district laye on Monday night, an official said on Tuesday.

An official said that the driver of ill-fated cab was failed to negotiate a sharp curve, and the vehicle fell into a deep gorge about 150 meters near Battery Chashma, Ramban, on NH-44 at 12:30 am. He said soon after the accident police, civil QRT, and SDRF • P-06

Will Contest On All 3 LS Seats: NC



SRINAGAR: The National Conference (NC) on Tuesday said that the party will contest all the three Lok Sabha seats of Kashmir division while Congress stated that the talks are still on and the final decision will be

made public on March 07. A day after the NC Vice President Omar Abdullah and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chief Mehbooba Mufti attended • P-06

Musical Event At Poloview Sets Stage For PM's Visit To Srinagar



REHAN OAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: A musical event illuminated the evening at the famous Polo View market here ahead of the arrival of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday, March 07

The event, attended by locals, also saw the presence of the Bharatiya Janata Party's State General Secretary Ashok Koul

The event created an atmosphere of jubilation at the market square as it witnessed performances by local artists that captivated the audience, showcasing the cultural heritage of the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Koul said, "Our party members have organized the musical event today to welcome PM Modi. It is a

reminder for people that our Prime Minister is coming on the 7th, and they should reach Srinagar's Bakshi stadium

in large numbers." Koul added, "BJP's Kashmir unit is working tirelessly and changed the region from terrorism to tourism. Normal life has started in the valley. We are working with a positive mindset."—(KNO)

'World's **Terrorism Factory'**

India Slams Pakistan For Raking Up J&K In UNHRC

UNITED NATIONS: India has slammed Pakistan as it raised the issue of Jammu and Kashmir at the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council, saying it should introspect on its own appalling human rights record and "deserved global reputation" as the "world's terrorism fac-

Under Secretary in India's Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva Jagpreet Kaur exercised the country's Right of Reply at the General debate at the 55th Regular Session of the UN Human Rights Council on Monday after Pakistan, speaking on behalf of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), raked the issue of Jammu and Kashmir in its statement.

"We have taken the floor previously during this Session and conveyed our disinclination to waste the Council's time in responding to fallacious comments about India, by one particular delegation, which does so as they do not have anything constructive to contribute," Ms. Kaur said on March 4.

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Without naming Pakistan, Ms. Kaur said it is unfortunate that "this country continues with its diatribe against India, including by continuing to misuse the OIC's platform to further their own politically motivated

"We do not wish to dignify such remarks by responding to them and are taking the floor again only to urge that delegation to introspect on their own appalling human rights record and their deserved global reputation as the world's Council. terrorism factory," Ms.

Kaur said. Last week, in a strong retort to Pakistan, India had said in the Council that the country is soaked in the red of the bloodshed from the terrorism that it sponsors around the world as First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the

UN in Geneva Anupama Singh had exercised India's Right of Reply at the high-level segment of the 55th regular session of the UN Human Rights

Coming down heavily on Pakistan, India said that "we cannot pay any further attention to a country that speaks while being soaked in red — the red of the bloodshed from the terrorism it sponsors around the world; the red of its debt-riddled national balance sheets; and the red of the shame •P-06

WE DO NOT WISH TO DIGNIFY SUCH REMARKS BY RESPONDING TO

them and are taking the floor again only to urge that delegation to introspect on their own appalling human rights record and their deserved global reputation as the world's terrorism factory,"

J&K enthusiastic to welcome PM Modi: Tarun Chugh



MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) National General Secretary and Incharge Jammu & Kashmir, Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that the people across Jammu & Kashmir are enthusiastic and keen to welcome the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 07, saying that the Union Territory has been taken to the new heights under Modi's leadership.

"J&K, which was known for the terrorism, is now considered as the tourism capital. It is all because of the PM's work towards development and peace here. PM's dream with regard to J&K is turning into reality," • P-06

Efforts Underway To Ensure 100% Smart Metering In J&K: PDD

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JAMMU: Stating that Jammu and Kashmir is the only Union Territory across the country where consumers are still provided electricity without meters, a Spokesperson of the Power Development Department (PDD) Tuesday asserted that the areas 'saturated with smart meters are experiencing significantly reduced losses and improved power supply.

"Concerted efforts are underway to convert the entire consumer base of Jammu and Kashmir to the modern prepaid metering systems so as to ensure a better power supply",



the spokesperson said while rebutting the misinformation being circulated across the social media platforms, featuring women protesting against electricity meters, stated that electricity is a commodity, similar to other goods available in the market.

As such, the Spokesperson said it is important to recognize that electricity isn't a free service; rather, it incurs costs at every stage of its journey, from generation at the source to transmission and ultimately distribution. Often, consumers are only aware of the distribution agency, remaining unaware of the intermediate stages and entities involved in supplying electricity to them. At each juncture of the supply chain, accurate measurement of electricity is paramount • P-06

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'Sachin Tendulkar's **Visit Boosted Sales'**



JAHANGEER GANAIE

ANANTNAG: The recent visit of legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar to the batmaking industry in Kashmir has sparked a surge in sales and has breathed new life into an industry that has recently gained international recognition.

Bat manufacturing factory owners from Kashmir said their sales have considerably increased following Tendulkar's visit.

Fawzul Kabiir, owner of Gr8 Sports and spokesperson of the Kashmir Bat Manufacturers Association, informed that the legendary batsman's visit has served • P-06

Adds 13,000 Rooms

Tourist Boom Spurs Homestay Growth In J&K

MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: The growing number of tourist arrivals for the last few years has flourished the concept of homestays in Jammu and Kashmir. Their increasing num-

bers has subsequently enhanced the room capacity in Jammu and Kashmir, which for the last few years has been receiving record-breaking tourists arrivals.

As per the figures available, as many as 1,485 homestays have been registered across the Union Territory so far.

These 1485 homestays have led to the addition of 13,000 rooms for tourists especially those who look for affordable accommodations.

In February 2022, the Jammu and Kashmir administration and a leading global chain of



hotels and vacation homes, launched the rural homestay project 'Crown of

Incredible India'. The administration then announced 50,000 special financial assistance to youth willing to

set up a homestav unit. Since then homestays have mushroomed in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in border areas and villages, which offer

heritage tourism.

"While the concept of homestays was already in Kashmir, we saw more and more homestays coming up in various parts of the valley post Covid-19. From city to towns and far-flung villages, homestays have been set up by youth which provide affordable accommodation to the visitors. said an official of the tour-

ism department. • P-06

Explosive Substance Recovered Near IB



ALI ASAD

SRINAGAR: Security forces in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir Tuesday recovered an explosive substance near the India-Pakistan international border. The recovery has prompted a thorough investigation by local law enforcement agencies.

According to reports received, a suspicious polythene bag was spotted in the Paytm, Inox App or Directly from the booking vicinity of the border, triggering immediate scrutiny. Subsequent examination revealed the presence of an explosive substance within the bag, heightening security concerns in the region. The exact nature and composition of the explosive material have not been

disclosed as investigations are Police officials overseeing the probe have affirmed •P-06

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04:40PM (U/A)



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Morning Kashmir

Lessons From Bengaluru

engaluru is in the middle of a water crisis. The management in the gated communities have asked the residents to use water judiciously while some have asked residents to start looking from private water supply tankers. Every day in Bengaluru one can see thousands of these water tankers ferrying water to different localities, working beyond schedules and always ending up leaving a few unsatisfied customers. These water tankers do not come cheap and the steep demandsupply curve was allowing them to get away even after charging two to three times the government allotted price.

Now the government has taken over the command of these water tankers it means water supply would be rationalized which essentially means that apartment owners with a huge Payscale would be as eligible for a water tanker as a common man. This would essentially mean a lot of top talent in the city opting for "work from hometown" kind of arrangement. This essentially also means that a lot of foreign talent would lose the confidence in Bengaluru being a top IT destination with such crappy infrastructure.

Bengaluru is the IT hub of India with a GDP just 35 percent less than Dubai. However, Bengaluru has no rivers. It is at an altitude of about 800 metres from sea level making it difficult to arrange water from downstream. Now the biggest problem is that it is expanding horizontally and is now effectively a city of 16 million people.

There lies the lesson for Srinagar. With a bustling city of around two million people, it would not be long when Srinagar becomes a city of three million people and there on to four million. However, what remains to be seen is whether this horizontal expansion would continue. If Srinagar city continues to grow horizontally with every citizen adamant at a house of his own the effectively at four million the area of Srinagar would be equal to any metropolitan city in India.

Is our infrastructure growing at the same pace? Would we be able to provide power supply, clean drinking water, healthcare facilities to such a huge area? These are some of the questions about which we have to start thinking right from today because even tomorrow could be too late.

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The Prophetic Wisdom

Cultivating Tender Feelings In The Contemporary World



MUDASIR ALI

"He who is deprived of tenderly feelings is in fact deprived of good." - (Sahih Muslim 2592)

he timeless wisdom of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) continues to guide humanity towards a life of compassion, empathy, and kindness. The saying, "He who is deprived of tenderly feelings is in fact deprived of good," serves as a profound reminder for the current generation to prioritize understanding, kindness, and acceptance in their interactions with others. It emphasizes the idea that genuine goodness stems from a compassionate and empathetic heart. In an era marked by rapid technological advance ments and diverse societal challenges, the need for tender feelings and empathy has never been more crucial.

The Current Generation's Challenge

In the contemporary world, characterized by its rapid pace and global interconnectivity, people frequently become deeply engrossed in the demands of their fast-paced lives, dedicating their energy to the relentless pursuit of personal success and individual achievements. This intense focus on personal goals can inadvertently result in the overlooking or neglect of the delicate and compassionate emotions that bind us to one another as human beings The saying of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) gains particular significance in this context, as it underscores the relevance of cultivating tender feelings in a society where digital communication often takes precedence over traditional face-to-face interactions. The prevalence of online communication platforms and social media has created a virtual space where human connection is mediated through screens, potentially diluting the depth of understanding and empathy that can be established through direct, in-person encounters. In this era of technological advancement, the Prophet's (peace be upon him) wisdom serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of preserving and nurturing the heartfelt connections that form the basis of genu-

ine human interaction. The Need for Understanding The foundation of tender feelings lies in understanding, making it an essential cornerstone for fostering empathy and compassion. In our contemporary world marked by a rich tapestry of cultural, religious, and experiential diversity, actively cultivating understanding becomes imperative for constructing bridges of connection among individuals. The current generation faces the responsibility of actively engaging in the effort to comprehend the unique struggles and challenges faced by others, transcending superficial differences that might otherwise hinder genuine connection. By doing so, the aim is to contribute to the creation of a more harmonious and inclusive society, where the recognition of shared humanity takes precedence over divisive factors. In this pursuit of understanding, individuals can bridge gaps, dispel misconceptions, and build a collective empathy that transcends cultural and

societal boundaries Kindness as a Virtue

Kindness operates as a universal language that has the remarkable ability to transcend barriers and create a positive atmosphere. The Prophet's (peace be upon him) emphasis on tender feelings serves as a poignant reminder of the crucial role kindness plays in our interactions. When kindness is embodied in both actions and words, it becomes a powerful force for building connections and fostering goodwill. Acts of kindness extend beyond benefiting the immediate recipient; they have a ripple effect that contributes to the overall well-being of the giver. Engaging in acts of kindness not only brings joy and comfort to those on the receiving end but also provides a profound sense of fulfillment and inner peace to the one offering kindness. In embracing the universal language of kindness, individuals not only contribute to the betterment of society but also experience a personal transformation that enhances their own well-being and spiritual growth. **Acceptance and Embracing**

Differences

Acceptance assumes a pivotal role in nurturing tender feelings among individuals. It involves the embrace of diversity and a sincere acknowledgment of the unique qualities inherent in each person, thereby fostering a more tolerant and compassionate society. The teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) provide profound guidance in this regard, urging followers to appreciate differences and refrain from passing judgment on others. By adhering to these teachings, individuals contribute to the creation of an environment where everyone feels valued and accepted. Embracing diversity is not merely a gesture of tolerance; it is a conscious effort to celebrate the richness that arises from the multitude of perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences that individuals bring to the collective tapestry of society. In such an inclusive environment, tender feelings naturally flourish, as individuals feel a sense of belonging and understanding, ultimately fortifying the bonds that

Practical Implications

To embody the profound wisdom embedded in the saying of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), the present generation must actively weave tender feelings into the fabric of their daily lives. This necessitates assuming the roles of attentive listeners. extending support to those grappling with challenges, and practicing acts of kindness without harboring expectations of reciprocity. By embodying these virtues, individuals can collectively contribute to the construction of a more compassionate and harmonious society, allowing them to navigate the intricate challenges of the modern world with grace, empathy, and a deep sense of

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Empowering India's Daughters

Women's Equality At The Ballot Box



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s the Indian political arena gears up for yet another round of Lok Sabha elections, there's a glaring reality that cannot be ignored: the systematic marginalization of women. Despite India's claims of progress and modernity, its treatment of half its population remains a stain on its democratic fabric. The All India Mahila Empowerment Party, founded to address this imbalance. finds itself at the forefront of a battle for equality and justice. The present government has shown its commitment to women's empowerment by introducing the Women's Reservation Bill in the special session of Parliament. Prime Minister Narendra Modi deserves praise and support for this bold and progressive move, which will transform the political landscape of India and make it more inclusive, democratic, and gender-just.

However, Indian women face a myriad of challenges from cradle to grave. From gender-based violence to unequal access to education and employment opportunities, the barriers to women's progress are deeply entrenched in societal norms and structures. Despite legislative measures and sporadic initiatives, the pervasive

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influence of patriarchy continues to cast a long shadow over the lives of millions of Indian women.

The consequences of this entrenched inequality are farreaching, affecting not just individual women but the nation as a whole. Studies have repeatedly demonstrated the correlation between gender equality and a nation's socio-economic development. Yet, India lags behind on numerous indicators, its potential stifled by the shackles of gender discrimination.

The empowerment of women isn't just a moral imperative; it's a strategic necessity for India's future prosperity and stability. When women are educated, healthy, and economically independent, they become agents of change within their families and communities. The ripple effects of their empowerment extend far beyond household walls, shaping the trajectory of entire nations.

Moreover, women's empowerment isn't a zero-sum game; it's about creating a more just and equitable society for all. Men, too, stand to benefit from dismantling patriarchal structures and embracing gender equality. By challenging toxic masculinity and redefining notions of manhood, we pave the way for healthier relation-

ships, more resilient communities,

and a more inclusive democracy.

It's imperative that political parties prioritize women's empowerment in their agendas. Tokenism and empty promises won't suffice; substantive action is needed to address the root causes of gender inequality. This requires legislative reforms, institutional changes. and a shift in societal attitudes towards gender roles and norms.

The empowerment of women isn't iust a lofty ideal; it's a fundamental requirement for true democracy. As India heads to the polls, let's remember that democracy isn't just about casting ballots; it's about creating a society where every voice is heard. every individual is valued, and every woman has the opportunity to fulfill her potential. The time for action is now, and the All India Mahila Empowerment party is ready to lead the charge towards a more inclusive, equitable, and prosperous India.

India braces itself for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the spotlight once again falls on the nation's democratic ethos and the pressing need for inclusive governance. Against this backdrop, the All India Mahila Empowerment party every time championed the cause of gender equality and women's empowerment amidst the political rhetoric and maneuvering.

In the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections, political parties must go beyond tokenism and empty promises, incorporating women's empowerment into their policy

platforms and governance agendas. The All India Mahila Empowerment party sets a precedent by prioritizing women's issues and advocating for meaningful representation in decision-making bodies. By elevating the voices of women and championing their rights, political parties can pave the way for a more inclusive and

equitable democracy. The All India Mahila Empowerment party serves as a catalyst for change, challenging the status quo and envisioning a future where every woman has the opportunity to thrive. The AIMEP has a clear and comprehensive manifesto, that covers all the issues and challenges faced by women in India. The AIMEP believes that women are not weak, but powerful. Women are not victims, but survivors. Women are not followers, but leaders. Women are not a problem, but a solution. Women are not a burden, but an asset. Women are not a minority, but a majority. As citizens prepare to cast their votes, let us remember that true democracy is not just about the exercise of political power but the realization of social justice and equality. The AIMEP is not just a party, but a promise. A promise of a new India, where women are equal, free, and happy. A promise of a new India, where women are the leaders of change, and the architects of destiny. A promise of a new India, where women are the pride of the nation, and the hope of the

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May You Be The Woman You Want To Be In A Man's World



Good Morning

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"A judge's son is a lawyer, and this lawyer's father is an inspector. Then who is the judge?"

hen this question was asked in a training workshop, many participants floundered on the answer. Deeprooted gender biases and harmful gender stereotypes and narratives, often affect the gendered way we think. Perhaps that is why it is not so obvious to many that a woman can also be a judge as well as a mother!

Article 14 of the Indian Constitution guarantees the right to equality to all its citizens, regardless of their sex or gender. The constitution grants all human beings equal opportunities

Additionally India has many statutes governing the rights of women. Some of these are:

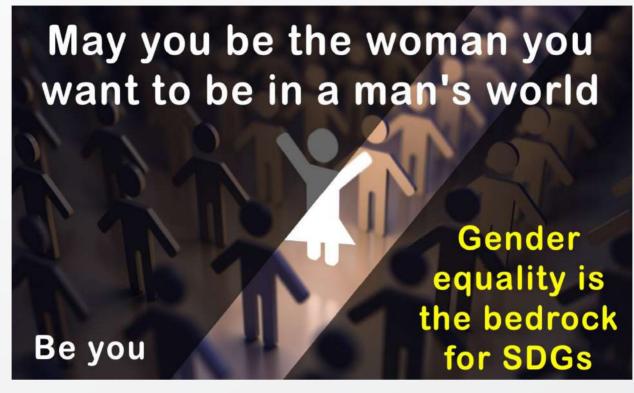
Right to Compulsory and Free Education Act (RTE Act 2009) makes it mandatory for all children, including girls, between the ages of 6 and 14 to receive education. And yet as per World Bank data, the country's overall female literacy rate is 69% in 2022.

The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, ensures that men and women receive equal pay for the same work. However, according to the World Inequality Report 2022, men earn 82% of the labour income in India, whereas women earn 18%. In the year between July 2022 and June 2023, an average salaried Indian male made INR 20,666 in a month. A woman, on the other hand, made INR 15,722.

The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, provides legal protection to women from physical, emotional, and verbal abuse by their spouses or relatives. But according to the annual report of the National Crime Records Bureau out of the 4,45,256 cases of crime against women registered in 2022 (an increase of 4% compared to 2021) domestic abuse or cruelty by husband and/or relatives was the highest reported crime at 31.4%, followed by kidnapping and abduction of women (19.2%), sexual assault on women(18.7%), and rape

And these are the cases that were registered. A lot many such cases go unreported and unheard. Women break the glass ceiling: But why is there a ceiling in the first place?

We are often told that times are changing and more women and girls are demanding to get their rightful



place in society by breaking the glass ceiling, even as they battle the painful blisters caused by the shards. Yes, there could be some iota of truth in it. But the current snail's pace at which this transformation is taking place, has even prompted the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to warn us that 'on the current track, gender equality is projected to be 300 vears away

'Women's rights are being abused, threatened and violated around the world," said Antonio Guterres of the UN.

Gender equality implies that women, men, boys and girls of all classes and races have equal access to, and enjoy, the same rights, resources, and opportunities

Patriarchy on the other hand is a social system in which positions of power, dominance and privilege are primarily held by men. Hence in patriarchal societies (like in India) social norms for men and women are often very different and lead to gender inequalities - when men are valued more than women, and have far greater power, resources, opportunities, entitlements, privileges than their

female counterparts.

Right from the time a girl child is born, harmful and gendered social constructs are deeply ingrained in her at every step as she grows up (provided she is lucky enough to not get 'killed' before or just after birth). A report by United Nations Population Fund says that India accounts for nearly onethird (45.8 million) of the total 142.6 million missing females in the world, mainly due to pre- and post-birth sex selection practices stemming from 'son

Girls are encouraged to play with dolls to prepare them for their already determined future roles of a caregiver. Boys are given toy cars, toy guns and sport equipment to make them bold and aggressive. I have seen that even the return birthday gifts are gendered - lip gloss and nail paint for girls, and whistles and catapults for boys. All this happens routinely even in the socalled progressive and educated families (in India as well as the West)

Why cannot men do household work and child rearing?

I was a senior faculty in the renowned Loreto Convent College (an all girls' institute) in the past. I once asked my 17-18 year old students, if those who had a brother, ever felt that they were treated unfairly by their parents. All of them said NO, except that the brother could stay out till late in the evening while they were supposed to be back home earlier. They attributed this to their parents' concern for their safety (it never occurred to them that they were unsafe because of the males roaming around at that time of late evening/night).

Carrying the discussion a bit further I asked them if they helped in the household chores, in case their domestic help did not turn up. This time the reply was a big YES. Did their brothers also help? And not a single girl said Yes. Perhaps it was their first realisation of the numerous entitlements and privileges their brother(s) had by being born a male - one of them being freedom from doing any house work.

This is just one small example. Social norms for men and women are often very different, and lead to gender inequalities. Women are expected to be meek, submissive, docile and 'good' mothers and wives.

Men are expected to be 'bold', 'aggressive', and 'primary decisionmakers'- giving an easy escape to men from child-rearing and household chores. Men are in-charge to manage finances. With no control over money matters and property/land rights, women become more vulnerable whereas men gain absolute authority and control over them.

While most parents in urban and economically well-off families are giving the same quality of education to girls and boys, girls are not exempt from learning how to cook and help in housework. Boys on the other hand are kept away from taking part in 'mundane' chores.

In poorer households, boys' education is prioritized as they are groomed to become future breadwinners, whereas girls are expected to prioritize housework over education to become 'good' wives and mothers.

Thus, from early childhood, sons are valued more than daughters and given more power, resources, and opportunities, which later manifest into entitlement, domination, and control over women. A husband can demand sex at free will and the wife is expected to satisfy him. Lack of bodily autonomy makes her very vulnerable. This also constitutes rape - as nonconsensual sexual intercourse regardless of marriage or relationship status,

With very little decision-making on when (or if) to marry or to have (or to not have) children, women's education and career take a backseat whereas men get social licenses to prioritize their education and career and not share domestic work and child-rearing.

Motherhood is glorified (and so is womanhood). We have even dedicated special days for them. But short of paying lip service and singing praises of her selfless love and sacrifices, we do very little to share her workload and give her equal rights.

The shameless farce and hypocrisy of it all!

In many parts of India, girls fast on 16 consecutive Mondays every year to get a 'good' (?) husband; a married woman, irrespective of her social and educational status, is expected to fast at least once a year for the wellbeing and long life of her husband. Instead of debunking the myths associated with it and questioning the rationale behind it (there is no reciprocal fast mandatchauth') has been glamorised by the show biz industry and celebrated with a lot of fanfare. Then again, there are special fasts to be kept by a mother for the well being of her son(s)- provided she begets one. But none for the daughter.

Gendered division of labour deprives girls and women of equal opportunities for education, work force participation, economic activities as well as leisure activities. To add fuel to fire, we categorise women into being working women and homemakers- as if those who also work outside their homes are 'home-breakers', and also that 'those who do not earn a salary do not do any work', as all household and child rearing chores come under unpaid labour.

Women applying for high profile jobs are often asked 'if they have any plans for marriage'; 'if they have children'; and 'how they will manage office and childcare/ housework'. Has any man ever been asked these ques-

These are just a few examples of socially accepted harmful gender norms and cultural practices that wrongly normalize and justify gender inequality. Gender inequality also sets the underlying tone for violence against women and girls. Women also suffer emotional violence while being forced to, or trying to, conform to social norms. This makes them very vulnerable to other forms of violence, and more difficult to seek help.

Yes, there are some so called modern families (read men) who 'allow' and 'permit' their womenfolk to wear modern clothes, take up salaried jobs, and enjoy some leisure once in a while. Such few and far between women are deemed fortunate and are expected to be grateful to have landed such a progressive husband who maybe makes breakfast or does housekeeping once a week.

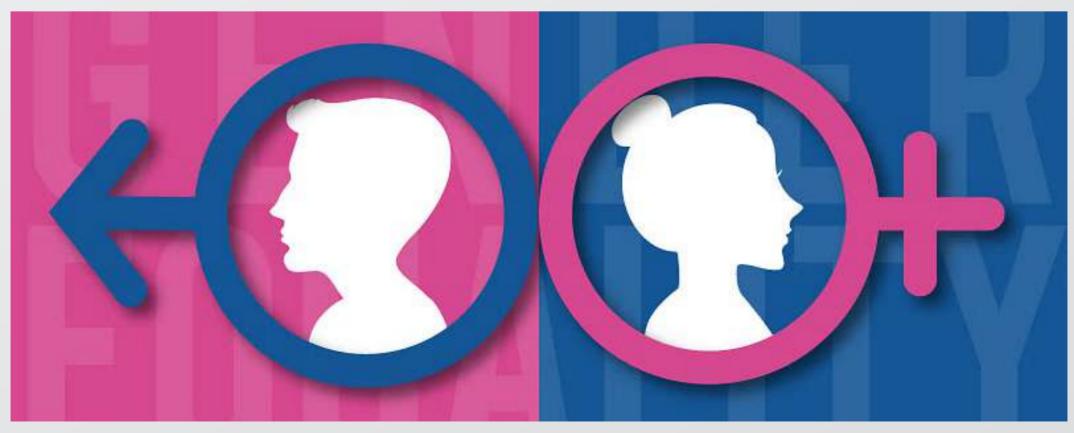
But who gives him the right to decide for her? Why should she take his permission by default? Why should she be grateful for being allowed to move freely within the limits and boundaries set up by him?

It is high time to seek and demand answers to these and myriad other questions from the menfolk- be they our fathers, brothers and husbands- as well as women indoctrinated by them

to accept the status quo.
As a sequel to 'May you be the Mother of a hundred sons'- a thoughtprovoking book by Elisabeth Bumiller, on the lives of women in India - I wish that 'May you be the woman you want to be in Man's world'.

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HEALTH



10 Fatty Foods That Might Actually Help You Lose Weight

lar belief, some fatty foods can loss when consumed in moderation and as part of a balanced diet. Here's a list of fatty foods, along with how they contribute to weight loss. We also share their overall benefits for the body.

10 Fatty foods that will actually help you lose

1. Avocado

Despite being high in healthy fats, avocados are also rich in fibre and low in carbs. They can help promote feelings of fullness, reduce hunger cravings, and support weight management. Enjoy avocados in salads, on toast, or as a healthy addition to smoothies.

2. Nuts

Almonds, walnuts, pistachios, and other nuts are packed with healthy fats, protein, and fibre. They provide a feeling of satiety and can help moderate food intake. However, keep portion sizes in mind, as nuts are calorie-dense. Opt for raw or dry-roasted nuts without added oils or salt. 3. Olive oil

High-quality extra virgin



olive oil contains monounsaturated fats, which can increase satiety and improve heart health. Use olive oil in salad dressings or for light sautéing rather than deep frying.

4. Fatty fish Salmon, sardines, trout, and mackerel are excellent sources of omega-3 fatty acids. These fats help regulate appetite, promote fat burning, and reduce inflammation. Grill, bake, or steam fatty fish for a nutritious meal.

5. Coconut oil Although high in saturated fat, coconut oil consists of medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs) that can boost metabolism and increase feelings of fullness. Use coconut oil in moderation for cooking or baking.

6. Chia seeds

Chia seeds are packed with omega-3 fats, fibre, and protein. When consumed, they absorb liquid and expand in the stomach, promoting fullness and reducing calorie intake. Sprinkle chia seeds over yogurt, oatmeal, or blend them into smoothies.

7. Full-fat yogurt While low-fat dairy products are often promoted for weight loss, studies indicate that full-fat versions, when consumed mindfully, can be more satisfying and lead to reduced calorie consumption. Choose plain, unsweetened yogurt and add fresh fruits or nuts for a healthy snack or breakfast option.

high cocoa content (70% or more) contains healthy fats and antioxidants. It satisfies sweet cravings and helps control appetite. Enjoy a small piece of dark chocolate as an occasional treat.

9. Eggs

The idea that eggs are unhealthy due to their cholesterol content has been largely debunked. Eggs are packed with healthy fats, essential amino acids, and vitamins. They provide a feeling of fullness and can reduce overall calorie intake when included as part of a balanced diet.

10. Seeds

Flaxseeds, pumpkin seeds, and sunflower seeds are rich in healthy fats, fibre, and antioxidants. These seeds provide a sense of fullness and can be sprinkled on salads, yogurt, or added to smoothies.

Remember, moderation is key when incorporating these fatty foods into your diet. While they offer weight loss benefits, consuming them excessively can hinder progress. Pair them with a variety of nutrientdense foods, engage in regular physical activity, and consult a healthcare professional for personalised advice.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

India Slams Pakistan

its own people feel for their government having failed to serve their actual inter-

She said a country that hosts and even celebrates UN Security Council-sanctioned terrorists, "commenting on India whose pluralistic ethos and democratic credentials are exemplars for the world, is a contrast for everyone to see." Hitting out at Pakistan for the "extensive references" to India, Mr. Singh had said it is deeply unfortunate for the Council's platform to have once again been misused to make patently false allegations against India. (Agencies)

2 Die In Late-Night reached the accident spot and two occu-

pants traveling in the said vehicle were retrieved and shifted to DH Ramban, where both were declared brought dead at hospi-

The deceased have been identified as Hakam Din, son of Abdul Rehman, aged about 25 years and Tariq Ahmed, son of Abdul Rashid, aged about 32 years, both residents of Village Dalwa, Sangaldan, Gool District Ramban. "A case FIR No 48/224 under relevant sections of law has been registered at PS Ramban." official added-

the INDIA bloc meeting in New Delhi, the NC leaders back in Kashmir said that there will be no compromise on any seat in the valley

"The talks are going on with Congress, but we (NC) will contest from all the seats in Kashmir," Nasir Aslam Wani, party's Provincial President told KNO.

He added that the decision has been made by the party and there will be no discussion

However, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President, Vikar Rasool when contacted, said that there is no decision with regard to the seat sharing yet. "NC might have made public its stand and claim on three seats in Kashmir division, but the fact is that any decision with regard to the alliance and seat sharing will be made public on March 7 only,"

PDP Spokesman, Najam-us-Saqib said that NC is adamant to contest on all the three seats. "We firmly believe that it is an existential fight and there is no need to look into the interests and fight for a larger cause. The decision is still pending and a final outcome will be out on March 07," he

J&K enthusiastic to

He said the vision of PM Modi 'Sab ka saath, sab ka vishwas, sab ka sath' is completely visible in Jammu & Kashmir, adding that every village is getting the proper road connectivity, two AIIMS have been constructed, and tap water connections are being ensured.

"Like other parts of India, people of Kashmir too believe in PM Modi and have tremendous love for him. Nearly 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh people will participate in the rally of PM Modi here. There is lot of enthusiasm among the people for PM Modi and are keen to welcome him," he said—(KNO)

Efforts Underway

to maintain a supply-demand balance, ensuring the financial viability of the sector. Despite meticulous measurement throughout these stages, it's worth noting that accurate measurement and accounting of electricity consumption at the consumers' end remains a challenge in J&K

"It is pertinent to mention that in J&K, the electricity tariff being charged from consumers stands as one of the lowest across the country", the spokesperson added.

Installing a smart electricity meter can help bear the load of shooting high energy prices and address the fundamental issues plaguing the distribution sector. Smart meters enable precise billing based on actual usage, eliminating the surprise of unexpectedly high bills due to inaccuracies. These tools can quickly detect power outages allowing for a faster response time to restore power. Customers can monitor their electricity usage in nearly real-time and make changes to their consumption patterns leading to lower electricity bills.

He elaborated that the primary sufferers due to deficient metering system are the consumers themselves, experiencing irregular and poor-quality power supply. As such, J&K has undertaken the smart meter installation in three phases under PMDP/ RDSS schemes.

The first phase which started in the year 2022 stands completed with installation of 1.5 lakh smart meters in Jammu &Srinagar cities. The second phase covering 5.50 Lakh smart meters is under implementation while the third phase, which comprises remaining 14 Lakh smart meters, has also commenced, targeted for completion by 2026, thereby accomplishing 100% smart metering in J&K.

As regards the pricing/electricity tariff rates being charged from consumers, the said rates are determined and approved by independent Regulatory Commissions and not by the DISCOMs taking into account various factors such as cost of power purchase from generating companies, transmission expenses, staffing, and maintenance costs etc., to ensure that consumers are charged fairly. For example, in J&K, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) is responsible for determining the

This is evident from the fact that the metering percentage in J&K is distressingly low with only 51% consumers metered and as such, being charged on flat-rate basis. The flat rate bills, based on rough estimates, do not reflect the actual usage and are hence considered flimsy or unsubstantial even during the time when electro-mechanical meters were in use. As such, in the present era, where energy measurements are digitally done right from the generating end, it is paramount to ensure accurate measurement at consumers' end too.

Regarding power availability, there persists a misconception among consumers that J&K is a power surplus Union Territory due to its abundant water sources, however, the reality is that J&K relies solely on hydro power plants for electricity generation, which are subject to limitations due to seasonal dependence.

The hydro power plants generate at their maximum capacity only during 4-5 months of peak water flow in rivers, while their generation diminishes for the rest of the year. Quantitatively, out of the existing installed generation capacity of 3500 MW, 1140 MW is contributed by UT-owned plants, the main ones being 900 MW Baglihar, 110 MW Lower Jhelum, and 110 MW Upper Sindh, while the remaining 2300 MW comes from central sector plants such as Salal, Dul-Hasti, Uri, and Kishanganga. During winters, power houses in J&K, under both central and state sectors, can only generate a maximum of 600 MW against their rated capacity of 3500 MW due to reduced water levels in the

However, with peak demand reaching up to 3200 MW during winters; it's evident that J&K's power demand cannot be solely met by hydroelectric power plants. So the remaining power requirement during winters is met through thermal-based Central Generating Stations (CGS) situated outside

Moreover, it's crucial to acknowledge that the Government of J&K has indeed made significant investments in recent years to harness the maximum hydro potential, with four mega Hydel Projects worth Rs. 22,207 crore under development and agreements

signed for four additional projects totaling Rs. 29,600crore. It is evident that the development of hydro power plants entails huge investment. As such, the hydro power plants are developed on a debt-equity pattern, where a substantial amount is raised in the form of debt from financial institutions, which must be repaid to them through the sale of power once the plants become

Moreover, the debt is secured against a mortgage, encompassing all assets of the plant, including the dam, which are pledged to the financial institution providing the

Unfortunately, J&K faces challenges with low recovery rates. In the financial year 2022-23, while the power purchase cost amounted to Rs. 9,886 crore, the collection from the sale of power to consumers was only Rs. 3,652 crore.

Consequently, to clear power dues owed to generating companies, J&K has been compelled to avail loans totaling Rs. 32,000 crore in the past two years alone under liquidity infusion schemes of the Government of India, such as Atmaanirbhar Bharat and the LPS Rules 2022.

Therefore, the claim of the protestors with regard to 'our power, our water' is baseless, as consumers in this context are not producers but recipients of electricity supplied to them by various entities involved in the process. While water is abundant in J&K, generating electricity from it demands significant effort and investment. Additionally, as mentioned above, hydro power alone is insufficient to meet the region's demand.

'Sachin Tendulkar's

as an endorsement of the quality bats produced in the region.

"This endorsement has resonated with cricket enthusiasts not only in India but also in other countries, leading to a notable uptick in demand," he said.

Kabiir said Sachin's interaction with craftsmen and his appreciation for their dedication and skill has garnered widespread attention. This has attracted cricket lovers to own bats endorsed by the legend himself, he said.

The bat industry in Kashmir, renowned for producing high-quality bats, has witnessed a resurgence in recent years, reaching the international stage. Many lesserknown international players have used Kashmiri bats at the international level.

Following Tendulkar's visit, manufacturers have reported an increase in orders from local, domestic and international markets. They said the cricket legend's endorsement is a recognition of their efforts, adding that Kashmiri bats are of exceptional quality and can compete favourably with English

Various bat manufacturers echoed similar sentiments, saying that Sachin Tendulkar's visit is an endorsement of the high quality of Kashmiri bats. We believe that his visit will prove beneficial for the industry in the long run, they said.

On February 17, 2024, Sachin Tendulkar visited a bat manufacturing factory in the Chersoo area of Awantipora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. During his visit, he appreciated and encouraged bat manufacturing companies to continue their exemplary work and promised to promote Kashmiri bats himself—(KNO)

Explosive Substancethat all possibilities, including potential links to hunting activities prevalent in the area, are being meticulously explored. The discovery of the suspicious bag has prompted heightened vigilance, with law enforcement personnel and Border Security Force (BSF) units intensifying patrols and surveillance efforts along the border.

It is worth noting that this incident comes just thirteen days after a similar security breach occurred in the same vicinity. On February 22, 2024, BSF personnel thwarted a Pakistani drone incursion in the Maniyari area of Hiranagar, driving away the unmanned aerial vehicle.

Subsequent search operations led to the recovery of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in the vicinity, underscoring the persistent security challenges faced by border authorities—(KNO)

Tourist Boom Spurs The Unique Selling Proposition (USP)

of these homestays lies in their ability to offer an authentic experience of the region. Unlike conventional hotels, which often provide a more standardized experience, homestavs allow visitors to immerse themselves in the local culture and lifestyle.

"Staying in a homestay gives travelers a chance to connect with the essence of Kashmiri hospitality. Guests get to experience our traditions, cuisine, and warmth firsthand," says Mohammad Shafi, who runs a homestay in the scenic town of Pahalgam.

For tourists, the appeal of homestays lies not only in their affordability but also in the personalized experience they offer. Many travelers seek to escape the hustle and bustle of city life and yearn for a more tranquil and intimate setting.

"Staying in a homestay allowed me to experience the true essence of Kashmir. The hosts treated me like family, and I got to explore the region through their eyes. It was an unforgettable experience,' remarked Supriya, a tourist from Mumbai, who arrived in Kashmir last week—(KNO)





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Amit Shah slams political dynasties, says Maha suffered **Sharad Pawar for 50 years**

JALGAON: Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on dynastic politics in the country and said Maharashtra has 'suffered' Sharad Pawar for 50 years.

Addressing a Youth Convention in Jalgaon on Tuesday evening, the Union Home Minister said that the INDIA bloc that has cobbled up against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is a collection of parties with dynastic ambitions. with no concern for development or for the people of the country

"These parties have no internal democracy, how can they strengthen India's democracy, develop it and take it ahead? Sonia Gandhi wants to make her son Rahul Gandhi the PM, Uddhav Thackeray is keen to make his son Aditya the CM, Sharad Pawar desires to make his daughter Supriya Sule the CM, Mamata Banerjee is trying to make her nephew (Abhishek) CM and MK Stalin wants to make his son (Udhayanidhi) the CM..." thundered HM Shah. Amid all this 'parivarvaad', he said there is nobody except PM Modi to think and care for the masses and aim to make India fully developed by

"Maharashtra has endured Sharad Pawar for 50 years, but look at PM Modi's track record of the



strike down Article 370 or

there would be rivers of

blood in Kashmir. Five years

have passed... nothing of

the sort has happened," said

HM Shah, taking a swipe at

Manmohan Singh's govern-

ment, the Indian economy

languished at the 11th posi-

tion in the world, but after

Narendra Modi became the

PM, he brought it to the 5th

position, and "its PM Modi's

guarantee that if he gets a

third term, he will catapult

the economy to the 3rd

third term. See his bio-data,

his performance of the last

10 years and his vision for

the next 24 years for the

country. He has opened the

doors of opportunities for

the youth in every sector,

and India is a 'bright spot

in the world," said HM Shah.

Congress indulged in vote

He pointed out how the

"PM Modi is ready for a

spot", declared HM Shah.

In 10 years of ex-PM

the Congress leader.

last 10 years when you go to vote... None of these dynastic parties can take the country forward," he said.

HM Shah said in the last 10 years, PM Modi has made India safe and secure, citing how during the erstwhile UPA rule, there were many bomb attacks, terrorists entered from Pakistan, created mayhem and went back with no retaliation.

"Then came the BJP, and when the terrorists struck in Uri and Pulwama, PM Modi carried out surgical and air strikes right inside Pakistan territory," HM Shah pointed out.

"It was PM Modi who revoked Article 370 of the Constitution to make Kashmir a part of India which the Congress governments could not do for 70 years, but Rahul Gandhi had expressed reservations

"Rahul baba used to tell me in Parliament not to

night halt at Raj Bhavan,

drove to the famous temple

in Secunderabad Lok

Sabha constituency, repre-

sented by Union Minister

for Tourism and Culture G.

Police had made elabo-

After visit to the temple.

the Prime Minister left for

Sangareddy town where he

will inaugurate, dedicate

and lay the foundation

stone of multiple devel-

opment projects worth Rs

He had reached Hyder-

abad on Monday night

from Tamil Nadu and had

a night halt at Raj Bhavan.

Prime Minister inaugurat-

ed multiple projects worth

over Rs 56,000 crore at Adi-

labad town and addressed

labad by helicopter

from Nagpur in neigh-

bouring Maharashtra.

After attending the pro-

gramme at Adilabad, he

returned to Nagpur and

from there left for Tamil

Nadu to attend various

He had reached Adi-

a public meeting.

programmes

Earlier on Monday, the

rate security arrange-

ments during the PM's

visit to the temple.

Kishan Reddy.

6,800 crore

bank politics and kept Ram Lalla in a tent for 70 years, but PM Modi came and built the grand temple in Ayodhya, and has created the Kashi-Vishwanath temple

HM Shah cited statistics of how under PM Modi, one university is set up in the country every week, daily two new colleges are opening, 33 new startups are coming up, 14 kms of rail tracks are being laid, 50,000 women get cheap gas cylinders and youth get Mudra loans for a better future.

In the last 10 years, $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PM}}$ Modi has given free 5-kg rations to 80 crore poor families every month, built 12 crore toilets to accord dignity to women, given 12 crore gas cylinders, homes to 4 crore poor, tap water connection to 14 crore homes, 11 crore farmers get Rs 6,000 per annum and during the Coronavirus pandemic all the people in the country got free vaccines, he said.

Now, PM Modi has even bigger plans like a space station and an Indian landing on the Moon he said and urged the youth to go and vote with their family members, and select the 'Lotus' button to give 45-plus to BJP in Maharashtra and 400-plus in the country.

Present at the convention were Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, state BJP President Chandrashekhar Bawankule, ministers, MPs, MLAs, party leaders and

Hyderabad to get new identity with CARO: PM Modi

SANGAREDDY: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that Hyderabad and Telangana will get a new identity with the Civil Aviation Research Organization (CARO) Centre.

He said the first of its kind aviation centre in the country, which has come up at Begumpet Airport, will give a platform for aviation startups, research and skill development.

The Prime Minister said CARO will create employment opportunities for youth in the aviation sector.

He noted that the aviation sector in India is setting new records, the number of airports have doubled in 10 years and new employment opportunities are being created in the sector. "In this context, CARO will have an important role to play," he said

On the second day of his visit to Telangana, the Prime Minister dedicated CARO to the nation at a programme held here. He inaugurated, dedicated and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects worth Rs 7,200 crore. These projects encompass multiple key sectors like road, rail, petroleum and natural gas.

The Airports Authority of India has set up CARO at a cost of more than Rs 350 crore to upgrade and enhance the Research and Development (R&D) activities in the civil aviation sector. It is envisaged to provide a global research platform for the aviation community through in-house and collaborative research



to provide indigenous and innovative solutions.

Stating that modern infrastructure is vital to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat, PM Modi said his government allocated Rs 11 lakh crore in the Union Budget. "We are trying to see that Telangana get maximum benefit," he said.

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, Union Minister for Tourism and Culture G. Kishan Reddy. state ministers Komatired dy Venkat Reddy and Konda Surekha and MP K. Laxman were also present.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the six-laning of the 30 km long Pune-Hyderabad (Sangareddy X Road-Madinaguda) section of NH-65. The project with an estimated cost of Rs 1.300 crore will provide improved connectivity to IT industrial corridor and educational institutions like the IIT in the region.

He inaugurated fourlaning of 40 km long Kandi to Ramsanpalle section of NH-161 at a cost of Rs 1,540 crore. This will reduce travel time from Hyderabad to Nanded by about three hours and enhance connectivity to religious places in Nanded. The project is a part of Indore-Hyderabad Economic Corridor and will facilitate seamless passenger and freight movement between Telangana, Maharashtra and Madhya

The Prime Minister also inaugurated the upgradation of 47-km long Miryalaguda to Kodad Section of NH-167 to two lanes with paved shoulders. The project completed at a cost of Rs 320 crore will improve connectivity and boost tourism as well as economic activity and industries in the region.

Pradesh.

The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation the Indian Oil Paradip-Hyderabad Product Pipeline. The 1,212 km product pipeline with a capacity of 4.5 MMTPA traverses through the states of Odisha (329 km), Andhra Pradesh (723 km) and Telangana (160 km). The pipeline, whose cost is Rs 3.340 crore. will ensure safe and economical transportation of petroleum product from Paradip Refinery to delivery stations at Visakhapatnam, Atchutapuram, and Vijayawada (in Andhra Pradesh), and Malkapur near Hyderabad (in

He said this project strengthens the government's resolve for sus-

tainable development. "In coming days, we will speed up the process to achieve Viksit Bharat through Viksit Telangana," he said.

PM Modi inaugurated the doubling and electrification of Sanathnagar-Moula Ali rail line along with six new station buildings. The entire 22 route kms of the project has been commissioned with automatic signalling and has been completed as part of the MMTS (Multi Modal Transport Service) Phase - II project.

As part of it, six new station buildings have come up at Ferozguda, Suchitra Centre, Bhudevi Nagar, Ammuguda, Neredmet and Moula Ali Housing Board stations. Doubling and electrification work paves the way for the introduction of passenger trains for the first time in this section. It will help improve punctuality and overall speed of trains in the region by reducing the burden on other highly saturated sections.

The Prime Minister flagged-off the inaugural MMTS Train Service from Ghatkesar-Lingampalli via Moula Ali-Sanathnagar. This train service extends the popular suburban train service in the Hyderabad-Secunderabad twin city regions to new areas for the first time. It connects the new areas in the eastern part of the city like Cherlapalli, Moula Ali with the Western part of the twin city region. The safe, fast and economic mode of transport connecting the eastern with the western part of the twin city region will be highly beneficial for commuters.

PM Modi worships at Ujjaini Mahakali temple in **Secunderabad**

IANS

HYDERABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi worshipped at Ujjaini Mahakali temple in Secunderabad here on Tuesday.

He began the second day of his visit to Telangana with prayers at more than 200-year-old temple.

The priests conducted the rituals and presented a photograph of the deity to the Prime Minister.

It is believed that Ujjaini Mahakali temple was constructed in 1813 by Suriti Appaiah, who was associated with the Indian mili-

He was on a mission to Ujjain town where thousands had died in the outbreak of cholera. He is said to have visited Mahakali temple in Ujjain and took a vow that if his entire platoon is saved, they will install an idol of the god-

dess in Secunderabad. Every year, thousands of people participate in the annual Secunderabad Uijaini Mahankali Jatara. popularly known as Lashkar Bonalu during the month of Ashadha.

PM Modi, who had a

Central agencies to be involved in monitoring of Lok Sabha elections: CEC

KOLKATA: The Election Commission of India (ECI) will involve central agencies in monitoring the polling process across the country during the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, Chief Election Commissioner of India (CEC), Rajiv Kumar, told media persons in Kolkata on Tuesday.

The CEC added that a separate portal would be opened involving all central agencies for the purpose of vigilance.

He added that a mobile application named 'C-Vigil: Citizens be Vigilant would be introduced to enable users to report any election-related irregularities or violence promptly.

The CEC said that the full-Bench of the ECI, which was on a visit to West Bengal, had meetings with all the political

parties. CEC Kumar said apart from complaints about the use of money and muscle power in the polls, the Bench had also received complaints that bureaucrats were not operating in a transparent and unbiased manner.

"Barring one political party, all other parties have requested for deployment of additional forces. One political party has also insisted on a single-phase election in West Bengal," he said.

He added that during the meeting with the func-tionaries of the state's administrative and police setup, clear instructions were given about ensuring an absolutely peaceful election.

"Voting should be conducted in a festive mood. The higher administrative and police functionaries have been directed to convey the message to their subordinates down the line, so that all necessary steps are taken to ensure violence-free polls. If the state administration and police fail to do that, we will make them do it,' CEC Kumar said during the interaction with media

He also said that this time separate polling stations for women and Divyangs would be set up.

Pro-Pak slogan row

All three accused are Cong workers, say sources Iltaz from the Kishanganj

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Police were grilling the three accused, all Congress workers, arrested in connection with raising pro-Pakistan slogans in the Assembly premises, said sources on Tuesday, adding that one of them wanted to contest the Lok Sabha elections.

According to police sources, one of the accused shouted 'Pakistan' and the

other two raised 'Zindabad' slogans. Samples of the audio, video matched with the samples of voices of the accused in the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)

The accused Mohammad Nashipudi, a rich chilli trader from Byadagi was eyeing the Lok Sabha ticket from Haveri MP Seat. Munnawar Ahmad is a local Congress worker from the Jayamahal area of Bengaluru. Mohammad area of New Delhi was not known to these accused persons. The accused were handed over to police for

custody till March 6 by the

Judge of the 39th ACMM court. Vidhana Soudha police were retrieving the data from the social media accounts such as WhatsApp, Telegram and others of the accused. The

mobiles of the accused

have been sent to the FSL for further investigation. Sources stated that the police had questioned 40 persons in connection with the case and collected voice samples of more than 15 persons.

The accused had raised the 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogans during the victory celebration of Rajya Sabha member Syed Naseer Hussain in the state legislature after the announcement of the results on February 27.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JSD (PHE) RURAL WATER SUPPLY DIVISION, GANDERBAL/SGR.

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(Er. Samiullah Beigh) **Executive Engineer, JS-PHE** RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr.

LAND-FOR-JOB CASE

Delhi court extends interim bail of bizman Amit Katyal

IANS

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Tuesday extended till March 12 interim bail of Amit Katyal, an alleged close associate of former Union minister Lalu Prasad's family, who has also been named along with some companies in the charge sheet filed in the land-for-job scam case. Promoter of AK Info-

systems, Katyal who was arrested in November last year by the central probe agency, was granted fourweek interim bail on medical grounds on February 5.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has challenged the order before the Delhi High Court, which has reserved its order.

Judge Vishal Gogne of Rouse Avenue Court had earlier allowed Katyal's application seeking bail for medical treatment in a hospital within Delhi-NCR. and had directed him to furnish the details of the hospital and treatment obtained on his surrender before the jail authorities upon the expiry of interim

The judge had also asked the accused to furnish a personal bond of Rs 2 lakh and two sureties of the like amount.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on January 30 had informed the court that it will file a supplementary charge sheet within a month in connection with the alleged land-

for-job scam. Before Judge Gogne. the agency had assured that the final report would be submitted by the end of

Meanwhile, Katyal has been alleged of acquiring several lands from aspirants on behalf of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) Chief and former Railways Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav.

He was first detained and later arrested by the financial probe agency on November 11 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering

Act (PMLA). Katyal's premises in upscale south Delhi's New Friends Colony was declared as an office of AK Infosystems but was allegedly being used by RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav as residential premises.

The ED on July 31, 2023. attached six immovable assets having a value of Rs 6.02 crore belonging to RJD leaders Rabri Devi, Misa

Bharti (daughter of Lalu Yadav), Vineet Yadav (husband of Lalu's daughter Hema Yadav), Shiv Kumar Yaday (father-in-law of Hema Yadav), AB Exports Pvt Ltd and AK Infosystems Pvt Ltd., both companies owned and controlled by family members of Lalu Prasad Yadav, under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 in the Railway job for land scam.

The Delhi High Court had earlier declined to provide relief to Katyal seeking a copy of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) in a money laundering case, saying that it cannot impede the investigative process of the ED at the stage of summons issuance under the

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma had dismissed Katyal's plea

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BJP led NDA to cross 400 mark: Rana

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana Tuesday exuded confidence that the National Democratic Alliance under the visionary leadership of Yashasvi Prime Minister Narendra Modi will secure a historic victory and surpass the 400-seat mark in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"While ensuring overwhelming mandate for the BJP with 370 seats, the nation has made up its mind to cut the obstructive and disruptive Congress to its size by reducing its tally in the Lok Sabha at all time low under 40 seats", Mr Devender Rana said while addressing Karykartas, including Mandal Presidents, Morcha Presidents, members of the election management committee of the Jammu North Assembly Constituency which was addressed among others by Mr. Omi Khajuria District President Jammu North, Mr. Shamsher Singh Manhas Former MP, Mr. Bodh Raj, Chairman DDC, Mr. Shiv Dev Singh Ex MLA and Mr.

Saniay Baru Rana said that with a



track record of transformative, transparent and accountable governance and commitment to progress of the country, the BJP is all set to gain once again the trust of the people. The BJP's vision for a strong, prosperous, and inclusive Bharat resonates deeply with the aspirations of millions of Indians across the country. From vibrant global reputation, robust economic reforms to decisive actions on national security, the BJP's agenda reflects its unflinching commitment to serve every segment of Indian society as per cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas. This mantra has

already galvanized the

people, with whose blessings, the nation has ushered in a new age of peace, progress and prosperity for the nation, he added.

Devender Rana reiterated that the BJP is committed to upholding the princi ples of inclusivity and good governance, saying this will lead to India becoming Vishwa Guru under Prime Minister Modi. Having graduated as fifth economy of the world, Yashasvi Modiji's third term will make the compatriots proud of being the third economy in the next five years and Viksit Bharat by 2047. The comity of nations is watching India's growth story under Modiji with interest, he maintained.

"While remaining

focused on delivering the promises like abrogation of Article 370, abolition of triple talaq, empowerment of women, economic emancipation of under privileged and inclusive development across the regions, the BJP is treading the path of building a strong and vibrant Bharat for generations to come", Mr Rana said, adding that the BJP has been tirelessly working for the welfare of every citizen, irrespective of religion, caste, creed or region. He said the BJP is dedicated to upholding the values of unity and diversity that forms the bedrock of the unique identity of the nation, called Bharat.

Among others who were present occasion included Ashok Singh Manhas, Ajay Sharma, District General Secretary, Suresh Khajuria Mandal Pradhan Muthi-Paloura, Raveesh Mengi, Mandal Pradhan Janipur, Rakesh Singh, Mandal Pradhan Raipur-Domana, Vaishno Devi, State Vice President Mahila Morcha. Karan Singh, State Executive Member, Kamini Chopra, Prabhari Nagrota, Dilbahadur Singh Jamwal, K.D Singh, Ex Corporators and Ex Sarpanche

4-DAY BHARAT TEX

J&K exhibitors record substantial Sales amid huge footfall of buyers

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Pavilion has witnessed overwhelming response at the 4-day Bharat TEX event held in New Delhi

The exhibitors from Jammu and Kashmir witnessed a significant footfall of buyers/customers, leading to substantial sales and the generation of over 250 plus potential business

The J&K pavilion became a focal point, attracting attention from industry leaders, officials, and buyers eager to



explore the diverse handloom, handicraft, and textile offerings presented by the exhibitors.

The pavilion also garnered a visit from Union

Minister of Textiles, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Commerce & Industry, Shri PivushGoval, along with other dignitaries.

Their visit underscored the appreciation for the rich art and craft of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir showcased by the participating exhibitors.

Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organi zation (JKTPO) actively participated in the 1st Edi tion of Bharat TEX, organized by a consortium of 11 Textile Export Promotion Councils and supported by the Ministry of Textiles in two of the nation's largest exhibition centers Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi New Delhi from 26th February to 29thFebruary

SMC initiates spring rejuvenation drive to enhance water access

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

SRINAGAR: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has embarked on a mission to rejuvenate 23 springs within the municipal limits.
"This initiative, spear-

headed by Commissioner Owais IAS, aims to enhance water access and contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while promoting community participation and resilience in mountain regions," revealed the details accessed.

It further reads that with a dedicated allocation of Rs 200 lacs under the National Clean Air Program (NCAP), SMC aims to revitalize these natural water sources, recognizing their critical importance



for both ecosystems and livelihoods.

Commissioner SMC emphasized the need for community involvement in the spring revival efforts. highlighting its potential to offer climate-resilient

expressed his satisfaction

over the pace of progress

on the development works.

While seeking project wise

feedback, he called upon

the officers to identify the

bottlenecks, if any and

take necessary corrective

measures to achieve set

targets in given timelines.

the officers to expedite the

ongoing works for timely

completion and dedication

to the public. Asking the

officers to remain available

for the people and ensure

the genuine and timely

redressal of their issues

and demands, he reiterated

the government's unwav-

ering commitment to

enhance the quality of life

of the people of J&K and

ensuring holistic develop-

ment in all aspects of their

Later, several delega-

tions met the MP and high-

lighted the issues being

faced by them. The MP

gave a patient hearing and

passed on the spot direc-

tions to the concerned offi-

cers for early redressal of

The NHAI was directed

to make a spot assessment

in order to address griev-

ances of locals whose

land, structure are coming

their grievances.

MP Khatana exhorted

solutions amidst environ-

Meanwhile, SMC on its official Twitter handle wrote, "@SMC_Srinagar has short listed 23 #Springs within Municipal Limits for rejuvenation this year

PMs visit to Srinagar

mental challenges.

& has earmarked Rs. 200 lacs under the #National-CleanAirProgram (NCAP). Rejuvenation of springs could offer a climate resil ient solution for livelihoods & ecosystems in mountain regions.'

The officials further wrote, "this will enhance water access, and contrib ute to achieve one or more of the #SustainableDevelopmentGoals (SDGs). Commissioner SMC @owais_ias pursues #CommunityParticipation in spring revival as it holds promise across the region and is creating policy traction on #Spring-

Meanwhile, the Commissioner SMC Srinagar told KNO that this initiative is going to revive the springs that require urgent intervention—(KNO)

Clinic run by 'fake doctor' seized in Pulwama

SRINAGAR: A clinic run by an alleged fake doctor has been seized in South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Tuesday.

An official said that the premises along with the chemist shop were seized after a self-styled doctor was seen treating patients in a video that went viral on social media.

He said that a video clip had surfaced on social media platforms on March 04 in which a person namely Firdous Ahmad is seen as a self-styled doctor prescribing medicines to the patient and in this regard, instructions were received from District Magistrate Pulwama to immediately take cognizance into the matter by constituting a special team for the purpose.

"Accordingly, a team in the presence of the Magistrate visited the premises of New Dastagiri Clinic near DH Pulwama where Firdous had been shown prescribing medicines in the video clip," he said.

He added that the team include Chief Medical Officer Pulwama, ADMO/

District Nodal Officer, AYUSH/ISM Pulwama, Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Kar (Nodal Officer Clinical Establishment AYUSH side), Dr. Maajid Ahad, DNO (RBSK), CMO Office Pulwama Dr. Humaira Tabasum (Medical Officer AYUSH) and Nisar Ahmad Ganie Sr. Assistant CMO's Office Pulwama

"During the course of visit and inspection of the clinic, the team found the clinic was not registered and a person namely Firdous Ahmad (self styled doctor) was treating patients and prescribing medicines to them without having any basic qualification/ authority. In this regard prescription pads written by Firdous Ahmad (self styled doctor) and CCTV footage along with the equipment as a matter of evidence were also seized by the team members in presence of the Magistrate accompanying the team," he added.

He further added that the premises alongwith the chemist shop were also seized in presence of the Magistrate and further enquiry in the matter has been taken up—(KNO)

Dilapidated Kullan to Rezan road irk locals in Gbl

RAJA SYED RATHER

GANDERBAL: The road from main market Kullan to Rezan Sonamarg in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district is in dilapidated condition for the last one year, leaving the local residents to lurch at large.

Accusing the higherups for ignoring the plights, the locals and transporters here have demanded immediate redressal of their genuine grievances. They said this road connects around dozens of villages and such a pathetic condition of the road is pushing

them to the wall. facing are immense hardships due to the dilapidated condition of the road connecting our areas," the locals said, adding that the government's tall claims of providing better connectivity have proven false.

They said that they approached the higher ups several times but unfortunately, nobody paid heed to their sufferings

A delegation of drivers said that they are being forced to face tremendous hardships due to the nonmacadamization of the They further stated

that the road has developed potholes at several places from Rezan to Gagangeer due to which the commuters, as well as transporters, are facing trouble. This problem manifolds during rains and snowfall, which makes the roads accidentprone, they said. The passenger vehicles

have suffered damages due to the bad condition of the roads. "Our vehicles have incurred heavy damages due to the dilapidated condition of the road. The drivers mostly avoid plying on this road as a result of which the passengers have to bear the brunt," a driver

The residents have appealed to the concerned authorities to macadamize the road at the earliest so that the people do will not face hardships—(KNO)

MP Khatana reviews developmental scenario in Banihal, Ramban



GMK NEWS NETWORK

RAMBAN: Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana Tuesday visited Banihal area of district Ramban and chaired a comprehensive meeting of sectoral officers and representatives of NHAI.

Banihal Tehsildar Imtiyaz Ahmed, Executive Engineer PWD Iqbal Ahmed, BDO Banihal Asif Amin, CDPO Banihal, AEEs of PWD, Jal Shakti and PDD and various other concerned officers attended the meeting.

The MP took a detailed assessment of the ongoing development projects being executed by the Rural Development Department, allied departments.

review of progress made under Central Schemes, the MP urged the officers to provide hassle free ser-

briefed the MP about the status of developmental programmes being implemented in the Ramban

Speaking on the occasion, MP Khatana

candidates in reaching examination centers **GMK NEWS NETWORK** held includes Army School

CBSE urges Admin to help

SRINAGAR: In view of Prime Minister's visit to Srinagar on March-07. Central Board of School Education (CBSE) Monday urged district administration Srinagar to help 10th and 12th standard candidates in reaching their respective examination centers with all safety protocols.

CBSE regional officer in a communiqué to Deputy Commissioner Srinagar said CBSE class X and XII 2024 annual examinations are being held across the country and during these ongoing examinations as informed a major rally of Prime Minister is scheduled to be held in Srinagar on March-07-2024.

CBSF informed the district administration that there is a major exam of CBSE of Class X Social Science and there is also exam of Class XII Legal Studies subject that is going to be conducted on this date.

The list of names of the centers of Srinagar where these examinations are going to be

Badami Bagh Cantt Srinagar, J&K Delhi Public School Pantha Chowk Srinagar, J&K Minto Circle English Medium High School Srinagar, J&K J N V Ganderbal Hatbara Srinagar, KV NO. 1 Srinagar, KV NO. 2 AFS Srinagar.

"Approximately, 824 candidates of Class X and 10 candidates from Class XII from across Srinagar will appear through these centers," it reads. CBSE informed that the exami-

nation timings are from 10:30 am to 1:30pm with candidates approaching and arriving at centers between 9:00 am and 10:00 am which is the last time of entry at examination centers.

"It is requested to help candidates with valid CBSE admit cards to reach their respective examination centers with all safety protocols in place," the communique reads.

It also said that the arrival of candidates at examination centers during safety protocols of the PM visit will be a concern for all schools and candidates-

Light Rains Expected On March 7: MeT

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SRINAGAR: Amid forecast for mainly dry weather, night temperature continued to hover below sub-zero level in Kashmir Valley with Gulmarg recording minus 9.5°C on Tuesday.

A meteorological department official said that Srinagar recorded a minimum of minus 2.0°C, same as on the previous night. It was below normal by 4.2°C for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year, the MeT official said.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 1.2°C against minus 1.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.1°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 4.0°C against minus 6.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C below normal for the

famous resort in south Kashmir. Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum

it was 2.6°C below normal, the official said.

Kupwara town recorded a low of minus 1.7°C against minus 1.5°C on the previous night and it was 3.3°C below normal there. the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 9.5°C against minus 12.0°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 5.0°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

ELECTION CARD LOST

I, Mohd Sarwar Mir, son of Mohd Safdar Mir, residing in Pandrethan, Srinagar, regret to inform that I have lost my election card while traveling at an airport. If found, please return it to my residence. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Mohd Sarwar Mir

Police arrests 4 drug peddlers in Valley

SRINAGAR: Police have arrested four drug peddlers in Kashmir valley and recovered contraband substances from their possession, officials said.

"A police party of Police Station Qazigund during patrolling at Village Berigam intercepted a suspicious person carrying a polythene bag, who tried to flee after noticing police party, but was apprehended tactfully," a police spokesperson said in a statement issued here.

During search, he said, officers were able to recover 85 grams of charas like substance from his possession. He has been identified as Mohd Amin Dar son of Abdul Ahad Dar a resident of Berigam. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

In Pulwama, he said. acting on specific information regarding hording of contraband substance by one person namely Mohd Ayoub Rather son of Gh Mohd Rather resident of Frasipora Pulwama at his house. "Acting swiftly, police raided the said house

and recovered 10.4Kgs of Charas powder like substance and arrested the said accused person on the spot.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigation have been initiated. Also, Police arrested two drug peddlers in Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

"A police party of Police Post Wussan headed by IC PP Wussan at a checkpoint established at Wussan Chowk, intercepted a vehicle (Auto) bearing registration number JK01P-4705 with two persons on board. During search, 2.15Kgs of Poppy Straw like substances were recovered from their possession."

They have been identified as Sahil Ahmad Sheikh son of Ghulam Mohammad resident of Sher Colony Sopore & Mudasir Ahmad Dar son of Ab Aziz resident of Jalalabad Sopore. They have been arrested and shifted to PS Pattan were they remain in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

Vice Chairman DDC Kupwara calls on LG



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SRINAGAR: Haji Farooq Mir, Vice Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Rai Bhawan, and put forth various development issues of far-flung areas of Kupwara District.

Peer Tehleel Manzoor, CEO Stratflare Global also and briefed him about the initiatives of his startup to raise awareness on cyber security. Subsequently, Umer

Bhat, Chairman Musuada and MF Productions called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan and briefed him on the activities undertaken by his organization against the drug menace.

Gol Extends Deputation Of 3 IAS Officers

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SRINAGAR: Approving a proposal of the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India, Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Ministry of Personnel. Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training, has extended Jammu and Kashmir deputation of three Indian Administrative Services' officers by one year each. Among the officers who

by the effect of the order are getting the extension, as per GNS, include, Basharat Qayoom, Akshay Labroo and Athar Aamir Ul Shafi Khan. While Basharat Qayoom

gets the extension from Jharkhand cadre, Akshay Labroo is getting the extension from Tripura cadre and Athar Aamir Ul Shafi Khan gets the extension from Rajasthan cadre.

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