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'Worked Hard For Prosperity' J&K BJP Chief Counters Omar's Remarks On LG



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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Thursday said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has worked hard for the prosperity of the Union territory.

Raina's remarks came in response to a post on X by National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah in which he said that Sinha had not only failed Jammu and Kashmir but had also undermined the BJP in his home constituency of Ghazipur.

Speaking to reporters here, Raina said, "The political remarks are meant for politics. But Omar Abdullah knows it well that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has built a new and happy Jammu and Kashmir where everyone, including marginalised sections, has been given their rights. This effort has resulted in

record polling (in the Lok Sabha polls). Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has worked hard to make J&K a prosperous region."

Abdullah knows well the difficult situation that Jammu and Kashmir faced in the past, the BJP leader said.

"People saw the worst times during strikes and shutdowns when schools, colleges and markets were closed and violence was rampant," the BJP leader said.

In the past, every time a vehicle left for Kashmir from Jammu, ●P-06

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Youth Fest SPECTRUM-2024 Youth Power Building Prosperous Future Of J&K: LG

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BUDGAM: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday said that our youth power is building a prosperous future of Jammu and Kashmir UT.

"Youth are our biggest strength and they are committed to take Jammu and Kashmir UT to greater heights," LG Sinha said while inaugurating the two-day annual Youth Festival of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) "SPECTRUM-24" at NIFT campus Ompora Budgam.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the NIFT Srinagar for providing opportunities to the students of educational institutions of Kashmir Valley to explore their hidden talents in performing arts, sports, fashion shows and literary programs.

"Our youth power is building a prosperous future of J&K. Youth are our biggest strength and they are committed to take the UT to greater heights", the Lt Governor said.

He said the two-day festival is also an opportunity for Youth to exchange innovative and creative ideas for promoting our rich cultural and artistic heritage.



On the occasion, the Lt Governor commended the contribution of NIFT Srinagar in the area of design development and positioning of handlooms and handicrafts and providing new career avenues to the aspiring youth of J&K in Fashion, Design and Management.

Our handloom and handicraft sector has undergone a major revolution in the last 4-5 years. Students of NIFT can

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about the policy reforms introduced by the UT Administration to transform the handicraft and handloom sector.

In June 2023, the administration notified 32 new crafts and at present the total number of registered crafts has increased to 60. It is also being ensured that every handicraft artist and weaver gets the benefit of GI certification, testing, labelling and training, the Lt Governor said.

He called upon NIFT students and faculty members to support artisans in brand positioning, product designing ●P-06

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Election Commission Lifts Model Code Of Conduct



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NEW DELHI- The model code of conduct that came into force on March 16 with the announcement of the Lok Sabha election has been lifted.

In a communication to the Union Cabinet Secretary and state chief secretaries, the Election Commission said as results of Lok Sabha elections and assembly polls in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, along with some assembly bypolls have been declared, "model code of conduct has ceased to be in operation with immediate effect".

The model code of conduct is a set of conventions agreed upon by all stakeholders and imposed during elections. Its objective is to keep the campaigning, polling and counting process orderly, clean and peaceful and check any abuse of state machinery and finances by the party in power.

While it does not enjoy any statutory ●P-06

Class 12th Results 74 Percent Qualify Exams

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education on Thursday announced results of annual exams of 12th standard with an overall pass percentage of 74 percent.

Girl students have yet again outshined boys. According to BOSE, the total pass percentage includes 72 percent in boys and 77 percent among girl students.

BOSE said that a total of 93,340 candidates were enrolled for the exams in which 69,385 successfully qualified it.

Stating the overall performance of the candidates, BOSE said that a total of 46,500 male and 46,786 female candidates were enrolled for the examination out of which 74 percent qualified it.

In the exams, a total of 25,435 students have registered distinctions, 33,437 secured first divisions, 10,318 bagged second division and 195 candidates registered third division.

BOSE further said that in the examination, 1034 students couldn't qualify the exams while 22,921 have been asked to reappear in the exams.

Pertinently, the annual regular examination ●P-06



Eye On Assembly Polls BJP Thanks People For Support In Lok Sabha Elections

YOGESH

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday thanked people of Union Territory for their support in Lok Sabha Elections and hope that this support will continue in ensuing Assembly Polls stating that honest and nationalistic leadership will emerge victorious.

Addressing a press conference, Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir, said "BJP is highly grateful to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for their support in their respective constituencies. He said the party received the overwhelming support of the voters of both Parliamentary constituencies which translated into this victory. He also expressed gratitude to the senior citizens, first time voters, women and all the sections of voters for this support.

The BJP President also expressed gratitude to the residents of Anantnag, Rajouri, Poonch, Baramulla, Kulgam and all other areas, where the party got the support of the people, especially the local youth. Raina added that the BJP ●P-06



CS Reviews Progress On JK Samadhan, Youth Skill App



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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Thursday reviewed the progress achieved in the IT initiatives being taken up by the UT administration in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) during a meeting held here.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Ecology and Environment, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Principal Secretary Higher Education, Commissioner Secretary, IT, MD HADP, team members of BISAG-N besides other concerned officers.

The initiatives reviewed in the meeting included JK Samadhan, Kisan ●P-06

Women Empowerment Over Half A Million J&K Women Find Employment Under MNREGA



MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: Tackling women unemployment in rural Jammu and Kashmir, as many as 563485 women have been granted employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the last five years.

The department has spent over 1100 crore under the scheme for giving employment to these 563485 women. Last year alone, 283476 women were given employment under MGNREGA, generating 853474 person-days, including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

The data reveals an increase in funds allocated for women's employment, with a steady rise from 178 crores in 2019-20 to 208 crores in 2023-24. This sustained investment has had a transformative impact on the lives of women in Jammu and Kashmir.

It has provided them with financial security, empowered them to make decisions for their families, and instilled a sense of self-reliance and dignity.

The scheme prioritizes projects that directly benefit women, such as construction of sanitation facilities, water conservation initiatives, and agricultural development programs.

These projects not only create jobs but also address critical needs in rural communities.

"MGNREGA has been a game-changer for ●P-06

SANJY-2024 ADGP L&O Chairs Joint Officers Meet At PCR



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SRINAGAR: ADGP Law & Order J&K Vijay Kumar on Thursday chaired a joint meeting with the officers of Police, Army, CAPFs and other agencies at Police Control Room Kashmir, during which threadbare discussions were made regarding overall security arrangements to be adopted for safe, smooth & incident-free conduct of upcoming SANJY-2024.

The meeting was attended by ADGP Jammu Zone, IGP Kashmir Zone, IG BSF Ftr, Hqr Srinagar, IG Traffic J&K, DIG SSB Srinagar, DisG NKR Baramulla/CKR Srinagar/SKR Anantnag, DisG of CRPF South Srinagar/ Ops Srinagar/North Srinagar, DIG DKR Batote, DIG Udhampur/Reasi Range, DIG JSK Range ●P-06

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MUNJYA (HINDI) 06:30PM (U/A)

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Mandeep Kaur inspects Solid Waste Management Plant in Kunzer

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TANGMARG: In a significant step towards enhancing urban sustainability and addressing environmental concerns, Commissioner Secretary Housing and Urban Development, Mandeep Kaur, Thursday inspected Solid Waste Management (SWM) Plant in Kunzer.

The Commissioner Secretary was accompanied by Director Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), Mathoora Masoom, Executive Officer MC, Tangmarg, Kunzer, Mir Tafveez and other officials from the Housing and Urban Development Department and local municipal representatives.

Mandeep Kaur thoroughly evaluated the operational efficiency and environmental impact of SWM Plant. She asked the concerned officials to ensure that the plant adheres to best practices in waste



management and contributes positively towards the community's health and well-being. She directed them for creating green

spaces by planting trees and flowering plants at the SWM site to mitigate any potential inconvenience to the local residents.

Mandeep Kaur highlighted that these green areas will act as buffers, enhancing the quality of life for nearby residents and will not only promote ecological balance but also reduce the environmental footprint of these facilities.

Later, the Commissioner Secretary visited various sites within Kunzer and Tangmarg municipalities including a newly created parking space in the Tangmarg area strategically designed to alleviate the persistent issue of escalating traffic congestion in the region.

Mandeep Kaur also visited an old dumping site in Tangmarg which has been successfully reclaimed and would now serve as a garage and accommodation facility for the sanitation staff. She appreciated the tremendous efforts put forth by all those involved in achieving this remarkable feat.

RDD organizes 2 day capacity building training workshop on VRPR, GPDP

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SRINAGAR: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, on Thursday had an interactive session with Self Help Group (SHGs) and other participants of two day UT level capacity building and training workshop on Village Poverty Reduction Plan (VPRP) and Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) at TRC Srinagar.

Dr Shahid, while interacting with the participants, emphasized the importance of understanding their duties besides learning and proper training from master trainers. He urged upon the SHGs and other participants to actively take part in formulation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan and help in poverty reduction in their areas.

Dr. Shahid highlighted that the main aim of these capacity building programs is to train those who work on ground and can contribute towards betterment of the department and the villages as well. He underscored the necessity for field functionaries to actively participate and engage in the training programs to effectively contribute towards development and betterment of



their respective villages and departments.

Earlier, the RDD conducted a two day UT level capacity building and training workshop focused on master trainers for the Village Poverty Reduction Plan (VPRP) and Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP). The workshop aimed to equip participants with essential skills and knowledge for effective implementation of these plans at various levels.

The workshop trained over 200 participants including SHG members, cluster coordinators, account assistants, Panchayat secretaries, NRLM staff, CIS and data operators who have now become master trainers.

The session was conducted by Resource Person, Shibabtra Kar besides thematic experts from Rural

Development Department and Panchayati Raj.

During the workshop, hands-on training on VPRP components, steps and process cycles including preparation of entitlement plans, livelihood plans, social development plans and public goods, services and resource development plans was imparted to the participants.

In addition to the structured sessions, the workshop featured group presentations and a feedback and open house session, allowing the participants to share insights and discuss challenges.

The training was designed to orient the participants on the concept and importance of VPRP and GPDP convergence, familiarize them with the process and necessary components

of VPRP and provide knowledge required to prepare the VPRP plan.

The target groups for this initiative included PRI functionaries, Gram Panchayat elected representatives and officials, other line departments' field-level officials and Community Based Organizations (CBOs).

The workshop employed interactive methods such as lectures, brainstorming sessions, subgroup discussions, guided reading, case studies, group activities and multimedia presentations to engage the participants effectively.

A significant component of the training was focused on Self Help Groups (SHGs), a pivotal initiative aimed at empowering grassroots organizations and fostering community led development in rural areas.

The training manual provided to SHG members is intended to equip them with essential skills in participatory planning and governance. This enabled the SHG members to actively formulate and implement development plans at the Gram Panchayat level. The participants learned about how to conduct needs assessments, prioritize development goals, and advocate for community interests within the framework of local governance structures.

DDC G'bal convenes 26th BOCA meet of SDA

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GANDERBAL: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyam-bir Thursday chaired the 26th Building Operation and Controlling Authority (BOCA) meeting of the Sonamarg Development Authority (SDA) in the VC Room of the DC Office, here.

During the meeting, a detailed discussion was held on applications received seeking permission for construction and repair cases, including those for Army establishments in the Sonamarg area, as per the order issued by the Hon'ble High Court.

Various agenda points were deliberated, and decisions were made based on the merits of each case.

The committee, while reviewing the Army's application for permission to construct establishments at Sonamarg, Nilgar, and Baltal, emphasized that construction should be confined to strategic areas. The Army was also directed to

comply with current environmental and ecological regulations.

The committee also discussed the revision of the Master Plan for Sonamarg, with the current plan set to expire in 2025. The CEO of SDA was instructed to address this matter with the appropriate authority to ensure timely revisions.

Members of the meeting shared their suggestions and observations while reviewing various applications for the grant of NOCs.

The DDC emphasized that all permissions would be issued only after completing all necessary formalities and in compliance with the BOCA Act and court directives.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Town Planner Kashmir, Chief Executive Officer (Member Secretary) SDA, Regional Director Ecology and Environment Srinagar, SE R&B, DFO Sindh Forest Division, and other concerned officers.

Garlic sustains farmers livelihoods in Kulgam, boosts economy

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KULGAM: Garlic, an OPOP product of District Kulgam famous for its golden brown husk, bulbous form and low acidity factor has played a key role in sustaining the livelihood of native farmers, besides significantly boosting the district's economy.

The area's unique cold and high-altitude climate has proven ideal for producing high-quality garlic, fostering economic growth and sustainability for the community. Under the Government of India's One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, Kulgam's garlic has been spotlighted for its exceptional quality.

The initiative aims to promote balanced regional development by selecting, branding and promoting a unique product from each district. For Kulgam, the product under ODOP is garlic, renowned for its golden brown husk, bulbous form, and low acidity compared to other varieties. Local farmers, with con-

tinuous support from the Agricultural Department, attest to the superior quality of Kulgam garlic.

Experts from the Agriculture department highlighted that Kulgam cultivates one of the finest garlic varieties in the country, with 166 hectares dedicated to garlic farming yielding 1826 metric tons of dry garlic annually. This production generates substantial revenue of 7.30 crore rupees for the district.

The experts added that versatility of Kulgam garlic is a key factor in its selection for the ODOP initiative. They added that Kulgam garlic can be used in various forms, including fresh, dry, garlic paste and pickles, and natural chemicals in Kulgam garlic are of such high quality that they are unmatched.

The focus of District Administration under the ODOP initiative is propelling the 'garlic revolution,' ensuring that the district continues to thrive and achieve new heights in agricultural excellence.

Self-defense Training Camp held at GHSS Kangan

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GANDERBAL: In a significant initiative to equip girl students with self-defense techniques for their safety and security, a self-defense training camp was Thursday successfully conducted at GHSS Kangan.

The event was organized by the Department of Social Welfare Ganderbal in collaboration with YSS Ganderbal under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

The primary focus of the camp was on the female students of GHSS Kangan, who received extensive training from the Senior Coach of the J&K Sports Council, Saima Jan along with other specialized trainers from the department to empower and uplift young girls through

self-defense education.

The training sessions were met with great enthusiasm, drawing a large number of eager participants.

The Principal of GHSS Kangan expressed his heartfelt appreciation for this wonderful initiative, emphasizing the significant role self-defense plays in enhancing the morale and confidence of young girls.

He further highlighted the necessity of such programs, advocating for their continuation to ensure sustained empowerment of the students.

This successful event marks a promising step towards building a safer and more confident future for young girls, aligning perfectly with the objectives of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY TLSCs of Handwara, Tangdar conduct Plantation Drive

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KUPWARA: In compliance with the Calendar of Activities - 2024 issued by JK Legal Services Authority, Tehsil Legal Services Committees of Handwara and Tangdar celebrated World Environment Day and held Plantation Drive.

The programme at Tehsil Legal Services Committee Handwara was conducted under the guidance of Chairperson Tehsil Legal Services Committee Handwara in collaboration with Forest Department, Langate.

At District Court Complex Handwara, Additional District & Sessions Judge Handwara, Umi Qulsom; Chairperson/

CJM Handwara, Vais-haish Kumar Parihar; Munsiff Handwara, Mohd Rafiq Vakil planted some trees within the Court Complex.

The objective of the programme was to create an understanding about the protection and improvement of the environment, promoting sustainable development and for matters connected therewith.

The programme was attended by Judicial Officers, Court Staff, DLSA Staff, Para Legal Volunteers and officials of the Forest Department.

At Tangdar, the programme was conducted under the guidance of Chairperson Tehsil Legal Services Committee Tangdar.

Nuzhat Ishfaq reviews arrangements for Urs of Shah Sadiq Qalander

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GANDERBAL: Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq on Thursday visited Lar and Tullamulla Ganderbal to take stock of arrangements for the ensuing annual Urs of the Sufi saint Hazrat Shah Sadiq Qalander (RA) and Mela Kheerbhawani being celebrated on 7th and 14th June respectively.

The DDC Chairperson sought details of arrange-

ments that different departments have made for the Urs and the mela. She also interacted with the office bearers of the Dharmarth Trust and Waqf Board management and verified details of arrangements made at the Kheerbhawani and Shah Sadiq Qalander shrines for the annual occasions.

Nuzhat Ishfaq directed the departments concerned for making necessary arrangements for uninterrupted power and drinking water supplies, transport, security, fire tenders,

accommodation, medical facilities, macadamization of roads and other related arrangements at the temple and Ziyarat Hazrat Shah Sadiq Qalander (RAH).

At Tullamulla the DDC Chairperson visited around the temple and took stock of arrangements put in place. She directed the officers concerned and representatives of Dharmarth Trust to ensure that the devotees coming to pay obeisance are provided with requisite facilities and

foolproof mechanism is put in place to ensure smooth conduct of this Mela.

While interacting with the officers, the DDC Chairperson said, "These spiritual shrines are our treasures and the path of love, humanity and spiritual excellence shown by our great Sufis can lead us to the light of peace, contentment and social harmony which in turn will make our lives filled with all good. We need to propagate the teachings of our Sufi saints to our new generation."

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Mtr. Amina Bano (AWW)
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90% Lok Sabha Candidates In J&K Forfeit Security Deposits

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SRINAGAR: Nearly 90 percent of the candidates vying for the five Lok Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir lost their security deposits, unable to garner one-sixth of the votes polled in their respective constituencies.

The voters gave a decisive mandate to the eventual winners on all but one Lok Sabha constituency in the union territory, the Election Commission data revealed.

Out of 100 candidates in the fray, 89 lost their security deposits, the data showed.

Sheikh Abdul Rashid, an Independent contender who defeated political heavyweights — former chief minister Omar Abdullah and People's Conference president Sajad Gani Lone — in Baramulla Lok Sabha seat, was the sole winning candidate who secured less than 50 per cent of the total votes polled, with a vote share of 45.70 per cent.



Baramulla is the only constituency in Jammu and Kashmir where the third placed candidate — Sajad Gani Lone — was able to save his security deposit.

Lone had polled 16.76 percent votes against the requirement of 16.34 per cent for saving the security deposit.

While National Conference leader Aga Roothullah Mehdi got the highest percentage of votes at 52.85, BJP's Jugal Kishore who made a hat-trick win from Jammu Lok Sabha seat, garnered 52.80 per cent of the votes.

In Udhampur, BJP leader and Union Minister Jitendra Singh, who also won for the third time in a row, got 51.28 per cent votes while NC's Mian Altaf Ahmad, who defeated former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti from Anantnag-Rajouri seat, secured 50.85 percent votes.

Ghulam Nabi Azad's Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) was routed at the hustings as all three of its candidates lost their security deposit.

In fact, none of his party candidates managed to secure even four per cent of the votes.

Ghulam Mohammad Saroori, who contested from Udhampur Lok Sabha seat, received 3.56 per cent of the votes, while Mohammad Saleem Parray got 2.49 per cent votes in Anantnag-Rajouri and Aamir Bhat 2.24 per cent votes in Srinagar.

There were seven women in the fray in these five constituencies and only PDP president Mehbooba Mufti managed to save her security deposit.

Time to focus on upcoming assembly polls: Kavinder

AGENCIES

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Thursday called upon the party cadre to intensify efforts and concentrate on the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

As per the statement issued here, addressing a gathering after felicitating newly elected MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, who won Jammu seat with impressive margin, the BJP stalwart leader said that after phenomenal performance in the Lok Sabha polls, the time has come to focus on upcoming Assembly polls as the announcement of its schedule is on cards and the election commission can declare the dates anytime.

Kavinder called upon



the party workers to engage with the public, understand their concerns, and communicate the party's vision and achievements. He said that BJP cadre should set the target of making the government on its own and for that hard work and dedication of the workers are prerequisites. "We have a significant opportunity to bring about meaningful change and

development in Jammu and Kashmir, and this can only be achieved through a concerted and focused effort," he said, highlighting the party's commitment to the welfare and progress of the people.

"BJP has always stood for the upliftment and empowerment of the people. From infrastructural development to ensuring security and

enhancing tourism, the party has taken numerous steps to improve the lives of people in the UT", he said, adding that it is crucial that party cadre reach out to every citizen, listen to his or her issues, and assure about party's commitment to resolving them all.

The former deputy Chief Minister said that Saffron party's grassroots presence and connection with the people will be the key to its success in the upcoming elections. He said that time has come to channelize energy, enthusiasm, and dedication towards ensuring a decisive victory in the Assembly polls. He said that it is the time to mobilize resources and form strategies for the upcoming elections, aiming at a strong mandate from the people of the UT.

Director NIT Srinagar condemns acts hurting religious sentiments

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SRINAGAR: Director National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar Prof. A. Ravinder Nath on Thursday strongly condemned any act or incident that may cause hurt to the religious sentiments of any community.

Prof. Nath stated, "We believe that mutual respect and understanding are essential for a peaceful and productive learning environment. We at NIT Srinagar Institute take our commitment to the safety, security, careers and future of our students very seriously," he said.

Director NIT Srinagar said that they are constantly working to ensure the safety and well-being of all members of NIT fraternity.

"In line with our commitment to these values, we have resolved to include student representation on official committees constituted henceforth to prevent any adverse events that disturb the peaceful atmosphere in our campus," he said.

Prof. A. Ravinder Nath said that the Institute has a zero-tolerance policy for



any act or incident that causes harm to religious sentiments or disrupts a safe learning environment.

"We are committed to taking commensurate and appropriate action against those found involved in such incidents, both in the past and going ahead. It is reiterated that this Institute does not and will not extend any unwarranted leniency in such matters," he said.

Director NIT Srinagar urged all our students to adhere to the strict code of conduct with focus on their education and thus work towards building a brighter future with humane sensitivities and values of life. "By working together, we are confident we can create a more harmonious, respectful and inclusive environment for everyone at NIT Srinagar," he added.

Obtain temporary permits for inter-district movement: RTO to School heads

MUBASHIR ALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: In wake of the ongoing picnic season, the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir has asked all the schools, colleges and mini buses to obtain temporary permits for the movement from one district to another.

A notification, states that in accordance with sections 69 and 87 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, buses operating in areas not covered by their general permit conditions should secure an online temporary permit for the movement.

According to the notice, institutions must secure a temporary permit under section 66 of the Motor Vehicles Act by applying online through the Parivahan Portal.

A top officer at the transport department Kashmir said that the service is designed for auto-approval; ensuring permits are generated automatically upon payment of the requisite fee.

As per the notification, those seeking the temporary permit for the movement from one district to another for picnic purpose,

they have to log on to the website: vahan.parivahan.gov.in or a nearby Common Service Center (CSC) and that the temporary permit (TP) will be auto-approved and can be printed directly from the user end.

The senior officer said



that this streamlined process aims to facilitate institutions in complying with regulatory requirements while ensuring smooth and safe transportation during the picnic season.

Pertinently, during the summers in Kashmir, a huge rush of school, college and mini buses carrying students moving from one district to another for picnic purpose is witnessed, with most of them facing fines for moving beyond their permit boundaries—(KNO)

Muslim faces of BJP from Chenab valley helped saffron party to get votes in 'bulk'

AMIR TANTRAY

JAMMU: While the opposition was dreaming of consolidating the Muslim votes of Chenab valley entirely, Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP's) Muslim faces of Chenab valley ensured that they provide the saffron party the space among the community.

This was seen during the recently concluded general elections when BJP managed to get a handful Muslim votes in the region, and especially in Kishtwar district.

BJP's Dr. Jitendra Singh defeated Congress party's Choudhary Lal Singh from Udhampur parliamentary constituency by a margin of over 1.24 lakh votes thus making his entry into the Lok Sabha for the third consecutive term.

BJP was able to retain all the 10 Assembly segments of Kathua and Udhampur

districts whereas from eight Assembly segments of Chenab valley, the saffron party managed to get a lead in four segments, which included Kishtwar, Padder-Nagseni, Doda West and Ramban.

In Kishtwar district, the mood swing is being attributed to Muslim faces of BJP like Firdous Bhawani and Mansoor Ahmed who have worked tirelessly to provide BJP space in Muslim dominated areas where the party used to be untouchable.

Talking to the KNO, Firdous Bhawani, who is also heading Kishtwar waqf, said that for the last one year they have been reaching out to the people in every nook and corner of the district with the developmental agenda of BJP led government and it has started bearing fruits.

"There were some pockets where BJP was not get-

ting a single vote in the past but this time we have been able to get votes in double digits from these areas. And those areas where BJP in 2019 got some 20 odd votes, this time we have been able to reach the three-figure mark," Bhawani said.

"Not only that but in the Indermal Assembly segment, which once used to be the fortress of Ghulam Muhammad Saroori, BJP on its own has got more than 11 thousand votes. Congress got more votes than BJP but these votes belonged to Congress party, National Conference and DDC member from Marwah Sheikh Zafarullah. We have got votes on our own," the BJP leader added.

He hoped that in the upcoming Assembly elections, BJP may be able to win Indermal alongside Kishtwar and Padder-Nagseni seats—(KNO)

Body of B'pora Youth Recovered From River Jhelum After Six Days

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: The body of a Bandipora youth, who jumped into the River Jhelum at Chattabal on June 01, has been recovered, officials said.

Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the body of the youth, identified as Mohammad Iqbal Dar, son of Abdul Satar, a resident of Sadnara Hajin Bandipora, was found at Sangam.

He had jumped into the River Jhelum at Bharave Ghat Chattabal, Srinagar. The police have begun an investigation, and more details are awaited.

Meanwhile, an unidentified dead body was recovered in Dal lake near ghat no.1 in Dalgate area of Srinagar district on Thursday morning.

An official said that that a dead body was spotted by some locals in dal lake, ghat no 1. He said that they accordingly called police who reached the spot and took the body into their custody.

Northern Army Commander Reviews Operational Preparedness In Ramban

AGENCIES

JAMMU: Ahead of the Amarnath yatra, Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Suchindra Kumar on Thursday reviewed the operational preparedness of troops in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district. The 52-day-long Amarnath yatra is beginning from June 29.

The Army commander along with General officer Commanding White Knight Corps conducted an operational review of counter insurgency Delta Force, the Northern Command said on X.

Lieutenant General Kumar acknowledged the bravery and operational readiness of the soldiers and extolled the troops to maintain high standards of alertness and preparedness, it said.

Based in Batote area, the Delta Force is part of the Rashtriya Rifles looking after the operational area of the region comprising Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban districts.

Pakistan National Repatriated via LoC in Poonch

AGENCIES

SRINAGAR: A couple of days after inadvertently crossing Line of Control, a Pak national was repatriated via Chakan Da Bagh crossing point along Line of Control in Poonch district on Thursday, officials said.

They said that the gate opened at 17:20 hours for around ten minutes and Indian army handed over to Pakistani counterparts the Pak national namely Muneer Hussain of Battel Rawalakote.

He had illegally crossed the LoC to this side from Mankote Sector on June 4, the officers added. (GNS)

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

'Gulmarg Green Conclave' held to champion environmental conversation

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BARAMULLA: On the eve of World Environment Day, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa inaugurated the 'Gulmarg Green Conclave', a day-long event at the Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering (IISM) in Gulmarg.

The event, organized by the Gulmarg Development Authority in collaboration with the Indian Army, local hoteliers, and service providers, highlighted the importance of environmental conservation in the picturesque tourist destination of Gulmarg.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various stakeholders, including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Gulmarg Development Authority, Waseem Raja, other dignitaries, and students from local schools.

The 'Gulmarg Green Conclave' is aimed to foster a collective responsibility towards preserving the natural beauty and ecological balance of Gulmarg, renowned for its pristine landscapes and vibrant biodiversity.

In his speech, the DC emphasized the urgent need for environmental conservation in the face

of escalating climate change and environmental degradation. He further urged everyone present to commit towards protecting and preserving our natu-

taining ecological balance.

The event featured a series of activities designed to engage the community and raise awareness about environmental issues. A



ral heritage with a collective effort to maintain the beauty and sustainability of our hill resorts for future generations.

The 'Gulmarg Green Conclave' also serves as a platform for students and young participants to engage with environmental experts and learn about sustainable practices.

The dignitaries present delivered insightful speeches and held interactive sessions, providing valuable insights into waste management, conservation strategies, and the importance of main-

painting competition showcasing young students' visions of a greener world, a cycling event highlighting sustainable transportation and a women's cricket match promoting women's role in environmental advocacy and sports.

All competitions were met with great enthusiasm, and the winners were felicitated with cash prizes sponsored by the Service Providers highlighting the association's support in promoting eco-friendly practices and supporting community-driven environmental initiatives.

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Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

India Clear Favourites

The T20 World Cup is undergoing in USA and West Indies simultaneously. This time round a lot of associated nations have been given an opportunity to prove their mettle. The countries like USA, Canada, Ireland, and Uganda need to update their game to come under serious review by game observers and league franchises across the world. Already we are seeing some talent in these teams and if they utilize this opportunity properly they can be star performers in the international Circuit. This world will help market cricket in the United States, a country where it is still not so popular. It is heartening to note that countries like Canada already have their well-organized domestic tournaments and leagues. The game of cricket is becoming more and more popular by the day. Talking of the current T20 World Cup it appears India is again starting as favourites as they have done on numerous occasions. Indian cricket team has stalwarts like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to bank on in their batting while as the newcomers like Shivam Dubey and Yashasvi Jaiswal can torment any bowling attack on a given day. This youngster Yashasvi Jaiswal scored two double centuries against England in the home Test series and is a serious talent as is Rishabh Pant and Shivam Dube. In the bowling department, we have bowlers like Deepak Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav who have been greatly impactful in the limited overs format. These two spin bowlers have kept batsmen of all international teams guessing which way the ball is spinning - great duo to have in the bowling lineup up. In the fast bowling department India is lucky to have someone like Jaspreet Bumrah the veteran fast bowler who can change the game is one over of bowling. Bumrah is backed up the talented duo of Mohammad Siraj and Arshdeep Singh. All Indian players are match winners and on their day can win their side a match on their own. We wish team India all the best for this international tournament. It has been quite a while since India has bagged an international trophy. We wish and pray that the wait ends here and when the Indian team turns to India this time it will be with the T20 World cup in their hands.

The Third Innings



DR.SHIBEN KRISHEN RAINA

The NDA government at the center is set to form government for the third time, and Narendra Modi is set to become the Prime Minister for the third consecutive term. He will become the second leader in the country

"big decisions" during his third term focus on fostering harmony, implementing welfare schemes, and addressing pressing issues like unemployment and corruption, it will truly lead to the holistic development of the nation.

to create a record of becoming the PM for three consecutive terms. So far, this record is held by the late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.



Bowing to the mandate of the people, the Prime Minister said that his third term would witness some new and big decisions. True, big goals can only be achieved through big decisions. However, if these big decisions revolve around religion, temples, or mosques, it is worth remembering that such decisions may momentarily arouse public sentiments but will ultimately create an atmosphere of bitterness and ill-will within the country and abroad. The loss of the Faizabad (Ajothhya) seat is a glaring example of this.

Harmony promotes goodwill and creates a pleasant environment, while aggression breeds tension. Harmony is another name for

'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' (Together with all, development for all). Real development comes only through the implementation of public welfare schemes. This is the way to curb unemployment, inflation, corruption, and other issues.

If the Prime Minister's "big decisions" during his third term focus on fostering harmony, implementing welfare schemes, and addressing pressing issues like unemployment and corruption, it will truly lead to the holistic development of the nation. However, if these decisions revolve around contentious religious matters, it may stoke tensions and create an atmosphere of ill-will, ultimately hampering the

progress of the country. The Prime Minister's statement has raised expectations, and the nation eagerly awaits the nature of these "big decisions." The path chosen will determine whether his third term will be remembered for ushering in an era of progress and prosperity or for deepening societal divisions. The onus is on the Prime Minister to prioritize the welfare of all citizens and to promote an environment of harmony, compassion, and inclusive development.

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New Advances In Treating Cancer



DR RAGHAV KESRI

Stage IV cancer, also known as metastatic cancer, is the most advanced form of the disease. It is characterized by the spread of cancer cells from the primary site to distant parts of the body. Historically, a diagnosis of stage IV cancer was often seen as a terminal condition with limited treatment options. However, recent advancements in medical science have brought new hope to patients and their families. While a complete cure for stage IV cancer remains challenging, treatments such as immunotherapy, targeted therapy, and chemotherapy have shown promising results in controlling the disease and significantly improving patient outcomes.

Unlike traditional chemotherapy, which attacks all rapidly dividing cells, targeted therapy focuses on specific molecules and signalling pathways that drive cancer growth.

Recognize and attack cancer cells more effectively. Immunotherapy treatments, such as checkpoint inhibitors, have been particularly successful in certain types of cancers, including melanoma, lung cancer, and kidney cancer. These drugs work by blocking proteins that prevent the immune system from attacking cancer cells, thereby boosting the body's natural defences. The success of immunotherapy has led to a rapid expansion of research in this field, with ongoing studies exploring its potential in other cancer types.

all rapidly dividing cells, targeted therapy focuses on specific molecules and signalling pathways that drive cancer growth. By directly targeting these pathways, the treatment can halt the proliferation of cancer cells while minimizing damage to normal cells. The precision treatments are tailored to the genetic profile of the patient's tumor, making them more effective and reducing the likelihood of severe side effects.

mize efficacy while reducing side effects. Chemotherapy can shrink tumours, alleviate symptoms, and, in combination with other treatments, help achieve remission.

A Multifaceted Approach to Treatment

The future of stage IV cancer treatment lies in a multifaceted approach that combines these innovative therapies. Clinical trials are increasingly exploring combinations of immunotherapy, targeted therapy, and chemotherapy to enhance their effectiveness.

For patients with stage IV cancer, these advancements mean that there are more options than ever before. While the road to a complete cure is still long, the

ability to control the disease and improve quality of life is a significant step forward. Continued research and clinical trials are essential to furthering our understanding and expanding the arsenal of treatments available to fight this complex disease.

Stage IV cancer remains a serious diagnosis, but the landscape of treatment is rapidly changing. Immunotherapy, targeted therapy, and chemotherapy offer new hope and improved outcomes for many patients. As research progresses, the prospect of managing, and even curing, stage IV cancer becomes increasingly attainable.

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Immunotherapy

Immunotherapy is one of the most cutting-edge developments in cancer treatment. This approach harnesses the body's immune system to rec-

Targeted Therapy

Targeted therapy represents another major breakthrough in the fight against stage IV cancer. Unlike traditional chemotherapy, which attacks

Chemotherapy

While newer therapies have garnered much attention, chemotherapy remains a critical component in the management of stage IV cancer. Advances in chemotherapy protocols have led to better combinations and dosing schedules that maxi-

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Protect The Medicines That Protect UK



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Protect the medicines that protect us and ensure that all those who need them can access them, so said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director General of The World Health Organization (WHO), at the Strategic Roundtable on "Charting a new path forward for global action against antimicrobial resistance (AMR)" held recently during the 77th World Health Assembly (decision-making body of the WHO which is attended by all countries part of the UN health agency WHO).

He reiterated WHO's commitment to supporting countries to implement the resolution approved by this year's World Health Assembly on how to accelerate national and global responses to AMR based on a One Health approach.

The roundtable deliberations overwhelmingly supported the creation of an "independent panel to monitor and report on the science and the evidence to facilitate collaborative and coordinated action against AMR," as proposed by Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, who is also the Chair of Global Leaders Group on AMR. Referring to data from the recent economic study commissioned by the Global Leaders Group on AMR, she cautioned that without a stronger response AMR will not only result in average loss of life expectancy of 2 years globally by 2035, but also cost the world an additional USD 855 billion annually in extra healthcare costs and lost productivity.

A report developed by Global Leaders Group on AMR to inform the outcomes of this year's United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on AMR (to be held in September 2024), has proposed, amongst other recommendations, specific global targets to reduce deaths caused by bacterial AMR; promote antibiotic stewardship and responsible use in humans; and reduce antimicrobial use in the agri-food system.



Whole of society approach in responding to AMR

Mottley's call to governments "to take a whole of society approach in their response to AMR and focus on prevention across all sectors- clean drinking water, safe and effective sanitation, food security, infection prevention and control in all settings (including healthcare facilities), and also safeguard against environmental contamination by antimicrobials" was also echoed by the roundtable discussants.

The new series by The Lancet on AMR has put forward the 10-20-30 global targets for sustainable access to effective antibiotics: a 10% reduction in mortality from AMR (by reducing both antibiotic use and resistance and enabling their great access); a 20% reduction in inappropriate human antibiotic use (against the backdrop of universal access to WHO's access antibiotics); and a 30% reduction in inappropriate antibiotic use in animals by 2030.

Dr Ramanan Laxminarayan, President of One Health Trust, rues that lack of sustainable access to effective antibiotics kills more people than AMR does. More people are dying from bacterial infections than from TB, HIV/AIDS and malaria combined.

Dr Jean Kaseya, Director General of Africa CDC, corroborates these concerns. He laments that "people in Africa are dying mostly due to lack of effective antibiotics". In Africa, that saw over 1 million AMR associated deaths in 2022, the AMR crisis is mostly driven by fake medicines,

coupled with irrational use of antibiotics, poor food security, lack of safe water, sanitation and hygiene. Dr Kaseya calls for accelerating the agenda of local manufacturing in Africa to enable all Africans to have access to quality and affordable antibiotics when they need it.

Are we seeing the humans behind the statistics?

Yes, AMR is directly responsible for 1.3 million deaths and contributes to 5 million deaths every year. But behind every number lies a real, human face. Antimicrobial resistance is invisible, but its survivors/victims are not. It can affect anyone, anywhere. A minor injury, some routine surgery, or a common infection could unexpectedly blow up into a life-threatening situation. Sharing their lived experiences and consequences of AMR, survivors can go a long way in not only increasing the understanding of this overly medicalized issue in the public, it will also spur global action against AMR.

One such heart-wrenching personal battle with AMR was shared at the roundtable by Vanessa Carter, Chair, WHO Taskforce of AMR Survivors. A near fatal accident, two decades ago, saw Vanessa moving in and out of hospitals for several years. She lost ten valuable years of her life between 25-35 years of age, undergoing multiple reconstructive surgeries, that included four facial prosthetic implants. Vanessa was eventually diagnosed with highly antibiotic resistant form of MRSA

(Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus) infection.

"For the first time in my life I learnt about antibiotic resistance. This flesh eating bacteria had damaged the left side of my face. I could hardly keep my artificial eye and had to cover my face- it looked so scary. It was very difficult to even look at my face in the mirror, watching this infection eating the skin away."

It came as a big surprise to Vanessa as to why antibiotic resistance was not a common knowledge, even though it is such a widespread global threat. She has since been raising awareness on AMR and advocating for improving responses to combat it.

Dr Ramanan calls AMR an 'optional' crisis - a problem that can be solved. Intersectional coordination with top-4 global agencies on human health, animal health, food and agriculture and the environment (WHO, World Organisation for Animal Health - WOAH, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - FAO, and United Nations Environment Programme - UNEP) for tackling AMR has also set the stage for One Health which is a simple and ancient recognition that our health is inextricably intertwined with the health of animals, plants and the planet.

"There is an urgent need to have more accountable, effective and functional multi sectoral governance systems in place to coordinate the local, regional and global responses to AMR and to also successfully

implement targeted interventions," remarked Dr Abdullah Algwizani, CEO Public Health Authority, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Professor Dame Sally Davies, Special Envoy on AMR for UK, hopes that "the high level meeting on AMR would truly address the needs of the most vulnerable communities, offering clear support to low and middle-income countries who carry the greatest burden of this antibiotic emergency. Fair and equitable access to antibiotics and diagnostics should be a high priority. Better access to essential antibiotics, embedded in a better system of WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), IPC (infection and prevention control), vaccines, with responsible stewardship, and combined with an improved pipeline of new antibiotics diagnostics will save millions of lives".

Call to move from Declaration to Implementation

And as Dr Peter Piot, Professor of Global Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (and its former Director as well as of UNAIDS), who chaired the roundtable, emphasises, "we will have to move from declaration to implementation that is grounded in science."

"We have plenty of tools but they will only materialise if there is leadership and if there is funding. There is also need for innovative mechanisms to guide basic research and lead it to actual products that are accessible to people," he said.

Indeed, political will, specific measurable targets, adequate funding, good governance and accountability are key to tackling this human made crisis.

Time is slipping by. Governments will have to move beyond rhetoric, and take urgent and concrete steps on the ground to safeguard the lives and health of people, animals, economies and our environment.

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Importance Of Career Counselling

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It's not what you achieve, it's what you overcome. That's what defines your Career
- Carlton Fisk

This is just to call starting of the new year that's certainly shaping its way by already surpassing more than a month, the exam season has arrived to highlight the perks of student life that essentially include pressure, stress and strain. Whether the semester exams of colleges and universities have commenced or dates of high and senior secondary boards have arrived, one could find student fraternity all focused at the same time anguish, anxiety and apprehensive about the conduct and completion of exams but the anxiety doesn't end here, it takes a level up because of the expectations and thoughts of family, friends and relatives. It will start with the questions like how's your exam preparation going?

Are you going to take the exams? What percentile do you think you would achieve in forthcoming annual regular exams? Then It will pass with statements like now in a few days we will get to know if you are smart enough or It was just your parents saying, they will not just stop here then to elongate the conversation by making the student more suffocated, spooked and skittish to feel about their question list will say that What subjects are you going to opt after your 10 th class boards PCM or PCB or PCMB as if there's nothing in this entire universe other than Maths Or Biology as if all other professions other

then doctors and engineers are futile, it's just that they have good package and high social status but



this concept is entirely wrong and places no ground in society as a society that's regarded as a web of relationships needs all professionals from Plumber to Mason to Author to Philanthropist to Chartered Account to Baker to Actor to Teacher, so on and so fore and of any portion of the pyramid falls there would be imbalance in equilibrium of the society and there would be a sort of eerie atmosphere around the clock as if something is left behind.

This pressure from Parents/Relatives/ Society to become only a doctor/ engineer and if not either of the two then a Grade A Govern-

ment Official will only prove one to be good enough. These are all unworthy and superstitious prejudices that are unfortunately prevailing in present-day society and are a matter of fact to be concerned about. Thinking about the future ruins the present possibilities that could come a long way. Every individual has his/her right to live life according to his aspirations and dreams. To live life on one's principles and choose a definite path to reach a specified goal in life, Guidance and Mentoring are necessary. It shows one a definite and specified path without twists and turns. Yes,

experiences are the very own of an individual and journey belongs to one as well but Career Counselling and Guidance shows aspiring and enthusiastic teens and young adults the right path to reach the place they deserve without wasting their precious years and uncountable time that could fade away in time pass without proper guidance.

Most importantly, an educator should be allowed to choose subjects and professions of his/her own choice irrespective of regret in future. Here, comes a way for Career counselling and Mentoring programs as adolescents or young

adults don't know what's right or wrong and they don't even know how to implement things in life, it's just that they would get a path known when a counsellor reads his/her mind and understands him/her by knowing facts about his choices, likes, dislikes, preferences and experiences as journey belongs to the man himself with destiny being intact with it.

A recent survey showed that 93% of Indian students are aware of just 7 career options. In comparison, India offers over 250 career options in various domains and the condition in our very own Kashmir valley is bad to let's say, here every year about 70%(approx.)of the students choose PCM or PCMB Or PCB as their subjects of Higher Studies without considering the fact whether they have interest in the subject or not but as their parents wish them to be called Science students or they want them to be Doctors Or Engineers, their interests and choices take a back seat which is entirely wrongdoing. Happiness matters in the work that one does with satisfaction being a major benchmark for peace and prosperity and surely it is!

This is where career counselling proves to be extremely helpful. A professionally trained career counsellor assists students by imparting knowledge about different career options available and suggesting an ideal career option as per their interests E.g., A Cricketer needs a coach to guide him, and A Student needs a teacher to teach him. Similarly, a person who is unable or confused to decide about his/her career needs a career counsellor as they

use logical methods which can help students build careers to succeed in achieving their dream goal as Tracy Kauffman says, "Finding your passion is the key to your success".

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Drink WHO-Approved ORS For Dehydration

As India reels under intense heat waves, preventing dehydration, especially among children, is challenging. One of the most significant health impacts of high temperatures is diarrhoea, which results in the loss of excessive water and electrolytes. In India, diarrhoea is the third leading cause of

child mortality. Despite the importance of Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) which can easily prevent dehydration caused by diarrhoea, only 60.6% of children receive this essential treatment, according to recent NFHS-5 data. Dr Pankaj Garg, Senior Consultant in Neonatology at Sir Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi, highlighted the importance of ORS in man-

aging dehydration and diarrhoea in children. "Diarrhoea results in rapid fluid loss and electrolyte imbalances, leading to dehydration. ORS is a simple yet highly effective solution to replenish lost fluids and electrolytes, preventing complications and promoting faster recovery in young children," said Dr Garg. While ORS is safe and effective, the expert warned

against the incorrect mixture of salt or sugar in water as it can be harmful. "Incorrect homemade solutions or sugary drinks can disrupt this balance, leading to severe health risks such as worsening dehydration or even death in extreme cases," cautioned Dr Garg. Dr Mohsin Wali, Consultant Physician at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, highlighted

the importance of selecting the correct ORS in the market. "Choosing the right ORS is crucial for effectively managing diarrhoea and dehydration. It's vital to differentiate between ORS and commercially available sugary drinks. While these beverages may offer some electrolytes and fluids, they lack the crucial glucose-sodium and potassium balance neces-

sary for rapid and effective rehydration," said Dr Wali. Sugary drinks may provide temporary relief but do not address the core issue of dehydration. Dr Wali said to opt for an ORS formulation approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO), specifically designed for this purpose. Most of these ORS packages will have "WHO" written on them. "A WHO-approved ORS

formulation maintains overall health and ensures quick recovery, especially in vulnerable populations such as children," said Dr Wali. By understanding the benefits of ORS and its proper use, individuals and families can take charge of their health, particularly during the hot summer months, potentially saving thousands of children's lives each year.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Youth Power Building

and packaging. The Lt Governor also highlighted the important role of academic institutions in establishing India as a Knowledge economy. Higher education sector in J&K is going through reformative changes. Institutions like NIFT should also make the necessary reforms, aligned with NEP 2020, to meet the future needs of the market, he further added. This year's NIFT Youth Festival has been organised under the theme of "Rangrez" in which more than 600 students will be participating in 24 events like Best out of Waste, Mural Art, Frame within the frame, Battle of Bands, Mental Marathon, Open Mic etc. Sh Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Sh Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Sh Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam; Dr. Javid Ahmad Wani, Director NIFT Srinagar, faculty members, student of NIFT and other participating institutions were present on the occasion.

J&K BJP Chief Counters

the passengers had to get down and undergo checking at 20 places on the way, he said. "Today, there is peace, progress, happiness, brotherhood and large scale development in both villages and cities," he added. Raina credited the security forces, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for ensuring incident-free Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir. "We also thank Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for his role in making Jammu and Kashmir peaceful, progressive and prosperous," he said. "In the upcoming assembly elections, panchayat, and urban local body polls, we hope for an honest and nationalistic leadership to emerge victorious. Those who propagate politics of venom and division have been shown the mirror by the people," Raina said.

Election Commission

backing, the Supreme Court has upheld its sanctity on several occasions. The Election Commission is fully authorised to investigate any violation of the code and pronounce punishment. The poll code finds its origin during the 1960 assembly elections in Kerala when the administration tried to evolve a code of conduct for the political parties. The code has evolved over the last 60 years to assume its present form. According to the Election Commission of India, the model code of conduct states that the parties in power at the Centre and in the states should ensure that they do not use their official position for campaigning. Ministers and other government authorities cannot announce financial grants in any form. No project or scheme that may have the effect of influencing the voter in favour of the party in power can be announced, and ministers cannot use official machinery for campaign purposes when the poll code is in effect.

74 Percent Qualify

of class 12th commenced from April 8 in hard zone areas while the examination in the soft zone areas commenced from March 6. Following the implementation of the Uniform Academic Calendar, JKBOSE has classified regions via soft and hard zone areas keeping in view the different weather conditions. BOSE had said that the annual regular examinations held by the board for classes 10th, 11th and 12th shall be held in the month of March in both the divisions of the Union territory of JK and Union Territory of Ladakh excluding hard zones. The Board however had said that the annual regular examination of hard zone areas of Union territory of JK and Union territory of Ladakh shall be held in the month of April. The board had further said that the results of annual regular examination of Kashmir division and Jammu division and Union territory of Ladakh including hard zones shall be declared simultaneously in the month of June—(KNO)

BJP Thanks People

has gained a massive support from the Kashmir region and marched towards a

stronger base and expressed hope that the day is not far when the BJP will win Parliament and Assembly seats in the Kashmir region. Raina also said that the way people participated in the election clearly shows the confidence among people. Raina said that in the upcoming assembly elections, panchayat, and urban local body polls, an honest and nationalistic leadership will emerge victorious. Those who propagate politics of venom and division have been shown the mirror by the people, he said. "In the upcoming assembly elections, panchayat, and urban local body polls, we hope for an honest and nationalistic leadership to emerge victorious. Those who propagate politics of venom and division have been shown the mirror by the people," Raina said. Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina also said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has worked hard for the prosperity of the Union territory. Raina's remarks came in response to a post on X by National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah in which he said that Sinha had not only failed Jammu and Kashmir but had also undermined the BJP in his home constituency of Ghazipur. Raina, while answering a query said that the political remarks are meant for politics, but Omar Abdullah knows it well that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has built a new and happy Jammu and Kashmir where everyone, including marginalized sections, has been given their rights. This effort has resulted in record polling (in the Lok Sabha polls). Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has worked hard to make J&K a prosperous region, he added. Abdullah knows well the difficult situation that Jammu and Kashmir faced in the past, the BJP leader said. "People saw the worst times during strikes and shutdowns when schools, colleges and markets were closed and violence was rampant," the BJP leader said. In the past, every time a vehicle left for Kashmir from Jammu, the passengers had to get down and undergo checking at 20 places on the way, he said. "Today, there is peace, progress, happiness, brotherhood and largescale development in both villages and cities," he added. Raina credited the security forces, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for ensuring incident-free Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir. "We also thank Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for his role in making Jammu and Kashmir peaceful, progressive and prosperous," he said. He said that Abdullah is well acquainted with the difficult situation that existed in Jammu and Kashmir in the past and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and LG Manoj Sinha for the successful return of democracy in Jammu & Kashmir. He recalled that earlier bandh calendar was issued in the valley, buses from Jammu to Kashmir were checked at multiple places, there was constant fear of bomb blasts, but today, there is visible development, increased tourist footfall due to the efforts of PM Modi, HM Amit Shah and LG Manoj Sinha. He also congratulated the other 3 elected MPs from Jammu & Kashmir for their victory in Lok Sabha elections and said that people have slayed many big wigs in this election with the power of their vote. He also thanked the people for voting in the favour of the BJP supported candidate in the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliament segment. He said that while NDA has secured a clear victory for the third time under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress leading INDI alliance has suffered yet another defeat in this Parliament election. He added that the whole of India is today celebrating the victory of the Modi government for the successive third term. He also expressed hope that the Modi government will lead Bharat to more achievements in this term—(KNO)

CS Reviews Progress

Khidmat Ghar App and J&K Youth Skill and Entrepreneurship App. The Chief Secretary had an overview of the progress made in the collaborative initiatives besides taking stock of the functionalities completed by the BISAG, so far. While reviewing the initiatives, the Chief Secretary implored upon the team to help them in capacity building of the staff. He directed the concerned to ensure completion of training of the master trainers in every department within a week so that they are well versed with the usage of to be launched Apps. He directed the concerned to prepare a user manual of the Apps so as to make government services more meaningful, accessible and user friendly.

He also suggested some changes to be made and told the BISAG team to introduce new features like using the latest technologies like Chatbot integrated, query builder, Artificial Intelligence (AI) for making government more accessible and responsive to public. The Chief Secretary further directed the officers to work in a coordinated manner so that the Apps should be fully ready for roll out in a timely manner. On the occasion, BISAG team gave a detailed presentation about the status of different reformative measures taken and the latest technologies introduced in the Apps. They threw light on the progress achieved in formulation of Grievance redressal mechanism- Samadhan saying that Samadhan is an improvement over JKIGRAMS and CPGRAMS. It was said that the refurbished mechanism is a multi-lingual forum which would be based on AI. JK Samadhan is enabled with auto forwarding of grievance to the concerned department and DoPG will be able to monitor the grievances. JK Samadhan is expected to be rolled out by the end of this month. It was also informed that the mechanism would be more responsive with real-time updates, prompt acknowledgement and multilingual voice chatbot integration. The App will have normal and priority based segregation of grievances with multiple type of dashboard and reports. The Chief Secretary was also given a demonstration on the renewed mechanism of farmer empowerment mechanism by virtue of Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) ecosystem. KKG which will be launched in July is an integrated and customised portal for farmers to facilitate them in utilising multitude of services. It was apprised in the meeting that KKG is laced with 17 main features, out of which, 12 have been completed while the rest will be completed very soon. The said system would have innate characteristics of farmer registration, sale of agricultural inputs, scheme on boarding mechanism, advisories, skilling, expert consultation, digital marketing, decision support and developing of smart phone applications. BISAG also highlighted various features of JK Youth Skill and Entrepreneurship App and detailed discussions were held about the development and creation of Digital DPRs and Skill Management in the UT. The said mechanism is going to take help of AI and others for career counselling, job opportunities in private and public sector, self employment besides imparting skills and incubation to aspiring entrepreneurs. The App will be integrated with job fairs, government notifications, job postings, National carer service, employment schemes.

ADGP L&O Chairs

Jammu/ DISG Armed/ IR Kashmir/ ITBP, Col GS (IS 15 Corps), Rep from Kilo Force, SSSP of PCR Kashmir, Srinagar, Kulgam, Anantnag, Awantipora, Pulwama, Budgam, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Traffic Rural Kashmir & Traffic City Srinagar, SP Telecommunication Kashmir and other officers including NDRF & MRT representatives. At the onset of the meeting the participating officers, as per a statement issued to GNS, briefed the chair about the security arrangements to be adopted for the smooth and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024. The officers present in the meeting shared their insights, past experiences and recommendations, highlighting the importance of robust communication channels, co-ordination among various forces, and real-time monitoring systems. Deliberations focused on fortifying the existing security infrastructure, improving surveillance tactics, and bolstering personnel deployment along the pilgrimage route. The meeting addressed cut-off timing vis-a-vis concerns regarding local and tourist movement during the Yatra to ensure minimal disruption & inconvenience. It was emphasized that Yatri or tourist vehicles would be taken to safe places/ yatra camps enroute if plying beyond designated cut-off timings at various points along the route. Concerned stakeholders were accordingly briefed on the protocol that prohibits Yatra and tourist vehicle movement beyond the specified timings. During the meeting, ADGP L&O and IGP Kashmir provided insights into the necessary Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that must be adhered to throughout the Yatra. They also emphasized the importance of preparedness and proactive measures in mitigating risks and ensuring the safety and security of the yatri/devotees. They underscored the significance of collaboration among stakeholders and


the implementation of robust contingency plans to effectively address any unforeseen challenges. During the meeting, ADGP L&O & IGP Kashmir also stressed upon the officers regarding the identification and assessment of areas prone to vulnerabilities like landslides, snow avalanches, rock falling etc aiming to devise strategies for enhanced vigilance and proactive measures in these regions. They also directed that the services of specialized forces like National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) & Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE) may be utilized in order to get these vulnerable points mapped so that these can be monitored on regular basis to enhance overall safety measures. Furthermore, the ADGP L&O directed the officers to enhance/reinforce security measures and mitigate potential risks by deploying Anti-Sabotage teams along the Amarnath Yatra route to identify and neutralize any potential terror threats. ADGP L&O Shri Vijay Kumar also advised the officers to enhance surveillance and threat detection capabilities through the utilization of advanced drone technology and real-time aerial monitoring over both pilgrimage routes-Pahalgam axis as well as Baltal axis. As the pilgrimage approaches, ADGP assured the public that every possible measure would be taken to provide a secure and hassle-free experience for the devotees. He also urged the general public to cooperate with the security forces and follow the prescribed guidelines for their own convenience & safety. Overall, the meeting facilitated comprehensive discussions on key logistical and security aspects pivotal for the successful and secure conduct of the Yatra. (GNS)

Over Half A Million

me and my family. I am now able to contribute to my household income and have even saved enough to send my children to school," said Shameema Begum, a resident of Budgam district who has been working under the program for the past three years. Similarly, Sara Begum, a resilient woman from one of the remote villages of Kupwara, found herself struggling to run her household due to limited economic opportunities. However, her life took a positive turn when she became a beneficiary of the MGNREGA employment program. Through this initiative, she gained access to meaningful employment that not only provided her with a steady income but also instilled a sense of empowerment and dignity. "Now, I am not just contributing to my family's income," Sara said. The MGNREGA, a flagship program by the Government of India, guarantees 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to rural households—(KNO)

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India's unemployment rate decreased to 3.1 per cent in 2023: Report

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NEW DELHI: India's unemployment rate decreased to 3.1 per cent in 2023, down from 7 per cent in 2022 amid robust government policies, a report showed on Thursday.

The country's national savings as a percentage of GDP increased to 33.4 per cent in 2023 compared to 29.9 per cent in 2022.

Meanwhile, the number of high net-worth individuals (HNWI) in the country increased by 12.2 per cent in 2023 as compared to the previous year, bringing the figure at 3,589 million, according to The Capgemini Research Institute's 'World Wealth Report 2024'.

The wealth of HNWI in the country increased by 12.4 per cent to \$1,445.7 billion in 2023, from \$1,286.7 billion in 2022.

In the APAC region, India and Australia were the best performers, which recorded HNWI wealth growth of 12.4 per cent



and 7.9 per cent, and HNWI population growth of 12.2 per cent and 7.8 per cent, respectively.

Wealth growth in both of these countries was driven by a resilient economy and robust performance of the equity markets, the findings showed.

"India's economy expanded at its swiftest rate in the last six quarters, propelled by robust

private consumption as well as positive trends in manufacturing and construction activities," the report mentioned.

The country's market capitalisation increased by 29 per cent last year, after an increase of 6 per cent in 2022.

Factors like renewed capital expenditure, a strong banking system, credit growth, increased

demand for automobiles and power, and digitalisation-driven productivity boosts are further amplifying this trend.

Foreign portfolio investment (FPI) flows have seen a significant turnaround in 2023-24 with net FPI inflows of \$24.9 billion (up to December 6) as against net outflows in the preceding two years, said the report.

Becoming PM for 3rd term was uphill task, PM Modi did it, says BJP's Assam ally



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NEW DELHI: BJP's ally Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) leader Atul Bora on Thursday said that becoming the Prime Minister of the country for the third consecutive term was an uphill task and Narendra Modi has achieved success.

Bora also said the NDA performed fairly well in the elections and the alliance has nearly 300 MPs in the Lower House of Parlia-

ment. He told reporters in the national capital, "People have voted to make Narendra Modi the Prime Minister for a third term. This is a very big thing and PM Modi has done it."

The AGP has opened its account in the Lok Sabha by registering a win in the Barpeta Lok Sabha seat in Assam.

In the last two general elections -- 2014 and 2019, AGP could not win any seat

in the state. In 2014, AGP fought independently, and in 2019 even though the party had an alliance with the BJP, it could not win a seat.

This time, AGP pitted its heavyweight leader and eight-time MLA Phani Bhusan Choudhury in the Barpeta parliamentary constituency. Choudhury defeated the Congress candidate Deep Bayan by a margin of 2,22,351 votes.

The AGP candidate received 8,60,113 votes while his nearest candidate Bayan got 6,37,762 votes.

Bora said, "We are elated to have our party MP this time. The party MP will give his best to meet people's expectations."

BJP left two seats -- Barpeta and Dhubri for AGP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. However, the AGP candidate failed to pose a strong fight in the Dhubri LS seat.

Albanese dials PM Modi, speaks on intensifying Australia's growing partnership with India

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NEW DELHI: Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese dialled PM Narendra Modi Thursday afternoon, congratulating him on his electoral victory in the just-concluded Lok Sabha elections.

"Great to speak with Narendra Modi today to congratulate him on his election victory. Australia and India are close friends, with strong strategic, economic and cultural ties. We look forward to growing our partnership in 2024 and beyond," Albanese posted on X after the phone call.

Having placed India at the heart of Australia's approach to the Indo-Pacific and beyond, the Albanese government continues to deepen the multifaceted Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

Albanese has repeatedly emphasised that there are enormous advantages and real opportunities for Australian business as India stays on course to become the third-largest economy in the world in the coming years.

Earlier this week, IANS reported that the Australia



government has invited public submissions as it prepares a new roadmap for the country's closer economic engagement with India.

The roadmap will not only take stock of Australia's existing economic initiatives with India, but also explore innovative ways of doing more together.

"There has never been a better time to engage economically with India:

already the most populous country in the world, India's economy is growing at pace. In 2023 India was our fourth-largest export market and is on track to be the world's third-largest economy by the end of this decade. Australia is well positioned to both benefit from and contribute to India's growth story -- if we target our efforts wisely," stated Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

DELHI WATER CRISIS

SC directs Himachal Pradesh govt to release surplus water

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has directed the Himachal Pradesh government to release surplus water on Friday so that it reaches the national capital "uninterruptedly" and is made available to the Delhiites for drinking purposes.

A bench headed by Justice P.K. Mishra said, "We direct that Himachal Pradesh shall release 137 cusecs of surplus water available with it on Friday so that the water reaches Hathni Kund barrage and reaches Delhi through Wazirabad. As and when surplus water is released with prior information by the state of Himachal Pradesh, the state of Haryana shall facilitate



the flow of surplus water so released."

The bench, also comprising Justice K. V. Viswanathan, noted that Himachal Pradesh has no objection to releasing the surplus water available with it.

The apex court said that the Delhi government should adhere to the measures suggested by the Upper Yamuna River Board to prevent wastage of water since there is an acute shortage of drinking water in the national capital.

Posting the matter for further hearing on June 10, it ordered for filing of a status report and compliance affidavits in the meantime.

In an earlier hearing, the top court ordered the river board to convene an

urgent meeting on June 5 to address the water crisis in the city, stressing that the problems of scarcity of water for the citizens of Delhi should be properly addressed.

In its petition filed before the apex court, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led Delhi government demanded that neighbouring states be directed to release extra water for a month to address the extraordinary and excessive water demand of the city triggered by a surge in summer temperatures.

The Upper Yamuna River Board regulates the allocation of surface flow of the Yamuna amongst the states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.

Cop arrested for embezzling Rs 53.65 lakh of seized cash

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AHMEDABAD: The Ahmedabad Police has arrested ASI Jayendrasinh Bapalal Parmar on Wednesday for embezzling Rs 53.65 lakh of seized cash. Parmar, responsible for safeguarding seized money in liquor and gambling cases, has been found guilty of misappropriating funds over several years.

"The embezzlement was discovered after an audit at Sabarmati Police Station. Police Commissioner G.S. Malik transferred Parmar to the Special Branch on November 9, 2023. Shortly after his transfer, Parmar went on sick leave on November 23, 2023," a source said.

During an audit of the seized assets, Constable Mukesh Hamirbhai revealed that Parmar "always kept the keys to the vaults containing the seized money". Initial investigations uncovered the disappearance of substantial cash, prompting another cop, Vinod, to report the matter to higher authorities.

Further investigations revealed that between 2016 and 2023, cash seized in 262 cases had vanished, along with proceeds from auctioned seized property.

Despite multiple opportunities given to Parmar, who was undergoing treatment for mouth cancer, to return the embezzled money, he "continued to mislead his superiors".

Officers at Sabarmati Police Station had suspected irregularities towards

the end of last year when they noticed that cash seized from liquor and gambling cases was not being deposited as per regulations.

Parmar had assured his superiors that the money was secure and promised to return it. However, these assurances proved false. The severity of the situation forced the police to register a case and finally arrest Parmar.

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Ajit Pawar convenes 2 meetings to discuss roadmap for Maha Assembly polls

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MUMBAI: In the wake of the party's drubbing in the Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra, NCP chief Ajit Pawar has convened two meetings - one with party ministers and the another with its legislators on Thursday to review performance and discuss the ways forward ahead of the upcoming state Assembly elections slated for September-October.

These meetings are crucial as the NCP has won only Raigad seat against the four it got during the seat-sharing agreement with BJP and Shiv Sena. Party has lost Baramati, Shirur and Osmanabad.

These meetings are also significant as the party leaders, including legislator Amol Mitkari, have targeted its allies - the BJP and the Shinde faction - for not working hard for NCP nominees.

Mitkari and several others have claimed that



the "lack of proactive role" by the BJP and Shinde faction leaders and cadres marred the poll prospects of NCP nominees.

Today's meetings are expected to discuss how to bridge the gap with allies and decide strategies to further strengthen ties and

cooperation at the grassroots level in the run-up to the Assembly elections.

These meetings will also discuss the roadmap for the Assembly elections in which the party hopes to get 80-90 seats.

Senior minister Chhagan Bhubhal at the recent-

ly held party meeting has urged Pawar to remind the promises made by the BJP to allot 80-90 seats during the Assembly elections to avoid last-minute confusion as was prevalent in the Lok Sabha elections.

Bhubhal further reminded that the BJP had made the promise of respecting allies when the NCP decided to join the MahaYuti government in July 2023.

What was disturbing for Pawar was his wife and party nominee Sunetra Pawar's defeat on his home turf Baramati against his estranged cousin and sitting MP Supriya Sule. Although it was a fight between two sisters-in-law, it was projected as a fight between Ajit Pawar and Sharad Pawar. What has hurt Ajit the most was Supriya has succeeded in getting a higher margin in the Baramati Assembly segment from where Ajit was elected during the 2019 elections.

Further, the party faced

a humiliating defeat in Osmanabad where it had to nominate former BJP leader Archana Pawar after her last-minute induction into the party fold. Patil, who is the daughter of BJP legislator Rana Jagjit Singh Patil, lost to Shiv Sena UBT nominee Omraje Nimbalkar.

Similarly, the party relied in Shirur on former MP Shivajirao Adhalrao who left the Shinde faction and joined the NCP. Adhalrao's nomination did not click with the voters as they voted for the sitting MP and NCP SP nominee Amol Kolhe.

NCP heaved a relief after the state party chief Sunil Tatkar's victory in Raigad district against Shiv Sena UBT nominee Anant Geete.

Tatkar, despite fearing backlash from Muslim and Kumbi voters, systematically ran his campaign approaching them with an assurance to scale up Raigad's development.

Sensex jumps 692 points, Nifty closes above 22,800

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MUMBAI: Indian equity benchmarks closed in green for a second consecutive day on Thursday as India VIX declined over 11 per cent.

India VIX or fear index is an indicator that showcases market volatility.

Sensex was up 692 points or 0.93 per cent, at 75,074 and Nifty was up 201 points or 0.89 per cent, at 22,821.

Midcap and smallcap stocks performed better compared to largecap. The Nifty midcap 100 was up 1,147 points or 2.24 per cent, at 52,413 and the Nifty smallcap 100 was up 536 points or 3.29 per cent, at 16,826.

Among the sectors, IT, metal, PSU bank, realty, media and energy were major gainers. However, pharma, FMCG, and private bank were laggards.

In the Sensex pack, 22 out of 30 stocks closed in the green.

Tech Mahindra, HCL



Tech, SBI, APTC, Infosys, L&T, and TCS were the top gainers. HUL, Asian Paints, M&M, Nestle, IndusInd Bank, and Sun Pharma were the top losers.

There has been a tremendous rise in global markets due to the possibility of cutting interest rates by the US Fed in America.

According to Vaibhav Vidwani, Research Analyst, Bonanza Portfolio: "India's stock markets have seemingly shrugged off the shock of the election results -- overcoming early concerns of the

Bharatiya Janata Party failing to secure a majority on its own -- and have rebounded on renewed confidence in the continuation of the National Democratic Alliance coalition government."

"This is evident from the sharp rise in the benchmark indices after the 6 per cent fall of June 4, when the votes were counted. The NSE Nifty 50 jumped as much as 3.4 per cent on June 5, and extended gains by another 1.2 per cent on June 6, topping 22,900 points intraday," Vidwani added.

JK to host maiden adventure race, international marathon

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: After successful hosting of Formula 4 car race, Jammu and Kashmir is gearing up to host its maiden marathon and adventure race.

This was revealed during a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, here at Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Home, Commissioner Secretary H&UDD, Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Ladakh Marathon founder, Chewing Motup Goba and other officers.

The Chief Secretary said that Kashmir has all the necessary ingredients to make it an ideal world class marathon and racing adventure destination. He said that hosting adventure sports will provide a platform for our youth to perform at the national and international events. He made a mentioning of successful conduct of first ever Formula-4 car show on the banks of Dal Lake Srinagar in March 2024.

He directed the concerned officers to create roadmaps and timeline based goals for



hosting international marathon in Kashmir and start preparations in this regard. If all goes as planned, marathon will be held in October this year in Kashmir and in Jammu in March 2025, coinciding with favourable weather conditions, he added. He said that the aim should be to make Kashmir Marathon event recognised as a running event both domestically and globally. He asked the officers to prioritise huge participation from other countries in the marathon. He also asked them to explore possibility for hosting adventure race in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that hosting adventure sports will have multiplier impact on economic stimu-

lation through tourism and local business engagement and promotion of JK as a premier adventure sports destination on the global stage.

Chewing Motup Goba, the brain behind the Ladakh Marathon who has a vast expertise in the field of adventure, will be organising the Marathon and adventure race in Jammu and Kashmir.

He gave a detailed presentation on the road map to be followed for hosting the marathon and the preparations to be made in this regard. He proposed that the marathon will be held from Polo View upto Nishat Garden. He said that by starting a marathon, Kashmir can leverage its

unique terrain and cultural heritage to attract runners and tourists, boosting the regions visibility and economy. He said that Kashmir has the potential to become leading global destination for adventure sports with proper planning and execution. He said that running events have seen exponential growth over the past few decades, becoming a global phenomenon that attracts millions of participants annually. He proposed two running disciplines marathon (42 km) and half marathon (21 km). He said that adventure race will be a multi disciplinary sporting event including activities such as trail running/running, swimming, boat race and cycling/mountain biking.

Apple growers in south Kashmir worried over pest attacks

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: Apple growers in several areas of south Kashmir are increasingly concerned as a leaf miner pest continues to infect their orchards for the fourth consecutive year.

The farmers said that the pest has wreaked havoc in their orchards over the past three years. "Wherever the pest was found in the last three years, the produce was less shiny and smaller in size, as this insect sucks all the nutrients from the trees," they said.

Zahoor Ahmad, a fruit grower from the Dachnipora area of Anantnag, described how the pest lays web layers from one branch to another, even reaching the trunk and fruit. "This pest, numbering in millions, is sucking all nutrients from the tree, causing the fruit to remain small. It damages leaves and trees as well," he said, adding that visitors to the pest-affected orchards have complained of allergies and other issues with their throats and nose.

Initially found in Shopian's Zainapora, the pest has spread to Zainapora, Litter, Watchi, Yaripora, Lassipora, Tahab and Bijbehara areas over the years. This season, orchardists from various parts of south Kashmir have raised alarms about the pest, despite following horticulture advisories to



combat it.

The growers have called for urgent attention from the horticulture department and experts to prevent further damage. "Even after spraying insecticides several times every year, these pests keep reappearing," they said, adding that the affected orchards have reported premature fruit fall, along with reduced fruit quality and size.

Senior scientists from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Science and Technology-Kashmir (SKUAST-K) have identified the pest as a "leaf miner" - an invasive insect that likely arrived four or five years ago. They said that while leaf miners were reported some time ago, their presence has significantly

increased in the past two years. Despite this, the pest is manageable if growers consistently follow advisories, they added.

The horticulture department has called for a collective approach to managing the pest and advised spraying insecticides across all affected orchards to prevent any residual population from serving as a source of infestation the following year.

Recommendations for farmers include installing sticky traps 10 meters apart for monitoring and surveillance of the apple leaf blotch miner (ALBM), maintaining proper sanitation practices within and around the orchards, and installing pheromone-baited traps at a density of 8-10 traps per hectare.

They should spray one of the following insecticides at the recommended dosage: Thiamethoxam 25 WG (50g per 100 litres of water), Flubendiamide 39.35 SC (40ml per 100 litres of water), Chlorantraniliprole 18.5 SC (100ml per 100 litres of water), Thiacloprid 21.7 SC (60ml per 100 litres of water), Lambda Cyhalothrin 5 EC (50ml per 100 litres of water), Pre-mix formulation of Thiamethoxam 12.6 + Lambda Cyhalothrin 9.5 ZC (50ml per 100 litres of water), and pre-mix formulation of Imidacloprid 6 + Lambda Cyhalothrin 4 SL (50ml per 100 litres of water).

The department has advised farmers not to mix insecticides with any other plant protection chemicals or plant nutrients—(KNO)

GMC Jammu becomes J&K's first medical college to offer MD in Biochemistry

JAHANGEER GANAIE



SRINAGAR: Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu has become the first medical college in Jammu and Kashmir to offer an MD in Biochemistry.

This new course, starting in the current session of 2024, marks a major advancement in the region's medical education. According to details, GMC Jammu has also been granted permission to enhance MD seats in Pediatrics and Medicine.

An official from GMC Jammu said that the National Medical Commission (NMC) has allotted four MD seats in Biochemistry to the college. He said this is the first time an MD course in Biochemistry is being offered by any government institution in J&K.

Dr Rachna Sabharwal, Professor and Head of Biochemistry, led the efforts to start the MD Biochemistry course since she took over as HOD in August 2023, the official said, adding that she had identified this as the primary goal for the Biochemistry department on her first day as HOD and has now successfully achieved it.

According to the official, GMC Jammu had applied to the NMC to start the MD Biochemistry course and to enhance MD seats in the Medicine and Pediatrics departments. The Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) of NMC reviewed the applications and found them satisfactory. Consequently, a total of 16 additional MD seats have been allotted to GMC Jammu, as per the NMC notification dated June 03, 2024.

With this addition, the total number of Post-Graduate MD/MS seats at GMC Jammu has increased from 198 to 214.

The NMC has approved six more MD seats in the Department of Pediatrics. The feat has been credited to Dr Ghansham Saini, Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics. Similarly, six more MD seats have been approved for the Department of Medicine, thanks to the efforts of Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine, Dr Fayaz Wani.

Principal, GMC Jammu, Dr Ashutosh Gupta, expressed pride in the college's accomplishment. "The addition of 16 more MD seats in various streams is a matter of great pride for the institution," he said—(KNO)

SP College celebrates 'World Environment Day-2024'



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SRINAGAR: The 'World Environment Day-2024' celebration organized by the P.G. Department of Environmental Science, SP College Srinagar, in collaboration with NSS, was a resounding success, epitomizing a collective commitment to environmental stewardship.

Dr. Suhaib A. Bandh, Assistant Professor Department of Environmental Science, delivered a stimulating lecture on the paramount theme "Land Degradation, Desertification, and Drought Resilience."

The event presided over by Prof. Ghulam Jeelani Qureshi, principal of the college, garnered notable attendance, with distinguished guests including Prof. P.S. Manhas of GGM Science College Jammu, and Dr. G.M. Bhat of SKUAST-K, enriching the intellectual discourse with their expertise and speeches.

Attended by a multitude of students, the lecture provided a comprehensive exploration of pressing environmental challenges and mitigation strategies.

A touching manifestation of this commitment was the plantation drive, meticulously coordinated by the principal, guests, faculty members, and students. The planting of approximately 200 saplings, encompassing a diverse array of species such as Pinus wallichiana, Cupressus, Cedrus deodara, and Ginkgo Biloba, symbolized a tangible investment in ecosystem restoration and biodiversity conservation.

This multifaceted event not only facilitated knowledge dissemination but also underscored the imperative for concerted action in safeguarding our planet for future generations, encapsulating the ethos of environmental responsibility embraced by the academic community at SP College Srinagar.

Police arrests notorious inter-district gang of drug peddlers

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SRINAGAR: Acting tough against the drugs peddlers, Jammu and Kashmir Police in Ganderbal on Thursday said to have arrested a notorious gang of inter-district drug peddlers and recovered huge quantity of contraband substance from their possession.

On the directions of SSP Ganderbal Sandeep Gupta, a police party led by SHO Police Station Lar under the supervision of Gh Hassan Hqrs Ganderbal, established a checkpoint at Yenham Lar, a police spokesman said in a statement issued said.

During the checking, a drug peddler identified as Sheikh Murifat son of Late Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh resident of Lar who was coming from Watalbagh towards Lar was arrested alongwith contraband substance.

In this regard, police said that a case under FIR number 23/2024, under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Lar & investigation was started.

Thereafter on his dis-



closure and evidences surfaced in investigation, police raided multiple places and recovered 559 bottles of codeine and 14900 tablets of banned psychotropic substance.

During investigation, four more accused persons belonging to different districts of the valley were arrested. They have been identified as Sabir Nabi Shagoo son of Gh Nabi Shagoo resident of Bemina Srinagar, Dowood Ahmad Rather son of Ghulam Mohd Rather resident of Narbal Budgam, Rameez Rafiq Dar son of Mohd Rafiq Dar resident of Ajas Bandipora and Parvaiz Ahmad Hanga son of Gh Mohd Hanga resident of Karful Mohalla, Srinagar. Investigation into the matter is in progress and more recoveries/arrests

are expected. It is pertinent to mention here that, Ganderbal Police has registered 12 NDPS cases and arrested 19 drug peddlers till date in the current year. Contraband substance/psychotropic substance including 22 kgs & 754 grams of bang powder/ bangh patri/ crashed cannabis with seed tops, 11grams of heroin like substance, 675 bottles of banned codeine like substance, 14980 psychotropic tablets/capsules, 84 grams of charas like substance and cash Rs 79500 was seized.

"Our consistent actions against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of drug menace," police said—(KNO)

DC Doda inaugurates Radiance 2024 Indoor Games

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DODA: Today marked a significant milestone for the students of Government Medical College Doda, as they witnessed the inauguration of Radiance 2024 Indoor Games at GMC Ghat.

The event, graced by the presence of esteemed guests including DC Doda Harvinder Singh, Incharge Principal GMC Ghat Dr. Babar Rashid Zargar, and Tehsildar Doda Dr. Subuh Ahmed, showcased the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the youth.

The inauguration ceremony was marked by an interactive session between DC Doda and students, fostering a platform



for exchange of ideas and perspectives.

Antaragini, the cultural society of GMC Doda, added a vibrant touch to the occasion with artistic performances and mesmerizing displays of talent.

Radiance 2024 also witnessed the unveiling of Med-O-Mania, a quiz competition aimed at testing the intellectual prowess of GMC students. This engag-

ing competition promises to be a platform for knowledge exchange and academic excellence.

As the chief guest, DC Doda, Harvinder Singh emphasized the importance of such events in nurturing holistic development among students. He commended the organizers for their efforts in creating an inclusive and dynamic environment for the youth to thrive.

J&K Police Cyber Cell Kupwara solves online financial fraud

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SRINAGAR: In a swift response, J&K Police Cyber Cell Kupwara Thursday said to have successfully solved an online financial fraud case by recovering Rs 96,606.

The complainant reported about receiving a fraudulent call for credit card activation, which led to the unauthorized debit of Rs 96,606 upon following the instructions provided during the fraud call, a police spokesman said in a statement issued.

Immediately upon receiving the complaint, Cyber Cell Kupwara gathered evidence and information from the

victim. Utilizing advanced cybercrime investigation techniques, the team managed to solve the case within 24 hours, police said.

J&K Police advised the public to remain vigilant against online fraud. We emphasize the importance of avoiding suspicious links, refraining from installing unauthorized apps, and being cautious with personal information shared online.

In case of encountering any suspicious activities, citizens are urged to report immediately to the National Cyber Crime Helpline Number 1930 or visit www.cybercrime.gov.in, police said—(KNO)

SSP Ganderbal chairs meeting with various stakeholders in Sonamarg



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SRINAGAR: In order to provide best possible facilities to the tourists and Yatries by displaying fair rates of services and products, a police spokesman said in a statement issued said.

SSP Ganderbal also sought the co-operation from all the Hoteliers of Sonamarg for providing helping hand and assistance to Tourists and Yatries in case of any eventuality. Furthermore, Sumo-Stand Association also ensured smooth movement of Yatries. Moreover, Pony-Porters

were also briefed not to indulge in any unfair means and follow rates fixed by administration during the Amarnath Ji Yatra-24. All the stakeholders were asked to provide safe, clean and cheating free environment to the Tourists and Amarnath Ji Yatries.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from both the sides and all the stakeholders ensured that they will provide the best possible facilities to the Tourists/ Yatries in forthcoming Amarnath Ji Yatra-24—(KNO)