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RAMBAN: Three persons, including two pilgrims, got injured on Friday when an escort vehicle of an Amarnath Yatra convoy skidded off a highway in Ramban district, officials said. The accident took place on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in the Gangroo area, they added. The vehicle was part of the Amarnath convoy to

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Nine kg narcotics recovered at LoC

RAJOURI: Security forces on Friday recovered nearly nine kilograms of narcotics along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said. The Army, along with the police and the BSF, launched a massive search operation in the Jhangar area of Nowshera sub-division near the LoC following specific

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Minor reshuffle in administration

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Friday ordered transfers and postings in the administration. In the interest of administration, Ghulam Jeelani Zargar, JKAS, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Gulmarg, holding additional charge of the post of Managing Director, J&K Catble Car Corporation, is transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Lolab-Bungus Drangvari, with immediate effect, relieving Mr. Ghulam Nabi Bhat, JKAS, Additional

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July 2023 set to be hottest month

NEW DELHI: July this year is set to be the hottest month on record with average temperatures exceeding that of July 2019 by a significant margin, according to a new analysis by scientists. The EU-funded Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) noted that these temperatures have been related to heatwaves in large parts of North America, Asia and Europe, which along with wildfires in countries including Canada and Greece, have had major impacts on people's health, the environment and economies. Data shows that the

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Three new lakes may form in Parkachik glacier in Ladakh due to glacial retreat

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JAMMU: The Parkachik Glacier in Ladakh is likely to have three lakes of different dimensions due to subglacial over-deepening — a characteristic of basins and valleys eroded by glaciers, shows a new study.

Considering their sensitivity and as a most direct and apparent visible indicator of regional climate change, Himalayan glaciers have been subjected to numerous studies, from field-based investigations to the modern state-of-the-art remote sensing approach, for more than a century. In contrast, understanding the ice thickness and distribution is foremost required for the Himalayan gla-



ciers. However, existing approaches, like remote sensing, cannot directly estimate the glacier thickness. Based on ground penetrating radar, very few studies have been carried out on glacier thickness in the Indian Himalaya.

Scientists from Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science & Technology (DST), GoI carried out a study that describes the morphological and dynamic changes of Parkachik Glacier, Suru River Valley, Ladakh Himalaya, India. The findings were published in the journal 'Annals of Glaciology'.

The team of Scientists lead by

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Woman killed, footbridge washed away amid rains



NewsPoint Bureau

JAMMU: A woman was killed when her mud house collapsed due to heavy rains in Jammu and Kashmir's Ud-

hampur district on Friday, officials said. Heavy rains lashed several districts of Jammu region resulting in a footbridge being washed away in a flash flood in Doda

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NIT Srinagar to prepare reports on development, environment in J&K

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SRINAGAR: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar is envisioning new initiatives like a developmental report and an environmental status report to help the Jammu and Kashmir government and the civil society to develop environmental and developmental strategies for the Union Territory, university director Sudhakar Yedla said on Friday.

He said the institute has a well-established section on research and consultancy wing, which is primarily responsible for liaison between the institute and the industry.

In an effort to play a wider role in the development of



Kashmir, the NIT Srinagar is envisioning new initiatives such as J-K Development Report and J-K Environmental Status Report, Yelda told reporters here.

These are independent assessment and evaluation of the system which helps the government and the civil society to develop environmental and developmental strategies, he added.

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PoK displaced people feel betrayed over J&K Assembly seat reservation

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JAMMU: An organisation representing displaced people from Pakistani-occupied Kashmir (PoK) on Friday termed as "step-motherly" treatment the Centre's decision to reserve one seat for the community in the Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly.

It said it expected that at least eight seats would be reserved for the PoK displaced people, whose number is around 12 lakh, in the assembly.

"The community is angry with the government of India's decision. It can not be tolerated. The government

should rethink on it," SOS International chairman Raviv Chunnai told reporters here.

A bill to nominate two members, including a woman, from the Kashmiri migrant community and one member from the displaced persons from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) to the legislative assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Introducing the bill on behalf of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said the bill provides for representation

of Kashmiri migrants, displaced persons from PoK and Scheduled Tribes in the legislative assembly of Jammu and Kashmir so as to preserve their political rights as well as their overall social and economic development.

Chunnai said, "We have been demanding eight seats as per a provision in the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir. Twenty-four seats were reserved for PoK in the Constitution. We were demanding eight seats out of that quota."

He said the the community felt betrayed by the Centre's decision

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NIA court issues proclamation orders against 2 active militants

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SRINAGAR: An NIA court in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday issued proclamation orders against two active militants, a police spokesman said.

The Special Court Kulgam issued the notice in a case related to an FIR registered at the Qaimoh police station in the south Kashmir district, he said.

Before initiation of further proceedings under law against these terrorists, the court has given them a chance to surrender before it, or the investigation agency, or the police station, by or before

September 15, 2023, the spokesman said.

On the request of the Special Investigation Unit (SIU), Kashmir, proclamation orders have been issued against the terrorists namely Yawar Bashir Dar, a resident of RedwaniBalla, and Irfan Yaqoob Lone, a resident of Hawoor, he said.

Before issuing the proclamation, the court had already issued open-ended non-bailable warrants (NBW) against these terrorists. Today, proclamation orders have been read in the conspicuous places of their native villages and copies of

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COAS reviews operational preparedness in Ladakh

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LEH: Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande visited forward areas of Ladakh on Friday, officials said.

General Pande was briefed on operational preparedness during his visit to the forward areas of Ladakh.

He also interacted with the troops and complimented them for their unwavering



commitment and exhorted them to continue working with utmost professionalism and positive spirit.

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CEO announces special revision of electoral rolls

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SRINAGAR: Setting the stage for holding of urban local bodies' election in Jammu & Kashmir, chief electoral officer of J&K on Friday ordered special revision of electoral rolls in all 77 municipal bodies in the Union Territory.

The CEO today ordered revision of the electoral rolls in two municipal corporations and 75 municipal councils and committees, with reference to July 01, 2023 as qualifying date.

As per schedule unveiled by the

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CEO, the draft electoral rolls would be published on August 01, while claims and objections can be filed between August 01 to August 11. The claims and objections would be disposed by August 16, the CEO said.

As per the schedule, the final electoral rolls would be published by August 25.

The revision has been ordered as the five-year term of municipal bodies in Jammu & Kashmir is expiring in November 2023.

The last municipal polls in

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Police foils Gujjars, Bakerwals march towards Raj Bhawan, several detained

NewsPoint Bureau

JAMMU: Police detained several members of Gujjar and Bakerwal communities on Friday as they tried to march towards Raj Bhawan to protest against the inclusion of Paharis tribes in the Scheduled Tribe list in Jammu and Kashmir.

As per reports demanding justice with community and no dilution of ST reservation status, the

protesters, including students along with their live stocks consisting of goats and sheep, started the protest march from the gate of Jammu University and tried to move towards Raj Bhawan via Gujjar Nagar and Circular road.

However, when the protesters reached Gujjar Nagar bridge police used mild lathi-charge and force to disperse the mob. The protesters staged a sit-in for around two hours and

choked the entire traffic, resulting in severe jams in various junctions of the city.

The Gujjar Bakerwal Community, the third-largest ethnic group in Jammu and Kashmir, expressed their objection to the inclusion of upper caste Paharis in the Scheduled Tribe list.

They said that the Paharis fail to meet the five criteria set by the Lokur

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India at forefront in taking action on biodiversity conservation: PM Modi

CHENNAI: India has consistently been at the forefront in taking action on biodiversity conservation, protection, restoration and enrichment, and has set the bar even higher through the updated targets, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday.

Addressing the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministerial Meeting here



via video conferencing, the Prime Minister said he was proud to say that India has led the way through its ambitious "Nationally Determined

Contributions."

"India achieved its installed electric capacity from non-fossil fuel sources, nine years ahead of the target of 2030. And, we have set the bar even higher through our updated targets. Today, India is one of the top five countries in the world, in terms of installed renewable energy capacity," he said. "We have also set a

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10,000 woman go missing in J&K from 2019 to 2021:GoI

NewsPoint Bureau

SRINAGAR: In a shocking revelation by the Centre, almost 10,000 women have gone missing from J&K from 2019 to 2021 with officials citing exorbitant use of social media as the main reason behind the missing cases.

In the Parliament, the government of India revealed that around 10,000 women have gone missing in Jammu and Kashmir in three years from 2019.

In response to a question in Rajya Sabha, the Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra, in-

formed the parliament that 9,765 women have gone missing from their homes in Jammu and Kashmir between 2019 to 2021.

In these three years, there were 1148 cases of missing girls below the age of 18 and 8,617 women aged

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Chief Secy launches AI framework of J&K

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SRINAGAR: In a momentous stride towards fostering technological progress and socio-economic development in J&K, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta launched the Artificial Intelligence Framework of Jammu and Kashmir as part of Digital J&K

Mission.

Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Prerna Puri; Director Information, Minga Sherpa; Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department and other senior officers of the department were present on the occasion.

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Three new lakes may...

Dr. Manish Mehta used medium-resolution satellite images; CORONA KH-4, Landsat, and Sentinel-2A from 1971–2021, and field surveys between 2015 and 2021. In addition, they used the laminar flow-based Himalayan Glacier Thickness Mapper and provided results for recent margin fluctuations, surface ice velocity, and ice thickness, and identified glacier-bed over-deepening. The results revealed that overall the glacier retreat varied between 1971 and 2021. The remote sensing data shows that the glacier retreated with an average rate of around 2 ma–1 between 1971 and 1999 whereas, between 1999 and 2021, the glacier retreated at an average rate of around 12 ma–1. Similarly, the field observations recorded through day-to-day monitoring suggest that the glacier retreated at a higher rate of 20.5 ma–1 between 2015 and 2021. Both the field and satellite-based observations indicate that the calving nature of the glacier margin and the development of a proglacial lake may have enhanced the retreat of the Parck-achik Glacier.

Furthermore, the surface ice velocity estimated using COSI-Corr on the Landsat data Surface was found to be around 45 ma–1 in the lower ablation zone in 1999–2000 and 32 ma–1 in 2020–2021, thus reducing by 28%. In addition, the maximum thickness of the glacier is estimated to be around 441m in the accumulation zone, while for the glacier tongue, it is around 44 m. The simulation results suggest that if the glacier continues to retreat at a similar rate, three lakes of different dimensions may form due to subglacial over-deepening.

Woman killed, footbridge...

and the roof of another house collapsing in Poonch district, they said. A link road connecting Rajouri, Reasi and Ramban district was on Friday closed due to a massive landslide following heavy rainfall in the area, they said.

Due to heavy rains, a mud house collapsed in Ramnagar area of Udhampur district, in which one woman was killed and three others escaped unhurt, they said. The body of the woman was recovered.

Heavy rains lashed Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Udhampur, Kathua, Samba, poonch, Reasi, Jammu and Rajouri districts triggered flash floods, they said.

In Doda, a footbridge was washed away in flash flood in Kaljugasar area of Gandoh, they said.

Similarly, a roof of a house collapsed in Mendhar with a narrow escape for three members, they said.

There was a major landslide in Chasana area of Reasi district, blocking Budhal-Reasi road, they said.

An advisory has been issued asking people not to travel on the road till it is restored, they said.

The road connects Rajouri with Reasi and Ramban districts via Mahore and Gool areas.

Heavy traffic jam was witnessed on the Jammu-Pathankot highway and there was a long queue of vehicles at Lakhanpur, the gateway of Jammu and Kashmir.

Truck drivers said they were facing massive jams for the past few days after damage to the Taranah bridge and traffic was diverted to the link road of Hiranagar.

Flash floods caused severe damage to the bridge on the Taranah nallah prompting authorities to shut it last week.

Water levels in several rivers including Tawi, Chenab, Basantar and Ujh are rising due to heavy rains in hilly areas, they said.

NIT Srinagar to prepare reports...

Besides strengthening the existing inter-disciplinary research centres such as water resources management centre and iDream, the NIT Srinagar is developing more centres in the areas of energy and environmental research, nano science and technology and tribology, Yelda said.

The NIT director said they were putting efforts to develop niche areas of work considering and converting the special climatic and geographic conditions to their unique strength.

Such centres of excellence would be developed to attract the world's best research teams to come and work in Jammu and Kashmir. We are trying to form an inter-institutional consortium towards such an effort, he said, adding NIT Srinagar is striving to broaden its research outreach.

Giving details about the new initiatives taken up by the institute, Yelda said it has started the implementation of multiple entry and multiple exit systems at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

We are among the first institutions in the country in implementing this, he added.

In a move to give flexibility and academic mobility to the students, NIT Srinagar has started a system of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) in the National Academic Depository. Students from batch 2022 and onwards are being registered in this system, he said.

Yedla said the NIT Srinagar has signed MoUs with IIT Delhi, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Jammu and other institutions. Students of the final year join these institutions for research and dissertation work, he added.

We are also trying to bring students and faculties from various IITs to NIT Srinagar as part of the exchange programme, Yelda said.

PoK displaced people...

He also demanded that the community should have given a Scheduled Tribe status as they are 'paharis'.

"We are ready to fight for justice as we have population of 12 lakh. People will come on roads. The next course of action will be decided jointly by the community members," Chinni said.

NIA court issues proclamation...

proclamations were pasted in conspicuous places of their residential houses and conspicuous place of their villages as well, the spokesman said.

The teams of the SIU Kashmir, along with local police and magistrates, went to their native villages in Kulgam for the execution of proclamation orders and proper SOPs were followed during these proceedings, he said.

COAS reviews operational...

“General Manoj Pande, COAS visited forward areas of Ladakh and was briefed on operational preparedness. Interacting with troops, COAS complimented the soldiers for their unwavering commitment and exhorted them to continue working with utmost professionalism and positive spirit”, Army said in a tweet.

The Army Chief's visit comes amid continuing tensions along the India-China border. The border row in eastern Ladakh began after a brutal clash took place between the two armies in mid-2020 at Galwan Valley which resulted in the death of 20 Indian and at least four Chinese soldiers.

On Thursday Gen Pande visited the frozen battle field of Siachen Glacier to review the operational preparedness there too.

CEO announces...

Jammu & Kashmir were held in September-October 2018. National

Conference and Peoples Democratic Party had boycotted the polls over Centre’s stand on legal challenge to Article 35A. Both the parties had then asked the Centre to clear its stand on it and also take “effective steps” to protect it.

Jammu & Kashmir has 77 local bodies including Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Police foils Gujjars, Bakerwals...

Committee (1965) for identifying Scheduled Tribes, which include primitive traits, distinct culture, geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large, and backwardness. “Granting ST status to the upper caste Paharis is an injustice and a constitutional blunder,” a protestor said.

The ongoing Monsoon Session of the Parliament has added urgency to the matter, as a bill to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Scheduled Tribe Reservation Act 1989 has been listed. “Various groups of Paharis, along with some members of the ST Morcha of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), are in Delhi advocating for the passage of the bill in the Lok Sabha,” said a protester.

The Gujjar-Bakerwals highlighted their struggle against marginalisation and oppression, with some members still residing in and around jungles and facing a literacy rate below 30% despite nationwide efforts to achieve 100% literacy.

“In the Pir Panjal region of Jammu and Kashmir, which has a history of Tribal oppression, the political motives of the BJP are being closely scrutinised. The Gujjar Bakerwals are determined not to let political interests supersede justice and fairness, especially for a heterogeneous group like the Upper Caste Paharis,” a protestor said.

India at forefront...

target of attaining “Net Zero” by 2070. We continue to collaborate with our partners through alliances including International Solar Alliance, CDRI, and the “Leadership Group for Industry Transition,” the Prime Minister said.

India is a mega-diverse country and the nation has consistently been at the forefront in taking action on biodiversity conservation, protection, restoration and enrichment. “Through the ‘Gandhinagar Implementation Roadmap and Platform’, you are recognising restoration in priority landscapes impacted by forest fires and mining,” he said.

India has recently launched the “International Big Cat Alliance” for conservation of seven big cats of our planet based on our learnings from Project Tiger, a pioneering conservation initiative. As a result of Project Tiger, 70 percent of the world’s tigers today are found in India, Modi said.

India is also working on ‘Project Lion’ and ‘Project Dolphin’, he added. India’s initiatives are powered by people’s participation, he said and pointed to the “Mission Amrit Sarovar,” a unique water conservation initiative. Under this mission, more than 63,000 water bodies have been developed in just about one year. This mission is implemented entirely through community participation, and aided by technology.

‘Our “Catch the Rain” campaign has also shown excellent results. To conserve water, more than two hundred and eighty thousand water harvesting structures have been constructed through this campaign,” he added.

In addition, nearly two hundred and fifty thousand re-use and recharge structures have also been constructed. All this was achieved through people’s participation and focused on local soil and water conditions, he said.

Also, community participation was effectively used in the “Namami-Gange Mission” for cleaning the river Ganga. This has led to a major achievement in the reappearance of the Gangetic Dolphin in many stretches of the river. “Our efforts in wetland conservation have also borne fruit,” the Prime Minister added.

10,000 woman go missing...

above 18 women have gone missing.

While giving yearly data, the MoS Home said that 355 girls and 2,738 women went missing in year 2019, followed by 350 girls and 2,701 women in 2020 and 443 girls and 3,178 women in year 2021.

As per the data available with KNO just around 3300 women had gone missing in J&K from 2016-2018 while the number has tripled in the next three years from 2019-2021.

As per the data, 943 women went missing in J&K year 2016, 1,044 in 2017 and 1,335 in 2018.

Meanwhile the Government of India said that they have taken a number of initiatives for the safety of women across the country.

“The Criminal Law (Amendment), Act 2013 was enacted for effective deterrence against sexual offences. Further, the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 was enacted to prescribe even more stringent penal provisions including death penalty for rape of girls below the age of 12 years. The Act also inter-alia mandates completion of investigation and filing of charge sheet in rape cases in 2 months and trials to be completed in 2 months,” MoS home said in Rajya Sabha.

“Emergency Response Support System provides a pan-India, single internationally recognized number (112) based system for all emergencies, with computer aided dispatch of field resources to the location of distress and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has launched a cyber-crime reporting portal on 20th September, 2018 for citizens to report obscene content besides that MHA has launched the “National Database on Sexual Offenders” (NDSO) on 20th September 2018 to facilitate investigation and tracking of sexual offenders across the country by law enforcement agencies,” he said.

“MHA has launched an online analytic tool “Investigation Tracking System for Sexual Offences” for Police on 19th February 2019 to facilitate them to monitor and track time-bound investigation in sexual assault cases in accordance with Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2018, in order to improve investigation, MHA has taken steps to strengthen DNA analysis units in Central and State Forensic Science Laboratories. This includes setting up of State-of-the-Art DNA Analysis Unit in Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Chandigarh. MHA has also sanctioned setting-up and upgrading of DNA Analysis units in State Forensic Science Laboratories after gap analysis and demand assessment and MHA has notified guidelines for collection of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases and the standard composition in a sexual assault evidence collection kit. To facilitate adequate capacity in manpower, training and skill building programs have been undertaken for Investigation Officers, Prosecution Officers and Medical Officers. Bureau of Police Research & Development has distributed 14,950 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits to States/ UTs as orientation kit as part of training,” he added.

“MHA has also approved two projects for setting up and strengthening of Women Help Desks in Police Stations and Anti- Human Trafficking Units in all districts of the country and the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued advisories from time to time with a view to help the States/UTS to deal with crimes against women, which are available at www.mha.gov.in. while the Ministry of Women & Child Development has set up 733 One Stop Centres in the country. These centres provide integrated support and

assistance to women affected by violence and in distress, under one roof and provide an integrated range of services including medical aid, legal aid, temporary shelter, police assistance, psycho-social counselling,” MoS said.

Meanwhile, officials who spoke to KNO on condition of anonymity said that exorbitant influence of social media leading to elopement with strangers is the main cause for the rise in missing cases among the female population while few cases are also related to kidnapping and other issues.

They said most of these women are brought back after cases are being registered and eloping with strangers whom they met on different social media apps is the main reason in most of the cases.

“Women having weak family bond are more prone to it besides that we must have a rethinking on the usage of social media,” they said.

Chief Secy launches...

Speaking after the launch, the Chief Secretary said that this pioneering framework sets a precedent in Jammu and Kashmir with an objective of harnessing transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in various sectors and elevate the lives of the citizens here. He added that unveiling of AI Framework marks a defining milestone in our vision to embrace cutting-edge technologies and enhance governance, public services, and economic growth which is one of the remarkable achievements in last couple of years.

Highlighting that the J&K has shown phenomenal growth in IT services, Dr. Mehta said that standout transformation is being witnessed across Jammu and Kashmir with the initiation of Digital J&K Mission. More than 602 services are being provided to citizens through online mode. He remarked that J&K has been ranked number one amongst the all Union Territories in NeSDA rankings of DARPG which reflects the improvement in the overall governance system across Jammu and Kashmir with the help of digital technologies.

The Chief Secretary further said that the Governance system in J&K has been transformed from the Panchayat level upto the Administrative level with impetus on involving all the citizens from the grass root level into the system. He added that with the unique platform of Jan Bhagidari (Empowerment) Portal, an accountable, transparent governance system has been established in Jammu and Kashmir which enables citizens to participate in monitoring of development progress.

Dr. Mehta further said that with the launch of Artificial Intelligence Framework, Jammu and Kashmir will emerge as a leader in AI, fostering social innovations as well as realizing vision of a technologically advanced and digitally empowered Jammu and Kashmir. He added that this transformative framework will empower our government, citizens, and industries to unlock the full potential of AI and drive sustainable development across the region.

On the occasion Commissioner Secretary Information Technology department, PrernaPuri gave a detailed presentation on AI Framework of J&K and spoke on length about the broad objectives of this framework and the anticipated outcomes for the UT in running its affairs more effectively with the hallmarks of transparency and accountability.

2 pilgrims hurt...

the Baltal basecamp, the officials said.

Two pilgrims -- Adarsh Kumar, Manju Sharma and driver Ankush Sharma suffered minor injuries, they said.

Nine kg narcotics...

intelligence information, Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Amritpal Singh said.

During the operation, five packets carrying narcotics that weighed 8.960 kilograms were recovered, he said.

A case was registered at the Nowshera police station in this regard and investigation was launched, the SP said.

"The recovery of such a huge quantity of narcotics indicates a possible cross-LoC smuggling attempt, which was foiled," he said.

Minor reshuffle...

Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara of the additional charge of the post. Further, Raja Yaqoob Farooq, IRS-IT:2014, Director, Tourism, Kashmir, shall hold the charge of the posts of Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Gulmarg and Managing Director, J&K Cable Car Corporation, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

July 2023 set to...

previous hottest month on record was July 2019. According to the new analysis, the global mean surface air temperature averaged for the first 23 days of July 2023 was 16.95 degrees Celsius.

This is well above the 16.63 degrees recorded for the full month of July 2019, which is currently the warmest July and warmest month on record.

At this stage, the report said, it is virtually certain that the full monthly average temperature for July 2023 will exceed that of July 2019 by a significant margin, making it the warmest July and warmest month on record.

“The extreme weather which has affected many millions of people in July is unfortunately the harsh reality of climate change and a foretaste of the future, said WMO’s Secretary-General Petterri Taalas.

“The need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is more urgent than ever before. Climate action is not a luxury but a must,” Taalas said in a statement. On July 6, the daily average global mean surface air temperature surpassed the record set in August 2016, making it the hottest day on record, with July 5 and July 7 shortly behind, WMO said.

According to the dataset, the global mean surface air temperature reached its highest daily value (17.08 degrees Celsius) on July 6, 2023. During the first three weeks of July, global mean temperature rise temporarily exceeded the 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold above preindustrial level during the first and third week of the month, according to the report.

Since May, the global average sea surface temperature has been well above previously observed values for the time of the year; contributing to the exceptionally warm July, it said. WMO consolidates data from C3S and five other international datasets for its climate monitoring activities and its State of the Climate reports.

It predicts that there is a 98 per cent likelihood that at least one of the next five years will be the warmest on record and a 66 per cent chance of temporarily exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius above the 1850-1900 average for at least one of the five years.

“Record-breaking temperatures are part of the trend of drastic increases in global temperatures. Anthropogenic emissions are ultimately the main driver of these rising temperatures,” said Carlo Buontempo, Director of C3S.

“July’s record is unlikely to remain isolated this year, C3S’ seasonal forecasts indicate that over land areas temperatures are likely to be well above average, exceeding the 80th percentile of climatology for the time of year,” Buontempo said in a statement.

High level team inspects facilities for inmates in Poonch Jail

Poonch, July 28
Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary, Sub-Judge (Secretary DLSA Poonch), Wahajat Hussain Kazmi, and Senior Superintendent of Police, Vinay Kumar Sharma today visited the District Jail Poonch to inspect the facilities being provided to the jail inmates.

The visiting team was welcomed by the Jail Superintendent, Khalid Amin. The team inspected the overall arrangements in the jail, including the control room, kitchen block, barracks of inmates, CCTV room and video conference room.

During the inspection, the team interacted with the jail inmates to enquire about the healthcare and other essential facilities provided to them by the jail authority. District Legal Services Authority Poonch Secretary (Sub-Judge) Wahajat Hussain Kazmi listened to the problems of the inmates and assured them to solve their genuine demands soon.

The team also checked the quality of food being provided to the inmates.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the Jail Superintendent to provide all basic amenities to the inmates and pay special attention to their health and provision of medical facilities.

The visit was conducted to ensure that the jail inmates are provided with necessary facilities and their well-being is given due attention.

ADGP Jammu Zone visited district Reasi, held meeting with district Police officers

Jammu, July 28
The Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Jammu Sh. Mukesh Singh-IPS along with DIG U-R Range Sh. Suleman Choudhary-IPS conducted a security review meeting of arrangements for Shri Buddha Amarnath Ji Yatra, Kounser Nag Yatra and Independence Day at district Police office Reasi. Stress was laid upon joint operations and a coordinated plan to ensure smooth conduct of yatras and the coming Independence Day function. During the meeting, Progress of investigation of UAP Act cases of Reasi was also discussed. Investigation into cases of drug abuse and strategies to counter the drug men-



ace was deliberated upon. ADGP Jammu also stressed upon quality investigation in the cases and proper follow up of cases till conviction.

SSP Reasi Amit Gupta-JKPS briefed the ADGP about the law and order situation of the whole District, preparation plan for upcoming Yatra and Independence Day. SSP also briefed about the

Chief Secretary launches Artificial Intelligence Framework of J&K

Says that the step will realise vision of technologically advanced, digitally empowered J&K

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In a momentous stride towards fostering technological progress and socio-economic development in J&K, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta launched the Artificial Intelligence Framework of Jammu and Kashmir as part of Digital J&K Mission.

Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Purna Puri; Director Information, Minga Sherpa; Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department and other senior officers of the

department were present on the occasion.

Speaking after the launch, the Chief Secretary said that this pioneering framework sets a precedent in Jammu and Kashmir with an objective of harnessing transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in various sectors and elevate the lives of the citizens here. He added that unveiling of AI Framework marks a defining milestone in our vision to embrace cutting-edge technologies and enhance governance,

public services, and economic growth which is one of the remarkable achievements in last couple of years.

Highlighting that the J&K has shown phenomenal growth in IT services, Dr. Mehta said that standout transformation is being witnessed across Jammu and Kashmir with the initiation of Digital J&K Mission. More than 602 services are being provided to citizens through online mode. He remarked that J&K has been ranked number one amongst the all Union Territories in

NeSDA rankings of DARG which reflects the improvement in the overall governance system across Jammu and Kashmir with the help of digital technologies.

The Chief Secretary further said that the Governance system in J&K has been transformed from the Panchayat level upto the Administrative level with impetus on involving all the citizens from the grass root level into the system. He added that with the unique platform of Jan Bhagidari (Empowerment) Portal,

an accountable, transparent governance system has been established in Jammu and Kashmir which enables citizens to participate in monitoring of development progress.

Dr. Mehta further said that with the launch of Artificial Intelligence Framework, Jammu and Kashmir will emerge as a leader in AI, fostering social innovations as well as realizing vision of a technologically advanced and digitally empowered Jammu and Kashmir. He added that this transformative framework will empower

our government, citizens, and industries to unlock the full potential of AI and drive sustainable development across the region.

On the occasion Commissioner Secretary Information Technology department, Purna Puri gave a detailed presentation on AI Framework of J&K and spoke at length about the broad objectives of this framework and the anticipated outcomes for the UT in running its affairs more effectively with the hallmarks of transparency and accountability.

Van Mahotsav celebrated by Indian Army in Rajouri, Poonch & Reasi

Poonch, July 28
Indian Army celebrated "Vana Mahotsav" on 27 July 2023 in Rajouri, Poonch & Reasi districts by incorporating young blood to spread the message of "Cleaner and Greener India" amongst the upcoming generation. The endeavor was also to encourage, inspire & sensitise populace to preserve and conserve the forest cover of the areas. This afforestation drive was focused on theme "Plant Trees, Save Life". The rewarding initiative witnessed a mass participation of the Awaam, students, Civil Administration and Indian Army personnel's. The event concluded with the collective resolution of carrying out such initiatives in future and also ensuring the growth of the previous planted saplings as part of plantation drive.



Govt College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu organized 'Plantation Drive

Jammu, July 28
NSS Units Govt. College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu in collaboration with NCC GCW Parade celebrated the Vijay Diwas in the memory of the soldiers who fought selflessly in the severely hard weather condition in a zeal to protect the country and not to let the enemies step on their motherland. The event was graciously attended by the family members of the martyred soldiers; Smt. Jasvinder kour w/o Saheed S Randhir Singh, Smt. Seema Karlopiya W/O Shaheed Hawaldar Vijay kumar, Smt. Sharda Bhau W/o Saheed Hav Daler Singh Bhau Unit : 12 JAK LI, Smt. Rajkumari W/O Shaheed Subedar Major



Nain Singh Jamwal Unit: 4 JAK LI Award: Shaurya Chakra (posthumously) and a great real life hero a brave soldier of the Kargil War : Ex Hav Pradeep Singh Mehta Unit: Corps of Signals (Trade Operator Special) who himself showed up his presence in the celebration. In view of Independence Day last year the focus was on the HAR Ghar Tiranaga this year the focus is on MERI MATTI MERI DESH and starting right from the Vijay Diwas the theme as celebrated was Maati ko

Naman Veero Ka Vandan, the NSS Units planted 75 as mentioned in the guidelines of the government. The plantation was done in the area chosen to be the Amrit Vakita of the college. Not only volunteers but the faculty members also participated in the plantation drive (planting 75 saplings). Coming to the end of the plantation drive Principal GCW Parade Dr S P Sarswat planted a sapling and made the volunteers understand the importance of plants in our life.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Jammu Region holds organized press Conference

Jammu Tawi, July 28
A press conference was organized at Kendriya Vidyalaya Rajouri as per the instructions of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Jammu Region. This press conference was organized on the occasion of the third anniversary of National Education Policy - 2020. During the press Conference the speakers deliberated on various provisions of the New Education Policy 2020, its importance and visionary objectives. First of all, the In Charge Principal KV Rajouri Sh. Saraveet Singh welcomed the media personnel along with all the dignitaries present on the occasion. Apart from the school principal, prominent representatives from nearby schools were present in this press conference. Kamaljit Bhatti, Vice Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Kotranka, Principal, Army Goodwill Public School and other dignitaries were present. All the dignitaries presented their important views. This program was organized under the guidance of Dr. Ram Kumar Srivastava Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sunderbani. At the end of the program, the senior teacher of the Vidyalaya Sh. Sunil Kumar Sopori thanked everyone while expressing gratitude.

Yudhvir Sethi and Braham Jyot Satti distributed sanitary pads and edible items among Children Jammu

Jammu Tawi, July 28
Yudhvir Sethi (General Secretary BJP) and Braham Jyot Satti (Incharge BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir) interacted with Children at middle high school, New Plot 1, Jammu and Distributed Sanitary pads and Edibles (Chips, Biscuits, Juice etc) among them. Program was organised by Rakesh Pandey Vicky (Mandal President BJP OBC Morcha) and supported by Raman Chaldra (State Secretary BJP OBC Morcha). Raman Sharma (Mandal President BJP), Rohit Sharma (Media incharge BJP), Neena Gupta (Principal) along



with her staff was present on the occasion. In the program dignitaries interacted with children and motivated them for studies. They also briefs about various myths and taboos about Menstruation cycle and they made of the students about scientific and hygiene among them and distributed sanitary pads,

edibles among them. Speaking on the occasion Yudhvir Sethi said that BJP ideology emphasizes on the principle 'Nation first and self last' which simply means that we have to sacrifice everything for the cause of the nation and to provide benefit to everyone standing last in row is BJP's ideology. He said There is no country like India, quite as diverse, multi-lingual and multi-cultural, yet bound together by the ancient bounds of shared traditions, culture and values. Such bonds need to be strengthened through enhanced and continuous mutual interaction between people of varied regions and ways of life so that it encourages reciprocity and secures an enriched value system of unity amongst people of different States in a culturally special country like INDIA. He said that according to Hindu Mythology Children are incarnations of God. Unfortunately some children are living in orphan-

ages but BJP always available for their help and basic needs. Braham Jyot said that He said it is pertinent to follow a strategic approach for combating the myths and social taboos associated with menstruation in order to improve the reproductive health of adolescent girls and women. The first and foremost strategy in this regard is raising the awareness among adolescent girls related to menstrual health and hygiene. He said these in cute these kids will be in higher ranks and they should be taught in positive manner and BJP is doing its best to serve humanity by organising these kinds of awareness programs. He said

childhood is that phase of life where children enjoy the whole day and learn their basic studies in big schools but unfortunately some students left their studies because of financial distress of family. He briefed several Pro-People policies for the public like Pre-Matric, Post-Matric Scholarship, StartUp India, Make in India, Skill India Mission, Fit India Movement, Beti Bachao Beti Pado, Digital India Mission, which focus mainly on youth welfare including the female folk as they constitute the most proactive component of the society that can bring the requisite transformation of the nation and its people.

Muharram Processions: Traffic Police issues Route Plan for the Commuters on Sgr-B'la National Highway

Baramulla, July 28
In view of the 10th Muharram Processions to be carried out across Baramulla on 29th July 2023, District Police Headquarters Baramulla today issued a traffic diversion plan on Srinagar-Baramulla National Highway for medium and light motor

vehicle for the smooth observance of processions besides ensuring hassle-free movement of vehicular traffic. It is important to mention that the traffic movement on Srinagar-Baramulla National Highway shall remain affected w.e.f. 08:30 a.m. upto 1 pm from Pattan to Mirgund tomorrow for which the traf-

fic advisory is issued for information of the general public. As per the Advisory, the route plan for North Kashmir based vehicles leading towards Srinagar (Uri-Baramulla based Vehicles) will ply from Khawajabagh - Kanispora-Delina - Sangrama - Putkha-Choor - Hygam - Rangri - Hamray-Sumbal - HMT Srinagar and for Kupwara/ Handwara/ Sopore vehicles the vehicles will ply from Sangrama - Putkha - Choor - Hygam - Rangri - Hamray-Sumbal - HMT Srinagar. Similarly, the route plan for Hamray-Pattan based vehicles towards Srinagar (Hamray-Pattan based vehicles) will be from Zangam - Godipora - Khore - Nowlari - Hagerpora - Kungandara - Maharajpora - Gund Khawaja Qasim - Archanderhama - Nooripora - Railway Station Mazhama - Magam - Narbal - Srinagar.

Implementation of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission reviewed at Doda

Doda, July 28
In yet another government initiative, Scan & Share for OPD patients under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was kick started today at CHC Thathri. Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ab Hamid Zargar inaugurated the digital facility in presence of local BMO Dr. Shafqat Javed Zargar.

Appreciating the step taken to facilitate patients under this new initiative, CMO Doda Dr. Zargar said the ease of access to the healthcare system is key to quality care, and technology plays a vital role in it.

He also said this initiative will go a long way in facilitating Patient registration, and save the public from long waits and queues.

Speaking about the initiative, the BMO Thathri Dr. Shafqat said that this is a great initiative for patient care as the patients no longer have to stand in long queues to get the OPD tickets. He said that under this facility the patient has to just scan the QR code through an app on their mobile phone and after getting the successful registration, all the details of the patient will get reflected. He added that the patient then has to simply go to the registration counter and reply to just a few queries of his/her ailments and the patient will be immediately directed to the concerned doctor and OPD as per token generated from the QR code. Furthermore, all the details of the patients will be

saved and maintained including the ailments of patients and the same can be reflected during the next visit of the patient. Meanwhile, the CMO went around various wards, different sections of the hospitals and received detailed accounts of the activities vis a vis patient flow, availability of infrastructure, manpower, medicines, diagnostic equipment and sanitation in the hospital. CMO also interacted with the patients, attendants and enquired about the facilities being provided to them. On the occasion, the staff of CHC Thathri including doctors and paramedics besides Rishi Kumar Pandita, Mohd Shafi Attu and DPM NHM J. Mehta also were present.

GDC Darhal organised Poster Making Competition on World Hepatitis Day

Jammu Tawi, July 28
World Hepatitis Day takes place every year on 28th July to mark the birth anniversary of Nobel Prize winning scientist Dr. ~Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus. To commemorate the day NSS unit (IMDAD) in collaboration with Red Ribbon Club of GDC Darhal organized a poster making competition with the aim to bring the world together under a single theme, to raise awareness of the global

burden of viral hepatitis and to influence real change. In the year 2023 the theme of the WHD is

"We're not waiting". Students of the college enthusiastically participated in the event by showcasing their thoughts on the paper and became a part of awareness campaign on Hepatitis. In the poster making competition the first position was shared by Waqar Ahmed and Mahboob Sadeeq of sem Vth; second position was shared by Shaheez Ahmed of sem IIIrd and Sayra Jabeen of sem Vth. While the third position was shared by Samiyya Kossar of sem IIIth and Aleena Anjum of Sem Vth. Consolation prize was given to Rabia Kossar of Sem Vth. The entire program was organized under the able guidance of Prof. Musarrat Hussain Shah, esteemed Principal of the college. While addressing the students he exhorted that WHD is a day for the world's Hepatitis community to unite and make our voices heard. It is a day to celebrate the progress we have made and to meet the current challenges. It also an opportunity for us to increase awareness.

NOTICE
I, Ashok Kumar Sharma (old name) S/o Bansi Lal R/o 257/1 Sec 1 Channi Himmat has changed my name from Ashok Kumar Sharma (old name) to Ashok Kumar (new name). I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname Ashok Kumar (New Name).

NOTICE
It is for the information of General Public that Sheetal Devi W/o Narayan Das R/o village Katedar PO. Parangoli, Tehsil Hiranagar, District Kathua 184144 has applied for the JKELA (Restaurant & Bar) license at Toll Post Lower Munda, Teshil Dooru, Anantnag. If the persons has objection in the regard the same shall be send within 10 days from the date of the issuance of this notice in the office of Excise and Taxation officer Excise Range Anantnag, Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam (HQ KP Anantnag near Car Plaza) Email ID (ETO South Kashmir@gmail.com)

Deputy Commissioner Poonch reviews performance of POSHAN (ICDS) Department

Poonch, July 28
District Development Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today reviewed the performance of POSHAN (ICDS) Department at a meeting held today.

The meeting was attended by District Programme Officer, Khalid Wafa; Assistant Development Commissioner, Abid Hussain Shah; CDPO Haveli, Taj-un-Nisa; CDPO Mandi, Adil Shabir; CDPO Buffliaz, Mohd Nisar, CDPO Mendhar, Abdul Aziz and all supervisors, besides contractors and other Officials.

A detailed review of ICDS schemes was conducted, including supplementary nutrition, early childhood care and education, health checkup, health and nutrition education POSHAN vatika, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna



(PMMVY) and construction of anganwadi buildings under MGNREGA convergence, POSHAN tracker etc.

The meeting focused on the improvement of health and nutrition status of children of 0-6 year age with special emphasis on addressing the problem of anemia, stunting, underweight, SAM, and MAM. The Deputy

Commissioner passed instructions to launch a special drive and conduct a survey in convergence with the health department to identify the children under six year who are suffering from anemia by conducting HB tests in the district. The anemia children are required to be given supplements and proper nutrition as per SOP with the consultation

of the health department. Malnutrition related ailments are serious which affect the physical as well as mental development of a child. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Officers and officials to ensure the saturation under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna (PMMVY) by cross checking the data of pregnant and lactating mothers available with the health department so that all eligible women are provided benefits of the scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner further emphasized on identifying and covering all left out children under the Indradhanush campaign. The supervisors were asked to extend cooperation to the health department in identifying the children who have not been vaccinated or left out due to any reason.

The CDPOs were asked to conduct the joint verification for shifting of Anganwadi centers to nearby schools wherever feasible.

The Deputy Commissioner passed direction to ACD Poonch to speed up the work of construction of all 59 Anganwadi buildings undertaken under MGNREGA convergence scheme and complete the same in the current financial year.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Officers to work with missionary spirit and review the implementation of all ICDS schemes on a regular basis with the main focus on prevention and reduction of anemia, stunting, wasting, SAM, MAM among children and anemia among pregnant women and lactating mothers.

BJP OBC Morcha celebrates introduction of bill to grant OBC Status to community

Jammu, July 28
Jammu & Kashmir, BJP leaders celebrated the introduction of a bill to grant OBC Status to the community in a program organized by BJP OBC Morcha at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Ashok Koul, J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.), Kavinder Gupta, Former Dy CM, Adv. Vibodh Gupta, J&K BJP General Secretary, Dr. Devinder Manyal, J&K BJP General Secretary, Rash Pal Verma, National Secretary BJ P OBC Morcha, Brahmajyoti Satti, Prabhari BJ P OBC Morcha, Sunil Prajapati, President BJ P OBC Morcha, and other OBC leaders danced on the tunes of traditional drums and distributed sweets among themselves and others.

Ashok Koul, while celebrating the occasion, said to the media persons that OBC People in Jammu Kashmir will get Great



Relief as all benefits under OBC Category Will be available for OBCs in J&K UT.

He said that these steps reflect the love of PM Modi for the common masses of this nation. He said the Previous Govt denied Constitutional rights to OBC's of Jammu Kashmir by putting them in the OSC category and now after the abrogation of the OSC category OBC people of Jammu Kashmir will get constitutional rights under the OBC category. Sunil Prajapati while welcoming the decision said that the move has sent a wave of pleasure among the community who are appreciating that it is only

the Modi government has taken concrete steps to address all the genuine issues faced by the community members.

Raj Kumar Tarkhan (General Secretary BJ P OBC Morcha), Abdul Rasheed Gani (Vice President BJ P OBC Morcha), Nisar Ahmed Lohar (Vice President BJ P OBC Morcha, Shamsher Prajapati (State Secretary BJ P OBC Morcha), Anil Balgotra (State Secretary BJ P OBC Morcha), Kewal Verma (State Secretary BJ P OBC Morcha), Other State Office Bearers, District Presidents and other important workers' of BJ P OBC Morcha were Present in the Celebration.

Dept. of Botany and NSS Unit-I of PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar conducted Plantation Drive

Jammu, July 28
Department of Botany, NSS Unit 1 of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev GCW Gandhi Nagar Jammu and Department of Botany of School of Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu celebrated World Nature Conservation Day on 28th of July, 2023.

On this occasion Sh. OP Sharma Vidhyarthi, Former Principal Chief Conservator, gave a detailed lecture to students in the Botanical Garden of Department of Botany on environmental threats and potential risks to nature. He also highlighted the significance



of biological diversity, nature conservation and ecological balance.

Around 20 NSS Volunteers and 40 students of BSc. Sem.-4, MSc. Integrated and PG Sem.- 2 of Dept. of Botany School of Sciences participated in the event. After the awareness lecture a very important plant-

Remusatia vivipara was planted in the premises of Botanical Garden, which was a new addition to the garden. Later Prof. Mala Bhasin, HOD Botany also addressed the students and made them aware about the importance of conservation of nature. She also focused on the

theme of World Nature Conservation Day, 2023- Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet" and stressed on the strategies to conserve nature, save natural resources and prevent the depletion of resources for our future generations.

Prof. Minu Mahajan, worthy principal of the college lauded the efforts of Dept. of Botany and NSS Unit -1 for organising such important event and planting trees in the premises. The event was attended by Prof. Sugandha Mahajan (NSS PO Unit-1), Dr. Renu Sharma and Prof. Meenakshi Sharma.

‘Meri Matti Mera Desh’ campaign organized Dogra College and J&K Forest Department

Jammu, July 28
NSS unit of Dogra College of Education, Bari Brahmana, Samba, in collaboration with J&K Forest Department organized a plantation drive under "Meri Matti Mera Desh" campaign on 28 July 2023. By planting a diverse range of tree sapling, the NSS unit seeks to contribute for the conservation of the local ecosystem, promoting biodiversity and mitigating the effects of climate change.

During the day long plantation drive about 40 NSS volunteers of the college planted more than 70 tree saplings of different origins at two different locations. A total of 40 saplings were planted in the school at adopted village Bhatyari namely Govt. High



School, Bhatyari. Mr. Surjeet Singh, Sarpanch of Bhatyari Panchayat was the chief guest who planted the first sapling of the day to kick start the drive. He appreciated the efforts made by the NSS volunteers and NSS Programme Officer, Mrs. Amarjeet Kour for making the plantation drive successful. Others who

planted tree saplings during the day along with NSS volunteers included Mr. Sham Lal, Principal, Govt. High School, Bhatyari, Mr. Ashok Kumar Pandey, Vice Principal, Govt. High School Bhatyari, Mr Surjeet Singh, Sarpanch, Chak Bava and Mr. Sushil Kumar, Sarpanch, Nogra.

Further, more than 30 saplings were planted in Govt. Girls Middle School, Kanhal. Mrs. Kaniz Bibi, Headmistress, Govt. Girls Middle School, Kanhal and Mr. Jatinder Singh, Sarpanch, Chak Jrala took the lead in planting saplings. Saplings were also gifted to the Principal and Headmistress of the schools. NSS Programme Officer, Mrs. Amarjeet Kour said that the volunteers were really excited about the plantation drive and participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Their work, skills and efforts were really appreciable. Further, she thanked the Forest Department for their collaboration and for providing saplings on time.

Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Kathua organises Hindi Kavita Sammelan

Jammu Tawi, July 28
Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Sub Office Kathua in collaboration with Government District Library, Kathua organized a Hindi Kavita Sammelan here today at Seminar Hall of Government District Library, Kathua in which around 15 poets from Jammu Samba and Kathua districts participated in the Kavita Sammelan. The Hindi Kavita Sammelan was conducted under the direction of Secretary of J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Sh. Bharat Singh JKAS. The youth, in multitude,



participated in the event to witness the grandeur of the literary expression. The Cultural Academy's effort in promoting cultural sensitivities is receiving applause from the art and culture connoisseurs of the Jammu region. As per the handout, Sanjeev Gupta

SOCA, JKAACL Sub-Office, Kathua shared that the Academy is trying to do its best of efforts for the preservation and promotion of the Art, literature, heritage and Culture of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu is very rich in terms of all

it and the motive of the Academy is to take this kind of programme to every house so that the younger generation gets known by its roots. Such initiatives always take the culture to the next level of preservation of the arts. Today's Hindi Kavita Sammelan was such an example, he added. He further advised the students to develop their perspectives through the experiences of the intellectuals, expressed through their writings. The Hindi Kavita Sammelan was presided over by the senior poet, S. Baljeet Singh Raina. The poets who gave the marvellous poetic per-

formances include Monika Khosla, Dr. Usha Monga, Saroj Bala, Sunil Sharma, Sham Lal Khajuria, Vijay Sharma, T.R. Sumbaria, Dr. Guru Parsad, Khajoor Singh, Shashi Kant Sharma, Sanjeev Bhasin, Baljeet Singh Raina, Shaik Mohd., Romesh Singh and Rajeshwar Singh Raju. The Hindi Kavita Sammelan was ably conducted by the Sahitya Akademi Awardee Sh. Vijay Sharma. Expressing gratitude Sunil Sharma, in charge Government District Library, Kathua delivered the vote of thanks acknowledging the presence of dignitaries, students and the poets.

Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Parachar Sewa samit's Amarnath Yatra Bhandara enters 23rd day

NEWSPOINT BUREAU
Jammu Tawi, July 28
Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Pradar Sewa Samiti, Jammu and Kashmir has continuously been arranging Bhandara for Baba Amarnathji Yatris since 6th July, 2023 at Railway Station, Jammu with enthusiasm and fervor. The Samiti has the mission of Public Service accomplishments which forms the core of the organization. The Langar run by the Samiti run continuously and provide pure healthy meals day and night to pilgrims and devotees come from across the country for the darshan of Baba Amarnath. Today on 23rd day of Bhandara Mahant Balsand Dass ji Maharaj inaugurated today's Bhandara in the presence of

and Sunil Shamra, National Co-ordinator of the Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Pradar Sewa Samiti. Phod Krishan ji Maharaj lauded the efforts of the volunteers of Samiti for arranging meals day and night for the yatris coming from different states of India and abroad.

The National Co-ordinator of the Samiti Sh. Sunil Sharma informed that today on 23rd day of Bhandara Large number of yatris came from different states of India take meals and appreciated the efforts of the samiti for arranging meals day and night for such a long time for yatris with fruits and sweets on the directions and teachings of Bhrahmyani Guruji. The pilgrims shall be served hygienic, delicious, energetic and digestive

"sattvic" bhोजन for all days; besides there shall be special and exclusive arrangement for pilgrims observing "fast" on Ekadashi and other important festival dates, such arrangement is available nowhere in Jammu Transit Camps. Parshdotam Sharma informed that For this purpose, the Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Pradar Sewa Samiti under the guidance of Sunil Sharma actively assisted by Raman Sharma, Ajay Kumar Vikram Sharma, Tarachand and Raman Kumar have constituted a team of highly dedicated Members to serve the yatris day and night in the best possible manner. Among Others who attended today's Bhandara namely, Vishal Sharma, Subash Sharma, Anil Kumar, Tarachand.

DC Reasi reviews achievements under developmental deliverables

Reasi, July 28
To review the action taken on deliverables for the year 2023-24, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi Babila Rakwal today convened a meeting of the officers of different departments here in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex.

The DC took a comprehensive review of all the Departments regarding realization of deliverables and directed the officers to focus on adherence to the timeline set by the government.

At the outset, the officers and heads of departments apprised the



Deputy Commissioner about the progress made so far and future action plan. The DC asked the departments to put in extra efforts to further improve the Ranking of District Reasi on the performance index.

She asked the func-

tionaries to highlight their achievements, best practices and furnish the report regarding the achievements on a regular basis. The DC also exhorted the departments to devise a viable framework and prioritize implementation of these deliverables

so as to improve monitoring and assessment of performance at different levels. ADDC Jyoti Slathia, ADC Abdul Star, CPO Sunita Kanchan, ADC, DFO, Xen's PWD, XEN PMGSY and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

DC Rajouri reviews preparations for ‘Meri Maati Mera Desh’ campaign

Rajouri, July 28
Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the preparations for the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The campaign aims to instill a sense of national pride and unity among citizens by celebrating the spirit of freedom and independence.

The meeting kicked off with a discussion on the various components of the campaign, including Deep Dive Silaphalakam, Vasudha Vandhan, Veeron Ka Vandhan, Hoisting of National Flag and Singing of Rashttra Gaan, and Pandh Pran

Pledge. The DC urged all departments to work together in coordination to make the campaign successful, and to take part in all events themselves while encouraging others to do the same.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of paying homage to the 'Veers' who have sacrificed their lives for the nation. The departments were asked to prepare a list of all such 'Veers' who have sacrificed their lives, including freedom fighters and defence/police personnel of the district. Under the activity of 'Vasudha Vandan', each Gram Panchayat will replenish mother earth by planting at least 75 plant saplings, preferentially around the already

established Amrit Sarovars. 'Mitti Yatras' from Panchayats shall also be organized as a part of the campaign, emphasizing the need to protect and preserve the environment.

The DC emphasized the importance of effective celebrations of Independence Day, which will serve as a platform to instill a sense of patriotism and national pride among citizens. He urged officers to work with dedication and commitment towards making the campaign a resounding success.

With the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign, the people of Rajouri have a unique opportunity to celebrate the spirit of freedom and independence and reaffirm their

commitment towards building a stronger, united, and prosperous India.

The campaign promises to deliver a memorable and impactful experience for every citizen of Rajouri, as they come together to celebrate their rich cultural heritage and diversity of our great nation.

The meeting was attended by several distinguished officers, including Chief Planning Officer Mohammad Khurshid, Assistant Commissioner Development Vijay Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Sheraz Chowhan, District Information Officer Israr Bukhari and Block Development Officers.

EDITORIAL

A Hidden Gem on J&K Tourism Map

Keran, a picturesque border tehsil in Kupwara district, holds the promise of untouched beauty and tranquility. Nestled along the serene banks of the Kishenganga River (Neelum River), it has long remained a hidden gem, unknown to many. However, recent developments are putting this enchanting region on the tourism map, bringing hope for peace, prosperity, and development.

For travelers seeking to immerse themselves in the untouched beauty of the Neelum Valley, Keran beckons with open arms. The journey to this paradise takes visitors through the mesmerizing Firkriyan Gali at an altitude of 9634 ft, offering breathtaking 360-degree views of lush green forests, meadows, and glistening streams that leave them in awe.

Keran's architectural marvels, with its unique wooden houses that have withstood the test of time, stand as a testament to its rich heritage and history. Preserving these unique structures is essential for maintaining the region's cultural identity for generations to come.

The recent decision by the Government of India to promote border areas like Keran for tourism has sparked happiness and excitement among the local population. The promise of peace, development, and economic growth brings renewed hope to the region, with the Indian Army actively supporting the local population in their pursuit of progress.

The influx of tourists has brought economic opportunities for locals, with homestay facilities and camping tents providing comfortable accommodations. This allows visitors to experience the region's warm hospitality and immerse themselves in the authentic culture and lifestyle of Keran.

The residents of Keran express their heartfelt gratitude to the government for putting their village on the tourism map. They firmly believe that this newfound attention will pave the way for progress and prosperity for their community, giving them a chance to showcase their rich cultural heritage to the world. Keran's pristine beauty, historical significance, and warm hospitality have made it a must-visit destination for travelers seeking an escape from the mundane. As more tourists discover this hidden paradise, it is crucial to strike a delicate balance between preserving its natural heritage and embracing responsible development. As Keran emerges as a cherished gem on the tourism map, it is our collective responsibility to support sustainable practices that preserve its beauty and essence. By doing so, we ensure that Keran continues to be an oasis of peace and serenity for generations to come. Let us wholeheartedly embrace this hidden gem and contribute to its journey towards prosperity, cultural preservation, and sustainable tourism.

Revisiting Horrific Thanagazi Gang-Rape Incident Amid Rising Dalit Atrocities In Rajasthan

Tabeenah Anjum
"It has been more than four years since that nightmare occurred. But whenever I get to hear an incident of sexual assault or gang rape, I relive my trauma. Being a victim of sexual abuse and a survivor too is not easy. My wounds are still ripe," says a 23-year-old Dalit woman who was gang-raped in front of her husband by five men, and the sixth had allegedly made the video in April 2019. The accused later circulated the video on social media.

The victim who was 19-years-old then, while she was riding a bike with her husband, was stopped by a group of five men who assaulted, thrashed and paraded her naked in Thanagazi of Alwar district in Rajasthan. A year later, in 2020, a special court constituted for hearing the cases under SC and ST Act awarded life imprisonment to four men for gang-raping the 19-year-old Dalit woman. The fifth accused was convicted under the IT Act and imprisoned for up to five years. And sixth accused, who was a minor, is being tried separately.

Four years on, the woman, who is now posted as a constable in the police lines in Jaipur, shares with Outlook, "I may have moved on in my life with a new job and am lucky to have a supportive family. The accused were given life imprisonment by the court, but it's not enough! Whenever such an incident takes place, I get furious. And there are times when I get to know that the video footage of that horrific assault is being circulated, it leaves me in pain and anger."

She calls the Manipur incident a brutal reminder of the ordeal she went through.

Footage of the assault was later released on social media as part of an alleged extortion attempt, where the accused had threatened the family and demanded money for not circulating the video. Later during the investigation, the police also booked a channel on the video portal YouTube for hosting the footage.

National-wide outrage

The infamous Thanagazi incident then resulted in nationwide outrage and had also drawn sharp criticism from the opposition BJP, which cornered the Congress government for the delay in timely action, just before the Lok Sabha 2019 polls. PM Narendra Modi and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati had raised the issue at political rallies. After the stir, the then Congress president Rahul Gandhi, accompanied by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his deputy Sachin Pilot, visited the victim and her family and assured a job and compensation. The victim's husband had

then told the media that the local police station in Thanagazi in Alwar had refused to lodge a complaint and police had asked them to wait until the polling ended in Alwar. An FIR was lodged on May 6, 2019, and the arrests were made on May 7, after Alwar went to the polls. Alwar was among 12 seats in Rajasthan that went to polls on May 6, 2019.

The government in its action, lodged an FIR against the station house officer (SHO) of Thanagazi Sardar Singh police station under the SC/ST Act, removed Rajeev Padhar as the SP, suspended Thanagazi SHO and removed six staff of the police station.

"The police took seven days to lodge a complaint. It was during these seven days that the accused threatened the family and circulated the video. The untimely action of the police highlights how the machinery is insensitive towards women's atrocities and the atrocities of SC and ST communities. The police reforms are needed which should focus on empathy and sensitivity of such cases", Tara Chand Verma, Rajasthan-based Dalit rights activist, shared with Outlook.

Details of FIR: The court has sentenced four of the accused - Hansraj Gurjar (20), Chhotel Gurjar (22), Ashok Gurjar (20) and Indraj Gurjar (22)- to life imprisonment till the end of their natural life while another accused, Mukesh (28), who filmed and circulated the video, was charged under different sections of the IT Act for circulating the video. As per the charge sheet filed by cops on May 18, 2019, two weeks after the FIR, the accused were charged under sections of the SC and ST Act and several sections of IPC, such as 147 (rioting), 149 (unlawful assembly), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 327 (Voluntarily causing hurt to extort property, or to constrain to an illegal act), 341 (wrongful restraint), 342 (wrongful confinement), 354B (outraging the modesty of a woman), 365 (Kidnapping or abducting with intent secretly and wrongfully to confine person), 376D (gang rape), 384 (extortion), 395 (dacoity) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

Police reform in Rajasthan

It was after this case that the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government announced that the FIRs could be lodged in the offices of superintendents of police (SP) if the local police stations did not register them. The CM then also announced, that a woman nodal officer of Deputy SP rank at the district level will be appointed to deal with the cases related to atrocities on SC/STs.

Women In Jharkhand Face Rising Sexual Crimes, Institutional Apathy

MD ASGHAR KHAN
A 14-year-old Dalit girl from Jharkhand had gone out at 9:30 pm to attend nature's call on April 13 this year. A youth forcibly caught hold of her, dragged her to a field, and raped her. According to the complaint registered by the father of the minor girl, the youth had been molesting and raping the minor girl for the last six months. When Outlook enquired about the progress of the case, the officer-in-charge at the police station of Chandwa said he couldn't divulge details on the phone as he was unsure of the person who was enquiring about the case.

The very next day of the incident, in a village, under Chandwa Police Station, a 10-year-old Dalit girl was gang-raped and murdered. On April 15, the members of her family registered a complaint at the police station. On this issue, officer-in-charge of Chandwa, Bablu Kumar, said, "In case number 92/23, we arrested five people within a week of the incident. They have confessed to the crime. To hide their crime, they threw the body behind her house. On June 30, a chargesheet has been filed in this regard. The trial is on."

But the police failed to divulge the details of the incident of April 13, but gave the details of the incident that took place on April 14. Why? On this issue, the unde of the Dalit minor girl said, "We had to launch an agitation for the police to take appropriate action. The residents had to gherao the SP at Latehar. After this, five people got arrested. The police had even threatened me for carrying out the agitation. But it is our constitutional right to carry on the agitation for our rights. We will continue doing so."

On July 14, one more minor girl was raped in a village under Chandwa police station. The father of the girl had filed an FIR in this case. In case number 149/23, many sections have been applied in accordance with the POCSO Act. But no arrests were made till July 15. Further information could not be divulged in this regard by the police officer on phone. In Latehar district of Jharkhand, there have been three such incidents with minor girls that have been reported in three months under one police station, but no cases were filed. It is evident that these incidents did not make news.

Latehar has 12 police stations. According to media reports, the incident of July 14 was a fresh case of molestation and rape. Prior to this, in the month of June, under the Barwadih police station area of Latehar, two Dalit minor girls were kidnapped and raped for a week. When the family members of the minor girls registered a complaint, considering the seriousness of the issue, the district SP formed a SIT. The investigations highlighted kidnapping and rape of these victims and said the police helped in the



release of the victims on July 9 and arrested four accused.

Now let us move from the villages to the cities where the police administration is supposedly more vigilant and alert. In the capital city of Ranchi this month, within 48 hours, two minor girl students were gang-raped. On July 14, when a minor student was returning from a birthday party, her friends started molesting her. When she protested, she was taken to an isolated place and gang-raped. On July 16, a minor girl was gang-raped by her friends when she was returning home from a late night party.

In both Latehar and Ranchi districts, crimes against women have increased in the past three years. According to the data of the Jharkhand Police, between 2020 and 2022, 186 such cases have been registered in Latehar. Prior to this, between 2017 and 2019, 138 cases were registered. The increase in these cases is much more in Ranchi than Latehar. Between 2020 and 2022, the incidents of rape were 627 in Ranchi. Between 2017 and 2019, the figure was 528.

The Jharkhand Police's website has data only till February 2023. If we add the incidents of rape of the last two months, in the last 38 months, 198 rape cases in Latehar and 660 rape cases in Ranchi have been registered. This means that roughly in every 5.8 days at Latehar and in 1.75 days at Ranchi, there is an incident of rape. If media reports are to be believed, after February there have been six rape cases in Latehar and more than half a dozen of such cases in Ranchi.

The incident of alleged rape of two Manipuri tribal women has been termed as a black chapter in the history of the country by Jharkhand CM. On this statement of the CM, the spokesperson of Jharkhand BJP, Pratul Shahdeo, says, "Everyday in Jharkhand too, such incidents of rape are taking place with tribal women. The CM should also be speaking on this. These incidents are also black chapters in the history of the state during his tenure. These need to be counted too because in the last three and a half years, whatever incidents of rape have occurred, most of them have taken place with tribal Dalit girls. CM repeatedly says that his government is for the tribals.

On Manipur, Tribal Groups' Hopes From Country's First Adivasi President

ABHIK BHATTACHARYA
As the video of two Kuki women being paraded naked in Manipur went viral, Adivasi communities across the country have risen in rage and appealed to India's first tribal President Droupadi Murmu to intervene and save the interests of indigenous communities. All India First Nations Writers' Conference, an organisation of Adivasi writers from across the country, in a memorandum submitted to the President has put down its angst and referred to the Manipur incident as an attack by the people who consider themselves 'civilised' against those perceived as 'uncivilised'.

"We believe that brutality done to women is not just a crime but it is a bad act to give terrible wounds to the soul. Sadly, this wound is often inflicted by societies whose history is full of such communal riots and wars, and who consider themselves more civilized and cultured than the tribals," the letter notes.

Signed by Adivasi intellectuals from across the country, the letter contains big names like Vahru Sonawane, Ushakiran Atram, KM Metri, J an Mohammad Hakeem, Vandna Tete and Padmashree awardee Mamang Dai. As the custodian of fifth and sixth schedule, the President of India is constitutionally the protector of Adivasi rights. Referring to the commitment of the undisputed Adivasi leader Jai Pal Singh Munda in the Constituent Assembly, the letter says, "In the Constituent Assembly, our supreme leader Jai Pal Singh Munda had said that in the new democratic India, tribals should get the right to live with equality and peace because they are the creators and original inhabitants of India." And that was the reason that tribal communities accepted Indian democracy, it adds.

What tribals expect from president
The silence of the first Adivasi President of the country in the backdrop of such heinous crimes is what is



bothering scholars and activists, notes an Adivasi leader from Jharkhand.

Adivasi author and scholar A K Pankaj says, "Definitely, people from our community had high hopes from her when she became the President. It is very natural for Adivasis as we believe in dan-based relationship. But one must not forget the political training of Murmu. Her silence simply shows that her political inclination has taken precedence over her Adivasi values."

Notably, Murmu started her career as an independent councillor in 1997 and later joined the BJP and became an MLA in 2000 from Odisha's Rairangpur Assembly constituency. "We are mostly told that the President, the Supreme Court and the Prime Minister are politically unbiased. But in reality, it is never the case. Political ideology always takes precedence," adds Pankaj.

Adivasi protests
Since the viral video came out, several Adivasi organisations have hit the streets demanding the resignation of the Prime Minister. Jharkhand-based Adivasi organisations including Adivasi Jan Parishad, Adivasi Sena, Sarna Sangharsh Samiti and Adivasi Kendriya Parishad demanded accountability from the government. Prem

recent years have led to wrath and attacks by the erstwhile cabinet minister of Social Welfare, Women and Child Development, Louis Marani, on CM Hemant Soren. CM Soren has been a legislator from Barhait constituency of Santhal Pargana and Louis Marandi has been a legislator from the JMM-dominant Dumka.

Louis Marani, while speaking to Outlook on the issue of rape, says "The incidences of crimes and rapes against women are taking place across the state. However, there has been increase in these crimes against tribal women in Santhal Pargana. The laws are not being followed properly. The administration is completely ineffective. The government does not seem to be serious about the issues of women. Had it been visible, the Women's Commission would have been constituted long back. I had worked as a member of Women Commission. I know the importance of this commission. There are many cases related to women that come here. The commission is of great help to many women."

According to a report, the dormancy of the commission has led to an accumulation of 4,174 complaint letters related to women in the initial two years, the hearing of which is still pending. When Outlook tried to question Jharkhand Minister of Women and Child Development and Social Security, Joba Majhi, about the delay in the constitution of the Women's Commission and issues of women safety, she replied hastily, "It has not been done, it will be done." The call was then disconnected. When this reporter tried to contact the minister again, the call was received and cut.

The district of Santhal Pargana, mentioned by Louis Marandi, has been witness to these incidences in the recent three years. In Dumka between 2017 and 2019, there have been 162 cases registered and between 2020 and 2022, there have been 99 cases. In Sahibgunj, between 2017 and 2019, there have been 314 cases. While between 2020 and 2022, there have been 240 cases registered. The data given by Jharkhand police states that between January 2020 and February 2023, in 38 months, there have been 5,255 cases of rape in the state.

Human Rights worker Gladson Dungdung says, "After the Manipur incident, both the ruling and the opposition parties are accusing each other instead of working together to stop the crimes against women. I believe no one is serious on women issues? whether it is the government or the opposition party.

People are asking to speak on the incidences that took place in Rajasthan and Bengal after the Manipur incident. Soren is also a part of it. He is speaking on Manipur incident but he is unable to stop crimes against women in his own state. Right now his only aim is to win elections."

(Translated by Kaveri Mishra)

Sahi Munda, the president of Adivasi Jan Parishad, says, "Both the central and the state government have been attacking tribal women in Manipur just for votes. Their silence is deafening."

Another prominent leader of Kendriya Sarna Samiti, Ajay Tirk, says, "If these attacks on Adivasis continue, we will strengthen our protests ahead of the 2024 elections."

Does it have any connection with the upcoming elections?

Adivasi scholar Pankaj says, "Definitely. This government is trying to play the caste game ahead of elections in the bordering states. Violence in places like Jammu and Kashmir or northeastern states will actually benefit them to evoke the emotions of nationalism."

Dilemma over ST status
The government has already introduced Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023 in Parliament. If this comes to fruition, the Pahari ethnic group along with Gadda Brahmin, Koli, and Paddari tribe will be added to the Scheduled Tribe list. In 2022, when the government tried to push Pahari ethnic group into the ST list, Gujarat and Bakarwal communities registered their protests.

Notably, the conflict in Manipur also started with the demand of the Meitei community to be included into the ST list getting approved. "The government is feared of the retribution from Adivasis in 2024 elections and thus they are expanding the ST benefits to the people who would legitimise their pro-tribes claims," says an Adivasi leader from Jharkhand.

The protests, however, are not limited to Jharkhand. While Adivasis in Bastar region under the banner of Sarna Adivasi Samaj staged massive protest a few days back, 26 tribal outfits in West Bengal are all set to hit the streets in the coming days.

Monsoon has picked up pace in Karnataka: Experts

New Delhi, July 28
While the delayed monsoon had become a cause for concern in many parts of the state, the monsoon has picked up pace in the past few days with rainfall deficit only in south interior Karnataka, according to weather experts. The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Bengaluru, Director, A Prasad said Biparjoy affected the monsoon wind circulation pattern, resulting in delayed monsoon and rainfall deficit in June. However, synoptic features like Westerly winds, offshore trough, shear zone have started

establishing since July, conducive for vigorous monsoon, Prasad said. According to Prasad, the rainfall deficit currently is only in the south interior Karnataka - Ramanagara (-44%), Kodagu (-34%) and Hassan (-20%), compared to June, when almost all the districts had deficit rainfall. “The monsoon started in Karnataka very late, ten days behind the schedule. It’s not the first time this has happened. It has happened in the past as well in 2016, 2019 and other years. Therefore, we had deficit in June. But we had already forecasted that the monsoon would be very active in July. I’d

said earlier that there would be active and vigorous monsoon conditions



from June 21-July 27,” Prasad said. “When monsoon started in Kerala, cyclone Biparjoy took over and delayed it and changed the circulation pattern completely. That’s why the Westerly winds were not strong. Now the synoptic features like off-

shore trough, shear zone have started establishing since July,” Prasad pointed out. According to data furnished by the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC), as of July 25, as many as nine districts in Karnataka come under deficit rainfall, 20 districts saw normal rainfall and two dis-

tricts got excess rain from June 1 to July 25 this monsoon. In June, as many as 21 districts were under deficit rainfall, five saw normal rainfall and one district got excess rain. While the farmers had expressed concern over the deficit rainfall in the initial phase of the monsoon as it could affect production of several important crops, Prasad said they need to be concerned anymore. “As far as farming is concerned, I don’t think there is any problem. The farmers don’t need to be concerned about the rains anymore. The outlook for August also shows that near-normal

rainfall is possible. The normal rainfall is when it is above 83 cm as a whole for the state. We are expecting anything between 72 cm and 92 cm,” Prasad pointed out. Meanwhile, the IMD has issued a red alert for Coastal Karnataka and Chikmagalur till Wednesday morning. The weather department forecasted extremely heavy rainfall (over 204.5mm) for the three coastal districts and Chikmagalur. “Gusty wind with speed reaching 40-50 kmph is likely to occur at isolated places from July 25-July 26 and gusty wind with speed reaching

Man gathers people on Maharashtra's Samruddhi Expressway to chant mantras to prevent accidents; booked

New Delhi, July 28

A case has been registered against a man for assembling people at a spot on the Samruddhi Expressway where a bus fire claimed 25 lives, and installing a 'mahamrutyunjay yantra' and reciting mantras to prevent accidents, police said on Wednesday. Hamid Dabholkar of the Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti, an anti-superstition group, had objected to it and demanded police action into the matter. Twenty-five people were charged to death after a private bus caught fire on the Samruddhi Expressway in Maharashtra's Buldhana district on July 1. On July 23, Buldhana resident Nilesh Adhav gathered some people at the acci-

dent site at Pimpalkhuta in Sindhkhedraja area of the expressway and installed a 'mahamrutyunjay yantra' and recited the 'mahamrutyunjay japa', as per the police. Adhav claimed on social media that due to the 'mahamrutyunjay yantra', no accident will take place within five-km stretch and misled the people, the police said. The Buldhana police on Monday registered a case against Adhav under provisions of the Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, 2013 and a probe was on into it. Notably, more than 80 people have lost their lives in road accidents over the last six months.

Hyderabad woman seen starving in Chicago, mother appeals to EAM for help

New Delhi, July 28

A Hyderabad woman who went to the United States to pursue a master's degree in Information Science was spotted on the roads of Chicago fighting depression and starvation after all her belongings were reportedly stolen. In a letter written to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar the woman's mother, Syeda Wahaj Fatima, sought his help in bringing back her daughter. The letter was shared on social media by BRS leader Khaleequr Rahaman. “Ms. Syeda Lulu Minhaj Zaidi from Hyd went to pursue MS from TRINE University, Detroit was found in a very bad condition in Chicago, IL. Her mother has appealed

@DrSJ aishankar to bring back her daughter. Would appreciate the immediate help,” Rahman wrote captioning the post on Twitter. The post also had a video of the woman who identified herself with the name Minhaj Zaidi. The woman is seen having trouble remembering her name at first. However, recalls it afterwards. She also looks depressed and malnourished. The man who captured the video is heard asking the woman to have some food after offering her some. The letter written by the woman's mother read, “My daughter Syeda Lulu Minhaj Zaidi, a resident of Maula Ali in Telangana, went to pursue her Masters in Information Science from

TRINE University, Detroit, USA during August 2021 and was often in touch with us. Since past two months, she has not been in touch with me and recently we came to know through two Hyderabad youths that my daughter is in depression and someone stole her belongings, which left her to starvation. My daughter was spotted on the roads of Chicago in the USA.” “It is requested to kindly ask the embassy of India, Washington DC, USA and Indian Consulate in Chicago USA to immediately interfere and bring back my daughter as soon as possible back to India. Necessary action taken in this regard may be informed,” it added.

Spirit of Shah’s letter to end Parl deadlock contrary to govt’s attitude: Kharage

New Delhi, July 28

A day after Union home minister Amit Shah attempted to break the Parliament deadlock by offering a discussion on Manipur in a letter to leaders of the opposition, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday said the mis- sive’s spirit was contrary to the government’s attitude. Kharge reiterated the demand for Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s statement on Manipur in the House. The demand has triggered the deadlock with the government insisting that Shah will speak in Parliament on the protracted ethnic violence in the northeastern state. Kharge said Shah

wrote the letter expecting a positive response on the day Modi equated the country’s opposition par-

try’s name, citing the usage in the East India Company, which colonised India and the



ties with the British rulers and terrorist groups. Modi on Tuesday launched a fresh attack on the opposition grouping Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), terming it “directionless” and saying people cannot be misled merely by the use of the coun-

banned Popular Front of India. Kharge said the lack of coordination between the ruling party and the opposition has been visible for years. “...now this gulf has started appearing even within the ruling party. It is not only absurd but also unfortunate for the Prime Minister to call

Congress's Gaurav Gogoi submits notice for no-confidence motion against govt

New Delhi, July 28

Congress lawmaker Gaurav Gogoi on Wednesday submitted a notice for a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government as part of an attempt to force him to reply on issues including the Manipur violence. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla was expected to take up the notice in the House. The notice was filed at 9.20am. According to the rules, any no-confidence notice submitted before 10am has to be taken up on the same day. People aware of the matter said the motion was unlikely to be taken up in Lok Sabha for discussion on Wednesday.

DGCA suspends licence of 2 IndiGo pilots for tail strike incident in Ahmedabad

New Delhi, July 28

Aviation regulator Directorate General of



Civil Aviation (DGCA) has suspended the licenses of an IndiGo pilot in command for three months and a co-pilot for one month for last month’s tail strike incident at Ahmedabad airport, people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday. A senior DGCA official said the decision to suspend the two pilots was taken after

evaluating their explanation. “DGCA investigation has revealed that the crew

ground or any object during takeoff or landing. Tail strikes are often attributed to human error and can cause significant damage to the aircraft. The aircraft was immediately grounded at the Ahmedabad airport for assessment and repairs and the two pilots were taken off the roster. “Both crew members were issued a show cause notice by DGCA. After examination of their replies and relevant facts of the matter, the license of the PIC (pilot in command) has been suspended for a period of 3 months and co-pilot has been suspended for a period of 1 month for violation of the provisions of the relevant Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) and SOPs,” the DGCA official added.

Teens stuck for an hour in overflowing river in Udaipur, rescued

New Delhi, July 28

Two young men, who were stuck in the middle of a swollen river in Morwaniya village in Rajasthan’s Udaipur while they were trying to cross it on a motor-bike, were rescued by a Civil Defence team on Wednesday. The two teenagers from nearby locality held onto a railing as the river was overflowed due to incessant heavy rainfall. A team of 12 Civil Defence officials reached the spot and after around 25 minutes of continuous efforts, the two men were rescued. Kailash, a member of Civil Defence, told news agency ANI that

the two men entered the river to shoot a video. Kailash said, “The incharge informed me and asked me to prepare



a team and come to Ubeshwarji Marg near the Army campus. He said that the river was overflowing and two kids had gotten stuck on it. Their bike had flowed with the river, but the two teens were hanging

onto a railing. “Kailash said that it was extremely difficult to reach the spot where the two youths were stuck. He

it took around 25 minutes of constant efforts and with the use of hydraulic crane, which was brought from the Army campus, the two teens were rescued. “We also recovered their bike and handed it over to the Police.” “The water is flowing at a very high speed due to heavy rainfall. This is why the river was overflowing to upto two-three feet high. They were very lucky that there was a railing on the bridge, which they held on to. They were stuck over around an hour there. It is a big thing that we reached there on time and their lives were saved,” Kailash said.

said, “The water was flowing over a bridge. To reach the duo, we had to cross two bridge where the flow of water was up to two feet high. We crossed the bridges in a truck and reached the spot.” He added that

Despite tight scrutiny, Union minister says India is open to Chinese investment

New Delhi, July 28

India is open to Chinese investment despite border dashes between the two countries, the Deputy Minister for Information

the FT, adding that India was “open to all investment, including Chinese”. New Delhi ramped up scrutiny of Chinese businesses after a 2020 border

\$1 billion factory in the country over security concerns with respect to Chinese investments.

However, the FT said BYD’s application was “pending and still valid”, citing an unnamed person with direct knowledge of the matter. India’s commerce ministry officials did not respond to Reuters request for comment. BYD could not be immediately reached for a comment.

Separately, Apple’s Chinese contract manufacturer Luxshare Precision Industry Co Ltd, which already has two plants in India, has applied for permission for another factory in the country, but Indian officials have not yet approved the project, the FT added. Chandrasekhar told the FT he was unaware of Luxshare’s application.

dash between the two countries, banning more than 300 Chinese apps, including TikTok. Since then, India has intensified scrutiny of investments by Chinese firms. The Economic Times, in a report published last week, said India rejected Chinese automaker BYD Co’s proposal to set up a



Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar told the Financial Times in a report published on Wednesday. “We are open to doing business with any company anywhere as long as they are investing and conducting their business lawfully and are in compliance with the Indian laws,” Chandrasekhar told

Supreme Court questions Centre on ban on pesticides

New Delhi, July 28

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre why it had to constitute multiple committees to review ban on pesticides even as judges indicated that it appeared to be an effort by the government to secure a favourable decision. The court made the observations while hearing a bunch of public interest litigations (PIL) filed by NGO Vanashakti and others challenging the February 2023 order of the Centre banning only three pesticides. The petitions pointed out that in 2020, a sub-committee formed under SK Khurana had recommended ban on 27 pesticides for being carcinogenic. Replacing this

finding, the Centre formed a committee headed by TP Rajendran in September



2022 which restricted the ban to just three names. Seeking answers from the Centre on forming one committee after another, a bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud said, “Why do you have so many committees. You keep appointing committees till you get a favourable response.” The bench, also

comprising justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, further said, “We

want to know why the Khurana committee recommended ban on 27 pesticides and Rajendran committee reduced it to just 3... It seems that every time you have an adverse report from one committee, you constituted a new committee.” Additional solicitor general (ASG) Vikramjeet Banerjee, appearing for Centre, informed the court that the

government took the decision considering the science involved and as per procedure. “The petitioners do not like the science nor the procedure and hence they are complaining.” “We want to be satisfied that you followed the science as well as the procedure,” the bench said as it posted the matter for hearing on August 1. The petitions were argued by advocate Prashant Bhushan who said that the government must come clean on why 27 pesticides were not banned. According to him, this was contained in the draft notification for imposing ban in 2018 due to the use of carcinogenic chemicals posing threat to human life. Additionally, the PIL

also sought ban on other pesticides not included in the draft notification. Bhushan said the pesticides allowed by India were banned internationally as they were found to cause health hazards for children, and that the government succumbed to the industry lobby that never favours a ban. The draft notification recommending the ban on 27 pesticides was also a result of a study by a committee headed by SK Malhotra which submitted its report in 2017. The NGO Vanashakti had approached the top court in 2017 demanding that the ban be expanded to use of other pesticides as well, which is still being considered by the top court.

Burping to hair pulling; 5 weird symptoms that could actually be anxiety

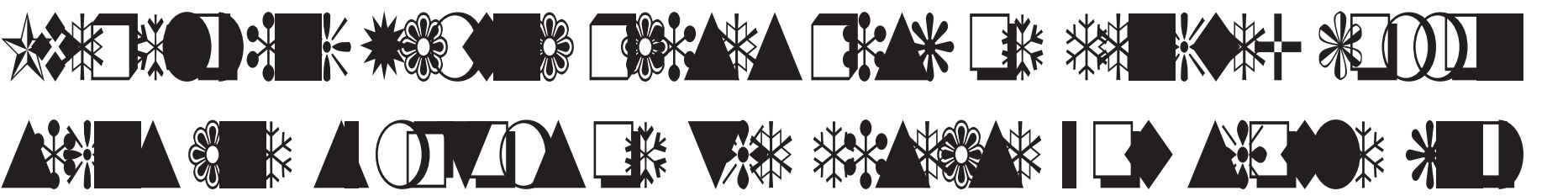
Anxiety can make you do unusual and unexpected things at times. It can

says people who have high emotional reactivity or those who are more



also make you perceive things differently. Sometimes your actions can surprise you or even make you feel guilty. The more you try to hide it or control it, there are chances it may show up at moments when you are unprepared. Anxiety may have different symptoms for different people as everyone's life experiences, mind, and situation can be different. Research

introverted are more likely to experience anxiety. It is your body's response to stress - a feeling of fear or uneasiness that could cause rapid heartbeat, sweating, restlessness. One may experience anxiety from time to time like before an examination, at work during a high-pressure day, or before a significant event of life. Such anxiety goes away in due course of time.



While dengue cases have been on the rise ever since the monsoon rains began in the national capital, the flooding of Yamuna river inundating low-lying areas has led to the fear of virus spread growing multi-fold. Almost 140 cases of dengue were reported in Delhi which has raised alarm over the spread of the deadly virus. Transmitted by bite of mosquito, dengue can have both mild and major symptoms. People who have suffered from dengue previously are at higher risk of getting severe dengue. Prevention is always better than cure

in case of dengue. The mosquitoes that spread the disease are active during the day and people are at risk of getting bitten while doing their chores, working or even sitting. To tackle this, full sleeved clothes should be worn, and use of mosquito repellents are suggested even during the day. "With monsoon around the corner, we anticipate dengue and other vector borne diseases. Till last year, statistics show number of cases of the vector-borne disease climbing to over 3000 plus in national capital, according to NVBDCP report. We all are aware that dengue is a viral illness which gets transmit-

ted through the bite of female Aedes mosquitoes.



Dengue fever cannot spread directly from person to person unlike Covid-19 or flu, says Dr Neha Rastogi Panda, Consultant, Infectious Disease, Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram. "Dengue is a viral disease transmitted by the infective bite of a mosquito called Aedes

aegypti. Human beings develop disease after 5-6

days of being bitten by infected female mosquitoes that feed both indoors and outdoors during the daytime (from dawn to dusk). These mosquitoes thrive in areas with standing water including puddles, water tanks, containers and old tires. It occurs in two forms - classical dengue fever also known

as 'break bone' fever and dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF) which is life threatening. It is highly contagious and spreads from one person to another through mosquito bites," says Dr Tushar Tayal, Consultant-Internal Medicine, CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram. "The infection is characterized by flu-like symptoms which include a sudden high-grade fever coming in separate waves, pain behind the eyes, muscle, joint and bone pain, severe headache, abdominal fullness and discomfort and a skin rash with red spots which happens by the fifth day of illness," says Dr Tayal. Dengue illness can

be prevented by using basic steps of hygiene and source control to ensure and eliminate any possible breeding locations in your home, such as watering cans, buckets, and clogged drains. Signs and symptoms of dengue explained by Dr Panda: 1. High fever: One of the primary signs of dengue fever is a sudden onset of high fever, often reaching 104°F (40°C). The fever typically lasts for 2 to 7 days. 2. Severe headache: Dengue fever is often accompanied by an intense headache, especially behind the eyes. This headache can be debilitating and persistent.

Ridhi Dogra: Bollywood isn't a creative industry, it's closed and business-minded

Having carved a place for herself in the television industry, actor Ridhi Dogra made her big screen debut earlier this year with Lakadbagha. The film is set to have its European premiere later this month at the 20th Indisches Film Festival Stuttgart (Germany). While Dogra is thrilled, she feels it is "sad and embarrassing" that good content only comes into notice in India when it's appreciated elsewhere. "There's a certain laziness in this industry. People don't see talent for what it can be, they see it for what it is. It is so sad and embarrassing. We don't have the conviction to use talent. We need people from

around us to tell us, 'Arrey isme kuch baat hai'. The moment that happens, we



are convinced to put our money on them safely," she says. The actor, who has done web projects such as Asur and The Married Woman, admits that transitioning from one medium to another hasn't been easy. Despite these challenges, Dogra has come a long way. She

is all set to share screen with superstars Salman Khan and Shah Rukh

Khan in Tiger 3 and Jawan respectively. Ask if she faced any obstacles bagging these projects, and the 38-year-old says, "I face challenges all the time. Playing a role onscreen isn't the challenging part, but figuring things off camera is a task. You just want to act, but

then you have to be a marketing person, too, [knowing how to seal yourself]. During this process, you also realise that the film industry — that daims to be a creative field — is actually such a closed setup and business-minded. Especially when there are big monies involved, makers want to put money on actors they are comfortable with, because they feel that particular star would listen to them". Talking about the challenges she faced, the actor says, "I used to find things like, 'Yeh toh TV actor hai' very absurd. It's wrong to generalise. I consider myself an exception. I don't have this baggage that I'm from TV, I never

think like that. I feel sad for a lot of people who get stuck in these labels. If you are an actor, you belong to all the mediums," says the actor, adding that she takes pride in "belonging to TV and OTT". She goes on to share that unlike actors who get things on a platter, those coming from different mediums have to struggle to make a place for themselves. "I don't have people guiding or telling me ki, 'Yeh 10 film mein aa rahi hain'. I literally have to chase people and run after them to see the potential in me. It's a little embarrassing because you may feel that your work should speak for you, but it's a different game in Bollywood.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu wraps up Citadel before her break from work, calls it 'a special day'

Samantha Ruth Prabhu has wrapped up the shooting of the Indian leg of Russo Brothers' web series, Citadel. She took to



her Instagram Stories to announce the shoot wrap along with a happy selfie. Last week, there were confirmed reports about the actor planning to take a year-long break from work to focus on her health. Taking to her Instagram Stories, Samantha shared her happy selfie and wrote,

"13th of July (heart emoji) will always be a special special day. And it's a wrap on #CitadelIndia." Samantha Ruth Prabhu's

latest post on Instagram. Samantha Ruth Prabhu's latest post on Instagram. A video of Samantha leaving the sets on the last day of her shoot was also shared on a paparazzo's Instagram account. Last week, Samantha also wrapped up the shoot of her upcoming film, Kushi. With the wrap up of

Citadel, Samantha has now wrapped up all the shoot portion of her projects. Last week, a source close to the actor confirmed that Samantha will be going a break to focus on her health as she is dealing with an autoimmune condition, Myositis. The source told Hindustan Times, "Few months back, Samantha decided that she will be taking a break from acting, and was just waiting to wrap up her projects — Kushi with Vijay Deverakonda and the Indian segment of Citadel with Varun Dhawan. When I checked with her a few months back, she told me that she is not signing any projects currently." The source however, denied that Samantha was returning money.

Satyaprem Ki Katha box office day 14 collection: Film falls to 1.25 cr; Kartik Aaryan begins Chandu Champion shoot

Satyaprem Ki Katha box office: After falling once again on its second Monday, the Kartik

Mission Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One in theatres across the globe. The action enter-



Aaryan and Kiara Advani film fell further to just around ₹1.25 crore on Wednesday. It has been directed by Sameer Vidwans and also stars Gajraj Rao, Supriya Pathak, Siddharth Randeria, Anuradha Patel, Rajpal Yadav and Shikha Talsania. The fall in Satyaprem Ki Katha numbers on Wednesday can also be due to the release of Tom Cruise film

tainer has received good reviews and is one of the most awaited films of the year. It is said to have opened at ₹12.5 crore. According to a report on Sacnilk.com, Satyaprem Ki Katha collected ₹1.25 crore at the domestic box office on Wednesday as per early estimates. It stands at a total of ₹71.41 crore. The film had collected ₹53.21 crore in its first week despite positive

reviews and favourable word of mouth. With the box office numbers going as down as ₹1.25 crore, the film might be close to completing its lifetime run in theatres. It is far lower than what Kartik and Kiara's last blockbuster Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 had achieved but is still better than the poor response received for Kartik's last film, Shehzada. While Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 had collected ₹185 crore at the domestic box office, Shehzada had wrapped up at ₹32 crore. Meanwhile, Kartik Aaryan has shared a picture from the sets of his new film, Chandu Champion. The picture shows him sitting on the floor with director Kabir Khan seated beside him on a chair, holding the clapperboard on day.

Akshay Kumar's Oh My God 2 sent to censor board review committee to avoid controversy

In order to avoid an Adipurush-like backlash, Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) is looking at the dialogues and scenes in Oh My God 2 (OMG 2). The upcoming film is a sequel to Akshay Kumar and Paresh Rawal's 2012 film OMG - Oh My God. As per a new report, the board's revising committee seeks to ensure that the dialogues and scenes in OMG 2 'do not create any issues'. There is no clarity yet about which scenes or dialogues in Oh My God 2 have caused concern to the CBFC. Once the film goes to the revision committee, the CBFC will reportedly take a decision on the movie, which is set to be

released in theatres on August 11. Censor board



looking at Oh My God 2 dialogues.

As per sources quoted in a recent report by India Today, "CBFC does not want to repeat the backlash that Adipurush faced over its dialogues" and it will take a decision on Akshay Kumar-starrer Oh My God 2 after the board's revising committee "looks over at the dialogues and

scenes in the film". Sources told India Today that

CBFC has now taken "pre-emptive measures" to avoid any backlash over Oh My God 2 dialogues and scenes. CBFC will send any movie dealing with subjects like God or religion for review and revision, added the source. Om Raut's Adipurush has been mired in controversies ever since it was released last month.

The film stars Prabhas as Raghava, Kriti as Janaki, Sunny Singh as Laxman, and Saif Ali Khan as Lankesh. The film faced criticism over its dialogues, costumes and cartoon-like graphics. Since its release, there have also been sporadic protests against Adipurush, while some challenged the depiction of its characters, others said it hurt the sentiments of people, who have grown up watching the Doordarshan show Ramayan. Later, the film's makers released a revised version after changing some of the dialogues. Adipurush dialogue writer Manoj Muntashir had also issued an 'unconditional' apology following

the backlash. In his apology note, he had admitted that Adipurush had hurt people's sentiments. OMG 2 is directed by Amit Rai, and shows Akshay Kumar in a character inspired by Lord Shiva. OMG 2 also features Yami Gautam, Pankaj Tripathi and Arun Govil of Ramayan fame. It is set to be released on August 11, and will clash with Sunny Deol and Ameesha Patel-starrer Gadar 2 at the box office. 2012's OMG - Oh My God, had featured the story of Kanji Lalji Mehta (Paresh Rawal), who files a case against God for the destruction of his shop in an earthquake.

Vignesh Shivan reacts to Shah Rukh Khan romancing wife Nayanthara in Jawan

Shah Rukh Khan and Nayanthara will be seen romancing each other on screen for the first time. The two play the leads in Atlee's debut Bollywood film, Jawan. Nayanthara's husband and filmmaker Vignesh Shivan is all praise for the film as well as Atlee and Shah Rukh Khan. He has also mentioned Shah Rukh and Nayanthara's romantic scenes in Jawan in his post for the Pathaan actor and hailed him as the 'king of romance'. On Wednesday, Shah Rukh Khan thanked Vignesh for his appreciation of Jawan and also warned him about his wife Nayanthara. He wrote on Twitter, "@VigneshShivN thank you for all the love. #Nayanthara is awesome...but oh who am I

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already cherishing that with the happiness of such a dream Debut with YOU #SRK the #KingofHearts #Badshaah #Jawan @Atlee_dir gonna be a massive global #Blockbuster." Vignesh Shivan replied to Shah Rukh Khan's post. Vignesh Shivan replied to Shah Rukh Khan's post.

Vignesh Shivan's earlier post for Jawan. On the day of Jawan Prevue release, Vignesh had taken to his Instagram Stories to share his reaction. He had written, "How can you not be proud of @atlee47 when he comes up with a banger with his Bollywood debut! Looks international! So much efforts, patience and hard work! A big hug, hatsoff!!" Making a special mention of Nayanthara, he

had added, "Congrats to #Nayanthara lookin (hot face emoji) dream debut with the King @amsrk for my Thangam & my king @anirudhofficial killin it soooo well here! Kudos to @actorvijaysethupathi sir @redchillies.color @livingstonruben #VishnuDop @kunalraian." Jawan Prevue was loved by the audience for its high-octane action sequences, massive cast and loads of drama. Nayanthara was seen in a polished corporate look as well as wielding a gun in the middle of an action scene. There were also glimpses of Vijay Sethupathi, Deepika Padukone, Sanya Malhotra, Priyamani, Girija Oak. The film will release in theatres on September 7.

Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One box office day 1 collection: Tom Cruise film opens in India at 12.5 cr

Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One, popularly referred as Mission Impossible 7, had a decent opening in the-



atres across India. The Tom Cruise film reportedly collected ₹12.5 crore on day one as it released amid positive reviews. It is available in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu in India. The spy action film directed by Christopher McQuarrie is being hailed for its mind-blowing action sequences, superb performances by Tom Cruise, co-star

Hayley Atwell and others. Hayley too has performed some very impressive stunts in the film. Mission Impossible 7 box office,

review. According to a report on Sacnilk.com, Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One opened at ₹12.5 crore in all languages in India, as per early estimates. The Hindustan Times review of the film read: "Mission: Impossible Dead Reckoning Part One, could very possibly be the best offering of the season with its insane action and a

beating heart. Not only does this seventh film in the hit franchise perfectly fit the Hollywood blockbuster template but also improves on it, gilds it to almost undeniable perfection. "Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One is directed by Christopher McQuarrie. It also stars Pom Klementieff, Ving Rhames, Simon Pegg, Rebecca Ferguson, Vanessa Kirby and Henry Czerny. It is presented by Paramount Pictures and Skydance. How Tom Cruise impressed Indians with his Hindi. Tom has a massive fan following in India. In a recent promotional interview with Canadian news outlet ETalk, Tom was praised by an Indian-origin journalist for his fluency in various languages in his movies.



Outside of T20, the runs are not coming for Suryakumar Yadav, but his freakish abilities still inspire faith among well-wishers of Indian cricket.

On Friday, former India fast bowler RP Singh said that despite Yadav's recent struggles, he was India's best bet for the No. 4 or 5 spots at the World Cup, especially with a question mark over the match-readiness of the formidable Shreyas Iyer.

"Suryakumar Yadav is a good option for No 4, along with Shreyas (Iyer), provided he is fit. But if you are looking at him even as a backup option, it is important to give him



gametime and he is certainly a good pick," Singh said during an interaction held by Jio Cinema. "Suryakumar is yet to make his mark in One-day cricket but the way he is batting and the kind of batter that he is, he can be a good option for No 4 or 5."

Singh added, "You must always have backup options heading into major tournaments. His current form in T20 cricket has been very good, One-day format is different because you have (to face) more number of balls. Due to that, he will have to change his game plan a bit."

Singh said India did

Bumrah was 100 per cent fit from his back injury, and could be on the flight to Ireland for the T20 series in August.

"For Bumrah, getting some games under his belt on the Ireland tour and in the Asia Cup will be better in the context of playing in the World Cup. When you are returning from an injury layoff, the body and the mind need time to adjust and you need to play some matches for that," Singh said.

About the pacy but raw Umran Malik, Singh said, he needs to possess more than just pace if he has to be an effective bowler. He too needs to

be given more matches. "You have a good number of matches before the World Cup. He can get 5-6 games in the Asia Cup, and three more matches (against Australia). Umran has the advantage of pace. But the issue with him is the skill - his deliveries do not move much," Singh said. "In international cricket, speed alone cannot be the only weapon. You have to make a game plan as well, and that is something he is not learning as quickly as he should. He also concedes a lot of runs. But he seems to be in the loop for the World Cup because he has the pace."

India Hold England 1-1, But Fail To Make Final

A Indian men's hockey team came up with a spirited performance to hold England 1-1 in their third match at the ongoing 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation - International Tournament in Barcelona on Friday.



While Sam Ward scored an early goal for England in the fifth minute, India bounced back to level the scores in the 29th minute through Harmanpreet Singh.

The draw meant India are out of contention for the final on Sunday.

After losing to the hosts and drawing with the Netherlands in their previous matches, India were looking for an elusive win and a spot in the final.

Despite their positive body language on the field, it was England who got off to a good start, with Ward scoring a stunning field goal.

A tumbling James Oates crossed the ball from the right flank towards the goalpost, which Ward deflected inside.

Despite the early setback, India showed tenacity in the following minutes, defending admirably to save two consecutive

penalty corners. Meanwhile, the Indian forward line continued their attack, earning a well-deserved penalty corner in the 12th minute.

Unfortunately for Indian skipper Harmanpreet, the umpire disallowed his goal for dangerous play.

It took India a lot of effort to break through the English defence, and it wasn't until the 29th minute that India were able to level the score. It

was Harmanpreet yet again leading the charge, as he broke no sweat in converting a brilliant penalty corner.

A goal just before the 10-minute half-time break meant that the two teams would return with strategies that would promise exciting 30 minutes of play. With a spot in the final at stake, both teams lived up to the billing with their brilliant attacking tactics that kept the spectators glued.

But a win eluded India, and that ended India's hope of progressing to the final.

They will next play the placing match against the losing team from the Spain versus Netherlands match.

K.V No.1 Jammu organizes Janbhagidhari events under PM SHRI schools under NEP 2020

Jammu, July 28

The department of school education and literacy, ministry of education, government of India has started a PM SHRI programme. Under this programme there is a provision of setting up more than 14500 PM SHRI schools (PM School for Rising India) by strengthening the schools. These schools will showcase the implementation of the National Education Policy, 2020 and emerge as exemplary schools over a period of time and also offer leadership to other schools in the neighborhood. This is a new initiative of center government to bring revolutionary changes.



In this regard, K.V No.1 Jammu organized Janbhagidhari events at various levels from 25 July to 28 July 2023. The event started from 25th July, principal K.V No.1 Jammu Sh. Amit Walter sensitized the staff, students and parents about the PM SHRI programme. Under this programme on 26th July, Rangoli competition was organized along with teacher's talk about the

PM SHRI programme. The cycle rally was also organized by the students in this context. Under the green events; tree plantation drive was also held by the Principal, Teachers and the Students in the Vidyalaya.

Discussions about environment awareness were also a part of this programme. On 27th July a quiz about PM SHRI programme was organized in

which the children participated with great enthusiasm. A teacher's workshop about the making TLMs, TRMs, and new techniques of teaching learning was the main highlight of the programme. On 28th July the programme concluded with exhibiting projects and educational toys. It was the time full of activity learning and enthusiasm for the whole Vidyalaya.

District Pulwama Squash Championship concludes

Srinagar, July 28

District Pulwama Squash Championship organized by Pulwama District Squash Rackets Association in collaboration with J&K Squash Rackets Association under 'My Youth My Pride' Initiative of J&K Sports Council concluded at Squash Complex, Gindun Stadium, here today. The facility at Gindun Stadium has back glass Squash courts with well designed area for the spectators and beautiful galleries for media fraternity to cover the matches.

The slogan of the Championship was 'Say No To Drugs, Yes To Sports'. The players drawn from various schools falling in District Pulwama participated in Under-13, U-15, U-17 boys & girls, besides Men & Women and Team Event U-15 boys & girls categories.

Mr Hilal Ahmed, Deputy Manager J&K Sports Council was the chief guest on the closing ceremony, while Feroz Ahmad Bhat, Zahoor Ahmad and Shakir Yousuf were the guests of honour and Haris Nazir, Yawar Gani, Aqib Syed and Ms. Snobar Majeed were the special guests.

The chief guest congratulated all the medal winners and the organizers for holding the event in an utterly professional manner. He assured that every facility will be provided by J&K Sports Council for the promotion & development of Squash sport in J&K under the dynamic leadership of Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, Ms Nuzhat Gul.

Later, the chief guest distributed medals & trophies among the winners, runners-up and third place individuals/teams.

The Championship was sponsored by Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council.

Final Results

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2. Runners-up, Irman Nazir

3. Third Place, Danish Javed

Women Section

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VC DDC Kupwara inaugurates Distribution & Fitment camp for children with special needs



Kupwara, July 28

Inclusive Education Wing of SAMAGRA Shiksha in collaboration with ALIMCO (Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India) today organized aids and appliances distribution camp for children with special needs of Khumryal zone and Sogam zone at Govt. BHSS Khumryal, here.

Camp was inaugurated by Vice Chairman (VC), District Development Council Kupwara (DDC)

Kupwara, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir in presence of DDC Kalaroose Chowdhury Mustafah Rahi.

While interacting with the specially-abled children, the Vice Chairman said that administration is committed towards welfare and upliftment of specially-abled persons. During the camp, 59 CWSN (Children with Special Needs) were provided relevant aids and appliances as per their need already assessed.

Aids and appliances distributed include Tricycle, C.P Chairs, Wheel Chairs, Smart cane, Hearing Aid, Elbow crutches etc.

Dy CEO Kupwara, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, Prindpal BHSS Khumryal, Nazir Ahmad Khan, ZEO Khumryal Farooq Ahmad Khatana, ZEO Sogam Mohammad Yousaf and District Coordinator Inclusive Education Javid Ahmad Wani were present on the occasion.

Multi-Media Exhibition on 9 Years of Governance concludes at Gulabgarh amid Annual Machail Yatra 2023

Kishtwar, July 28

Amidst the ongoing annual Machail Mata Yatra, the 3 Day Multimedia Exhibition on 9 years of Governance was successfully concluded today at Gulabgarh Paddar.

The concluding program was graced by the distinguished presence of Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, as the chief guest and Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav and SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmed Poswal-J KPS as guests of honour.

Hari Krishan Chauhan, DDC member Paddar was the special guest on the occasion. Also in attendance were CEO, Kishtwar Development Authority, Dr.

Rishi Kumar Sharma, Tehsildar Atholi, Satish Rana, Principal GDC Paddar, Dr. Subash Chander, and several other district officers.

The 3-day program was organized by the CBC Office Doda of the Central Bureau for Communication, Government of India, under the overall supervision of CBC Field Officer Doda Cirde, Vikram Uppal, with the cooperation of Field Officer Rajouri, Sunil Kumar.

The concluding day program witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals, field functionaries of various departments including ICDS, Health, Education, Employment, Forest, Horticulture, as well as students and PRI's.

The display banners and special lectures by resource persons and expert officers shed light on the significant milestones achieved during the 9 years of Governance, including the Seva Susashan and Garib Kalyan initiatives, Mission LiFE, and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) program.

The program commenced with a warm welcome address by CBC Field Officer Doda. Following that, the chief guest, along with DC and SSP, inspected the stalls of different departments, where CBC Field Officers apprised them about the government's various accomplishments, showcased through display banners installed in the premises of the program.

Brij Bhushan To Convene Meet On July 30 Before WFI Election

Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the embattled and outgoing Wrestling Federation of India president, is not going down without a trick or two of his own. He has called for a meeting on Sunday to nominate his panel, which will then fight the WFI elections on August 12.

Brij Bhushan and his son Karan are not part of the electoral college for the elections. Brij Bhushan's son-in-law Vishal Singh, though, is a representative from Bihar in the elections, and could aim for a top position.

Vinod Tomar, the out-



going WFI assistant secretary, confirmed that Brij Bhushan had scheduled a meeting on July 30.

"Yes, the outgoing president has convened a meeting on Sunday. It has not been decided where the meeting will take place. The meeting will likely be

attended by all those (state body officials) who support him (Brij Bhushan)," Tomar said.

"The presidents and secretaries of the various state associations will likely come for the meeting to discuss the candidates for the elections."

July 31 is the last date for filing nominations.

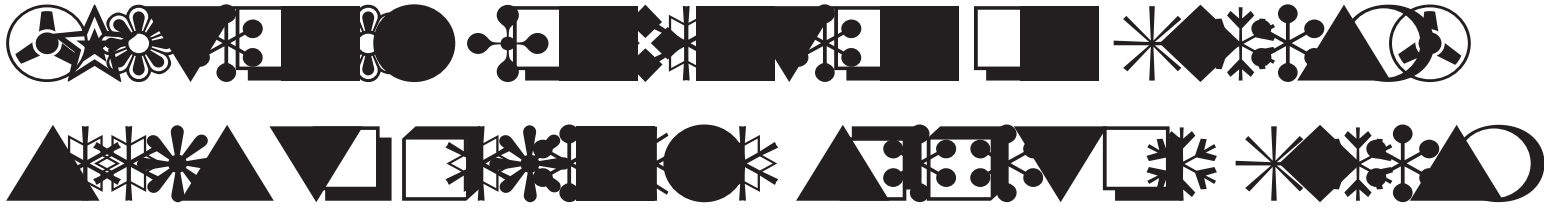
Brij Bhushan is not eligible to contest as he has finished 12 years as an office-bearer. That is the maximum term allowed by the National Sports Code.

Currently, the Indian Olympic Association appointed ad-hoc committee, led by Bhopender Singh Bajwa, is looking after the day-to-day affairs of the WFI.

Ranbir Kundu, the Punjab Wrestling Association secretary, said on Friday that so far the association had not received an invitation for the meeting.

"So far, we have not received any invite. We are not going to field any candidate in the upcoming elections for the top posts. However, we will vote for truth and the betterment of wrestling in the country," Kundu said.

Two representatives from each state unit will be allowed to vote in the elections. But Maharashtra and Tripura will not have any representatives at the elections for technical reasons. The nominations will be evaluated on August 2 and a final list of the candidates will be published on August 7.



Srinagar, July 28. The 'National Convention on Sufism' organised by Cluster University Srinagar here witnessed a darion call from scholars to revive the essence of Sufism to bridge the gap between the communities.

Speaking during the technical session of the convention, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar, Prof. Qayyum Husain said that Kashmir is known as a bastion of Sufi traditions. "Infact, it won't be an exaggeration to call Kashmir as the cradle of Sufism in South Asia. This tradition has been an integral part of the people's ethos in the valley," he said.

"Principles of Sufism are as relevant today as they



were in medieval times because love and compassion, the two main planks of Sufism, will never age. By their humanistic teachings, Sufis bridged the gulf between people of different faiths," said Prof. Qayyum.

In the technical session of the convention, scholars like Dr. Satish Vimal, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Haleem, Prof. Shad Ramzan, Prof. Mushtaque Barq and Prof. P. P. Singh presented their papers on the theme 'Sufism: A Bridge between communities'. The session was chaired by Prof.

Naseem Shifai.

Dr. Satish Vimal spoke about the different dimensions of Sufism while quoting different Sufi saints while as Prof. Shad Ramzan said that the younger generation needs to realise the vastly rich heritage of Kashmir including the Sufi movement. Dr. Ghulam Nabi Haleem spoke about the tradition of tolerance embodied by personalities like Sheikh-ul Aalam (RA) while as Mushtaque Barq spoke about the distinction between a 'learned sufi' and a 'living sufi' while stressing on the practical aspects of the Sufi tradition.

Prof. P. P. Singh spoke about the affinity of Sikh community with Sufi traditions. He cited the example of Baba Farid who is revered by Punjabi Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs alike.

In her concluding remarks, Prof. Naseem Shifai congratulated Cluster University Srinagar for organising the convention on theme of Sufism and said more such programmes should be organised to rekindle the

spirit of Sufism.

The programme was attended by Dean Academic Affairs, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Deans of various faculties, Cultural Secretary of the university. The event was also attended by faculty members and students of constituent colleges.

During the valedictory ceremony, mementoes and certificates were also distributed among the paper presenters and participants.

Pertinently, the inaugural ceremony of convention was attended by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha while Governor of Kerala, Arif Mohammed Khan was the Chief Guest and keynote speaker of the event.

ADDC Kulgam reviews arrangements for J J M fortnight

Srinagar, July 28. To review arrangements for J J M fortnight, scheduled to be held from August 01 to 14, a meeting of officers was today held under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather at Mini-Secretariat, here.

During the meeting arrangements for conducting special Gram Sabhas for discussing J J M, installation of Signages on all water supply schemes were reviewed.

It was informed that debates, painting competitions, rallies and street plays with themes like water conservation; climate change etc will be organized during these days. CEO was instructed to coordinate with the J al Shakti department to organise these programmes smoothly. The ADDC instructed concerned officers to put in place all requisite arrangements for celebrations of J J M fortnight. It was also given out that on 14th August district level Pani Samiti convention will be organised at District headquarter. The meeting was attended by ACD Mohammad Imran Khan, ACP Sharjeel Ali, Executive Engineer J al Shakti, CEO, CMO, AEEs and other officers.



DC Bandipora reviews preparations for 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign

Bandipora, July 28. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Friday convened a meeting of all concerned officers to review the preparations for the conduct of "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the district.

On the occasion, the meeting was briefed about the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign, including its components viz. Deep Dive-Silaphalakam, Vasudha Vandhan (planting 75 saplings), Veeron Ka Vandan, Hoisting of National Flag and Singing of Rashtra Gaan besides Panch Pran Pledge.

The DC asked all departments for impactful celebrations of Independence Day under the national

theme 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' across the district as per guidelines issued by the government. It was informed that the local level programmes shall also be held to pay homage to the 'Veers' who have sacrificed their lives for the nation.

He asked to prepare the list of all such 'Veers' who have sacrificed their lives, including freedom fighters and defense/ police personnel of the district. The meeting was further informed that 'Mitti Yatras' from Panchayats shall be organised and under the activity of 'Vasudha Vandan', each Gram Panchayat will replenish mother earth by planting at least 75 plant saplings preferentially around the already established Amrit Sarovars. The ACD and EO

MC were directed to make all necessary arrangements for 'MittiYatra' in all the Panchayats of the district and wards of the town.

The DC enjoined upon all the officers to take part in all the events in-person besides encouraging others for the same and stressed upon all departments to ensure utmost coordination among themselves to make the campaign successful.

Earlier, Mehraj Wani, STO Bandipora/ Nodal Officer gave a detailed presentation of the campaign. The meeting was attended by Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; ACR, ACP, CEO, District Information Officer, CHO, CAHO, DFO and other officers and officials from concerned departments.

and seminars that highlight drug abuse are of immense importance.

He said that the menace of drug addiction must be eradicated from society by holistic support of different stakeholders and everyone should come forward to curb this menace.

Addressing the students, the Vice Chairman said that students can play an important role in spreading awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and its trafficking.

The Vice Chairman asserted that teachers and parents must be cautious and maintain vigil on their children's activities. He said that early intervention is critical in preventing the youth from becoming addicts adding that with firm determination and joint efforts by all stakeholders, this menace can be eradicated from the

society.

Meanwhile, a pledge taking ceremony was also organized on the occasion to affirm that the menace of drug abuse will be eradicated.

During the programme, various cultural activities were organized to spread the message of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

Students of the institute presented a cultural programme and a skit which highlighted the harmful effects of drug abuse and its trafficking.

Student performers were felicitated with the certificates of appreciation.

Meanwhile Handwara Police in collaboration with the Education Department organised a seminar on Drug De-addiction at Govt. BHSS Qalamabad under CIVIC action programme

ADDC Bandipora convenes developmental review meeting at Tulail

Srinagar, July 28. On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, a developmental review meeting was today convened at Tulail Valley under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan.

The meeting discussed various developmental initiatives, infrastructural development, healthcare facilities, education, and road connectivity. The ADDC Bandipora stressed for transparency and accountability during the execution of various developmental projects in the region.

SDM Gurez on the occasion presented detailed updates on the achievements and ongoing projects and informed about their current status.

The ADDC urged officers to work extra hours to meet deadlines, considering the limited working season in Tulail due to the approaching winter.

The meeting took stock of the availability of essential commodities, including ration, fuel, and cooking gas. The ADDC urged officers to stock ample quantities of essentials to ensure the well-being of the residents during the challenging weather conditions in the upcoming winter season. The meeting was attended by Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gurez, Dr Mudasir, members of Block Development Council Gurez, PRIs, Block Development Officer Gurez, concerned officers and residents of Tulail valley.

said that the department is committed to the economic security of the farming community. He assured them that all the necessary steps would be taken to mitigate the damage caused by the heavy rainfall, flash floods to the agriculture crops. Instructions were issued by the Director to the field officers to immediately make a detailed assessment of the losses and the concerned Chief Agriculture Officer was advised to furnish crop wise and area wise damage reports

within a week's time.

Director asked the farmers to strictly follow the advisories by the department and impressed upon the concerned officers to work in close coordination with the affected farmers and guide them in all the agriculture activities and post rainfall management operations. DDC member, Mustafa Rahi; BDC member, Abdul Rashid; AEO Kalaroos, Hafizullah Wani were also present on the occasion.

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No.: TLM-D-I/J/1326-27
Date: 27/07/2023

EXTENSION NOTICE 3
Due to poor response for e-NIT No: TLM-D-I/J/ 07 of 2023-24 dated 13-06-2023...for the work of Overhauling of old 50 MVA CGL-I Transformer including desilting and replacement of oil at 132/33 KV Grid station Canal issued by this office under endorsement no.: TLM-D-I/J/770-73 dated 13-06-2023, the dates for downloading & submission of tender are further extended as under:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Bidding Document	The Bidding Document can be downloaded from http://jktenders.gov.in upto 07-08-2023 (11:00 Hrs)
B	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	07-08-2023 (12:00 Hrs).
C	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time	08-08-2023 at 14:00 Hrs
D	Venue for opening of technical & commercial e-Bids	Office of Executive Engineer, TLM-D-I, JKPTCL, Jammu, Pin Code – 180007.

All other terms & conditions of the above tender shall remain the same

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
TLM-D-I, JKPTCL, Jammu

DIP/J-2006-P/23

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No. ED-I/ 3507-09
Date: 27.07.2023

Cancellation

Due to error in BOQ, e-NIT ED-I/e-NIT/64 and tender ID - 2023_PDD_223368_1 dated: -25.07.2023 for *“Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning for creation of Sub-Stations, 250/100/63 KVA, Laying of HT/LT Lines & laying of Tapping Points on 8/9 Mtr. Long ST Pole PCC Poles under JJM (WSS) at different locations Under the Jurisdiction of Electric Division Div.-I (JPDCL) Jammu On Turn Key Basis during the Financial Year 2023-24”* is hereby cancelled and will be re-tendered.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Electric Division-I JPDCL
Jammu

DIP/J-2007-P/23

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, JAMMU.
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NOTICE

Subject :- Provisional Selection list of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in POSHAN Project Jammu.

This office had invited application forms for Posts of **Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)** in various Anganwadis Centers of POSHAN Project Jammu vide Advertisement Notice No. 01 of 2023 dated 11-05-2023. As recommended by the selection Committee constituted vide Govt. order no 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated 28-04-2023 the provisional selection list is hereby published for inviting objections, if any in the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Jammu within 10 days from the issuance of this notice.

S.No	Ward No.	Name of AWC	Name of Applicant	Percentage	Residence	D.O.B	Marks Obtained	Percentage	Int based on relative criteria of selection	Total Points
1	37	Gujar Bada	Bibi Nabeela	50	Boo Chitra	01-12-1988	238	43.6	2	43.6
2	37	Jampon	Nashia Khatun	50	Nat pail	27-01-1992	185	33	0	33
3	32	Gale B	Nasratin Khatun	100	Ram	01-01-1988	254	50.8	0	50.8
4	32	Banwala Mandir	Banrita Devi	100	Banrita	04-07-1988	247	49.4	0	49.4
5	48	Chang B	Deepika	100	Thakur	10-01-1993	282	52.2	0	52.2
6	19	Nagar	Rekha Khatun	100	Dandhan Lal	18-07-1990	275	55	0	55
7	40	Chang B	Deepika	100	Vijay Kumar	20-02-1992	85	26	0	26
8	38	Nagar B	Ashika Devi	100	Indrajit Singh	09-08-1989	238	43.6	0	43.6
9	50	Pattana B	Banrita	100	Ram Lal	28-08-1990	204	40.8	0	40.8

Note :- All the above mentioned candidates are asked to report the office of the Child Development Project Officer Jammu for verification along with all the relevant original documents on 07-08-2023 & 08-08-2023 during Office hours.

DIP/J-5957/23

Sd /
(Ms Kailash Devi) JKAS
Child Development Project Officer
POSHAN Project, Jammu (Urban).
(Member Secretary Selection Committee)

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIVN. NO. II, JAMMU

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. III of 2023-2024/Div-2 Dated 27-07-2023

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** e-tenders are invited on **percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for complete on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contract or
1	Painting works along with supply and installation of tents, loose furniture and allied works on the eve of Independence day at JK House 5, Prithviraj Road New Delhi at JK House Chanakyapuri ND	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	1.82	600	2% of Advertised Cost	10 Days	02-08-2023 (1.00Pm)	A,B,C&D Class

Position of AAA: Accorded

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	27-07-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 27-07-2023 to 01-08-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	XXXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu
4	Bid submission Start Date	27-07-2023
5	Bid Submission End Date	01-08-2023 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	02-08-2023 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of **challan** through **Treasury** indicating **Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work** duly crediting to MH 0059 (Revenue) favoring **Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu** and upload the **same** i.e. **treasury challan / receipt, Earnest money/Bid security** in shape of **CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu**. The CDR/FDR/ BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of **LI** be submitted to the **Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu** at the time of allotment.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The **Financial-bids of responsive bidders** shall be opened online in the **Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu**. The date for same shall be intimated separately. No :- 2150-72

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II
Jammu

Dated :- 27-07-2023
DIP/J-5928/23

Director Agriculture visits Heavy rainfall, Flash Flood affected areas of Kupwara

All necessary steps shall be taken to mitigate the losses to the affected farmers: Chowdhury Iqbal

Srinagar, July 28. The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today undertook a tour of various incessant rain, flash flood affected areas of Kupwara district to assess the damage to paddy, maize and other agriculture crops.

During the tour, Director along with Chief Agriculture Officer Kupwara visited various areas of Kupwara district including Kalaroos, Thayan, Ladah, Madmadu, Nagari, Narikoot and Moori where



incessant rains, flash floods and gusty winds damaged crops.

Director Agriculture directed the visiting teams to make on spot assessment of the



damage caused to the vegetable crops, paddy field and maize crop by the recent heavy rains.

Talking to the affected farmers, Director Agriculture

said that the department is committed to the economic security of the farming community. He assured them that all the necessary steps would be taken to mitigate the damage caused by the heavy rainfall, flash floods to the agriculture crops. Instructions were issued by the Director to the field officers to immediately make a detailed assessment of the losses and the concerned Chief Agriculture Officer was advised to furnish crop wise and area wise damage reports

within a week's time.

Director asked the farmers to strictly follow the advisories by the department and impressed upon the concerned officers to work in close coordination with the affected farmers and guide them in all the agriculture activities and post rainfall management operations. DDC member, Mustafa Rahi; BDC member, Abdul Rashid; AEO Kalaroos, Hafizullah Wani were also present on the occasion.

DDC Kupwara chairs Mega Block Diwas at Keran

Srinagar, July 28

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan chaired a Mega Block Diwas at Dak Banglow Keran to hear the issues and grievances of the general public at their doorsteps. Addressing the function, the DDC said that district Kupwara, especially border areas like Keran, offers ample opportunities for tourism activities and appealed to the people to participate in these activities to generate employment opportunities for themselves.

She stressed upon the officers to be responsive on ground for redressal of the grievances of the people. She also asked them for proper outreach of the welfare programmes and schemes of their respective departments adding that the people have also the responsibility to aware



themselves about the Government schemes to contribute towards society and nation. She said that PRIs including Sarpanches and Panches have to take lead in promotion of the Government welfare schemes for the benefit of the people. Earlier, PRIs including BDC Chairperson, local Sarpanches and senior citizens spoke and raised their day to day developmental issues and grievances.

The DDC heard their

issues patiently and directed the concerned officers to ensure that all genuine issues are resolved, timely.

Ayushi also distributed sanction letters among PMEGP beneficiaries on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the DDC inspected different stalls installed by various departments including ICDS, Animal/Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture and Agriculture department.

Later, the DDC partici-

pated in a NashaMukt rally organized by the ICDS department which was taken from Higher Secondary School Keran and concluded at Tehsil Office Keran.

SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas; BDC Chairperson Keran, CMO, CAO, DIO, AD Food, AD Fisheries, Tehsildar, BDO, Engineers from Jal Shakti, PDD, R&B, besides, PRIs and people in large number attended the Block Diwas function.

DC Kupwara distributes certificates among 60 Trainees of Sales & Marketing

Kupwara, July 28

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan on Friday urged the unemployed youth of the district to take advantage of Government's self-employment schemes in the district by starting their own ventures so that unemployment is addressed. The DC said this during a Certificate Distribution Ceremony held at Town Hall Kupwara organised by a Delhi based NGO "REACHA" in collaboration with 41 RR of Indian Army. Ayushi while referring to PMEGP, Mudra, HADP, Himayat and other employment generation schemes said that there are so many government schemes which are targeting unemployed youth.

She congratulated the trainees for completing 45 days training in Sales and Marketing and said that trainees should take benefit from different employment generation schemes and start their own ventures so that they can provide employment to others. She advised the trainees to get full information of these schemes and spread the this awareness among their friends and colleagues. The DC said that Government is always at the back of unemployed youth to facilitate them and the need of the hour is to follow the guidelines given by the Government from time to time for establishment of self-employment units. She appreciated the agencies which provided the skill training to the girl trainees and said that the skill training will help in women empowerment. Later, the DC distributed certificates among 60 Youth (Male and Female). She also held an interaction with trainees and asked them to be productive and contribute to society as they have training and talent. On the occasion project implementation team of NGO claimed that they have provided training to 180 unemployed youth in retail and out of them 80 trainees have been provided employment in private sector. Similarly in Master Chef course of hospitality 40 youth have been trained and 33 have been successfully placed in different companies.

Deputy Commissioner reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission Schemes in Rajouri

Rajouri, July 28

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting to evaluate the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission schemes, aimed to provide tap water connections to rural households.

Underlining the significance of success of the mission, the DC stressed on ensuring quality works, timely completion of the projects and effective supervision. The meeting shed light on the remarkable progress already made in Rajouri, with 293 JJM schemes approved and work underway on 216 schemes.

To expedite the completion of the schemes, the DC urged officers to adopt a result-driven approach and adherence to timelines. With focused efforts and dedicated work, the mission is fast becoming a



reality, promising to deliver a healthier and happier life for the region's populace.

The DC emphasized the need for a holistic approach towards water management, emphasizing that it is not just about providing access to clean drinking water but also about preserving and sustainably utilizing this vital resource.

The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of the District Administration to implement the Jal Jeevan Mission effectively, ensur-

ing that rural areas have access to the basic necessity - clean drinking water.

The DC urged the department to continue working with dedication and commitment to achieve the mission's objectives.

Officers present in the meeting were CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; SE Hydraulics, Bharam Jyoti Sharma; EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; EXEN Jal Shakti Nowshera, Vipin Kumar and other concerned officers.

DC Kulgam chairs District Level NCORD Committee meeting

Srinagar, July 28

A meeting of the District Level Committee under the Narcotics Coordination Centre (NCORD) was today held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Din-Bhat at the mini-secretariat, here.

The meeting was convened to discuss various measures to curb the drug abuse and narcotic trade in the district and review the implementation of decisions passed in previous meetings. During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on various issues related to incidence of drug addiction, areas of concern and hotspots of drug use besides action taken by the concerned departments with regard to curbing the menace of drugs. The DC sought details from the concerned



departments about the measures taken to control the drug menace. During the meeting, it was informed that during this month 16 FIRs were registered under NDPS.

He also asked the police and other concerned to take stringent action against the culprits involved in the hazardous trade of drugs.

While reviewing the measures taken to curb the drug menace, the DC maintained that the District Administration is focused to create a drug-free environment in the district and stressed upon the officers of

all the line departments including Enforcement agencies to ensure better coordination to contain the drug peddling and to break the supply chain. All stakeholders were asked to organise the massive awareness and orientation programmes against the drug abuse across the district especially among youth in schools and colleges. The meeting was attended by ADC Viqar Ahmed Giri, ACD Mohammad Imran Khan, DFO, CEO, Dy. SP HQ, Drug Officer and other officers from police and civil administration.

Secretary Bhartiya Janta Yuva Morcha calls on Lt Governor



Srinagar, July 28

Umar Jan, Secretary Bhartiya Janta Yuva Morcha called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan today. Umar Jan expressed gratitude for the historical decision of resumption of Muharram Procession on 27 July after a gap of three decades. He also apprised the Lt Governor on various public importance issues.

Poonch gears up to host Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Cricket Cup 2023 on August 2

Poonch, July 28

Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary, the department of Youth Services and Sports successfully completed the zonal level competitions. Now, the department is going to host the district level competition under the aegis of Azadi ka AMRIT Mahotsav Cricket Cup 2023. The top teams of eleven zones shall compete on knockout basis for the district championship. The tournament will kick off on August 2, 2023, at Degree College Ground Poonch. The Department of Youth Services and Sports has urged all cricket fans in the district to come out in large numbers and support their favorite teams.

DC Samba reviews restoration Work of century-old Bhamu Chack Temple; Inspects Development Projects in Ramgarh

Samba, July 28

District Development Commissioner (DC) Samba, Abhishiek Sharma today visited the Bhamu Chack Temple to oversee the ongoing restoration work being carried out by the Archives Department in collaboration with the Public Works Department (PWD).

The DC was stressed on ensuring the preservation of the temple's ancient charm and magnificence throughout the restoration process. For this, the executing agency was directed to seek the assistance of a qualified consultant/architect with expertise in heritage conservation and construction. During the inspection, the DC emphasized the promotion of the Border tourist circuit, particularly focusing on the



pilgrim spots of Baba Chamliyal and Bhamu Chack Temple. To facilitate seamless exploration for tourists and visitors, the DC instructed the engineers to install signages at these sacred locations. These signages will provide essential information about the twin places to enable the tourists visiting one site to discover and access the other, enhancing their overall pilgrimage experience.

Later, the DC proceeded to Village Abtal, where he inspected the construction

works under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). The DC expressed the administration's commitment to provide affordable housing to all deserving beneficiaries under this flagship government scheme.

Furthermore, the DC also inspected the progress of work on community bunkers, which are being developed to ensure the safety and security of the locals in times of cross border shelling. These bunkers are part of the administration's

efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness and protect the lives of residents residing in vulnerable areas.

The District Commissioner's visit underscores the administration's dedication to preserve cultural heritage, promoting tourism, and ensuring the well-being of the residents. Such proactive and comprehensive assessments are pivotal in achieving holistic development and sustainable growth for the district.

Har Shikhar Tiranga team calls on Lt Governor

Srinagar, July 28

The team of Har Shikhar Tiranga campaign called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan today. The team led by Col R S J amwal comprising Nb Sub T Chosgail, Hav Rakesh Yadav, Hav Kewal and Sh Amit Chowdhury apprised the Lt Governor of their Har Shikhar Tiranga campaign in which they are climbing the highest mountains/points of all the states of the country. The Lt Governor conveyed his best wishes to the team for their unique endeavour. He also congratulated Col J amwal for his achievements in mountaineering and bringing laurels to J&K and the country. Pertinently, the Har Shikhar Tiranga campaign team has already scaled the highest mountains of Seven North-eastern states, highest peaks in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu Kashmir. Now the team is on the way to climb the highest points of 18 states.

FSD Anantnag seals White Chilli Restaurant

Srinagar, July 28

A team of Food Safety department (FSD) Anantnag today sealed "White Chilli Restaurant" on receipt of a complaint against White Chilli Restaurant.

The Food Safety team Anantnag under the chairmanship of Assistant Commissioner, Zamer conducted inspection of the restaurant premises and observed deviations against different provisions of Food Safety and Standards Act 2006/Rules which include Food preparation area/kitchen of the restaurant completely in dilapidated condition with lack of maintenance and in insanitary condition. During the inspection utensils were found untidy, messy, damaged and some were non food grade. There was direct entry of birds and pests into the Food preparation area, dust & dirt was found everywhere within the premises of Kitchen. Utensils and tools were dirty, having stains and spots and were unhygienic. On seeing the restaurant in such a worse condition, the Food Safety Department Anantnag sealed the restaurant under the Food Safety Act.

Gandhi Memorial College organizes service camp for 9th Muharam procession at Shamaswari, Fateh Kadal

Srinagar, July 28

On the eve of 09th Muharram, Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar today organized a free service camp for mourners' procession at Shamaswari, Fateh Kadal.

On this occasion, juice, water and free medicines were distributed among the participants of the procession.

The Principal, Prof ((Dr) G M Lone personally supervised the proceedings of this service camp. The NSS Wing, NCC, College Health center, Physical Education Department and Faculty members engaged themselves in providing various services to the mourners with the larger objective of fostering compassion, unity, and solidarity among participants and the community.

DIPR cultural unit presents scintillating cultural program at May Fair School



Jammu, July 28

Cultural Unit of Information Department Jammu presented a scintillating cultural program on the theme Independence Day Celebration here IN May Fair Hr. Sec. School Chand Nagar Jammu.

Artists of the Cultural Wing of the Information Department presented Folk songs and patriotic songs. Students of the school also presented a colourful Cultural program. Speaking on the occasion, the school Principal Abhay Basur shared his views on the topic and appreciated the Cultural Unit of the Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful program to aware the future of the nation.

Among others, staff members of the school, officials of the Information Department and a large number of students witnessed the program. The whole program was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer Mukesh Kumar Sharma.

Illegal structure demolished in Behramgala

Poonch, July 28

A structure constructed on the state land was demolished today here at Behramgala. The structure was raised on State land on July 23-24, 2023, at midnight near the bus stand in Behramgala. The demolition drive was conducted in the presence of Naib Tehsildar Chandimarh, 1st Class Executive Magistrate with the help of a police party. The aim of the demolition drive was to remove illegal structures and ensure that public land is protected from illegal occupation. The administration will continue to take action against those who violate the law and protect public land for the benefit of the community.

Release of PM-KISAN 14th Installment: Live telecast organised in Samba District

Samba, July 28

The Agriculture Department District Samba, under the Chairmanship of Chairman District Development Council, Keshav Dutt Sharma, organized a live telecast (webcasting) of the release of 14th installment of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samaan Nidhi Yojana and launch of other initiatives by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Sikar- Rajasthan, the other day. Around 100 local farmers, PRIs and government functionaries watched the telecast held in the conference hall of the DC Office. In Samba District, 17,942 farmers were among the beneficiaries, receiving the Direct Transfer of Rs 3.69 crore in their accounts (Rs 2000 each).

Anantnag, July 28
The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, SF Hamid today chaired a meeting to inaugurate the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign at Dak Bunglow Khanbal.

The meeting aimed to review the preparations for various programs to be organized under this campaign as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

SF Hamid, emphasized the paramount importance of the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" cam-

paign, which seeks to foster unity and pride across all sections of society. This initiative celebrates India's rich heritage and patriotic spirit and pays tribute to the nation's brave martyrs. The hallmark of the campaign will be the commemoration of the "Veers" through ceremonies at all levels across the district.

SF Hamid provided a detailed outline of the events and themes planned under the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign. It was decided that five programs will be organ-

ized at each Panchayat and Block from 9th August to 15th August, encapsulating the spirit of the campaign.

As part of the program, memorial plaques will be placed at Amrit Sarovars and Panchayat Ghars to honor the national heroes of the country who have sacrificed their lives for the cause of the nation.

More than 200 Amrit Sarovars have already been developed in various Panchayats across the district.

The DC directed Block Development Officers to

identify suitable buildings for erecting Memorials in the remaining Panchayats.

The campaign will also involve "Mitti-Yatras" from Panchayats that will betaken to blocks, and later, an urn will be carried to New Delhi by a youth from each block for the construction of the National Memorial at Kartavya Path.

Moreover, the program will include the planting of at least 75 plant saplings in each Panchayat and ward of the district, further contributing

to the preservation of nature and the environment.

The DC also emphasized on the active participation of educational institutions, including Principals of Degree Colleges and CEO

Anantnag, in organizing various events such as Essay, Drawings, Paintings, Photography, and Videography contests in memory of the brave hearts and national heroes. SF Hamid expressed immense pride in the successful implementation of various pro-

grams as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and voiced confidence that the upcoming 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign would be equally successful, showcasing the collective efforts of all stakeholders.

With the campaign set to begin, the DC urged all concerned departments to make necessary preparations and ensure a successful observance of the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" program. Wide publicity of the campaign will be encouraged to engage and inspire a larger audience.