

LG Manoj Sinha chairs high level meeting to review Sports activities in J&K

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today chaired a high level meeting at Civil Secretariat, to review the sports activities across Jammu & Kashmir.

The Lt Governor took a detailed assessment of the efforts for engagement of 35 lakh youth in sports activities targeted for this year.

J&K Sports Council and Department of Youth Services & Sports were directed to use the power of sports to prevent crime and drug use among youth.

The Lt Governor further called for ensuring maximum participation of girls. Make sporting activities more inclusive; accelerate efforts to promote women athletes. We must promote equal participation of girls and it should be ensured they have ample opportunities to develop teamwork, self-reliance, resilience and confidence. Sport has the power to change the society and we must use its unmatched potential, the Lt Governor said.



The Lt Governor also directed the officials to develop facilities for yoga centers and explore the modalities to organize rallies in the districts to promote sports culture among the younger generation at grassroot level.

Analytic view must be taken to identify the employees engaged under sports quota who can contribute to-

wards the development of sports in J&K, added the Lt Governor.

While taking stock of the calendar of activities under 'My Youth My Pride', the Lt Governor was informed that Phase-I of the programme has witnessed the participation of 8.76 lakh

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Army man who died in Siachen 38 years ago cremated with full military honours

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Lance Naik Chandrashekhar Harbola, whose body was found in an old bunker in Siachen 38 years after he went missing, was cremated with full military honours in Haldwani on Wednesday.

His body was brought to his residence in Saraswati Vihar Colony in Haldwani, where local people and several dignitaries, including Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, paid their respects.

Cabinet ministers Ganesh Joshi, Rekha Arya, Leader of



Opposition in the state Assembly Yashpal Arya besides several military officials were among those who paid tribute to Harbola.

Harbola's body was taken

from the house to Chitrashila Ghat, Ranibagh, with people raising patriotic slogans. Harbola's pyre was lit by her daughters.

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'Congress leaders in revamped J&K unit finalised after consultations with Azad': Sources

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The Congress on Wednesday said senior party leader Ghulam Nabi Azad was consulted several times before finalising the names in the revamped Jammu and Kashmir unit of the party, rejecting reports that the former union minister was not on board.

The assertion came a day after Azad declined to head the Campaign Committee for Jammu and Kashmir after he was appointed to the post by party chief Sonia Gandhi.

Azad is a prominent member of the so-called 'G23'

group within the Congress which has been critical of the leadership and has been seeking an organisational overhaul.

He retired from the Rajya Sabha last year and was not renominated to the upper house by Congress.

Sources in the party said there were four rounds of consultations held with Azad before finalising the revamped panels of the Jammu and Kashmir unit of the party and the last such consultation with party leaders was held on July 14.

They said that the names of party leaders in the revamped unit were decided

from the list provided by Azad himself.

The sources also said that Azad was the chairman of the campaign committee when Saifuddin Soz was the president of the party's J&K unit.

Azad, the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir who was also the leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha before he retired from the upper house, has declined to head the state campaign panel on grounds that he is a member of the party's all-powerful working committee and thus cannot a post

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Election Commission of India notifies schedule of Special Summary Revision for J&K

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Chief Electoral Officer, Hirdesh Kumar addressed a press conference at Nirvachan Bhawan here today and announced the launch and schedule of Special Summary Revision in Jammu & Kashmir. It was told that in continuation to its earlier notification dated June 29, 2022, the Election Commission of India has further notified the schedule of Special Summary Revision with reference to October 1, 2022 as the qualifying date in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. According to the schedule, Integrated Draft Electoral Roll would be published by all Electoral Registration Officers on September 15, 2022. Period between September 15 and October 25 has been earmarked for filing claims and objections and all disposals in this regard would be completed by November 10. Checking of health parameters and obtaining Commission's per-



mission for final publication, updating database and printing of supplements is to be done by November 19, 2022. The Final Electoral Roll would be published on November 25. Those present during the press conference also included Additional Secretary, Sandish Kumar Gupta; State Nodal Officer, SVEEP, Akhtar Hussain Qazi and Joint Director Information Jammu, Sapna Kotwal. The Chief Electoral Officer reiterated that any

person attaining the age of 18 years on or before October 1, 2022 and is otherwise qualified to be enrolled as an elector in the Electoral Roll, can apply for his registration during this special summary revision. Hirdesh Kumar said, 'Pre-revision activities as well as post delimitation follow up work is going on in the UT, wherein the existing electoral roll is being mapped into the newly delimited Assembly Constituencies as per the Delimi-

tation Commission's final order made applicable by the Union Law Ministry with effect from May 20, 2022. As part of the pre-revision activities, the process of rationalisation/ re-arrangement of polling stations, removal of discrepancies of demographically similar entries/ similar photo entries, duplicate EPICS, preparation of supplements and integrated draft roll is also going on at present'. The Integrated Draft Roll, with reference to

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Jammu and Kashmir Police Chief, Dilbag Singh on Wednesday said that two persons involved in the killing of a Kashmiri Pandit in Shopian yesterday have been identified and that strict action will be taken against them.

Talking to reporters on the side-lines of wrath laying ceremony of ITBP men, who

died in Pahalgam accident yesterday, DGP said that the people have supported positive changes on the ground well, which doesn't suit the anti-peace elements, who are trying to disturb peace.

"The way people supported positive moves. The calm situation on August 05 and 15 celebrations were appreciable and the people supported Amaranth Yatra in every possible way, which

didn't suit the anti-peace elements. They try to disturb peace, but their attempts have been and will be foiled in the future as well," DGP said.

About Shopian killing, he said that the identification of two persons involved has been established, while further process has been initiated and strict action will be

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LG Manoj Sinha Lends Shoulder to Mortal Remains of ITBP Jawans Who Lost Their Lives in Tragic Accident in Pahalgam

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Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha lent his shoulder to the mortal remains of ITBP jawans at the wreath-laying ceremony at the DPL Srinagar on Wednesday.

Seven ITBP jawans who lost their lives after a bus carrying them fell into a riverbed in Pahalgam yesterday.

The ITBP on Tuesday in-



formed that seven of its 32 personnel lost their lives in

Six bodies recovered from Jammu houses in mysterious condition; Special Investigation Team set up

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Six members of a family were found dead in two separate houses here in the early hours of Wednesday, police said. Prima facie, it appears that they were poisoned, they said.

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Kashmiri Pandit murder: J&K administration moves to attach house of terrorist; protest held in Jammu

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The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday initiated the process of attaching the house of a terrorist who killed a Kashmiri Pandit in Shopian, even as the minority community held a massive protest in Jammu against the latest killing. Police have also arrested father and three brothers of Adil Wani, a categorised terrorist of Al-Badr outfit, for sheltering him after he killed the Kashmiri Pandit and injured his brother on Tuesday. Police said Wani killed Sunil Kumar Bhat in an orchard in a Shopian village on Tuesday and later took shelter at his home in Kutpora. The security forces launched a cordon and search operation but Wani fled in the cover of darkness after hurling



grenades at the approaching police party, they said. During the search operation, police also recovered arms and ammunition from Wani's house, prompting the authorities to place his father and three brothers under arrest, besides initiating the process of attaching their house. Wani was identified by eyewitnesses and Sunil Kumar's cousin as the person who fired indiscrimi-

nately at him and his brother while they were working in the apple orchard on Tuesday. Earlier this year, the Jammu and Kashmir Police had announced that it would start the process of "attachment of some immovable properties which have been used for purpose of terrorism as per section 2(g) and 25 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act" and asked people not to shelter

or harbour terrorists/terror associates. Meanwhile, Kashmiri Pandits serving in the Valley held a massive protest against the killing of their community member in Shopian and demanded that the employees in Kashmir under the prime minister's package be relocated to Jammu in view of selective and targeted killings. Hundreds of Kashmir-posted KP

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3 CISF commandos dismissed from service over security breach at NSA Doval's residence

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Three CISF commandos have been dismissed from service and two senior officers of its VIP security unit transferred over a security breach at the residence of National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval earlier this year, officials said on Wednesday.

Mr. Doval is a 'Z plus' category protectee under the central VIP security list and the security cover is provided by the SSG unit of the CISF.

The punitive actions have been taken after a court of inquiry established by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) into the February 16 incident held the five officers guilty on various counts and recommended actions against them.

The officials said while three commandos of the Special Security Group (SSG) have been dismissed from service, the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) heading this VVIP security unit and his second-in-command,

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youth from across the UT, while 13.75 lakh youth will be engaged in Phase-II.

The chair was informed about the special activities under ‘My Youth My Pride’ to be organized to commemorate important International days with the targeted engagement of 25,000 youth.

The meeting also discussed the progress made in formulation of merit list for the appointment of outstanding sports persons, the rewards as per the Sports Policy being extended to the sports persons who have brought laurels to the country and the UT.

The Lt Governor asked Sh Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department to encourage the youth at Higher Education level to participate in different sports disciplines.

On being informed about the ongoing projects under PMDP, JKIDFC, Capex and Khelo India, the Lt Governor asked the officials to identify the projects facing land or other issues so that appropriate action can be taken to resolve the same.

The Lt Governor instructed the Department of Youth Services & Sports to organize sports tournaments in multiple disciplines under LG’s Rolling Trophy including Cricket, Football, Volleyball and Hockey, and reward the outstanding players at UT level and District level.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sarmad Hafeez, holding the charge of Secretary, Youth Services & Sports; Subash Chander Chhibber, Director Youth Services & Sports; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council and other senior officials attended the meeting.

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employees, who are on strike and have been protesting for past three months here in support of their relocation to safer areas in Jammu, assembled at relief commissioner's office and took out a rally to protest the fresh killing in the Valley. They were also joined by activists of various Kashmiri Pandit organisations. Raising ‘Bharat Mata Ki jai’ and ‘Justice for KPs’ relocation’ slogans, they took out the protest rally and jammed the Tawi bridge on the highway for hours. They sat on a dhama for two hours on the bridge. Police had to face a tough time to remove them from the bridge and clear the highway. The protesters also briefly clashed with police who were forcibly evicting them from the bridge to restore the traffic. "We have only one demand of relocation of our postings from Kashmir to Jammu as selective killings of Kashmiri Pandits continue unabated. We have been made sitting ducks for target practice of terrorists," a protesting employee, Sunil, told reporters.

‘Congress leaders in revamped J&K unit finalised after consultations with Azad’: Sources

at the state level now. Congress president Sonia Gandhi had on Tuesday appointed Azad as the party’s campaign committee chief in the union territory As part of a comprehensive revamp of the organisation in Jammu and Kashmir, Gandhi also appointed Vikar Rasool Wani, considered close to Azad, as the new JK unit chief.

Raman Bhalla was named as the working president of J&K Congress and Azad as campaign committee chief, with former PDP leader Tariq Hamid Karra as vice chief of the cam-

paign panel.

Hours after the appointments were made public, sources said Azad declined to accept the offer.

The Centre is wanting to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir soon and the process of finalisation of electoral rolls is underway after the completion of the delimitation exercise.

Wani replaces Ghulam Ahmad Mir who had tendered his resignation in July after holding the post for eight years. (Agencies)

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taken.

He also paid tributes to the ITBP personnel, who lost their lives in Pahalgam road accident yesterday and said that those injured are getting specialized treatment and if need arises, the injured will be taken to Delhi hospital for further treatment.

Meanwhile, DG ITBP, S L Thaosen also paid tributes to the deceased personnel and said that the treatment of injured personnel is going on and they will get the best treatment.

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October 1, 2022 as the qualifying date, would be published by all EROs of the UT on September 15, 2022, marking the formal beginning of the revision activities. The Commission has extended the period for filing of claims and objections from 30 days to 40 days: from September 15, 2022 to October 25, 2022. During this period Special camps would also be organised by CEO Jammu and Kashmir on weekends for which the date will be publicised separately. Objections could be filled through multiple platforms- offline by submitting a hard copy in prescribed format before ERO/ AERO or concerned BLO and online objections and claims could be filled by logging into https://www.nvsp.in portal or by downloading Voter Helpline App (VHA). The final electoral roll after due disposal of all claims and objections filed within the stipulated time period would be published on November 25, 2022. FORMS The Commission has made the registration forms more user friendly and simpler. The forms have come into force since August 1, 2022. Form 6 which was earlier being used for registration of new electors and for shifting from one constituency to another constituency, shall be exclusively used for registration of new electors only. There is no change in Form 6A. Form 7 which is used for objection to proposed inclusion/ deletion of a name in existing electoral roll shall remain to be for the same purpose with a slight modification that a provision for attaching a death certificate has also been incorporated. Form 8 has under gone a major change and can be now used for multiple purposes like, correction of any particulars, shifting of residence (within or outside constituency), replacement of EPIC and marking of persons with disability. Form 8A, which was earlier used for shifting within constituency has been abolished now, as the same provision is made in the new Form 8. In addition to these a new Form 6B has been introduced for capturing Aadhaar number of the existing electors. All Forms (wherever required) have been suitably modified to capture Aadhaar number from the new electors. EPIC-AADHAAR LINKING Besides provisions of Aadhar linking, no application for inclusion of name in electoral roll shall be denied and no entries in electoral roll shall be deleted for inability of an individual to furnish or intimate Aadhaar Number. It has been emphasised that while handling Aadhaar number of the applicants, the provision under Section 37 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial

and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 must be adhered to. Under no circumstances should it go public. If the electors’ information is required to be put for public display, the Aadhaar details must be removed or masked. A Time bound drive is being started for collection of Aadhaar number of the existing electors by or before April 1, 2023. Furnishing of Aadhaar number is purely voluntary. Objective of the programme is to establish the identity of electors and authentication of entries in Electoral Roll, the CEO maintained. FIELD VERIFICATIONS AND SUPER CHECKING FOR HEALTHY ELECTORAL ROLL For the purpose of improving the health of the electoral roll, the Election Commission has emphasised the need for field verification by the Booth Level Officers. There is a mechanism for supervision and checking for enforcing strict accountability of the work performed by different levels of electoral machinery, such as Supervisors, EROs and AEROs by field verification. Similarly, DEOs, Roll Observers and CEOs also check the work done by EROs before the final decision on claims and objections is taken. Besides, Officers from ECI and offices of CEOs are also deployed to further random checks and to supervise. Respective Divisional Commissioner have been designated Roll Observers in their respective divisions for the purpose of supervision the Electoral Roll work. PARTICIPATIVE PROCESS- INVOLVING BLAs ‘With a view to ensure more involvement of political parties, the Commission has allowed Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of recognised political parties to file applications in bulk, subject to the condition that a BLA shall not submit more than 10 Forms to BLO at one time/in one day. If a BLA files more than 30 Applications/Forms during the entire period of filing claims and objections, then cross verification must be done by ERO/AERO themselves. Further, the BLA will also submit a list of application forms with the declaration that he has personally verified the particulars of the application forms and is satisfied that they are correct.'

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into the deep gorge reportedly after its brakes malfunctioned.

On the accident, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha expressed condolences to the bereaved families of the deceased ITBP personnel.

“Deeply anguished by the bus accident near Chandanwari in which we have lost our brave ITBP personnel. My condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured. All possible assistance is being provided to the injured personnel,” Lt Governor Sinha said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also expressed his grief on the tragic incident and took to Twitter to wish for the early recovery of those injured.

“Anguished to learn about the accident of a bus carrying ITBP and police personnel in Pahalgam, J&K. My prayers and thoughts are with the bereaved families. The injured were rushed to the hospital. May they recover at the earliest,” he tweeted.

A doctor at the Government Medical College of Anantnag, Dr Syed Tariq said that 30 people were injured in the accident.

The mishap took place at Frislan in the Pahalgam area.

The jawans were deputed in the area for the Amarnath Yatra.

“We are in touch with local administration and teams of disaster management have been rushed to the site for a rescue operation,” an ITBP official said.

The Amarnath Yatra began on June 29, from Jammu amid tight security arrangements made by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) along with the army and the local police.

The Amarnath shrine pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine of Lord Shiva, located in the upper reaches of the Himalayas, is held from the twin routes of Pahalgam and Baltal. (AGENCIES)

Six bodies recovered from Jammu houses in mysterious condition; Special Investigation Team set up

and her daughter Naseema Akhter were found dead inside Habib’s house in the posh Tawi Vihar locality of Sidhra. The bodies of Rubina Bano and her brother Zafar Salim were recovered from a nearby house, the police said.

A four-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by Superintendent of Police (Rural) Sanjay Sharma has been formed to investigate the incident, Senior Superintendent of Police (Jammu) Chandan Kohli said.

A police spokesperson said a call was received from Habib’s sister Shahzada, a resident of Srinagar’s Barzulla locality, wherein she expressed apprehension that her brother might have committed suicide as he was not answering her calls.

After reaching Habib’s house, police found it bolted from inside and noticed a foul smell emanating from it, he said.

The doors of the house were broken down and four semi-decomposed bodies were found inside, he said.

The locals informed police that a house nearby belongs to a relative of the family, Gulam Husain. When the police reached the other house, they found two more bodies there, the spokesperson said.

Prima facie, it appears to be a case of poisoning. It is being ascertained whether it is a case of forced poisoning, he said.

SSP Kohli also rushed to the spot and ordered a thorough probe into the incident.

The bodies have been shifted to Government Medical College and Hospital here for a post-mortem examination, Kohli said. (Agencies)

Army man who died in Siachen 38 years ago cremated with full military honours

Harbola was part of a 20-member troop that was dispatched to the world’s highest battlefield for ‘Operation Meghdoot’ to fight Pakistan in 1984.

During patrolling, they came in the grip of an ice storm. While the bodies of 15 soldiers were recovered, those of the other five could not be found and Harbola was one among them.

The Uttarakhand chief minister said Herbola’s sacrifice will always be remembered and all possible help will be extended to his family. He said a Sainik Dham is being established in the memory of the soldiers from Uttarakhand, who made sacrifices for the country and memories of Harbola will be preserved there. (Agencies)

3 CIsF commandos dismissed from service over security breach at NSA Doval’s residence

a senior commandant-rank officer, have been transferred.

The security breach took place at about 7:30 a.m. on February 16 when a man from Bengaluru attempted to drive his car into the high-security house of Mr. Doval in central Delhi.

The three commandos, who have been dismissed, were present at the NSA’s residence that day as part of the security detail.

The man was intercepted outside the residence and was handed over to the Delhi Police. (Agencies)

Apni Party holds public rally at border district Kupwara

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Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday said that the enduring violence, over the past more than thirty years, has damaged the interests of J&K to its core. He said the gun culture has not only stopped the growth of J&K in terms of its development but has also been hindering the prospect of the Union Territory (UT).

Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari was addressing a grand public rally at north Kashmir’s Kupwara, wherein people and party workers gave him a rousing reception on his arrival at the venue. The workers, wearing similar outfits, were raising slogans hailing their leader at the rally.

According to a press release issued here, Apni Party President said that only a peaceful environment can bring J&K out of the prevailing uncertainty and chaos.

He said, “For a better future for our youth, we need sustained peace and tranquillity in J&K. We cannot expect a better future unless we get rid of the violence and evil politics. If we have peace here, we can have prosperity and development which will eventually make the future of our youth prosperous and protected.”

He said that gun has ruined J&K in terms of loss of lives and the well-being of the people. He said, “We have lost around 1.5 lakh people, mostly youngsters to the violence here during the past thirty years. Also, J&K



has got its growth in terms of development and prosperity blocked due to the violence.” “Almighty has bestowed Kupwara with huge potential and natural resources, had these resources been harnessed over the years and decades this would have been the most developed place in J&K,” He said and added, “We have huge deposits of marble, but the marble manufacturing units are halted here since the phase of violence started in J&K. This is how violence hinders the economic growth of the people and closes the employment opportunities.”

He further said that Kupwara has its significance because of its important geographical location. This district should not have been in this pathetic condition. The leaders who have claimed to be the representative of the Kupwara people have even failed to develop

the infrastructure for the district hospital here. We have several places in Kupwara that can be developed as tourist places. One of such places is Bungus Valley, but we have not developed road connectivity to this beautiful place over the past 75 years. We do not have a reliable road to Sadhna Pass here.”

Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari strongly condemned the recent attack on two Kashmiri Pandit brothers in south Kashmir’s Shopian. He said, “The victims along with their families had chosen not to migrate from their motherland. They lived side by side with their Muslim brethren in their village, yet some beasts in human garb fired on two brothers killing one Sunil Kumar and injuring another Pitambar while they were working in their orchard. This brutal act of violence is shameful and inhuman.”

In his speech, Syed Mo-

hammad Altaf Bukhari demanded the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. He said, “Stripping of J&K’s autonomy and statehood was an unfortunate occurrence. But we believe that the Prime Minister and Home Minister of the country will fulfill their commitment to the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, and Apni Party will keep striving for getting this status back to J&K.” On this occasion, people in the rally raised slogans reiterating the demand for statehood for J&K.

Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari also promised that Apni Party will continue its efforts to get J&K and its people politically empowered. He said, “We will continue to work for the political empowerment of J&K people. It is sad to see that decision-making institutions lack the participation of the J&K people in them—which signifies disempowerment of J&K people.” Reiterating his promises Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, “We are committed to the people of J&K that we will make several initiatives to ensure economic dividends to every household here. We will provide up to 500 units of electricity free in winter months to the Valley consumers, the same amount of free power to people in Jammu during summers, and 300 units of free electricity to the people in the Valley in summers and to Jammu people in winters.”

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In order to review progress on development works being executed in the district under District Capex Budget, Secretary Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, Dr. Raghav Langer who is also Secretary In-charge for Baramulla district today paid an extensive tour of district and reviewed overall development scenario in a meeting held at Dak Bungalow here.

During the meeting, the Secretary held sector wise assessment of all the ongoing developmental works and called upon the officers for effective execution of the same. He also directed the officers to carry out an audit process in the work places where the progress of work is slow.

The Secretary exhorted upon the concerned officers to make sure that the elected representatives and other stakeholders are completely involved in planning and execution of all development works in the district.

While reviewing progress on implementation of various welfare schemes, Dr. Raghav directed the officers to redouble their efforts in ensuring that all Centrally Sponsored Schemes are implemented in letter and spirit according to projected demand and availability. He also set a list of activities for various departments to undertake several programmes that are to be saturated within the set



timelines.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar presented a profile of works through Power Point Presentation and briefed the Secretary regarding the targets achieved under District Capex besides progress achieved under centrally sponsored schemes. The Secretary was also apprised of development works taken in hand and completed in the district till date.

The Secretary sought details from the heads of departments including Rural Development department, Health, JKPDCL, R&B, Jal Shakti and other sectors about the approved works, tendering status, status of estimations and

progress of ongoing projects and works.

It was given out that a total of 201 works have been taken under PMGSY in the district with budget allocation of Rs. 56310 lacs and out of which 173 works stands completed while as rest of the schemes have been mentioned in targeted schemes for the current financial year.

Likewise, progress on sectors like PHE, Irrigation, Health, Agriculture, Education, NABARD, among others was also discussed during the meeting. The Secretary directed the concerned to complete the tendering processes for remaining works so that they are executed in a time bound manner.

Among others, the meeting

was attended by SSP Baramulla, Rayees Mohammad Bhat, District Programme officer Baramulla Syed Sajad Qadri, Joint Director Planning, Assistant Commissioner Development, Superintending Engineer JKPDCL, PMGSY, Hydraulics, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer besides other concerned officers and officials of various departments.

Later, the Secretary also interacted with the PRIs who put forth various grievances and developmental aspirations of public importance. The issues were related to Health care, Power, Water, Roads besides other issues related to welfare of people.

Cluster University Jammu hosts Ek sham shaheedon ke naam

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A cultural programme Ek Sham Shaheedon ke Naam was organised by the office of Dean Students Welfare, Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) to celebrate 75 years of Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu. The programme started with the auspicious lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana.

All the constituent colleges and schools of Cluster University participated in the Cultural evening and showcased their patriotic fervor through diverse and hearty melodies.

The event was organised under the patronage of Prof Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, who welcomed the gathering and apprised them that Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is an intensive, country-

wide campaign that focuses on citizen participation and encourages small changes at the local level to add up to significant national gains. The theme of Independence Day for the current year is 'Nation First, Always First'.

An enchanting Cultural programme was presented by the students of Constituent colleges and PG Schools of Cluster University where they paid tributes to the brave martyrs who laid down their lives for the Nation.

The programme was a mesmerizing mix of patriotic songs, medley, ghazal and solo performances. Romalo ji, a well known local folk singer and performer enticed the audience with his rendition of local folklore and dance.

Prof Umesh Rai, the Chief Guest of the event appreciated the Cluster University of Jammu for organizing such a relevant and meaningful program to celebrate 75 years of Independence.

Dr. Twinkle Suri, Dean Students Welfare, Cluster University of Jammu,

thanked the audience and participants for their active participation. She also expressed her gratitude to the constituent colleges and schools of Constituent Colleges for their active participation in the momentous celebration and urged the students to imbibe the valour and spirit of our freedom fighters and jawans who sacrificed their lives for the well being of their countrymen.

Dean Academic Affairs, Registrar CLUJ, Controller Examination, Deans, Principals and Coordinators of NCC, NSS wings faculty and staff of different Constituent Colleges & Schools graced the occasion. The event was supervised by the Cultural Coordinators, Associate Dean and Assistant Deans of CLUJ.

Geetika and Sania Bali, Students of CLUJ compared the proceedings of the programme. The program concluded with the recital of the National Anthem by the participants and guests.

DC Ramban presides over mega Block Diwas meeting at Banihal; interacts with students at GGHSS Banihal

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Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Islam today presided over a mega Weekly Block Diwas meeting at Sub division Banihal and listened to the issues and grievances of public.

BDC Chairperson, Rashida Begum; DDC Councilor, Imtiyaz Khanday; DDC Councilor, Ramsoo, Fayaz Ahmed; ADC, Harbans Lal; SDM, Zaher Abass; ACD, Ashok Katoch and several other senior officers, PRIs and prominent citizens participated in the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner congratulated the sub division administration Banihal, Educational intuitions, government and social organization besides general masses for prominently taking part in Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav during 76th Independence day celebration.

Responding to the public issues, the Deputy Commissioner informed that the demand of Sports Stadium has already been brought into the notice of the government. He said that several other projects pertaining to youth engagement programmes have been sanctioned and more are in pipeline.

The DC highlighted the steps taken by the District Administration to provide basic facilities and qual-

ity services under different sectors. "District administration has completed several developmental projects and work is on several other projects. A total 88 water supply schemes costing Rs 419 Cr have been proposed under JJM and work on the same will be started soon to provide tap water to every household of the district" he added. He further informed that the issue of pendency in PMAY and MGNREGA has already been projected to the government. He also assured that the demand about completion of college road would be taken up on priority basis.

The CMO was directed to check the utility of health centre Nowgam and submit a proposal for strengthening health facilities in the area. He also directed the SDM Banihal and XEN PWD to visit the DIET building at Banihal and submit a report for its early completion and commissioning.

Referring to services available online mode, the DC impressed upon the PRIs to sensitize the people about different beneficiary and job oriented schemes launched by the Government for welfare of youth, poor and deprived sections.

He impressed upon the District and Sectoral officers to resolve the issues of general public pertaining

to their respective departments on priority basis.

Earlier, the locals projected their demands and sought Sports stadium for Banihal, release of pending PMAY installments, issue of Awas plus portal, release of liability under MGNREGA, engagement of local youth in construction companies, meeting shortage of staff in Health and Educational institutions and various other issues.

The Deputy Commissioner resolved most of the demands on the spot and assured the people that remaining issues would be fulfilled in a time bound manner.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also visited Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Banihal and interacted with the students. He motivated them to focus on preparation of competitive exams in different fields. He appreciated the school management for maintaining decorum in classes and other arrangements for girl students.

The DC encouraged the girl students to participate in every field for overall personality development and attain desired profession and position in their future.

Similar Weekly Block Diwas meetings are held in other all designated blocks of the district Ramban.

DC finalises arrangements for Janamastmi festival in Rajouri

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to discuss and finalize the arrangements in connection with the Shree Krishan Janamastmi festival.

The meeting had a detailed discussion on the arrangements to be put in place for celebration of the festival.

The DC asked the departments to make available all requisite facilities to the devotees like drinking water, sanitation, medicare, transport, uninterrupted power and water supply and

other necessary arrangements.

The PDD and Jal Shakti Department were asked to provide uninterrupted power and water supply on the scheduled day. The DC also instructed for provision of standby transformers, generators and water tankers as a backup.

Adequate security arrangements were also finalized for the festival. The Traffic authorities were directed to prepare well thought-out traffic management and parking plans in order to ensure hassle-free to-and-fro movement of vehicles on the scheduled day.

The Health Department was asked to ensure the provision of necessary

Medicare facilities. He also directed the EO MC Rajouri to ensure cleanliness around the major places of worship throughout the period of celebrations. The concerned officer from the fire and emergency services was asked to station a fire tender to meet out any eventuality.

Officers who attended the meeting included SSP, Mohd Aslam; ADDC, Pawan Kumar; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; CMO, Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar; SE PWD (R&B), Nissar Hussain; EXEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Mush-taq Ahmed and other concerned officers.

Coordination Committee meeting held in Rajouri

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

The Coordination Committee meeting of stakeholders for delivery of the Justice System for District Rajouri was today held here under the Chairmanship of District and Session Judge, Kalpana Reevo.

Among others, CJM, Amit Sharma; DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal; SSP, Mohd Aslam; ADDC, Pawan Kumar; Addl

Session Judge, Mehmood Chowdhury; CPO, Shaheen Ahmed Khan; DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; SE PWD(R&B), Nissar Hussain; CMO, Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar and other concerned members of the coordination committee attended the meeting.

Detailed deliberations on a number of issues including the creation of infrastructure in the judicial institutions

were discussed in the meeting.

The specific issues included repair and renovation of the District Court Complex and residential quarters, construction of sheds for litigants, sanitation of court complex, drinking water facilities etc.

The Chairman asked the concerned stakeholders to look into the issues discussed in the meeting and take appropriate measures to resolve the same.



Department of Home Science P.S.P.S. Government P.G. College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu conducted one day workshop on Yoga: The way of life for students in the college premises on 17th August, 2022. The event was organized to give awareness on the physical and mental benefits that can be accrued by the regular practice of yoga. Mrs. Mohini Sharma Prantiya member and Mrs Kamlesh Mishra, Kendriya Pramukh from Bhartiya Yog Sansthan ,Bhagwati Nagar Jammu were the resource persons for the workshop. The welcome address was presented by the head of the department of Home Science Dr. Irvinder Kour . The yoga instructor highlighted the importance of yoga in our daily life and insisted students to practice yoga daily. The Yoga instructor took yoga session with great dedication and demonstrated various yoga aasans. Aasans starting with warming up and stretching were followed by a series of padmasana, taadaasana, bhujangasana and ending with Shavasana . Further more instructors acquainted students about Pranayam and how it helps in sharpening our mind and improving our intelligence. Officiating Principal Professor Sujata Slathia acknowledged the importance of yoga in controlling an individual's mind, body and soul. The faculty members and students participated with full interest, enthusiasm and eagerness. Dr. Anjali Bhat, Prof. Renu Sehgal, Prof. Neelam Bhagat, Dr. Ramandeep Kour, Dr. Neelima Gupta and Prof Shivani Sawhney attended the workshop.

Burger King India launches world's first ever 100% Veg, No Onion, No Garlic restaurant at Katra

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

Burger King India today announced the launch of its first All Veg, No Onion, No Garlic restaurant in Katra, Jammu. In Katra, the city popularly known for the highly revered Goddess Vaishno Devi temple, Burger King will serve pure veg food without onions and garlic in line with the expectations of devotees. This launch also marks the brand's 325 restaurants across 77 cities in India. Mata Vaishno Devi temple is one of the key places of worship in North India and finding a safe and hygienic restaurant that

serves 100% veg food with no onions & no garlic is a challenge faced by many devotees. To address this specific need, Burger King India has specifically developed an 100% veg, no onion, no garlic menu. This 100% vegetarian menu comprises mouth-watering offerings like Crispy Veg burger, Veg Volcano, Indie Masala Whopper, BK Café coffee & other beverages. The menu has been built from scratch ensuring no onion and garlic at all ingredient levels to ensure our guests get food exactly as per their expectations in terms of taste. In addition to the Katra restaurant, Burger King India has

two 100% Veg restaurants, one each in Mathura and Haridwar. Mr. Rajeev Varman, CEO, Burger King India said, "Our Katra restaurant will be the 1st Burger King in the entire world which is 100% Veg, No Onion, No Garlic. We are proud to dedicate this restaurant to Maa Vaishno Devi. At Burger King, we truly believe in "Your Way" and this restaurant is our commitment to devotee guests looking for safe, hygienic and quality food. We are certain that our guests will have a Whopper of a time with our veg offerings that have received a lot of love from markets across India."


HDFC Bank launches 'Vigil Aunty' campaign to promote freedom from fraud

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

HDFC Bank today announced that the Bank will celebrate 75 years of India's independence by launching a new campaign, 'Vigil Aunty', which will encourage people across the country to practise safe banking habits. This will complement the Bank's popular 'Mooh Band Rakho' campaign which urges people not to share their confidential banking information with others. Commenting on the launch of this campaign, Mr. Sameer Ratolikar, Chief Information Security Officer, HDFC Bank, said: "Fraudsters are increasingly adopting social engineering tactics to steal money from customers' bank accounts. On the pretext of offering certain services or promising help, the fraudsters are luring customers into sharing their PINs, OTPs, passwords, and other confidential banking infor-

mation with them. Hence, there is a need to educate customers on safe banking habits and make them aware of the various modus operandi used by fraudsters. At HDFC Bank, we recognise our role in creating this awareness.""In the online world, customers are increasingly engaging with social media influencers and content creators to seek information and guidance on a wide variety of topics, ranging from food to travel to entertainment. Hence, we decided to create our very own social media influencer, Vigil Aunty, to provide customers with information on safe banking habits. Anu Menon fitted the role perfectly as she is highly effective in engaging with people; her comic actions with her command over several languages leads us to believe that she will be able to inspire people across the country in adopting safe banking habits. We decided to mark the 75th

year of India's independence through a campaign that will promote freedom from fraud by spreading awareness on the topic," Mr. Ravi Santhanam, Chief Marketing Officer and Head – Corporate Communications, Liability Products and Managed Programmes, HDFC Bank said.Ms. Anuradha (Anu) Menon, who popularised the Lola Kutty character, will be the protagonist of this campaign. Through a series of videos, reels, chat shows, Ms. Menon, as Vigil Aunty, will be creating awareness on safe banking do's and don'ts. Vigil Aunty will motivate citizens to stay vigilant by keeping them informed about the modus operandi of financial fraudsters, ways to detect cyber fraud attempts and how to stay safe. She will host chat shows on social media platforms and discuss some of the recent incidents of cyber frauds with celebrity guests.



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C O R R I G E N D U M — 1 5 9 (2ND T I M E)

Sub: - Revision of Timelines for e_NIT No. 50 of 07/2022 and endorsement No. JS(PHE)D/D/e_NIT/2022-23/5050-75 Dated: 25.07.2022-Extension of Date.

Name of Work:

- Extension of Gravity main from Nagni to Jabri Phase 2nd 50mm dia Pipe Panchayat Bharath A under District Capex Budget (PRI Grant) (SI. No. 04)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date	Time	Remarks
01	Publish Date	27.07.2022	16:00PM	Unchanged
02	Document Download/Sale Start Date	27.07.2022	16:00PM	Unchanged
03	Bid Submission Date	27.07.2022	16:00PM	Unchanged
04	Bid Submission End Date	19.08.2022	13:00PM	Changed
05	Date and Time of Bid Opening	20.08.2022	16:00PM	Changed

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as already advertised vide this office NIT No. & dated referred above and shall be binding upon the contractor.

DIP/J-7001/22 Dt: 17-08-2022

No: JS(PHE)D/D/e_NIT/2022-23/5933-58
Dated: 12/08/2022

Sd/-
(Er. Mujib Ahmed Tak),
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division,
D O D A.

DC assures development of filtration plant, playfield other facilities for area

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Shah-baz Ahmed Mirza today chaired a daylong mega Block Diwas held at Panchayat Halqa Utligam in Block Beerwah of the district.

During the programme, various public representatives including Sarpanches and Panches from Utligam, Gandipora, Mulshula Bonhama, Sonpah and other adjoining villages raised their issues and demands with the DC for prompt redressal.

The demands raised by locals included drinking water facility, construction of filtration plant, macadamization of roads, development of link roads connecting various adjoining villages, better health care facilities, latest agriculture zone office, sheep and animal husbandry centres, horticulture zone, development of road up to Narwara under PMGSY, playfield and robust development of lanes and drains in these villages.

On the occasion, the DC said that a project of a new water filtration plant is in the pipeline and work on the same shall be taken up for execution soon to ensure safe potable water supply to the residents.

While listening to the lo-



cal youth who demanded a playfield facility, the DC instructed concerned Tehsildar to conduct a special anti- encroachment drive on state land for the development of playfield.

He also stressed on the development of link roads and improvement in all other sectors including education and health facilities in the area.

The DC impressed upon speedy development of soakage and compost pits by all households.

He instructed concerned officers to organise a joint awareness camp by Sheep and Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Horticulture and other allied departments on Saturday for awareness generation of their departmental schemes and initiatives among lo-

cals.

The DC also visited the Higher Secondary School Utligam where he interacted with staff and students.

On the occasion, DC emphasized on the demarcation of the school area, fencing of the school, water and electricity supply to the new building and macadamization of the road up to the school and additional lavatory block facility for students.

Among others, SDM Beerwah, CEO, Tehsildar, Ex. Engineers of various engineering wings, District Officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry and other concerned were present on the occasion.

Later, the DC accompanied by SDM Beerwah and

Tehsildar also visited the Jamabandi Digitization Centre at GDC Beerwah to take on spot stock of progress of digitization of Jamabandis.

He took stock of the ongoing work process and stressed on speedy completion of digitization of records.

Meanwhile, DC also visited Hokersar wetland and took stock of dredging work.

He also inspected work progress of including face-lifting of lawns, eatery, washroom and other facilities within the wetland campus.

Wildlife Warden Wetlands Division Ifshan Deewan, Executive Engineer I&FC Narbal were also present on the occasion.

DC Srinagar holds Public Grievance Redressal camp at Gund Hassi Bhat

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Wednesday presided over a Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Gund Hassi Bhat area in Shalteng Tehsil of the District to listen to the public grievances and take appraisal of local issues at their door steps as part of Public Outreach Programme under weekly Block Diwas.

Besides local representatives, the programme was attended by SDM, West, Tehsildar Shalteng, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Lead Bank Manager and other Zonal and Sectoral Officers of the District.

The Grievance Redressal Camp witnessed large participation of people from Lawaypora, Gund Hassi Bhat and other adjoining areas.

During the programme, Public delegations and scores of individuals projected various developmental issues before the Deputy Commissioner including augmentation of Electricity infrastructure & irrigation facilities, providing land for Health Centre, deployment of Staff at Trauma Hospital, upgradation of drainage system in the area to overcome frequent water logging, repairs of lanes, drains



& internal roads, macadamization of roads, providing of playground apart from other developmental and jurisdictional issues in the area.

Responding to the public demands, the DC assured the people of Gund Hassi Bhat and other adjoining areas that all genuine demands and issues projected by them will be looked into on priority for their speedy redressal.

The DC urged the local youth to come forward and avail the benefits of different welfare schemes of the Government launched for handholding of the youth so that they earn livelihood with dignity and honour.

On the occasion, the DC directed for holding a joint

mega awareness camp in the area for mass awareness of the local people especially youth of the areas so that they are sensitized about the different government sponsored welfare schemes.

Regarding the Health Centre, the DC asked the concerned Revenue authorities to identify suitable land for construction of the health centre so that people of the area are provided better health care facilities at their doorsteps.

The DC also directed for identifying land for development of a playground for the local youth of the area.

In order to augment the power supply in the area, the DC said three power substations of 100 KVA each at Jaffarpora and Gazi-

abad and 63 KV at Aliabad are near to completion to provide better power supply in the nearby locations.

After presiding over the grievance redressal Camp, the DC inspected various developmental sites including works being carried by ERA and SMC for construction of drainage networks at Lawaypora on Srinagar-Baramulla Highway and took stock of the progress of works.

The DC stressed the concerned executing agencies to accelerate the pace of works and expedite the works at the earliest.

Later, the DC also visited Trauma Hospital, Lawaypora and took stock of the patient care facilities available in the hospital.

Bid Document Flood Control Division Samba

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER FLOOD CONTROL DIVISION SAMBA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 07 of 08/2022

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K state, Tenderis invited by the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Samba, by e-Tendering mode on Item RateSSR 2020 for below mentioned worksfrom approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K state Govt./CPWD/MES and railways for the following work.

S. No .	Name of work	Name of division	Advertised amount (Rs.in lakhs)	Earnest Money 2%	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Time allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of the technical bid	Class of contractor	Head of account	Bid valid ity
01	“Construction of flood bund to the land of Sh. Ramesh Kumar, tilak Raj and others inhabitants of village KharaMadana Upper Ward No. 3 Khaner, Samba”.	Flood Control Division Samba	Rs. 3.74 lakhs	Rs. 7480/-	500/- under M.H. 0702 (Revenue)	15days	31-08-2022 at 12:00 Noon	“A, B, C & D” Class Contractor	M.H. 4711 capital outlay on Flood Control Projects	180 days
02	“Construction of protection wall to protect the agriculture land back side of Nallah situated at Kothey at village Katwalta, MohraRajoli, Tehsil Bari Brahmana, District Samba”	Flood Control Division Samba	Rs. 3.65 lakhs	Rs. 7300/-	500/- under M.H. 0702 (Revenue)	15 days	31-08-2022 at 12:00 Noon	“A, B, C & D” Class Contractor	M.H. 4711 capital outlay on Flood Control Projects	180 days
03	Construction of flood protection work for protection of land /house of Sh. Uttam Singh in MoharGarhNallah, near village Sarma, District Samba.	Flood Control Division Samba	Rs. 1.40 lakhs	Rs. 2800/-	500/- under M.H. 0702 (Revenue)	07 days	31-08-2022 at 12:00 Noon	“B, C & D” Class Contractor	M.H. 4711 capital outlay on Flood Control Projects	180 days

Position of Funds:-Partially Funds Available.

Position of AAA:-Accorded.

Position of T.S.:- Under Process.

1.Date of publishing from: 16-08-2022 (18:40 P.M.).

2. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.inw.e.f.16-08-2022 (18:40 P.M.)to30-08-2022 (16:00 P.M.).

a) The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website from www.jktenders.gov.in .w.e.f. 16-08-2022 (18:40 P.M.) to30-08-2022 (16:00 P.M.).The bids received will be opened on 31-08-2022 at 12:00Noon.

b) The complete bidding process will be on- line.

c) The tender uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on 31-08-2022 at 12:00Noon in the office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Samba in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

d) A pre- bid meeting will be held on 20-08-2022 at 12:00 Noon in the office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Sambato clarify the issues and to answer question on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in clauses 19 of instruction to bidder of the bidding documents.

3. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.inBid documents contains qualifying criteria for bidder, specification, bill of quantities, condition and other details.

4. The site for the work is available.

DIP/J-7007/22 Dt: 17-08-2022

Signed for and on behalf of the
Lieutenant Governor, Jammu & Kashmir State

Bid Document Flood Control Division Samba

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Flood Control Division
Samba

No:- FCDs/2022-23/S-120/1276-97
Dated:- 16-08-2022

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DIVISION REASI

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-NIT No.PHERSII56 of 2022-23 (3rd call) Dt. 16-08-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor U.T. of J&K, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Reasi invite tenders by e-tendering mode on above / below percentage from approved and eligible Govt. contractors registered with J&K Govt/Central Government / MES / Railways for the following works. The detail of works is as under:-

S. No .	Name of Work	Name of Sub- Division	Cost of Document /Tender fee (in Rs.)	Perform ance Security (in Rs)	Class of Contrac tor
1.	Maintenance/ Improvement/ Providing, laying & fitting of pipes for extension / restoration of water supplies of minor urgent nature of works and execution of small/petty works under District capex /MPLAD /CDF /NRDW/ NABARD/TSP/Languishing/ JJM/ Deposit contribution and other related head etc of various Water supply scheme under the Jurisdiction of Jal Shakti (PHE) Sub Division Katra (Katra Rural Section).	Katra	1000/- TR under MH 0215	15000/-	A, B, C, D

1. Date of Publishing: -16/08/2022(02:00 PM)

2. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 16-08-2022From (04:00 PM).

3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from16/08/2022 (06:00 PM) to 24/08/2022(1:00 PM).

4. The complete bidding process will be online.

5. The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 25/08/2022(12:00 PM) or any next convenient date in the Office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Reasi

6. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Reasi and shall be communicated separately.

7. Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and bid security as specified in column 4 & 5 of the tablepayable at Reasi pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Reasi. The cost of downloaded tender documents in the form of Treasury challan pledged in favoredofExecutive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Reasi

8. As per the instruction of the principal secretary to Government Finance Department J&K Srinagar vide his No. O.M.No. A/24 (2017)-61 dated 07.06.2018 regarding furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately aftersubmission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from

The detailed documents, criteria and other terms and conditions can be seen/downloaded from the Government website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

S.No	Description	Date	Time
1	Date of Issue/publishing of tender notice	13-08-2022	4:00PM
2	Date of Downloading of bidding documents	13-08-2022	10:00AM
3	Bid submission Start date	13-08-2022	10:00AM
4	Bid Submission closing/end date	05-09-2022	04:00PM
5	Date and time of opening online Bids	06-09-2022	1:00 PM
6	Deadline for receiving the hardcopy of Original DD & EMD	06-09-2022	Prior to 11:30 AM
7	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Rs.1,000/-	(Demand Draft)

DIP/J-7024/22 Dt: 17-08-2022

Sd/-
District Tribal Welfare Officer
Rajouri

NO:- DTWOR/Acctts/ /2022-23

Dated:- 13-08-2022

Block Diwas: DDC Rajouri listens to public issues at Panjgrain

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

As part of the weekly Block Diwas, the District Administration Rajouri today organised a public outreach camp here at block Panjgrain which was presided over by the District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal. Officers who attended the event were PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmood Malik; ACD, Vijay Kumar; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACP, Abdul Rashid Kohli; PO IWMP, Sheraz Chowhan; SE Hydraulics, JP Singh; DO PCB, Anupam Koul; CEO Education, Shailash Kumari; CMO, Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar and other District and Sectoral officers.

During the event, the public and their representatives raised a number of issues and demands including macadamization of roads, upgradation of Govt institutions, meeting the paucity of staff etc.

Specific issues included construction of culvert near HSS Panjgrain, compensation for loss of property due to incessant rains, renovation of Government High School Building Gambir Brahmana, meeting scarcity of drinking water, sanctioning of an EMRS for Panjgrain etc.

Some more issues highlighted include payment of liabilities for construction of bunker, sanctioning of a bank branch and ATM for Panjgrain, adequate staff at PHC Gambir Brahmana; replacement of old water pipes, holding of farmers' awareness camps



on latest agricultural techniques and technology interventions, playground for Gambir Bhramna etc.

Officers of different departments also educated the public about different schemes and programs being implemented by their departments in the district and motivated them to avail the necessary benefits of the same. They also replied to the queries raised by the public during the event.

The DDC gave a patient hearing to all the issues and demands projected on the occasion and assured the public of early redressal of the same.

Referring to a number of Govt schemes and programs, he asked the officers and PRI members to educate the common masses regarding the welfare initiatives so that maximum people could be benefitted.

The DDC also said that a number of Government schemes/services can be availed through online mode. "It is another step towards enforcing transparency and accountability in the working of government departments" he added.

He also called for synergised efforts to achieve one hundred percent saturation

of the Government schemes and effective delivery of online services.

While responding to the issue of scarcity of water, the DDC informed that 06 schemes worth Rs 41 crores have been sanctioned under JJM for the block.

Reviewing the tendering and allotment process, he asked the PRIs to motivate Panchayat level contractors for their maximum participation in the tendering process.

He also motivated the people to enroll for the SEHAT scheme to avail the health insurance benefits under the scheme.

Dental College Jammu concludes Independence Week celebration activities

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

Dental College, Jammu on Wednesday concluded week long Independence Day celebration activities organised under the aegis of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" with a scintillating valedictory function held today.

The students, staff and faculty of the institution organised a series of multicultural activities and presentations in the institution from 10th August, 2022 to 17th August. The Faculty of the institution contributed a lot in hosting the activities by way of inviting luminary academicians, Army veterans who served the nation for decades and witnessed different milestones of experiences in nourishing the country by their wisdom and physical acts.

The events hosted during the week long programme

included Lectures by prominent academicians and citizens on the heroes of freedom struggle of India, Pledge e-poster competitions, physical poster competition on the Independence Movement of India, involving more than 100 students, Quiz competition on the theme of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" Singing and dancing competition with "Desh Bhakti Encompassing" and poster making competition was organised by the conservative dentistry department, skit on patriotism, Nukad Sabha on Azadi Ke heroes, walkathon involving 100 students in collaboration with Dr Daud Iqbal Baba, Director sports and physical education, University of Jammu.

All the ex-faculty and staff were invited for the concluding event and they were felicitated for their services in oral dental health care making

ing contribution in the development of IGGDC, Jammu. During the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav three generations were present on the platform who have contributed, other one's who are contributing and who are likely to take the torch forward for the oral-dental health welfare in U.T. J&K.

Principal of Government Dental College, Jammu Dr.RakeshK.Gupta, in his address at the concluding day extended greetings to all students, staff, faculty, invited guests for their overwhelming participation in the event.

He also mentioned the PM's vision of making Bharat Vishwa Guru along the lines of Atamnirbhar Bharat.

Earlier, Dr. Parveen Akhter Lone, Professor and HOD of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and Chairperson Academic welcomed the in-

vited guests and dignitaries.

Dr.Azhar Malik, Professor and HOD, Conservative Dentistry, (Incharge Cultural event) alongwith Dr.Ajay Gupta and Dr.Rudra and his team conducted and co-ordinated the weeklong programme. Dr.Azhar Malil was instrumental in organising the week long activities.

Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Dr. Satvinder Singh, Dr.Arvind Mengi, Dr.Ajay Gupta, Dr. Shamim Anjum, Dr. Rachna Dhani, Dr.Rudra Kaul, Dr. Ravinder Bhagat, Dr. Kanchan Bhagat and Dr. Ashish Singh, all Faculty, Medical Superintendent, Dy. Medical Superintendent, Administrative Officer and the participating students and staff made the programme a grand success.

Dr. Bhawna Kaul, Professor and HOD of Pedodontics presented vote of thanks.

SWM to be initiated in every panchayat of district: DC Gbl

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today visited Shallabugh where he chaired a joint meeting of district officers and Panchayat body to discuss the plan for launch of Solid Waste Management (SWM) in Panchayat Shallabugh.

The meeting was attended by Vice-Chairperson DDC Ganderbal, Bilal Ahmad, CPO Irfan Giri, ACP, Bilqees Jan, ACD Dr Bashir Ahmad, DFO Sindh Forest Division, Owais Farooq, Sarpanch, panches, Lambardar besides senior citizens of the area.

During the meeting brief discussion was held on various aspects of SWM Plan including waste collection from households, identification for



dumping site, segregation process, by laws, capital money, constitution of various committees, technical support, treatment of grey water, cleaning of canals and others for creating Solid Waste Management system in Shallabugh Panchayat. The DC sought suggestions

from all stakeholders to accomplish the task in an institutionalized manner.

Highlighting the benefits of SWM, the DC said that initially a dedicated Solid Waste Management plan will be initiated in Panchayat Shallabugh to develop it as the role model in respect of sani-

tation and cleanliness as envisaged in Swachh Bharat Mission and informed that this model will be introduced in every Panchayat in the district in coming days.

He further said that it is our collective and moral responsibility to make our villages clean and urged the local Panchayat body to put in personal efforts to motivate people to contribute towards making the mission a success.

Vice-Chairperson DDC and other members of Panchayat body complimented the District Administration for initiating the setting up of the waste management system for the Panchayat and assured that each household shall actively participate in making Shallabugh a Zero Waste Panchayat.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT TRIBAL WELFARE OFFICER RAJOURI

Subject:- e-Tender Notice (NIT) for supply of Dietary /Miscellaneous Items to EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL GURDHANBALA AND HUBBI for the Year 2022-23.

Note:- All the Bidding process will be done on www.jktenders.gov.in.

**E-NIT No:- DTWOR/SWD/2022-23/
Dated: 13-08-2022**

For and on behalf of Lt.Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, online e-tenders are invited from the Local Original Firms/Dealers having valid Goods & Service Tax (GST) registration for supply of Dietary /Miscellaneous Items to **EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL GURDHANBALA AND HUBBI for the Year 2022-23** as per the terms & conditions mentioned in this tender document. The intending bidders shall have to submit Tender Cost in the form of Demand Draft and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank pledged to "The District Tribal Welfare Officer Rajouri " for an amount to the extent shown below:-

Particulars	Amount of Earnest Money (CDR/FDR)	Cost of Tender Documents (Non-refundable)
Dietary and other miscellaneous Items for EMRSGurdhanbala and Hubbi (Rajouri)	Rs. 2,24000.00	Rs. 1000.00 (Demand Draft)
TOTAL	RS. 2,24,000.00	RS.1000.00

The detailed documents, criteria and other terms and conditions can be seen/downloaded from the Government website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

S.No	Description	Date	Time
1	Date of Issue/publishing of tender notice	13-08-2022	4:00PM
2	Date of Downloading of bidding documents	13-08-2022	10:00AM
3	Bid submission Start date	13-08-2022	10:00AM
4	Bid Submission closing/end date	05-09-2022	04:00PM
5	Date and time of opening online Bids	06-09-2022	1:00 PM
6	Deadline for receiving the hardcopy of Original DD & EMD	06-09-2022	Prior to 11:30 AM
7	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Rs.1,000/- (Demand Draft)	

DIP/J-7024/22 Dt: 17-08-2022

Sd/-

District Tribal Welfare Officer
Rajouri

NO:- DTWOR/Acctts/ /2022-23

Dated:- 13-08-2022



JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU

0191-2561578 (O), 0191-254780 (F),email-sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in

**Hue and Cry Notice
Rule No. 712/191**

SDPO Domana, intimated that accused namely **Ajay Khajuria S/O Subash Chander R/O Lower Muthi, opposite Kailsh Palace, Jammu** is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 226/2022 U/S 376 IPC of P/S Domana, Jammu since the commission of crime.

It is therefore requested that Hue and Cry Notice of above mentioned accused is being published for the information of Police establishments / Public in general having any clue related to the whereabouts / present location of above named accused, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact / Telephone numbers.

Description Roll :-

Name : **Ajay Khajuria**
S/O : **Subash Chander**
Address : **Lower Muthi, opposite Kailsh Palace, Jammu**
Age : **35-37 Years**
Complexion : **Fair**
Height : **5'5"**

Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-

1. DPO, Jammu : 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D : sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
3. PCR Jammu : 0191-2542000
4. SP Rural : 0191-2605949
5. SDPO Domana : 0191-2604220
6. P/S Domana : 0191-2604214
7. Mobile No. of (I/O) of case : 9419162634

DIP/J-7033/22 Dt: 17-08-2022



For Sr. Superintendent of Police
Jammu

No. 57575-78/0165

Date:- 10-8-2022

EDITORIAL

Two new airports to be established in Jammu, Kashmir

Union Minister for Civil Aviation Sh Jyotiraditya M. Scindia today said that new two airports shall be established in Jammu and Kashmir soon.

He said this during an interaction programme with DDC, BDC members, PRIs and locals at Harwan block of Srinagar district.

As a major development, the Minister said that an airport worth Rs. 1500 crore shall be established on 25 thousand square kilometres in Kashmir, while as another airport worth Rs. 650 crore shall be established in Jammu on 22 thousand square kilometres land size.

said that since a special focus is being given on development of both air and road connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, a major road network including highways, ring road, tunnels and other projects are being constructed across Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

The Minister said that the development of connectivity shall bring more tourists to J&K and promote local craft. He said that the promotion of tourism and crafts shall boost economic activity and prosperity of people of J&K.

Sh Scindia said that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, an era of peace, progress and development has already started in Jammu and Kashmir and all the three regions including Ladakh have come on track to become number one in construction and development in the country.

He said that among other major projects, work was going on in full swing on ring road worth Rs 3000 crore, while as 100 percent households are being supplied electricity now, made possible by current dispensation.

The Minister said currently 82 percent population is connected and being supplied tap water, however, the government is committed to cover all households in near future.

He said that the Modi led government was not only successful in curbing corruption in J&K but sectors including health, education and others have also flourished in the UT during these years.

Present on the occasion, various DDC and BDC members, sarpanchs and other PRIs spoke on the occasion and raised their demands.

The demands raised by the members included bridging developmental gap between urban and rural areas, construction of degree college and AYUSH Hospital in Harwan, development of area for rural tourism, better health and education facilities, deduction in power and water tariffs, loan waivers for drivers among others.

DC Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz As-sad, SSP Srinagar, ADC Srinagar, officers from RDD among others were also present on the occasion.

SC's verdict in ‘freebies’ case may significantly influence course of electoral politics in India

DR GYAN PATHAK

The ongoing ‘freebies’ case in the Supreme Court of India has reached an interesting stage, with the DMK seeking to be made a party into it. It clearly indicated that the presumption on which ‘freebies’ are understood would decide its fate in favour of the Centre or states, the rich or the poor, and the real objectives expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution and its several provisions.

DMK has challenged the very presumption of ‘freebies’ under which the Centre led by Modi government has labelled the welfare schemes introduced by the state governments alone.

Even as PM Narendra Modi has criticized other political parties in opposition-ruled states for their ‘welfare schemes’ as ‘freebies’ for a long time, the opposition has questioned him why his ‘welfare and other promotion schemes’ should not fall in this category.

DMK has pointed out that the Centre’s ‘tax holidays’ to foreign companies, waiver of bad loans of influential industrialists and granting of crucial contracts to favoured conglomerates should be put in the same bracket as ‘freebies’.

DMK has put the matter on record in the Supreme Court and said that there was no “straight-jacket formula” to decipher which scheme deserves to be termed

as ‘freebies’. The Constitution of India empowers not only the Centre but also the States to promulgate welfare schemes, and the term ‘freebies’ cannot be interpreted to restrict States, the DMK has said.

“Such schemes have been introduced in order to provide basic necessities which poor households cannot afford. They cannot be imputed to be luxuries. Schemes such as free electricity can have a multi-dimensional effect on a poor household,” it added.

The party have even mentioned that it had introduced various welfare schemes such as rice at Rs 1 per kg, free distribution of colour television sets to poor households, free bus passes to women among others for uplifting the poor households.

“A welfare scheme providing a free service is introduced with the intent to secure a social order and economic justice. In no imaginable reality could it be construed as a freebie,” the party has argued.

Before going into details, one must know what is a ‘freebie’. The world originated sometime during 1925-30, perhaps from a noun phrase ‘free bee’. It was used in a sentence as, “Put the bee on to borrow money with not intentions or repaying it.” And the money that was not intended to be repaid was referred to as ‘freebie’.

Going by this, all the loans given to the rich, which are not intended to be repaid,

too count as ‘freebies’.

In contemporary language, ‘freebies’ are defined as something given without charge or cost. No doubt, political parties and leaders have been resorting to ‘freebies’, including PM Modi himself, though it did not prevent him from denouncing about the “Revadi culture” on July 16, 2022 while inaugurating Bundelkhand Expressways in Jalaun. He said this ‘politics of freebies’ is allegedly practiced by certain political parties to garner votes. He called upon the people to be cautious of them and also rid the country’s political arena of the proponents of ‘Revadi (freebie) culture’ as it was a dangerous trend which retarded the growth of the country. This came as a surprise, considering that BJP and its allies too are following the same culture.

Other political parties, such as DMK in Tamil Nadu, Trianamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee in West Bengal, Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav duo in Bihar, BJD in Odisha, etc have all been emerging as challengers for Modi’s dream of winning 2024 Lok Sabha election. If they serve the people better, it would dampen BJP’s prospects.

Political analysts say that Modi has no option but to try and curtail the effectiveness of the opposition-ruled states by constricting their financial lifeline in the name of containing the dangers of ‘freebies’. It is clearly a political issue and must be fought politically, and let the

people vote for those who serve them most.

But some of those enthused by PM Modi’s opinion have brought the case to the Supreme Court of India, where it is now being fought legally. So be it. But presumption should be equitable, in which neither rich nor poor be given undue advantage over the other.

Social and economic justice must be secured first; dignity of individuals must be protected along with their lives and livelihoods; equal opportunity to all must be delinked with paying capacity; equality of access must be secured for all in all educational, health, and other institutions and must not be linked with money; and finally the rules must not be made or policies adopted for the benefit of the few only in name of development.

Development of a nation must not be presumed only as the creation and accumulation of wealth in few hands by supporting them with all legal and illegal means, but it should also include the welfare of the entire humanity – the poor children, the women, and those who have been suffering from social, economic, and several other injustices.

The Supreme Court has a great issue at hand, the decision on which may impact the future of the country. The taxpayer’s money should not be wasted in ‘freebies’, but what constitute ‘freebies’ and what do not is a question that clearly needs to be spelt out.

RSS-BJP rattled by Opposition consolidation, sense 2024 poll isn't a done deal

Arun Srivastava

The change of regime in Bihar following Nitish Kumar’s decision to snap ties with the BJP and join the Mahagathbandhan seems to have rattled the ruling party at the Centre.

This is evident from reports that even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi was addressing the Independence Day rally at the Red Fort on Monday, Home Minister Amit Shah was closeted with senior BJP leaders discussing plans to try overthrow the newly-formed Mahagathbandhan government in Bihar as soon as possible.

Earlier, the BJP’s leadership had launched an all-round attack on Nitish Kumar. A campaign was also unleashed to try and depict him in poor light, by labelling him as an opportunist, for instance. How-

ever, this was more of a façade, since the Modi-Shah duo realise that Nitish’s action was simply a manifestation of a changing political landscape which spells trouble for them.

Sensing a looming threat to its hegemony and political supremacy, an alarmed RSS-BJP leadership scrambled to make organisational changes with an eye on the Lok Sabha polls due in 2024.

Just a day after the regime change in Bihar, old war horse Sunil Bansal, a prominent RSS face, was wheeled out as BJP’s national general secretary in charge of three opposition-ruled states — West Bengal, Odisha and Telangana.

Bansal, who earlier assisted Amit Shah in the 2014 general elections and served as the party’s general secretary (organisation) in Uttar Pradesh, is credited with overcoming the Samajwadi

Party challenge to ensure its victory in UP earlier this year. He has handled three elections in the key state: 2017 and 2022 assembly polls and 2019 general elections, with the party emerging victorious on each occasion.

His clout can be judged from the fact that he has replaced three important leaders serving as general secretaries: Kailash Vijayvargiya in West Bengal, Tarun Chugh in Telangana and D Purandareswari in Odisha.

One of the key tasks that Bansal is reportedly entrusted with is to prepare a blueprint for a bid to force out the Mahagathbandhan govt in Bihar besides, of course, strengthening the saffron party’s position and prospects in the three states, where it made substantial gains in the last general elections. All the three states are of vital impor-

ance for Modi and Shah, and more than them, for the RSS.

If sources are to be believed, the BJP will try to engineer a major split in the JD(U) as well as the RJD. Conversant with Amit Shah’s propensity to deploy so-called Operation Lotus in opposition-ruled states, Nitish and Tejashwi are, of course, already keeping a vigil on their MLAs.

At the same time, the BJP is also said to be evolving a strategy to make up for possible electoral losses in Bihar and West Bengal, which together account for 82 Lok Sabha seats. In 2019, the BJP had won 39 seats in Bihar in alliance with JD(U) and LJP, and 18 in West Bengal.

The other reason for Modi and Shah to have attacked Nitish Kumar aggressively is a growing sense of scepticism among some BJP lead-

ers across the country about the party’s prospects under their leadership. In some states, the fall of the NDA government in Bihar has propelled factionalism and demoralised the rank and file. A shaken BJP is now trying its utmost to keep Nitish Kumar confined to Bihar and not allow him space to manoeuvre at the national level.

Meanwhile, in the bellwether state of Bihar, the BJP faces a tough challenge with almost the entire range of political forces — backwards, extremely backwards and Dalits — joining hands with Nitish. Senior BJP leaders confess that they haven’t been able to make credible inroads among these politically powerful segments of society and frantically need a powerful leader with mass appeal to remain in the reckoning.

PM Modi’s Red Fort speech reinforces impression he’s entirely out of touch with reality

Sushil Kutty

Prime Minister Narendra Modi must have burned the midnight oil to think up his ‘five pledges’ to turn India into a country of his dreams by 2047, independent India’s centenary year. And these ‘pledges’ appear to have limped away from the basic goals of education, health, jobs and shelter.

The word that comes to mind is ‘esoteric’. Modi confirmed that he is distant from the lives of ordinary people, abstruse and mystic. An alternative would be the phrase ‘dream on’.

Modi dropped his ‘five pledges’ one by one on the heads of the invitees to the ID-extravaganza fit for a developing country of India’s standing — emerging economic superpower, except for the rupee which can’t stop itself from plumbing the depths in its showdown with the dollar.

Of course, in Modi’s lingo, the five pledges are ‘paanch praan’, five keys to unlock the life-saving potential of India’s demographic dividend in the next 25 years when the majority of the demographic would be in their 50s, and Modi himself in the 100+. In Modi’s turn of phrase, the ‘paanch

praan’ is crucial for India’s development; indeed, to India’s future.

And, effortlessly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi slipped in the cliché “130 crore Indians” to emphasize the intent forcefully. The right words fell from the Prime Minister’s golden tongue: ‘unite’, ‘love for the country’, ‘fight against discrimination’, ‘slavery’, and ‘fellow citizens’.

The iconic Red Fort, now witness to more empty words than there are loaded ones in the dictionary, would testify that Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ninth I-Day address was not much different from the eight that preceded it.

Except that the dreams have become loftier. Such that one could be excused for being Kafkaesque! Franz Kafka left a body of work that spelled ‘failure’ in its essence. The greatest Kafkaesque was that the human being was bound to leave things incomplete; it came naturally to man.

The irony is that the incomplete phrase applied to Franz Kafka as much as it applies to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In fact, unless you’re a literary genius, you would miss the woods for the tree in the Kafkaesque. Much like so many of us missed the economics in the Modi-nomics, which at least had a pakora at its core, something tangible to hold.

Unlike the ‘paanch praan’, the ‘Five Modi Pledges’, which are...1) Work for India’s development; 2) Eradicate slavery/subjugation, all forms colonial baggage; 3) Display pride in India’s heritage; 4) Achieve unity among 130 crore Indians; 5) All citizens, including PM and CMs, be model citizens; do their sworn duties.

And to round it all, Modi bound them with “we have to keep India first...paving the way for the nation to be forever united”.

The Red Fort had two mechanical elephants at one of its gates—one better than the nuts-and-bolts lion that symbolized Modi’s ‘Make in India’ campaign. That Gir lion is not to be seen these days! Is it a sign of change in the offing? Indeed, Prime Minister Modi’s ‘paanch praan’ leaves everything to the imagination.

Which is another way of saying that it will remain one of the many mysteries of Modi-rule that even after eight years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi still succeeds in giving the impression that he is unaware of the bread and butter wants of the teeming millions. Does the Prime Minister know, has he been told, that India has the most number of “extremely poor” in the world?

Modi’s Pledge No.1 is “work for In-

dia’s development”. The thing to note, however, is that Modi as usual was talking in election stump generalities. Nothing in India’s development of the past eight years was worth spelling out. Talk of ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ and the world’s most number of extremely poor wouldn’t have a roof over their heads to fly the tricolour was a given!

Shelter like jobs is a mirage too far for crores of Indians. And jobs, like shelter, are sold by the crores to desperately aspirational Indians, like ‘ache din’ was, from the election pulpit. The number of jobs Narendra Modi promised while selling “abki baar...” could make a couple of Sri Lankas, but the ‘Mood of the Nation’ surveys, somehow, never gets the number of jobs created by Modi right!

Ask Franz Kafka and he would say how ‘metamorphosis’ is more than ‘paanch praan’ said in a vacuum. In the story, the protagonist is deserted by everyone because in ‘his’ insect state, he could no longer be the provider to the family—his presence was no longer required. The moral of the story is: a country of extremely poor, living in stark sight of a miniscule number of powerfully rich, are likely to soon get tired of a deficient provider’s empty promises.

Japan makes arrests on bribery suspicions in Tokyo Olympics

NEW DELHI, AUG 17

A former Tokyo Olympic organising committee board member and three people from a clothing company that was a surprise sponsor of the 2020 Games were arrested on bribery suspicions Wednesday.

Haruyuki Takahashi, a former executive at advertising company Dentsu, is suspected of receiving bribes from the former head of Aoki Holdings Inc and two company employees, the prosecutors' office said.

The company that makes affordable business suits was a surprise pick to dress the Japanese Olympic team, when other nations had top fashion brands designing athletes' outfits. Aoki is linked with Japan's so-called recruit suits that youngsters fresh out of school wear for job interviews and their first jobs.

The bribery is believed to be linked to sponsorship of the Games and products related to the Olympics. Although corruption at top places among Olympic officials had long been rumoured, the arrest comes as a blow to Japan's Olympic ambitions.

Takahashi is credited with landing \$3 billion in local sponsorships for the



Tokyo Games. Japan also is pursuing the 2030 Winter Olympics for Sapporo.

Aoki said it was still looking into the matter and did not have immediate comment. The Japanese Olympic Committee was not immediately available for comment.

Japanese media reports said Takahashi denied wrongdoing, stressing he was paid for consulting services.

Tokyo played host to the Tokyo Games with much fanfare, as well as criticism, in summer 2021. The event was postponed for a year and held with

no public ticket sales because of the coronavirus pandemic.

That came as a disappointment, as the Games were supposed to have drummed up tourism revenue, and put the spotlight on Japan's prowess in a similar way as did the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. The official price tag for the latest Tokyo Games was \$13 billion, mostly public money. That was double the initial estimate when the International Olympic Committee awarded Tokyo the Games, but less than the \$25 billion some had predicted.

Media is lying over Manchester United future: Ronaldo

NEW DELHI, AUG 17

Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo says he will reveal the truth in a couple of weeks after constant speculation about his future at the club.

The Portuguese is reported to want to leave Old Trafford despite new manager Erik ten Hag insisting he is "not for sale".

"They (will) know the truth when they interview in a couple weeks," the 37-year-old said on Instagram.

Ronaldo also liked a post from a fan saying that Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone wanted to sign him.

Replying to the post, Ronaldo said: "The media is telling lies. I have a notebook and in the last few months of the 100 news (stories) I made, only five were right.

"Imagine how it is. Stick with that tip."

Ronaldo, who rejoined United a year ago from Juventus, has a year left on his contract.

He was their top scorer last season with 24 goals in all competitions but was criticised by Ten Hag



after leaving a pre-season match against Rayo Vallecano early after being substituted at halftime.

United missed out on the Champions League last season, finishing sixth in the Premier League, and have suffered a dreadful start to the new campaign, losing both their opening games and sitting bottom of the table.

They host Liverpool on Monday.

Former United player Gary Neville was fiercely critical of the club after Saturday's 4-0 defeat by Brentford and called on Ronaldo to be clear about his situation.

Ranji-winning coach to helm Kolkata Knight Riders

NEW DELHI, AUG 17

The doyen of India's domestic coaches, Chandrakant Pandit has been appointed Kolkata Knight Riders' head coach for the upcoming IPL season, the franchise announced on Wednesday.

Pandit replaces Brendon McCullum, who is now the head coach of the England Test side.

Pandit, the most celebrated coach in the Indian domestic circuit, recently guided Madhya Pradesh to their maiden Ranji Trophy title, having won the national championship multiple times with Mumbai and Vidarbha.

Known to work wonders with unheralded domestic teams, this will be the former India wicket-keeper's first big assignment at the elite level.

"We are very excited that



Chandu is joining the Knight Riders family to lead us through the next phase of our journey," KKR CEO Venky Mysore said in a statement.

"His deep commitment to what he does and his track record of success in domestic cricket, is there for everyone to see. We are looking forward to his partnership with our skipper Shreyas Iyer, which promises to be an exciting

one," he added. Accepting the new challenge, Pandit said, "I have heard from players and others who have been associated with the Knight Riders, about the family culture, as well as the tradition of success that has been created.

"I am excited about the quality of the support staff and the players who are part of the set up and I am looking forward to this opportunity with all humility and positive expectations."

The 60-year-old Pandit played five Tests and 36 ODIs for India between mid '80s to early '90s. In an interview to PTI, Pandit had said that he had once had a meeting with KKR's principal owner Shah Rukh Khan during the early years of IPL but back then he had made it clear that he wasn't keen to join support staff as an assistant coach.

Australia relocates more Afghan athletes fleeing Taliban rule

NEW DELHI, AUG 17

Australia has relocated Afghanistan's Olympic flag-bearer Kimia Yousofi and other athletes and their family members fleeing Taliban rule, officials said on Wednesday.

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) said five Afghan families with "ties to the Olympic movement" had arrived in Australia in recent months following a 12-month project to bring them to safety.

They included dual Olympian and track sprinter Yousofi, who carried Afghanistan's flag at last year's Tokyo Olympics and taekwondo Asian Games medallist Ahmad Abasy, the AOC said.

In all, 31 family members had arrived in Australia - the first in early June and the most recent last week.

"For the families involved, the stress and uncertainty over this time has been enormous," AOC Chief Executive Matt Carroll said in a statement.

"Many have spent time in locations outside Afghanistan and it's wonderful to now have them on Australian soil. All arrived happy, if exhausted."

The AOC liaised with the Australian government to secure visas and flights for the Afghan arrivals while the International Olympic Committee provided financial support during their time in interim locations.

Yousofi thanked the Australian government and the AOC, and said she hoped to compete at next year's Olympics in Paris.

"It's been a journey for me but I am very happy to be here," she said. I am essentially starting a

new life here," she added in a statement.

Australia evacuated more than 70 Afghan athletes, family members and officials a year ago as the Taliban swept to power.

Girls and women's sport has since been crushed by the Taliban government's hardline policies.

Men have continued to play sport at community and elite level in the country but women are effectively confined to their homes by a mixture of regulation and intimidation.

Abasy said in the statement that sport was the "natural right" of every human being.

"Unfortunately, now in Afghanistan, sports have a gender perspective and girls are denied the right to sports," he added.

1st ODI: All eyes on skipper KL Rahul as India get ready to steamroll Zimbabwe

NEW DELHI, AUG 09

Skipper KL Rahul's form and fitness will be observed keenly when India take on Zimbabwe in a three-match series, starting Thursday, in 50-over format, which is fast losing popularity and strug

Supposed to be one of the most vital cogs in India's T20 World Cup top-order, Rahul would like to make full use of the game time he gets as an opener during the three games against Regis Chakabva's side.

Rahul's immediate task at hand after a two-month lay-off, during which he underwent a sports hernia surgery, is to keep his opening slot in T20 cricket and adapt to the team's philosophy of going hell for leather from ball one.

It won't just be about runs that skipper Rohit Sharma or coach Rahul Dravid would be looking at when they monitor Rahul's performance in Zimbabwe.

Rather they would like to check out his approach and the manner in which he is scoring runs, something he would need to tweak before that first Asia Cup game against Pakistan on August 28.

On the Harare Sports Club batting belters where Zimbabwe chased down Bangladesh's 300 plus and 290-odd targets in successive games in the recently-concluded series, India's batting line-up with Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan, Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda and Sanju Samson will certainly prove to be more than a handful for hosts.

And unlike Bangladesh, a bowling attack comprising Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Deepak Chahar, Kuldeep Yadav along with all-rounders Shardul Thakur and Axar Patel has more potency in any conditions against this Zimbabwe line-up.

For Zimbabwe, the aim would be to become the proverbial banana peel on which Rahul and his men can slip as a series win for 'Men in Blue' would hardly win them any accolades but a defeat would invite sharp criticism.

The hosts therefore wouldn't mind if the likes of Sikandar Raza, Chakabva and Innocent Kaia repeat their batting performances from the Bangladesh encounters and show the world that the previous series win was not just a mere flash in the pan.

Objectives of the series



Gone are the days of Flower brothers (Andy and Grant), Heath Streaks (now tainted and suspended), Neil Johnsons, Murray Goodwins and Henry Olongas. It was a side that could take the Mickey out of the opposition on good days.

Zimbabwe cricket, like the country itself has gone through turmoil over the past two decades and the quality has been severely impacted.

Someone like 36-year-old Raza, 34-year-old skipper Chakabva or 34-year old Donald Tiripano are sincere performers but would never make any opposition feel threatened.

India's tours of Zimbabwe are normally a kind of gift from 'big brother' to help a 'younger' gain financial stability.

The TV and digital rights revenue from three India games will cover Zimbabwe cricket's more than half the costs for the year.

So this earns BCCI a goodwill gesture.

On the cricketing part, this gives selectors a chance to look at bench strength and also jot down some of the names, who will figure in the larger picture for the 2023 50-over World Cup.

Right now, Indian cricket possesses such quality that it can field three white ball teams in three different continents at the same time.

This is one such glorified 'A' series as a lot of the members will be playing in the home A series against New Zealand and Australia later this year.

Chahar and Kuldeep

Two bowlers who would be looking to give it their all are Deepak Chahar, who is back in the mix after six months and Kuldeep Yadav, who is slowly getting his mojo back.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar has consolidated his place in the T20 set-up but Chahar with his swing bowling in Powerplay overs and ability to hit big shots in the death overs will like to make an impression. He is already in the standby list for the Asia Cup.

Another player, who would fancy a debut would be Maharashtra man Rahul Tripathi, a consistent IPL performer and may be someone who VVS Laxman could use in the middle-order at times at the expense of Shardul Thakur.

In all, a 3-0 clean sweep is the order of the day and any diversion would be considered a below-par effort.

Squads:

India: KL Rahul (Captain), Shikhar Dhawan (vice-captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda, Rahul Tripathi, Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Sanju Samson (wicket-keeper), Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Avesh Khan, Prasidh Krishna, Mohd Siraj, Deepak Chahar, Shahbaz Ahmed.

Zimbabwe: Regis Chakabva (captain), Ryan Burl, Tanaka Chivanga, Bradley Evans , Luke Jongwe , Innocent Kaia, Takudzwanashe Kaitano , Clive Madande, Wessly Madhevere, Tadiwanashe Marumani, John Masara, Tony Munyonga , Richard Ngarava , Victor Nyauchi , Sikandar Raza , Milton Shumba , Donald Tiri-pano.

Taiwan, China hold opposing military drills amid tensions

NEW DELHI, AUG 17

Taiwan is staging military exercises to show its ability to resist Chinese pressure to accept Beijing's political control over the self-governing island, following new rounds of threatening drills from China. The exercises Wednesday off the southeastern county of Hualien follow days of Chinese missile firings and incursions into Taiwan's sea and airspace by ships and planes from the People's Liberation Army, the military wing of China's ruling Communist Party.

"We strongly condemn Communist China's continuous military provocations around Taiwan's sea and air that undermine regional peace," Taiwan Defence Ministry spokesperson Sun Li-fang told reporters at Hualien Air Force Base. Communist China's military operations just provide us with the opportunity for combat-readiness training," Sun said.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Joanne Ou said China was using recent visits by US Congress members including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi as a pretext for escalating its attempts to intimidate Taiwan into accepting what it calls its terms for peaceful reunification". China launched military provocations on these grounds. This is absurd and a barbaric act, which also undermines regional stability and interferes with shipping and commercial activities in the Indo-Pacific region," Ou said.

China sees the island as a breakaway



province to be annexed by force if necessary, and considers visits to Taiwan by foreign officials as recognising its sovereignty.

Alongside its military threats, China imposed visa bans and other sanctions Tuesday on Taiwanese political figures. China exercises no effective legal authority over Taiwan and it's unclear what effect the sanctions would have.

China has refused all contact with Taiwan's government since shortly after the 2016 election of President Tsai Ing-wen of the pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party. Tsai was overwhelmingly reelected in 2020.

The DPP also controls the legislature, while the vast majority of Taiwanese favor maintaining the status quo of de facto independence along with strong

economic and social connections between the sides.

China accuses Washington of encouraging the island's independence through the sale of weapons and engagement between US politicians and the island's government. The US says it does not support independence and has no formal diplomatic ties with the island, but it is legally bound to ensure Taiwan can defend itself against threats from China, including a blockade.

Aside from putting its military on alert, Taiwan has largely played down the threat from the Chinese exercises and life has continued as normal among a population of 23 million that has lived under the shadow of bellicose rhetoric and saber rattling from China for more than seven decades.

MHA says it has not given any directions to provide flats to Rohingya migrants

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Wednesday made it clear that it had not given any directions to provide flats to Rohingya Muslims in Delhi and asked the Arvind Kejriwal government to ensure the illegal foreigners remained at their present location.

The MHA also said the Rohingya illegal foreigners are to be kept in detention centres until their deportation as per the law and the Delhi government has been directed to declare the current site of their stay as detention centre. "With respect to news reports in certain sections of media regarding Rohingya illegal foreigners, it is clarified that the MHA has not given any directions to provide EWS flats to Rohingya illegal migrants at Bakkarwala in New Delhi," a ministry spokesperson said.

According to an estimate of the Home Ministry, around 40,000 Rohingya migrants live in different parts of the country, including Delhi.

Noting that the Delhi government proposed to shift the Rohingya Muslims to a new location, the Home Ministry said it has directed the Delhi government to ensure that the Rohingya illegal foreigners remain at their present location as it has already taken up the matter of their deportation with the country concerned through the Ministry of External Affairs. "The illegal foreigners are to be kept in the detention centre till their deportation as per law. The government of Delhi has not declared the present location as a detention centre. They have been di-

rected to do the same immediately," the spokesperson said.

Earlier in the day, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hard-eep Singh Puri said Rohingya refugees will be shifted to apartments in Bakkarwala in outer Delhi and will also be provided basic amenities and police protection.

The EWS (economically weaker section) flats have been constructed by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and are located in the Bakkarwala area near Tikri border. The NDMC functions under the Home Ministry. "India has always welcomed those who have sought refuge in the country. In a landmark decision all Rohingya Refugees will be shifted to EWS flats in Bakkarwala area of Delhi. They will be provided basic amenities, UNHCR IDs & round-the-clock Delhi Police protection," Puri tweeted.

Last year, the government had informed Rajya Sabha that illegal Rohingya immigrants are staying in 12 States and Union Territories -- Jammu and Kashmir, Telangana, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Assam, Karnataka and Kerala.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai had said the government got reports that Rohingya Muslims have indulged in illegal activities in the country.

He said all foreign nationals who enter into the country without valid travel documents are treated as illegal migrants.

AIADMK leadership issue: HC orders status-quo over Jul 11 GC meet



CHENNAI, AUG 17: In a setback to AIADMK interim General Secretary Edappady K Palaniswami (EPS), the Madras High Court on Wednesday ordered maintaining status-quo as was the case on June 23 in the matter relating to the conduct of the July 11 General Council meet of the main opposition party in Tamil Nadu.

The general council, AIADMK's highest decision-making body, 'expelled' rival leader O Panneerselvam and some of his associates from the party amid his leadership tussle with Palaniswami, who was picked as the interim general secretary of the party by the GC members.

The order passed by Justice G Jayachandran on Wednesday, in effect held invalid the July 11 GC meeting.

The judge held that the co-ordinator and the joint co-ordinator alone shall convene the GC meeting. He also suggested nomination of an observer to conduct the meeting.

The court was passing orders on the civil suits from O Panneerselvam and GC member Vairamuthu, today.

Later, the counsel appearing for Panneerselvam said the court has said the Coordinator and Joint Coordinator posts, held by OPS and Palaniswami, respectively earlier, "had not lapsed".

The June 23 GC meet, convened jointly by the two leaders earlier, had announced that the one and only demand of the GC members is to bring in a system of a single leadership for the party, favouring Palaniswami, also known as EPS.

Crimea 'sabotage' highlights Russia's woes in Ukraine war

NEW DELHI, AUG 17

A spate of fires and explosions has turned Russian-annexed Crimea from a secure base for the further invasion of Ukraine into the latest flashpoint highlighting Moscow's challenges ahead in a war that is nearing the half-year mark.

A statement from British defense intelligence Wednesday that Russian commanders will highly likely be increasingly concerned with the apparent deterioration in security across Crimea, which functions as rear base area for the occupation.

Even Russia itself acknowledged it was an act of sabotage that caused Tuesday's explosions and fires that ripped through an ammunition depot near Dzhankoi in once-secure Crimea, leading to chaotic scenes when around 3,000 people had to be evacuated.

As a vivid reminder of Russia's vulnerability in Crimea, detonations at the depot near Dzhankoi were still continuing Wednesday.

A week earlier, Russia's military in Crimea already came under pressure when Ukraine said nine Russian warplanes were destroyed following explosions. At the time, Moscow still offered the possibility of a wayward cigarette butt as the cause.

No such explanations would suffice anymore as the war, which had long centered on brutal fighting in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, has now given southern Crimea increasing importance.

Worsening the outlook in Crimea was a report by the Kommersant business paper, that explosions had also taken place near Gvardeyskoye in the centre of the peninsula. By Wednesday, there still was no comment from the Russian authori-



ties.

The British intelligence report said Gvardeyskoye and Dzhankoi are home to two of the most important Russian military airfields in Crimea.

Ukraine has stopped short of claiming responsibility for any of the blasts, including those at another Crimean air base last week. Russia seized the Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and has used it to launch attacks against Ukraine in the war that began on Feb 24.

If Ukrainian forces were behind the explosions, that would represent a significant escalation in the war. Such attacks could also indicate that Ukrainian operatives are able to penetrate deeply into Russian-occupied territory.

On the eastern front, the stalemate between both sides continued, with the brutality of the shelling causing ever more death and destruction.

In the Donetsk region at the forefront of the Russian offensive, two civilians were killed and seven others were wounded by recent Russian shelling of several towns

and villages.

Russian Tu-22M3 long-range bombers fired cruise missiles at the Odesa region overnight, leaving four people injured, according to Odesa regional administration spokesman Oleh Bratchuk.

In the southern city of Mykolaiv, two Russian missiles damaged a university building early Wednesday but injured no one.

The Russian forces also shelled Kharkiv and various parts of the Kharkiv region overnight, damaging residential buildings and civilian infrastructure but inflicting no casualties.

On Thursday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres plans to travel to Ukraine for a meeting in the western city of Lviv with Zelenskyy and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. They are expected to discuss the grain shipments and a possible fact-finding mission to the Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, which Russia and Ukraine have accused each other of shelling.

SC defers hearing of AIFF case after Centre says discussion with FIFA on to break some ice

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: The Supreme Court on Wednesday deferred till August 22 hearing on the All India Football Federation (AIFF) matter after the Centre said it is in discussion with FIFA over holding of the U-17 Women's world cup in India.

The court also asked the Centre to take proactive steps to hold the world cup in India and lift the suspension of AIFF.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, AS Bopanna and JB Paridwala was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that two meetings have been held by the government and committee of administrators

with FIFA and efforts are being made to "break some ice" on the holding of the U-17 Women's World Cup in India.

He requested that the matter be deferred till August 22 so that a consensus could be arrived at between the active stakeholders of the AIFF.

Mehta said that a few words from the court that the stakeholders are trying to sort this up will help them in their endeavour.

The bench said it is a great international event for the under 17 children and it is only concerned with the fact that the tournament is held in the country.



If somebody from outside is trying to interfere with it, it would not be tolerated, it said.

The bench asked the Centre to play a proactive role in the matter and facilitate the lifting the suspension of AIFF.

On Tuesday, the FIFA had suspended India for "undue influence from third parties" and stripped the country of the right to host the Under-17 Women's World Cup.

The country was scheduled to host the FIFA tournament from October 11-30.

This is the first time that the AIFF has been banned by FIFA in its 85-year-old history.

A ban on India was on the cards after the Supreme Court removed Praful Patel as AIFF president on May 18 for not holding elections due in December 2020.

The court had appointed a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA), headed by former apex court judge AR Dave, to manage the affairs of the national federation.

The CoA, which has former Chief Commissioner of India SY Quraishi and ex India captain Bhaskar Ganguly as other members, also had to frame its constitution in line with the National Sports Code and model guidelines.

SC may settle disputes between SpiceJet & Kalanithi Maran

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it would consider a joint request for mediation of low-cost airline SpiceJet and media baron Kalanithi Maran and his Kal Airways for amicably settling all pending disputes between them including the row over the share-transfer issue.

A bench comprising Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justices J K Maheshwari and Hima Kohli was apprised by senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for SpiceJet, that there were three pending issues between the low-cost airline and Maran and out of these, one has been settled on July 29.

However, senior advocate Vikas Singh, representing Maran and his Kal Airways, suggested mediation between the parties at the Hyderabad mediation centre which was also supported by SpiceJet through Rohatgi.

"We will see," the bench said.

At the outset, Rohatgi said, "there were three issues between us.

"One is the issue arising in this matter and there are other two issues which are not part of the present matter.

"The other side is keen to settle all the three in one go.

"Two issues are foreign to this matter and out of those, one has been settled on July 29."

"One issue was that the airline had taken a loan from a lender which was backed by the security given by the respondents (Maran and others) and the respondents wanted that we should clear the loan and the security may be released.

"We have reached a settlement with the lender and the security will be released and so that part is over," he said.



Another outstanding issue between the parties is the prosecution of the respondents (Maran and others) for the TDS being delayed, he said.

"We are engaging with the respondents jointly to file so that the quashing can be done and the matter is finished..." Rohatgi said, adding the matter be kept after four to six weeks to ensure that settlement on all issues is reached before the apex court itself.

"I would suggest that mediation at Hyderabad mediation centre," Singh suggested on behalf of Maran.

Both parties agreed to the suggestion.

The bench was hearing SpiceJet's appeal against the November 2, 2020 order of the high court, asking the airline to deposit around Rs 243 crore as interest in connection with the share transfer dispute with its former promoter, Maran, and Kal Airways.

On November 7, 2020, the apex court had stayed the Delhi high court order asking SpiceJet to deposit around Rs 243 crore as interest in connection with the share transfer dispute.

SpiceJet and its promoter Ajay Singh were asked to deposit around Rs 243 crore

as interest payable on Rs 579 crore, which the high court had, in 2017, asked the airline to deposit under the 2018 arbitration award in the share-transfer dispute.

The high court had granted six weeks to SpiceJet to make the payment and the deadline for the same, according to a September 2 order, expired on October 14, 2020.

After this, Maran and his firm had moved the high court for attachment of the entire shareholding of Singh in SpiceJet and taking over the management for the non-payment of Rs 243 crore.

The top court had taken note of SpiceJet's appeal and passed the interim order, staying the high court order. Maran and Kal Airways had moved the high court over the share-transfer dispute with SpiceJet, demanding that 18 crore warrants redeemable as equity shares be transferred to them.

On July 29, 2016, the high court asked both parties to settle the dispute under arbitration.

It had directed SpiceJet and Singh to deposit Rs 579 crore in the high court's registry.

SpiceJet was permitted to furnish a bank guarantee for Rs 329 crore and make a cash deposit of the remaining sum of Rs 250 crore by the high court.

The apex court, in July 2017, dismissed SpiceJet's appeal against the high court order.

On July 20, 2018, the arbitral tribunal rejected Maran's claim of damages of Rs 1,323 crore for not issuing the warrants to him and Kal Airways but had awarded him a refund of Rs 579 crore plus interest.

Maran, the owner of Sun TV Network, then moved to the high court against the arbitration award.

The matter pertained to a dispute arising out of the non-issuance of warrants in favour of Maran after the transfer of ownership to Singh, the controlling shareholder of SpiceJet.

The dispute started after Singh took back control of SpiceJet in February 2015 amid the airline facing a financial crisis.

Maran and Kal Airways had transferred their entire 35.04 crore equity shares in SpiceJet, amounting to a 58.46 per cent stake in the airline, to its co-founder Singh in February 2015 for just Rs 2.

Sensex climbs over 379 points; Nifty above 17,800

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: Benchmark BSE Sensex rose by over 379 points on Tuesday as gains in oil & gas, banking and auto shares helped the barometer continue winning run for the third straight session.

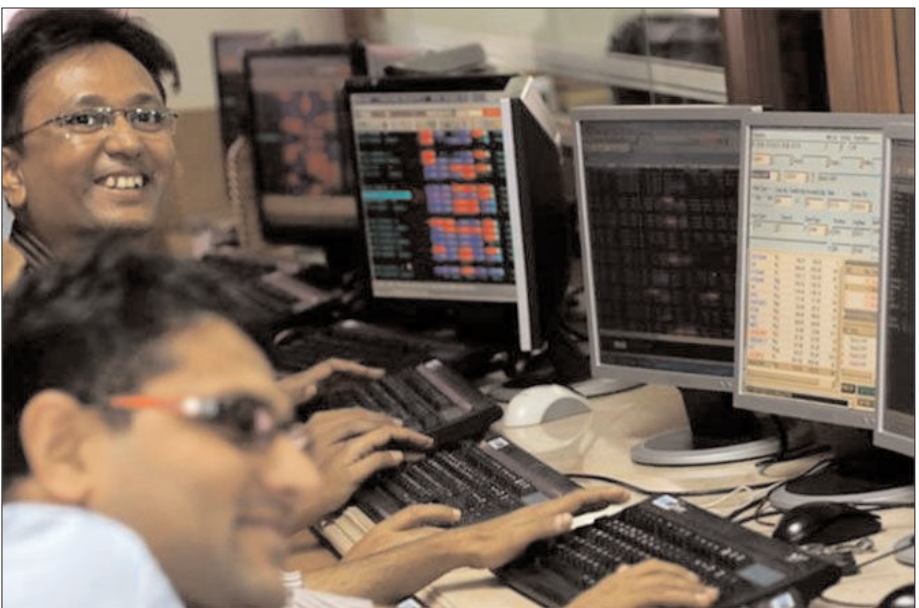
The 30-share BSE benchmark index advanced 379.43 points or 0.64 per cent to settle at 59,842.21.

During the day, it jumped 460.25 points or 0.77 per cent to 59,923.03.

The broader NSE Nifty climbed 127.10 points or 0.72 per cent to 17,825.25 as 42 of its constituents advanced.

Easing inflation concerns after the wholesale price-based inflation slowed down to a five-month low of 13.93 per cent in July and buying in index majors Reliance Industries and HDFC twins added to the momentum.

"The easing of inflation-



ary pressures has encouraged domestic investors to remain optimistic about the pace of economic recovery. Better-than-expected CPI numbers, aided by slower increase in food and fuel prices, may limit the pace of rate hikes by the RBI," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

From the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, Maruti, Asian Paints, Hindustan Unilever, UltraTech Cement, HDFC and HDFC Bank were the lead gainers. On the other hand, State Bank of India, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finance, Tata Consultancy Services and NTPC were the laggards.

In Asia, Seoul and Shang-

hai ended higher, while Tokyo and Hong Kong settled lower.

Equities in Europe were trading higher in mid-session deals.

Markets on the Wall Street had ended higher on Monday.

Stock markets were closed on Monday on account of Independence Day.

Prices of 3 Amul milk brands hiked by Rs 2 per litre

NEW DELHI, AUG 17:

The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which markets its dairy products under the Amul brand, on Tuesday increased the prices of its Gold, Taaza and Shakti milk brands by Rs 2 per litre.

The new prices will be effective from Wednesday, the GCMMF said in a statement.

This price hike is being done due to an increase in the overall cost of operation and production of milk, it said.

The hike of Rs 2 per litre translates into a four per cent increase in MRP, which is lower than the average food inflation, the statement said.

"The GCMMF has decided to increase the milk prices by Rs 2 per litre in the



markets of Ahmedabad and Saurashtra region in Gujarat, Delhi NCR, West Bengal, Mumbai and all other markets where Amul is marketing its fresh milk," the Anand-headquartered federation said.

In Ahmedabad and

Saurashtra markets, now the price of 500 ml of Amul Gold will be Rs 31, Amul Taaza- Rs 25 and Amul Shakti- Rs 28, it said.

"The cattle feeding cost alone has increased by approximately 20 per cent compared to last year.

"Considering the rise in input costs, our member unions have also increased farmers' prices in the range of eight to nine per cent over the previous year," the statement said.

Amul as a policy passes on almost 80 paise of every ru-

Ratan Tata invests in startup Goodfellows

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: Industry leader Ratan Tata on Tuesday announced an undisclosed investment into startup Goodfellows that offers companionship to senior citizens as a service.

The octogenarian industrialist has been an active backer of startups ever since he retired from the helm of the salt-to-software Tata Group.

The company is founded by Shantanu Naidu.

Cornell University-educated Naidu, 25, is a general manager in Tata's office and has been assisting Tata since 2018.

He shares Tata's love for dogs and strays and had previously started a venture around pets as well.

"You do not know what it is like to be lonely until you



spend time alone wishing for companionship," 84-year old Tata, a bachelor, said, appreciating Naidu's idea and also forgiving his mentee for the time he spends away from the office.

Tata said no one minds getting old till you actually get old and also added that getting a good-natured companionship, which we take for granted, is a challenge.

Addressing Tata as a

boss, a mentor and also a friend, Naidu said there are 50 million elders who are by themselves.

The startup hires young graduates having the right skills of empathy and emotional intelligence to 'work' as the senior citizen clients' companions, and ease the day for them with any tasks or just talk with them.

The company has been working with 20 elders for the last six months in its beta phase in the financial

capital and is planning to offer services in Pune, Chennai and Bengaluru next.

Naidu said it wants to scale up across the country but would prefer to go slow without compromising on the quality of the companions it hires.

He said the experience till now has suggested that the companions do a myriad of tasks with the clients, which may include playing carrom, reading the newspaper for them or even taking naps together.

Admitting that it is difficult to "fabricate" the bond between an elder and a grandchild, but exuded confidence that the diligence with which the companions will be hired will ensure that the authentic bonds can be formed.

Nykaa, Paytm, Zomato: Are these stocks worth your money post Q1 results?

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: After new-age tech companies reported better-than-expected June quarter (Q1FY23) results, analysts said it will be a long road to recovery for their respective businesses and the stock prices.

Moreover, brokerages differ on whether it is the right time to own these stocks.

The common thread, however, that runs across most brokerages is Zomato, where they suggest buying the stock with the one-year target price ranging between Rs 60 – 115, translating into an upside of around 9 – 109 per cent from the current levels.

The company's gross order value (GOV) of food delivery jumped 10 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) and 42 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in Q1, aided largely by growth in volume, and mild

growth in average order value (AOV) at 1-2 per cent. The company also broke even on an adjusted Ebitda basis during the quarter.

"We will look out for commentary on the demand outlook for FY23-24, further colour on the path to profitability, and views on the acquisition timelines, and consolidation of Blinkit... We believe the growth drivers continue to remain strong and losses continue to reduce QoQ, which is a positive," UBS said in its post result note.

On the other hand, analysts at CLSA and JM Financial maintain a 'Sell' rating on Paytm, with targets of Rs 650 and Rs 525, as they believe growth is still some time away and there are downside risks.

Jefferies, meanwhile, has maintained 'Buy' on Nykaa but has cut Ebitda and net

profit estimates consequent to higher costs in Q1.

"We trim our FY2023-25 Ebitda forecasts on lower margin assumptions and higher investments in new businesses.

"This results in a 10-25 per cent EPS cut for FY2023-25 and a revised fair value of Rs 1,770 (Rs 1,835 earlier)," Kotak Institutional Equities said on Nykaa.

At the bourses, Zomato has slipped 3.5 per cent during the past three months, and Nykaa has shed 2 per cent. Paytm, on the other hand, has surged 41 per cent during the period. In comparison, the BSE Sensex rallied 7 per cent, BSE data shows.

"Paytm continued its growth trajectory as gross merchandise value (GMV) grew 14 per cent QoQ to Rs 3 trillion.

"Its gross take rate declined 4 basis points QoQ to 36 basis points (bps).

NEW DELHI, AUG 17:

The government is busy strategising ways to revive the domestic mobile device industry as Chinese firms have grabbed a large chunk of the handset market.

The idea is to minimise competition from Chinese mobile players in the entry level or sub-Rs 10,000 category, according to a senior government official familiar with the plans.

While discussions on the strategy are on, there's a growing consensus within the government that the lower end of the market should be reserved only for the domestic players, the official said.

This is part of the plan to create "Indian champions"—a key objective in the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme.

The execution of the strategy could either be through an enabling framework or negotiation, a high-level source in the know said.

Among various options, the domestic mobile device industry can be revived by encouraging foreign companies to build Indian electronic manufacturing services



(EMS), co-develop and co-design affordable phones with home-grown brands, the official quoted earlier pointed out.

"Because Indian and foreign brands deal with different parts of the market, we are also exploring how we can help them cooperate and bring business and opportunity for Indian brands," he explained.

The PLI scheme, in which many domestic players such as Lava, Micromax, Padget Electronics, UTL Neolyncs had participated for manufacturing mobile devices, has not really taken off.

The Indian companies have

found it tough to compete with Chinese brands, which are allegedly on a subsidy binge.

They have also not been able to become contract manufacturers for mobile firms, according to analysts.

As a result, they cannot produce enough to take the incentive.

According to Bloomberg, smart phones under \$150 contributed to a third of India's sales volumes for the quarter of June 2022, with the Chinese accounting for up to 80 per cent of these shipments. It cited Counterpoint data.

TechArc—which also tracks market share—gave numbers capturing the demise of Indian brands.

From 21 per cent in 2017, Indian brands fell to a mere 3 per cent of the marketshare (market is defined as Chinese and Indian brand shares while others are kept out) in 2020.

In 2021, the Indian brands stood at just 1 per cent of the smartphone market. The Chinese mobile makers have also come under the scanner of investigation agencies, which have alleged several violations including money laundering.

Taapsee Pannu on her run-in with the paparazzi; says, “There is a very thin line between being a public figure and public property”

Recently at a media event to promote her new film Dobaaraa, Taapsee Pannu got into a heated argument with a photographer. The entire ugly spat was recorded on video. Taapsee says the paparazzi needs to respect an actor’s personal space. “See, I believe respect a two-way street. I have worked in the Tamil, Telugu and Hindi industries and I have dealt with the paparazzi in all three industries. A lot of them are my friends. But some of them sometimes forget that there is a very thin line between being a public figure and public property.”

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Taapsee asserts she is not public property. “I never call them for my personal publicity. They are invited by the production houses. That’s why there were there for an event for Dobaaraa. As an individual, she objects to being bullied by the photographers. “You should hear the tone in which they sometimes speak. It is just so insulting to us. The way that gentleman spoke to me it seemed as though he was



doing me a favour by clicking me. Even my parents don’t scold me in that tone. I don’t even know how to describe it to you. I was given a schedule to follow. I was doing that. Why should I be at the receiving end of this tone, as if I have committed a crime?!”

She feels the paparazzi sometimes takes advantage of the fact that they have the camera in their hands. “My only crime was, I was on the other side of the camera. Lately with the social-media culture anyone with a camera or a phone is a paparazzi. The camera gives you a one-sided narrative. It is very easy in today’s day and age to target a person and demean that person by

putting out one-sided videos.”

Taapsee thinks the other side of the story remains untold. “We are not morons .We are not illiterates to lose our cool on video without reason. I refuse to accept I was disrespectful to anyone. I was calm I kept smiling respectfully although that gentleman did not respect me at all. He kept making faces at me and he talked to me in a very derogatory tone. I did not want to retaliate. I folded my hands and accepted whatever he had to say.”

The Dobaaraa actress feels the photographers must not take advantage of their privileged position behind the camera. “Certain mem-

bers of the paparazzi feel that just because they’ve the power to put one-sided content on social media that makes us look ill-tempered, they have the upper hand. Sadly, they are the windows for the public to celebrities and hence there are a lot of people who misuse that power. I am as much a human being as anyone who is reading this interview. When spoken to rudely I have the full right to ask why I am being spoken to in that way. I did nothing wrong. We are all in the same industry. They need to respect me as much as I respect them. Just because we on this side of the camera it doesn’t mean only we need to behave politely.”

ZEE Digital concluded Zee National Achievers’ Awards 2022

Zee Media Digital, the digital media publishing arm of Zee Group, on 28.07.2022 organized the National Achievers’ Awards 2022 at The Leela Ambience, Gurugram. Carrying on the legacy of Zee Media, the awards recognized the outstanding work/achievements by leaders from various domains. The awards also honored the spirit of change makers who overcame obstacles to create stories through their intelligence, diligence, path-breaking performance, and grit. Also Read - Zee Digital wins 3 Golds at Drivers of Digital Awards and Summit 2019

Addressing the audience at the event, Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, Prahlad Singh Patel, said, “I am extremely impressed on how Zee Digital, which has become one of the fastest-growing digital media groups in India, acknowledges the excellent work of Industry leaders across different sectors. I would like to thank everybody who has been contributing to the development of the nation as a whole.”

The awards witnessed the presence of many esteemed and renowned names such as Manoj Tiwari, Malini Awasthi, Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, Prem Shukla, Ramesh Bidhuri, Shekhar Suman, Bhuvan Bam, along with Rithvik Dhanjani who hosted the event, and Neeti Palta who kept the audience engaged and entertained with her performance.

Zee National Award winners comprised leaders from Auto, Retail, Real estate, Healthcare, E-commerce, FMCG, Startups, Designs, Entertainment, Fashion, Jewelry, and Hospitality industry. This year’s National Achievers’ hon-

orees include: Kalyan Jewellers (Business leader of the Year -Gems & Jewellery Industry); Genewin Biotech (Innovation in Agriculture & Climate change); M. Ponnaiyah Nageswaran (Young Innovative Chancellor of the Year); Guvi (Most trusted Vernacular Edutech Brand); Mirae Asset Mutual Fund (Marketing Campaign); Dr Aneel Kashi Murarka (People’s Philanthropist); Lilavati Hospital & Research Centre (Best Superspeciality Hospital in West India); Best Superspeciality Hospital in West India (Stock Market Expert); Ippo Pay Technologies (Most Promising Start-Up Fintech); TTK Prestige (Most Innovative Kitchen Appliances); Aanchal Thakur (Outstanding Performance in Winter Sports); Dr. Sameer Srivastava (Extraordinary service and contribution in the field of Cardiology); Padma Shri Dr. Atul Kumar (Legend in the field of Ophthalmology); Dr. Tapaswini Pradhan (Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award); RPS Group (Most promising Real Estate Developer in Delhi NCR); Space mantra (Most promising E- Commerce Brand in Infrastructure); Aaccho (Most promising premium brand in Ethnic Wear); Anamika (Most promising contemporary Feminist Poet in India); Astrotalk (Most Trusted Astrology Website Online); Himalayan Natives (Most Trusted Organic Food Brand); Gaurav Sarien (Exemplary work in the Technology and PaaS); Education World Society (Most Promising Education Consultant in East); Cakeo-Bite (Most promising Baker Online); Dr . Piyush Dwivedi , Nexgen Energia

Ltd. (Most promising Innovation in Energy Conservation); Radical Minds (Customer Choice Award in the Contact Center & IT Industry); Bhutani Infra (Best Real Estate Developer); V - Connect Systems (Emerging Tech Start Up in CPAAS and Cloud Infra); BrickInfra (India's First - Roof Top & Custodian Service); Lalit Agarwal (Excellence in Organized Retail Marketing); Safe Life Foundation (Most promising non profit Road Safety Foundation); Havells (Best Innovative Lighting Solution); Citroen (Most promising Debutant - Automobile); Maruti (Tech Innovation of the Year); Hyundai (Most Promising Electric Vehicle - Hyundai Kona); Hero Motocorp - Xpulse 200 4V (Most promising Dirt Bike); Nokia (Best Battery Experience); Bharti Airtel (Enterprise Telecom Service Provider of the Year); MG Motor (Outstanding Contribution in taking Electric Mobility to Masses); Max Health-Care (Operational Excellence in Healthcare); Bhuvan Bam (Young Digital Achiever); Mr. Sanjay Kumar - Executive Director , HPCL (Sustainability Innatives & innovation in design & packaging); Infinix Note 12 Pro 5G (Best 5G smartphone of 2022); Madhav Seth, President - Real Me (Global Pioneer in Tech); SKIDS (Most promising Pediatric Digital Health Start-Up); Mr. Ruchir Gupta (Most Innovative Stock Market Trainer); Perfios Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd (Most Trusted B2B SaaS Enterprise of the year); Bumchums (Most promising Digital presence in Retail and E-Commerce); Dr. Sandeep Chowdhury (Social Change Maker); Panchora (Emerging FMCG Brand); Mr. Sabyasachi Goswami (Most Versatile

Business Leader of the Year); VideoVerse (Most Innovative Company in Video Editing Technology); Rajendra Singh (Change-maker of India); Padma Bhushan Bindeshwar Pathak (Outstanding contribution in Environmental Sanitation); Maya Vishwakarma (Outstanding contribution in Women Hygiene); Rahul Shinde (Most Promising presence in Fitness Brand); Organic India (Most Promising Organic Tea Brand); Croma (Best Multistore Brand); Mr. Ranjith Kumar - Head Marketing Air Asia (Digital Transformation Leader of the Year).

Speaking of the event, Shridhar Mishra, CRO – Digital, Zee Media Corporation Ltd. said, “Zee Media being a leading media house, understands the importance of felicitating change makers from various industries. We have always appreciated the incredible work done by these industry leaders. I thank the entire team for successfully concluding the Zee National Achievers Awards 2022. We are looking forward to introducing more award categories in coming years.”

The award show was sponsored by LIC and Canara Bank.

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Liger: Vijay Deverakonda DEBUNKS rumours of his film being a remake of Ravi Teja starrer Amma Nanna O Tamila Ammayi; says, 'I'll never do...'



Up next to hit the theatres is Vijay Deverakonda and Ananya Panday’s film Liger. The film sort of marks Vijay’s debut in Bollywood as it is a Pan-India film co-produced by Karan Johar. The trailer and the songs of the film have received a great response from the audience. And now, everyone is look-

ing forward to August 25, 2022 for the film to hit the screens. But recently, rumours had it that Liger is the remake of Ravi Teja’s film Amma Nanna O Tamila Ammayi. In a recent media interaction, Vijay debunked the story. Also Read - Liger: Vijay Deverakonda channels his inner Raj from DDLJ as he carries Ananya

Panday in sarson ka khet, drives a tractor and drinks lassi [View Pics]

Vijay Deverakonda and Ananya Panday’s film is a remake of ANOTA?

Vijay Deverakonda mentioned that his film Liger is totally different from Amma Nanna O Tamila Ammayi. He mentioned that he would never be a part of any

remake. As reported by Indian Today, he was quoted saying, "I like Amma Nanna O Tamil Ammayi a lot. But Liger is a different movie. The sport MMA is different from boxing. Mother-son bonding is going to be the major USP. There are lots of other elements in this movie. I'll never do remakes. In fact, I don't like doing remakes."

Earlier, it was director Puri Jagannadh had spoken up on the same. Amma Nanna O Tamila Ammayi (ANOTA) was also directed by him. In a media interaction, he stated that he has not picked up any parts from ANOTA for Liger. He shared that both the stories are very different. Fans connected the two movies as both of the films have plots of a single mother taking care of a son who grows up to be a boxer.

Liger movie also stars Mike Tyson. Baahubali star Ramya Krishnan and other stars like Ronit Roy, and Makarand Deshpande are also a part of this film. We cannot wait for it to release!

Koffee With Karan 7 promo: Sidharth Malhotra says Vicky Kaushal had his roka on the show; Karan Johar asks the SOTY actor if he wants to manifest marrying Kiara Advani

The last episode of Koffee With Karan 7 had some hilarious moments with Sonam Kapoor getting candid to the extent of trolling her brother Arjun Kapoor in the Raksha Bandhan special. The next episode of the Karan Johar hosted show is the Punjabi Munda special, where we get to see two hot hunks of the moment – Vicky Kaushal and Sidharth Mal-

hotra showcasing their candour. While this will be Vicky’s first episode after he manifested dating Katrina on the couch, the host also has some comments about Sid’s life this time and it involves Kiara Advani. #Sidharth MalhotraKoffee With Karan 7 promo: Sidharth Malhotra says Vicky Kaushal had his roka on the show; Karan Johar asks the SOTY actor if he wants to manifest marrying Kiara Advani

Sidharth Malhotra and Indra Kumar snapped at a dubbing studio in Bandra Akshay Kumar, Anand L Rai, Sidharth Malhotra, Kiara Advani, Varun Dhawan

spotted at airport todayPhotos: Akshay Kumar, Sidharth Malhotra, Kiara Advani and others snapped at the airportSidharth MalhotraSidharth MalhotraSidharth MalhotraSidharth Malhotra. In the latest promo that was unveiled, we see Vicky Kaushal and Sidharth Malhotra bonding over their Punjabi genes, as the attention later shifts to manifestation.



Deepika Padukone’s new movies

Deepika Padukone has multiple new movies lined up like Pathaan, Project K, Fighter, and The Intern remake. While all her films look quite interesting, her fans are eagerly waiting to watch her in Pathaan as it’s an action film and she reteams with Shah Rukh Khan in it.

BTS: J-Hope and RM go bonkers at Billie Eilish's concert; ARMY rejoice seeing Namjoon and Hobi's energetic avatar

Billie Eilish's concert was held in Seoul, South Korea and it was attended by BTS' RM aka Kim Namjoon and J-Hope aka Jung Hoseok. The pictures and videos of Hobi and Namjoon attending Billie Eilish's concert have been going viral on social media right now. RM and J-Hope had a gala time at Billie's concert. They really enjoyed the concert as the audience and grooved to her music like the fans. BTS ARMY is rejoicing in the fact that they got to see their boys, enjoying their time and being themselves. Also Read - BTS: After huge up-

roar, Indian online teacher apologizes for threatening behaviour towards fans of the K-Pop band; ARMY say, 'Your words are not genuine'

Billie Eilish is on a world tour right now. Her current stop being South Korea's Seoul. Billie performed in Seoul with full vigour and enthusiasm and the concert was a packed one too, it seems. BTS members - RM and J-Hope were seen sitting amongst the audience. When it was their favourite jam, RM and J-Hope got off their seats and grooved to the music like there was nobody around. And honestly, it's the best part of BTS content in a long

while. The Boys enjoyed Billie Eilish's concert to their heart's content. J-Hope also posted videos on his Instagram, which have been picked by the ARMY and shared online. Here's a compiled video post of the same: Also Read - BTS fans from India share a video of a teacher scolding students for being fans of the K-Pop band; says, 'I would have grabbed your collar and slapped you'

RM aka Kim Namjoon posted a picture with Billie Eilish and Finneas

BTS' RM and J-Hope attending Billie Eilish's concert is being widely discussed in Hollywood

News. BTS leader RM aka Kim Namjoon who is quite active on social media took to his Instagram handle and posted a couple of pictures, mementoes from Billie Eilish's concert in Seoul. In the picture, we see RM and J-Hope posing with Billie and her singer-songwriter brother Finneas aka Finneas Baird O'Connell. While the first two pictures are with Billie and Finneas, the second one is a picture of Billie performing while the third picture consists of his hand with the wrist band of Billie Eilish's concert entry. RM captioned the post saying, "bad guys..."

India supplies nearly 60 pc of vaccines used worldwide: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said nearly 60 per cent of all the vaccines used in the world are produced in India and over the decades, the country has made remarkable contribution to vaccinating the world.

India today is double dosing every citizen and produced Covid-19 vaccines even during the lockdown period, she added.

Launching the book 'India's Vaccine Growth Story' by Sajjan Singh Yadav, Additional Secretary, Expenditure Department, Sitharaman said it is in the country's DNA to be able to contribute to world vaccination.

"Over the decades India has made remarkable contribution. Nearly 60 per cent of all the vaccines which are used in the world are produced in India. India has singular contribution to make to the world in terms of vaccination and that which is being produced and sup-



plied to the entire world," Sitharaman said.

Today, the country is double dosing every citizen, she said, adding it is not easy to produce and execute Covid vaccination at that scale.

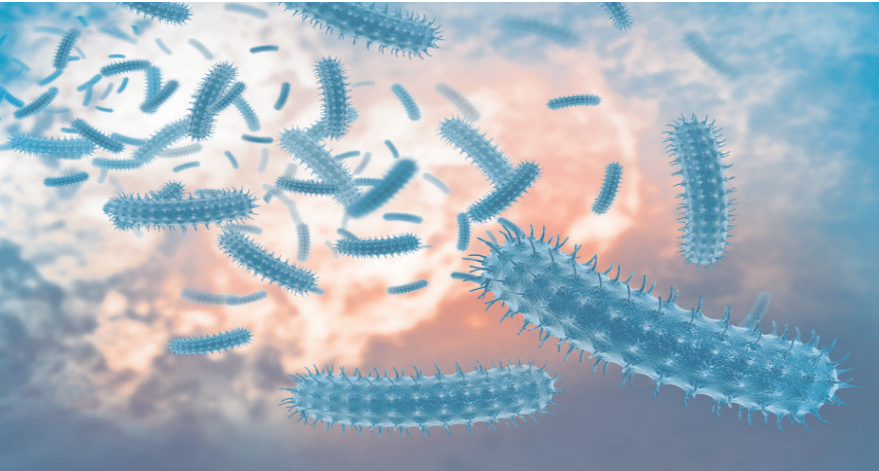
India crossed the target of 200 crore COVID vaccinations in a time-bound manner. So far, 208.57 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered under the nationwide inoculation drive.

This drug can fight more than 300 drug-resistant bacteria

A team of researchers have developed a novel drug molecule that can help ward off more than 300 drug-resistant bacteria.

Reported in ACS Central Science journal, the drug compound called fabimycin, inhibited drug-resistant gram-negative bacteria in lab experiments, as well as in mice with pneumonia and urinary tract infections.

Gram-negative bacteria are a class of microbes that infect mil-



lions of people worldwide, and are especially difficult to treat because they have strong defense systems -- tough cell walls that keep most antibiotics out and pumps that efficiently remove those antibiotics that get inside.

The microbes can also mutate to evade multiple drugs. Furthermore, treatments that do work aren't very specific, eradicating many kinds of bacteria, including those that are beneficial.

Fabimycin, developed by a team from the University of Illinois in the US, showed potential to infiltrate the defences of gram-nega-

tive bacteria and treat infections, while leaving other helpful microbes intact.

The team led by Paul Hergenrother, from the varsity's Department of Chemistry, started with an antibiotic that was active against gram-positive bacteria and made a series of structural modifications that they believed would allow it to act against gram-negative strains.

Fabimycin proved potent against more than 300 drug-resistant clinical isolates, while remaining rel-

atively inactive toward certain gram-positive pathogens and some typically harmless bacteria that live in or on the human body.

In addition, the new molecule reduced the amount of drug-resistant bacteria in mice with pneumonia or urinary tract infections to pre-infection levels or below, performing as well as or better than existing antibiotics at similar doses.

The researchers said the results show that fabimycin could one day be an effective treatment for stubborn infections.

Lack of treatment guidelines hampering monkeypox care globally, say researchers

A dearth of high quality, up to date clinical guidance on monkeypox may be hampering effective and safe treatment of the infection around the world, according to a review led by an international team of researchers.

Existing guidance, such as it is, too often lacks sufficient detail, fails to include different groups, and is contradictory, said the researchers from universities of Oxford in the UK, Bristol in Australia, and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, among others.

They said that "the lack of clarity between guidelines creates uncertainty for clinicians treating patients with [monkeypox] which may impact patient care." The "study highlights a need for a rigorous framework for producing guidelines ahead of epidemics and a recognised platform for rapidly reviewing and updating guidance during outbreaks, as new evidence emerges."

"Human [monkeypox] is providing a challenge even in high-resource settings with well-resourced healthcare systems. The lack of guidelines may especially impact clinics with limited previous experience in managing patients with [monkeypox]," the researchers wrote in the paper published in the open access journal BMJ Global Health.

The team searched six major research databases for relevant content published up to mid October 2021, plus the "gray literature" -- policy documents, newsletters, reports, for example, published up to May 2022 -- in several languages.

They found 14 relevant guidelines. Most were of low quality according to the Appraisal of Guidelines for Research and Evaluation II (AGREE) system, scoring an average of two out of a possible seven.



And most lacked detail and covered only a narrow range of topics.

There was little provision for different risk groups: only five (36 per cent) provided any advice for children; and only 3 (21 per cent) provided advice for pregnant women or for people living with HIV.

Treatment guidance was mostly limited to advice on antivirals and wasn't consistent: seven guidelines advised cidofovir, four of which specified this only for severe infection; just four (29 per cent) advised tecovirimat, and one (seven per cent) brincidofovir.

More recent guidance, including from the World Health Organization, recommends the use of tecovirimat rather than cidofovir.

While cidofovir and brincidofovir are active against pox viruses in laboratory studies, there is little data on how well they treat pox viruses in people, added to which they are only authorised for use in certain countries, note the researchers.

None of the guidelines detailed optimal dose, timing or length of treatment. And only one guideline provided recommendations on supportive care and the treatment of complications.

All 14 guidelines recommended vaccination as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), but not all of them were up to date on the newer generation vaccines. And PEP guidance for different risk groups was limited and at times contradictory.

The researchers acknowledged that understanding of the monkeypox virus is still evolving, which may account for some of the variability in recommendations they found.

But "even with a limited evidence base, clinical management guidelines are important tools for guiding decision-making and to reduce risk of inappropriate treatments." Given the recent global publicity surrounding monkeypox, this is an opportune moment to harness interest and investment in further research to make sure that everyone is given the best treatment, they said.

Article on "fat" Arab women sparks uproar over body-shaming

To Enas Taleb, the headline felt like a spiteful punch line. Why women are fatter than men in the Arab world, it read in bold, above a photograph of the Iraqi actress waving on-stage at an arts festival.

The Economist article ran through possible explanations of the obesity gap of 10 percentage points between men and women in the Middle East, then cited Iraqis who see Taleb's curves as the ideal of beauty.

Fat", a word now considered taboo in much of Western media, was repeated six times.

The article triggered torrid criticism on social media. Twitter users blasted it as misogynistic.

Local rights groups issued denunciations. Some writers



were appalled by what they described as demeaning stereotypes about Arab women.

Taleb, 42, said she's suing the London-based magazine for defamation. While analysts acknowledged an epidemic of obesity in the Arab world and its

connection to poverty and gender discrimination, Taleb's case and the ensuing uproar have thrown a light on the issue of body-shaming that is deeply rooted yet rarely discussed in the region.

If there's a student who goes

to school and hears mean comments and students bullying her for being fat, how would she feel? Taleb told The Associated Press from Baghdad.

This article is an insult not only to me but a violation of the rights of all Iraqi and Arab

women. The Economist did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Fat-shaming is offensive enough in the US that when two sports commentators called some female athletes overweight on air earlier this year, they were swiftly fired.

In the Middle East, the report argued, the desirability of fleshy women may help explain why the region has experienced an explosion of obesity.

But the angry backlash over the article and Taleb's horror that her photo was used to illustrate growing waistlines of Arab women contradicts the oft-repeated belief that being heavy is widely seen as sign of affluence and fertility in the region.

The globalisation of Western beauty ideals through brand-

ing, TV and social media has long given rise to unrealistic body standards that skew women's expectations of themselves and others in the Arab world, research shows.

In a forthcoming study on Egypt, Joan Costa-Font at the London School of Economics said he found that although some older women in rural areas still view rounder women as affluent, it's not true in Egypt that being overweight is a sign of beauty, Western standards are more relevant.

Demand for cosmetic surgery has boomed in Lebanon. Some 75 per cent of female Emirati students reported dissatisfaction with their bodies, and 25 per cent are prone to eating disorders, according to a 2010 study at Dubai's Zayed University.

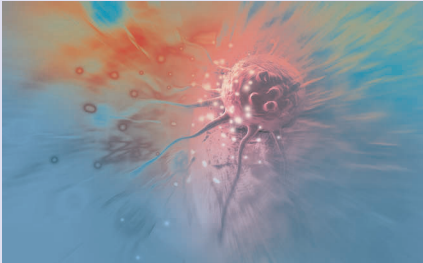
This smart contact lenses can diagnose cancer from tears

Scientists have developed a contact lens that can help in the early detection of cancer using tears and help in the treatment.

The novel lens, developed by the team at the Terasaki Institute for Biomedical Innovation (TIBI) in California, is able to capture and detect exosomes, the nanometer-sized vesicles found in bodily secretions that have the potential for being diagnostic cancer biomarkers.

The lens was designed with microchambers bound to antibodies that can capture exosomes found in tears. This antibody-conjugated signalling microchamber contact lens (ACSM-CL) can be stained for detection with nanoparticle-tagged specific antibodies for selective visualisation.

This offers a potential platform for cancer pre-screening and a supportive diagnostic tool that is easy, rapid, sensitive, cost-effective, and non-invasive.



Exosomes are formed within most cells and secreted into many bodily fluids, such as plasma, saliva, urine and tears. Once thought to be the dumping grounds for unwanted materials from their cells of origin, it is now known that exosomes can transport different biomolecules between cells. But, the TIBI team devised their ACSM-CL for capturing exosomes from tears, an optimum and cleaner source of exosomes than blood, urine, and saliva.

"Exosomes are a rich source of markers and biomolecules which can be targeted for several biomedical applications," said Ali Khademhosseini, TIBI's Director and CEO.

DG ITBP meets Lt Governor

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Dr Sujoy Lal Thaosen, DG ITBP today met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhavan.

The DG ITBP and the Lt Governor discussed the treatment and medical support being provided to the ITBP personnel injured in the bus accident near Chandanwari on August 16.

Critically injured will be airlifted to AIIMS trauma centre for advanced treatment, it was informed.

Pertinently, the Lt Governor had visited the Army Hospital Srinagar on Tuesday



day to inquire about the well-being of ITBP personnel injured in the tragic road acci-

dent. Sh Manoj Rawat, ADG, ITBP; DIGs ITBP- Sh Ran-

bir Singh and Sh Kuldeep Dwivedi accompanied the DG ITBP.

Commissioner Secretary Revenue visits Kulgam

JAMMU RISING
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As part of weekly Block Diwas initiative for taking governance to door steps of common people, Commissioner Secretary Revenue, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri who is also the in-charge Secretary for district Kulgam presided over a grievances redressal camp at Mini Secretariat here.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat; SE R&B, ADC and other district and Sectoral officers, besides a large number of people attended the programme.

The programme witnessed participation of scores of individuals and deputations of people, PRI members who projected demands and apprised the Commissioner Secretary about the problems and issues faced by them for early redressal.

People from Kund, Sangus, Banimulla, Laroo, Lamad, Batpora, Chachamulla, Shorot, Laissoo and other areas participated in this block devas and put forth their Issues and demands for early redressal.



They also submitted memorandum of demands highlighting issues including better road connectivity, drinking water supply in uncovered areas, augmentation of health infrastructure and other amenities.

Similarly, locals from Banimulla Jujar Basti demanded to scale up work on water supply scheme and construction of road for Gujjar Basti. While

as, people from Kund Kanchloo demanded construction of extra Bathrooms for School.

Likewise, a delegation from Kund demanded macadamisation of Pirtaki Zadrar road.

People from various other areas also flagged various demands and put forth their issues for early redressal before the Commissioner Secretary.

Officers on the spot responded to the queries and demands of people pertaining to their departments.

While interacting with locals and PRI representatives during the Block Diwas, the Commissioner Secretary assured them that their genuine demands and issues will be addressed on priority, while some of the grievances were also redressed on spot.

JKRLM, OYO organise 2 day training workshop for homestay owners at Jammu

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

Jammu & Kashmir State Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM), in collaboration with OYO, on Wednesday organised a two day training workshop programme to equip the home stay owners/ Self Help Groups (SHG)s of Jammu division with the management and hospitality skills.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar was the Chief Guest at the inaugural ceremony of workshop, which was also attended by Mission Director, JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib, DDC Member, Doda, Sandeep Manhas, Additional Mission Director, JKRLM, Mridhu Slathia, Staff members and SHG members of JKRLM(UMEED), besides PRI members and Presidents of several tour and travel organisations of Jammu.

The workshop aimed to enable SHG members to learn about the processes involved in setting up home stays and to impart them skills related to homestay management and hospitality.

As many as 200 Homestay owners would be trained in the mega workshop by the Senior Trainers from OYO, Delhi. The trainee homestay owners will be trained in different spheres of Hospitality like Behavioural Skills, Marketing & Sales, Potential responsibilities, Destination Promotion Skills etc.

The Divisional Commissioner appreciated the JKRLM (UMEED) for its endeavour to promote livelihood opportunities for the SHG members in the area of tourism with the help of Oyo group. He exhorted the trainees to promote Dogra culture, Handloom & handicraft while facilitating the tourists so that Dogra culture is promoted via these home stays. Moreover,



he also urged the hotel owners of Jammu to work hand in hand with the home stay owners as they will strengthen the tourism sector in inaccessible areas of Jammu division.

Speaking on the occasion, Indu Kanwal Chib, Mission Director, and Jammu Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) said "This initiative of JKRLM will create new entrepreneurs, besides providing profitable employment to the rural women and thereby strengthening the rural economy. It will also open up several new avenues of employment for people with different skill sets".

Elaborating further, the MD JKRLM added that the Mission has already identified homestays in 8 Districts of Jammu Division under the Tourist Village Network. "The Mission's collaboration with OYOs will not

only generate jobs for the SHGs, but it will also improve the local economy and infrastructure" she added. She assured that the Mission will provide all the necessary support and assistance to the homestay owners. The MD JKRLM urged upon the SHG members to take maximum benefit from the training programme and to make the homestay intervention of JKRLM a unique and successful model of entrepreneurship in J&K.

It is pertinent to mention that Homestay is a form of hospitality and logging facility where the guests get the opportunity to interact, gain knowledge and experience the lifestyle and culture of the host family as well as the local community. The idea of the homestay program is to accommodate tourists with a local family, thus enabling the tourist to learn about local lifestyle, cul-

ture, nature etc.

Director Vivekanand Rai asserted that the women, who are interested and currently running the home stays, are fully supported by the UT Government under different schemes of the tourism department. He further assured to organise awareness camps to address the bottlenecks in the functioning of the stay homes during these awareness programmes.

In the concluding session of the day, the MD JKRLM held a question answer session with the participants to respond to their apprehensions, questions or doubts regarding the registration, functioning and administration of Home stays.

Director Learning and development, OYO India, Swati Sharma conducted the day-long session.

Former MP calls on Lt Governor; presents his book "Aasar-e-Qadam"

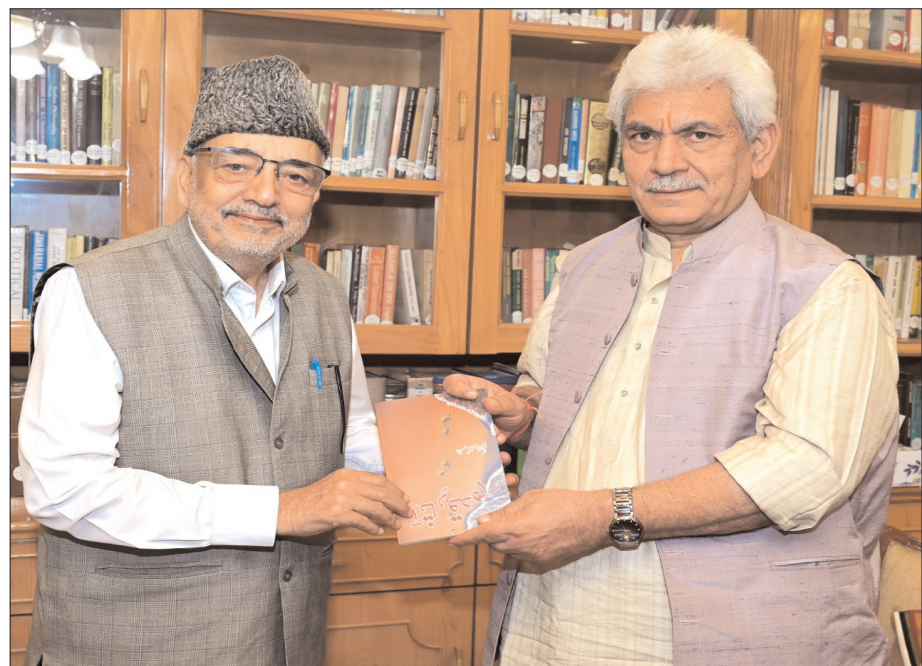
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Former Member Parliament, Sh Talib Hussain today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here.

The former MP discussed with the Lt Governor various matters pertaining to the development of Jammu Kashmir. He appreciated the various development works being done at an accelerated pace in the present LG led UT administration.

On the occasion, the former MP presented his travelogue book "Aasar-e-Qadam" describing the age-old values of harmony and brotherhood prevalent in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lt Governor praised the work of the former MP in promoting the traditional val-



ues and culture of Jammu Kashmir and urged him to

continue his endeavour of promoting the rich culture,

and welfare of the people of the UT.

Cluster Meeting of Plant Doctors convened under CABI's Plantwise Programme

JAMMU RISING
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A one day Cluster meeting of Plant Doctors was convened today under CABI's Plantwise Programme here at Baba Jitto Kisan Kendra Jammu under the Chairmanship of Director of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu, K. K. Sharma, with the intent of evaluating the working of the Plant Doctors and discussing the activity Plan for Rabi 2022-23.

Speaking on the occasion, K. K. Sharma highlighted the role Plant Clinics in mitigating the insect pests and disease problems of crops and further stressed on educating the farmers about use of recommended dose of pesticide at appropriate time. He impressed upon the Plant Doctors to regularly update knowledge regarding various aspects of the pest management including proper sampling, data collection, online validation, weather forecast based agro-advisory, analysis of data and recommendations. He further stressed on popularization of Bio control methods to maintain ecological balance.

Dr. Vinod Pandit, Programme Leader, CABI, South



Asia, who was connected virtually elaborated that the objectives of Plant Wise Plus include switching over to climate-smart plant health practices, ensure supply of safer food and to develop systems for local production of plant protection products. He also informed that any information regarding BioPesticide products can be accessed at biopesticideportal.com.

Earlier, Joint Director Agriculture (Extension), Subash Chander Sharma, in his welcome address interacted with Plant Doctors about various aspects of the Plant pest/ disease management and discussed different bottlenecks in smooth running of E-Plant Clinics .

Arun Khajuria, I/C Plant Health Clinic Jammu, during technical session, underlined that working of e-Plant clinics has switched over to ICT system (under Digital India Programme) for quick and readily available information through "Plantwise Online Management System" (POMS) which provides complete database and advisory for plant pest and diseases

Pertinently 41 Plant Clinics are functioning in the 10 districts of Jammu Division. It was apprised that direct advisory service on plant pests and diseases was recorded for more than 12000 farmers till date through trained plant Doctors of plant clinics.

Plant Doctors, Dr. Sishupal Bamotra and Dr. Mannohan Sharma presented power-point presentations on monitoring and surveillance of invasive pests and how to recommend Chemical Treatments respectively.

Several activity sessions including interaction and feedback, Plant Doctor self assessment, problem diagnosis, live sample identification and presentation on future planning were conducted during the programme. The meeting was also attended by Agriculture Chemist, Aman Jyoti Sharma, Programme Officer, Sanjay Dhar and Plant Doctors from ten Districts of Jammu Division among others.

DDC Doda Chairs public grievance redressal camp at Jodhpur Panchayat

JAMMU RISING
JAMMU, AUG 17

District Development Commissioner Doda, Vikas Sharma today chaired a weekly block diwas program at Jodhpur Panchayat of block Ghat and listened to the grievances of the public and passed necessary instructions to the concerned departments to address the projected issues on priority.

During the program numerous issues were raised by local representatives and general public, which included payment of compensation for the land acquired for Jodhpur Mohalla road, renovation of local 5 KM canal, construction of Anganwadi centres, restoration of water supply scheme Babore, construction of playfield, release of pending MGNREGA liability, meeting shortage of staff in schools, opening of JK Bank branch, speedy execution of Jodhpur water supply scheme, enrollment of Non Secc people, besides other issues of public importance were highlighted for which the DDC Doda paid patient hearing.

With regard to the issue of compensation of land acquired for different roads in Jodhpur, the DDC directed the R&B to share the status of amount involved in each road, besides available unspent amount within the next one week.

With regard to lift irrigation, the DDC directed the concerned to share the status of the amount related to the scheme,



besides asking them to share the status of the shopping complex which is reportedly under illegal possession.

He further asked to take measures to prevent man-animal conflict keeping in view the reports of leopard roaming in the area. The Wildlife department was asked to deploy men in the area to handle the situation carefully.

Regarding construction of Anganwadi centres, it was apprised by the locals that free land is available. The DDC has directed the concerned to transfer the land, while Tehsildar Doda was directed to identify a patch of state land which can be developed as a playfield.

The BMO Ghat was directed

to organize an eye check up camp for the locals of the area this month, while the PHE department was directed to launch the JJM scheme of Jodhpur in coordination with DDC and BDC Chairperson within a week.

While responding to the issue of pending payment of rent of food store at Ghar, the DDC directed the AD FCS&CA to clear the arrears.

Regarding the enrollment of Non Secc people, the DDC directed the Assistant Director FCS&CA to seek explanation from the TSO.

The DDC member Ghat and BDC Chairperson, among others were present on the occasion.

The Block diwas was also organised at other four designated locations where BDC Chairpersons, DDC members, SDMs, Tehsildars and other key functionaries of line departments listened to the issues of general public.

During the program held across the district domicile certificates, category certificates, revenue extracts, Birth/Death certificates were also issued to the locals on the spot. Besides 18 families were covered under Ayushman Bharat scheme, while 107 grievances were recorded and 77 were disposed of on the spot and the rest were sent to the concerned quarters for time bound redressal.