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Ensure common people get direct benefits: Union Home Secy

Reviews flagship schemes, winds up 2-day Kashmir visit

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Before winding up his 2-day Kashmir visit Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan on Tuesday called on the Commissioner Secretaries to ensure that common people in Jammu and Kashmir get direct benefits of the centrally sponsored schemes.

Sources told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the Union Home Secretary chaired a key meeting here and evaluated the progress of infrastructure and employment-driven projects funded by the Centre.

They said that the meeting was attended by J&K Chief Secretary Atal Duloo, Commissioner Secretaries of different departments and other top officials.

Sources said that the Union Home



Secretary took the feedback from the Commissioner Secretaries on the implementation of the ongoing centrally sponsored flagship schemes including,

'One Nation, One Ration Card,' PM Mudra Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, Bharat Jal Jeevan Mission, Smart City Mission, Broadband connectivity and other schemes.

They said that the Commissioner Secretaries apprised the Union Home Secretary about the progress achieved and steps being taken to complete the targets of reaching out to the last deserving person in the queue.

The Union Home Secretary, sources said, stressed on the need to focus on ensuring that common people in J&K get direct benefits of the centrally sponsored schemes. After chairing the meeting at SKICC on the banks of Dal Lake here, the Union Home Secretary concluded his 2-day Kashmir visit and left for New Delhi. Pertinently, the Union Home Secretary had arrived in Srinagar on Monday. He had chaired a security review meeting which was attended by the top brass of the security forces.

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Northern Army Commander reviews operational preparedness

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region.

SRINAGAR: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General MV Suchindra Kumar reviewed the readiness of the Chinara Corps and praised the troops for their professionalism and successful operations that help maintain peace and security in the Kashmir Valley.

News agency KINS reported that during his visit to Chinara Corps, the Northern Army Commander interacted with senior officers and troops, reviewing the strategic framework and execution of counter-terrorist operations in the region.

He praised the personnel for their professionalism and the successful conduct of operations, which have been instrumental in maintaining peace and security in the valley.

The Army Commander encouraged the troops to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and remain prepared for all challenges.

Meanwhile as per reports the commander lauded forces for their successful operations leading to the elimination of top militant leaders, significantly weakening terror networks in the

Farooq Ahmed Bhat, alias Farooq Nali, a top Hizbul Mujahideen commander and the longest-surviving militant in the Kashmir Valley, was



killed alongside four associates in Kulgam district on December 12. Earlier in December, security forces Killed Junaid Ahmed Bhat, a top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant, in the upper reaches of Dachigam, Srinagar.

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KPs integral part of our culture: Deputy CM



KC NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary Tuesday reaffirmed that Kashmiri Pandits (KPs) are an integral part of the

cultural and social fabric of Jammu and Kashmir and government is committed towards their dignified rehabilitation.

The Deputy CM made these remarks while addressing a function

on the side lines of his visit to Jagti Township, Nagrota here today.

The Deputy CM was accompanied by Relief Commissioner (Migrants), Director Health Services Jammu, Director General Floriculture, Director Food supplies Jammu, and other senior officers.

On the occasion, Surinder Choudhary reiterated the government's dedication to addressing the concerns of Kashmiri Pandits and ensuring their well-being through targeted initiatives, robust support system and various welfare schemes. "Efforts are being intensified to provide a better quality of life for the residents

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LG Sinha, Sakina Itoo extend New Year Greetings

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Jammu and Kashmir on eve of New Year 2025.
In her greeting message, the Minister called

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of New Year 2025.

In a message the Lieutenant Governor said, "On the joyous occasion of New Year, I convey my warm greetings and good wishes to all.

The commencement of the New Year reminds us to renew our pledge towards building a society that is peaceful and compassionate. Let us also commit ourselves to the vision of Viksit Bharat and taking Jammu Kashmir to pinnacle of development and prosperity. Let us celebrate the diversity of our rich culture and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood in our society. May the New Year 2025 bring happiness, health and prosperity to all".

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo has extended her warm greetings to the people of



on everyone to embrace the New Year with optimism, unity and hope for a brighter future. "Let this new year be a time of growth, peace and

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Online scams: Cyber Police Kashmir recovers Rs 4.72 cr in 2024

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: In 2024 the Cyber Police Kashmir Zone, Srinagar, set a new benchmark by recovering Rs 4.72 crore defrauded from victims of online scams.

In a statement issued, Cyber Police Kashmir said that the money was handed over to the rightful owners and the cyber criminals were dealt as per law.



"This significant accomplishment underscores Cyber Police Kashmir's dedication to combating cybercrime and safeguarding citizens from financial losses," the statement reads.

The Cyber Police Kashmir Zone, Srinagar, according to the officials,

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NGT issues notice to J&K Govt over axing of trees

Sajid Raina

SRINAGAR: The National Green Tribunal

(NGT) has issued notices to the Jammu and Kashmir government, including the Chief Secretary, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Block Development Officer (BDO) Lalpora Tangmarg, and other officials, over the alleged felling of over 1000 trees in the village of Sonium Lalpora and the diversion of a local stream for the construction of a playground.

According to the complaint, the BDO

Lalpora and the former Sarpanch of Sonium village are accused of cutting down 1000 trees, including 600 willow trees, 300 poplar trees, around 100 acacia and rubina trees, and 10 walnut trees.

Also, part of the Badyari stream was diverted to pave the way for the playground. This action is reportedly in violation of the Jammu and Kashmir Preservation of Specified Trees Act, 1969, and the National

Water Policy 2012.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), it was also noted that the BDO had sought a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the diversion, but the Assistant Executive Engineer of the Irrigation and Flood Control Department rejected the request on February 23, 2024. The Engineer instructed the BDO to stop the unauthorized activities and restore

the stream to its original course, but these directions were reportedly ignored.

The issue was raised before the NGT by RTI and climate activist Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat, who submitted a representation to the authorities on October 14, 2024, without receiving a response.

He provided evidence of his communications to various

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NIA delivers 100% conviction rate, foils terror attempts

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR : In 2024 the National Investigation Agency (NIA) delivered 100% conviction rate and foiled multiple attempts by anti-national forces to unleash violence in the country, including Jammu



and Kashmir.

ANIA statement said, "The successful investigation of several important/high-profile cases and a strong focus on tackling Left Wing Extremism (LWE) marked a year of many highs for the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which delivered a record 100% conviction rate for 2024."

"Arms seizure emerged as a key milestone against attempts by anti-national

forces to unleash violence in the country. Cases of weapons recovery and seizure were reported from across the country, including Jammu, Jaipur, Ranchi, Patna, and Chandigarh," it said.

The statement said, "The notable among these was the seizure, in Jammu, of arms/ammunition and other incriminating materials from a car driver working as an overground worker (OGW) of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) terrorist outfit. As many as 2 hand grenades, 34, 9 mm pistol rounds, 1 Chinese pistol, 1 Turkish pistol, 20 Chinese pistol rounds and 1 pistol silencer were recovered in this case."

"The arrest of 11 ISIS Jihadis, 5 J&K Jihadis and 24 other Jihadis marked another major step forward for the agency," the statement added.

It said, "A massive haul of 5 rifles, 6 pistols, 1 revolver, 215 rounds ammunition, 5 detonators, 2 packets of gun powder, 75 fired empty cartridges & 75 Kgs of suspected explosive substance were also seized in a case

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J&K's arms license scam

GoI gives sanction for prosecution of IAS officer

Mubashir Aalam Wani

SRINAGAR: The Government of India has accorded sanction for prosecution of Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, an IAS officer of erstwhile cadre of Jammu & Kashmir, for involvement in the infamous arms licence scam.

In a communique, the Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel & Training, Government has conveyed to Vishal Sharma, Deputy Solicitor General of India, that it has accorded sanction for prosecution of Kumar Rajeev Ranjan in the case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 2018.



"I am directed to refer to your email dated 23.12.2024 on the subject mentioned above and to say that an order, conveying grant of sanction against Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, IAS, in CBI RCCHGO51201850007, under section 6 of

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Security forces conduct mock drill at Qazigund railway station

KC NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Tuesday conducted a mock drill at Qazigund railway station in South Kashmir to assess the emergency response mechanism and preparedness to handle critical situations like terror attacks.

"Police along with CAPF, RPF, Fire and Emergency service in Kulgam conducted a mock drill exercise at Railway Station Qazigund



today to assess emergency response mechanisms and preparedness in handling critical situations," a police spokesperson said.

The mock drill was held

to prepare field forces to respond promptly to any untoward incident, especially of a terrorist nature,

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Dec 5 to be observed as official holiday from 2025: CM's Advisor Nasir Aslam

Waris Fayaz

SRINAGAR: Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Tuesday said that December 5 will be observed as an official holiday starting next year.

Speaking to the media, Advisor as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that the administration is committed to addressing the concerns of people. "The CM is in the valley, monitoring minute-to-minute developments. For the first



time, after snowfall, we witnessed

swift restoration of power supply and roads, ensuring that people did not face significant inconvenience," he said.

He added that snowfall is a blessing for the region, ensuring adequate water supplies for the summer months. "While snowfall naturally disrupts daily life, the administration's prompt action was widely appreciated by the public," he added.

The advisor said that people of Jammu and Kashmir need not to get disappointed as next December 05 will be marked as an official holiday.

Farmers Protest: SC Defers Hearing On Shifting Dallewal To Hospital, Punjab Says Negotiations On

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday deferred its hearing till January 2 on compliance of its order by the Punjab government on shifting of farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who has been fasting for past 35 days over various demands, to hospital. A vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and Sudhanshu Dhulia listed the matter for further hearing on January 2 after Advocate General Gurminder Singh, appearing for the Punjab government, said that an application has been moved seeking three days more time for compliance of the court's December 20 order. Singh said that a team of negotiators are holdings talks with the protesting farmers at the protest site and efforts are being made to shift Dallewal to the nearby makeshift hospital on Punjab side of Khanauri border. The bench said it does not want to comment on the discussions with the protesting farmers and it only wants compliance of its earlier orders. It recorded the submissions of Singh and adjourned the hearing on the matter. Earlier on December 28, the top court came down heavily on the Punjab government for not shifting Dallewal to a hospital even as it doubted the intention of the agitating farmers for resisting availability of medical aid to their septuagenarian leader.

Poor, Deprived Suffering Brunt Of ‘Manuvaad’ Under BJP: Kharge

NEW DELHI: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday accused the BJP governments at the Centre and the states of having a mindset against the deprived sections of society who are suffering because of the brunt of ‘Manuvaad’.

He said a crime is committed every hour against Dalit-tribal women and children, and according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), this figure has doubled since 2014.

In a post in Hindi on X, Kharge alleged that Union Home Minister Amit Shah insults Babasaheb Dr BR Ambedkar in Parliament and the same mindset against the deprived is being repeated in the BJP ruled states. He claimed that in the last two days – a Dalit youth is murdered in police custody in Madhya Pradesh's Dewas and the tribal women are tied to trees and beaten in Balasore, Odisha. "In Bhiwani, Haryana, a Dalit girl student is forced to commit suicide after being unable to pay her BA exam fees. In Palghar, Maharashtra, a tribal pregnant woman has to travel 100 kilometers in search of ICU and dies."

"In Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, three Dalit families are forced to migrate because



of caste-based attacks on them and the police remains silent," he claimed. "It is well known that atrocities are being committed against Dalits, tribals, backward and minority communities under the 'anti-constitutional rule' of the Modi government. Those who are poor and deprived are suffering the brunt of Manuvaad," the Congress chief alleged. He said a crime is committed every hour against Dalit-tribal women and children, and according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), this figure has doubled since 2014. "The Congress Party will not allow the constitutional rights of 140 crore Indians to be violated and will continue to oppose the anti-constitutional thinking of the BJP-RSS,"

Kharge said. A 35-year-old Dalit man Mukesh Longre died on Saturday after being called to Satwas Police Station in Madhya Pradesh for questioning in a complaint submitted against him by a woman on December 26. This triggered protests from his kin, who alleged murder. Separately, Union Minister Ramdas Athawale on Monday alleged that Dalit man Somnath Suryavanshi was assaulted in a police lock-up in Parbhani, Maharashtra, leading to his death. The Odisha Police arrested three persons on charges of assaulting two women over allegations that they were attempting religious conversion of some tribal families in Balasore district.

Govt Forfeits Medal Awarded To CBI Inspector Who Was Arrested In Bribery Case

NEW DELHI: The Government has "forfeited" the Union Home

Minister's medal for Excellence in Investigation awarded to CBI Inspector Rahul Raj in 2023 who was later caught by the agency red-handed, allegedly receiving Rs 10 lakh bribe and dismissed from the service, officials said. The action comes on the recommendation of CBI Director Praveen Sood who has cracked down on corrupt elements de-

tested in the agency's internal vigilance process. Raj, a recipient of a prestigious medal in 2023, was caught "red-handed" on May 19 while allegedly accepting an illegal gratification of Rs 10 lakh from Malay College of Nursing chairman Anil Bhaskaran and his wife Suma Anil, an official alleged. The couple were also arrested.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, JAMMU

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FI.NAL NOTICE

Mr. Pankaj Singh, S/o Mr. Krishan Lal, Rlo Village Bakra(Marheen, Kathua.

No:- DAHJ/Adm-125/2024-05/9303-06 Dated:-30-12-2024
Sub: Appointment of Veterinary Pharmacists (Division/District Cadres) in Animal Husbandry Department, Jammu - Cancellation of appointment thereof. Whereas, you were appointed as Veterinary Pharmacist (District Cadre, Poonch) in Animal Husbandry Department, Jammu vide Order No:- 366-DAHJ of 2024 dated: 23.11.2024; and Whereas, you were supposed to report to Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Jammu within the stipulated period of twenty one (21) days from the date of issuance of appointment order; and Whereas, you fail to report/join in the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Jammu within the stipulated period of twenty one (21) days. Now, therefore, through the medium of this Notice, you are directed to report to Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Jammu, within seven days from the date of issuance of this notice, failing which your appointment order will be cancelled ab-initio.

Dated: Dec 31 2024

Sd/- Director Animal Husbandry Department, Jammu

DIPK-10272/24

Manipur CM apologises for ethnic conflict, urges all communities to forget, forgive past mistakes

IMPHAL: Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Tuesday apologised for the ethnic conflict in the state which claimed over 250 lives and rendered thousands homeless, and appealed to all communities to forget and forgive past mistakes and live together in a peaceful and prosperous state. Addressing reporters here, Singh said that

there has been relative peace in the state in the last three-four months, which gives him hope that normalcy will be restored in the new year. "I want to say sorry for what happened in the state. Many people lost their loved ones and many had to leave their homes. I regret and want to apologise.

BJP accuses Kejriwal of using children for his ‘cheap, dirty’ politics

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Tuesday accused Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal of using children for political gains, charging him with practising "petty, cheap and dirty" politics. Addressing a press conference, BJP National spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said Delhi's ruling party has not taken down a post, which shows some children raising pro-Kejriwal slogans, despite the National Human Rights Commission raising serious concerns on the matter. Such a depiction of children is a violation of the Juvenile Act and the Election Commission guidelines, he said. Kejriwal and Chief Minister Atishi are not sparing even children. They are violating the dignity of children. Is it because Kejriwal knows that he is losing the elections in Delhi," Bhatia asked. He asked why Kejriwal was "playing with young and impressionable minds for his petty, cheap and dirty politics".

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION, PULWAMA

email: xenphepulwama@gmail.com CORRIGENDUM

Sub:- E-NIT S. No. 10/PHEP of 2024-25
Reference:- 1 Published under this office No. PHEP/3542-52 Dated. 27-12-2024
Please Read Nomenclature for the work published vide above-mentioned e-NIT as "Hiring of 02 No. Tankers (Tractor/TATA Mobile/Load Carrier) for providing Water Supply in the shortage Zones caused due to prolonged dry spell and Sub-Zero temperature in the jurisdiction of PHE Sub Division Pulwama of Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Pulwama w.e.f January 2025 to 31 March 2025" instead of "Hiring of 02 No. Tankers (Tractor/TATA Mobile) for providing Water Supply in the shortage Zones caused due to prolonged dry spell and Sub-Zero temperature in the jurisdiction of PHE Sub Division Pulwama of Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Pulwama w.e.f January 2025 to 31 March 2025"

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Dated: Dec 31 2024

Sd/- Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (Phe) Division, Pulwama

DIPK-10260/24

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION TANGDAR

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E_NIT No.90 -R&B Div./TDR of 2424-25 e-tendering Edttd. No:4419.28DATED:31/12/2024

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are being invited on an percentage basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Earnest Money (In rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4		5	7	8
01.	Providing and fixing of Shamyanas and other arrangement for Republic Day [26 th of January 2025]	1.25	200	2500	5 days	DEE	-

Position of AAA/TS-Awaited.

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below:-

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	31.12.2024
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	31.12.2024
03.	Bid submission start date	31.12.2024
04.	Bid submission end date	07.01.2025 up to 4:00 PM
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	08.01.2025 at (11.00) in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar

Terms and Conditions :-

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan) must be written boldly the Name of Work, Name of Contract along with Cell No, NIT No. & Sr. No of NIT. in favour Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar.

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar. The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

4. Special Conditions regarding Specifications and Quality control for Machine laid B.T. Works:

- All work components shall be executed strictly in accordance with the specifications laid out in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways publication "Specifications for Road and Bridge Works" and any amendments made up to the date of issuance of N.I.T.
- A periodic sieve analysis of each type of aggregate, as well as a periodic check of aggregates at the gradation control unit, shall be performed to ensure that the specified proportion of aggregates is complied.
- Conducting mandatory quality control tests in the lab and/or field for various components of the advertised work, such as thickness tests, impact value tests, stripping, flakiness, gradation of aggregates, determination of Binder content in bituminous mix, density tests, Viscosity test, and other tests as prescribed in MORTH at the frequency recommended therein, will be the sole responsibility of the Contract, as will the correct execution of the work.
- The location of the Hot mix plant of adequate capacity capable of yielding a mix of proper and uniform quality, from which bituminous macadam is to be transported to the site in clean, tarpaulin covered vehicles/Tipper, and shall be placed in such a way that the manufacturing laying/spreading and rolling temperatures are kept within the specified limits.
- All other terms and conditions as laid down in the CPWD shall also remain in force.

Dated: Dec 31 2024

Sd/- Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangdar

DIPK-10281/24

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT PATTAN

*** (PUBLIC NOTICE).

Subject:- Final Selection List of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Pattan.
In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vide No: MD/Poshan/Estt/13281-94 Dated: 08-05-2023, (04) posts of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) had been advertised by this office vide advertisement notice Vide notification no. CDPO/PTN/Estt/2023-24/556-62, dated 11/07/2024. Out of (04) posts of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers), the selection has been made against (03) post of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper) for (3) Anganwadi Centre of Poshan Project Pattan. In response to the said advertisement notice, 7 application forms were received against (03) posts of Sahayikas (AWHs) on the basis of Wards within cut-off date i.e. 24-02-2024 and merit list of candidates has been prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023 and Selection list has been framed on the basis of merit list herewith as Annexure-A, comprising of 06 candidates tentatively selected as Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper). The Merit List for (06) Anganwadi Centers of Poshan Project Pattan is annexed herewith as Annexure-B. Both Tentative Selection List and Merit List are hereby published for information of general public and inviting appeal/objections if any. The appeal/objection, if any, against the said tentative selection list, shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project Pattan up to 10-01-2025 (working days only during office hours) from the date of publication of merit list against proper receipt up to 4:30 P.M. Note:- No appeal/objection shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filing appeal/objection

Final Selection List of Candidates for the post of Sahayikas (AWHs) for Anganwadi Centers of Poshan Project Pattan.

S No	Index No.	Name of Candidate	Parentage W/O	Residence	Ward No.	D.O.B	Marks in 10th		%age	Weightage	Whether belongs to family of retiree AWH	Additional 2 % Points	Total Merit	Remarks
							Marks obtained	Maximum Marks						
1	128	Shayista Akhter	W/O Sami Jan Malla	Nehalpora	Chan Mohalla (04)		212	500	42.4%	42.4%	No	No	42.4%	1 st Meritorious Among Married
2	130	Arifa Bano	W/O Hassan Mir	Buran Zangam -A	Bunpora Buran (06)		412	600	68.6%	68.6%	No	No	68.6%	1 st Meritorious Among Married
3	126	Zahida Jan	D/O Qadir Ganie	Buran Zangam -A	Ganiepora-A (05)		355	500	71%	71%	No	No	71%	1 st Meritorious Among Un-Married

Final Merit List candidates who have applied for the post of Anganwadi Helper (Sahayika) against the location of AWC Chan Mohalla Nehalpora -B Ward No. 04", advertised vide Notice No. CDPO/PTN/Estt/2023-24/556-62, Dated 11-07-2024, Published in Daily Newspaper "Roshan Kashmir" on 12-07-2024 for general information, and Tentative selection list formulated by this office vide No. CDPO/PTN/Adv/2024/766-77, Dated 09-11-2024, and published in Daily Newspaper "Morning Kashmir" on 12-11-2024, for inviting objections, if any.

S No	Index No.	Name of Candidate	Parentage W/O	Residence	Ward No.	D.O.B	Marks in 10th		%age	Weightage	Whether belongs to family of retiree AWH	Additional 2 % Points	Total Merit	Remarks
							Marks obtained	Maximum Marks						
1	124	Rubeena Rasool	D/O Gulam Rasool Shiekh	Nehalpora	04	05-11-2001	248	500	49.6%	49.6%	No	No	49.6%	Unmarried
2	127	Bilqeesa Rasheed	D/O Abdul Rasheed Malik	Nehalpora	04	27-10-2003	239	500	47.8%	47.8%	No	No	47.8%	Unmarried
3	128	Shayista Akhter	W/O Sami Jan Malla	Nehalpora	04	15-01-1991	212	500	42.4%	42.4%	No	No	42.4%	1 st Meritorious Among Married
4	129	Gulshana Akhter	W/O Showkat Ahmad Lone	Nehalpora	04	02-02-1987	202	500	40.4%	40.4%	No	No	40.4%	2 nd Meritorious Among Married

Final Merit List candidates who have applied for the post of Anganwadi Helper (Sahayika) against the location of AWC "Bunpora Buran Ward No. 06", advertised vide Notice No. CDPO/PTN/Estt/2023-24/556-62, Dated 11-07-2024, Published in Daily Newspaper "Roshan Kashmir" on 12-07-2024 for general information, and Tentative selection list formulated by this office vide No. CDPO/PTN/Adv/2024/766-77, Dated 09-11-2024, and published in Daily Newspaper "Morning Kashmir" on 12-11-2024, for inviting objections, if any.

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							Marks obtained	Maximum Marks						
1	130	Arifa Bano	W/O Gh Hassan Mir	Buran Zangam A	06	10-10-1989	412	600	68.6%	68.6	No	No	49.6%	Meritorious Married

Final Merit List candidates who have applied for the post of Anganwadi Helper (Sahayika) against the location of AWC "Ganiepora Buran-Buran Zangam A Ward No. 05", advertised vide Notice No. CDPO/PTN/Estt/2023-24/556-62, Dated 11-07-2024, Published in Daily Newspaper "Roshan Kashmir" on 12-07-2024 for general information, and Tentative selection list formulated by this office vide No. CDPO/PTN/Adv/2024/766-77, Dated 09-11-2024, and published in Daily Newspaper "Morning Kashmir" on 12-11-2024, for inviting objections, if any.

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							Marks obtained	Maximum Marks						
1	125	Fozia Hassan	D/O Ghulam Hassan Ganie	Buran Zangam A	05	10-03-2006	348	500	69.6%	69.6	No	No	69.6%	Unmarried
2	126	Zahida Jan	G/O Gh Qadir Ganie	Buran Zangam A	05	30-03-2003	355	500	71%	71	No	No	71%	Meritorious among Unmarried

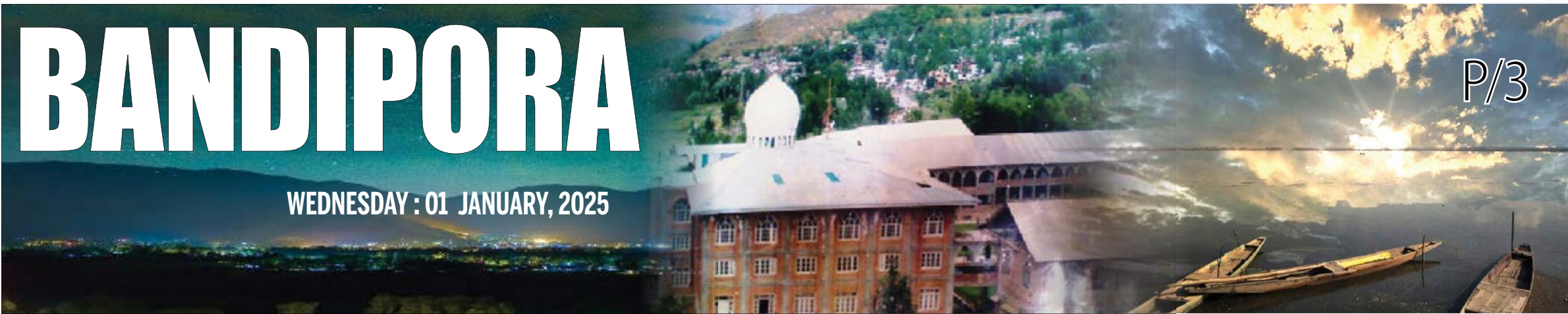
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Symposium Celebrates Cultural Encyclopedia of Dard Tribe in Gurez

Dr. Suheel Rasool Mir's Work on Shina Tribe Lauded for Preserving Cultural Heritage

GUREZ: A symposium celebrating the success of the cultural encyclopaedia "Journey Through Gurez and Ladakh" by Dr. Suheel Rasool Mir was held at the Dak Bungalow auditorium, Gurez, on Sunday.

The event was Organized by the Civil Society of Gurez with an aim to highlight the socio-historic significance of the Shina tribe and the evolving cultural landscape of the Dard community.

The book, a first-of-its-kind cultural encyclopedia of the Dard tribe, delves into the tribe's traditions, social structure, economy, food habits, and the geography of the Gurez Valley, Kargil, and Leh-Ladakh.

Dr. Mir, in his keynote address, emphasized the rapid changes affecting the age-old customs and traditions of the Dard tribe. "This work revisits the Dard tribe through socio-cultural and anthropological perspectives to raise awareness about the tribe's legacy and preserve its history for future generations," he stated.



The event featured book reviews by scholars Ab Hamid Khan and Tahir Mohuddin Magary, who praised the encyclopedia as an essential resource for understanding the Shina tribe's heritage. Suhail Shaheen Lone, in his welcome address, described the book as a "model for youngsters interested in exploring the tribe's history." Shah Nawaz Samoon, who moderated the program, highlighted the importance of preserving the tribe's transforming culture.

The symposium was attended by the Gurez Tehsil administration, members of the Shina cultural staff, civil society representatives, and students. Awards of appreciation were presented by the Army Unit Dawar to contributors, including Bashir of Teero, ZEPO Zaffar Iqbal, and the Dramatic Club of Wampora, for their roles in promoting Shina culture.

The event concluded with a call to celebrate the tribe's rich legacy and inspire the younger generation to revisit their heritage through works like Dr. Mir's encyclopedia.

Property of PAK based terrorist handler worth 52.5 lakhs Attached in Bandipora

Bandipora: Bandipora Police attached residential land worth 52.5 lakhs belonging to a terror handler at Hilalabad Nesbal Sumbal on Monday. Police spokesperson in a statement states that the property, measuring 2 Kanals and 7.5 Marlas, was attached under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The land, registered under Survey Nos. 898 (1.5 Marlas), 862 (7.75 Marlas), and 938 (1 Kanal 9.25 Marlas), was identified as proceeds of terrorism.

The property belongs to Mushtaq Ahmad Mir, son of Gh Mohiuddin Mir, a resident of Hilalabad Nesbal Sumbal, who is reportedly operating as a terror handler from Pakistan.

"The attachment was carried out after the individual was declared a proclaimed offender in connection with Case FIR No. 37/2024 under the UA(P) Act, IA Act, and E&IMCO Act of Police Station Pethkote," statement reads.

Spokesperson said this operation reaffirms the Bandipora Police's commitment to combating terrorism and dismantling its financial networks.

SSP Bandipora Extends New Year Greetings

BANDIPORA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Bandipora, Harmeet Singh Mehta, JKPS, extended heartfelt greetings to the people, police personnel, security forces, and the families of martyrs on the eve of the New Year.

In his message, the SSP conveyed his wishes for a prosperous New Year, particularly to the residents of Bandipora and the entire Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He expressed hope for peace and prosperity in the region, praying for good health and happiness for all in the coming year. "May the New Year usher in a new era of peace for Jammu and Kashmir," SSP Mehta said in his message.



Nisar Ahmad Wani, Member J&K Special Tribunal Retires After Illustrious Career

Srinagar: Senior JKAS officer Nisar Ahmad Wani, a distinguished 1999 batch officer, attained superannuation today after an illustrious career spanning decades. Wani, who was serving as an Hon'ble Member of the J&K Special Tribunal at the time of his retirement, was accorded an emo-



tional farewell by his colleagues and subordinates.

Known for his humility, dedication, and empathetic approach as a public servant, Wani held a variety of significant positions during his tenure. He served as Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Special Secretary in the Rural Development Department (RDD), Director of Food Supplies Kashmir, Director of Tourism Kashmir, Managing Director of JKITDC, and Director of Employment J&K, among other key roles.

Colleagues and staff, with moist eyes, reflected on Wani's immense contributions across multiple departments and his impactful leadership. They praised his commitment to productive governance and his ability to connect with people at all levels, leaving behind a legacy of public service.

Meet Aquib Ahmed: A Rising Star and Youth Icon from Srinagar

Aquib Ahmed, a 20-year-old model, actor, and social activist from Srinagar, Kashmir, is quickly making a name for himself in the entertainment world. Known for his striking looks and acting skills, Aquib has worked with top brands like Puma, Super Dry, Dry Fit, and Nike, becoming a style icon in the process.

But Aquib's influence goes beyond modeling and acting. He is also a passionate social activist. He works with organizations like "Drug-Free Kashmir" and "Foundation for Youth" to raise awareness about the dangers of drug addiction. His goal is to help young people live healthier lives and make better choices.

"I believe the youth of today have the power to shape the future," Aquib says. "As a social activist, my goal is to inspire and empower them to create positive change."

Aquib's hard work and dedication have earned him the "Young Achiever/Youth Icon Award" in 2022 and 2024. These awards recognize his commitment to social causes and his ability to inspire others.

Looking ahead, Aquib wants to keep using his platform to make a difference. "I want to inspire others to join me in this journey," he says. "Together, we can make the world a better place."

Aquib Ahmed's journey is an example of living with purpose. His work as a model, actor, and activist is a source of inspiration for many young people. He wants to be remembered not just for his career but for making a positive impact on society.



Bandipora records 357 fire incidents in 2024, lowest in North Kashmir

WARIS FAYAZ

SRINAGAR: North Kashmir has recorded a staggering 1212 fire incidents in 2024, leading to extensive damage to hundreds of



structures and property worth crores reduced to ashes. The incidents mark a sharp rise compared to previous years, attributed to prolonged dry weather and technical mishaps.

According to data, Baramulla district topped the list with 548 fire incidents, showing an alarm-

ing increase of 170 cases compared to 2023, when the district reported 378 incidents.

Kupwara recorded 407 incidents, up by 108 from the previous year. Bandipora, while witnessing a comparatively lower number of incidents, reported 357 cases, marking a rise of 77 from 2023.

Speaking to KNO, Mir Arif, Deputy Director, F&ES, attributed the sharp rise in fire incidents across North Kashmir to prolonged dry weather conditions in the valley. "The dry spell has significantly contributed to the increase in fire incidents, alongside common causes like electricity short circuits and gas leaks."

He said that 42 fire and emergency stations/posts under command headquarters, staffed by around 444 dedicated personnel, have been at the forefront of managing these emergencies. "No

firemen were injured during the operations despite the challenging conditions and the sharp rise in fire incidents this year", he added.

"In Baramulla district, we have 175 personnel actively working to manage emergencies, while Kupwara has 182 dedicated staff. Bandipora, however, operates with 87 personnel," Arif said.

The sharp increase in fire incidents, however, has raised concerns among residents and officials alike, prompting calls for improved preventive measures, enhanced infrastructure and public awareness campaigns to mitigate such disasters in the future.

The top office urged the public to remain vigilant and take fire safety precautions, recommending installation of smoke detectors on every level of the home, ensuring the availability of fire extinguishers and creating an evacuation plan for emergencies. He also advised against overloading power outlets, leaving open flames unattended and delaying the reporting of potential fire hazards—(KNO)

DC Kupwara reviews progress under HADP, DAKSH Kisan

KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today held a meeting of

registered so far and 6185 farmers have completed the course.



concerned officers to review the status of implementation of different agricultural schemes in the district. On the occasion, the DC took a comprehensive review of the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP), DAKSH Kisan, Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) and other schemes.

She stressed upon the concerned officers to gear up the pace of enrolment of farmers to achieve the desired targets under Daksh Kisan and HADP. The officers were directed to facilitate the registration and enrolment of farmers to meet the targets as early as possible.

It was informed in the meeting that 33427 applications under HADP were received by Agriculture, Horticulture P&M, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and Sericulture departments. Out of these, 27053 applications have been approved. Under DAKSH Kisan, 12853 farmers out of the target 21749 have been

To improve the overall enrollment of farmers under the DAKSH Kisan, the Agriculture & allied departments were assigned targets. Each Kisan Khidmat Char will have to register 1000 farmers in their respective areas on DAKSH Kisan portal. Besides, each Area Extension Officer and BVO have been given a target of 300 and 400 registrations respectively. Similarly, the Fisheries department will make 149 farmer registrations.

The DC impressed upon the officers to ensure 100% coverage of the HADP scheme adding that district Kupwara has a vast potential for agriculture and allied activities which will boost its employment generation scenario.

Meanwhile, the Officers were directed to mobilize field staff and Krishi Udayamis to achieve these targets in a time-bound manner and support farmers throughout the registration and certification process.

NGT issues notice to J&K Govt over axing of trees

SAJID RAINA

SRINAGAR: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued notices to the Jammu and Kashmir government, including the Chief Secretary, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Block Development Officer (BDO) Lalpora Tangmarg, and other officials, over the alleged felling of over 1000 trees in the village of Sonium Lalpora and the diversion of a local stream for the construction of a playground.

According to the complaint, the BDO Lalpora and the former Sarpanch of Sonium village are accused of cutting down 1000 trees, including 600 willow trees, 300 poplar trees, around 100 acacia and rubina trees, and 10 walnut trees.

Also, part of the Badyari stream was diverted to pave the way for the playground. This action is reportedly in violation of the Jammu and Kashmir Preservation of Specified Trees Act, 1969, and the National Water Policy 2012.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), it was also noted that the BDO had sought a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the diversion, but the Assistant Executive Engineer of the Irrigation

and Flood Control Department rejected the request on February 23, 2024. The Engineer instructed the BDO to stop the

BDO.

The NGT's two-member bench, comprising Justice A K Tyagi and Dr. Senthil Veil, con-



unauthorized activities and restore the stream to its original course, but these directions were reportedly ignored.

The issue was raised before the NGT by RTI and climate activist Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat, who submitted a representation to the authorities on October 14, 2024, without receiving a response.

He provided evidence of his communications to various government officials, including the Chief Secretary and the

sidered the petition and noted that the case raises environmental concerns under the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

The bench directed that notices be issued to the respondents, requiring them to file their replies by March 25, 2025. Dr. Bhat has been instructed to serve the notices via email and registered post and file an affidavit of service within 15 days. The next hearing has been scheduled for April 1, 2025—(KNO)

J&K Bird Festival Promotes Conservation and Eco-Tourism in Pampore

BILAL HABIB

PAMPORE: The J&K Bird Festival, organized by the Wildlife Conservation Fund in collaboration with the Sanctuary Nature Foun-

for accountability. Guests were served traditional delicacies like Saffron Kehwa and Pampore Shirmal.

Speaking at the event, Justice Masoodi stressed the urgent need to protect wetlands,



ation, was held at the Government Degree College Pampore on Tuesday, focusing on wildlife conservation, wetland protection, and promoting eco-tourism in the region.

Retired Justice Hasnain Masoodi, MLA Pampore, attended as the chief guest, along with Retired CCF Kashmir Syed Farooq Gilani, Principal GDC Pampore Prof. Safiya Khalil, SDPO Pampore Krishan Rattan, and Divisional Forest Officers from Awanitpora, Anantnag, and Bandipora. The event drew a large crowd, including nature enthusiasts, students, and bird lovers.

A key highlight was a photo exhibition showcasing various species of native and migratory birds, emphasizing the ecological importance of Pampore's wetlands. A plantation drive was also conducted, with saplings planted on the college campus, each tagged

which are critical habitats for nearly one million migratory birds visiting Kashmir annually. He highlighted threats such as encroachment, urbanization, and pollution, calling for increased efforts to safeguard these ecosystems. Environmental lawyer Nadeem Qadri, Chief Executive Director of the Wildlife Conservation Fund, emphasized the importance of public involvement in wetland preservation, linking it to sustainable tourism development.

Organizer Umar Nisar said the festival aimed to promote Pampore globally, attract researchers and filmmakers, and create employment opportunities through eco-tourism initiatives. He underscored the role of wetlands like Chatlam, Fashkooi, and Krunchoo in boosting local tourism while preserving biodiversity.

Rural BPO in J&K

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inauguration of Jammu and Kashmir's first rural Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) unit in Bandipora in 2019 was a historic milestone, setting the stage for digital transformation and employment generation in the district. Bandipora's BPO unit, the first of its kind in Kashmir, has already showcased its potential by providing opportunities for local youth to build careers in the Information Technology (IT) sector without having to migrate to cities. With providing employment to about 200 seats at a time, the centre has successfully trained hundreds of individuals since 2019, empowering them with employable skills and creating avenues for socio-economic growth.

While this single BPO has proven to be a game-changer, the question arises: why has this model not been replicated in other districts? The Union Budget has already earmarked provisions for expanding BPOs in the UT, yet two years have passed without significant progress. The lack of concrete action, from land identification to mobilizing administrative machinery, highlights a concerning inertia in the implementation process. Little Knowledge to the officers including DCs about the project endagers the sustainability of already existing BPO in Bandipora, least to talk about new projects. BPO's hold immense potential to address unemployment and foster digital service delivery. Functions such as customer support, payroll management, technical assistance, and market research can be effectively outsourced, saving costs and enhancing efficiency for businesses While Govt can also use these BPO services for a range of activities to reach out to people for implementation of various welfare schemes. For a region like Jammu and Kashmir, these units could attract investors, entrepreneurs, and even multinational corporations to establish operations, boosting the local economy and positioning the UT as a hub for digital services. Bandipora's success demonstrates how even a single BPO can create ripples of transformation. However, to harness this potential fully, district administrations must be actively involved in planning and execution. The UT government must also address the existing gaps by expediting processes such as incentives to the Companies to attract to the districts besides land allocation, infrastructure development, and the integration of BPOs into district-level economic planning. Funds and provisions under the IBPS are available, removing financial constraints as an excuse. The onus lies on the government to act swiftly and decisively. Expanding BPOs across Jammu and Kashmir is not merely an economic initiative but a socio-digital revolution.



Dr. Rohi

Have you ever paused to acknowledge the blessings, big or small, that enrich your life? Imagine beginning every day with the question, 'What am I thankful for?' How often do we fail to notice the small pleasures that add beauty to our lives? These questions might seem small, but they hold the key to unlocking a deeper sense of contentment and fulfilment.

In an era of stress, distractions, and rapid change, practicing gratitude is not merely a luxury, but a requirement for improving our overall quality of life. Being grateful is more than just saying 'thank you'. It's an attitude that changes our perspective and allows us to see the world with possibilities and fullness. It is a profound emotional state that recognizes and values the positive aspects of life, which is frequently linked to mental as well as physical health. Gratitude is fundamentally about acknowledging the goodness in our life and the origins of that goodness. These sources might be either external (other people, nature, or even a higher power) or internal (our resilience and efforts). Gratitude focuses our attention away from what we lack and onto what we have, generating a sense of fulfilment and abundance.

In positive psychology, gratitude is the human way of acknowledging the good things of life. Psychologists have defined gratitude as a positive emotional response that we perceive on giving or receiving a benefit from someone (Emmons & McCullough, 2004).

Psychologists and researchers have extensively explored the virtues of gratitude. As Robert Emmons, a prominent positive psychologist, states, 'Gratitude allows us to celebrate the present. It enhances happy emotions while blocking toxic negative feelings.' Modern psychological research validates this viewpoint, emphasizing gratitude's transforming capacity in promoting emotional and social well-being.

Research in positive psychology has demonstrated that gratitude has a significant impact on mental health. Regular practice of gratitude can improve emotional well-being, relationships, and even physical health. Psychologist Martin Seligman, one of the founders of positive psychology, emphasizes the importance of gratitude in boosting happiness. In his study on the "gratitude visit," Seligman discovered that persons who wrote and delivered a letter of gratitude to someone they valued reported a significant boost in happiness and a decrease in depressive symptoms.

It has been found that gratitude reduces negative feelings like jealousy, resentment, and regret while concurrently raising positive emotions like joy, hope, and optimism. Gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with feelings of well-being and happiness,' according to a positive psychologist Sonja Lyubomirsky. She adds that cultivating gratefulness is a crucial component of psychological resilience since it can result in long-lasting increases in life happiness. In addition to its emotional benefits, gratitude has been linked to physical health improvements. People who frequently practice gratitude have been shown to have stronger immune systems, reduced blood pressure, and better sleep.

Gratitude has gained popularity as a clinical psychology intervention due to its many advantages. It is frequently incorporated into therapy strategies to address a range of mental health conditions, such as stress, anxiety, and depression. Maintaining a gratitude journal is one of

Gratitude: A Daily Practice for a Better You

the most popular gratitude interventions. This entails making a list of daily or weekly things for which one is grateful. According to research, this little exercise can have a big impact on one's wellbeing and mood. Writing letters of gratitude, doing good deeds, and practicing mindfulness are additional gratitude therapies besides journaling. The goal of these interventions is to help

your plate and the work it took to get there by pausing during meals.

- Make a Jar of Gratitude: On little pieces of paper, list your blessings and put them in a jar. Return to them periodically for a positive boost.
- Turn Obstacles into Teaching Opportunities: Try to discover something to be thankful for, like a lesson



people change their attention from negative to more appreciating and happy thoughts and feelings. People can rewire their brains to focus on the positive aspects of their lives and develop a more hopeful and positive outlook by practicing gratitude on a regular basis.

Gratitude plays a crucial role in enhancing interpersonal relationships. It is a powerful tool for building connections, trust, and a sense of belonging. According to John Gottman, a famous Psychologist, that 'the more gratitude we express, the more likely our relationships will thrive.' By recognizing others' accomplishments and expressing gratitude for their work, we foster a caring and supportive workplace and promote positive behaviours. Gratitude also helps to combat the negative effects of conflict in relationships. In times of tension or disagreement, expressing gratitude can help individuals shift their focus away from the problem at hand and towards the positive aspects of the relationship. This can de-escalate conflicts and promote greater understanding and cooperation. Small acts of gratitude can lead to big changes in your life. Here are some practical ways to cultivate gratitude every day:

- Maintain a gratitude journal: Take a few minutes every day to write down three things for which you are thankful. You may concentrate on the good things in your life by adopting this habit.
- Be grateful as you start your day: Every morning, start by reflecting on one item for which you are grateful. It creates a good vibe for the day.
- Give Thanks to Others: Spend some time expressing your gratitude to someone for their support or generosity, whether in person, via text message, or in a note.
- Reflect on Positive Moments: Remember one or two positive things that occurred during the day, regardless of how minor they may have seemed.
- Engage in Mindful Gratitude: Enjoy the food on

learnt or a personal development accomplished, even during difficult circumstances.

- Express Your Appreciation to Your Family: Encourage everyone to share one thing for which they are grateful during family get-togethers.
- Consider the Beauty of Nature: Whether it's sunsets, blossoming flowers, or a soft breeze, pause to appreciate nature and express gratitude for its existence.
- Engage in self-appreciation: Acknowledge and value your own accomplishments, efforts, and assets. Appreciate the person you are growing into.

By practicing these simple acts of gratitude daily, you can cultivate a more positive mindset, strengthen relationships, and enhance your overall happiness.

Gratitude is an effective tool that we can all use to change the way we think and make our lives better. Let us remember that gratitude is not just a fleeting emotion but a mindset we can cultivate daily. It is an invitation to value the here and now, to see the good in the world, and to respect the contributions of others. We can improve our relationships, communities, and the world by choosing to be grateful, which will have a positive ripple effect that reaches far beyond ourselves. Therefore, let us express gratitude for what we have, what we have received, and what we are able to contribute. By practicing gratitude, we improve our own lives and make the world a more caring and connected place. May we all continue this practice as we go forward, understanding that the secret to long-lasting contentment and pleasure lies in gratitude.

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New Year, New Beginnings: Embrace Change and Celebrate Life

Priyanka Saurabh

At midnight on December 31, we will bid goodbye to 2024, and the calendar will turn a new page to New Year's Day, January 1, 2025. The ups and downs, the fun moments, and the not-so-great moments will all be a thing of the past. We are standing on the threshold of a new year, ready to face every challenge that lies before us. There is a buzz of excitement and contemplation in the air, a perfect blend of nostalgia and hope. Wise people say that life is lived in between pauses—like right after you exhale and right before you inhale. Every end is just another beginning. There is no better time than the first day of the year to truly realize this.

A new year is a new beginning. It is like a new birth. As the new year begins, we feel that we need to make changes in our lives, take a new path, do new things, and say goodbye to old habits, problems, and difficulties. Often we start making new plans and new resolutions. We may feel excited, inspired, and hopeful, but sometimes apprehensive too. Poets and philosophers have often reiterated that it is important to apply the lessons life has taught us in whatever we do in the future. But this is easier said than done.

People wish each other a Happy New Year. Exchanging messages, greeting cards, and gifts is an integral part of New Year celebrations. The media covers several New Year programs that are shown on prime channels for most of the day. People who decide to stay indoors resort to these New Year shows for entertainment and fun.

New Year is not just a time for celebration but also an opportunity for self-examination and improvement. We should try to bring positive changes to our lives by learning from the mistakes of the past. Let us clarify our goals and plan to achieve them. Let us leave negativity behind and adopt a positive attitude. Let us fulfill our responsibility towards the society by helping the needy. Let us keep striving for self-development and keep learning new things. People wear colorful clothes and indulge in fun-filled activities like singing, playing, dancing, and going to parties. Nightclubs, movie theaters, resorts, restaurants, and amusement parks are packed with people of all ages. The age-old tradition of



planning new resolutions for the coming year is common. Some of the most popular resolutions include losing weight, developing good habits, and working hard. In today's time, when environmental issues are a serious concern, it becomes our responsibility to celebrate New Year in environmentally

sensitive ways. Reducing the use of firecrackers, planting trees, and conserving water can be positive steps in this direction.

New Year teaches us to forget the bitterness of the past and start new relationships. Let us express love and goodwill towards each other. Let us try to bring back on the right

path those who have lost their way. The teachings of Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita remind us that we should do our part and leave the results to God. New Year is not just about changing the calendar, but it is an opportunity to give a new direction to our lives. It is time to move ahead with

new energy, enthusiasm, and a positive attitude. Let us all together make this New Year a year of change for ourselves and society. Now, amidst all the glitter and glitz, New Year's Day is also a time for some serious reflection. Yes, we are talking about introspection—looking back at the past year and finding out what we have learned. Did we finally conquer the fear of spiders? Did we spend enough time with the people who matter the most? It's a bit like scrolling through the major events of our lives and thinking, "Wow, did I really do that?" Plant a tree, write a letter to your future self, or enjoy a board game. Make it unique to you and look forward to it every year.

Now, that's how you can start a tradition! Spread love by giving thoughtful gifts on New Year's Day. It's not about the price but about the sentiment behind the gesture. A handwritten note, a personalized trinket, or a heartfelt message can make a world of difference when you express your appreciation to those who matter most. Often, we either don't feel it or refuse to acknowledge it and try to write a story that's already over. At times like these, we must remember that sometimes it's okay to put the pen down. It's not okay to struggle with a closed door. Sticking to it prevents you from seeing the window on the other side. As mindfulness practitioners say, the greatest truth is that there's no better time to start anew than the moment you have right now. New Year's morning, in the best of cases, can only create the right setting; the rest, as they say, is all within you. However you decide to rock New Year's Day 2025, make it memorable. Dance like nobody is watching, laugh like it's the best joke ever, and hug your friends like you haven't seen them in a decade. Because guess what? 2025 is your year to shine. So, let's make it memorable, make it memorable, and make it special! Cheers to the magic of new beginnings!

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Bahu Fort Aquarium cum Oceanarium to become prime tourist attraction in Jammu: Javed Dar

Inspects progress of work on Aquarium Cum Awareness Centre at Bahu Fort

Says Fisheries department has vast potential for employment generation in J&K

JAMMU: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Javed Ahmad Dar remarked that Bahu Fort Aquarium Cum Oceanarium will become prime tourist attraction in Jammu region in coming days.

These remarks were made by the Minister during his visit to Aquarium Cum Awareness Centre, Bahu Fort to take stock of ongoing works on Phase-II of the project.

During his inspection, the Minister was informed that the establishment of Aquarium Cum Awareness Centre was proposed to be completed in two phases.

Execution of Phase-II works was started by the department through PWD (R&B) Department under Smart City Limited at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.57 Crores.

Underlining that the need for expediting work on Oceanarium under Phase-II, the Minister maintained that it (Oceanarium) will become a prime tourist attraction as first of its kind in North India and third such project in India.

He said the Oceanarium shall be harbouring various varieties of Marine Fishes in a Glass Tunnel with a holding capacity of about 4,00,000 Litres of water. He added that the Oceanarium at Bahu



Fort will be developed as prime tourist spot.

He instructed for undertaking up gradation/face-lifting of some already existing structures so that the works on the same are completed by or before the opening of Oceanarium.

The Minister also directed the Officers of the department to carry out the implementation of schemes in private sector strictly in accordance to the guidelines of the schemes and achieve the

targets in a stipulated timeframe.

He directed officers to work with zeal and zest to cover maximum number of beneficiaries under various Fish culture schemes allotted to them. Stating that the Fisheries sector has vast potential for employment generation, the minister urged youth to avail benefits under the department's schemes.

During the inspection, the Minister was informed that works on the Oceanarium involving certain technicalities are going on in full swing and shall be completed within two months.

While as phase-I of the project was thrown open in the year 2007, attracting good number of tourists, visitors on daily basis. Among the visiting points, the project also comprises of Multimedia Hall where lectures regarding fish culture are delivered to the students and 24 number of Aqua-caves with different water holding capacities wherein more than 120 species of Fishes are being reared and put to display.

The Minister was accompanied by the Director Fisheries Abdul Majeed Tak; Joint Director Fisheries (Central) Jammu Masood Hussain Sheikh; Joint Director Fisheries (Chenab Valley) Jammu Gopal Krishan and other senior officers of the Department.

Mushtaq Paul, Priv. Sec to Div Com Kashmir accorded warm send-off on superannuation

Div Com presides over the function; appreciates the retiree for his dedication, honesty & integrity, wishes him healthy & fulfilling post-retirement life

SRINAGAR: Private Secretary to Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Mushtaq Ahmad Paul was today accorded affectionate adieu on attaining superannuation by Officers & Officials, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Qazi Sarwar; Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Aabid Hussain; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Central, Kashmir, Adil Fareed; Revenue Attorney, Tahir Ahmad Magray; Deputy Director Planning, Ashiq Hussain Malik; and other officers & officials graced the occasion of farewell programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Div Com Kashmir appreciated Mushtaq for his dedication, honesty and integrity during the service and wished him healthy & fulfilling post retirement life. Other officers also lauded the significant contributions made by the retiree during his tenure, recognizing his dedication and service. In his farewell speech, Mushtaq recounted the journey of thirty six years of his service in the Revenue Department while working in different capacities.

He was presented a shawl and mementos by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir & others as token of appreciation and affection to make the moment memorable.

DC Kulgam chairs DLC meeting of HADP, approves 690 cases

Reviews progress under various Agricultural schemes; instructs departments for achieving 100% target fulfillment

KULGAM: A meeting of the District Level Committee (DLC) for the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) was held today at the Mini-Secretariat, Kulgam.

of the HADP.

Later, the DC assessed the implementation status of various agricultural and developmental schemes in Agriculture & allied sectors in the district.

He reviewed progress under HADP, DAKSH Kisan, Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), JK Comprehensive agriculture and allied Implementation Projects (JKCIP), and Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) etc.

Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Kulgam presented a



During the meeting, the committee chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan reviewed and approved 690 cases under various projects and components

comprehensive report on the progress of these schemes.

It was informed that 17817 applications have been approved so far under HADP.

Under DAKSH Kisan scheme, 12821 farmers were registered, and 9609 farmers completed trainings. Additionally, 10534 farmers were registered on the Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKG) App, and 178 Kisan Sampark Abhiyan (KSA) sessions were conducted during phase-3.

The DC instructed all departments to work towards achieving 100% target under all HADP Projects. The meeting was also attended by ACR, CAO, CHO and other officers of line departments.

GMC Srinagar bids farewell to retiring employees

SRINAGAR: Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar organized an affectionate farewell function to bid adieu to its retiring employees today.

The farewell function was attended by Principal/Dean, Prof. Dr. Iffat Hassan; Administrator, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; Deputy Registrar, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Saleem Yattoo; Medical Superintendent, Dr. Tasneem; CMOs, RMOs, nursing staff, and other dignitaries.

The college honored three dedicated employees who retired on superannuation including Mtr. Saleema Mir, Senior Grade Nurse; Kamal Kishore, Museum Curator; and Ghulam Mohamad Chopan, Multi-Tasking Staff member.

The college appreciated their selfless service, dedication, and tireless efforts in their respective roles.

Mtr. Saleema Mir was recognized for her exceptional nursing skills and compassionate care. Kamal Kishore was appreciated for his meticulous maintenance and development of the college's museum. Ghulam Mohamad Chopan was acknowledged for his hard work and commitment to the institution.

Additionally, the college also felicitated two employees who retired recently: Javid Ahmad, Estates Officer, and Ms. Dildan, Senior Lab Technician. The college expressed its gratitude for their

contributions and wished them a happy and fulfilling post-retirement life.

Principal/Dean Prof. Dr. Iffat Hassan expressed heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the retiring employees for their invaluable contributions to the institution. She praised their dedication, hard work, and commitment to providing quality healthcare services.

The farewell function was a heartfelt tribute to the retiring employees, acknowledging their years of service and wishing them a happy and fulfilling post-retirement life. The college family bid a fond farewell to the retiring employees, thanking them for their selfless service and dedication.

In 2024, ACB files 87 corruption cases

Srinagar: Around 87 FIRs, including 42 cases in Jammu division and 45 in Kashmir division were registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau in Jammu and Kashmir in 2024, while 32 cases were charge-sheeted in the court, the probe agency said. In a statement, ACB said that 23 trap cases and 13 cases of disproportionate assets were also registered during the year. The statement reads that 42,521 vigilance clearances through online Vigilance Clearance Portal were issued by ACB in 2024. "The vigilance clearance is sought for the purpose of promotion, regularisation, retirement and for obtaining NoC to go abroad etc.," it reads. It added that while continuing its trade against the unholy nexus of revenue officers and land mafia, 16 FIRs were registered in 2024, wherein custodian land in Asarwan, Mishriwala and Bhalwal area of Jammu district was found usurped by the land mafia in connivance with the officers of custodian/Revenue and police department. "To improve the investigation skills of officers of ACB capacity building programme for staff undertaken at CBI academy, Ghaziabad with tailor-made programme to do hands on study of trap/DA/abuse of official position.

160-bedded state-of-the-art orthopaedic block at B&J hospital completed: CEO ERA

'Tenders to be floated soon for additional Gynae block at LD Hospital'

SRINAGAR: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jammu and Kashmir Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA), Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP), Mohammad Aijaz Asad, on Tuesday said that the additional block comprising 160 beds at Bone and Joint (B&J) Hospital in Barzulla, Srinagar, has been completed, and the trial run of the new facility is presently underway.

Chairing a meeting to review the progress of the World Bank-funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP), CEO highlighted the advanced features of the new Orthopaedic hospital block, which has been constructed using modern earthquake-resilient technology.

The state-of-the-art building includes modular operation theatres, a laminar flow system, a Theatre Sterile Supply Unit (TSSU), Intensive Care Units (ICU), pre- and post-operation care wards, a Central Sterile Supply Department (CSSD), specialized laundry facilities, a pneumatic tube system, and a waste collection system. Additionally, the building has received certification from the India Green Building Council (IGBC) and features a biomedical waste management facility.

CEO Asad emphasized that the completion of this facility marks a significant milestone in enhancing healthcare infrastructure in the region, providing advanced medical services and ensuring better patient care.

"The use of earthquake-resilient technology ensures the safety and stability of the hospital, making it a robust addition to the healthcare facilities in Srinagar," he said.

The CEO directed the Chief Engineer, R&B, which

is the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for this prestigious health sector project, to expedite the tendering process for crucial health sector projects under the World Bank-funded JTFRP and ensure their completion as per the agreed timelines.



Aijaz Asad also informed that tenders will soon be floated for the construction of an additional Gynae block at Lal Ded Hospital. He added that the bid document for the new block has been updated in line with the inputs provided by concerned stakeholders and submitted to the World Bank for approval. Once approved, the project will be tendered.

CEO ERA stated that the new block at Lal Ded Hospital will address critical infrastructural needs for maternal and child care. It will also feature a dedicated oncology care section, equipped with a modern air conditioning system and state-of-the-art healthcare architecture and equipment.

Er. Sajad Nageeb, Chief Engineer, R&B (Central), reported that the work on the Bone and Joint Hospital project has been completed, and the process of handing over the new building to hospital authorities has been

initiated. The Medical Superintendent of Bone and Joint Hospital noted that the trial run for the new building is underway, with an examination recently conducted in the facility. He commended JKERA, the World Bank, and PIU (PWD) for completing the project.

Er. Sushel Kumar, Director Technical, JTFRP, provided updates on the construction of the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at Ompura, noting that work on the dormitory building is nearing completion and will soon be handed over to the concerned department.

He also informed that tenders for the balance work on one of the four bridges in North Kashmir have been issued, while tenders for the remaining three bridges will be floated shortly.

The Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) South, stated that the superstructure of the Rohmoo Bridge has been substantially completed, except for bituminous works, which will be taken up in the next working season. Fabrication work on the Trenz Bridge is also underway.

Officers from Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) informed that work on upgrading 49 dewatering stations in Srinagar is at an advanced stage, with 45 stations completed and work ongoing on the remaining ones. CEO ERA directed SMC officers to expedite the work and ensure its earliest completion.

Officers from JKMSCL reported that 44 additional critical care ambulances have been procured under the project. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Sajad Wani, Chief Accounts Officer, and senior officers from SMC, PWD (R&B), Industries and Commerce, JKMSCL, Health and Medical Education, JKERA, and JTFRP.

Two-day orientation/ Training programme held at Srinagar

SRINAGAR: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority Budgam today organized a two-day orientation/training programme for the members of the Legal Service Unit for Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (LSUM).

The event was held under the chairmanship of Jaffer Hussain Beg, Chairman DLSA Srinagar/Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar and Om Prakash Baghat, Chairman DLSA/ Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Budgam and under the supervision of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Civil Judge (Sr. Division)/ Secretary, DLSA Srinagar/ DLSA Budgam.

The initiative aimed to enhance the understanding and implementation of the NALSA scheme 2024.

The programme was inaugurated at the Meeting hall of District Court Complex, Srinagar, by Jaffer Beg, Chairman DLSA Srinagar/ Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar, in the presence of the Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, and the LSUM members from both districts.

The inaugural session highlighted the importance of the scheme in ensuring access to justice for individuals with mental and intellectual

disabilities.

Masarat Shaheen, a retired judicial officer and the mentor and advisor of the committee, addressed the participants virtually. She emphasized the need for effective implementation of the scheme and provided valuable insights on the role of LSUMs in bridging the gap between the legal system and vulnerable individuals.

The Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, further elaborated on the objectives of the orientation programme, underscoring its importance in equipping the participants with the necessary knowledge and tools to implement the scheme effectively.

Advocate Naveed Gul, a member for Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (LSUM) for implementation of the NALSA Scheme 2024, shared his practical experiences in the field, providing the participants with a firsthand perspective on handling cases related to mental and intellectual disabilities.

Members of the LSUM for implementation of the NALSA scheme 2024 of DLSA Srinagar also shared the importance of addressing the needs of persons with mental illness and intellectual disabilities under the NALSA Scheme 2024.

They emphasized the necessity of ensuring accessible legal aid and support for these vulnerable groups, stressing the role of the unit in bridging the gap between the justice system and individuals requiring specialized assistance. Their insights underscored the commitment of the legal services authorities to the effective implementation of the scheme.

Members of the DLSA Budgam for Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (LSUM) for implementation of the NALSA Scheme 2024 joined through virtual mode and also shared their views and experiences, contributing to a broader understanding of the scheme's objectives and implementation strategies.

The programme facilitated interactive discussions, enabling participants to exchange ideas and explore effective ways to achieve the goals of the NALSA Scheme 2024.

The two-day orientation programme proved to be a significant step in fostering collaboration and understanding among stakeholders, ultimately aiming to ensure better legal aid and support for persons with mental and intellectual disabilities in the region.

DC Pulwama reviews preparations for Mission YUVA

Empower youth to lead, innovate and create employment opportunities: Dr. Basharat

PULWAMA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom chaired a review meeting on Tuesday to assess the final preparations for the launch of Mission YUVA,



a program aimed at empowering youth, fostering entrepreneurship and creating job opportunities across the district.

The DC described Mission YUVA as a transformative initiative designed to channelize the immense potential of young individuals, enabling them to become job providers rather than mere

job seekers. He highlighted the importance of nurturing first-generation entrepreneurs, empowering women and supporting low-income groups as part of the program's commitment to inclusive and equitable growth.

Dr. Basharat emphasized the pivotal role of supervisors in ensuring the effective implementation of the program. As part of Phase 1, a district-wide survey will commence on January 1, where enumerators will conduct door-to-door surveys across every Panchayat and

Ward in urban areas assigned to them. This survey is critical for gathering data on existing enterprises and identifying potential entrepreneurs.

The DC directed officers to work diligently and collaboratively to guarantee the program's success, highlighting the importance of this initiative in fostering entrepreneurship and economic growth in the district.

The meeting reiterated the program's dual focus on supporting new enterprises and strengthening existing businesses, creating a robust ecosystem for job generation and economic progress.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, DSEO Pulwama, AD Employment, along with other district and sectoral officers, who expressed their commitment to making Mission YUVA a resounding success in the district.

JAK LI Hosts "Jashn-e-Gaurav" Seminar for Retiring Soldiers

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAK LI) Regimental Centre organized a "Jashn-e-Gaurav" seminar on December 31, 2024, to honor retiring Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (ORs).

The event saw the participation of 5 Subedar Majors, 54 Subedars, and 14 Other Ranks from various districts of Jammu and Kashmir, all set to superannuate on this day.

Colonel Pradeep Semwal, VSM, Deputy Commandant of the JAK LI Regimental Centre, led the seminar with a heartfelt interaction, lauding the retiring personnel for their exemplary and selfless service to the nation and the regiment.

He expressed confidence that as veterans, they would continue to play a crucial role in nation-building, embodying the values of dedication and commitment that defined their military careers.

The seminar served as a platform to acknowledge the immense contributions of the retiring personnel and reinforce the regimental bond as they transition into a new phase of their lives.



DLRC meeting held in Rajouri

DDC reviews performance of banks in priority sector lending

RAJOURI: The District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting was chaired today by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Rajouri Abhishek Sharma here in the Conference Hall of the PWD Dak Bungalow to review the performance of banks and other financial institutions. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Maqsood Ahmed; Lead District Manager Sanjeev Bhasin; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Dr. Khalid Hussain; District Sheep Husbandry Officer P.P. Sagotral Assistant Director Fisheries Bodh Raj and officers from various banks operating in the District.

The DDC directed the banks to enhance priority sector lending and emphasized improvement in the Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio, which currently stands at 54 percent. He urged all stakeholders to take concrete steps to enhance the ratio for the economic growth of the district.

Key progress under credit linked schemes was reviewed in detail. The meeting was informed that 1906 cases have been disbursed under KCC (Animal Husbandry) against 2230 sponsored cases, while under KCC (Sheep Husbandry) 36

cases were disbursed out of 87 sponsored cases. Similarly 21 cases were disbursed under KCC (Fisheries) against 30 sponsored cases. The DDC instructed banks to ensure the timely disbursement of pending cases.

It was further informed that 52 cases have been disbursed under the Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME). Noting slow disbursement under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), the DDC directed concerned officers to take immediate corrective measures.

Reviewing the progress under the self-employment schemes, the chair was informed that disbursement has been made against 73 proposals sponsored under PMECP. The DDC directed the District Industries Centre to motivate the maximum number of youth for self employment by promoting PMECP and other like schemes.

The DDC also reviewed the progress under Mission Youth, RSETI, NRLM and other schemes, urging all departments to expedite sponsorship and disbursement to meet targets.

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INDIAN NAVY SHIPBUILDING PROJECTS

With over 133 ships/submarines having been built and commissioned in India to date, the Indian Navy continues to propel the domestic shipbuilding industry's growth by supporting self-reliance in defence manufacturing. The IN remains the key pillar that supports the growth of Indian shipbuilding sector, with 63 of the 64 warships planned to be inducted in the Navy being built in India, orders for 62 more ships and submarines being in the final stages of approval, and steadfast focus on achieving higher indigenisation content across weapons, sensors and equipment.

The ships/ submarines which have been commissioned/ delivered and those scheduled for delivery this year are as follows:-

- INS Sandhayak, the first of four Survey Vessel Large (SVL) was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Raksha Mantri in February 2024, at Visakhapatnam. Induction of the vessel has enhanced the hydrographic survey capabilities of the Navy and the Nation.
- The second ship of SVL project, Yard 3026 (Nirdeshak), was delivered to Indian Navy by GRSE on October 08, 2024 and commissioned in the presence of Raksha Rajya Mantri on December 18, 2024.
- The contract for construction of two ships, Addl P1135.6 FO, ex Russia, was signed on October 23, 2018 between MoD and JSC RoE. The first of the two ships, INSTushil, was commissioned on December 09, 2024. The ship is installed with state-of-the-art weapon and sensors and would significantly enhance the combat capability of the Indian Navy.
- Delivery of the fourth Ship of P15B- Y12707 (Surat), being constructed at MDL, is being targeted by December 2024.
- Seven P17A ships are at various stages of construction, with four ships being built at M/s MDL and three ships at M/s GRSE. Delivery of the first ship, Nilgiri, is planned in December 2024.
- The sixth and final submarine of Kalvari class (Vaghsheer) is planned to be delivered in December 2024.
- The first ASW SWC, Arnala, is at advanced stage of readiness and delivery is targeted by December 2024.
- Three 25 Tons Bollard Pull tugs, four of the eleven Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile barges and fifth of the eight Missile Cum Ammunition barges were delivered to Indian Navy in 2024 by MSME shipyards namely, Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd, Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd and SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd respectively.

NAVAL AVIATION

- Induction of Drishti-10 MALE RPAs marks an important addition to the Indian Navy's RPA inventory. This technologically advanced aircraft would significantly bolster Indian Navy's surveillance capabilities and augment Maritime Domain Awareness efforts.
- Rotary Naval Shipborne Unmanned Aerial Systems have been inducted in the IN in early 2024. Four systems comprising two aerial vehicles have been integrated on Fleet ships and are being effectively utilised for surveillance.
- First nine of the 24 MH 60Rs helicopters being procured by IN have been operationalised onboard Fleet ships. These multi-role helicopters have significantly bolstered IN's Anti-Submarine Warfare capabilities. The aircraft have also participated in multinational exercises such as MALABAR, SIMBEX and MILAN 24. The first MH 60R Squadron, INAS 334, was commissioned at INS Garuda, Kochi in March 2024.

OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENTS/ EXERCISES

- Mission Based Deployments: The Indian Navy (IN) undertook Mission Based Deployments in Areas of Interest in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) to safeguard national maritime interests and maintain continuous/ near continuous presence in the areas of maritime significance in the IOR. IN ships and aircraft were regularly deployed in the Gulf of Oman/Persian Gulf, Gulf of Aden/Red Sea, South and Central IOR, off Sunda Strait, Andaman Sea/ approaches to Malacca Strait and Northern Bay of Bengal. These deployments aligned with the larger GoI vision of 'Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)', whereby enhanced Maritime Domain Awareness, swift Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) assistance to IOR littorals, security to Indian and international maritime community were ensured, and operational engagements with friendly navies through capability development and capacity building programmes were facilitated.
- Anti-Piracy Patrol in Gulf of Aden (Op PoG): Anti-Piracy Patrol in Gulf of Aden commenced in 2008 to ensure safe passage of Indian Flagged Merchant Vessels, and 127 IN ships have since been deployed in the Gulf of Aden. In addition, IN commenced deployments to counter piracy off the West Coast of Africa, in Gulf of Guinea, since 2022. Over the last year, the Indian Navy has successfully conducted six Anti-Piracy operations, saving 120 lives.
- Maritime Security Operations: In view of the Israel-Hamas conflict, the Indian Navy commenced Maritime Security Operations. The high tempo of operational deployments of IN assets continues to be maintained, with a close watch on Indian Flagged Merchant Vessels and vessels carrying critical commodities for India. Over the last one year, in response to Houthi shipping attacks, and rising incidents of piracy in the Western Arabian Sea, the Indian Navy has deployed over 30 ships in the region and has responded to over 25 incidents. The credible and swift actions of IN saved more than 400 lives, irrespective of the nationality of the crew. As of November 2024, IN has safely escorted over 230 Merchant Vessels, carrying over 90 Lakh Metric Tons of cargo, valued at over Four Billion USD. IN efforts have garnered international/ national acclaim, consolidating its position as a 'Preferred Security Partner' and 'First Responder'.
- Response to Maritime Incidents: Mission deployed unit(s) in Gulf of Aden (GoA) and adjoining seas have responded to numerous maritime incidents with resolve and



alacrity. Salient operations undertaken/ assistance provided include with respect to MV Ruen; MV Lila Norfolk; MV Marlin Luanda; MV True Confidence.

- Anti-Narcotics Operations: Over the last three years, 13 Anti-Narcotics Operations have been undertaken by the IN, resulting in seizure of narcotics worth about Rs 35,000 crore. In February 2024, an IN Ship seized the largest ever consignment (by quantity) amounting to 3,300 kgs of narcotics in northern Arabian Sea. In April 2024, IN Ship deployed for Focused Operations Crimson Barracuda seized about 940 kgs of contraband from a Fishing Vessel in South Western Arabian Sea. In November 2024, IN ship again apprehended another vessel and seized over 750 kgs of narcotics.
- MILAN - 2024: MILAN 2024 was conducted at/ off Visakhapatnam from February 19-27, 2024. This year's edition was conducted at an unprecedented scale, involving participation of over 36 ships, two submarines, 55 aircraft and senior leadership of 47 friendly countries from six continents.
- P8I Deployment in North Sector: P8I aircraft of Indian Navy was deployed in Northern Sector for surveillance on various occasions in support of Army/ Air Force taskings. The deployments enhanced inter-service operability and jointmanship.
- Twin Carrier Operations: IN's carriers participated in MILAN 2024 and twin carrier operations were conducted off Goa in March 2024 on the sidelines of the first edition of the biannual Commanders' Conference. These operations have been a potent demonstration of IN's fast growing blue water capability and gained considerable attention from national and international media.
- Exercise Poorvi Lehar: IN conducted Exercise Poorvi Lehar in March 2024 in multiple phases on the East Coast. The exercise was aimed at validation of procedures towards assessment of Indian Navy's preparedness to respond to various maritime security challenges.
- Coastal Security: Regular coastal security deployments and exercises have greatly assisted in streamlining the SOPs and enhanced interoperability with various stakeholders. Coastal security exercises Sea Vigil, Prasthan, and Op Sentinel have been conducted in 2024.
- Navika Sagar Parikrama II - INSV Tarini: INSV Tarini, with two women officers embarked onboard, sailed from Goa on October 02, 2024 for dual handed Navika Sagar Parikrama (sailing expedition around the world). The expedition encompasses ocean sailing over 21,600 Nm in about 240 days, across four continents, three oceans and three challenging Capes. The voyage aptly highlights Nari Shakti and Atmanirbharta in sail boat construction, whilst also contributing to maritime consciousness.
- Final Operational Clearance of INS Vikrant: INS Vikrant, the first indigenously built aircraft carrier of the Indian Navy, post-certification of aviation facilities, commenced Final Operational Clearance in January 2024. As part of the FOC, more than 750 hours of flying have been undertaken from Vikrant with various types of carrier-borne aircraft, including extensive day and night flying by fighter aircraft and all types of helicopters in the Indian Navy.

EXERCISES WITH FOREIGN NAVIES

- Ex-Malabar: The 28th edition of Exercise MALABAR, which is a multinational maritime exercise between India, Australia, Japan and the US, was hosted by Indian Navy at/ off Visakhapatnam from October 08 to 18, 2024.
- RIMPAC: IN Ship Shivalik, P8I aircraft and team of Marine Commandos were deployed in South China Sea and Pacific Ocean from May to August 2024 for participation in the 29th edition of multinational exercise RIMPAC at/ off Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, from June 27 to August 02, 2024.
- JIMEX 24: The eighth edition of bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, JIMEX 24, was held in Yokosuka, Japan in two phases, from June 11 to 14, 2024.
- Ex-Indra: IN Ship Tabar participated in Exercise Indra 2024 from July 25 to August 01, 2024 with the Russian Federation Navy. The ship also took part in the Russian Navy Day celebrations at St. Petersburg, Russia.
- Ex-Varuna: The 22nd edition of Exercise Varuna was conducted from September 01 to 04, 2024, in the Mediterranean Sea, wherein maiden P8I European detachment was undertaken at Istres, France for participation in Ex-Varuna 24.
- IBSAMAR VIII: IN Ship Talwar participated in the India-South Africa- Brazil trilateral exercise IBSAMAR VIII at/ off Simon's Town, South Africa, from October 10 to 16, 2024.
- Ex-Tiger Triumph: In consonance with the established partnership between India and the US, an advanced

large scale joint amphibious Tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise between both the countries, Tiger Triumph 24, was conducted on the Eastern Seaboard of India from March 18 to 31, 2024.

- Ex-Kakadu: IN P8I aircraft participated in multinational exercise Kakadu-24 at Darwin, Australia, from September 05 to 22, 2024.
- Ex-Sea Dragon: IN P8I aircraft operated from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, for the multilateral exercise Sea Dragon from January 08 to 22, 2024. The Indian P8I crew was adjudged first in the identification of tonals.

ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS Sri Lanka

- One IN Dornier (DO) aircraft was handed over to the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) on August 15, 2022 for a period of two years. An IN technical team consisting of five personnel (two officers and three sailors) has also been deputed to Sri Lanka to oversee maintenance of the aircraft. Regular training of Sri Lankan Navy (SLN) pilots on ALH operations and of SLAF and SLN crew on Dornier operations is being undertaken.
- A Letter of Exchange was signed between GoI and GoSL for positioning one Dornier 228 Maritime Patrol Aircraft at Sri Lanka, for undertaking Maritime Surveillance and Search and Rescue operations. Dornier aircraft IN 234 has been handed over to Sri Lankan Air Force on August 27, 2024 at Kochi on yearly turnaround basis.

Maldives

- As part of refit preparatory activities of MCGS Huravee (ex-Tarmugli; gifted by IN to MNDF), a three member IN technical delegation from Naval Dockyard (Mumbai) was deputed to Maldives from June 23 to 26, 2024 for undertaking assessment of the scope of work. Expeditious provisioning of machinery spares, including that of control systems, was undertaken to Maldives in August 2024 for sustenance of MCGS Huravee.

Mozambique

- Two Fast Interceptor Crafts from IN inventory have been gifted to Government of Mozambique. These were transhipped onboard IN Ship Gharial to Mozambique in October 2024.

Seychelles

- Two detachments were undertaken by the IN DO squadron from March 19 to 23, 2024 and July 17 to 21, 2024. The squadron flew several surveillance missions in areas off Seychelles.

Mauritius

- Maiden Short Refit of MCGS Victory was conducted from October 15, 2023 to January 31, 2024. The refit of the ship was successfully completed within the promulgated timelines.

HADR & SAR OPERATIONS

- Op Sadbhav - Typhoon Yagi: IN ship Satpura was deployed to Yangon, Myanmar on September 17, 2024 to provide HADR in response to the flash floods caused by Typhoon Yagi. IN swiftly delivered 21.5 Tons of essential supplies such as medical aid, food and shelter materials.
- Cyclone Hidayat: In the aftermath of Cyclone 'Hidayat', making a landfall off Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania on May 04, 2024, mission-deployed IN ship off Somalia (for anti-piracy operations) was diverted to render HADR assistance. The ship handed over HADR relief material (food, clothes and medicines) to Government of Kenya at Mombasa on May 10, 2024.
- SAR Assistance to MV Prestige Falcon: On July 15, 2024, IN responded to provide SAR assistance towards locating and rescuing crew of Comoros Flagged Oil Tanker MV Prestige Falcon, which had capsized at about 70 nm South of Duqm, Oman (approx. 800 Nm West of Mumbai). IN ship Teg rescued nine surviving crew members (eight Indians and one Sri Lankan) and recovered mortal remains of one crew member (Indian).
- SAR Assistance on Landslide in Karnataka: On July 16, 2024, IN diving teams ex-Karwar helped to locate and recover one missing LPG tanker from Gangavelli river in Uttar Kannada, post landslide near NH 66.
- Disaster Relief Operations at Kerala: On July 30, 2024, IN personnel were deployed to Wayanad to render SAR assistance in the aftermath of massive landslide near Meppadi in Wayanad District, Kerala. The deployed IN personnel provided medical aid, undertook extensive SAR ops and distribution of relief material.
- SAR Assistance in Andhra Pradesh: On September 01, 2024, IN teams were deployed at Nuziveedu town (approx. 60 km from Vijayawada and 280 km from Visakhapatnam)

for SAR efforts based on the request from District Collector, Eluru District, Andhra, post incessant rains. A total of 751 civilians were rescued and 4537 Kg of relief material were distributed.

- Food Relief at Vijayawada: During floods at Vijayawada from September 01 to 04, 2024, two ALH, two Chetak and one Dornier aircraft were deployed to the affected areas. 22 stranded individuals were rescued and more than 1000 Kg of food aid was air dropped. 10 Flood Relief Teams were also deployed to rescue citizens stranded in the flooded areas.
- SAR Assistance in Jharkhand: IN provided SAR assistance from August 22 to 27, 2024 at Chandil Reservoir (approx 100 Km South East of Ranchi), on request of the District Administration, Seraikella-Kharsawan, Jharkhand for two seater training aircraft (Cessna VT-TAJ, with two pilots), which had reportedly crashed on August 20, 2024. Mortal remains of both the pilots were recovered and aircraft debris/ wreck were salvaged by IN team and handed over to District Administration on August 27, 2024.

WELFARE AND EMPOWERMENT

IN has taken significant steps for becoming a true gender-neutral and inclusive force, both in letter and in spirit. IN has commenced induction of women into all branches, and all avenues for career progression are now available for women in the IN. In the last two decades, newer ships have been inducted into the Navy that cater for gender specific needs of women, and their appointment onboard warships commenced from December 2020.

- Women Officers: Women officers are inducted into the Navy through a common entrance process and are subject to uniform 'Terms and Conditions' of Service. Further, duties, job specifications and training for women officers is in no way different from their male counterparts. The working conditions, promotion prospects, as well as pay and allowances of women officers are also exactly the same as male officers.
- Permanent Commission to Women Officers: SSC women officers are eligible for grant of PC. As on date, 72 women officers (excluding Medical and Dental officers) have been granted PC.
- Women Officers Onboard Ships: Women officers are being appointed onboard warships. Currently, 44 women officers are deployed on afloat billets.
- Naval Air Operations Officers on Helicopters: Women NAO officers have been appointed as specialist NAO officers to shipborne helicopter flights.
- RPA Stream: Women officers can join the Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) stream and the first woman officer joined a RPA squadron in March 2021.
- Overseas Assignments: Women officers are being deputed overseas as part of 'Mobile Training Teams' and other foreign cooperation engagements.
- Command of Combat Units: Meriting women officers are being selected to command combat units. Indian Navy appointed the first woman Commanding Officer of a naval ship in December 2023.
- A woman officer was appointed as Executive Officer of a ship in May 2024.
- First woman helicopter pilot of IN was awarded 'Wings' on June 07, 2024 and also the first woman officer qualified as 'P8I' aircraft pilot in July 2024.
- Women Sailors in the Navy
- Agniveers: Indian Navy became the first Service to leverage Agnipath to tap into the vibrant 'Nari Shakti' of the nation's workforce. Women Agniveers are subject to the same training curriculum, professional courses and enrolment criteria for selection as regular sailors as their male counterparts. Women sailors will be employed across all trades for sailors, including onboard frontline operational units. As on date, 1,321 women Agniveers are borne on the strength of Indian Navy.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

- President Smt Droupadi Murmu attended the 'Day at Sea' event off Goa on December 07, 2024. During the visit, the President witnessed several naval operations, including missile firing drills, and fighter aircraft operations from the deck of Vikrant, and was also briefed on the role of Indian Navy and the naval Concept of Operations.
- Raksha Mantri laid the foundation stone of a new Very Low Frequency Station of the Indian Navy at the Damagundam Reserve Forest site, Pudur Mandal in Vikarabad, Telangana in October 2024. The facility, built at a cost of Rs 3,200 crore, will be spread across 2,900 acres. It will bolster the Indian Navy's operational readiness, ensuring effective command and control capabilities in challenging maritime environments.
- As part of Navy Day celebration, an Operational Demo by frontline naval ships and aircraft, to demonstrate Indian Navy's preparedness to respond to maritime threats and challenges, was conducted off Puri (at Golden Beach), Odisha in December 2024. The event is in consonance with the Government of India policy to celebrate Service Days in various cities apart from Delhi. The President presided over the event as the Chief Guest.
- As part of the first edition of Naval Commanders' Conference 2024, Raksha Mantri interacted with the Naval Commanders on the inaugural day of the conference on March 05, 2024 and witnessed the naval Operational Demonstration, including Twin Carrier operations.
- Nausena Bhawan, the newly-constructed Headquarters of the Indian Navy, located at Delhi Cantt. was officially inaugurated by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh in March 2024.
- As part of Project Seabird, four major marine piers at Karwar have been completed/ handed over to Indian Navy in early 2024. Further, five more piers are scheduled for delivery by end December 2024.

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Ensure common

The Union Home Secretary had called on the security top brass to work towards achieving the goal of ‘terror-free Jammu and Kashmir’ at the earliest and emphasized on the need to act tough against the terrorists and their supporters. He had reiterated the government’s resolve about zero tolerance towards terrorism.

The Union Home Secretary had appreciated the security agencies for working in close coordination with each other in the decisive action against the terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. He had stressed on the need to implement “Area Domination Plan” and “Zero Terror Plan” in mission mode

Northern Army

Junaid was allegedly responsible for orchestrating the deadliest attack on construction workers in October this year, which had sparked widespread outrage.

KPs integral

of Jagti township and Kashmiri Migrants as a whole and our commitment to their rehabilitation is unwavering,” he stated.

The Deputy Chief Minister directed the officers to redress the grievances of the residents within the shortest possible time.

During his visit, the Deputy CM conducted a comprehensive review of the facilities available for the township residents. He assessed the status of health and education infrastructure, availability of drinking water and other essential services.

In a detailed inspection of healthcare services at the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) in Jagti, the Deputy CM directed Director Health Services to ensure uninterrupted and high-quality medical care services. He also stressed on adequate supply of medicines to meet the needs of the patients besides upgrading the existing infrastructure at the hospital

LG Sinha

collective progress. Together, we can create positive change and build a stronger, more inclusive future”, Sakeena maintained.

The Minister also prayed for peace, progress and prosperity of entire Jammu and Kashmir.

Online scams:

registered 30 FIRs during the year, 10 of which were charge-sheeted and forwarded to the Courts for judicial determination. “The unit also resolved 577 complaints registered on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCCRP) and addressed 1,700 other miscellaneous complaints, showcasing its commitment to delivering services and addressing public grievances,” reads the statement.

It further reads as action was taken against 1,833 fake SIM cards used in various online crimes, and 150 missing mobile phones, worth lakhs of rupees, were recovered and restored to their rightful owners.

“Alongside its operational success, the Cyber Police Kashmir Zone placed a strong emphasis on public awareness by organizing numerous workshops in educational institutions and government offices to educate citizens about emerging cyber threats and online safety practices,” the statement reads.

“These achievements highlight the Cyber Police’s comprehensive approach to tackling a wide range of cybercrimes, from financial fraud to the misuse of social media platforms. The Cyber Police remains steadfast in its mission to protect the digital well-being of citizens and foster a safer online environment for all,” the statement reads.

NGT issues

government officials, including the Chief Secretary and the BDO. The NGT’s two-member bench, comprising Justice A K Tyagi and Dr. Senthil Veil, considered the petition and noted that the case raises environmental concerns under the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

The bench directed that notices be issued to the respondents, requiring them to file their replies by March 25, 2025. Dr. Bhat has been instructed to serve the notices via email and registered post and file an affidavit of service within 15 days. The next hearing has been scheduled for April 1, 2025

NIA delivers

of illegal supply of arms, ammunition and explosives to operatives in North Eastern states and insurgent groups based across the international border.”

The statement further said, “As many as 210 accused were

arrested across key categories of crimes in 80 cases registered by NIA in 2024. Of these cases, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and North East insurgency topped the list at 28 and 18 cases. Seven J&K Jihadi cases were followed by 6 Explosive Substances and 5 Human Trafficking cases. NIA further registered 4 Other Jihadi cases, 4 Khalistan and 2 ISIS Jihadi cases, and 1 case each in Gangsters, Cyber Terrorism, FICN and other categories,” the statement said.

“The NIA’s impressive performance for 2024 was marked by convictions of 68 accused (in 25 cases) and charge sheeting of 408 accused. A total of 137 properties/assets worth Rs 19.57 crore were attached during the year as part of the agency’s sustained efforts to dismantle the various terrorist, gangster and other criminal networks. Left Wing Extremism remained under NIA’s scanner throughout the year, leading to the maximum of 69 arrests of the total 210 arrests reported in 2024,” it said.

“Twenty eight cases of LWE were registered, and 12 chargesheets filed against 64 accused in this category,” it added.

“The crackdown on the growing terrorist-gangster was also a key highlight of the year. NIA arrested 14 accused in connection with foreign-based Khalistani terrorist cases during the year, which saw 101 searches being conducted in these cases. The total searches carried out across all kinds of cases in 2024 stood at 662. Thirteen arrests were made in gangster related cases during the year,” the statement said.

“The agency’s agile efforts in cracking terrorism cases were evident in the fact that it had charge sheeted Pakistan-based Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) chief Wadhawa Singh @ Babbar and five other terrorists in the murder of VHP leader Vikas Prabhakar @ Vikas Bagga in Punjab within months of the fatal attack, ” the statement said, adding, “Similarly, 10 accused, including foreign-based terrorist Goldy Brar, were expeditiously charge sheeted in the case pertaining to firing for extortion at the house of a businessman in Chandigarh by aides of Brar. Early in the year, NIA had also charge sheeted Khalistan Terrorist Force (KTF) members Manpreet Singh alias Peeta and Mandeep Singh, after their successful deportation from Philippines.”

“The NIA further secured the conviction of four terrorists, including chief conspirator Kulwinderjeet Singh @Khanpuria, in a terror conspiracy case related to the banned Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) outfit. Khanpuria was involved in many terrorist cases, including a bomb blast at Connaught Place and a grenade attack at Red Fort, Delhi, in the nineties. He was also wanted in many terrorist cases, including a conspiracy to carry out targeted killings in Punjab. Another notable development in the Khalistani terror related cases was the successful extradition of Tarsem Singh Sandhu of Tarn Taran district of Punjab from UAE, in a case of conspiracy of KLF, BKI & ISYF to wage war against the country,” the statement added.

“As far as extraditions secured by NIA are concerned, another accused, Salman Khan, was brought in from Rwanda in an arms seizure case of Bengaluru, Karnataka,” it said.

“The NIA scaled up its operations multifold in 2024, cracking the Rameshwaram café blast case, which rocked the nation early in the year, within a matter of months. With five accused already arrested and four charge sheeted in this high-profile case,” it said, adding, “The NIA once again proved its ability to solve tough cases with speed and agility, backed by technical and field investigations in coordination with various state police forces and other agencies. “

“A total of 27 absconding criminals were nabbed by NIA during the year. Notable among them was Savad, who was nabbed after being on the run for 13 years in the Kerala Professor hand chopping case. Other key absconders arrested during the year included Mohammed Sahjalal Haldar and Idris in a Bengaluru case relating to human trafficking from Myanmar into India, Shokat Ali @ Shaukat Ali in the Jaipur customs gold seizure case, and Mohammed Mustafa & Kodaje Mohammed Sherif in BJP leader Praveen Nattaru murder case. The arrest of absconder Kamran Haider in the Laos human trafficking and cyber slavery case signified NIA’s concerted focus on destroying the chain behind this criminal activity, which has led to several innocent youth being trapped on foreign land by unscrupulous elements,” the statement said.

“A key aspect of the speedy action and breakthroughs in the Rameshwaram café blast and other major cases was the stellar role played by the intelligence agencies and the concerned state police forces,” it said. “NIA coordinated closely with them throughout the year, working in a spirit of team work and sharing information on

a continuous basis to crack various important cases with speed and alacrity. As part of its efforts to enhance the capacity of the state police forces, NIA also engaged in their capacity building, providing training to 1,678 state police officials through 11 training programmes/courses in 2024. At the same time, given the growing scale and magnitude of major terror related and other serious crimes with the potential to disrupt India’s peace and harmony, NIA made significant efforts during the year to strengthen its own capacities. The establishment of two new exclusive NIA courts, one each in Jammu and Ranchi, was an important step in this direction. NIA also released a handbook on UA(P)A investigations to bring standardisation into the probing of terror cases,” it said.

Gol gives

Prevention of Corruption Act, 2006(1949 A.D)for alleged offences under section 5(2) PC Act, 2006(1949 A.D.) has already been issued on 28. 11. 2004 with the approval of the competent authority,” reads the communiqué.

It is worthwhile to mention that a huge arms licence scam involving deputy magistrates of Jammu & Kashmir was unearthed

by the Rajasthan ATS in 2017.

The case was being probed by the J&K Police before then Governor NN Vohra handed over it to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The investigation revealed that arms licences in bulk were issued by the then deputy magistrates in J&K to non-residents on forged documents.

Between 2012 and 2016, deputy commissioners of various districts in J&K had fraudulently and illegally issued bulk arms licences in lieu of monetary consideration, the probe found.

Security forces

with a quick and safe response and to assess the security response time, coordination, and effectiveness, the spokesman said.

He said the exercise also aimed to identify areas for improvement and streamline the response mechanism.

“A team of specialist officers of Kulgam Police, CAPF, RPF, Fire and emergency services participated in the said exercise,” he added.

The mock drill comes ahead of the highly anticipated inauguration of the Udhampur-Banihal rail link that will pave the way for direct train services from Kashmir to the rest of the country.

NIT Site Row: Shift proposed campus to Tral, says MLA Pulwama

Jahangeer Ganaie

SRINAGAR: The residents of Nawa hamlet of South Kashmir’s Pulwama district have demanded reconsideration of the decision of establishing NIT campus in the area.

The residents of the area told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the land that the government is proposing to transfer for establishment of NIT campus in Pulwama is home to fertile apple and almond orchards and snatching the same is a threat to their livelihoods and economic stability.

They said that around 5000 kanals of land belong to residents of at least eight villages and leaving them landless will be devastating for them.

“We have spent our day and night together for decades to prepare almond and apple orchards on which people are

dependent on their livelihood,” said Ab Rashid Lone, a resident of Nawa.

They demanded that the government must reconsider the project and protect the



He said that this land supports the children’s education and their future will be jeopardized.

Locals said that there are hundreds of people dependent on their livelihood on this land and instead of creating more empowerment opportunities; the government wants to snatch existing opportunities.

community’s economic rights.

They urged the government to identify alternative land for the NIT campus to avoid damaging their fertile agricultural lands.

Meanwhile, MLA Pulwama Waheed Ur Rehman Para on Tuesday urged PM Modi that the vital almond producing land must not be used for NIT campus and be shifted to Tral.

“Prime Minister @ narendramodiji Nawa Pulwama’s Kherwa land, a vital almond-producing area sustaining thousands of livelihoods, must not be used for the proposed NIT. We urge its relocation to Shal Dramun, Chetergam, Tral—6,000 kanals near a scenic hill, better suited for the project,” Waheed Para said in a post on ‘X’.

Earlier, MLA Pulwama Waheed-ur-Rehman Para took to X and wrote :-“

Pulwama welcomes the establishment of an NIT, but seizing 5000 kanals of land is unacceptable. Without fair compensation and guaranteed jobs for locals, this project will face strong resistance.” PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti’s daughter, Iltija Mufti, had voiced strong objections to the acquisition of 5000 kanals of land for the establishment of a new NIT campus in Pulwama.

Year-Enders 2024

J&K witnessed back-to-back elections, record voter turnout

Owais Gul

SRINAGAR: In 2024 Jammu and Kashmir witnessed back-to-back polls and record voter turnout.

The maiden assembly elections for the Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of J&K were held in September-

October after a span of 10-years just 2 months after the Parliamentary polls ended.

The year 2024 commenced with hectic political activities across the country.

The 18th Lok Sabha elections



were announced from April 19 to June 1 in seven phases.

The Parliamentary elections, according to the

news agency, Kashmir News Observer (KNO), saw defeat of two former Chief Ministers of erstwhile J&K State, including

National Conference (NC) Vice-President Omar Abdullah and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President, Mehbooba Mufti.

Omar was defeated by Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) chief and jailed leader Er Abdul Rashid Sheikh from Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency in North Kashmir,

while Mehbooba was defeated by NC’s Mian Altaf Larvi from Rajouri-Anantnag seat. Five candidates from across the UT including two each from NC & BJP and one from AIP won the Parliamentary polls.

New Year Special Inaugural Offer on Mammogram & DEXA Scan

Paras Health Brings Exclusive Orthopedics and Radiology Offers for Women



SRINAGAR: Paras Health Srinagar has announced a series of women-focused healthcare initiatives and inaugural offers to celebrate the New Year. Dedicated to raising awareness and improving access to essential health services, these initiatives aim to promote women’s health, particularly in bone & joints - orthopedics, cancer screening and preventive care.

As part of the campaign, Paras Health is offering complimentary mammogram screenings for women aged 40 and above or those with symptoms, and free DEXA scan for bone health (men & women). These inaugural offers are available from 1st January 2025 to 15th January 2025, showcasing the hospital’s commitment to affordable, high-quality healthcare.

In addition, Paras Health has launched a Knee Clinic to address common symptoms such as knee pain, stiffness, swelling and osteoarthritis. Women aged 45 and above can benefit from free consultations with orthopedic specialists and an initial free physiotherapy session. To support those with severe knee pain, the hospital is offering a free X-ray of Knee and 30% discount on MRI and DEXA scans for prescribed cases till 30th Jan.

“Women’s health is often overlooked, yet it forms the backbone of a healthy society,” said Dr. Gautam Das, Zonal Director at Paras Health Srinagar. “Through this initiative, we aim to

empower women by making essential health services more accessible and affordable. From preventive screenings like mammograms and DEXA scans to specialized consultations for joint and knee health, our focus is to ensure women can prioritize their well-being without financial constraints.

This is not just about treating symptoms but about fostering a culture of proactive health awareness among women and their families. Together, we can take meaningful steps towards a healthier future for women in the valley,” he said.

Paras Health Srinagar has also highlighted its advancements in radiology, with state-of-the-art mammogram and DEXA scan facilities now available under one roof. These technologies are essential for early detection of breast cancer and assessing bone health, respectively.

The hospital has set affordable bone health check packages starting as low as at just INR 899, encouraging everyone and especially senior citizens to prioritize their bone & knee health this winter.

Paras Health Srinagar has successfully performed more than 250 orthopedic and spine surgeries this year, including joint replacements, and continues to lead in trauma care.

With these new initiatives, the hospital reaffirms its dedication to advancing healthcare in the valley and creating a healthier, more informed community.

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This is an information for general public that in my Aadhar Card bearing Registration No:4644 6433 7011, my name and my Husband's name has been Wrongly mentioned as Lal Jan Begum,W/O Mohd Ashraf Khan. While as my Actual and correct name and my Husband's name as per Domicile Certificate is Rukhsana Begum W/O Mohammad Anwar Khan Gojar. Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Concern Authorities with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice, after that no objection shall be accepted.

Rukhsana Begum.

W/O Mohammad Anwar Khan Gojar.
R/O Gojar pati Sumlar Shokbaba Bandipora.

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Abdul Rashid Bhat.

S/O Late Mohmad Munawar Bhat.
R/O Ahangar mohalah Arin Bandipora.

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