

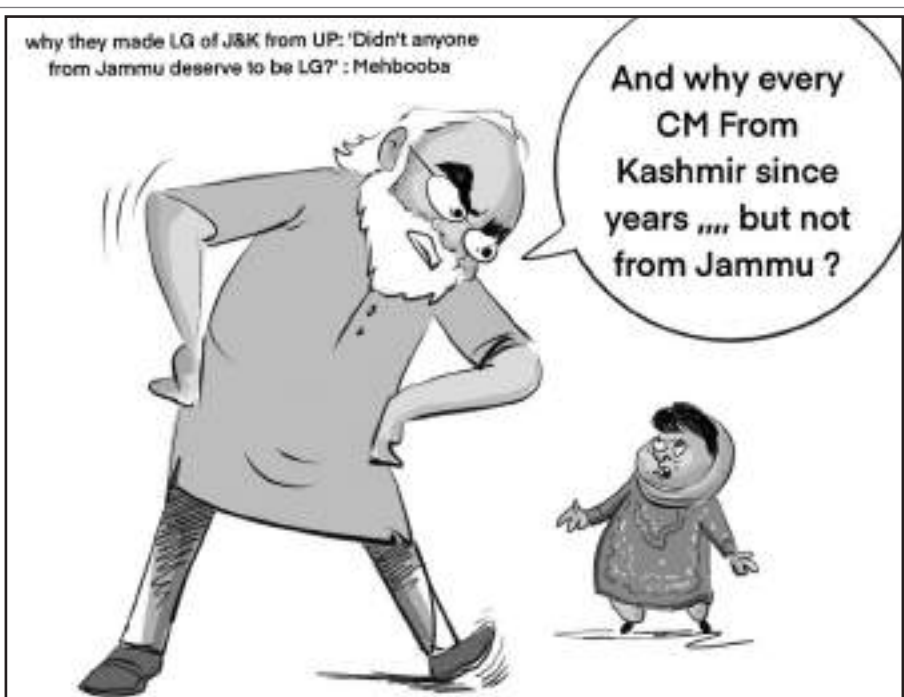
Prophet's message of peace for whole humanity needs to be propagated: Dr Andrabi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: J&K Waqf Board today organised the first ever Milad procession from Nigeen club to Dargah Hazratbal in which a large participation of people from all walks of life was seen.
Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, members of the Board Dr G N Haleem & Syed Mohammad Hussain were present during the procession.
Prominent Imams & Khateebis of valley also took part. Raising slogans, reciting Naats, the procession was filled with religious fervor and sentiment.
The procession concluded at Hazratbal shrine where Divisional



Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi visiting Dargah Hazratbal.

Commissioner Kashmir P K Pole and Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Aijaz Assad also took part.
Speaking on the occasion the Divisional Commissioner said that Waqf Board was doing great job to re-enforce the spiritual tradition of Kashmir in J&K and reviving the Sufi tradition of this land.
In her address, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that the great prophet's message of love, brotherhood and compassion is the need of the world.
"Prophet's message of peace for whole humanity needs to be propagated and it is our responsibility to spread love and peace around," said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi.



JPDA holds seminar on 'Misuse of Habit Forming Medicines & Way Forward'



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and others at a seminar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A seminar was organized on the topic 'Misuse of Habit Forming Medicines & Way Forward' by Jammu Pharmaceutical Distributors Association (JPDA) in Jammu. Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu was the Chief Guest while Lotika Khajuria, State Drugs Controller J&K UT, was the Guest of Honour.
Speaking on the occasion, Rakesh Gupta, President of the Association apprised the participants that drugs/medicines under the Schedule H and Narcotics Category of extreme

importance for treatment of diseases like Stress Management / Pain and Post-operative Care. He requested all to cooperate in plugging all loopholes to ensure that the medicines were not misused for addiction and suggested that such medicines should be made available across all Government Hospitals / Sub-Centres and Dispensaries.
State Drugs Controller, Lotika Khajuria explained the various measures taken by the department to curb misuse of these important Medicines. She also apprised all that licenses of those

Enforcement Wing of State Taxes Department imposes Rs 4.48 Lakh penalty on evaders

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: State Taxes Department on Sunday imposed Rs 4.80 lakh penalty on four vehicles within a week for not possessing proper documents required for transportation of goods.
The checking was carried out by the State Tax Officers of Enforcement wing in Samba, Rajouri and Poonch districts on the instructions of Commissioner State Tax, Rashmi Singh and under the supervision of Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Adm & Enforcement), Nitu Gupta and under close supervision of DC enforcement Samba, Sanjay Gupta and Assistant Commissioner Samba, Aijaz Qaiser.
As per the department, Deputy Commissioner Enforcement wing Samba constituted different teams headed by State Tax Officers for enforcement activities in Samba, Rajouri and Poonch districts. During the enforcement drive, one truck was intercepted at BG, Poonch carrying tobacco products without tax invoices and a penalty amounting to Rs 2.61 lakh was imposed. Another vehicle (passenger bus) carrying mobile phones without Electronic way bills (E-way bills) was intercepted at Rajouri and a penalty to the tune of Rs 1.14 lakh was imposed and two vehicles carrying Scrap without proper documents were detained at Samba and a Rs 1.04 lakh penalty was imposed and recovered.
As per the Deputy Commissioner enforcement Samba, the Department would further emphasize on the checking against the conveyances carrying goods without proper tax invoices, e-way bills etc and penalize the vehicles under section 129 of CGST Act for evading tax so as to ensure that the tax evasion practices can be stopped at the earliest. The department has imposed Rs 16 lakh penalty on the violators in the month of September, 2022 in these three districts. The inspection teams were headed by 06 STO's, Ashiq Rafiq Malik, Asia Bano, Anjali Sharma, Mohammad Naseem, Rohit Sharma and Manav Gupta, Inspectors, Sub inspectors and other officials of the State tax department.

BJP highlights Modi Govt's developments in Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: BJP Ladakh organised 'Mega Assembly' at Choglamsar in Leh to brief about Modi Sarkar's relentless developments in Ladakh and also on the upcoming plans for the overall development of Ladakh region.
The programme started with a welcome speech by District President Leh, Tashi Khachu.
BJP leaders and Executive members from Leh, Nubra, Kargil and Zaskar besides BDCs, Sarpanches, Panches, Gobas, village members; presidents/representatives of various Tsogspa from villages and head of Organizations/Unions. Hundreds of people attended the Mega Assembly which was addressed by MP Ladakh Janyang Tsering Namgyal, Chairman LAHDC Leh Adv. Tashi Gyalson, BJP State President Phumchok Stanzin and other leaders.
Speakers highlighted some of the major developments brought in Ladakh by Modi Government like fulfilling the demand of the Union Territory to Ladakh with the allotment of funds of Rs 6000 crore as



BJP District President Leh, Tashi Khachu and others at an assembly.

annual budget.
They informed recruitment drives have already started in Ladakh and very soon LAHD-SSRB Leh will notify the vacancies in consultation with all the departments.
Leaders also refuted allegations by the oppositions regarding safeguards to Ladakh and the land Act which they called as false propaganda.
Allotment of ample of funds for the Northern Grid Power Supply specially in the far-flung areas of Ladakh, presenting Private Bill in Lok Sabha to include Bhoti Language in the 8th Schedule of Indian Constituency, development in the education sector by having the University of Ladakh, Deemes to be University status to CIBS, sanctioning of Sindhu Central University and Medical & Engineering colleges were among achievements the ruling party shared with the people of Ladakh.
"Modi Sarkar with the vision of Digital India connected the uncovered and the most far-flung areas/villages of Ladakh with the rest of the world by installing ample of BSNL & Jio towers", MP Ladakh informed.
New members from different villages who voluntarily joined Bharatiya Janata Party were welcomed with Khataks by the BJP leaders on the occasion.

78th Wildlife Week 2022 concludes at Hokersar wetland

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI
SRINAGAR: Wildlife Protection Department, Wetlands Division Kashmir in collaboration with Department of School Education Kashmir organised a function to mark closing ceremony of 78th 'Wildlife Week-2022' at wetland Hokersar.
During weeklong celebrations, various events were held in almost every part of Kashmir with a theme 'Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration'; to draw attention of people to conservation of some of the most endangered species of wild fauna and flora. In a message, the officials Wildlife Protection Department have appealed to people that

there is need to create awareness among society for protection of precious Wetlands. "We are urging people not to make any contact with wild animals. In case, if anyone comes in contact with any wild animal, don't panic and just contact officials as they will deal with the situation.
It should be kept in mind that if there is any kind of provocation, there are chances of damage. Moreover, as per Wildlife Act 1971, any kind of hunting is prohibited in J&K but it has been observed that man-animal conflicts are increasing in Kashmir valley particularly in North Kashmir, resulting in killing of a number of people including little children besides

injuring several others," they added.
Moreover, as per the data, J&K wetlands shrunk have by 2372 Kanals in 10 years. The main factors responsible for the same are excessive habitat destruction, pollution, and heavy human interference. Environmental activists and admirers of nature are concerned about the declining trend as J&K is losing its 'green gold' at an alarming rate. "Wetlands offer habitat and a haven for biodiversity as well as assist in development of species resilience to safeguard it from population decrease. Due to habitat loss, pollution, excessive use of aquatic resources, tourism, and the intro-

duction of invasive exotic species along with foreign diseases and parasites, wetland biodiversity is being lost.
The usefulness of wetland ecosystems in assisting to slow and reverse biodiversity decrease must be acknowledged more widely," the report reads.
The number of wetlands added to Ramsar sites and require conservation for their resuscitation was also include Surinsar-Mansar Lakes (350 hectares), Wular Lake (18,900 hectares), Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve (802 hectares), Shalhbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve (1675 hectares), and Hokersar Wetland (1375 hectares).

DAP committed to restore statehood of J&K: Tara Chand

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The members of recently formed Central Zone Committee of Democratic Azad Party (DAP) led by former Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand on Sunday met with delegations of Chhamb and Akhnoor assembly constituencies at border village Pallanwalla to propose the names for Distt. Jammu and Central Zone Committees.
Members led by former Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand, former MLA Bahwan Singh, Senior leader and Advocate MK Bhardwaj, Corporators Gourav Chopra, Sobit Ali and Vicky Mahajan interacted with delegates of both the assembly constituencies.
Visited delegates unanimously proposed the names for Distt. Jammu and Central



Former Dy CM, Tara Chand addressing a public meeting.

Zone Committees of and Kashmir. He urged the delegates to join hands for the propagation of the policies and programmes of Azad among the common and needy persons of the State. He said that DAP will vigorously fight to ensure justice to common people. He reiterated party's commitment to restore statehood, legal job and land opportunity for people of Jammu and Kashmir.



Glimpses of Beating the Retreat ceremony conducted by Border Security Force (BSF) personnel at Octroi post on India-Pakistan border in Suchetgarh.

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