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LG announces panel...

UT administration is fully determined to make women educationally, socially and economically empowered. Efforts are also being made for training, skill development and marketing through cooperative societies and self-help groups to provide institutional support to the products of women entrepreneurs. Instructions have been issued to all departments to ensure maximum procurement through self-help groups and women entrepreneurs, he added.

The Lt Governor appreciated the work of Er. Anise Shreen and observed that she is giving back to the society by addressing various issues related to animal care and youth with a sense of purpose, sensitivity and compassion, while discharging her official duty with dedication.

The Lt Governor commended the Rajouri District administration for its efforts to provide market linkage to local artisans under the 'Vocal for Local' campaign, where-in almost a century old Chikri Woodcraft has been launched on the e-commerce platform. Such steps will empower the local handicrafts and artisans, he added.

Hari Krishan of Udhampur and Sadiq Ali of Mendhar are shining examples of true grit and new age farming. Their success stories based on diversification in agriculture are resonating amongst the farming communities of the adjoining areas, the Lt Governor further said.

The administration has made a substantial increase in the budget for the allocation of funds for agriculture and rural development and for the financial help of the farmers. Policies and programmes are being designed to bridge the gap between the rural and urban population, the Lt Governor added.

Speaking on the spellbinding offbeat destinations in Jammu division which are still largely unexplored, the Lt Governor said there is a need for enlightened citizens to help develop sustainable tourism together with the administration to tap the potential of these areas.

The Lt Governor also shared the suggestion of Radhika Mahajan from Jammu on transformative effects of Blockchain technology in the Travel industry and the need for incorporating the burgeoning technology of Blockchain in the field of Tourism and Hospitality. He directed the Tourism and IT departments to work on assessing its use in the UT.

Responding to Amir Hussain from Doda who touched upon the positive impact of the Ladli Beti Scheme in J&K and suggested the widening of district wide coverage of the scheme, the Lt Governor said UT administration is committed to 100% saturation of the schemes of Social Welfare Department and efforts are also being made to provide all the services digitally, adding that so far, more than one lakh beneficiaries have received Rs 150 crore directly into their accounts.

Appreciating the suggestion of Saima Mushtaq from Srinagar on organizing more exhibitions to promote the art and tradition of 'Kashmir handicrafts' like shawl, carpet weaving, paper mache work, chain stitching, wood carving and stone carving etc., the Lt Governor said that continuous efforts are being made to provide institutional support and participation of local artisans and craftsmen in the exhibitions being organized in the country and abroad.

The Lt Governor highlighted that under the 'Karkhandar' scheme started two years ago, 26 factory units have already been set up so that young children and girls could join this sector. Handicraft clusters are also being established with the help of Khadi and Village Industries which are working smoothly for design, marketing and up-gradation of skills, he further added.

Referring to the suggestion of Khan Aatif Abdullah from Kupwara who wrote that the best practices of water conservation must be promoted well with the help of volunteers, PRIs and other government institutions, the Lt Governor instructed Jai-Shakti and all the district administrations to run a special IEC campaign so that practices like water harvesting pits, rooftop rainwater harvesting structures, desilting, re-use are widely adopted.

The Lt Governor also complimented public representatives, concerned departments, common citizens and Panchayati Raj institutions for the construction and rejuvenation of Amrit Sarovars in record time in the UT.

Faisal Ajaz from Srinagar stressed on the need to increase awareness of the digital initiatives in the education through Block Divas, Jan Abhiyan and other mass media, who was assured by the Lt Governor that necessary instructions on the same would be issued to the concerned departments.

The Lt Governor also extended the Diwali greetings in advance and urged all to kindle the light of mutual love and brotherhood that would create a new dawn of unity in the UT.

Modi dedicates 75...

Jana Small Finance Bank opened two DBUs—one each in Bihar and Jharkhand, as per the RBI Data.

DBUs are brick-and-mortar outlets which will provide a variety of digital banking facilities to people such as opening a savings account, account balance check, printing passbook, funds transfer, fixed deposit investments, loan applications, application for credit or debit cards, and bill and tax payments among others.

DBUs will enable customers to have cost-effective, convenient access and enhanced digital experience of banking products and services all round the year. They will spread Digital Financial Literacy and special emphasis will be given to customer education on cyber security awareness and safeguards.

NGT directs J&K..

administration to pay a compensation of Rs 35 crore for the lapses.

"We fix compensation for discharge of untreated sewage in the drain at Rs 32 crore and for failure to process solid waste at Rs 3 crore. We had earlier levied interim compensation of Rs 3 crore which may be adjusted," it said, referring to its earlier order in March this year.

The remaining of Rs 32 crores be deposited by the state in a ring-fenced account to be operated as per directions of the chief secretary for restoration of the environment, which will include preventing discharge of sewage in unscientific manner in drains or otherwise and improving the water quality of the drain, the tribunal said.

It said the part of the amount may be utilised for restoration of legacy waste dump site and for remediation of the leftover legacy waste.

The NGT directed that an action taken report in pursuance of the order, particularly with reference to setting up of decentralised and centralised STPs and stopping discharges from waste discharging points to Doodhganga and Mamath Kull be filed by e-mail to the tribunal on or before April 30 next year.

The principal secretary, Urban Development, J-K may remain present in person by VC on the next date, which is on May 24 next year; it said.

Hindi MBBS textbooks...

should come out of their linguistic inferiority complex as today there is a government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and they can showcase their abilities in their language, Shah said on the occasion.

He released Hindi textbooks on Medical Biochemistry, Anatomy, and Medical Physiology.

Shah hailed PM Modi for speaking in Hindi on international platforms to send across a message to the world, which he said boosts the confidence of the young people in India.

He said in the 21st century, some forces adopted the "brain drain" theory (migration of skilled professionals), but PM Modi has changed it to the "brain gain" theory.

Shah predicted an "educational revolution" due to the restoration of pride in our languages through the New Education Policy of the Modi government which is planning to impart technical, medical, and legal studies in the country (in regional languages).

He said some people associate the usage of the English language with intellectual ability, but there is no relation between them.

Language is only a medium of expression whereas intellectual ability is a natural gift which can be improved through education, and if education is given in the mother tongue, it proves very beneficial in improving the intellectual ability, Shah said.

He said after today's launch, India will go a long way in global research and the world will come to know about the intellectual potential of Indian students.

Appealing to students, Shah said they should overcome the "linguistic inferiority complex.

Terming it an important day in history, Shah said Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to start the MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) course in Hindi.

"This day will be written in history in golden letters," Shah said.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who is behind the Hindi initiative, and Medical Education Minister Vishvas Sarang were also present.

Shah said he feels proud that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Madhya Pradesh has fulfilled the dream of PM Modi by launching medical studies in Hindi.

"This moment marks the revival of the education sector in the country and I thank the prime minister for it," he added.

Shah said the work is underway to start technical and medical education in eight other languages in the country.

The MBBS course in Hindi was launched as part of the NEP and soon it will be started in other languages also, he said.

Now, students of the country will not have any inferiority complex about not knowing the English language and they can study with pride in their language, the union home minister said.

"Modiji has called for imparting medical and engineering education in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Gujarati, Bengali and other languages. I feel proud that Madhya Pradesh, led by Chouhan, has become the first state to start medical education in Hindi," he said.

Shah said earlier there were 387 medical colleges in the country having a total of 51,000 seats. Now, the nation under the leadership of the prime minister has 596 medical colleges with an additional 89,000 seats.

The country earlier had 16 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the number has now gone up to 23, the number of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) has increased from 13 to 20, the number of universities from 723 to 1,043 and of the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIIT) from nine to 25, he said.

Similarly, the number of other national-level institutes has also increased substantially, he said.

Shah praised CM Chouhan and minister Sarang for taking the lead in the country in starting the MBBS course in Hindi.

Sarang, the driving force behind the move, said a team of 97 doctors prepared these textbooks in a mission mode.

Chouhan said these textbooks have technical terms written in Hindi the way they are pronounced in English. For example, 'kidney' is written as kidney only.

The chief minister said students from rural areas who were unable to get medical education because of the lack of knowledge of English will not lag and will be able to pursue the MBBS course in Hindi.

Medical education in...

Shah on Sunday released textbooks for three subjects in Hindi for MBBS students as part of an ambitious project of the Madhya Pradesh government to impart medical education in Hindi language.

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India taking action...

data owner is used and used for that specific purpose for which the consent is given, she said. There is a high level of monitoring in this, particularly in the banking sector; which I closely monitor. Even in the account aggregator where we came across some kind of misuse by some outsourced elements, we have clamped down severely, Sitharaman said.

You would have heard of the arrests of some people who misused these kinds of data apps for lending money. Particularly in Andhra and Telangana, we arrested a

lot of nationals from one country who were misusing the data," she said, apparently referring to many Chinese citizens.

"So action is happening equally; preventive steps happening equally. But of course, that has to be kept up, she said.

Azad calls for...

problems. We will try to work out a strong front to provide good governance to the people," Azad said.

He said the economy of Jammu and Kashmir is at the brink of collapse. "There is no sector -- be it tourism, horticulture, transport, or trade -- that has not suffered losses in the past two years," he said, adding that thousands of unemployed educated youth are waiting for job openings.

"The situation has become much worse as the industrial sector, which is supposed to absorb the unemployed youths, continues to struggle," he said.

India will give...

if any attempt is made to disrupt peace and harmony in the country, a befitting reply will be given," he said.

The defence minister noted that bolstering the security apparatus by equipping the armed forces with indigenous state-of-the-art weapons is the top priority of the government.

He also urged the citizens to contribute to nation-building by transcending sectarian barriers and imbibing the qualities of national pride and patriotism, found in abundance in every Indian soldier and freedom fighter, according to the defence ministry.

The event, "Shaheedon ko Salaam", was organised by an NGO named "Maruti Veer Jawan Trust".

Singh said the armed forces personnel, rising above the barriers of region, religion, caste and language, serve the nation selflessly and protect people from various kinds of threats, the same way the "revolutionary" freedom fighters laid down their lives for the country's independence.

"It is the duty of every citizen to carry forward the ideals and resolutions of our freedom fighters and soldiers, protect the unity, integrity and sovereignty of our nation and play their part in building a strong, prosperous and self-reliant 'New India'," he said.

Singh further said India has never tried to hurt any country, but a befitting reply will be given if anyone tries to cast an evil eye on it.

Terming the support to the family members of the fallen heroes a national responsibility, the defence minister asserted that the government is committed to ensuring the welfare of the next of kin of the serving as well as the retired security forces personnel.

He described the family as the biggest strength and support system of a soldier and said the government is leaving no stone unturned to strengthen that support system.

"During my stint as the home minister, the 'Bharat Ke Veer' fund was one of the major decisions taken to support the families of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) jawans and officers," Singh said.

"Recently, the Ministry of Defence launched the 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' website to enable people to contribute more to the armed forces Battle Casualties Fund," he said. The defence minister said the induction of "Made-in-India" ships and other equipment reflects the resolve to achieve complete 'aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) in the defence sector soon.

Rajinder, Billawaria to...

held through the ballot paper system of polling on October 21 while the nominations would be filed on October 17.

Currently, there are 73 corporators in the 75 member Jammu Municipal Corporation as two of them, independent Vijay Choudhary and BJP's Raj Rani, have passed away. BJP has 44 corporators followed by 14 independents and 13 Congress corporators.

Movement focussing on...

said, an inter-disciplinary approach has been introduced in the UT which will help students to compete with their counterparts from other parts of the country.

KP killing in...

it was informed that the aim of holding this Peace Rally cum Candle March was to condemn the innocent killing in Kashmir and to express sympathy and solidarity with victim family of Shopian minority community.

Slogans like "Stop Innocent Killing" and "Stop Terrorism in Kashmir" were written on banners from elected PRIs and senior citizens of Kupwara district.

Meanwhile, peaceful demonstrations in form of candle light marches were held tonight across Bandipora district against killing of Puran Krishan Bhat, a resident of Shopian.

These demonstrations were held in all three major towns of Bandipora, Sumbal and Gurez.

Number of persons including civil society members, traders associations and others participated in the Evening marches.

The participants raised slogans against the civilian killing and expressed solidarity with the family of the victim.

Later the participants held candle marches at Bandipora, Sumbal and Gurez along prominent chowks of the respective towns.

Peaceful demonstration and candlelight March was also held tonight in Shopian district against the killing of Puran Krishan Bhat, a resident of the district.

The demonstration were held in Main town Shopian which saw participation of hundreds of general public of the district.

General public who participated in the long candle light march across the Town shouted slogans against the innocent civilian Killing and showed solidarity with the family of the victim.

SSP Poonch holds crime review meeting



SSP Poonch, Rohit Baskotra chairing a meeting.

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POONCH: Rohit Baskotra, SSP Poonch chaired a crime review meeting in Conference Hall DPO Poonch which was attended by Mushim Ahmad-Addl.SSP Poonch, Manish Kumar Dy:SP Ops. Poonch, Nawaz Ahmed Dy:SP Hqs Poonch, Tanveer Ahmed Dy:SP PC Surankote, Sheezan Bhatt SDPO Mendhar, Ankush Sharma Sr:PO (ADO) DPO Poonch, all SHOs, Incharge Police Components and other officers of the district.

During the meetings, cases registered under UAPA, NDPS, heinous crimes, crime against women were discussed thread bare and stress was laid to make rigorous efforts in finalization of investigation in such cases on merits within stipulated time, also it is enjoined upon all investigating officers of special reported cases and heinous cases to follow all laid down procedure while investigating such cases The participants were also asked to gear up the investiga-

torial/supervisory officers were also directed by the chair to enhance the security apparatus around vital installations, minority pockets and religious places etc and carry out area domination exercises on a regular basis besides regular contact with citizens by means of Thana divas, PCPG meetings. In the run to Nasha Mukht Bharat all efforts to be put to identify all drug peddlers, suppliers , consumers and action against suppliers and peddlers as per law to be initiated besides counseling and rehabilitation of person who has fallen into it.Measures for regulation of smooth flow of traffic on Mughal road was also discussed in details so that least inconvenience is caused to citizens .

Govt starts SRTC Bus service from Jammu to Haridwar daily: JYBT

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JAMMU: Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust (JYBT) informed the members of the Trust in particular and public in general that on the persist demand of the Jammuites, the issue for launching of SRTC Bus service from Jammu to Haridwar and vice-versa has been taken up with the authority of State Road Transport Corporation, Jammu.

The competent authority of State Road Transport Corporation was kind in considering the request made by the JYBT and has launched daily Bus Service between

Jammu and Haridwar from October 13, 2022.

On this occasion, Pawan Kumar Shastri, President of the Trust along with all the Trustees Gurdas Sharma, General Secretary, Ram Langer, Trustee/Treasurer and Jatinder Aggarwal, Trustee and Working Committee Members of the Trust, while appreciating the decision of the SRTC authority, have said that facility being extended to the Jammuites will facilitate the pilgrims from Jammu who intends to visit Haridwar for taking Holy dip in Holy Ganga and also for the aggrieved fam-

RBPS Jammu organises multi-lingual Kavi Goshthi

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JAMMU: Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti (RBPS) Jammu organized multi-lingual Kavi Goshthi at KL Saigal Hall, here Jammu in which prominent poets and poetesses from Hindi, Dogri, Urdu and Punjabi languages recited their poetry.

The programme started with Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Secretary RBPS Jammu. He said that promoting our Rashttrabhasha Hindi is our duty but regional languages should also be given due recognition and for the same their organization conducts multi lingual programs quite often.

He assured that the organization will continue organizing literary meets thus providing

platforms to aspiring talents in future also. Pritpal Singh Betab, eminent Urdu poet, while presiding over the function, said that the multi lingual kavi Goshthi offer an opportunity for the participants as well as literary lovers to enjoy poetry written in different languages.

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Dignitaries during the programme in Jammu.

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Prof. Raj Kumar, well known Hindi writer, who was Guest of Honour, was full of praise for Samiti for organizing such literary events that give an opportunity to litterateurs to sit together and have creative literary interaction. Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn, Additional Secretary Jammu

& Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages hoped that with new KL Saigal Hall available to literary organizations now, the literary activities will increase. Those poets and poetesses who participated in Kavi Goshthi include Krishan Sharma, Sanjeev Bhasin, Swami Antar-Neerav, Uma Sharma, Sudhir Mahajan, Dr. Aruna Sharma, Harjeet Singh Uppal, Suman Pal, Kalpana Mahajan, Jang Verman, Rakesh Abrol, Jitender Pal Singh, Dr. Javid Rahi, Neelam Verma and Kiran Deep Singh.

The Kavi Goshthi was conducted by Prof. Sanjay Singh Samyal and vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma.

Assistant Professor from JU features in list of top 2 pc scientists in world

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JAMMU: Stanford University recently released a list of top 2% scientists in the world. Among various researchers from India, Dr. Sandeep Arya, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, University of Jammu, has also been named in the prestigious list of single recent year dataset. He is the only researcher from Jammu University that has been featured in the list.

Dr. Sandeep Arya is working in the field of applied physics.

His work is focused on the development of electrochemical sensors, colorimetric sensors, supercapacitors, energy storage devices, etc.

He has published more than 100 research articles, many of which are published in journals with good impact factors.He is also a member of the editorial boards of numerous prestigious journals and a recipient of National Fellowships and government-funded research initiatives.

PNBMT pays homage to Harji Lal Jad

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JAMMU: Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust (PNBMT) on Sunday organised a to pay homage to Harji Lal Jad, a senior leader of Kashmiri Pandits from Anantnag who passed away recently in Delhi.

The function was attended by a large number of intellectuals and members of KP community including the family members of Late Harji Lal Jad.

Noted writer and Padamshri Awardee K.N Pandita was the Chief Guest on the occasion and the function was presided over by Prof. A.N Sadhu.

The speakers highlighted the role played by the late leader as the President of the Anantnag Prabandhak Committee and many other organisations in furthering the cause of the Kashmiri Pandits and the prevailing of the nationalist opinion in Kashmir and outside after the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from Valley.

KN Pandita said that the contributions of the late Sh. Harji Lal Jad need to be documented for the posterity and a comittee in this regard would be framed shortly.

Prof. A. N. Sadhu urged upon the younger generations to emulate his courage and character. Chairman of the trust B. L. Zar presented the vote of thanks. Programme was conducted by H.L Bhat.

