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Effective social security...

the sanction letters and medical aids to the beneficiaries and also enquired about the seamless access to the benefits under various other social welfare schemes.

Beneficiaries shared their views on the simplified process for extension of benefits under Social Security Schemes.

Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Athar Amir Khan, Commissioner SMC; Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, senior officers and beneficiaries were present.

Israel urges India...

us in our counter-terror operations," he said.

The latest conflict has been triggered by the unprecedented and multi-pronged attacks against Israel by Hamas militants from Gaza on October 7. Israel launched a massive counter offensive in Gaza to avenge the attacks.

"For Israel, it is a war to survive in the Middle East," Gilon said, asserting that Israel is determined to destroy Hamas.

He said the purpose of the Israeli action against Hamas is to ensure that the brutality that was perpetrated by the organisation is not repeated.

'India to resume...

as it is being done currently," it said, adding that further decisions, as appropriate, would be intimated based on continuing evaluation of the situation.

The move came days after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Sunday that India is looking at resuming visa services for Canadians "very soon" if it sees progress in the safety of its diplomats in Canada.

Jaishankar had said that the primary reason behind India temporarily stopping the visa services a few weeks ago was the concern over the safety and security of its diplomats in Canada and that Ottawa's inability to provide a secure environment to the Indian officials challenges the most fundamental aspect of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

His remarks came days after Canada pulled out 41 of its diplomats from India.

Tensions flared between India and Canada last month following Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's explosive allegations of the "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on June 18 in British Columbia. India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020. India rejected Trudeau's allegations as "absurd" and "motivated". Days later, it announced temporarily suspending issuance of visas to Canadian citizens and asked Ottawa to downsize its diplomatic presence in India.

India had also asked Canada to come down hard on terrorists and anti-India elements operating from its soil and suspended visa services for Canadians.

BRO achieves breakthrough...

spokesperson said.

Additionally, he said this tunnel will play a vital role in enhancing strategic connectivity for the armed forces, enabling smoother and more expedient movement from Jammu to Poonch.

"The BRO is committed to the timely and successful execution of all projects undertaken, and this achievement is a testament to its dedication to improving transportation infrastructure and serving the nation," the spokesperson said.

Modi reviews progress...

for projects. He said all the stakeholders executing projects in high population-density urban areas may appoint nodal officers and form teams for better coordination.

For irrigation projects, he advised that visits of stakeholders be organised where successful rehabilitation and reconstruction work has been done, the statement said.

The transformational impact of such projects may also be shown. This may motivate the stakeholders for the early execution of projects, it added.

During the interaction, he also reviewed 'Mobile Towers and 4G Coverage under USOF Projects'.

Under the Universal service obligation fund (USOF), 33,573 villages with 24,149 mobile towers are to be covered for saturation of mobile connectivity.

Modi asked officials to ensure setting up of mobile towers in all uncovered villages within this financial year with regular meetings with all stakeholders. This will ensure saturation of mobile coverage in the remotest of the areas.

Up to the 43rd edition of PRAGATI meetings, 348 projects having a total cost of Rs 17.36 lakh crore have been reviewed, the statement said.

Judges have to...

the method of filing a civil writ petition was invented and it was done to avoid the roster judge who had not granted interim relief.

"This is a classic case of forum hunting by the second to fourth respondents," the bench observed, adding, "Thus, this is a case of gross abuse of process of law."

It noted in the roster notified by the chief justice, there was a separate roster for criminal writ petitions.

"If the courts allow such sharp practices, the roster notified by the chief justice will have no meaning. The judges have to follow discipline and ought not to take up any case unless it is specifically assigned by the chief justice," the bench said in its October 16 verdict.

It said a judge can take up a case provided either the cases of that category have been assigned to him as per the notified roster or the particular case was specifically assigned by the chief justice.

"Though a civil writ petition was filed, the judge ought to have converted into a criminal writ petition which could have been placed only before the roster judge taking up criminal writ petitions," the top court said.

The bench said it was sure that this conduct of the three litigants will be considered by the concerned court taking up petitions under section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) seeking quashing of the FIRs.

"This is a fit case where the second to fourth respondents must be saddled with costs. We quantify the costs amount at Rs 50,000," it said, adding, they would pay the cost to the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority within a month.

While allowing the appeal, the bench held that action of filing the civil writ petition was nothing but a "gross abuse of process of law" and it was a classic case of forum hunting.

"We direct the registrar (judicial) of the Rajasthan High Court to place a copy of this order in all eight petitions under section 482 of CrPC filed by the second to fourth respondents for quashing First Information Reports," it said.

Man arrested for...

the crime and revealed that he had a relationship with the deceased's wife, the spokesperson said, adding the accused had a scuffle with him on October 22 at his residence. The spokesperson further said that the weapon used in the crime was also recovered.

NCERT panel recommends...

of India". Later, the nameplate of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the summit in New Delhi also read "Bharat", instead of India.

Isaac said the committee has also recommended highlighting "Hindu victories" in various battles in the textbooks.

"Our failures are presently mentioned in the textbooks. But our victories over the Mughals and sultans are not," said Isaac, who is also a member of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).

"The British had divided Indian history into three phases -- ancient, medieval and modern -- showing India in darkness, unaware of scientific knowledge and progress. Therefore, we have suggested that the classical period of Indian history be taught in schools, along with the medieval and modern periods," he added. The NCERT is revising the curriculum of the school textbooks in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The council recently constituted a 19-member National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC) to finalise the curriculum, textbooks and learning material for these classes. "The committee has also recommended the introduction of the Indian Knowledge System in the curriculum of all subjects," Isaac said.

Isaac has been closely associated with Sangh Parivar organisations for decades and has also served as the vice-president of right-wing think-tank Bharatheeya Vichara Kendram. He worked as a professor of history at the CMS College in Kerala's Kottayam and was later appointed as a member of the ICHR. Other members of the committee include ICHR Chairperson Raghuvendra Tanwar, Vandana Mishra, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Vasant Shinde, former vice-chancellor of the Deccan College Deemed University, and Mamta Yadav, who teaches sociology in a Haryana government school.

The panel chaired by Isaac is among the 25 committees formed by the NCERT in December 2021 to prepare position papers on various subjects and themes. Likewise, the states have also constituted 25 groups each on the same subjects and themes to send inputs to the NCERT as part of the new curriculum and textbook development exercise. The recommendation of the panel invited criticism from the opposition parties. "It shows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fear of the INDIA opposition bloc. His alliance partners are leaving him. Instead of changing names, efforts should be made to focus on issues of unemployment, inflation and corruption," Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Priyanka Kakkar said. DMK spokesperson Saravanan Annadurai said, "The BJP is restoring to name-changing politics to divert the attention of people from its misdeeds and maladministration." Congress general secretary K C Venugopal said, "They are suggesting so many things. You can see how they are distorting the history of India through textbooks, syllabi and everything.... For us, India and Bharat are equal." Congress leader Jignesh Mevani said the move amounted to showing disrespect to the Constitution, in which "India, that is, Bharat" is written. "Both words can be used interchangeably," he said.

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP Manoj Jha alleged that it was a hysterical reaction of the BJP regime since the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) has been formed. "Will they change the name of the country to Jambudweep or something else if the INDIA bloc changes its name to BHARAT?" he asked.

Jammu gets a...

and flyovers at 16 places in the city.

Besides animals, birds, nature, landscapes, and pictures, the artworks also focus on spirituality and religion with paintings depicting Hindu deities, yogic poses, meditation, nationalism, and the region's heritage, another artist Vijay said. These wall paintings not only add to the beauty of Jammu but also create a lasting impression on the thousands of people, mostly pilgrims and tourists who pass through the city to reach the cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi, he added.

LFO-BHF leads 'Save River Tawi' campaign



NGO members during the cleanliness drive.

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JAMMU: The Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF), an NGO, in collaboration with the Jammu Municipal Corporation, supported by Govt. College of Education, NSS Unit - 1 of GGM Science College, and N.S.S Govt. College for Women, Parade embarked on a mission to protect and preserve the pristine water of River Tawi.

The "Save River Tawi Campaign," a two-day initiative, unfolded on the auspicious occasion of Durga Ashtami and Maha Navami at

Tawi Ghat, Bikram Chowk.

The primary objective of the campaign was to segregate waste into biodegradable and non-biodegradable categories. This process aimed to allow only 'Holy Saakh' to be gently immersed into the river along with limited bio-degradable items while the non-biodegradable waste was collected for proper disposal and recycling by the Jammu Municipal Corporation. The meticulous execution of this plan resulted in the collection of approximately 320 kilograms of non-biodegradable waste.

Vivek Parihar, CEO &

Founder of LFO-BHF, expressed his gratitude to all the volunteers, partner organizations and the local community for their unwavering support.

He emphasized that initiatives like the "Save River Tawi Campaign" reflect the NGO's commitment to fostering positive change and creating a cleaner, more sustainable environment for future generations.

On speaking with Ritik, Secretary & Domain Incharge of Environment (Jammu Province) said "The success of this campaign demonstrates that with dedication and collaboration, we can address environmental challenges and make a difference. LFO-BHF looks forward to continuing its efforts to protect our environment and nurture a spirit of togetherness and responsibility".

Volunteers present on the occasion were Vishal, Sachin, Aamir, Shubam, Abhishek Gupta, Abhishek Raina, Navya and Vidit.

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JAMMU: "For the patients suffering from complex urological cancers, the world's most advanced 4th Generation Robot - Da Vinci Xi is a new ray of hope as the robot-aided surgery not only has more success rate but also helps patients with less blood wastage, less pain, less scars and immediate recovery. With the help of newer technologies, we are now able to remove only the tumour and save the kidney in most of the cases", said Dr Dharmender Aggarwal, Consultant, Urology, Uro-Oncology and Robotic Surgery at Fortis Hospital Mohali.

Dr Aggarwal, who has undergone training in complex cancer surgeries and robot-aided Surgery from London and has performed



Dr Dharmender Aggarwal, Consultant, Urology, Uro-Oncology and Robotic Surgery, Fortis Hospital Mohali briefing media in Jammu.

more than 550 robotic surgeries cases till now, added that compared to the usual stay of 12-14 days in an open surgery, robot-aided surgery allows a patient to walk on the same day of the procedure.

"Robot-aided surgery is the latest form of minimal invasive surgery and provides a 3D view of the operative field

via a special camera inserted into the body of the patient. Parts of the body which are difficult to reach with the human hand can be accessed through robot-assisted arms that can rotate 360 degrees, he said,

While citing stories of successful treatment and saving lives of the patients, Dr

Aggarwal said, "A 22-year-old patient had been experiencing blood in his urine (hematuria) along with intermittent abdominal pain from quite some time. Medical examinations revealed a large renal mass (8 cm) in his left kidney and the patient was advised to undergo a surgery for removal of the entire left kidney. The case was complex as the renal lesion had not only invaded more than half of his kidney, but was also closely attached to major blood vessels. Robot-aided surgery was advised and performed by the team of doctors. The tumour was not only removed completely, but the large kidney lesion was extracted and the remaining kidney was saved. The patient had a smooth, post-operative recovery and start-

ed walking within eight hours of the surgery."

In another case, a 62-year-old patient had been experiencing blood in his urine (hematuria) when medical examination revealed a large tumour (7cm) in his urinary bladder, which was invading into its muscles. Following a thorough examination, Dr Aggarwal and his team performed Robot-assisted Radical Cystectomy (extract the entire bladder and nearby lymph nodes). The Patient's entire urinary bladder was removed, ureters were joined to a segment of the small bowel, and a new channel was created to pass urine in the Stoma Bag. The Patient started walking within 10 hours of the surgery and he has recovered fully and is living a cancer-free life now.

Advanced precision surgery for breast lump performed in Jammu: a new hope for patients

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JAMMU: Dr. Vikas Heer and Dr. Paras Khanna, leading Surgical oncologists associated with Aashnaa Oncology Association (AOA) performed an innovative and precise surgical procedure (Wire guided lumpectomy) for a 31 year old patient with occult breast lump at JK MediCity.

This patient from Jammu had previously undergone treatment for carcinoma in her left breast two years ago in which her entire left breast was removed (mastectomy). As part of her regular follow-ups, ultrasound of her right breast showed a suspicious lesion measuring 6mm. This lesion was not palpable clinically presenting a unique challenge as it was classified as an occult lesion.

Dr. Heer explained that wire-guided lumpectomy is a

globally recommended and precise surgical technique. Before the surgery Dr. Sohan Lal Sharma, senior consultant radiologist, carried out the wire localization of the tumor by expertly placing a medical grade thin wire in the tumor under ultrasound guidance. The wire guided lumpectomy specimen was subjected to mammography post surgery to verify complete removal of the wire localized tumor. The patient was safely discharged on the same day, marking a swift recovery and attesting the excellence of the anaesthesia team led by Dr Jameel Hussain.

Dr. Vikas Heer, an accomplished surgical oncologist with training from the National Cancer Cancer South Korea and Tata Medical Centre is specifically trained in Breast and Gynaecology. He also noted that this surgical success marks the seventh case of its kind in the last year, underscoring AOA's commitment to pioneering healthcare in the region.

Dr. Paras Khanna and Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, the founder of Aashna Oncology Association, expressed their satisfaction with the successful surgery.

Bhagwan Valmiki portrays true inclusiveness and oneness of all beings: Ashok Koul

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JAMMU: Bhagwan Valmiki portrays true inclusiveness and oneness of all beings, a typical representation of 'Bharatiya Samaj' through all his teachings. His teachings teach us the principles like 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' i.e. World is One Family', Samrasta, which forms the very basic and fundamental structure of 'Bharatiya Samaj'. Ashok Koul, General Secretary (org), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir and Neelam Langeh, former MLA & President SC Moreha, J&K BJP flagged off Bhagwan Valmiki Shobha Yatra, on Wednesday, from Valmiki Mandir, opposite Shri Ram Palace, Dogra Hall, Jammu. Ashok Koul, while speaking to the media persons on the occasion, said that the Prakashotsava of Bhagwan Valmiki will be celebrated by the whole Bharat especially Valmiki Samaj in a few days. He said that to mark the occasion, the Mandir Samiti while remembering the unparalleled works of Valmiki ji for the society is taking out a Shobha Yatra of Bhagwan Valmiki. Koul shared that in Treta Yuga, Ramayana was com-



Ashok Koul, General Secretary (org), BJP and others during the Shobha Yatra.

posed by Bhagwan Valmiki ji who was a great saint, a poet and intellectual. He was the one where Mata Sita took shelter during her exile. Maharishi Valmiki was the Guru of Lav and Kush.

Vijay Anand Gill, Adrash Jathiar, Surinder Bhagat, Seema, Chaman Angral,

Rajkumar, Raj Shivgotra, Hans Raj Loria, Mohinder, Rakesh Dev and Mandir Committee members Ajeet Gill, Love, Bharat Hans, Suresh Kumar, Jung Bhadur, Lucky Chida and others were amongst the prominent persons who participated in the Shobha Yatra.

UT Foundation Day: DIPR organizes Nukkad Natak at Ghanta Ghar

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SRINAGAR: As part of the week-long celebrations to mark the UT Foundation Day on 31st October, the Cultural Unit Kashmir of the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) organized a Nukkad Natak and Ladishah (traditional storytelling) at the historic Ghanta Ghar in Lalchowk on Wednesday.

The theme of the Nukkad Natak was "Badalta Khilta Jammu Kashmir" (Changing and Blooming Jammu Kashmir). The performance highlighted the various developmental initiatives taken by the government in Jammu and Kashmir since the reorganisation of J&K as a UT, especially the record-making digitization of government services.

Artists from the Shaahkar Cultural Society and Tulkul Arts Collective performed at the event. The highlight of the evening was the Ladishah performance by Rayees Wathori.

Two persons go missing

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JAMMU : A man identified as Kiker Singh son of late Govind Singh, resident of village Deoli, Tehsil Sunderbani, district Rajouri went missing on 23rd October, 2023. His son Sachin Dev Singh has submitted a written complaint in the Police Station Bahu Fort, Jammu and the missing report has been registered on 24th October,2023.

According to his particulars, he was 50 years of age, having fair complexion with height as 172.72 cm. Any person knowing his whereabouts or coming across to him, may inform the Police Station Bahu Fort or at Mobile Nos 9622263977, 6006724932.

Meanwhile, 27 years Sunil Singh, son of Bodh Raj, resident of village Hartyan (Amba Lehard) went missing as he didn't came back. It was disclosed that youth was working with a private Transport company as a labourer at Ambala for last two months. In case anyone have any information may please contact Udampur police and on Mob No. 9797334806, 9541130889 shall be suitably awarded.

Theft at shop, goods stolen

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JAMMU: A theft has been occurred in a shop situated at Kachi Chawni area.

As per details,

Rajneesh

Gupta, son of

Jugal Kishore

Gupta, H.No

399/B Bakshi

Nagar lodged

a complaint

with Pacca

Danga police

that a theft

has occurred

in his shop situated

at K a c c h i

Chawni opposite

to old

BJP office.

The thieves

have broke the wall of the shop and have decamped with six printers, five desktops, three

LEDs, DVR with cameras, Photostat machine, lamination machine, four still cameras, cash

and many others. Police has registered a case for investigation.

