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Upliftment of marginalised...

empowerment of all irrespective of religion, caste and community. For many decades, several opportunists betrayed the minorities in the name of religion and used them only as vote banks, the Lt Governor said.

Today, following the Mantra of Prime Minister's Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, the all-round development of minorities at the unprecedented speed and scale is a source of inspiration for the whole world, he added.

The Lt Governor urged the people to encourage social equality and discourage vote bank politics and need to focus on development, to fulfill their aspirations and prepare a better future for the young generation.

He called upon every section of the society to identify and isolate the divisive elements who are posing threat to peace and harmony.

Building a healthy community is possible only when every household is strong and prosperous. And this can become a reality, when the people start boycotting the elements that incite public sentiments and create divisions in the society and harm our social fabric, he said.

National integration and peace is an important prerequisite for development and progress of the society. It is our collective responsibility to promote the spirit of unity in diversity, the Lt Governor added.

Sufi Scholars and Religious leaders from different parts of the country also spoke on the occasion and shared their views on the collective role of every community in building a progressive society and realizing the vision of Developed India.

Satnam Singh Sandhu, President Indian Minorities Foundation, announced scholarships for students from Kashmir.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor felicitated the Sufi Scholars and Religious leaders including Syed Kalbe Rushaid Rizvi, Haji Syed Salman Chisty, Abdul Rehman Khadim and the representatives of NGOs- We the Helping Hand Foundation, South Asia Centre for Peace and People Empowerment and Kashmir Speaks.

Representatives of Sufi Islamic Board, NGOs, prominent citizens and a large number of people were also present.

Charge-sheet filed...

that Dogra made to him a false promise that he would get him a loan of Rs 25 lakh under the Kisan Resource Centre Scheme and Rs 15 lakh under a scheme meant for NGOs. He said that in case he fails to get these loans sanctioned then he would help him get a government job against monetary considerations, police said.

Prima facie, it was established that the allegations against Dogra were true and case against him was filed, the spokesman said.

During investigation, it was found that Dogra lured and duped several other people making similar promises. The authorities did not reveal how much money Dogra charged Parma Nand and his other victims for facilitating these loans that never came.

BSF lodges strong...

across the border on October 17.

The incident in this sector was the first violation of the February 25, 2021 renewed ceasefire along Jammu and Kashmir borders between India and Pakistan.

Besides the two ceasefire violations, a group of people escorted by Pakistan Rangers also came close to the International Border on October 21 following which BSF troops fired a couple of warning shots to drive them away.

The back-to-back ceasefire violations by Pakistan without any provocation have caused panic among the border residents who had to flee their homes amid intense shelling on Thursday night. The BSF has retaliated to the Pakistani shelling in a befitting manner.

J&K ABDM begins...

J&K at abdmjk.in. The National Health Authority is working on integrating the UPI Payment Gateways within the ABDM Ecosystem to enable the citizens to pay the hospital fees/charges, wherever applicable online.

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ecosystem shall subsequently integrate all the health records of the citizen in a vertical health repository which shall be governed through a consent manager. This will enable storage of health records of the citizens and sharing the same with the health provider through proper consent based mechanism. The health data shall not be stored with the government but in a federated structure to be shared through various platforms including government and private healthcare institutions across the country.

The envisaged digital healthcare delivery model shall ensure a paperless, seamless, transparent and accountable healthcare system in the country through a network of verified healthcare facilities on the Health Facility Registry (HFR) of the ABDM and verified Healthcare Professionals under the Health Professionals Registry (HPR). Creation of a 14-digit unique health identity ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) shall be necessary to be created by the citizens in order to be a part of the ABDM ecosystem which will be the first step of the citizens towards a digital healthcare journey.

Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, while launching this

facility, has reiterated that Ayushman Bharat digital health structure in J&K is anticipated to bring ease to patients and their attendants in smooth delivery of healthcare at the healthcare institutions across J&K.

Meanwhile, Additional Mission Director ABDM, J&K, Shafqat Khan, stated that the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission has been implemented in 117 healthcare institutions across the state and shall shortly be covering 576 health institutions where the required HMIS software (E-Sahaj) shall be installed and operations for gathering electronic medical records shall be initiated right from the Primary Healthcare Center/Health and Wellness Centre, to the Tertiary Care Hospital levels. Besides, 100 % of government health facilities have already been registered, 82% of the public healthcare professionals, including doctors and nurses, have also been registered and the process of registering private healthcare facilities is going on at a fast pace.

CS reiterates LG...

nearly same expenditure. The Chief Secretary remarked that IT interventions have brought about immense transparency where all details of projects and services are being put in public domain. Through RTI and Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), citizens who seek their rights, have been empowered, as guaranteed under law. The accessibility of people to project their grievances before senior functionaries and their timely disposals have been greatly facilitated through IGRAMS and JKGRAMS portals.

The Chief Secretary asked the Incharge Secretaries of the districts to intensively monitor the activities carried out under the Vigilance Awareness Week and sensitize the public about its importance during the public darbars they would hold in their concerned districts. He asked them to encourage the public to avail all the services right from their homes using digital platforms or DigiDost facility for removing the chances of corruption.

He directed that the week long events should be divided into thematic areas involving different social groups. He asked for giving opportunity to each of the strata in the social mileau to get heard and inform them about the measures taken against corruption. He advised to dedicate the first day of the week to the guidelines issued by the CVC under 'Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation' theme. He then told to dedicate other days to common citizens, well-meaning social activists, students, NGOs, Welfare organisations and others for taking their suggestions and their role for weeding out corruption from J&K.

Dr. Mehta further advised the Deputy Commissioners to fully involve all representatives of Urban and Rural Local Bodies in this intensive campaign against corruption. He asked them to ensure that at the end of the week no complaint received till date should remain unattended and should be resolved upto the full satisfaction of the citizen complainant.

Earlier, Commissioner/Secretary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma gave an overview of the activities planned during this week from 30th October to 5th of November, 2023. He informed about the activities and guidelines issued by the Central Vigilance Commission regarding this week. He made out that all employees are going to take the integrity pledges during this week besides highlighting the importance of Public Interest Disclosure & Protection of Informer Resolution, 2004 (PIDPI).

He revealed that thousands of camps are going to be held across the districts of the UT right from Panchayat level to raise awareness among the citizens to fight and root out this menace from the UT.

CEO FSSAI calls...

During the meeting, detailed discussions on enforcement of laws governing implementation of prescribed rules of FSSAI were held. The meeting also deliberated on maintaining continuous surveillance on the street food, in order to prevent food adulteration and enhance food safety.

On the sidelines of the meeting, Executive Director, FSSAI highlighted that the meeting was held with an aim to discuss on improving food safety standards in the country and ensuring proper hygiene of food items throughout the country. She also stressed upon the participants for creating maximum awareness among the public regarding FSSAI mark on all food packets.

Div Com, IGP...

Chak and assessed the losses caused by the shelling. The Div Com instructed Deputy Commissioner Jammu to provide relief to the victims after thorough assessment of the losses.

The Div Com and IGP interacted with PRI members and border residents at Bhulla Chak and Treva. They enquired about the developmental requirements and other issues faced by the border people.

The people highlighted several issues including requirement of additional bunkers, early completion of ongoing development works, construction of bridges and check on encroachment of water bodies and other related issues.

After a patient hearing, the Div Com and IGP instructed Deputy Commissioner Jammu to personally follow the issues raised by the border people and resolve the same in a time bound manner.

The Div Com assured locals that the government is committed to provide every possible support to border people.

Army jawan arrested...

was taken into custody and confessed to his involvement in the murder, the official

said, adding Singh is a serving Army personnel and was visiting home on leave.

He said the motive behind the murder was not known immediately.

The body of the woman was handed over to her kin for the last rites after completion of legal formalities, the official said.

Justice Tashi Rabstan...

Rabstan directed the authorities to speed up the process of technical formalities concerning the construction of new court complex.

Principal District and Sessions Judge Jammu, Sanjay Parihar earlier welcomed Justice Tashi Rabstan and briefed him about various steps taken to augment judicial infrastructure in the district.

Munsif Bishnah, ADC Jammu, SE PWD, President Bar Association Bishnah and other stakeholders were also present on the occasion.

Later, Justice Tashi Rabstan also inspected existing court complex and reviewed ongoing renovation works. He also held a brief interaction with members of Bar.

Govt boosted employment...

been given appointment letters so far.

"Rozgar Mela underscores our government's commitment to the youth," he said, addressing the recruits through a virtual event.

"Today, India is equipping its youth with skills and education to harness emerging opportunities. India's trajectory and the pace of its progress are generating new employment prospects across all sectors," he said.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also Incharge DoPT, in his welcome remarks, said women recruitment has doubled since 2014 in government jobs at different levels.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, "Compared to just around 6-6.25% fresh Women recruitments in the years preceding 2014, their numbers have more than doubled to 12-13% in the last more than nine years of Prime Minister Modi".

The Minister said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has empowered the Nari Shakti in every sector. He said, a unique feature of the 10th Rozgar Mela is that Women represent 21% of more than 50,000 fresh appointees. Overall, out of the over 6.48 lakh appointees in the ten Rozgar Melas held during the last one year, more than 1.1 lakh are Women employees, representing 17% of the total fresh recruitments.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Railways accounts for a majority of the fresh appointees during the 10th Rozgar Mela. Railway is an important part of our lives for more than 130 crore people of the country. Indian Railways has received focused attention in the last more than nine years of the present Government headed by PM Modi, he said. In the last nine years railway track length has nearly doubled to 25,000 km, compared to 14,985 km length laid during 65 years since Independence. Compared to 4,418 bridges and underpasses constructed till 2014, their number today stands at 10,868," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, during PM Modi's tenure major works have been completed to bring the Kashmir Valley on the rail map. The world's tallest rail bridge in Reasi district of J&K had also been built as part of this project, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said PM Modi has upgraded Indian Railways with a fleet of more than 34 most modern high-speed Vande Bharat trains and the Namo Bharat RRTS was inaugurated by PM Modi this month. Amrit Bharat stations, equipped with modern facilities and amenities, have also been added to make train travel an exhilarating experience. Dr Jitendra Singh said, railway safety has also vastly improved during the tenure of PM Modi. Compared to an average of 171 accidents annually till 2014, this figure has come down sharply to 71," he said.

Union MoS distributes...

significant stride toward realizing the 'Viksit Bharat' vision, fortifying youth empowerment. Notably, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi virtually addressed Rozgar Mela, enhancing employment prospects as 51,000 appointment letters were distributed during the event, which included 21 percent women, thus bolstering the concept of Women Empowerment.

"Till now, lakhs of youth have been given appointment letters for government jobs. Today, more than 50,000 youth have been given government jobs. There is some time in Diwali, but this occasion is no less than Diwali for the families of the receivers of 50,000 appointment letters", Prime Minister, Narendra Modi said.

While addressing the gathering, B.L Verma said that today 314 young individuals in Jammu and Kashmir have received their appointment letters and I extend my warm wishes to their families.

He added that whether it's the youth of Jammu and Kashmir or entire nation, everyone places their trust in the Prime Minister. "We have created employment opportunities across various sectors, in addition to government jobs", he said.

Modi all set...

bloc INDIA in the coming elections.

Paying his respects to Maharishi Valmiki on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti here, Singh said, "The entire world knows, and I believe, that the Ram of Maharishi Valmiki was not just a king but a lok nayak...yug purush and an incarnation."

"All Bharatvasis, be it in any part of the world, view Ram as Maryada Purushottam as has been carved by Maharishi Valmiki in the Ramayana," he said. He also extended greetings to the people on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti.

Training programme on 'Integrated Pest Management' held



An official educating farmers during the camp.

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R S PURA: Central Integrated Pest Management Centre, Govt of India, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in collaboration with Department of Agriculture Sub Div RS Pura conducted two days training programme on "Integrated Pest Management" (HRD) at panchayat Gigan, Block R S Pura, District Jammu. A large

number of farmers took part in the programme and were made aware by Dr Mithilesh Kumar Arya, Assistant Director (PP) and Dr Ashwani Kumar Sharma Regional SMS, Jammu regarding the concept and objective of organising such programme. They also elaborated in details about various techniques of IPM, when and at what stage the use of chemicals, while seeing E/TL

level, use of Pheromones traps, light traps, Delta traps and yellow sticky traps.

Arun Jaral SMS sub Div R S Pura also made the Farmers aware regarding various cultural, Mechanical, Biological and chemical control under IPM techniques for the welfare of farmers. Sarpanch Gigan, Capt. Hans Raj also appreciated the Department for conducting such camps for farmers welfare and asked the farmers to come forward for taking max benefits from Department schemes. SMS Satvir Singh along with Sudhir Chander Scientific Assistant, Surinder Kumar Technical Assistant, JAEs Rupinder Kour, Ravinder Sharma and AEAs Sanjeev Kumar, Harpreet Singh, Ashish Kumar and Parmen Choudhary were also present during the camp.

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HIRANAGAR: A seminar on the promotion Hindi language in Science and Technology in Higher Education was held at Govt. GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar. The event was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu. The keynote speaker on the occasion was Prof. (Dr.) Bharat Bhushan Sharma Head, Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Jammu. The seminar was also graced by Prof. Daya Vilas former Principal Higher Education Department, JK and Dr. Vijay Sharma former Professor of History, Higher Education Department, JK. The program, titled "uchya shiksha mein vigyan eyam takniqi shiksha ka madhyam Hindi/ Matra Bhasha (Promotion of Hindi/ mother



Faculty members along with organisers and winner students.

tongue in Science and Technology in Higher Education), was held in a joint collaboration with Department of Hindi, Govt. GLDM Degree College Hiranagar and Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Jammu.

Dr. Pragya Khanna Principal of the College in

her inaugural address expressed gratitude towards the guests and held that Hindi language has been a language of research from ancient times which it is truly capable to gain again provided the efforts are made by the native speakers. She also said that such events will prove as a giant

leap towards bridging the language gap in the scientific and technological world. It reflects a harmonious blend of tradition and innovation, preserving the cultural richness of the Hindi language while embracing modernity.

Earlier the program begun by welcome address presented by Dr. Jyoti Rani, Assistant Professor in Hindi followed by Lighting of the lamp and saraswati Vandana by the students prepared by Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Assistant Professor in Music. Prof. (Dr.) Lalit Magotra, held that in the era of rapid technological advancements, the importance of native language proficiency in the field of science and technology cannot be underestimated. The Government of India is committed to fostering the growth of Hindi in the domains of science and technology, recognizing the vital role it plays in knowledge dissemination and innovation. The program focussed on a number of activities and initiatives designed to achieve the objectives like

Translation and Localization, Educational Outreach, Hindi Language Software Development, Collaboration with IT companies, Research Grants, Public Awareness Campaigns. Speaking at the launch event, Prof. (Dr.) Bharat Bhushan the keynote addressee said, "We firmly believe that scientific and technological advancements should not be restricted by language. A total of seven students presented their speeches on different themes of the seminar. The adjudicators of the programme were Prof. Balwan Singh from GDC RS Pura, Dr. Mukesh Rajput from GCW Kathua and Dr. Kajal Jamwal from GDC Ghaghwal. After discussions Vivek Sharma, Arti Devi, Bandana Devi and Mansi bagged first second and 3rd positions respectively. Prof. Rakesh Sharma, HOD Hindi who presented the formal vote of thanks also held that the landscape of science and technology is ever-evolving, and it is imperative that the linguistic diversity of our nation is reflected in these varied fields. The programme was attended by students and staff of the College prominent of whom were Prof. Shujat, Prof. Gurdial, Prof. Parveen, Prof. Arun, Prof. Ram Krishan, Prof. Surinder, Prof. Neha Bhagat, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Dr. Arun Kumar, Dr. Anju Rani, Prof. Ritika and Dr. Usha Rani. The programme was held under the overall supervision of Dr. Pragya Khanna the Principal of the College.



A resource person speaking during the event.

Department of Students' Welfare, and Convener, Community Radio.

In her remarks, she applauded the fervour of the young talent that made the event a success. The programme began with the presenting of the memento followed by the awarding of the prizes.

Amongst the participants who excelled in various activities and secured prizes were Skanda Sharma, Jhamvi, and Preeti Manhas in the field of Painting, and Maithili Manhas, Aatiqa Malik, and Bhavana Sharma in Essay Writing Competition who secured first, second, and third

positions, respectively.

In the field of photography the three coveted positions were procured by Mohd Kamil, Chetan Atri, and Pranav, respectively. Rajveer Singh obtained the first prize in the category of Film Making. Amongst these names special mention must be made for Arvi who received a certificate of appreciation. The adjudicators for the gamut of events were renowned personalities including Bhushan Kesar (an eminent artist in the field of painting), Jang Singh Verma (a columnist and celebrated artist), Prof. Harshvardhan (Head, Department of Painting, Central University of

Himachal Pradesh), Dr. Vikas Dogra (Assistant Professor; GCW, Parade and a photographer of national repute), Phalguni Katoch (Graphic Designer, Film Maker, and Entrepreneur), and Bhagwati (Department of Hindi, University of Jammu). Among those who graced the occasion with their presence were Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Faculty of Applied Arts, IMFA.

The programme culminated with the official vote of thanks which was presented by Dr. Sadaf Shah, Coordinator, The Literary Club and Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Jammu.