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at district level; promotion of ethics, civics and critical thinking in educational curriculum; recognition of young talents and making Yuva Utsav a glowing success. He also shared the valuable inputs received from Samar Jamil Batt from Anantnag, Gazanfar Abbass from Bandipora and Poonam Mahajan from Jammu on the celebration of Constitution Day.

The Lt Governor congratulated Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar for their stellar performance in the recently concluded Asian Para Games. He urged the youth to take inspiration from the exemplary achievements of the true champions.

### Ensure zero-tolerance...

care about the problems being faced by the citizens of the border districts (Rajouri and Poonch)," the spokesman said.

He said rejuvenating border police posts with the support of other forces was also discussed. "Measures for strengthening intelligence and border security grids were also discussed in the meetings," the spokesman said.

The DGP asserting that no one can be better than the Jammu and Kashmir Police in fighting terrorism as no one knows the topography and demography like police personnel.

Swain exhorted upon officers to develop mechanisms to further strengthen the bond with the people. This will help in getting more and more "actionable information about the anti-national elements and help in destroying the terror ecosystem", he said.

### Doda accident aftermath...

207), absence of speed limiting devices (SLD), violations under Section 190, traffic signal infractions (Section 52/177), mobile phone usage while driving, overloading of passengers, overloading of goods, and compound-related violations. The on-the-spot realization of Rs. 13,500 from compounded challans underscored the seriousness of the enforcement measures. In a notable development, one driving license has been recommended for suspension, signalling the commitment of the authorities to uphold road safety standards.

Similar checking drives have been reported from Gandoh, Thathri, Assar, Bhaderwah, and other parts of the district, where Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, Police Officers conducted thorough inspection/ checking of vehicles plying on roads to ensure the safety of the commuters. Hundreds of challans have been issued and many driving licenses and RCs have been recommended for suspension and cancellation.

It is pertinent to mention here that yesterday, a crucial District Road Safety Committee meeting was held in which directions have been issued to make compulsory installation of CCTV cameras in every passenger vehicle particularly in metros and buses. ARTO DODA has issued an order in this regard. Furthermore, it has been made mandatory to display information in every passenger vehicle, depicting PCR and Traffic Police toll free numbers, Driver and vehicle's information, and speed limit authorised for that particular road.

### Australia wins sixth...

Head and Marmus Labuschagne (58 not out) shut the door on the opposition. Australia's brilliant bowling and fielding also went a long way in their emphatic win. The dev in the evening also made batting easier on a slow and dry surface.

India, who were the only unbeaten side going into the final after 10 wins on the trot, fell flat in the final hurdle. Their last world title came way back in 2011 and their last ICC trophy was the Champions Trophy triumph in 2013.

India's defeats in the ICC events over the past decade include the loss in 2014 World T20 final, 2016 World T20 semifinal, 2017 Champions Trophy final, 2019 ODI World Cup semifinal, 2022 T20 World Cup semifinal and back-to-back runners-up finish in the 2021 and 2023 World Test Championship cycle.

Brief scores:  
India: 240 all out in 50 overs (KL Rahul 66, Virat Kohli 54; Mitchell Starc 3/55).  
Australia 241/4 in 43 overs (Travis Head 137, Marnus Labuschagne 58 not out; Jasprit Bumrah 2/43).

### We stand with...

talent and determination through the World Cup was noteworthy. You've played with great spirit and brought immense pride to the nation," Modi said after Australia defeated India in the finals.

The prime minister had reached Ahmedabad to witness the final match. He congratulated the Australian cricket team on its World Cup victory. "Congratulations to Australia on a magnificent World Cup victory! Theirs was a commendable performance through the tournament, culminating in a splendid triumph. Compliments to Travis Head for his remarkable game today," Prime Minister Modi said in another post on X.

The Australians chased 241 in just 43 overs with Head scoring 137 off 120 balls.

### ITBP jawan martyred...

youngsters took out bike rallies and candle light marches from Abtal Katalan village to Samba town, a distance of over 10 kms, to pay Kumar their tributes. Kumar's father and elder brother are retired army men, while his two younger brothers are serving in the ITBP and Central Industrial Security Force.

"We have gathered in Kumar's village to pay our last respects to the braveheart who laid down his life while performing election duty. We stand with his family at this hour of grief and will ensure all necessary support from the district administration," DC Sharma said.

Rakesh Kumar, Commandant of the 47th battalion ITBP, said Joginder Kumar was a dedicated member of the force.

"Our battalion was originally based in Arunachal Pradesh and was moved to Chhattisgarh for poll duty. After the conclusion of elections, an IED went off claiming the life of the jawan whose sacrifice for the nation will be remembered forever," the officer told reporters after the funeral.

"ITBP has a tradition to look after the families of the fallen jawans. We stand with his family and ensure that they are properly rehabilitated," the commandant said, adding, the attack is under investigation and guilty won't be spared.

### India's international stature...

"Earlier when India used to say something on an international forum, people used to ignore it. Today, the world listens with open ears. India's international stature has grown after Narendra Modi became prime minister," Singh said.

He said that before Modi became the prime minister in 2014, India's economy was at the 11th place. Now it is at the fifth place, he said.

India today is progressing and defence equipment is being produced and exported, the defence minister said, adding India is making successful missions like Chandrayaan.

Training his guns on the Ashok Gehlot government over the law-and-order situation in Rajasthan, he said anyone who can't give security to mothers and sisters has no right to rule.

"I have heard and I don't know whether it is right or wrong, FIRs have been registered for misbehaviour with two lakh women and Gehlot Saheb is claiming that false FIRs are being registered by the women," he said.

"I have been told that a Congress MLA has said that he does not feel safe in this state," Singh added.

He said elections are fought not only to form government but also to build the society and country.

Referring to a road rage incident in Jaipur, he said when a person from a particular community is killed, compensation of Rs 50 lakh, a government job and a dairy booth are allotted.

But when the people from the other community are murdered, why should the same not be given to their family members, Singh posed and referred to the

Kanhaiya Lal murder case of Udaipur and other cases.

"This is the politics of appeasement that if we help a community, then all the people of that community will vote and our government will be formed. Government should not be run based on caste, creed and religion but should be run based on humanity," he said.

Polling for the 200-member Rajasthan Assembly will be held on November 25 and votes will be counted on December 3.

### Army commander lauds...

Cdrs (commanders), troops & @JmuKmrPolice for their meticulous planning, jointmanship & synergy, displayed in precise execution & successful conduct of operations in eliminating six terrorists & recovery of war-like stores," the Northern Command said. The Army stands by its commitment to keep Jammu and Kashmir terror-free, it said.

### Train journey to...

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and seeks to propel a shift from job seekers to job creators, fostering a culture of idea incubation, innovation, and skill development.

Beyond academic pursuits, the Gyanodaya Express will enable the students to gain a holistic understanding of the areas they visit. It will also serve as a catalyst for personal growth, innovation, and national unity.

A handbook on 'College on Wheels' and a publication on 'Design your Degree' programme were also released.

Saraf Singh Nag, Chairman, District Development Council Reasi; Kamlesh Kumar Mishra, Director Tourism and Marketing, IRCTC; Vice Chancellor of various Universities, senior officers, Heads of Educational Institutions and faculty members were also present.

### Two injured in...

late Saturday. The animals fled into nearby forests after the attacks, they said. The injured were rushed to the district hospital, from where Chand was referred to the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital here for specialised treatment, they said.

Wildlife department officials visited both villages. Traps have been laid to capture the bears, according to the officials.

### Ace para archer...

(SRTC) bus to ply in the area, the official said.

SRTC official Ajaz Ahmed Doolwal said the bus service will commence from the main bus stand in Kishtwar at 2 pm daily, staying overnight at Loidhar and returning back the following morning to the Kishtwar bus stand.

He said the bus has been furnished with adequate seating and safety features, ensuring a comfortable journey for the commuters.

The deputy commissioner emphasised the district administration's unwavering commitment to augment transport services for the residents of the district. He stressed upon SRTC transporters, drivers and the motor vehicle department to strictly adhere to road safety measures.

Bashir Ahmed, a local sarpanch, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the district administration and SRTC on behalf of the people of Loidhar and Mughal Maidan for facilitating a convenient and hassle-free travel.

He urged the community to embrace and support the SRTC services, ensuring the success of the initiative.

Ahmed underscored the recognition brought to the area by Sheetal Devi, the para-athlete champion who became the first woman to win two gold medals in a single edition of the Asian Para Games.

Devi clinched the gold medal at the women's individual compound event and the compound mixed team event at Hangzhou in China. She also won the silver medal in the women's doubles compound event, making it a hat-trick of medals for the 16-year-old who holds her bow with her foot.

## Eminent theatre personality Mushtaq Kak passes away in Jammu

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior theatre director and Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee Mushtaq Kak passed away at his residence here on Sunday, his family said.

The 62-year-old Kak who has directed more than 100 plays and has acted in a number of Hindi movies breathed his last around 2.25 am, his daughter Ifra Kak said.

She said her father was fighting a battle against cancer for the last one year but his condition started deteriorating in August.

Kak was earlier associated with Shri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, New Delhi



as the artistic director and was selected for the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi award for 2015.

Andha Yug, Malika, Pratibimb, 'Maha Brahmin' and 'Alladad' were among his major works.

Kak's 'Nimaz-e-Jinazah' (prayer after death) was held

at Sidhra in the afternoon and he was laid to rest at a nearby graveyard.

People from all walks of life, especially those associated with the arts and culture expressed their grief and sorrow over his death.

"Mushtaq Kak was an excellent actor, theatre director of Shri Ram Centre, Delhi but he left the director's job in his departure. I see the end of an era, especially in modern theatrical movement of Jammu & Kashmir," former additional director general of Doordarshan and former secretary of J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Rafeeq Masoodi wrote on X.

## Kathua wins divisional level round of Kala Utsav for 3rd consecutive year

### STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Kathua registered a resounding win in the recently concluded Divisional Level round of Kala Utsav 2023-24, as the students from the District bagged maximum first position among all districts of Jammu division. It was the third consecutive win of the district in the early Divisional Level Round of Kala Utsav.

The two-day long event was conducted from 17th November to 18th November at Teachers' Bhawan, Jammu.

The students from district Kathua participated in all 20 competitions held under 10 different categories of art forms of dance, music, instru-



Officials along with winner team.

mental, indigenous toy making, 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional visual arts, drama in which the district level winners from all districts from Jammu division competed with each other.

The winners of the divisional level competition had also

won contests held at school and zonal levels. In the overall results, district Kathua was declared champion and in 20 competitions, seven first positions, Six 2nd Positions and two third positions meant overall 15 positions were won by Kathua district. The winners included Pragati Mishra, Shivam Singh, Rubby Manish Kumar, Bhumika Singh, Vaishnavi Parasher, Kushal Kumar, Suhani Mehta, Pratham, Suvanshika, Sahil Kumar, Shivanshi Thakur, Riyaz Ahmed, Sahira Tabasum & Anshika Sharma. The first winners of this round would be competing with the winners from the Kashmir division at the UT level Kala Utsav competition.

Chief Education Officer Kathua, P.L. Thapa congratulated the winners, mentor teachers, DICC's, ZICCs, SICC's, ZEOs of respective zones and all the concerned HOIs and teaching community of district Kathua for a brilliant performance. He said that it gives him immense pleasure to be part of the winning district for the third consecutive year.

The officer said that he wishes that district Kathua shall lead on all fronts and all the competitions. He further said that he had seen himself, the participants and all other stakeholders working very hard and wished that they win at UT level and National level as well. He said that he recognizes the work done by all the stakeholders and specially appreciates District Incharge Cultural & Education Cell Kathua headed by Monika Khosla and her team of all Zonal Incharges in conducting the whole event smoothly.

## Providing safe drinking water is Govt's priority: Col Mahan

### STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: The Chairman of District Development Council (DDC), Kathua, Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) has said that providing safe and adequate drinking water is among the Govt's top priorities and it stands fully committed to achieve the target of 'Har Ghar Jal Se Nal' very soon.

He stated this while addressing a gathering after kick-starting construction of Sump Collection Tank with capacity of 30,000 Gallons along with laying of 19 KMs pipe line in Dhar Kote Panchayat under JJM scheme. The Project worth Rs 2 crores will cater for drinking water



DDC, Kathua, Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) starting construction of Sump Collection Tank.

requirement of 350 households of Dhar Kore Panchayat.

The DDC Chairman was accompanied by Rajinder Jaswal local BJP Young leader, Gian Batadia Mandal Pardha, Master Rattan Chand, Sarpanch

water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India. He said that the implementation of JJM is undoubtedly going to overcome the existing shortage of drinking water. Moreover, there is also a need to focus more on efficient ways of water usage harvesting, conservation and recycling, he added.

Asserting that after air drinking water is the second essential succour for survival of plants and animals, he said that he along with the party cadre shall leave no stone unturned in ensuring that PM Modi's commitment to provide "Har Ghar Jal Se Nal" gets

fulfilled at the earliest.

Later, the DDC Chairman conducted public meetings at Dhar Kore and Jankher as part of BJP Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyan.

Addressing the meetings, Col Mahan said that the BJP's entire leadership and its dedicated cadre is always in the public eye, which is making this party popular and the first choice of masses. He said that a wave of change is seen in the entire length and breadth of J&K and the people want BJP to be in chair to serve them.

He hoped that the 2024 Lok Sabha elections will write a new chapter in the political history of the nation as people will be voting in favour of BJP to see Modi as the PM for the third consecutive term.

## Army conducts Bhaderwah Trekking Expedition

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADERWAH: With an aim to promote tourism and to divert the energy of youths towards positive way, Indian Army's Rashtriya Rifles based at Bhaderwah organized Bhaderwah trekking expedition in high altitude area of Bhaderwah under operation Sadhbhavana.

The first ever mega event saw participation by 27 trekkers especially 13 females from Bhaderwah Campus, Government Degree College and Jammu University. Beside locals also become part of this expedition to spread message of Drugs free society and healthy lifestyle.

The Bhaderwah Trekking expedition was flagged off by CO Rashtriya Rifles Col Yogesh Chouhan from high altitude Thanthara area,



Students participating in trekking.

which after covering different picturesque meadows culminated at Chattergalla area of Bhaderwah, located at 14500 feet above the sea level.

Beside trekking, the participants were provided in hand experience about how to survive in forests and snow filled meadows.

CO RR Col Yogesh Chouhan said that the aim is

## DDC Reasi meets scores of public delegations

### STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: During a day-long tour to Sub District Katra, District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, engaged in a comprehensive public interaction while meeting numerous delegations representing diverse segments of the Society.

The delegations comprised representatives of Hotel, transport, Restaurant and Labour associations, besides Political persons, prominent citizens and NGOs.

A wide range of issues were highlighted during these interactions and included road network and power infrastructure strengthening,

construction of circular road in Katra, pending land compensation, parking and overcharging by Autos, encroachments in the market places and a strong call for action against drug peddlers. The DDC patiently listened to each grievance and assured prompt resolution within the capacity of the District Administration.

Mahajan emphasized that grievances beyond immediate resolution would be escalated to higher authorities at the UT level for timely redressal. He addressed several concerns on the spot by issuing necessary instructions to the relevant departments.

Furthermore, the DDC called upon the young generation and all stakeholders in Katra to actively contribute to the campaign against drug abuse, aiming to make Reasi district a drug-free area. He also urged them to champion the Swachh Bharat mission, becoming ambassadors for clean India and green India in their respective areas. Later, the DDC conducted an interaction meeting with local media persons in Katra. The session focused on fostering better coordination between the district administration and media agencies to ensure accurate information dissemination. Media representatives

shared their concerns, and discussions were held to address challenges and seek suggestions for improved collaboration. The DDC highlighted the crucial role of media in upholding democracy, expressing commitment to support free, fair, and healthy journalism. He encouraged journalists to report on welfare schemes and government programs, emphasizing their role in bringing anomalies to light for the benefit of the public.

SSP Reasi Amit Gupta, SDM Katra Deepak Dubey, SP Katra Vipan Chandran and other district officers were present.

## Special SSR camps held across district Ramban

### STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: As part of Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, Special camps were on Sunday conducted across district Ramban here under the supervision of the District Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner), Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary.

On the directions of District Election Officer (DEO), Electoral Registration Officer, (ACR) Giasul Haq and Deputy District Election Officer, Lal Chand conducted an extensive tour of AC-54-

Ramban to take stock of progress on registration of eligible voters at the Special Camps organized at Polling Stations across the district.

During the tour, they inspected Polling Station No, 148, 154, 155, 157 159, & 160 and Polling Stations 29, 50, 51, 80, 81, 83, 86, 93, & 94 of AC-54 Ramban and AC-55-Banihal respectively.

During his visit the Dy. DEO interacted with BLOs and instructed the BLOs to ensure 100% enrollment of new and eligible voters during this special summary revision.

Interacting with the BLOs at the camps, they instructed them to ensure the cent per cent registration of eligible voters falling under the jurisdiction of their respective Polling Stations. They also instructed them to conduct house to house visits to identify the unregistered eligible youth as voters with special focus on bridging the gender gap, besides mapping up of PwD voters.

Sensitizing the people with regard to registration of

unregistered eligible youth as voters, they also appealed to them to cooperate with the BLOs of their respective areas.

Similarly, the Electoral Registration Officer, and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers of AC-55-Banihal and AEROS of AC-54-Ramban along with Election Naib Tehsildar Mohan Lal also visited various Polling Stations and took stock of the electoral registration process at the Polling Stations.