

REQUIRED**2 ROOMS FOR OFFICE SPACE****AVAILABLE FOR RENT IN GANDHI NAGAR NEAR TRIVENI NURSING HOME****Contact 9858514887 9419116853****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****Bhoomika****DOB:-****17th Jan****JKPS Panjirthi****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****Reyansh Gandomta****Class:- UKG****DOB:- 17th Jan****JKPS Panjirthi****NOTICE**

I, Ameesh Chadha S/o Inder Parkash Chadha R/o 127 Resham Ghar Colony, Jammu have purchased a vehicle (Swift Car) bearing Regd. No. JK21-6286 from Prabir Singh S/o Ragbir Singh R/o H.No 235 W.No 2 Tehsil Haveli District Poonch. Now I am applying for transfer of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

NOTICE

I, Ravinder Kumar Sharma S/o Faqir Chand R/o Bharak, Pouni, Reasi have purchased a vehicle bearing Regd. No. JK20A-0565 from Mohd Basim S/o Allah Rakha R/o Bhabbar Rasyalan. Now I am applying for transfer of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to ARTO Reasi within 7 days.

Mission Youth initiative enables many Kishtwar youth to earn livelihood with dignity

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Flagship Mission Youth initiative of Jammu and Kashmir Government has enabled many Kishtwar youth to earn their livelihood with dignity.

To facilitate the youth to secure a sustainable livelihood in the transport sector, the J&K Government has started a customized Livelihood Generation Scheme 'MUMKIN' under which the interested youth are provided financial assistance for purchase of small commercial vehicles.

The 'Mumkin' is a livelihood programme designed primarily for unemployed young people in the age bracket of 18 to 35. Under the 'Mumkin' scheme, small commercial vehicles are being provided to the youth with the banking partner extending the loan facility to

the extent of 100 percent of the on-road price of the vehicle to be purchased, while "Mission Youth, J&K provides an amount of Rs 80,000 or 10 percent of the on-road price of the vehicle (whichever is lesser) as upfront subsidy and the vehicle manufacturers (scheme partner of government) provide an upfront special discount, not less than the amount of subsidy.

Under this scheme district Administration Kishtwar, headed by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Ashok Sharma, has provided vehicles to scores of unemployed youth.

"AD DE&CC Kishtwar has received around 300 applications till date, and about 100 cases have been approved by DLIC under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar and 41 eligible youth have been

handed over the light commercial motor vehicles".

It has been fruitful on the ground level, as a number of unemployed youths of Kishtwar have been benefited, said the AD DE&CC Kishtwar.

Bhanu Badyal of Wassar Kishtwar considers him very lucky to have secured his livelihood out of this Scheme.

Sharing his ordeals Bhanu Badyal said that he was a final year student when the corona crisis shattered his hopes of a bright future by shifting his family's burden on his shoulders.

He belongs to a family with no bread earner and aspired to shoulder this responsibility after his graduation. "But due to the corona pandemic my education was affected and I found my career on the downside with the economic crisis hitting my family badly" said Bhanu.

To his good luck, one day he got information about the MUMKIN scheme through the District Administration's social media facebook page and also through some local whatsapp group.

"Losing no time I rushed to the District Employment and Counseling Centre at DC Office Complex Kishtwar where I got full information about the scheme. The officials asked me to apply for registration that I did readily" narrated Bhanu. Few weeks later, after the DLIC approved his case, he was called to take home Big Bolero Pick up for which he had applied under the Scheme.

"I did not pay even a single penny from my pocket, because under the scheme the vehicle was fully financed by the Bank, that too with 20% discount on road price" he said blissfully. "The earnings have added to my dignity in the family and society, only the MUMKIN scheme has made it possible," said Bhanu Badyal.

There are many other youth including women and girls of the age of 18-35 who

have been benefited by Tejaswani and Mumkin schemes in the district under the patronage of Mission Youth. After losing hope to get a government job, Nazir Ahmed Lone got information about the Mumkin schemes from his friend. In no time after he registered himself on the Mumkin portal and completed other formalities, he got his own small commercial vehicle and now he is earning his daily livelihood happily.

He says that Kishtwar district being a hub of the Hydro electric power Projects has a huge potential in the transport sector.

Over 1.47 lakh children lost parents due to COVID, other reasons since April 2020: NCPCR to SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has informed the Supreme Court that a total of 1,47,492 children since April 1, 2020, have lost either their mother or father or both parents due to COVID-19 and other reasons.

Giving the details in a suo motu matter on children in need of care and protection due to loss of parents during the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCPCR said its figures are based on data uploaded by states and Union Territories on its 'Baal Swaraj Portal-COVID care' up to January 11. That it is most humbly reiterated that the data of children uploaded on the Baal Swaraj Portal-COVID care' by the States/UTs comprises of both categories of children, wherein the child has lost both or either of the parent to COVID-19 disease or otherwise from April 2020 onwards

, the affidavit filed through advocate Swarupama Chaturvedi said. The Commission said the data

uploaded up to January 11 showed the status of children in need of care and protection included orphans (10,094), lost either parent (1,36,910) and abandoned (488) taking the total to 1,47,492.

In the gender-wise break-up, the commission said, out of the 1,47,492 children, there are 76,508 boys, 70,980 girls and four transgender.

It said that the maximum number of children are between the age group of eight to 13 years (59,010), followed by children in the age group of 14 to 15 years (22,763) and age group of 16 to 18 years (22,626) and four to seven years (26,080).

The Commission also gave the current status of shelter of children and said that maximum of the children are with their single parent -1,25,205, while 11,272 children are with family members, followed by 8,450 with guardians.

It said that 1,529 kids are in children's homes, 19 in open shelter homes, two in observation homes, 188 in orphanages, 66 in special adoption

agencies and 39 in hostels.

Giving the state-wise details of children who lost either their mother or father or both parents to COVID and other reasons since April 2020, the Commission said that the maximum number of such children are from Odisha (24,405), followed by Maharashtra (19,623), Gujarat (14,770), Tamil Nadu (11,014), Uttar Pradesh (9,247), Andhra Pradesh (8,760), Madhya Pradesh (7,340), West Bengal (6,835) Delhi (6,629) and Rajasthan (6,827).

The Commission said that it is taking steps to ensure that children should not be or are less adversely affected in the pandemic.

In this context, NCPCR has been conducting virtual meetings with state commissions for protection of child rights of each States/UTs to know the updated status of preparedness in the event of a third wave of COVID pandemic, if at all such a wave comes, it said. The Commission informed the top court that it

has been conducting zone-wise meetings with SCPCRs of each state/UT and a virtual meeting with North-East states is scheduled to be held on January 19.

The discussions with the SCPCRs are being done to take an updated status of health care facilities, institutions for Children-schools/residential educational institutions, child care institutions, children in street situations and status of implementation of court's order, it said.

Indian Army Day celebrated

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Indian Army celebrated 74th Army Day at Gundna in District Doda to salute the valiant soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the country and its citizens. Indian Army addressed the youth and screened a motivational movie to showcase the capabilities and achievements of the Indian Army.

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