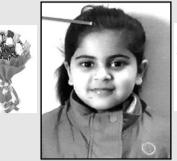


**REQUIRED****2 ROOMS FOR OFFICE SPACE****AVAILABLE FOR RENT IN GANDHI NAGAR NEAR TRIVENI NURSING HOME****Contact 9858514887 9419116853****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****Aayan Sharma Class:- LKG DOB:- 09-01-2017 JKPS Panjthirthi****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****Ziva Gandotra Class:- 1st DOB:- 9th Jan JKPS Panjthirthi****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****Manya Gupta Class:- 1st DOB:- 09th Jan JKPS Panjthirthi****BATCHES STARTING ON 10 JAN****NDA, CDS, AFCAT WRITTEN JKP SI CRASH COURSE ARMY GD WRITTEN (2956 JOINED FORCES IN 5 YRS) AT BRIGADIER JAWMAL'S LAKSHYA DEFENCE ACADEMY, JAMMU****CONTACT: 9797519939 GOVT REGISTERED WITH GSTIN****NOTICE**

I, Tajinder Singh S/o Sarabjeet Singh R/o Ward No 4, Maralia, Miran Sahib Tehsil RS Pura District Jammu have purchased a vehicle (Car BEAT LT) bearing Regd. No. JK02BD-1128 from Rajan Nanda R/o 39/B, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Now I am applying for transfer of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to RTO Jammu within 7 days.

**NOTICE**

Our unit M/s Jai Bhaiya Enterprises is situated at EPIP Kartholi, Bari Brahma is Permanent registered unit with DIC Jammu vide Registration No:- 07/004/11/14814 Dated:- 08/07/2021. Now we have applied for the Change of Constitution of our unit in DIC Jammu from Proprietorship concern to Partnership concern. Objection if any in person or departmental may kindly be conveyed to GMDC within 7 days of the issuance of this notice.

**NOTICE**

It is to generally inform to public that Plot No. 12 Sector-II (2nd) Block-B Measuring 5400 Sq. ft. situated at Panchvati Enclave Mishrivala, Jammu Colony developed by Jammu and Kashmir Coop. Housing Corp. Ltd. Jammu allotted to me and I have sold Plot to Smt Reva Magotra W/o Sh. Devinder Kumar Magotra R/o H. No 110 Lane No 1, Inder Vihar, Near Amba Theatre Old Janipur, Jammu. Objection if any may be filed to M.D JKCHC within seven days from the publication of the notice.

Sh. Rajesh Sharma  
S/o Sh. Dina Nath  
R/o Nanak Nagar, Jammu

**National Oil Conservation Week observed****STATE TIMES NEWS**

AKHNOOR: National Oil Conservation Week is celebrated every year from 4th-10th of January all across the country aiming to raise awareness regarding the importance of conservation of the petroleum products. It also aims to encourage people regarding judicious use of petroleum products as well as importance of environmental protection. Indian Army has been on the forefront in raising awareness amongst local populace by various initiatives. Indian Army organised a lecture on ongoing

national oil conservation week in Govt High School, Hamirpur.

Army has identified education as a priority Area for activities because students have the potential to shape the future of the nation. The lecture was attended by a total of 60 people including students and teachers. School authorities highly appreciated the efforts of Indian Army for its noble initiative. The students and teachers expressed their gratitude towards Indian Army for its endeavours in the field of the education.

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KATHUA: A vaccination drive was organised for the 15-18 Years Age Group in connection with COVID-19 Pandemic at GDC Kathua on Saturday. The vaccination drive was kick started in presence of Incharge Principal Prof. Raj Kiran and Dr. Vasna Sharma, District Immunization Officer Kathua.

It is pertinent to mention that besides bad weather conditions and heavy raining More than 100 students have been vaccinated at GDC Kathua. It is crucial that the COVID Positive

cases are increasing in the state and the college administration has taken a serious concern for the safety of the student community.

Consequently, This is for the 5th time that COVID-19 Vaccination Drive was organized at GDC Kathua at regular intervals and this will continue till all the students will be vaccinated.

The COVID-19 Vaccination was Coordinated by Dr J S Soodan, Physical Director, GDC Kathua along with Dr Rajav Singh (Nodal Officer) COVID-19 Pandemic district Kathua.

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Among others from the medical team, who have coordinated are Dr Anuradha Gupta, Medical Officer, along with Sujata Kumari, Pooja Devi, Sarabjeet Kaur, FMPHW.

The faculty members who were present Prof Jaswinder Singh, HOD Physics, Prof. Rakesh Jasrotia, HOD Chemistry, Prof. Surya Partap Singh HOD Zoology, Prof. Neha Mahajan HOD Biotechnology, Prof. Manmohan Singh HOD History, Dr. Amrik Singh, Dr. Sanjeev Sharma and Prof. Kaurab Singh.

145 vaccinated, 1,367 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh the Health Department on Saturday administered vaccination doses to 145 people including 90 children in the 15-17 year age group, which included 10 in Batote, 40 in Ukhral and 40 in Gool. The enforcement teams also continue the drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 1367 samples including 485 RT-PCR and 882 RAT.

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RAJOURI: In view of the inclement weather conditions,

**GDC Sunderbani hosts Quiz Competition****STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: The Cultural Committee, NSS and NCC units of Government Degree College Sunderbani organized a Quiz Competition, on "Life and Teachings of Swami Vivekananda" here on Saturday under the patronage of Principal Prof. Vandana Gupta.

A total number of 32 students participated in the Quiz. In this event, Saloni Sharma (5th Sem) secured first position, 2nd position shared by Wasim Akram (5th Sem), Ravi Kumar and Prof. Sheraz Kousar convener of cultural committee.

3rd position secured by Sourav Sharma (3rd Sem) respectively. Top three positions shall be awarded with Merit certificates. The aim of this Quiz competition was to inculcate the social and moral values among the students that had cherished by our social reformer in the past centuries, especially the Swami Vivekananda.

The event was organized by NSS Programme Officer Sham Lal, (Assistant Professor) department of Economics, NCC Officer, Ravi Kumar, and Prof. Sheraz Kousar convener of cultural committee.

Inclement weather: DDC Rajouri reviews stock, supply position of ration; other essential commodities

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Ashok Kumar and other concerned officers.

The meeting held detailed discussion on a number of issues including stock, supply position, distribution system, grievance redressal system and other related matters.

The AD FCS&CA informed that sufficient stock of wheat, rice, LPG, petrol, diesel and other essential commodities is available in the district and no complaint has been received from the public in this regard.

The meeting was informed that the Ration Cards of all the NFSA and Non-NFSA beneficiaries of the district have been linked with the Aadhar.

Reviewing the implementation of electronic public distribution system, it was apprised that 90 percent ration in the district is being distributed among the beneficiaries through electronic distribution system except some far flung areas where the internet connectivity is poor.

**Milder Omicron an 'evolutionary mistake'; next variant could be more virulent: warns Indian-origin UK expert****AGENCY**

LONDON: The reduced severity of Omicron is good news for now, but it is the result of an "evolutionary mistake" as COVID-19 is transmitting very efficiently and there is no reason for it to become milder, indicating that the next variant could be more virulent, a leading Indian-origin scientist from the University of Cambridge has said.

Ravindra Gupta, Professor of Clinical Microbiology at the Cambridge Institute for Therapeutic Immunology and Infectious Diseases (CITI-ID), led a recent study on the Omicron variant and was among the first globally to describe the modified fusion mechanism of cells at play which might make Omicron more visible to the body's immune defences.

While the study showed that the new variant, dominant in the UK and now sweeping parts of India, is infecting the cells found in the lungs less, the virus itself is not intending to become milder.

"There is this assumption that viruses become more benign over time but that's not what's happening here because those are long-term evolutionary trends," Prof. Gupta told PTI in an interview on Thursday.

"SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) does not have that issue because it is transmitting very efficiently so it doesn't have

any reason to become milder, especially in the era of vaccination with plenty of susceptible hosts. So that's why I think it's an evolutionary mistake. It's not something intentional that the virus is trying to do to change its biology," he explained.

"This finding of reduced severity with Omicron is obviously good news for now but the next variant that comes, and there will be one, will not necessarily have these characteristics and could go back to the severity that we've seen before."

"And, in fact I think it probably will. Therefore, blocking infection is a potentially desirable thing to do rather than what I've heard, which is people seeing this as a natural vaccine. That is an understandable but dangerous thing to do because we don't understand the complete implications of different variants on our health," he said.

According to the UK-born scientist with familial roots in Uttar Pradesh, who advises the UK government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) and New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group (NERVTAG), keeping up the vaccination drive is important because that remains "our first line of defence" against the virus.

"Whilst we have a situation of a milder variant, we should

use that as a chance to increase vaccination coverage," he said.

Asked how he sees the Omicron wave impacting India, Prof. Gupta said it was important to learn from other countries' experiences and take pre-emptive action. Also,

the types of vaccines used, with fewer RNA vaccines compared to the US and Europe, and genetic differences could play a role in India's experience of the Omicron wave.

Gupta said: "In India, there were a lot of Delta infections so there's some immunity there. The vaccines have been rolled out very nicely. We know that Omicron is able to escape from vaccines and third dose boosting is essential.

"It's not clear in India, where mainly people have had two doses plus an infection, whether this will be adequate. There will be certain people who are vulnerable who get sick and do need ventilation, specifically the unvaccinated.

"That's why caution is needed and focus on infection optimally and Omicron seems to have lost some aspect of its function."

According to Gupta's study into Omicron, there seems to be a difference between its impact on the deep tissues in the lung and the upper airways or bronchus. This is down to the presence of a particular protein or enzyme which is sitting on the surface of the cells in the lung called TMPRSS2, which prevents the virus from completing an efficient infection.

"So, two pathways are available to the virus and Omicron prefers one pathway rather

drugs and vaccines.

According to the COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update, released by the global health agency on Thursday, a record 9.5 million new COVID-19 cases were reported around the world during the week December 27-January 2.

The update said that during the week December 27, 2021 to January 2, 2022, following a gradual increase since October, the global number of new cases increased sharply by 71 per cent as compared to the previous week.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus cautioned that while the Omicron variant appears to be less severe compared to Delta, especially in those vaccinated, it does not mean it should be categorised as mild.

Just like previous variants; Omicron is hospitalising people and it is killing people, he said in Geneva at a press briefing.

"In fact, the tsunami of cases is so huge and quick, that it is overwhelming health systems around the world," Tedros said.

Hospitals are becoming overcrowded and understaffed, which further results in preventable deaths from not only COVID-19 but other diseases and injuries where patients cannot receive timely care, he said.

Since the Coronavirus was first reported in central China's Wuhan city, the deadly disease has infected over 300,173,00 people globally and caused more than 5,472,000 deaths.

**Artificial Limb Measurement Camp conducted****STATE TIMES NEWS**

LAM: Army conducted Artificial Limb Measurement Camp at Lam in District Rajouri (J&K). This camp was a precursor to the Republic Day celebrations planned to be held with locals. The camp conducted for specially abled people of border villages of Rajouri district was held in collaboration with a Delhi based NGO, Kiwani Group. The camp facilitated preparations for meeting specific limb requirements of 25 specially abled locals who over the years have lost their limbs to cease fire violations, terrorist actions, mine blasts amongst other unfortunate incidents. A

**Strict implementation of public health & social distancing measures must to arrest COVID-19 surge: WHO****STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The World Health Organization on Saturday called for strict implementation of public health and social measures as COVID-19 cases surge in most countries of the South-East Asia Region.

It also said though the Omicron variant of coronavirus may appear to be less severe, it should not be dismissed as mild.

All preventive and protective measures must be imple-

mented with full earnestness by one and all, Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region, said.

"Authorities must implement situation-specific measures to arrest the further spread of the virus. People must adhere to these measures. Masks, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, ventilation, and physical distancing is an absolute must, she said in a statement.

Singh said Omicron variant

should not be dismissed as mild.

Emerging as the most predominant variant, this highly infectious variant is already overwhelming health systems around the world. Globally we are seeing hospitalisation and deaths from Omicron, she added.

We must also not forget that not every COVID-19 case is an Omicron infection. Other variants, including Delta, are also circulating, which, as we know, cause

severe infections and deaths, the WHO regional director said.

Often, people who are infectious do not always have symptoms or know that they are carrying the virus, so it is important to ensure good ventilation by opening windows and doors, if possible when sharing an indoor space with other people, she added.

We are aware that COVID-19 virus spreads mainly between people who are in close contact with each other, for example at a conversational distance. The virus can also spread in poorly ventilated indoor settings or crowded settings, Singh said.

Often, people who are infectious do not always have symptoms or know that they are carrying the virus, so it is important to ensure good ventilation by opening windows and doors, if possible when sharing an indoor space with other people, she added.

Singh said it is extremely important for people to wear well-fitting masks and avoid crowds and big gatherings, along with taking other measures.