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*Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C, Northern Command along with veer Naris and Veterans.*

India and the Northern Command are always committed to the service of our veterans. I expect you to cooperate fully in the welfare schemes run by the Army and the government and make these schemes successful," he said.

### Remote Voting Machine...

enable migrant voters to vote from remote polling stations. It said the inability to vote due to internal migration (domestic migrants) is one of the prominent reasons behind low voter turnout. The migrant voter wouldn't be required to travel to his/her home district to exercise his/her franchise.

The Commission has also invited all recognised eight national and 57 regional political parties on January 16, 2023, to demonstrate the functioning of the multi-constituency prototype Remote EVM. Members of the EC's Technical Expert Committee will also be present during the demonstration.

The Commission has also solicited written views of recognised political parties by January 31, 2023, on various related issues including changes required in legislation, changes in administrative procedures, and voting method/RVM/technology, if any other, for the domestic migrants, the release further stated. (ANI)

### Avalanches hit Gurez...

adding there was no loss of life. The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) issued a 'high danger' avalanche warning for Kupwara district in north Kashmir and a 'medium danger' warning for Bandipora, Baramulla, Doda, Ganderbal, Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban and Reasi districts.

"Avalanche with high danger level is likely to occur above 2,000 metres of Kupwara district in the next 24 hours. Avalanche with medium danger level is likely to occur above 2,000 metres over Bandipora, Baramulla, Doda, Ganderbal, Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban and Reasi districts in the next 24 hours," it said.

The SDMA said avalanches of low danger level are likely to occur above 2,000 metres over Anantnag, Kulgam, and Rajouri districts in the next 24 hours.

People are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing into avalanche-prone areas, it said.

### Highway reopened, flight...

with the rest of the country -- has been reopened for traffic after the snow was shovelled off, officials said.

While the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir experienced moderate to heavy snowfall on Friday, many other areas, including Srinagar, received light snow.

Meanwhile, night temperatures settled below the freezing point across the Valley. Srinagar recorded a low of minus 0.1 degrees Celsius on Friday night, down from 1 degree Celsius the night before.

Qazigund, the gateway to the Valley, registered a minimum temperature of minus 0.4 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 1.2 degrees Celsius.

The minimum in Kupwara, a frontier district, settled at minus 3.6 degrees Celsius. Pahalgam in Anantnag district, which also serves as a base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, registered a low of minus 5.9 degrees Celsius down from minus 2.4 degrees Celsius a night earlier.

The minimum temperature at Gulmarg in Baramulla district went down over 10

notches from minus 0.6 degrees Celsius to settle at minus 11 degrees Celsius making it the coldest recorded place in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meteorological office said the weather will remain partly cloudy with moderate to dense fog over the plains of Jammu on Saturday.

Fresh feeble western disturbances are likely to affect Jammu and Kashmir from January 19 to 25. Light to moderate rain or snow is likely between January 23 and 24t, it said.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of 'Chillai Kalan', the 40-day harshest weather period when the chances of snowfall are maximum and most frequent. Chillai Kalan begins on December 21 and ends on January 30. The cold wave continues even after that with a 20-day-long 'Chillai Khurd' and a 10-day-long 'Chillai Bachha' following it.

### Jammu fireman dies...

he was declared brought dead by the doctors, the officials said.

Director General of Fire and Emergency Services Alok Kumar joined mourners to bid adieu to the fireman at Jagti Township on the outskirts of Jammu this afternoon. He lauded Raina's valour and said that the fireman laid down his life while performing his duties. The swift action by the fire and emergency services restricted the fire to a single room on the ground floor where it has originated due to a short circuit, thus averting a major tragedy, officials said.

### Switch over to...

Party. Ashok Koul said that BJP is a party of principles, working for the upliftment of all the sections of the society, irrespective of their religion, caste and creed and its Karyakartas form its backbone.

However the BJYM Karyakartas are the greatest of the party as they are the ones who are in continuous contact of the people in general and youth in particular at the grass roots level.

While the BJP gives its workers full opportunity to move forward, the BJYM workers are expected to proactively carry forward the legacy of the party keeping public service devoid of any discrimination at the core of their functioning policy.

He asked the BJYM activists to further intensify the efforts to motivate more and more youth into the party fold before the elections are held for the J&K Assembly. Emphasizing that BJYM cadre has a vital role to play in the strengthening of party, he said it is a testing time for them with elections on the threshold now.

### DAP can't have...

understand about our ideology and agenda, also highlight their problems" he said. He, however, said that the land, jobs and statehood are the primary issues that the party is focussing.

"Statehood, jobs and land rights are the issues that we shall fight on primary basis and it is the duty of our newly elected office bearers to make general public aware of it and subsequently take them on board in this political fight," he told the office bearers.

The issue of the government order regarding vacating of the state land allotted under Roshi Act and Kanchari land was also disused. The Executive committee meeting of Kashmir province will be held soon in Srinagar.

### Farooq seeks immediate...

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that have been cut off following moderate to heavy snowfall in the Valley.

In a statement, Abdullah expressed concern over the difficulties faced by people in the remote hamlets and the upper reaches of north, south and central Kashmir and said the major arterial roads connecting Dawar, Kanazalvan, Keran, Karnia, Gurez, Jungund and many far-flung areas to their district headquarters had not yet been cleared of snow.

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### '57.95 lakh Unique...

multiple copies of documents as the card will capture all necessary details and is valid throughout the country, Kumar said.

"The UDID card will be the single document of identification and verification of the disabled for availing various benefits in the future," he said.



*Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar virtually attending appliances distribution ceremony at Doda.*

The minister said the scheme for implanting cochlear devices for children who are deaf by birth and cannot speak has been implemented by the ministry with the provision of Rs 6 lakh for each such child.

Elaborating on the initiatives being taken up by the Ministry under the Accessible India campaign, he said 35 international and 55 domestic airports, 709 railway stations, 10,175 bus terminals and 683 websites have been covered to provide an accessible environment for persons with disabilities.

Besides, 1,459 beneficiaries of Doda have been pre-identified with 2,220 assistive appliances of different categories worth Rs 70.61 Lakh, the Union minister said.

### Narcotics, pistol magazine...

ammunition in the possession of two brothers -- Sajid Khan and Majid Khan, residents of the Cheterkote area of the north Kashmir district, security forces launched a search operation there, a police spokesman said.

He said the services of a tracker dog from the BSF were also utilised in the operation.

Incriminating material, including 500 grams of heroin-like substance, a pistol magazine, Rs 1.07 lakh cash, 12 syringes and a small weighing scale were recovered from the house of the accused, the spokesman said.

Sajid Khan was arrested, while his brother Majid Khan is yet to be arrested, he said.

A case has been registered and investigation in the matter is underway, the spokesman said.

## Employment Plan to spur entrepreneurship, align youth with self employment goals: DC Srinagar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In order to evaluate the skill gaps and formulate a District Employment Plan to provide self-employment to educated youth of the District, a meeting of Officers was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here on Saturday at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

Chief Planning Officer, Principal Government Polytechnic College Gogji Bagh, Principal Women's Polytechnic Bemina, Assistant Director Handicrafts, Assistant Director Fisheries, officers of Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Industries and

other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

The meeting discussed the various aspects related to the devising a comprehensive District Employment Plan to enhance the employment and employability to provide opportunities to skilled human resource to earn sustainable livelihood.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to work on identification of the new trades to be incorporated in existing courses at polytechnic and ITI levels to enhance the self-employment opportunities in the District.

The DC also stressed on working out a mechanism for upgrading the skill sets at ITI

and Poly-technique levels by introducing latest Information Technology courses as per current market needs so that maximum local youth are provided self-employment.

The DC said an IT innovation Team will be formulated in the District to meet the requirements related to IT enabled interventions as day to day governance is switching over to Information Technology based services.

The DC directed the concerned departments to work in unison to synergise the efforts to spur entrepreneurship and effective outcomes regarding self-employment and employability in the District.

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PULWAMA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary today visited remote and far-flung villages of Pulwama district and took stock of post Snowfall situation in these areas.

The DC visited Inderwali, Sangerwani, Bagh, Khaigam, Ichgooze, Qasbayar, Shadimarg and adjoining villages of the District to inspect the Snow clearance operation and the status of delivery of essential services. He also reviewed the power supply scenario, availability of drinking water and healthcare services available in the Public Health Centers.

Leading a team of officers, the DC spent the whole day among locals in these areas. It is important to mention that Achgoza, Sangerwani is a tough terrain and farthest area of Pulwama and has witnessed a Snowfall of more than 2 ft.

While reviewing the post Snowfall situation and the availability of essential commodities in these areas, the DC was informed that there is a sufficient stock of essential commodities available in these areas including LPG, ration, vegetables and other essentials.

On the occasion, DC directed the officials of all line departments to work in mission mode besides coordinating with each other to ensure uninterrupted supply of the essential items and services in the district. He directed Tehsildars, officials of R&B, Jal Shakti, PDD and other line departments to remain stationed at their locations and ensure prompt delivery of essential items and services to the public and address emergency demands with utmost preparedness.

The DC also directed the concerned to conduct regular market checking to check the arbitrary rise in prices and illegal stocking. Enroute, the DC met people and interacted with them to get the feedback about the delivery of essen-

tial services to the people of these remote villages. It is important to mention that the road connectivity has been restored between Achgoza and Sangerwani despite accumulation of more than 02 ft of snowfall.

Officers informed that Snow cutter machines were deployed yesterday which have been working nonstop throughout the night, especially in the Inderwali area to clear Snow from roads in Inderwali, Sangerwani, Bagh, Khaigam, Ichgooze and other adjoining higher reaches of the district.

Regarding the power supply in the area, it was given out that all the feeders of the district were functioning

normally as the feeders under fault were restored at earliest.

Officers also informed the DC about several issues faced by them and sought early resolution to their grievances. The DC passed on spot directions for resolutions of several problems.

The DC lauded the efforts of the field staff in clearing the roads quickly besides restoring water supply and electricity. He said that the restoration of electricity supply is being done on a war footing basis with continuous patrol of the field staff in their respective areas to ensure identification and simultaneous restoration of faults.

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JAMMU: The Department of Wildlife Protection on Saturday conducted a training program for wildlife crime control at NIC, Manda, Jammu.

While inaugurating the training, Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/Chief Wildlife Warden, Jammu and Kashmir, mentioned that illegal trade in wildlife contraband is next to narcotics in the illegal international market. He stated that the department is regularly monitoring such activities and action is taken under law whenever such incidents are reported. He called upon trainees to take maximum ben-

efit of the program and have free interaction with resource persons.

The trainees comprised of field staff of the Department of Wildlife Protection from various Wildlife Divisions of Jammu Region. The technical sessions were conducted by Dr. Kumar MK, Conservator of Forests, Dr. Vinita from Central University of Jammu, and Dr. Vipin Sharma, Director of Research, Wildlife Analytical Laboratories.

The training program also had a mock crime scene, collection of evidence, and framing of the case. The participants were apprised about various parts and products in illegal wildlife trade, as well as the procedure for collection of samples. The trainees were made aware about DNA Forensics and the latest amendments in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

During the discussions, Vijay Kumar, Wildlife Warden, Kathua, Mushtaq Ahmad, Wildlife Warden, Poonch-Rajouri, and Amit Sharma, Wildlife Warden also participated. The program was moderated by Anil Kumar Atri, Wildlife Warden, Jammu.

## ADC Gbl inspects healthcare facilities at DH; directs authorities for hassle-free facilities to patients

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GANDERBAL: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-din Shah today visited District Hospital Ganderbal and took a review of the patient care affairs there.

On the occasion, the ADC along with the Medical Superintendent of District Hospital, Dr Yasmeen Kango conducted an extensive visit of all the Hospital departments including Medical ward, Post-operative ward, Gynae section, Ayush centre, SNCU section, Casualty section and different OPDs, IPDs and various spe-

cialties in the Hospital.

The ADC took a review of the different facilities in the Hospital including the stock of medicines available in the Hospital, sanitation, heating arrangements, availability of ambulance service etc.

He also interacted with the different patients admitted in Hospital and sought on spot feedback about the treatment and facilities available in the hospital including those under PMJAY.

The Hospital administration was directed to provide hassle free services to all the patients in the hospital keeping in view the inclement weather and

ongoing Snowfall activity in the Kashmir region.

Moreover, the hospital administration was directed to display the list of services and medicine available in the hospital at the conspicuous places. It was further directed to ensure availability of all services to the patients in the hospital in a hassle free manner and ensure judicious utilization of available medical and paramedical manpower in the Hospital.

The ADC asked the MS to put up all the effort to make modern/ latest infrastructure and equipment related facilities available in the hospital.

## Patil takes of stock of Yatra arrangements with AICC team, J&K leadership

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: AICC Incharge J&K affairs and MP, Rajni Patil on Saturday reviewed the preparations for the upcoming Bharat Jodo Yatra here with AICC team deputed here along with senior JKPC Leadership.

Those present in the meeting included JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani,

Member CEC, Tariq Hameed Karra, Ex PCC President G A Mir, former Union Minister Bharat Singh Solanki, AICC Spokesperson Meem Afzal (Ex-MP) AICC Jt Secretary, Co Incharge Manoj Yadav, AICC Coordinators Jeetu Patwari, Kamleshwar Patel, Kunal Chaudhary, Chetan Chouhan, G N Monga, Ravinder Sharma Chief

Spokesperson, AICC media coordinators Amresh Pandey and Dr. Rajesh Sharma.

The meeting took stock of the various aspects of the preparations for the Yatra enroute and Kashmir region, the culmination of the Yatra on 30th Jan.

Rajni Patil said that the culmination event in Kashmir has its great significance a?

the Yatra is from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. She said that there is great enthusiasm amongst people about the Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir.

There shall be another meeting with senior party leaders in party office here tomorrow, disclosed, JKPC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma.