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S/o Late Prabh Dayal Sharma and Mrs. Vijay Sharma (Maiden Sir name Magotra) owner of House No. 72 of JDA Colony Sector-5, Trikuta Nagar, lammu are selling to professor Mrs. Shashi Manhas W/o Rameshwa Singh Jamwal R/o Residential Complex-A6 - New Campus University of Jammu - 180004 Objection if any to anyone may communicate to the authorities of JDA/concerned within seven days. Dr. Prem Dayal Sharma R/o 72 Sector-V

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■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: As India is

on the brink of surpassing

China to become the most

populous country in the

world, experts cite lack of

literacy, awareness regard-

ing contraception and

abortions and economic

factors among reasons for

the spike in the population.

According to data from

the National Family

Health Survey, more abor-

tions take place in urban

areas, which is 4 per cent,

compared to 2.5 per cent in

The data stated that 1.9

per cent women with no

schooling background went

for abortions while 3.5 per

women with 10-11 years of

The plans of making her

daughter a doctor changed

for Chaaya Devi after she

"Children are god's gift

but what if you don't have

money to raise them and it

leaves your other children

suffering too," said the 25-

year-old, a mother of three

Devi, who is expecting

her fourth child, works as a

domestic help in Noida.

She now worries about how

to ensure a good life for her

"I consulted a govern-

ment hospital doctor but

she scolded me for getting

pregnant again but she

does not understand my

consent is never taken,

said Devi, who lives in a

joint family with her in-

children.

education opted for it.

had two more children.

rural areas.

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## Adv Grover installed as President Khatri Arora Consortium

Trikuta Nagar, Jammu

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: In its first meeting

which was held in Channi Himmat Jammu where the members present launched this social forum under the name style Khatri Arora Consortium with Advocate V.K Grover as its President and Jitender Aul and Rajesh Pandoh as Vice-Presidents. Those present included Adarsh Pandoh; Ajay Gandotra: Anil Sawhney Ashwany Puri; B. M Gandotra; B.R. Abrol; Deepak Kohli; Girish Bajaj; Jatinder Aul; Maneesh Gandotra; P. K. Talwar; Dr. Lokesh Verma; R.C. Nanda; Rajan Batta; Rajesh Pandoh; Raman Gandotra; Sanjay Sethi; T.R. Soi and V. K. Grover.

It was resolved in the meeting that the consortium shall work with full sincerity, dedication, devotion and loyalty in a spirit of unity. They shall also support the consortium financially and otherwise for the upliftment of both the communities and shall work in true spirit of constitution of this association



President Khatri Arora Consortium, Advocate V.K Grover and others at a meeting

(Consortium). It shall purely be a social and non-political organization, though for achieving its targets assigned in its constitution political support may be sought and obtained. Addressing the gathering, Advocate V K Grover assured the participants to frame a Constitution Committee and Executive constitute Committee in cooperation with two Vice Presidents in a very short time. He further revealed and impressed upon audience that Khatris and Aroras are

both Upper-Castes as narrated

by Emperor Jehangir in his

autobiography Jahangirnama.

McLeod and Louis Fenech,

As per historian W. H.

Khatri is a Punjabi form of the word Kshatriya. Peter Hardy and A. R. Desai also agree that Khatri is derived from Kshatriya.

He lauded the roles of Khatris in Bollywood through stalwarts like Raj Kapoor, BR Chopra, Yash Chopra, Subhas Ghai, Dev Anand, Ekta Kapoor, Prakash Mehra, Shekhar Kapur and Vidhu Vinod Chopra who are all Khatris.

He also mentioned roles of Sunil Grover, Juhi Chawla, Vijay Arora, Amrita Arora, Jas

Arora and Malaika Arora. He mentioned about the contribution of Astronaut Kalpna Chawla who lost her life in the field of science and technology.

unique, millions of women due to stigma, lack of say in family matters and acceptance of spouses towards contraceptives are forced to continue having children even as India is on the brink of surpassing China to become the most populous country in the

population India's crossed the 140 crore mark in January and is soon expected to surpass China's population.

Some estimates suggest that India's population might have already surpassed China but till the official census is conducted a definitive number cannot be given.

Poonam Executive Director, Population Foundation of India, said for any nation, the goal of a lower population growth rate requires a high contraceptive prevalence, which can only be achieved by strengthening the provision of family planning and sexual and reproductive health services, including access to abortion services.

According to data from National Family Health Survey-5, 0.9 per cent of all pregnancies resulted in abortion in

However, more abortions take place in urban areas which is 4 per cent, compared to 2.5 per cent in rural areas, according to the latest NFHS data. In terms of economic background, 1.7 per cent of women from the lowest wealth quintile used abortion services compared to 3.2 per cent in the middle wealth quintile and 4.1 per cent in the highest wealth quintile, the data stated.

Lack of awareness about abortion, contraception

among reasons for spike in population: Experts

"What it means is that women who are less educated, or belong to poor and marginalised sections of society, are not able to use abortion services as well as their more affluent, more educated counterparts. This is partly due to the stigma that is associated with abortions and also the lack of access and availability of services to rural women," Muttreja said. "Stigma forces women to seek services from quacks and untrained professionals which leads to maternal mortality and morbidity," she said.

Even though India has very progressive abortion policies, according to a 2015 study published in the Lancet, 15.6 million abortions occur in India annually, 95 per cent of which are outside public health facilities.

In India, abortion has been legal for more than half a century since the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971. A recent judgement by the Supreme Court of India, delivered in 2022 advanced women's right to abortion by including unmarried women among those who can seek abortion services. India needs to step up on all its health and reproductive health services, including abortion services, and make sure it is available through qualified practitioners in government and private settings, Muttreja

She suggested that another areaimprovement is needed is the quality of family planning services.

said.

Seema Bhaskaran, Lead-Gender at NGO Transform Rural India Foundation, said adolescents and young women are only infused with patriarchal values of virginity and the sanctity of the vagina and linking it to the honour of the family.

"This leads to a sense of secrecy and shame about the body, menstruation, fertility, and reproductive rights," she said.

Talking about the situation in rural India, Bhaskaran said sexual abuse of adolescents and young women is high in rural areas of India and the girl children are subjected to severe trauma and risk to life as they bear children as unwed mothers.

"The body and mind of the adolescent are subjected to irreparable damage. Infant mortality and maternal mortality are repercussions of such violations and abusive experiences. Similarly, within marriages, women are subjected to marital rape and unwanted pregnancies and unable to exercise their rights for abortion," she

Information on these aspects is inaccessible for adolescents and young women either through anganwadis or health systems like sub-centres or primary health centres or through platforms of the National Health Mission and sparse information on menstrual hygiene is transmitted through adolescent groups which are dwindling in numbers, she said.

Scientific and technically correct information on control over the body, sexuality, reproductive rights, and family planning should be imparted through platforms like communitybased organisations with the support of NHM, she added.

Shyamal Santra, Lead of Public Health and Nutrition at Transform Rural India Foundation said it is possible that the lower reported rates of abortion among lower-middle-class individuals in India could be influenced by a variety of factors, including limited access to healthcare, cultural or religious beliefs, or a lack of awareness about reproductive healthcare options.

"It is important to note that regardless of the reported rates of abortion all individuals should have access to safe and legal reproductive healthcare services, including contraception and abortion if they choose to use them,

# Jal Jeevan Mission: Awareness programme organised for stakeholders at Poonch

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: The Project Management Consultancy, Mission Directorate, Jal Jeevan Mission, J&K, in collaboration with District Jal Jeevan Mission, Poonch, today organised a mega Handholding cum Awareness program here in the Multipurpose hall of SKC Government Degree College.

The sessions witnessed participation of more than 800 participants comprising different stakeholders including PRIs. Pani Samiti members. field staff of Jal Shakti Department, Health viz ASHA workers, Aanganwari workers, District Project Management Implementation Support Agency, Water Testing lab staff, and FTK Trained Women various panchayats

### BTSM constitutes Jammu Distt Urban Unit STATE TIMES NEWS

among general public from

JAMMU: Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) on Sunday announced the Jammu District Urban unit for the Year 2023-24. Vishal Sharma and Alok Mahajan nominated President and General Secretary of the unit respectively.

The announcement was made by J&K UT President Dr Vivek Sharma after the meeting of the Jammu District activists in Jammu. Sunny Manhas, Sandeep Bakshi, Parshant Chawala and Atul Sharma have been nominated asVice-Presidents and Sarvdaman Sharma, Ashish Kumar. Sharma Naveen and Mahesh Gupta Secretaries of the unit.

In his address, Dr Vivek Sharma said that BTSM is working under the guidance of Indresh Kumar, Varisht Pracharak and National Executive Member of RSS; and under the leadership of BTSM National General Secretary Pankaj Goyal, is working determinedly for the liberation of Tibet and Kailash Mansarovar.

He also said that we can succeed in our goal only if we boycott the use of Chinese goods and adopt indigenous ones. He said that China has troubled the whole world with its "Hide and Bite policy". Further, he said that we will run public awareness in the entire state so that we can be successful soon in this struggle.

Poonch, Surankote and Mendhar Sub divisions of the

The programme was presided by the District Development Commissioner (Chairman DJJM) Poonch, Inder Jeet. Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Poonch (Member Secretary DJJM) Er. Rajinder K. Sharma was Guest of Honour. Executive Engineer PHE Div. Poonch Er. Riaz Ahmad, DEPO Narinder Mohan Suri, AEEs, AEs, Junior Engineers and officials of Jal Shakti deptt were also present.

Sr. Lecturer, Haroon Rathore conducted the proceedings of the programme.

In his address, District Development Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet spoke about the issue of pollution of water bodies and said that careless dumping of waste into water bodies/ sources has aggravated the water scarcity problem and the need is to arrest this trend by community mobilisation and action. He also laid emphasis on water conservation and judicious use of water. While appreciating the efforts of Jal Shakti Department, he also sought active participation of the PRIs and Pani Samities in speedy execution and quality construction of LIM works so as to achieve the set target of the Prime Minister to provide safe drinking water to every household. Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Poonch Er Rajinder K. Sharma, while addressing the audience, gave details of Jal Jeevan Mission program launched in the District Poonch to provide HAR GHAR NAL SE JAL with 15th August 2023 as the timeline for successful implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission program. He also explained the role of Pani Samities in implementation of the JJM and emphasised the need of coordination among the Jal Shakti Department and, Pani Samities and the general public in facilitating the smooth execution of the works on ground and completion of all the JJM schemes in Distt as per timeline fixed by the Govt. He further advised the Engineers of the department to ensure quality construction as per standard specifications. Earlier, Coordinator IEC, Muzaffar Hussain welcomed

the audience. Sajal Shrivastav, the expert from PMC was the keynote speaker of the programme. He highlighted the various aspects of Jal Jeevan Mission, water management and overall conservation measures and the importance of Jal Jeevan Mission for ensuring adequate, clean tap water to every household.

He explained in detail the role and duties of various stakeholders including Pani samities and shared best practices of water management and Rain Water harvesting with the audience and motivated them to play their key role with dedication and in a missionary zeal towards fulfilling the vision of

The essence of Jal Jeevan Mission, water harvesting and water conservation issues were also highlighted through Audio Visual aids and Nukkad Natak. In another session, a Live demonstration of Water Testing on Field Testing Kits was presented by Water Testing Staff before the stakeholders in order to train them.

At the end ISA Coordinator SFSAB Imtiaz Lone presented the vote of thanks.

# **■ AGENCY**

WASHINGTON: celebrating and recognising its diversity, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said, as she paid glowing tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar, the architect of India's Constitution, at an event

"We always had this diversity. It's a country which loves celebrations. It's a country which loves celebrating and recognisdiversity. itsSitharaman told a gathering of Indian-Americans at the popular India House, the residence of India's envoy to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, at an event here to celebrate the New Year being observed across the country in multiple ways. "Even as we're doing all this per auspicious calendar, each one of us follow, either based on the Sun horoscope or moon horoscope.

They're all around the same time. But based on the calendar year, April 14

#### marks the birthday of Dr. Ambedkar," she said.

India loves celebrating and recognising its

diversity: Finance Minister

'So here as I'm standing before, largely an Indian crowd, but of course senior officials of the US administration, when I say that India enjoys diversity, celebrates diversity, there can always be times when there is friction here on days when you have so many different people of diverse backgrounds," she Finance Minister is in the US for

World Bank spring meetsaid that Dr  $_{
m She}$ Ambedkar stands out in distinction to show how, despite the background from which it. learned from his teacher, in fact took his teacher's

Monetary Fund (IMF) and

International

name for his own. Benefited by the scholarship given by a ruler of Baroda, he came to Columbia to do law. Came back and was a veritable fountainhead of so many different thoughts which constitution makers of India had, and the discussions were long and elaborated, post which India's constitution was ready, she said.

They were eminent people in that group which prepared the Constitution of India. Dr. Babasaheb headed that group. And he's given the Constitution is what all of us would say we recognize him for the contribution that he's made," she said.

"It's not for me to highlight why I need to underline this when I'm talking about diversity. But because we are in the United States, I want to highlight that we celebrate the great leaders of our pre-independence era as well, Dr. Ambedkar stood for India, worked for Indians. He came from the oppressed Dalit communishe said

"He belongs to them. But he came with a positive thought of being part of new India in the making and wrote Constitution along with experts. So, when we celebrate diversity, celebrate inclusiveness, it also points out that we share a lot of positive thoughts when we are doing this. So today when we celebrate togetherness, it is that spirit that governs India and US relationship," Sitharaman said.

The event was marked by cultural performances showcasing India's cultural diversity, starting with Gurbani kirtan "Awal kirtan Allah

Upaaya....Kudrat Kai Sab Bande" by Bhai Sat Pal Singh ji, Bhai Onkar Singh ji and Bhai Karm Singh ji from Sikh Foundation of Virginia.

On Bhagwan Mahavir Jayanti, thoughts by Atmarpit Vidhiji, a scholfromShrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur, Gujarat were shared.

Songs on Easter by choir were from Memorial First India United Methodist Church in Marvland.

With Eid celebrations around the corner, devotional offerings were by Brothers Nawaz Fardeen Nawaz, Qais Nawaz and Idrees Nawaz to- Syed Muhammad Nizamuddin Auliya of the most famous Sufi saints of the Chishti Order from Northern India in

the 14th century. On Vaisakh Paurnima. also known as Buddha Paurnima, thoughts were espoused by Dr. Jin Park. Professor and Department Chair of Philosophy and Religion, University.

'When you look at all these festivals in one, place at one time, this is an example of diversity and inclusion and equity. said Dr Rahul Gupta, the White House drug czar.

# Navreh Milan at Jagti Township Rana lauds KPs for preserving their culture, traditions

## **■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lauding the resilience, fortitude and sense of assimilation of Kashmiri Pandits in braving the vicissitudes of wilderness during the long spell of their displacement, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Sunday complimented them for preserving their culture heritage and glorious traditions even during most testing times of their displacement from the Valley.

Interacting with the displaced members of the community at Navreh Milan organized by All India Migrant Camp Coordination Committee (AIMCCC) at Jagati Township the transitory second home of the Kashmiri Migrants, 12 kilometers from here, Mr Devender Rana said that despite the ignominy of being refugees they held pens and kept their ethos alive.

Devender Rana greeted the people on Navreh celebrations and prayed for the time to come when the displaced people will celebrate their festivals like Navreh in the scenic almond gardens and valley of Kashmir along with their majority community brethren



in true spirit of inclusiveness. He said both the communities are feeling nostalgic about the yesteryears and craving for Kashmir to get

back to its glorious golden era. In the presence of K.K. Khosa, President Kashmiri B.K. Raina. Samai. Chairman AIMCCC, Desh Rattan, President AIMCCC, Prof. A.N. Sadhu, B.L. Saraf, Retd Judge, B.L Bhat, Anil Dhar, Prof. G.L. Koul, Priya Dhar, Anjali Kar, Meenu Misri, Rakesh Dass, Pt. Rameshwar Dutt, Romesh Singh (Natti), Parveen Singh and others, Devender Rana complimented Kashmiri Pandits for their initiative of setting up of Sharada Temple near the Line of Control on the banks of the Krishna Ganga and urged the Union

Devender Singh Rana. issue of opening of the Sharada Peeth in Pakistan occupied Kashmir on the analogy of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor. This will quench the

spiritual thirst of Kashmiri Pandits, ardent devotees of Mata Sharda and revive the pristine glory of India's greatest seat of learning, he added. Tracing roots of the Kashmiri Pandits in the lands nurtured by their ancestors for centuries back home in Kashmir, Rana sought undoing of the wrongs committed by way of distress sales of their immovable properties post migration of the minuscule minority from the Valley in most tragic, inhuman and

unfortunate circumstances. "Hounding out and uprooting of aborigines is the worst kind of human rights violation", Rana added and called Home Minister to take up the

for course correction by identifying the sales carried out in distress in violation of the Jammu and Kashmir Migrant Immovable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sale) Act 1997.

This will expose the small but vocal section of vested interests, who believed in making personal and political empires by playing politics on dead bodies and the miseries of the people, no matter which community they belonged to.

He said their inhuman acts have greatly annoved and distressed the majority people in the valley also, who kept feeling the pain and agony of the minority community brethren and yearn for their honourable return.

They also understand that Kashmiri Pandits had no option but to leave their homes and hearths for safety of their lives, notwithstanding the malicious and mischievous 'conspiracy angle' being pushed by insensitive segments and politicians. Such a situation has unfortunately been allowed by politicians who dominated the political scene over the years, he

added.

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The following amendment is hereby incorporated in respective e-Nits

Name of work

e-NIT No.	Particular	Read as	Instead of
STD-II/71 of 2022-23 Dated 20-03-2023	BoQSNo 15 Structural steel work in built up sections, trusses and framed work, including cutting, hoisting, fixing in position and applying a priming coat of approved steel primer all complete. Welded	Qty=6142.5kg	Qty=163.8kg
STD-II / 09 of 2023-24 Dated 10-04-2023	Name of work	Relocation of 11mtr ST poles with 13 mtr ST poles with Double Circuit 0.2ACSR for 33 KV RAWALPORA SILKFACTORY line	Relocation of 11mtr ST poles with 13 mtr ST poles with Double Circuit 0.2ACSR for 33 KV RAWALPORA SILKFACTORY line under G20 works
STD-II / 09 of 2023-24 Dated 10-04-2023	Estimated Cost	Rs 96.82 Lacs	Rs 98.82 Lacs
STD-II / 10 of 2023-24	Name of work	Relocation of Double Circuit 11mtr ST poles with New Double Circuit	

No.:STD-II/138-40/F536/Ts Dated:-12-04-2023

Dated 10-04-2023

**DIP/J-243-P/23** Dated:- 16/04/2023

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