

## CVPPPL starts celebration of World Environment Day



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JAMMU: On the occasion of World Environment Day 2022, Chenab Valley Power Projects Pvt. Ltd (CVPPPL) started a series of activities to be held from June 3 to 5 at its Corporate Office in Jammu under the theme 'Only One Earth'.

In first phase, the programme started with plantation of medicinal plant sapling by Rajat Gupta, MD CVPPPL. This was followed by an awareness session wherein Dr. Ravi Sharma, Senior Manager (Env.) apprised the participants about the environmental concerns and the theme of World Environment Day.

Through poetic recitations, he also portrayed a picture of future environmental scenario in absence of any instant and concrete action by humanity,

## CISF personnel rescues boy from drowning in Narmada Canal

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GANDHINAGAR: Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel on Friday saved a precious life by rescuing a young boy

from drowning in the deep Narmada Canal at Adalaj, Gandhinagar. On June 3 at about 0830 hrs, Inspector Sher Singh of CISF Unit Ahmedabad Airport passing by the Narmada Canal, Adalaj heard someone calling for help and when he reached near the canal, he noticed a young boy drowning into the deep waters of the canal," CISF official said adding that without losing any time, Inspector Sher Singh jumped into the canal and rescued the drowning boy and brought him safely.

The matter was informed to the local Police and the rescued boy was taken to Civil Hospital for treatment, where he was given first-aid and he is normal now, official said.

On questioning, the boy

informed that he is the resident of Chandkheda, Ahmedabad and he along with his friend went to canal to feed the fishes, but accidentally fell into the canal. Inspector Sher Singh showed great courage and determination despite the

**Chhibber, Raina condemn terrorist attack on Bank Manager Vijay Kumar**

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JAMMU: Director & Former CMD Jammu & Kashmir Bank, R.K. Chhibber and President, Ellaqui Dehati Bank Retirees Association, Avtar Raina strongly condemned the killing of innocent Bank Manager Vijay Kumar of Ellaqui Dehati Bank, Kulgam by terrorists. "I strongly condemn the most unfortunate event of killing of innocent persons in Kashmir Valley and of banker Vijay Kumar of Ellaqui Dehati Bank, Kulgam, while performing his duties," Chhibber said in condolence message.

"I also convey my heartfelt condolences to the family of Vijay Kumar and pray the Almighty to give strength to his family to withstand this irreparable loss," he added.

"We are shocked and dismayed at the news of martyrdom of young colleague Vijay Kumar Branch Manager of Arreh-Mohanpara Branch District Kulgam. We condole the untimely death in harness of the young officer and express our sincere sympathy with the bereaved family," Avtar Raina in his message said.

"Through this condolence we convey our concern the Chairman and all concerned authorities to take preventive, protective and safeguard systems into operation so that our serving staff at branches is infused with confidence of security while serving customers at our Branches," he added.

## PIL on establishment of industrial; DB Directs SMC to file affidavit

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court at Srinagar Wing comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi has directed counsel appearing for the Srinagar Municipal Corporation to file an affidavit indicating as to the steps taken by it to remove the hazards due to discharge of effluents from the industrial units due to lack of proper arrangement for treatment of the waste and effluents, as pleaded by the inhabitants of Hill View Colony in a PIL.

The counsel was directed to file the report within a month. When the PIL came up for hearing, DB observed that on the letter dated September 2, 2020 of the inhabitants of the area addressed to the Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir, this PIL was registered in con-

text with the cleaning of the industrial area.

The Regional Director J&K Pollution Control Board, District Officer PCB, Budgam, had pointed three deficiencies and had recommended that the CETP (Common Effluent Treatment Plant) needs to be made operational and the treated water needs to be channelized for irrigation purposes; the drains in the industrial estate are required to be cleaned and cleared regularly to ward off blockage/choking; and solid waste generated within the industrial estate should be channelized to some municipal body for scientific disposal.

DB observed that all the aforesaid jobs have to be taken care of by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation and directed SMC to file affidavit indicating as to the steps taken by it to remove the above deficiencies.

## DB disposes of PIL seeks regulation of online social media news agencies, portals

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court, comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur, disposed of a PIL, seeking direction to the government to not allow online news networks and portals to function without proper license or permission, with the observations that the petitioner in regard to regulating and controlling the social media network may submit representation and suggestions to the Principal Secretary, Information Department along with his detailed representation as to the grievance in the manner in which he wants social media news channels to be permitted and regulated.

The PIL was filed by Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Forum, a Trust, through its General

Secretary. In the event, the petitioner so submits the representation and the suggestions, the Government and the Principal Secretary, Information Department would be free to consider the same and take an appropriate action most expeditiously as may be permissible in law.

The PIL also prays for appointment of a regulatory authority for grant of permissions to the social media news channels, networks and news portals. The PIL underscores that details sought by the petitioner under Right to Information Act from Director Information Jammu and Kashmir do not attest to any permission having been granted to any person for running the online news agencies and channels. "In absence of any permission having been granted by the competent authority for running a news portal it is sufficient

to infer that there is no proper, legal and regulatory mechanism in place at present with the result a state of confusion prevails on the subject as to the genuineness of any news transmitted by such channels and portals," pleads the PIL.

"Every person with a hanging camera and holding a mic poses himself as a journalist irrespective of the fact whether he or she is authorized and permitted to work as journalist and whether he or she has the requisite qualification" alleged the PIL. "Fake journalists running Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter pages have become a new virus that has spread everywhere in Kashmir. They continue to harass officials to create viral videos and sensational news stories and such steps also tend to tarnish the image of real journalists and media persons and therefore such

vagrants need to be discouraged," reads the PIL. "Real professional journalists from major newspapers, news channels and news agencies follow a strict code of ethics," it states.

With regard to monitoring of cable operators, the PIL says under cable networking law every District Magistrate, in his respective jurisdiction, is competent and empowered to exercise effective control over the cable operators.

"Under law it is obligatory for every cable operator to ensure that National/Doordarshan channels are put on air to facilitate common people to view official media in the country. Most of the cable operators are guilty of blacking out the DD National channels in their areas of operation and respective District Magistrates do not take cognizance of this grave negligence".

## Raina, Sunil flag off Bharat Darshan Sushasan Yatra

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JAMMU: President BJP Jammu Kashmir, Ravinder Raina along with former Minister and State General Secretary BJP Sunil Sharma on Friday flagged off Bharat Darshan Sushasan Yatra for different districts. They were accompanied by BJYM President Jammu Kashmir Arun Prabhat, National Media Incharge Amandeep Singh and State Secretary BJP Ajay Pargal. Speaking on the occasion, Ravinder Raina said that last 8 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's regime has paved way for colossal development and the country has earned name and fame across the world with leading countries coming forward to have resounding business ties by offering investments of hundreds of crores of rupees. He said that BJP government had enabled India to progress by leaps and bounds by involving youths to become bedrock for the development journey of the country.

Sunil Sharma in his address said that India witnessed unmatched progress under PM Modi and still the country is treading towards unprecedented development with full force especially the J&K which



President BJP J&K, Ravinder Raina flagging off Bharat Darshan Sushasan Yatra.

remained a victim of dynastic politics and indifference of successive governments in the last over 70 years.

Later, Seh Prabhari BJP Ashish Sood, former Minister and State Vice President BJP Sham Lal Sharma, All Morcha Prabhari Munish Sharma, District President Akhnoor Jagdish Bhagat welcomed the Yatra during a Swagat Samarth at Akhnoor Fort.

Ashish Sood spoke about the unprecedented development which was carried out in the past eight years under Modi regime. He said that the track record of BJP government is so promising that people's aspirations have touched the level next as they want everything from the government with no compromise on any issue. He

said that so is the magnanimity of BJP government that no one is disappointed and all are happy with the performance.

Sham Lal Sharma gave a brief account of heritage sites of Akhnoor including local fort and Jia Pota Ghat besides Ambaran. He further said that

Interestingly the Jia Pota Ghat got its name from the Jia Pota tree under whose shade the Raj Tilak ceremony of Maharaja Gulab Singh took place. Later, the delegates visited Jia Pota Ghat and Ambran, world's seventh Buddhist monastery.

Speaking about the Bharat Darshan Sushasan Yatra, Arun Prabhat said that the team of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Moreha (BJYM) is on a pan-India Yatra and it is going to

spend four days in the UT of J&K to have first hand knowledge about the region.

Later in Jammu, Heritage walk was conducted across the Jammu City in which the delegates visited Hari Palace, Raghunath ji Temple and Mahakali Temple at Bahu Fort.

The delegates also had the local Dogra cuisines which they cherished by showering praises and seeking the recipes of the mouth watering delicacies.

Later in the evening, a formal interaction with the visiting delegation was held at the residence of Dr Nirmal Singh in which the former deputy CM briefed about the rich heritage and culture of J&K and apprised the changes witnessed in J&K during the BJP Government.

## C-DOT signs agreement with VVDN Technologies, WiSig Networks to develop 5G Open RAN

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NEW DELHI: The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with WiSig Networks Private Limited and VVDN Technologies Private Limited for collaboration in the area of Open RAN-based Radio Network for 5G solution.

The Ministry of Communications said that it is a major step for Indigenous development of 5G Open RAN under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Initiative. Dr. Raj Kumar Upadhyay, Executive Director, C-DOT emphasized the key role of synergistic engagement amongst various technology stakeholders in developing all-encompassing indigenous products and solutions in an effective and expeditious manner. Punit Agarwal, CEO, VVDN Technologies remarked "VVDN is committed to enable the 5G eco-system in India. This collaboration between C-DOT, VVDN and WiSig is another step towards making India 'Aatmanirbhar' in the field of Telecom." Founder WiSig Networks, Prof. Kiran Kuchi said, "WiSig is delighted to be part of this initiative led by C-DOT to build indigenous 5G network infrastructure equipment. WiSig has been pioneering the development of indigenous 5G technology since last five years which can be seen in WiSig's contributions to 5G standardization at 3GPP, TSDSI and ITU consultations." Dr Pankaj Dalela, Shikha Srivastava Directors of C-DOT and senior officer from CDOT, VVDN and WiSig were also present.



## Randhawa organises door-to-door campaign, awares people about achievements of Modi Govt

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JAMMU: To commemorate 8 years of Modi Government in the centre, Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa started 75 hours long public outreach programme.

On the first day of the public outreach programme, Randhawa started door to door campaign and aware the people about the achievement of the Modi Government in the past 8 years in the Flora and Nangbani areas here.

Former Legislator said that eight years of Modi Government have been devoted that no ward will be deprived of basic amenities and development of every citizen is our main motto. He said that many projects are in pipeline for Jammu which will change the face of the city.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also working to mitigate problems of the people and give them respite from miseries which they are facing in the last over seventy years", he said, adding that central dispensation has provided surplus funds for the development

works across the Union Territory and that is the reason behind irresistible development trail going on in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the door to door campaign, Former Legislator, who is also Coordinator of "Seva, Sushashan aur Garib Kalyan Pakhwada" Jammu Rural asked the party cadre to aware the people about the achievements of the Modi Government in the past 8 years.

Randhawa was accompanied by Rajinder Chib District President, Advocate Abhinav Sharma, Sarpanch Vandana Devi, Kishan Lal and Mohinder Kumar, Panchs, Neeraj, Anil Kumar, Ricky and many others.

## MP Ladakh flags off 5-day Electric Bicycle rally



Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make Ladakh a carbon natural place and called the bicycle rally is also one such programme. Cycle is affordable, economical, eco-friendly and best suited to the fragile ecosystem of Ladakh, he added.

"The electric bicycle rally is being organised to generate awareness about the benefits of electric bicycles among locals as well as tourists visiting Ladakh. On the world bicycle day, we want to send a message to the whole of India that this is a step towards the Prime Minister's vision to make Ladakh a carbon neutral and we will make it a success," said Son Bose of the Experiential Himalaya and The North India Trekking.

During the course of the five days, cyclists will paddle through Warila to Nubra and return to Leh on the 7th June via Khardongla.

While welcoming all cyclists, who are mostly from outside Ladakh, MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal expressed happiness that the organisers have chosen Ladakh for this programme.

He said many programmes are being initiated in Ladakh every passing day to translate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make Ladakh a carbon natural place and called the bicycle rally is also one such programme. Cycle is affordable, economical, eco-friendly and best suited to the fragile ecosystem of Ladakh, he added.

Organisers presented Jamyang Tsering Namgyal with an electric bicycle and he paddled along with the participants upto Sindhu Ghat.