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### AC approves new...

in Government College for Women, M.A Road Srinagar. The first batch of the course started in September 2019. However, the teaching faculty for the medical curriculum in these colleges was being provided by the Health & Medical Education Department.

The aim of opening these Colleges was to provide the technical education in health sector especially to the female students of both the divisions to address the shortage of human resource in health sector and promote women empowerment.

To provide sectoral expertise to the nursing colleges, the Administrative Council has approved the transfer of the administrative control to the Health & Medical Education Department.

With the decision, all incomes and expenses of these colleges will now be accounted in the budget of Health and Medical Education Department. The Health and Medical Education Department will also bear the responsibility for all further development in these colleges, including admissions, teaching and award of degrees/diplomas.

Accordingly, the two colleges along with students enrolled, faculty and allied human resource as well as all movable assets will also be transferred to the Health and Medical Education Department.

In yet another decision, the Administrative Council approved the Jammu and Kashmir Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Rules, 2022 under the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019. The Act provides a comprehensive mechanism to ban the unregulated deposits and to protect the interests of depositors.

The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019 puts a ban on the promotion, operation, and advertisement of unregulated deposit schemes which lead to fraudulent default in the repayment/ return of deposit amount on maturity. A prize chit or a money circulation scheme is also banned under the provisions of the Act.

The Jammu and Kashmir Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Rules, 2022 lay out the provisions and scope of powers and duties of the competent authority under the Act; powers vested while conducting investigation or inquiry; powers relating to absconding persons; power to seize properties; power to appoint legal practitioner and others; power of Government to empanel agencies for forensic or digital audit, valuation or sale of assets; valuation reports to be obtained while releasing properties attached; and ceiling for Self Help Groups.

### Govt constitutes four...

Agriculture Production Department will chairperson of two UT level committees while District Magistrate and Additional district magistrate will be chairpersons of District level monitoring committee and District level redressal committee respectively.

"The administrative Secretary, Agriculture Production Department will be Chairperson, Special Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (State Nodal Officer UT of Member Secretary J&K) Member Secretary and Director, Agriculture Production Department Kashmir/Jammu, Assistant Commissioner (Central), Office of Divisional Commissioner (Jammu/Kashmir), Joint Director Extension, Agriculture Production Department, Kashmir/Jammu and representative of SLBC (concerned) will be members of the UT Level Review/Monitoring Committee," it reads.

"The terms of Reference of the committees are that the UT Level Monitoring Committee shall monitor PM-KISAN scheme as per the guidelines at the UT level and shall also guide and steer implementation and review progress of the scheme on a monthly basis," it stated.

"District Development Commissioner (concerned) will be chairperson, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue (concerned), Assistant Commissioner, Development (concerned), District Agriculture Officer (Extension) (concerned) and Representative of Lead District Manager of DLBC (concerned) will be members and District Agriculture officer (Concerned) will be member Secretary of the District Level Review/Monitoring Committee(s)."

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"Administrative Secretary, Agriculture Production will be chairperson, Special Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Department Production Department (State Nodal Officer, UT of J&K) will be member secretary of the committee, Director, Agriculture Production Department Kashmir/Jammu and Representative of State Level Banking Committee (concerned) will be members while Senior Most Regional Level SMS (Subject Matter Specialist), Kashmir/Jammu will be Executive-Member of the UT level Grievance Redressal Committee," the order added.

It stated that the terms of reference of the UT level Grievance Redressal Monitoring Committee will be to look into all grievances related to implementation

of the scheme appropriate and take steps for their redressal within the frame work of guidelines.

"Additional District Development Commissioner (concerned) will be chairperson, Chief Agriculture Officer (concerned) will be member secretary, District Panchayat Officer (concerned), District Officers (Extension) (concerned), Senior Most District Level SMS, District Lead Bank Manager or his representative concerned, Representative of Deputy Commissioner from Revenue Department and Representative of Deputy Commissioner from Rural Development Department will be members of District Level Grievance Redressal Committee(s)," the order reads, adding that the terms of Reference of the District level Grievance Redressal Monitoring Committee(s) shall look into grievances related to implementation of the scheme and take appropriate steps for their redressal within the frame work of guidelines and shall ensure submission of fortnightly reports to the UT level Grievance Redressal Monitoring Committee".

### JKPSC recommends appointment...

weeks' time. After verification of the documents, the Commission in its 7th Meeting, approved to make recommendation to the Government.

Similarly, the Commission in the current month, cleared more than 500 Engineers of different cadres of the PWD (R&B) Department for promotion to the next scales. Other promotion proposals received from the departments are under process and it will be the endeavour of the Commission to clear all promotions in a time-bound manner. Besides, the Commission is also contemplating to issue annual calendar for various activities like, conduct of examinations, and holding of DPCs. This will be done once all pending promotions and recruitment is concluded by the Commission.

The Commission intends to clear the tasks with regard to direct recruitment and promotion in the current year itself so that the stage is set for following a schedule for various activities.

### LG calls for...

of the said training for up-skilling of construction workers in a fixed timeframe. The Lt Governor also sought progress on the achievement of ODF plus status for all ULBs in J&K and on developing Waste Management Systems.

Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, H&UDD gave detailed presentation on the progress achieved under various projects by the department.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Rahul Yadav, Commissioner JMC; Athar Aamir Khan, Commissioner SMC, besides senior officials of the concerned departments attended the meeting.

### Opposition stages protest...

have stalled the proceedings in both Houses ever since the start of the Monsoon session on July 18.

### CBSE Class 10...

sessions," CBSE Examination Controller Sanyam Bhardwaj said. The board has also decided against publishing merit lists to avoid "unhealthy competition" among students.

"As per earlier decision of the board, no merit list will be declared to avoid unhealthy competition among students. The board is also not awarding first, second and third division to its students," Bhardwaj said.

"The board will issue merit certificates to 0.1 per cent of students who have scored the highest marks in subjects," he added.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) had in March announced that the undergraduate admissions in all central universities will now be through Common University Entrance Test (CUEET) instead of class 12 scores.

This year, the class 12 pass percentage stands at 92.71 per cent with 33,432 candidates having scored above 90 per cent and 1,34,797 above 95 per cent. Over 67,000 students have been placed in compartment.

For class 10, the pass percentage this year is 94.4, which is 4.64 per cent lower than last year's 91.46. The difference between the pass percentage of girls and boys was 3.7 last year.

While the pass percentage of girls stood at 95.21, that of boys and transgender candidates was 93.8 and 90 respectively.

Over 21.09 lakh regular candidates had registered for the Class 10 exam this year, of whom 20.93 lakh had appeared in it.

The number of candidates scoring above 95 per cent has increased by over 7,000, with 64,908 students falling in the bracket. Similarly, the number of students scoring between 90 and 95 per cent has gone up by over 36,000 from last year's 2,00,962. A total of 2,36,993 candidates have scored between 90 and 95 per cent this year.

The board also announced that it will conduct class 10 and 12 exams for the 2022-23 academic session from February 15 next year.

Unlike last year, there will be only one exam at the end of the academic session in 2023.

"In light of the lessening of impact of the Covid pandemic across the globe, the

board has decided to conduct the 2023 examination from February 15, 2023," Bhardwaj said.

"CBSE has decided to go back to the conventional practice of holding board exams once a year. In 2022, in view of COVID-19, these exams were conducted in two terms," Bhardwaj had earlier said.

### Amarnath Yatra suspended...

central Kashmir's Ganderbal. Over 2.30 lakh pilgrims had offered their prayers at the cave shrine, housing the naturally formed ice-shivlingam, the officials said.

A total of 1,24,714 pilgrims have left from the Jammu's Bhagwati Nagar base camp for the Valley since June 29, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

The yatra is scheduled to end on August 11 on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

A total of 35 people mostly pilgrims have died during the on-going yatra till now excluding 15 pilgrims, who died in the flashfloods at the cave shrine on July 1.

### J&K opposition leaders...

politics was over. A poor woman born in a Tribal family, Droupadi Murmu, has become India's President...The era of dynastic politics is over. Those involved in dynastic politics in Kashmir should search for some work sooner. They can do anything like business, hotels, they have done it earlier as well, but their business of politics is coming to an end, he said.

Without naming anyone, but in an apparent reference to the National Conference, Hussain said the era of grandfather, son and then grandson becoming chief ministers is over. Now Murmu's time has come, she has become president. Ramnath Kovind became president. Son of a poor man, a tea-seller, became PM. Our party does politics for the poor, he said.

### J&K Admn launches...

can be accomplished by a single drone in a matter of hours", Pandey said. Block development committee chairperson Brijeshwar Singh said the technological intervention in agriculture will help farmers save their hardwork and time.

### Public institutions renamed...

will be renamed after Martyr Const. Rajinder Kumar, Martyr Const. Raj Kumar, Martyr Ct Naseeb Singh, Martyr SPO Jalal Din, Martyr Ct. Shamim Ahmed, Martyr HC. Raghu Nath, Martyr Sep. Joginder Singh, Martyr Havaladar Sartool Singh, Martyr Ct. Raj Kumar, and Martyr Ct. Jagdev Singh.

Similarly, in Kashmir region, the institutions will be named after Late Sarwanand Kaul Premi, Martyr Reyaz Ahmad Lone, Martyr Rfn. Mohammad Safer Khan, Martyr Para Trooper Shabir Ahmad Malik, Martyr Rfn. Abdul Hameed Chara, Martyr HC Abdul Rashid Kalas, Martyr Sgct. Ghulam Mustafa Barah, and Martyr HC Sheraz Ahmad.

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Diksha Raina, Manish Sudan, Sahil Abrol, Disha Gupta, Tufail Iqbal, Akshay Sharma, Urvi Singh, Chahat Bharti, Vivek Rattan, Fayaz Ahmad Mir, Shafia Maqbool, Raja Majid Iqbal, Akanksha Gupta, Sachin Abrol, Dheeraj Vishavnathbhim Bahadur, Navamani Hans, Mohit Sharma, Azhar Khan, Gohar Aarzo Chaud, Sandesh Kumar, Waseem Ramzan Dar, Chandan Manhas, Gazi Abdullah, Shoaib Aslam and Tahir Hafiz.

### J&K records 531...

the pandemic stood at 4,761, and no fresh fatality was reported from the union territory in the past 24 hours, the officials said.

There are 2,411 active cases, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,51,815, they said. Meanwhile, Ladakh reported 17 fresh coronavirus cases during the past 24 hours, raising its tally to 28,709, officials said.

All the positive cases were recorded in Leh district, they said.

So far, 228 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Ladakh. Of these, 168 deaths have been reported in Leh and 60 in Kargil, the officials said.

They said the number of active COVID-19 cases has gone up to 107 in the union territory.

Fourteen more people were discharged from a hospital in Leh after being cured of the disease, the officials said, adding the total number of recoveries stands at 28,374.

### ED defers Sonia...

and not on Monday (July 25).

The reason for the change of date could not be ascertained immediately.

Gandhi, 75, was questioned for over two hours during her first day of questioning in the case on Thursday.The probe relates to alleged financial irregularities in the Congress-promoted Young Indian Private Limited, which owns the National Herald newspaper.

## Karcher India pays tributes at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple, undertakes restoration work



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SRINAGAR: Having undertaken restoration work of essential places such as Restoration Obelisk - Paris, Reverse Graffiti - Vouglans, France, Avicii Arena - Stockholm, Sweden, Glass Sculpture Dromaeas - Athens Greece, and Cologne Cathedral - Cologne Germany, Karcher initiated a community outreach program at MataKheer Bhawani Tulumula, Kashmir.

Kheer Bhawani, constructed over a sacred spring, is situated at a distance of 25 kilometers northeast of Srinagar. The term kheer refers to a milk and rice

pudding offered to please the goddess. Karcher India took it upon itself and with the help of its innovative solutions - pressure washers, vacuum cleaners, and other cleaning solutions, cleaned the temple and its premises.

Commenting on the development Jatinder Kaul, Managing Director, Karcher India said, "We were humbled by the opportunity to clean the premises of MataKheer Bhawani Tulumula, Kashmir, with our solutions. As a leading provider of cleaning solutions, we are committed to contributing to a cleaner environment. Not only

through the economical use of resources such as raw materials, energy, and water, but also through ambitious cleaning projects related to our shared cultural heritage. Our wholehearted thanks to the Dharmarath Trust who entrusted us with this task, said Mr. Kaul.

For over 40 years, we have been committed to the preservation of historical monuments and buildings free of charge as a cleaning specialist. To date, Karcher has demonstrated its experience and expertise in over 150 restoration projects worldwide, said Kaul.

Preserving values is at the center of our actions. Nature, culture, and society are important values for us, the preservation of which we advocate and take on responsibility for. Karcher India is committed to undertaking more such projects, to enable the highest level of cleanliness in places of worship and monuments across India. We are committed to Make A Difference through our solutions, he added.

## Workshop organized on 'Rachnatmak' series of Visual Arts

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JAMMU: A workshop was organized by World University of Design Sonipat- School of Visual arts on 'Rachnatmak' series of creative approaches in which eminent artist K. K Gandhi from Jammu gave live demonstration. It was a workshop with a detailed demonstration of live painting exclusively by K.K Gandhi guiding students with his live painting skills and intricacies of his paintings. Gandhi created a wonderful mysterious Himalayan landscape (4ft. X 7ft.) as part of the workshop within 3 hours. His painting was so alive, vivid as if it was inviting the spectators to venture physically into the same.

The workshop was organised to help students to get a fresh perspective on various art forms like painting, drawing, sculpting, print making and ceramic etc. from time to time by eminent personali-

ties who are currently working as professionally in the field of art and design. On this occasion with guidance of Rajan Fulari - Dean - Department of visual arts, various faculties and students, the second episode of "Rachnatmak" was organised and K. K Gandhi was the resource person. Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjay Gupta while emphasizing the importance of inviting different masters and motivating young minds profoundly eulogized with the presence of K.K Gandhi sharing his skills of live painting in the workshop for the students and before special invitees. Vice Chancellor in the recognition of Gandhi's valuable feedback to the participants of the workshop and also sharing his precious moment to grace the event honored with award of excellence and token of honorarium on behalf of the university.

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide more development & civic amenities for citizens of Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta Mayor alongwith Gurmee Kour Randhawa Councillor of Ward No 69 on Friday kick started the work of laying of cemented slab of community Hall within the premises of Shiv Mandir situated at Sector-G Sainik Colony.

Narinder Singh Jamwal Councillor of Ward 70, Karan Singh Jamwal President of Shiv Mandir Management Committee alongwith other representatives, Cap Bunti Singh, Captain Pyara Singh, Kulwant Jasrotia, Madam Inderjeet Kour, Madam Radha Kumari, Madam Asha Devi & other prominent inhabitants of Sainik Colony area as well as Rajan Mengi Assistant Executive Engineer, Khalid Hussain Junior Engineer alongwith other supervisory staff works division IV & Health wing were also accompanied the Mayor during the function.



Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta and others starting dev work.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor told that it was the long pending demands of the Mandir committee as well as locals as they were facing much hardships especially during hot & rainy season to organise religious/ community functions and in order to fulfil their demands, local Councillor Gurmee has taken a great initiatives & this development work has been started today with an allotted amount of Rs 50 lakh. He also directed the concerned Engineering wing & contractor to complete the work within stipulated time frame by applying best quali-

ty & durable construction material So that residents can take full benefit of the community Hall in near future.

Mandir management committee members extended gratitude to the Mayor & Gurmee Kour Randhawa for visiting the ward & fulfilling their much awaited demands. Mayor also appealed to the general public to come forward & cooperate with JMC & other allied agencies in all the development activities being undertaken in various wards of the city so that Jammu can be made really a neat, clean & green city.

## Sham, Priya, Munish listen to public grievances

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister Sham Choudhary, BJP NEM & former Minister Priya Sethi and BJP All Mocha Incharge Munish Sharma, listened to the public grievances at BJP head-quarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

After listening to the grievances presented by the visiting people and deputations, BJP leaders took up the same with the concerned officials for early solutions.

The problems presented chiefly related to the repair of the damaged Nallahs in the ongoing rainy season. Others issues related to



Former BJP Ministers Sham Choudhary & Priya Sethi listening to people's grievances.

repair of lanes & drains, electric transformer, ration supply etc. A request related to the non-deliverance of benefits to an employee in the Custodian department was also raised before the party leaders.

The issues were on the spot, taken up with the heads of these departments by Sham Choudhary, Priya Sethi and Munish Sharma telephonically and they were impressed with immediate

solutions.

Speaking on the occasion, Sham Choudhary focused on the need for an effective mode of grievance redressal for the masses and said that these camps have been initiated with a particular vision to ensure the ease to the masses.

Priya Sethi said that BJP leaders are dedicatedly working to provide earlier solutions to the problems faced by the masses in these grievances redressal camps.

Munish Sharma said that people have developed faith in this approach and as such throng party office in large numbers.

## Ch Manmohan proposes national platform to recall sacrifices of 'unsung' freedom fighters

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JAMMU: President All India Jat MahaSabha and former Mayor, Choudhary Manmohan Singh has proposed for a national level platform to recall and honour the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters claiming that many unsung heroes are required to be projected as they didn't get the due respect and honour due to various reasons.

The Jat leader from J&K said this while addressing the Balidan Diwas event at Shanli City in Utter Pradesh.

The former Mayor said that a central level platform is a must to recall the supreme

sacrifice of the unknown martyrs who laid their lives ungrudgingly for the independence of the country. He said that the aforesaid platform can do the needful by honouring the family members of those unsung heroes.

The Balidan Diwas programme was organised by Maharaja Surajmal Rashtriya Jat Trust to pay tributes to Sham Lal Tomar and Mohar Singh, freedom fighters of 1857 Revolt. The Trust is working for making daughters self-protectors, educating youth against dowry system, de-addiction and also making them aware about their history.

Ch Manmohan Singh was the Chief Guest while Naresh Takait, President Bhartiya Kissan Union and President Khap Panchayat was the Special Guest.

After paying tributes to the aforesaid freedom fighters, Ch Manmohan maintained that there are several freedom fighters in the country who were denied proper acknowledgment due to several reasons including political and therefore it is the need of the time to have a central platform which can honour all the unsung heroes without any discrimination or prejudice as this necessary to connect the new generation with their

magnificent past and also to honour those families which had lost their near ones in the freedom struggle.

Later, Ch Manmohan Singh and Naresh Takait honoured meritorious students and outstanding players of the community and presented Rani Jhansi Sword to Mahila Shakti of Jat community.

Prominent among others who were present include Bijendra Singh, District President Shamli, Ravinder Tomar State President, Ravinder Singh State Secretary, Anil Shlot Founder, Parshanjit Kalkhande and Mahipal Singh, Senior Vice President.