Div Com reviews flood preparedness in Jammu Div

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Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the flood related preparations of concerned departments and district administrations in Jammu Division.

Deputy Commissioners of districts of Jammu Division. SSP Jammu, Commandant SDRF, Chief Engineers of Jal Shakti Jammu, I&FC Jammu, PMGSY Jammu, MED senior officials from UEED, NHID-CL, BRO and other concerned agencies attended the meeting in person and virtually.

The Div Com sought the details of the preparations made by the respective districts and departments in view of the onset of Monsoon.



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting at Jammu on Saturday.

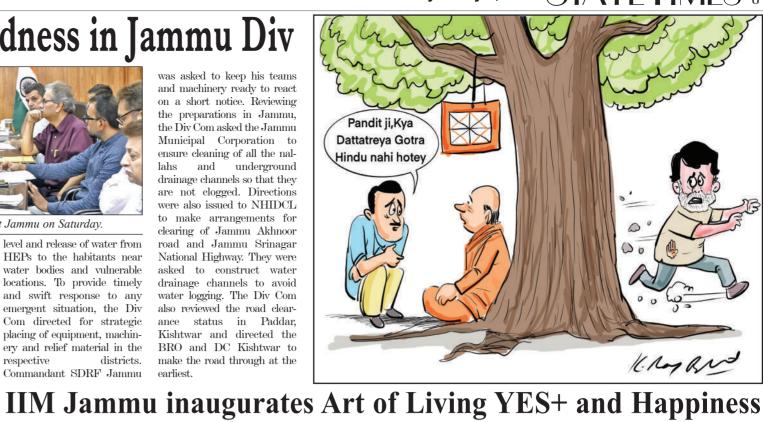
The District Administrations were asked to establish a Joint Control Room with representatives from concerned departments and executing agencies for swift response in case of any flood like situation arising in their areas. He called for identification of vulnerable spots and flood prone areas while taking adequate meas-

ures to avoid losses. The Concerned District Administrations were asked to hold a meeting of stakeholder departments and authorities of Dams, water bodies and Hydro Electric Power stations for necessary plans and preparations. The Div Com asked for issuing timely warning and advance alerts regarding rising water

level and release of water from HEPs to the habitants near water bodies and vulnerable locations. To provide timely and swift response to any emergent situation, the Div Com directed for strategic placing of equipment, machinery and relief material in the respective districts. Commandant SDRF Jammu

and machinery ready to react on a short notice. Reviewing the preparations in Jammu, the Div Com asked the Jammu Municipal Corporation to ensure cleaning of all the naland underground drainage channels so that they are not clogged. Directions were also issued to NHIDCL to make arrangements for clearing of Jammu Akhnoor road and Jammu Srinagar National Highway. They were asked to construct water drainage channels to avoid water logging. The Div Com also reviewed the road clearance status in Paddar. Kishtwar and directed the BRO and DC Kishtwar to make the road through at the

was asked to keep his teams



Jammu region student design creators felicitated with **Certificates of Registration of Design by The Patent Office**



SCERT J&K, Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas posing with students and other dignitaries at felicitation ceremony.

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JAMMU: As the State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT) J&K organized two-day design registry workshops in collaboration with the office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (CGPDTM) for the finalists of Toycathon, 115 designs of Toycathon participants were registered by the CGPDTM.

The Toycathon, organized under the leadership of Prof (Dr) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director SCERT J&K, had saw the enthusiastic participation approximately 1,25,000 students from Jammu and Kashmir.

These students created innovative, educational, and culturally rich toys and games, in line with the vision of promoting "Make in India.

tect their toy designs under Design Rights by CGPDTM. From Jammu Division, 34 students participated, resulting in 51 applications filed. From Kashmir Division, 57 students participated, filing 64 applications. In total, 115 applications were filed, supported by the IP Mitra program of the Department for Promotion of Industry

Internal tions were successfully registered, and registration certificates were gen-

In recognition of their achievements, 31 stufrom Jammu dents Division were awarded Certificates Registration of Design by Patent Office, Government of India. Some of the students have filed applications for the registration of more than one design.

The dignitaries who graced the felicitation ceremony included Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director SCERT J&K, Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu, N Ramchander, Controller of Patents and Design, Delhi, Secretary Manisha JKBOSE Sareen, Joint Director The workshops aimed to DSEJ Subah Mehta and Revival of Local Culture motivate students to pro- Joint Director JKSCERT & Heritage." Registration Central H. R. Pakhroo.

The student design cre-Jammu Division were felicitated during the felicitation ceremony held JKSCERT Divisional Office Jammu.

Welcoming all the guests and student design creators, H.R Pakhroo congratulated young innovators applauding their creativity and innovation.

address keynote "Toycathon remarked, which is a platform for innovative ideation and collaboration is the first of its kind rolled by any State or UT and this should be made a permanent initiative like İnspire Manak scheme that carves creativity and critical thinking amongst the students.

He further added that the collaboration between all the stakeholders will lead to the realization of the vision of NEP 2020.

Ashok Sharma congratulated JKSCERT for 115 design registration of young Toy creators by the office of Patents & Designs, GOI and spoke at length about the implementation of NEP 2020 in letter and spirit.

N Ramchander highlighted the importance of safeguarding Property Intellectual rights of the young creators and congratulated students on the registration of their designs.

Vivek Jandyal, Academic Officer JKSCERT presented vote of Thanks. The program ${
m coordinated}$ Monica Sharma, Officer Academic JKSCERT.

forward, Looking 2024 was Toycathon launched by SCERT J&K on May 18, 2024, under the theme "Promotion of Innovative Ideas and for TOYCATHON 2024 is unique opportunity for students from classes 6th to 12th to showcase their creativity and innovation in toy design.

This initiative aims to contribute significantly to the development of the toy industry and highlight the crucial role of play in the holistic growth and development of children

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu inaugurated the Art of Living YES+ (Youth Empowerment and Workshop) and Skills Happiness Course at its Jagti Campus, marking the beginning of a transformative journey aimed at enhancing the well-being and overall happiness of its faculty, officers, staff, their families, and students.

The event, presided over by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, highlighted the institute's commitment to fostering a supportive and positive environment.

Dr. Mamta Tripathi, Chairperson of Anandam: The Center for Happiness at IIM Jammu, along with Cmdr. Kesavan Baskkaran (R), Chief Administrative Officer, and other faculty, officers, staff, and students attended the event, underscoring their participation

Director of IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay and others dignitaries at inauguration of course. and support.

The inauguration began with an introduction to the Art of Living by Parinay Kothari, MBA '08, followed by the felicitation of guests Rohan Rajore and Rohit Ranjan, Senior Faculty from Art of Living.

In his inaugural address Prof. B.S. Sahay emphasized the profound benefits of Yoga for both physical and mental well-being, drawing from personal experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic and his engagement with the Art of Living course.

He expressed gratitude to Spiritual Guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and highlighted the establishment of Anandam. The Center for Happiness at IIM Jammu as a crucial step towards promoting holistic well-being.

Course under Anandam: The Center for Happiness

Prof. Sahay stressed the importance of time management, concentration, and breath techniques, emphasizing their role in enhancing breath control and self-

He underscored the signif-

icance of meditation, selfless service, and understanding one's life purpose in resolving complex issues and maintaining a healthy mind and body. Encouraging active participation in the course, he advocated for early morning sessions to maximize benefits and learn from experts, ultimately

Rohan Rajore shared his delight in the scenic campus and reflected on how breath

aiming for a stress-free and

healthy lifestyle.

decision-making and skill acquisition in his personal

Rohit Ranjan, elaborating on his role as a life coach and trainer, highlighted the need for relaxation and positive lifestyle changes in today's fast-paced world.

He conducted a brief breathing exercise and meditation session, emphasizing their role in boosting productivity and managing stress effectively.

The event concluded with Aditi Narang, an MBA '08 student, delivering a vote of thanks followed by the national anthem. Subsequently, the commencement of the Art of YES+ Living Happiness Course was led by Senior Art of Living Faculty, Rohit Ranjan and Rohan Rajore, setting the stage for IIM Jammu to continue leading in holistic education and well-being



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JAMMU: Former minister and working president of Jammu and Kashmir Congress Pradesh Committee Raman Bhalla on Saturday said that people are anxiously waiting for the coming Assembly elections to teach BJP a lesson for its anti-people policies.

"The BJP and its proxy government in Jammu and Kashmir has been exposed as woes of the common masses have been compounding with every passing day and those at the helm of the affairs are least concerned about mitigating miseries of the common people", Bhalla said while addressing a worker's convention at Bhour Camp in RS Pura - Jammu South constituency Assembly bv organized General Secretary of the Pradesh Congress Committee Amrit

"Apart from political



at Bhour Camp in Jammu.

uncertainty, Jammu and Kashmir is also suffering from crises of governance during the last ten years". Bhalla said.

He reminded the people, that Congress, time and again, has proved how to provide good governance to the people by improving quality and capacity to

Exhorting the party cadre to accelerate preparations for the coming Assembly elections, Bhalla asserted that Congress is ready for polls at any time.

"We are fully prepared for the Assembly elections. With the support of the people, the Congress will expose BJP and its proxies in the coming days", he said.

Seeking a decisive mandate to establish a new system of justice and equality in Jammu and Kashmir, Bhalla said that the Congress party is committed to providing humane, efficient, transparent, accountable, and corruption-free governance to the

people of Jammu and

Kashmir.

"Attaining power is not the only aim of Congress. We, with the support of the people, want to restore dignity and honour of the people of Jammu and Kashmir", he said and Jammu and asserted that Congress would establish a system where every section of the society would get equal opportunities for development and upliftment.

"The Congress Party stands in solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and reaffirms its commitment to fighting for their rights and well-being' he said, adding, "We call upon all stakeholders to join hands in working towards a prosperous, secure, and democratic Jammu and Kashmir. The Congress Party will continue to advocate for policies that promote inclusive development, social justice, and a peaceful future for all residents of the region".

Are frequent Parliament logjams justified?

Being the largest democracy, India is supposed to be a role model for the parliamentarians across democracies the world over. However, the scenario is quite different, rather horrifying. Mere thought of the parliamentary proceedings in both the houses brings before eyes the disgusting scenes of hooting, shouting and using choicest invectives by the members. What can be more concerning for the nation than to reconcile with the fact that during the Budget Session last year 96.13 hours were lost in Lok Sabha and 103.30 hours in Rajya Sabha due to disruptions? This has become new norm for Parliament-a matter to ponder over.

Palk Sambyal LLM student, Dept of Law, JU



Indian Nowadays Parliament has been reduced as a circus and the credit for all this goes to the opposition of the country! The BJP gaining the majority and forming the government was decision of the country but our opposition is not ready to accept this

fact and is continuously trying to disrupt the sessions of Parliament just to degrade the image of government. Frequent logjams by opposition in the Indian Parliament often result from disagreements over policies, bills, or issues, leading to disruptions in proceedings. These logiams can stall legislative business, debates, and decision-making processes impacting the functioning of Parliament and delaying important decisions and reforms.

President, Sarv Shakti Sena J&K

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But, regretfully, what we watch is far from we expect of Members of Parliament. Many of them remain busy in furthering their political agendas than solving the problems of the people. They have made Parliament a big joke by their actions and behavior.

fillment of aspirations of the people.

Suneet Kumar Raina



opposition y leaders in Parliament is utterly unjustified Instead of construc tively contributing to nation' progress, they per sistently attempt to disrupt the proceed ings, create ruckus and hinder meaningful discussions. Their recen-

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targeting of Hindus is particularly reprehensible, fostering division and hatred. Such divisive tactics undermine the country's unity and hinde collective growth. The unjustified behavior of opposition party leaders in Parliament is really disgusting. They're more focused on disrupting the environment than contributing to national development. Let's promote unity and progress not hate and intolerance!

Ravail Parihar Research Scholar, JU



been established by the will of the Indian people. People such as you and I have voted in the General Elections and given a bunch of people the authority to make decisions regarding our economic, social, environmental, technological, educational, cultural growth and development of Nation but in a way the opposition leaders are behaving

The Indian Parliament has

in the Parliament is totally unjustified. They always try to disturb the environment instead of contributing towards the national development. Both the opposition and the treasury benches are expected to work in unison to meet the challenges faced to the country. The government should stop salaries of MPs for the days of disruption that an save lots of money spent on these non productive day which indeed could be used for welfare of the people.

Tushar Mahajan



Secretary Chamber of Traders Federation From a democrat ic standpoint, par-

liamentary debates and discussions are crucial for thorough scrutiny and debate on legisla-However, frequent disruptions and logjams can hinder

the functioning of parliament, delaying important decisions and legislative processes. The excessive disruptions undermine the efficiency and effectiveness of parliamentary proceedings. It leads to legislative paralysis, wasting valuable time and taxpayer money. Moreover, prolonged ogjams can erode public trust in democratic institutions and the ability of elected represen tatives to fulfill their responsibilities.