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NOTICE

I, Brij Mohan Sharma S/o Jalla Ram R/o Village Panjtoot, Tehsil Khour, District Jammu have applied for Death Certificate of my father namely Jalla Ram who was expired on 22-06-1990 at home Village Panjtoot. Objection if any may be conveyed to Tehsildar Khour within seven days.

NOTICE

I, Mutiabah Nissa D/o Shafat Ahmad Lala, Mother's name Nahida R/o Houising Colony Kanth Bagh Baramulla A/P Panjtirthi, Jammu and Kashmir 193101 state that my DOB has wrongly been written as 09-07-2010 instead of 09-07-2011 in my 8th class marks card under Roll No. 8170605, Year and Session 2023-2024, Registration No. ST-23-VIII-01033. Now I am applying for Correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to DIET Jammu within seven days.



NOTICE

I, Mohd Shafiq, S/o Shakeel Ahmed, R/o Soombar Barhog, Tehsil Ramban, District Ramban (J&K UT), hereby state that my name has been wrongly recorded as Shafiq Ahmed in Aadhaar Card No. 271991128043. My correct name is Mohd Shafiq. This notice is for name correction. If anyone has any objection, they may raise it with the concerned authorities within the stipulated time.

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STATE TIMES

Jammu weavers and artisans condemn early closure of stalls at Yatri Niwas, demand extended market access

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The All Jammu Weavers and Artisans Development and Research Organisation has strongly protested the premature closure of stalls allotted to weavers, artisans, and small-scale sellers at Yatri Niwas, Bagwati Nagar. Every year, these stalls provide vital opportunities for local producers to sell their handloom and handicraft products during the ongoing yatra season.

However, the organisation expressed outrage over authorities forcing all unit holders to vacate the premises after just 15 days, despite the yatra continuing for a month or more. The organisation termed this move as unjust and detrimental to the economic upliftment of poor artisans and small vendors.

The organisation demanded that the unit holders be

allowed to continue operating their stalls for the entire duration of the yatra. They argued that allowing extended access will enable these artisans to earn a sustainable livelihood and promote the rich cultural heritage of Jammu's handloom and handicrafts.

The organisation criticized the authorities for their "high-handedness" and called the early eviction an infringement on the rights of small-scale entrepreneurs. They urged the administration to reconsider the decision and support the welfare of local craftsmen and women during the pilgrimage season.

Rana visits Balakote; assesses damages caused by heavy rains, landslides

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MENDHAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, on Sunday visited Balakote area of Mendhar Sub-Division to assess the damages caused by recent heavy rains.

The torrential downpour had triggered landslides, washed away portions of land and damaged several houses in the area.

Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, SDM Mendhar, Imran Kataria and other senior officers from the district administration, as well as officials from the Border Roads Organisation (BRO)/General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF), the Minister conducted a detailed site visit to all affected locations.

During the visit, he interacted with the local residents and took on-spot feedback regarding the extent of the damages.

Following the site visit, the Minister was briefed by the Deputy Commissioner that a preliminary assessment of losses has already been completed. Besides, the process of disbursement of compensation to affected families is being initiated.

The Minister assured the public that the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, is committed towards extending all possible assistance to the families impacted by the natural calamity.

Rana emphasized that restoration and construction activities in the affected areas will be undertaken in a planned and sustainable manner, ensuring that the local landscape and ecological balance are preserved. He directed the concerned departments to remain vigilant and continue to provide necessary support, including shelter, medical assistance and other essential services to those impacted.

The Minister also directed Forest and Irrigation & Flood Control Departments to take the lead for soil conservation and protection.

The Minister underlined proactive approach of the government in responding to natural disasters, ensuring timely relief and rehabilitation for affected citizen.

NMC demands early appointment of chairman, members of 8th Pay Commission

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) has called upon the Central Government to take immediate steps for the appointment of the Chairman and other members of the 8th Central Pay Commission. In a statement issued today, NMC President Subash Shastri urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to announce the formal constitution of the commission in the upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament, which is set to commence from tomorrow. Shastri highlighted that although the Union Cabinet had approved the constitution of the commission six months ago, the official notification and appointments are still awaited, causing

ing concern among employees and pensioners. Shastri pointed out that the due date for implementation of the 8th Pay Commission is January 1, 2026. Therefore, it is essential that the commission be given sufficient time to complete its recommendations within the stipulated period. Timely action would help eliminate the growing uncertainty among central government employees and pensioners, who are eagerly awaiting clarity on their future pay and benefits.

In a memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister, Shastri also drew attention to the provisions of the 7th Pay Commission, which recommend merging 50 percent of Dearness Allowance (DA)

into basic pay or pension once the DA crosses the 50 percent threshold. With DA currently standing at 55 percent, he demanded that the government immediately merge 50 percent of DA into the basic structure to provide financial relief to employees and pensioners alike.

The NMC president further highlighted several key demands, including the immediate restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) as a confidence-building measure, especially since many states have already implemented it. He also stressed the need for the release of 18 months' pending DA arrears, which have been withheld without justification. Shastri called for

the establishment of a National Wage Commission to formulate a unified wage policy across the country. He also appealed for Jammu and Srinagar cities to be declared as B-1 cities, a status that would bring additional benefits to employees serving in these regions. Referring to benefits given in UT Ladakh, he demanded that the monthly amount for

pensioners in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory be increased to ₹1000, effective from April 1, 2020.

Additional demands outlined in the memorandum included reducing the pension commutation period from 15 to 12 years and granting an additional increase in pension at the rate of 5 percent, 10 percent, and 15 percent after the pensioner completes 65, 70, and 75 years of age, respectively.

ACR Poonch inspects progress of work along Shri Budha Amarnath Yatra route

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: In line with the directions of Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, Additional Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Poonch, Mohd Sayeed conducted an extensive inspection of the ongoing developmental works along the Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra route from Poonch to Mandi. The visit was aimed at identifying and resolving bottlenecks to ensure smooth passage for the upcoming yatra pilgrims. The ACR, accompanied by Executive Engineer (XEN) and other concerned officers, assessed the progress of macadamization and related road improvement works being executed at various critical stretches of the route.

During the inspection, ACR Mohd Sayeed emphasized the need to maintain quality standards and ensure timely



ACR Poonch, Mohd Sayeed inspecting dev works.

completion of all pending works. He issued on-the-spot directions to the executing agencies to accelerate the pace of construction and finalize all essential works before the commencement of the Yatra. He also underscored the importance of inter-departmental coordination to ensure hassle-free and safe travel for the devotees. The officers were instructed to closely monitor the ongoing activities and immediately address any issues that could hamper the preparedness for the Shri Budha Amarnath Yatra.

The district administration, under the leadership of DC Poonch, is committed to ensuring that all logistical and infrastructural arrangements are in place well before the commencement of the Yatra, in line with the spiritual and cultural significance of the event.

Army delivers prompt medical assistance to injured local

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: In a swift and compassionate response, the Indian Army extended immediate medical assistance to Mohd Farooq, a 28-year-old resident of Zamola, Kha, who sustained a toe injury while carrying out daily activities in the remote region of Panch Gabbar, situated at an altitude of 12,000 feet.

At approximately 7:30 PM, Mohd Farooq was brought to a nearby Army post by local villagers. Upon arrival, an

Indian Army medical representative promptly administered first aid, cleaned and dressed the wound and ensured he was kept under continuous observation.

This timely intervention prevented further complications and helped stabilize his condition until additional treatment could be arranged. This act of care and urgency underscores the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to the well-being of the people residing in remote and inaccessible areas, where

basic healthcare facilities are often out of reach.

The prompt action taken by the Indian Army not only averted a potential medical emergency but also reaffirmed its role as a reliable and responsive force dedicated to the welfare of the local population. Such humanitarian efforts continue to strengthen the enduring bond between the Jawan and Awam, highlighting the Indian Army's resolve to serve the nation beyond the call of duty.

ABRSM Ramban organizes 'Guru Vandana' programme to honour teachers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: The Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM), District Ramban Unit, organized a prestigious 'Guru Vandana' programme at BVM High School, Ramban, to honor and celebrate the invaluable contributions of teachers in nation-building and value-based education.

The event was graced by Dr. Jaspal Singh Warwal, Professor at the Centre for Distance and Online Learning, University of

Jammu, as the Chief Guest, and Dev Raj Thakur, National Joint Secretary of ABRSM, as the Guest of Honour. The programme began with a ceremonial lamp lighting followed by the devotional Saraswati Vandana invoking blessings for wisdom and learning.

Dr. Warwal highlighted the crucial role of teachers in shaping society and remarked, "Teachers who excel in values and dedication not only shape the future of generations but also earn deep social pres-

tige." Sh. Dev Raj Thakur applauded the ongoing efforts of ABRSM in uplifting the teaching community and acknowledged teachers as the true pillars of society, emphasizing their importance in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Dr. Ramparshad Singh Manhas, District President of ABRSM Ramban, emphasized the Guru's role in Indian culture and national ethos. He stated, "A teacher is not only a guide but a Mahamaanav who tirelessly shapes the character and future of students to build a responsible society." He also quoted a couplet praising the Guru as a beacon of wisdom and truth. The event inspired attendees with motivational speeches underscoring the integration of

Bharatiya cultural values in modern education and reaffirming the noble responsibilities of educators. A large gathering of teachers, students, dignitaries, and citizens made the occasion a heartfelt celebration of teacherhood. Dr. Manhas concluded by reaffirming ABRSM's commitment to the mission of fostering enlightened society through dedicated teachers.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all guests, educators, volunteers, and participants. Prominent attendees included Pawan Kishore (General Secretary), Rakesh Kumar (Media Prabhar), Sandeep Singh (Joint Secretary), Sanjay Katoch (UT Treasurer), Pivan Sharma Palak, and Parnajeet Singh.

Social, political activists urge Govt to honour martyrs L/Nk Mohan Lal, Hav. Chuni Lal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A large gathering of social and political activists today appealed to the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory administration to honour the ultimate sacrifices of two brave sons of the soil-Lance Naik Mohan Lal Lakhotra and Havildar Chuni Lal Sandhu-by naming a road, school, building or institution after them near their native villages.

The activists, speaking in unison, acknowledged the government's past steps of dedicating schools, bridges, and government infrastructure in memory of various martyrs and national heroes. However, they expressed dismay that no such recognition has yet been extended to these two gallant soldiers who made supreme sacrifices for the country's integrity and security. BJP activist and social

figure R.L. Kaith recounted the bravery of Lance Naik Mohan Lal, who was martyred on the night of December 7, 1971, during the Indo-Pak war. According to the official gazette, while manning a Medium Machine Gun (MMG), he held his post firmly under heavy enemy shelling. Despite the odds, he continued firing, halting the enemy's advance and allowing Indian forces to regroup and counter-attack. When the firing ceased, his body was recovered beside his MMG, while nineteen enemy soldiers, including a company commander, lay dead in front of his bunker. For this extraordinary bravery, he was awarded the Vir Chakra posthumously by the President of India.

Kaith also highlighted the valor of Havildar Chuni Lal Sandhu, who laid down his life during a fierce anti-militancy operation in the Pulwama sector in December 2007. He was posthumously awarded the

Sena Medal, and his gallantry was further acknowledged in the Gazette of India in 2008, with a mention in dispatches by the Chief of Army Staff. His actions were praised for demonstrating exceptional courage and battlefield leadership. All participants in the meeting unanimously urged the government to honour these heroes, even if belatedly, by naming public infrastructure near their native places-Pouni Chack (Jammu) and Tacharwan village (Akhnoor)-after them. They stressed that such a tribute would not only preserve their legacy for future generations but also serve as a source of inspiration and national pride.

The activists expressed hope that the UT administration and central government would act on this earnest appeal, ensuring that the sacrifices of these gallant martyrs are commemorated in a meaningful and lasting manner.

Maiden Bhal Padri Forest & Tourism Festival attract huge footfall of nature lovers, cultural enthusiasts

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: The serene meadows of Bhal Padri in Doda district witnessed a historic moment as the first-ever Bhal Padri Forest & Tourism Festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm and grandeur. Organized by the Educational, Environmental, Social, Sports & Cultural Society Bhallesa (EESS&CS) in collaboration with the District Administration Doda, J&K Tourism Department, Forest Department (Bhaderwah Division), J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Mera Yuva Bharat Doda, and Civil Society Bhallesa, the festival showcased the region's spectacular natural beauty, rich cultural heritage and immense tourism potential. The initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness, sustainable tourism, and community participation while bringing Bhallesa's hidden gems to the forefront of Jammu & Kashmir's tourism map.

The festival drew a large gathering of locals, tourists, officials, and cultural enthusiasts. Among the distinguished dignitaries who graced the occasion were the Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Doda, Dhananther Singh Kotwal; MLA Bhaderwah, Daleep Singh Parihar; Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder

Singh; Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Sandeep Kumar; CEO Bhaderwah Development Authority Joginder Jasrotia and Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah, Sunil Bhutyal. They were joined by the SDM Gandoh, the Commanding Officer of 4 Rashtriya Rifles and several other officers, all of whom lent their presence and support to the grand celebration.

The vibrant programme featured traditional music, Tarana-e-Bhallesa, folk dances, a unique joint Naat and Bhajan performance symbolizing unity, and an emotional tribute to ancestors. Distinguished guests were felicitated with mementos, while students from CSAM-HSS Kilhotran performed the National Anthem and other cultural items that captivated the audience.

Several competitions and activities infused adventure and community spirit into the day, including a 2 km Run for Bhallesa, an 8 km Eco Walk, Dekhlo folk dance, Tug of War, horse race and the tree plantation drive "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam."

The evening concluded with a soulful Mushaira - "Shaam-e-Sukhan: Bhallesa Ke Naam" - where renowned poets and artists recited their verses, celebrating the literary heritage of the region.

Army organises motivational talk on how to join armed forces

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: As part of its ongoing outreach efforts and commitment to fostering strong bonds with local communities, the Indian Army organised a Motivational Talk on 'How to Join the Armed Forces' on 20 July 2025 at Mastandhara, Poonch. The event aimed to inspire and guide school children the future of the nation towards a career in the Armed Forces, while instilling a sense of patriotism and national pride.

The primary objective of the event was to spread awareness among students about the various avenues available to join the Armed Forces and to highlight government initiatives in this regard. During the session, a representative of the Indian Army delivered a motivational lecture to students, teachers and members of the local populace, outlining the procedures and opportunities through Sainik Schools, military education institutions and pre-commission training academies.

The Indian Army representative emphasized the immense talent and academic potential present in the region. However, due to limited guidance and awareness, many students are unable to realise their full capabilities. The

talk was therefore designed to bridge this gap by offering direction and motivation to the youth of Mastandhara. A total of 52 individuals attended the event.

The interactive session also underscored the significance of education in personal growth and societal development. Students were encouraged to pursue their ambitions with dedication and to contribute meaningfully to the environment, society and the nation as responsible citizens. The Indian Army assured the participants of its full support and guidance in their future endeavours.

The initiative forms part of the Army's broader outreach programme aimed at building awareness, fostering confidence and encouraging young minds in remote areas to consider careers in the defence services. The event was well received by the students and local residents, who appreciated the Indian Army's sustained efforts for the welfare and development of the region. This initiative, especially in areas where civil administration has limited accessibility is a testament to the Indian Army's commitment to national service and to strengthening the enduring bond between Jawan and Awam.

