

LIC introduces New Pension Plus plan



LIC of India officers launching New Pension Plus (Plan No.867).

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NEW DELHI: Life Insurance Corporation of India has introduced a new plan-LIC's New Pension Plus (Plan No.867) with effect from September 5, 2022. The UIN for this plan is 512L347V01.

This is a non participating, Unit Linked, Individual Pension Plan which helps to build corpus by systematic and disciplined savings which can be converted into regular income by purchase of an annuity plan on completion of term. The product was launched at Hotel Trident in a function of Insurance Week Celebration in

the presence of Retired Chairmen and Managing Directors. G.N. Bajpai, Retired Chairman, LIC & SEBI and T.S. Vijayan, Retired Chairman LIC & IRDAI were also present at the event.

This plan can be purchased either as Single Premium or Regular Premium payment frequency. Under a Regular Premium policy, the Premium shall be payable over the term of the policy. The Policyholder shall have option to choose the amount of premium payable and policy term subject to minimum and maximum limits of Premium, Policy Term and

Vesting Age. An Option shall also be available to Life Assured to extend the accumulation period or deferment period within the same policy with the same terms and conditions as the original policy subject to certain conditions.

The Policyholder has a choice of investing premiums in one of the four types of funds available. Each premium paid by the policyholder shall be subject to Premium Allocation Charge. The balance amount known as allocation rate constitutes that part of premium which is utilized to purchase the units of the fund chosen by the

Policyholder in the policy. Four free switches for change of funds in a policy year are available.

Guaranteed Additions shall be payable under an in-force policy as a percentage of one annual premium. The Guaranteed addition on regular premium ranges from 5% to 15.5% and on Single premium payable up to 5% on completion of certain policy year. The amount of Guaranteed Additions shall be utilized to purchase units as per the opted fund type.

The NAV will be computed on daily basis and will be based on investment performance, Fund Management Charge of each fund type.

The Life Assured shall utilize the proceeds of the Policy on Vesting (i.e. at the end of the Policy Term)/on Surrender/ on Discontinuance as per the Annuitisation provision. Partial withdrawal of units allowed after 5 years.

The plan is suitable for young person to make provision for their retired life.

Food Safety Deptt to increase enforcement activities for ensuring quality milk products

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JAMMU: With an aim to increase more sample testing of milk & milk products besides inducing vigorous campaign to ensure availability of safe milk & milk products to people, the Food Safety Department, under the leadership of Madan Magotra, Dy Commissioner Food Safety, Jammu Division along with Dev Dutt Sharma, Assistant Commissioner, Food Safety District Jammu accompanied by energetic team of officials from enforcement wings launched milk-testing drive. The special drive was carried out to build public confidence in the Safety & quality of milk and milk products, as it has short life and prone to spoil soon. The teams across the Division imparted comprehensive awareness and people and for active surveillance, vehicle of Mobile



Food Safety Department officials checking milk quality.

Food Testing Van is being utilized which took 29 samples for on-spot testing and all were found satisfactory. During this drive, overall 53 establishments were checked across the Division.

While briefing media, Madan Magotra said that department has been directed to follow a set goal of target for drawing online samples of different cate-

gories of food items & online inspections are being carried out successfully and monitored through a proper system. Frequently drives of different categories of food items including milk and milk products, sweets, spices, oils, cereals, Fruit juices etc are part of our daily activities, which will be intensified in coming days, he added.

JKNPP opposes inclusion of non local as voters in J&K

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JAMMU: Vilakshan Singh, President J&K National Panthers Party (JKNPP), who represented the party in the all party meet which was called by Chief Electoral Officer J&K, raised the issue of inclusion of non local voters in voter lists for assembly constituencies in J&K in the said meet.

While projecting the stand of J & K National Panthers party in the All Party Meet, Vilakshan Singh said the J & K National Panthers party is not in favour of inclusion of non local voters in voter lists for J & K Legislative Assembly.

He said that party seeks amendment in Sec 19 of RPA, 1950 which allows a person ordinarily residing in any constituency to get registered as a voter in that constituency. Singh said that since the amendment of section 19 of RPA 1950 is beyond the scope of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, it was urged that the Chief Electoral Officer should issue definite instructions to the Election authorities in the

state to ensure the provisions of section 19 of the RPA 1950 are not abused by any political party.

Singh said that BJP having anticipated its defeat in ensuring assembly elections, BJP is banking on non local voters to keep the dreams of forming government alive and is most likely to abuse the provisions of section 19 of RPA 1950 to get enrolled even ineligible non locals as voters in J&K Assembly Constituencies in an attempt to tilt elections results in its favour.

Singh said that from the response of the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K it was clear that non locals are going to be enrolled as voters in J&K. He also said that from the briefing given by the CEO J&K in the all Party meet it is also evident that there is no foolproof system to ensure that ineligible non locals are not enrolled as voters in J&K. He said that Dogras of J&K should unitedly oppose the move to include non locals as voters in J&K otherwise their identity would become extinct.

Lawyers abstain from work in all courts

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JAMMU: J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu is continuing its agitation with the demand for construction of multi storeyed building in the Janipur Court Complex, Jammu and similar facilities in other Districts of Jammu province.

The lawyers abstained from work in the High Court, District Courts, Tribunals, Commissions & all Revenue Courts in Jammu today also.

The President of the J&K High Court Bar Association, M.K. Bhardwaj has said that the Government has no valid reason for not conceding the genuine demand projected by the J&K High Court Bar Association, for construction of multi storeyed complex within the court premises where Registration Authorities, CAT, APT, DRT, Tribunals, Commissions and all Revenue Courts can be housed.

This facility is in the public interest and also to facilitate the lawyers.

Bhardwaj further added that the Government is expected to provide funds for the construction of multi storeyed building at the earliest in the interest of general public.

IOC LPG booking system experiencing system outage

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JAMMU: LPG booking and delivery system of Indian Oil Corporation managed by IBM India has experienced an outage for last two days and currently the system is under recovery. Indian Oil along with IBM and Oracle are working to restore the system at the earliest. It was informed in a press statement issued by the Corporation. It was further informed that customers can continue to make booking through SMS or IVRS number 77189 55555, by giving a missed call on 84549 55555 or through WhatsApp number 75888 88824. They can also book through their distributors directly or reach out to the showroom phone lines displayed on cash memo as well. "Your bookings will be registered and we shall continue to deliver cylinders to you as soon as we can. We are hopeful to resolve the issue by today evening so that we can service your calls as usual from tomorrow. We regret for the inconvenience caused to our customers due to sudden system outage," the statement reads.

Release pending installment of PoJK relief package: Bunty to Govt

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JAMMU: Provincial Vice President J&K National Conference, Surinder Singh Bunty has urged the Government to release the remaining amount of Rs 20 lakh compensation as promised as One Time Settlement to PoJK refugees of 1947. In a statement issued to media on Tuesday, the senior NC leader said that centre had agreed to pay compensation of Rs 25 lakh to every family unit which migrated in 1947 from PoJK but when the time came to fulfill the promise, the government backtracked after giving Rs 5.5 lakh to refugees along with those who migrated from Chhamb. NC leader said that the BJP government at the centre is good in rhetoric but when it comes to fulfill the words uttered in the public it never feels ashamed in doing a volte-face. "Government has already closed the provision of even providing the first installment to the genuine refugees as quite a large number of displaced persons from Pakistan have not received Rs 5.5 lakh due to improper documentation and complexities in the process of getting the same," he added. He demanded that the left-over families should be given the first installment of Rs 5.5 lakh by forgoing complex procedures and government should come out clear on the remaining part of the compensation as this is the right of refugees. He further sought immediate release of the pending compensation to the families who have not recovered from brunt of partition till date.

'The-SARA' organizes Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Debate Competition



The-SARA members presenting prize to a student at Baramulla.

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BARAMULLA: 'The - SARA' a Registered Non Governmental Organization under its Mission Compassion organized debate competition to mark the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Govt. High School Sikh Kanhama Tangmarg in Baramulla. The debate was opened with a welcome address by Javed Ahmad Khan teacher.

Gurjeet Kour President of 'The - SARA' said, "Debates provide a platform to students to not only showcase their talent but also develop a sense of healthy competitiveness which helps in overall development of their personality."

In all, 18 students participated in the debate competition. Raizan Altaf secured 1st position, Ishrat Jan got 2nd position

and Saniya Farooq got 3rd position respectively. Top three winners were felicitated with trophies, certificates and cash prizes. Rests of the participants were presented with consolation prizes in the shape of certificates.

Senior teachers from the GHS Sikh Kanhama Mushtaq Ahmad, Altaf Ahmad, Ghulam Jeelani, and Abdul Rashid were also present on the occasion and appreciated the initiative of 'the - SARA'. Program was hosted by Nazir Ahmad Bhat.

Army celebrates Teachers' Day

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MAHORE: A teacher is a guide whose grooming has shaped generations from times immemorial. Teachers can inspire, ignite imagination and instill passion for learning. In order to honour their hard work and dedication towards educating the society, Indian Army celebrated the Teachers Day at Mahore. During the event representatives from the unit visited Higher Secondary and Middle School Mahore to carry

out interaction and felicitate teachers for their contribution. Occasion was also utilised to convey students about the important role played by the teachers in molding them into future leaders and making us an ideal citizen of the country. During the event 34 teachers and 358 students were in attendance. The event culminated with serving refreshments and felicitation of teachers as an acknowledgement for their special role played in our lives.

Kishtwar Wushu Championship begins at Bhandarkot

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KISHTWAR: Aee Shooter Subedar Chain Singh of Indian Army on Tuesday inaugurated the Kishtwar Wushu Championship here at Bhandarkot. The event is being conducted by Indian Army, 11 RR in co-ordination with District Youth Services and Sports Department. South Asian Games Silver medalist Kanchan Kumar Sharma of Kishtwar has mobilized Youth of the District towards this sport which is picking up rapidly at National and international level. Kanchan Sharma is two times National medalist, 8 Times State champion and is the General secretary of Wushu association of Kishtwar district. She is passionately training young kids of Kishtwar in Wushu. A total of 407 youth including 134 Girls and 273 Boys attended the inaugural day event at beautiful Bhandarkot ground. The finals will be played at Chhatroo Sports complex on 10 September 2022 under the aegis of Indian Army 11 RR.

VBSSS Akalpur expresses gratitude to teachers



Vishwa Bharati Senior Secondary School teachers during Teachers' Day celebration.

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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Senior Secondary School Akalpur Jammu expressed gratitude to the teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day through dazzling music and dance performances.

The first phase was conducted in the assembly ground for all the classes where students of class 12th, dressed up as one-day teachers commenced the special day with a beautiful speech. Students of class 8th present-

ed an enchanting dance performance for the teachers and hypnotised the audience.

The second phase of the programme was held in the auditorium with the lighting of the lamp and garlanding of the portrait and offering floral tribute to the great educationist & former president of India. Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan by Vice-principal, Co-ordinators, house masters and students. The programme was hosted by Khushen and Kashvi.

FHRICJR, HRAK delegation calls on Addl Chief Secy I&C; asks for dispensing dual registration of hotels

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JAMMU: A joint delegation of Federation of Hotels, Restaurants, Industries & Commerce of Jammu Region and Hotel & Restaurant Association, Katra led by its President Rakesh Wazir and Senior Vice President FHRICJR & President Patnitop Hotels Association Kushal Magotra met Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary Industries & Commerce Department, Vivek Bhardwaj and apprised him of several issues pertaining to business, Hotel & service sector in particular.

While speaking on the occasion, Wazir said that since Hotels are being covered by Industries Department and are registered as well by the Industries Department. "As

envisaged by the Central & Union Government of J&K again & again for giving encouragement to ease of doing business, the process of dual registration i.e., registration with Industries department as well as with department of tourism, be dispensed with and Hotels registration be kept with department of Industries only while department of Tourism should concentrate on promotion of tourism only as being done in various other states," said Wazir. He further said that Katra and other nearby places like Patnitop, Shiv Khori, Katra etc have a huge potential to attract private viable investment but the need of the hour is to show investors the projects which may add on to the tourism potential of J&K. "Investors are ready for mak-

ing investment in viable projects around Katra like Shiv Khori rope-way, Water amusement park at Jhajjar Kotli, Light & sound show at Mata Vaishno Devi and many more on partnership basis and if the things are expedited, we can see results within months," he added. Wazir further said that Industrial Parks around Katra which are already identified, be started at the earliest and more are required to be explored. While speaking on the occasion, Kushal Magotra demanded that all Industrial sector benefits should be extended to Hotel Sector as well like power tariff, reimbursement of GST etc. Bhardwaj listened to the delegation patiently and assured that every effort would be made to redress issues raised during the meeting.

DB modifies sentence of victim's uncle in rape case

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Rajnesh Oswal and Justice Mohan Lal has modified the imprisonment of a real uncle, in rape case, from 20 years to 7 years.

While modifying the sentence, Division Bench observed that after churning entire prosecution evidence, the Court is of the considered view that the prosecution has been able to prove charges punishable under Sections 376/506 of RPC against appellant/convict beyond any reasonable doubt, and therefore, his conviction for said charges deserve to be upheld. The net result is that instant appeal stands dismissed. Be it noted, that the trial court vide its judgment of conviction and order dated 12-01-2021 rendered in File No. 02/Challan has sentenced appellant/convict to undergo rigorous imprisonment (RI) for a period of 20 years and to pay fine of Rs 50,000 for commission of offence under section 376 of RPC and 2 years imprisonment for commission of offence under section 506 of RPC in default whereof the appellant/convict shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 6 months, the court observed.

The Counsel for appellant/convict has strenuously argued, that at present appellant/convict is having age of 34 years, is a young married man having wife, children and parents to look

after, belongs to very poor family and is the only bread earning member of his entire family, therefore, deserves lenient view in imposing sentences while the GA has argued, that the trial court has imposed the sentences which is proportionate to the crime committed by the appellant. "We have been informed by Counsel for appellant/convict and GA that during pendency of the trial/appeal the prosecutrix (PW-3) has also solemnized marriage. Prosecutrix also belongs to a poor family of rural area and her cry for justice cannot be ignored, as the crime committed by appellant/convict, the prosecutrix has suffered physical agony and mental trauma which is incalculable. Offence of rape is grave in nature and is the most hated crime in the society. Taking into consideration the mitigating circumstances projected by the appellant/convict, we take a lenient view and uphold the conviction, but only modify sentence of 20 years rigorous imprisonment imposed upon appellant/convict to minimum sentence of 7 years (RI) for commission of offence of rape under section 376 of RPC without altering the fine component of Rs. 50,000. However, the sentence imposed by the trial court for commission of offence under section 506 RPC for 2 years simple imprisonment and fine component shall remain unaltered," the Court observed and disposed of the petition.

Anti Crime Team meets SP Samba

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BISHNAH: NGO, Anti Crime Team led by Chairman Sham Lal Gupta met SP Samba Surinder Singh.

Gupta welcomed SP with bouquet of flowers and presented Mata Ki Chunri to him. Gupta told that during his tenure as SDPO R S Pura, he broke backbone of criminals and criminals surrendered before him, Choudhary laid a massive impact on criminals and worked tirelessly day and night for the public.

SP Surinder Choudhary also praised efforts of NGO Anti Crime Team for marriage of daughters of poor and needy families and asked them to work same for the public.

PS Padma Sachdev GPGCW hosts Investiture Ceremony for Session-2021-22



Students Council members posing with faculty members.

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JAMMU: Students Welfare Committee of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women Gandhinagar, on Tuesday organised Investiture Ceremony for the Session 2021-22 in the College Auditorium. The Programme commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by Saraswati Vandana to invoke the Goddess of Knowledge.

The newly appointed Presidium Members, Class Representatives and Volunteers were conferred with Badges and Sashes by the Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College; Prof. Sujata Slathia, Dean Arts; Prof. Kamlesh Slathia, Dean Sciences; Prof. Mamta Gupta, Dean Commerce along with the Proud Parents and members of Students Welfare Committee.

Ivanka Raman, the former President of the College handed over the torch of Enlightenment and

Responsibility to the newly inducted President Pooja Chargoitra. The Presidium along with the Torch took the round of the College Campus.

Donning the mantle of accountability, the members of the Presidium, CR's and Volunteers took pledge to bestow their duties to the best of their abilities and to hold the College motto of Loyalty, Truth and Honour in high esteem.

Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College congratulated and advised the council members to inculcate the values of punctuality, dedication, discipline and determination as they are the torch bearers of tomorrow. She also reminded them that with Position comes the responsibility towards themselves, their College and Peers. Pooja Chargoitra, the newly appointed president expressed her gratitude for honouring her with this prestigious post and vowed to justify this with her conduct as College President.

The programme concluded with the National Anthem.