

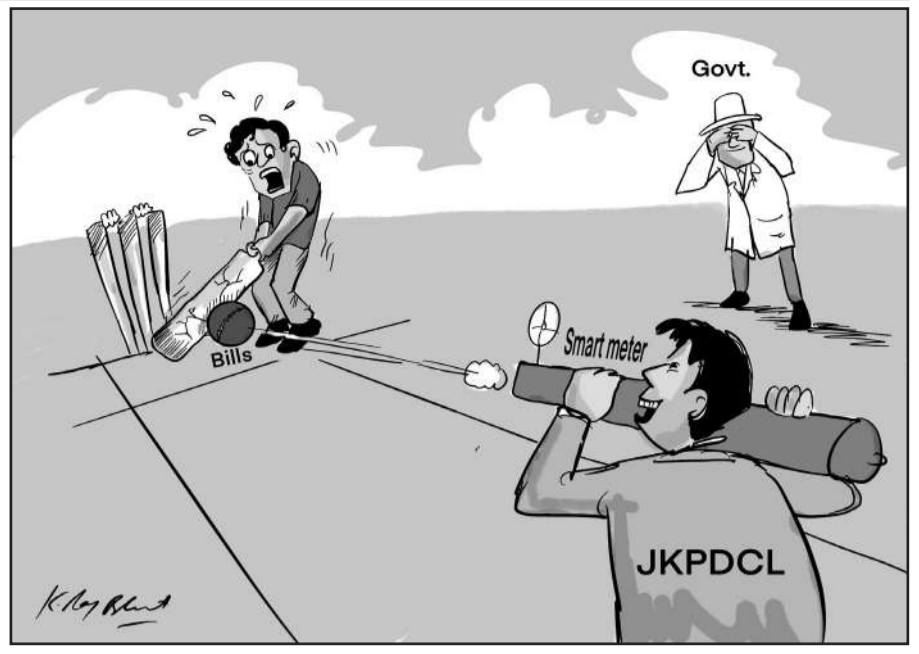
Transporters to observe 'Chakka Jam' today

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Transporters decided to go strike from tomorrow in support of the genuine issue of Jammu people regarding lifting of Sarore Toll Plaza. Addressing media-persons here today, Ajit Singh, Chairman All J&K Transport Welfare Association, they have taken a decision to go on Chakka Jam strike from Jammu from Friday, September 1 if Government failed to address these issues. "They must take a decision with regard to Toll



Chairman AJKTWA, Ajit Singh addressing a press conference on Thursday.

Plaza as many organizations are on the road. It is illegal to charge Toll when there is no good road," he said. The AJKTWA leader strongly urged the Union Transport Minister, Nitin Gadkari, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and National Highway authorities to suspend Sarore Toll Plaza. Ajit Singh said the tomorrow all the transporters from Jammu Udhampur and other district will assemble at Bhagwati Nagar Chowk at 9:00 AM to start 'Chakka Jam' strike in Jammu.



Dharma Jagran Samanyva to launch Sandesh Yatra on Sept 3

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dharma Jagran Samanyva, Jammu Kashmir will organise Sandesh Yatra in the different districts of Jammu Province of UT for the awareness of religion in the society to spread the message of deities of Hindus, like Raja Mandlik ji, Baba Kaliveer ji, Sukrala Mata ji, Baba Kaikh Nath ji, Baba Siddh Gorja ji, Guru Gorakhnath ji etc. The Yatra will commence on September 3 at 10:00 am from Devasthan of Raja Mandlik from Gajansoo Road, Mera Mandlik, Near GD Goenka School, Patiala Chak, Jammu. On the same day, similar Yatra will start from the temple of Lakhampur Fort in Kathua district at 4 pm. This was disclosed by the Northern Regional Head of Dharma Jagran



Northern Regional Head of Dharma Jagran Samanyva Rakesh Kumar addressing a press conference.

Samanyva Rakesh Kumar while addressing a press conference. Rakesh Kumar, while describing the purpose of Sandesh Yatra, said that this Yatra will awaken the Hindu society on issues like religious conversion, love jihad, land jihad etc. He appealed the whole society to welcome the Yatra in your respective villages, towns and cities and please attend the inauguration programme also. He informed that MP from Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha constituency Jugal Kishore Sharma, Pujya Sadhvi Vidya Bharti, Swami Divya Nand and Gangadhar Shastri will also grace the occasion. Patron of Dharma Jagran Samanyva, Dr. Shiv Prasad Raina, Akshay, Gulab Singh, Pawan Sharma, Kuldeep, Sunil Sharma etc. were also present in the press conference.

e-Commerce platforms important enablers for StartUps, MSMEs: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that e-Commerce platforms can be important enablers for StartUps and MSMEs. Delivering keynote address at the 4th "Amazon SMBhav Summit" on the theme 'Nurturing Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Paving the Path for Small Business Success' here today, Dr Jitendra said, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are crucial to India's economy as this sector comprises ancillary units, thereby contributing enormously to the overall industrial development of the country. These enterprises are engaged in the production, manufacturing and processing of goods and commodities. The Minister said, "All this is eventually going to take us step forward in the direction of Ease of Doing Business, particularly for the MSMEs, which are the greatest stakeholders and the potential beneficiaries". The MSMEs constitute the backbone of India's economy, contributing around 30% of India's GDP, and creating employment opportunities for 11 crore Indians. Dr Jitendra Singh said, as India emerges as one of the fastest growing innovation-led economies under the



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering keynote address at the "Amazon SMBhav Summit" on the theme 'Nurturing Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Paving the Path for Small Business Success' at New Delhi on Thursday.

leadership of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the collaboration with the e-Commerce platforms has an important role to play as a bridge between the private and the public sector; the government and the industry, and "most importantly between the capacity resources and the MSMEs." "You are, in a big way, supporting the MSMEs, but you could also look forward to creating MSMEs, young MSMEs with young entrepreneurs," he said. Dr Jitendra said, MSMEs hold the key to making India a \$5 trillion economy and enhancing our 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' vision. Dr Singh said the youth today is "in the best of times" with PM Modi's strong pitch on innovation and entrepreneurship poised to take India into the comity of Developed Economies. "Today we are the fifth largest economy in the world and we have jumped 40 places in the Global Innovation Index rankings to reach the 40th position. We have witnessed remarkable strides in areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, and other emerging

areas of technology. India is already on the ascent and Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship are going to be the key determinants of the roadmap during the Amritkaal, the next 25 years when we celebrate 100 years of India's Independence. Dr Jitendra said the Government has created the right ecosystem for the Startups and MSMEs to flourish in diverse sectors ranging from AgriTech and Biotechnology to Oceanography and Space. "We have huge bioresources in India, - In the Himalayas, herbs, Aroma Mission is creating new opportunities while the Deep Ocean Mission has been launched to tap India's huge sea bed wealth along the more than 7,500 kms coastline," he said. Thanks to PM Modi opening up erstwhile "forbidden" sectors to the private sector and the common man, Dr Singh said, as witnessed during the unprecedented interest of each and every citizen of India in the recent Chandrayaan Moon Landing "the entire nation now owns up each and every Space mission."

BJP Govt is dedicated to welfare of every section: Sham

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: "Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government is dedicated to the welfare of every section. Modi government has continuously addressed the issues of Refugees, border people, and every other community, which were still unattended. The party has furthered its mission through these camps," said Sham Lal Sharma, former Minister & J&K BJP Vice-President, here on Thursday. Sham Lal along with Chandher Mohan Gupta, former Mayor & Vice President and party Secretary Vikas Choudhary and Department Incharge Dil Bahadur Jamwal listened to the grievances of the public in a camp organized at BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here.



J&K BJP Vice-President, Sham Lal Sharma listening to public issues on Thursday.

Sham Sharma, while listening to the grievances, said that every BJP activist works with a commitment to end the woes faced by the public. For this, he said, BJP remains in constant touch with the common masses through various activities, and through the medium of these grievance camps, BJP leaders are able to listen to the issues of the public. Chandher Mohan Gupta said that the BJP leaders try to give solutions to the maximum issues presented on the spot. For the remaining issues, necessary letters to the appropriate departments are issued with the telephonic conversation with the department officials. Vikas Choudhary said that people reach the party office with a very positive mindset that their issues would be resolved soon. Dil Bahadur Jamwal stressed they have tried sincerely to provide the best possible solutions presented by the masses. During the camp, individuals and deputations of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir reached the Trikuta Nagar office to meet senior BJP leaders with their grievances. They narrated their woes and sought kind intervention from the party leader to get their problems solved. Various deputations and individuals presented their woes before the BJP leaders and sought their intervention in the matters concerned. Main issues were linked to the departments like PHE, PDD, PWD, revenue, etc.

Excise sleuths conduct raids at Brick Kilns, destroy 70 ltrs Lahan



Excise sleuths destroying seized Lahan from Brick Kilns at Budgam.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Under the directions of Excise Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner, Executive Kashmir, exhaustive raids were conducted on Thursday at Brick Kilns of Nowbug, Chadoora and Budgam led by Excise and Taxation Officer,

Central Kashmir accompanied by Range Inspectors of all three Districts of Central Range and other field officials. The raids were conducted after complaints of manufacturing of illicit liquor in the area. During the raids, 70 litres of Lahan and 6 litres of illicit liquor were recovered in areas

adjacent to the Brick kilns. The seized consignment was destroyed on spot, being hazardous in nature. Brick kiln owners were warned to ask their labourers to desist from illicit extraction of hazardous liquor and the labourers were counselled about the hazardous use of illicit liquor.

Financial Literacy Camp organised at Panchayat Sarora-Marh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A "Financial Literacy Camp" was on Thursday organised by the Chief Accounts Officer, District Fund Office, Jammu in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Bank and with the assistance of Sarpaneh Panchayat Sarora in Block Marh. Vinod Sharma, Compiler described about the latest GP Fund Rules and Circular about G.P Withdrawal, State Life Insurance (SLI) which is mandatory for every Government Employee and Deposit Linked Insurance

(DLI) for those who have not submitted the DLI. The Jammu and Kashmir Bank, representatives from Social Welfare, Aadhaar Center and CDPO/ICDS were also invited to enlighten the General Public about their well-being. Rahul Dev, Assistant Manager, J&K Bank, Tehsil Marh apprised the participants about different schemes of the Bank. In response, many individuals, present in the camp, raised different queries regarding the schemes and the officer resolved/cleared them on the spot. Pir Mubashir, Operation Manager, Aadhar Centre also interacted with the folks of Sarora. He briefed the public of Sarora about how Aadhaar is linked with the numerous Government schemes and their benefits to the General Public. Sonia Sharma, Supervisor, Social Welfare briefed the people about the schemes and scholarships of the Department at National, UT, District etc. levels. Dalvinder Singh from Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) educated the public about the schemes of the

department. Furthermore, he responded to the various queries about the area. Pankaj Sharma, Panchayat Accounts Assistant shared his experience working as PAA to manage/implement the various financial implications in the Panchayat. Later, Reena, Chief Accounts Officer, concluded the camp with the annotations on the importance of the G.P. Fund, Tax Rebate, Financial Implications, Planning, Retirement Benefits as well as Benefits of New Pension Scheme (NPS).

Janmashtami Shobha Yatra on Sept 6



SSDS President, Purushottam Dadhichi talking to reporters.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha Jammu Kashmir will take out a grand Shobha Yatra (religious procession) on the

eve of Janmashtami on September 6. Talking to reporters here, Purushottam Dadhichi, President of the Sabha, said many tableaux would participate in the Yatra. On this occasion, he congratulated all the countrymen for the peacefully completed journey of Shri Amarnath Swami, for the festival of Raksha Bandhan and for successful reaching of Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon.

LIC celebrates its remarkable -67th Anniversary with outstanding performance

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: LIC, India's leading life Insurance company, announced its remarkable 67th anniversary, symbolizing decades of trust, integrity and excellence in the Insurance industry. As we reflect on our journey, we take immense pride in the outstanding performance showcased in the past. Sustained leadership position after twenty plus years of liberalization of insurance sector with 62.58% market share in First Year Premium Income in FY23. Massive distribution network spread across India positioned for further growth. LIC continues to play a strategic role in inculcating a culture of insurance and savings across India.

Total 27.74 crore policies being serviced by LIC as on 31st March 2023. LIC has floated a Special Revival Campaign for lapsed policies with effect from 01.09.2023 for its valued policyholders. With a legacy spanning over Six decades, LIC has witnessed tremendous growth and emerged as a key player in the Indian Insurance Market, catering to the diverse needs of millions of policyholders, LIC continues to set new standards and offer innovative insurance solutions to promote financial security and well being. Beginning with an initial capital of Rs.5 crores in 1956, LIC as on 31st March 2023 has Assets Under Management (AUM) of Rs.43,97,205 Crores. Key

Highlights for the Financial Year 2022-23 demonstrates LIC's exemplary performance, solidifying its position as a market Leader. The First-Year Premium income for 2022-23 was Rs 2,31,899.17 Crore and LIC sold 204.65 lacs new policies during the financial year. Its market share in policies was 71.76% while in terms of First-Year Premium Income it was 62.58%. This exceptional performance underlines the trust and confidence reposed by policyholders in the company's offerings. Through its 8 Zonal Offices, 113 Divisional Offices, 74 Customer Zones, 2048 Branch Offices, 1580 Satellite Offices, and 13.47 lakh agents, customers are assured of best services. In 2022-2023, LIC settled 225.51 lacs

claims amounting to Rs 2,09,938.63 Crore. (Individual, IO, Micro & P&GS) It's maturity claims paid ratio was 92.65 percent and death claim paid ratio was 98.60 percent. This milestone reinforces LIC's commitment to providing timely and hassle free claim settlements, relieving the financial burdens faced by families during challenging times. LIC has benchmarked setting number of systems to provide immediate relief during unfortunate calamities. (Eg: Balasore Train Tragedy) Our Pension and Group Superannuation Business vertical crossed the one trillion-mark successively for four years in a row by collecting Rs.1,73,259.86 Crore as New Business Premium Income. Many customer-centric

initiatives and digital initiatives have been taken by LIC besides improving pricing and creating operational efficiencies. LIC Golden Jubilee Foundation (GJF), established in the year 2006, caters to the Community Development Initiative of the Corporation and works on a large variety of projects focusing on Relief of poverty or distress, Advancement of education etc. Since inception, GJF has sponsored 723 projects and amount disbursed to the tune of Rs. 198.11 Crore as on 31.03.2023. Apart from being a leading Life Insurance Company, LIC is an internationally recognized financial conglomerate with its presence in fourteen countries. It has also ventured into other financial services through its

Subsidiaries and Associates viz LIC HFL, LIC Pension Fund Ltd, LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management Ltd, LIC Mutual Fund Trustee Co Pvt Ltd, LIC Cards Services Ltd, IDBI Bank Ltd. LIC received various awards and accolades during the year under review in areas of Customer Service, Claim Service, Training etc., including the awards for Most Trusted Brand in insurance. LIC also ranked 107th position in the Fortune Global 500 list published by in August 2023. As LIC celebrates its 67th anniversary, the Corporation remains dedicated to serving the diverse financial needs of its policyholders and contributing to the nation's economic growth. The constant pursuit of excellence, combined with

a customer-first approach, has enabled LIC to become a prominent player in the insurance landscape. We, express our gratitude to policyholders, Share-holders and employees for their unwavering support and commitment throughout the years. LIC's journey of 67 years in the insurance industry has been nothing short of extraordinary. We owe our success to the trust and confidence reposed in us by our loyal policyholders and other Stakeholders. As we step into the future, we remain committed to upholding our core values of integrity, reliability and customer-centricity. We rededicate ourselves to the welfare of our customers in true spirit of our motto "Yogakshemam Vahamyaham" (Your Welfare is Our Responsibility).