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Joint enforcement drive conducted today in Jammu South at multiple locations including Sher-e-Kashmir bridge. Around 750 vehicles were checked, 97 e-challaned and 4 seized. Approx Rs 2.28 lakh fine expected. Awareness was also raised on traffic rules and road safety. @diprjk



In Social

@AnNaqvi_Bukhari

Happy to see...Rohmo Bridge Pulwama is ready to serve Public. Happier to see... it connects Pulwama with Charishareef, Budgam areas. It was started in 2017 (World Bank Fund) under Relief Dept. Headed by me under the guidance of then HCM @MehboobaMufti worth 25 Crores



In History

GATT:

On this day in 1994; Acceptance of 'GATT' agreement by 109 countries including India. India was among the 109 countries, including all of the 123 nations, that accepted the Marrakesh Agreement.



In Numbers

24296

SCHOOLS:

In entire Jammu and Kashmir 24296 is the total number of schools, educational institutions in all districts.



Traffic Signs

GIVE WAY:

This sign is used at roundabouts where a specific lane discipline is to be followed. This sign direct the traffic to give way to the fellow traffic on your right side.



Ito engages daily with scores of Public delegations, individuals Initiative reflects govt's people-first policies

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JAMMU: In her continued efforts towards ensuring transparent governance and prompt grievance redressal of public centric issues, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, is engaging with scores of public delegations, individuals on daily basis at Civil Secretariat. The initiative has drawn widespread appreciation from public as scores of delegations, civil society members and individuals from various districts of Jammu and Kashmir call on the Minister to share their pressing concerns, development needs and welfare issues. The Minister, who is holding crucial portfolios of Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare, School Education and Higher Edu-



cation departments, during these interactions' issues on the spot directions to the concerned departments for necessary action on the grievances raised. While engaging with these public delegations and individuals, Sakeena Itoo reaffirmed the commitment of government to grassroots governance. "Public Darbars are a bridge between the administration and the people. It is our duty to ensure every voice is heard and genuine concerns are addressed promptly", she said. She highlighted that this daily outreach program is a model of proactive administration and people-first governance, which is core idea of Omar Abdullah led government. The Minister further said that all the departmental heads have been directed to maintain responsiveness towards public issues and ensure timely follow-ups on the matters raised during these sessions.

CS Atal Dulloo for making joint efforts to cultivate land near IB

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, while chairing a joint meeting of Civil administration and Security forces, remarked that joint efforts by the Agriculture Production Department, concerned district administrations and security forces should be made to encourage the farmers to cultivate the land patches between the fence and International Border (IB). The meeting, which was attended by Principal Secretary, APD; Principal Secretary, Home Department; IG, BSF; Deputy Commissioner, Kathua/Jammu/Samba/Poonch and Rajouri along with other officers was called to discuss different measures to help the farmers to take-up these lands for cultivation. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the concerned to encourage the farmers to cultivate all the arable land between the



fence and International Border. He maintained that irrespective of the status of such lands these should be put to productive use to add to our local food basket. He further made out that these farmers should be facilitated by the Agriculture Department besides given assurances by the security forces about their security. He called upon them to give suitable advice to the farmers about the kind of food or fodder to be sown. He also called for extending all the possible assistance to these farmers so that all such fallow lands come into production from the next sowing season. He further directed the senior officers from Agriculture Department to visit these districts to take cognizance of the issues and resolve them on the spot in consultation with the district administration and the security forces guarding the border there. In his remarks, Principal Secretary, APD, Shalendra Kumar made out that the Department is ready to provide the necessary hand-holding to the farmers for cultivating these lands. He further advised the Deputy Commissioners to do the prior ground work on the instant issue so that the obstacles are ironed out on the spot on the day of inspection. On the occasion, a detailed assessment of land use between the International Border (IB) and the Border Security Fence was given by the IG, BSF.

JKEDI commences Management Development Programs in 15 dists

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today commenced Management Development Programs (MDP) in 15 districts of Jammu and Kashmir, under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme, an initiative launched by the Union Ministry of MSME. The Management Development Programmes (MDPs) were inaugurated in the districts including Kathua, Kishtwar, Ramban, Reasi, Samba, Udhampur, Anantnag, Bandipora, Baramulla, Budgam, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Kupwara, Pulwama and Shopian, wherein 310 candidates are undergoing 30 hour long training program for six days. At District Kishtwar, Samba and Bandipora, the MDPs were inaugurated by Rajesh Kumar Shavan, Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar and Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Samba, and Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, District Development Commissioner, Bandipora respectively. The MDPs at Kulgam, Shopian and Udhampur were inaugurated by Altaf Ahmad Khan, ADDC Kulgam, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone, ADDC Shopian and Rajinder Singh, ADDC Udhampur respectively. At Pulwama, Noushad Ahmad Rather, Joint Di-



rector, Planning /CPO Pulwama inaugurated the programme. At Ganderbal, the MDP was inaugurated by Gulzar Ahmad Khan, ADC Ganderbal. At Kupwara, the MDP was inaugurated by Mumtaz Ahmad, ACR Kupwara while Mohammad Naseeb, SDM, Banihal, inaugurated the MDP at Ramban. At Anantnag, Dilshada Akhtar, GM, DIC, Anantnag inaugurated the MDP while it was inaugurated by Dr. Ashwini, Assistant Director, MSME, Srinagar, at Budgam. The programme was inaugurated at Baramulla by Javid Ahmad Ganaie, Principal, Government, ITI Baramulla. These MDPs coordinated by JKEDI District Centres has participation from local MSMEs who will be provided with the real time know-how of running and managing the businesses. The programme will help the MSMEs of the area to enhance their skills and interact with the experts from different line departments. The program aims to strengthen managerial, financial, and strategic skills of entrepreneurs and small business owners, empowering them to scale up operations, enhance competitiveness and create sustainable enterprises. This flagship initiative is being implemented in alignment with the broader objectives of the Government of India's RAMP program to bolster the MSME ecosystem. The MDP curriculum has been meticulously designed by subject matter experts and includes modules on business planning, marketing strategies, digital tools, financial literacy, compliance, innovation, and leadership. The program also includes mentorship sessions, case studies and hands-on workshops to provide real-world insights. Over the next six days, local entrepreneurs, MSME operators and the aspiring business leaders will engage with industry professionals, JKEDI faculty and certified trainers in an interactive learning environment. The simultaneous launch

in 15 districts ensures equitable access to resources and training opportunities, particularly in remote and underdeveloped areas. The MDPs under RAMP in the remaining five districts shall also commence shortly. Commenting on the simultaneous inauguration of 15 MDPs under the RAMP initiative, Director JKEDI, Khalid Jahangir, stated that the Ministry of MSME, GoI has approved eight interventions including MDPs under RAMP for J&K, for which the Industries and Commerce Department is the Nodal Agency. In Jammu and Kashmir, Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance scheme is being implemented by the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO). The JKEDI has been assigned the responsibility of necessary capacity building interventions in the form of Management Development Programs (MDPs) and Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) for existing and aspiring entrepreneurs. A budgetary outlay of Rs. 4.17 crore has been approved for conduct of 334 MDPs across J&K in the year 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27, targeting 6672 MSME beneficiaries including 33 per cent participation of women/SC/ST categories across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Yadav reviews Bioremediation Trial at Kot Bhalwal Dump Site



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JAMMU: Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr. Devansh Yadav Tuesday visited Kot Bhalwal dump site to review the trial of an advanced bioremediation process aimed at treating legacy waste and reclaiming land. The initiative involves the deployment of high-capacity machinery including the Warrior 1200, Screens, and Komtrack 1800, with a combined processing capacity of approximately 3,500 metric tonnes (MT) of waste per day. This cutting-edge technology will help in converting organic waste into manure while efficiently segregating non-biodegradable materials such as polythene and stones. Speaking on the occasion,

Dr. Yadav highlighted the significance of the project in promoting sustainable waste management and restoring ecological balance in the region. "The entire dump site will be cleared at the earliest, and we aim to transform it into a lush green park for the benefit of the local community," he said and added that the initiative marks a key milestone in JMC's ongoing efforts to build a cleaner and greener Jammu. As a symbolic gesture of environmental commitment, the Commissioner planted a sapling at the site. Among others, Joint Commissioner Health and Sanitation, Abdul Star, Joint Commissioner (W), Firdous Ahmed Qazi, besides other senior officers from JMC were present on the occasion.

Delegation calls on LG



JAMMU: A delegation of Ekal Abhiyan led by Dr Lalan Sharma called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Tuesday. The delegation briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the various initiatives in education and skill development sectors and other public welfare programmes being run by the organisation.

Historic Baisakhi Devika mela successfully concludes in Udh Over 60,000 devotees throng mela



UDHAMPUR: The historic three-day Baisakhi Devika mela, which commenced on April 13, 2025, on the sacred banks of the holy Devika rivulet in Udhampur town, concluded today amidst immense enthusiasm and devotion. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of over 60,000 visitors and devotees from various parts of Jammu Province. On the concluding day, Member Legislative Assembly Udhampur West, Pawan Kumar Gupta, graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Additional District Development Commissioner Udhampur, Rajinder Singh was the guest of honour and DDC Member Narsoo, Subash Chander, DIO/ CEO, Municipality, Rajinder Digra, Mela Officer Tehsildar Udhampur, Jai Singh were the special guests at the concluding day. While addressing the gathering, the chief guest lauded the tireless efforts of the District Administration for smooth and successful organization of this grand event. He extended warm congratulations to the public for their enthusiastic participation and stated that such traditional fairs are not only reflective of our rich and diverse cultural heritage but also serve as a major attraction for tourists. He further emphasized that these melas significantly contribute to the economic upliftment of the region and act as vital platforms for promoting brotherhood, peace and prosperity. He also underlined the importance of preserving and promoting the region's cultural legacy, stating that melas like the Baisakhi Devika Mela are indispensable parts of our cultural identity, encouraging the younger generation to stay connected with their roots. The three day mela was organized under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, the District Administration made adequate arrangements for the successful culmination of the event. These included robust measures for security, water, power supply, medical care, traffic regulation and sanitation to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors. The mela featured a number of temporary sweet shops, toy shops and other eateries by both locals and outside vendors, attracting the general public visiting the mela site. During the three-day mela, Information Department Udhampur presented cultural programme in which local artists including students from various educational institutions and folk artists from surrounding areas presented performances depicting the traditions of the area and theme-based skits, which were highly appreciated by the audience.

Saloni resonates Ambedkar's philosophy Rana pays rich floral tributes to Ambedkar

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UDHAMPUR: The 135th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, was celebrated with solemnity and enthusiasm at Ambedkar Chowk, (Jakhani Chowk), Udhampur. The event was organized by the Ambedkar Welfare Organisation (Trust), Udhampur, and witnessed the participation of several prominent political and social leaders. Minister Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Tribal Affairs, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Besides Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Madam Saloni Rai Guest of Honour and Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Guest of Honour and Babu Rampal, former minister, Vijay Lochan, Chairman SC Cell, JKNC, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone were also present and paid floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar. The event commenced with Bhim Vandana and the unfurling of the National Flag, followed by a welcome address, cultural performances, oratories, and addresses by the dignitaries. In his address, Javed Ahmad Rana



paid glowing tributes to Dr. Ambedkar, hailing him as the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and a towering champion of social justice. He lauded Dr. Ambedkar's relentless efforts in laying the foundation of an egalitarian society based on the ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity. Javed Rana emphasized the pressing need to preserve and propagate Dr. Ambedkar's vision in today's era to shape a more inclusive, just, and progressive India. He called for the creation of an environment where every citizen, irrespective of caste, creed, or background, enjoys equal rights and opportunities, as envisioned by Dr. Ambedkar. Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Madam Saloni Rai, highlighted the

enduring relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's philosophy and reiterated the commitment of the Government to continue working for the upliftment of the marginalized and downtrodden sections of society. Addressing the gathering Rattan Lal Gupta stated that the Omar Abdullah-led government is firmly committed to the upliftment of the downtrodden and underprivileged communities, and is taking decisive steps to ensure their meaningful participation in the socio-economic development of Jammu and Kashmir. He reaffirmed that inclusive growth, empowerment of the marginalized, and social justice are the cornerstone of the government's developmental agenda.

DLSA Rajouri invites listing of cases for National Lok Adalat

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RAJOURI: District Legal Services Authority Rajouri has invited interested Lawyers, litigants and general public for listing matters, cases for hearing in the National Lok Adalat scheduled on May 10, 2025. The interested parties can physically approach the Office of the District Legal Services Authority Rajouri and all Tehsil Legal Services Committee of the District for any advice/assistance with respect to their case or matter, or may call on the contact No. LADCs (9149457355), 01962-264200, 8493019096, during working days from 10 am to 4 pm. Parties can directly approach the concerned courts as well with application for listing matters/cases in National Lok Adalat for efforts at amicable settlement. "This is for the information of the public that District Legal Services Authority, Rajouri and all Tehsil Legal Services Committee of District Rajouri are

going to organize the National Lok Adalat on 10-05-2025, under the aegis of NALSA and Chairmanship/ Supervision of Rajinder Sapru chairman District Legal Services Authority Rajouri, Shama Sharma Sub-Judge/ Secretary District Legal Services Authority Rajouri. As such the interested Parties/ Litigants, Lawyers and General Public is hereby called upon to physically approach the Office of the District Legal Services Authority Rajouri and all Tehsil Legal Services Committee of District Rajouri for any advice/assistance with respect to their case or matter, or may call on the contact No.- LADCs (9149457355), 01962-264200, 8493019096, during working days from 10 am to 4 pm. DLSA Rajouri would welcome your response. Parties can directly approach the concerned courts as well with application for listing matters/cases in National Lok Adalat for efforts at amicable settlement. "An official notification issued by the DLSA Rajouri stated.