

JAMMU

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I pay my humble tribute today to Shaheed Abdul Gani Lone Sahab and Shaheed Mirwaiz Molvi Farooq Sahab on their Youm-e-Shahadat. May Allah (SWT) elevate their status in Jannat and may their ultimate sacrifice for peace and justice continue to inspire our future generations.

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The recent advertisement bannered by J&K Bank in Lassipora has shed light on the deteriorating situation of the Kashmir industry! The decline is largely attributed to the abolition of Article 370 and the removal of the Lakhanpur toll post, has created significant challenges for local businesses! These changes have disrupted the economic stability of the region, causing widespread concern!

AGNI ROCKET:
On this day in 1992, India launched its Agni Rocket, at exactly 7:17 AM. Agni erupted into a chariot of fire, propelling India into an elite club controlled by the world's technical and military behemoths.

FOREST AREA:
In the entire Samba district of Jammu division, 19589 hectare is the total forest area.

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ITI, Polytechnic students shine at India Skill Competition 2024

JAMMU: Director Skill Development J&K, Sudershan Kumar congratulated students of Different ITIs for their success at India Skill Competition 2024. The Skill Development Department of Jammu and Kashmir is proudly celebrating the remarkable achievement of its students at the prestigious India Skill Competition 2024, organized by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in New Delhi on March 19, 2024. The ITI students from J&K competed with talented individuals from across different ITIs of the nation, showcasing their expertise and vying for top honours in various skill categories. The students from ITIs of Jammu and Kashmir displayed exceptional skills and dedication, bringing home several medals and making the region proud. Their success is a testament to the quality of training and the emphasis on skill development by the department. The Director expressed immense pride and joy over the accomplishments of the students. In his congratulatory message, he stated, "Our students have made us incredibly proud by winning medals at the India Skill Competition 2024. Their hard work, dedication, and the high-quality training provided by our institutes have been instrumental in their success. This achievement not only highlights the talent within ITI's of J&K but also reinforces our commitment to fostering skills that meet national and international standards." The Director also extended his gratitude to the trainers and faculty members who have worked tirelessly to mentor and prepare the students for this competition. "Our dedicated trainers deserve special recognition for their unwavering support and guidance. Their efforts have been crucial in shaping the future of our students and enabling them to achieve such prestigious accolades," he added. The Skill Development Department, J&K, remains committed to providing world-class training and opportunities for its students, ensuring they are well-equipped to excel in their chosen fields. The success at the India Skill Competition 2024 is a significant milestone in this journey and sets a benchmark

Record poll per cent proved improved situation in Kashmir: Ghulan Khatana



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SURANKOTE: Senior BJP leader and sitting Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana has said that record poll per cent in Ladakh and Baramulla has clearly established that situation in Kashmir has now improved a lot and peace has prevailed in the region. "This was only possible by the extra-ordinary leadership of PM Modi during the BJP rule over the country in the last ten years," he further said. Addressing a public meeting in mountainous Surankote area of border district of Pooch on Tuesday Khatana said that terrorism has been decimated, stone-pelting is seen nowhere, cross-border infiltration has also been reduced to zero in J&K after the PM Modi gave a free hand to the security forces on borders and inside J&K to deal with the law and order situation. Apart from the record high poll per cent in the on-

going Lok Sabha elections, number of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir has also enormously increased especially after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A as this has changed the thinking of people from rest of the country about Kashmir and its people. "The increase in number of tourists in Kashmir has also improved the economy of the region and reduced unemployment to a large extent," the BJP leader said. He further said that more such positive developments are also in plans after PM Modi becomes the helmsman of the world's largest democracy for the third time. Speaking on the occasion senior BJP leader and former Minister, Abdul Gani Kohli said: "BJP is all set to cross 400 plus mark in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections to usher the nation into a new era of more developments and more progress after which our country will become the third leading economy in the world."

J&K Legal Services Authority is making all efforts to ensure good health of jail inmates: Justice Tashi

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SRINAGAR: Understanding the importance of ensuring health-care facilities to jail inmates in UT of J&K, the J&K Legal Services Authority under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, who is also Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority and under the directions of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Senior-most Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority held a Mega Medical Check-up Camp at Central Jail, Srinagar in collaboration with DLSA Srinagar, Department of Prisons, UT of J&K, Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir and Department of Health & Medical Education. Justice Tashi, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion was accompanied by Rajni Rabstan, Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary and Muzamil Kabli, Under Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority was warmly received by Deepak Kumar, DG Prisons, Jawad Ahmed, Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman, DLSA) Srinagar, Sheikh Zulfikar Azad, Superintendent, Central

Jail Srinagar, Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Director, Health Services Kashmir, Prof. (Dr) Iffat Hassan Shah, Principal, GMC Srinagar, Jahangir Ahmed Bakshi, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar and Dr. Aijaz Shah, Principal, Govt. Dental College, Srinagar. The Mega Medical Check-up Camp was conceptualized by Justice Tashi Rabstan who in his address stressed upon organizing such type of camps on regular basis to curtail the filing of petitions in the courts by the under trials for their medical examination. He further said that the jail inmates are immensely benefitted in such programs as all the specialist doctors of various departments like General Medicine, Surgery, Ophthalmology, Dermatology, Orthopaedics, Psychiatry, Cardiology, Dental & Oral Medicine, Gynaecology, ENT etc. are available for consultation and advice to the needy inmates. Prof. (Dr) Iffat Shah, Principal, GMC Srinagar, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Director, Health Services Kashmir, Prof. (Dr) Aijaz Shah, Principal, Govt. Dental College, Srinagar and Dr. Aijaz Ahmad, Consultant, Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscien-

es Kashmir in their respective addresses appreciated the efforts of Legal Services Institutions in bringing all the stakeholders on one platform for good health and wellbeing of jail inmates besides acknowledging the importance of organising such camps on regular basis. They also assured complete support to J&K Legal Services Authority in all such future endeavours. Dr. Mushtaq also informed the gathering that all the investigation and body profile testing shall be done in the camp, which can roll over to one more day depending upon the medical needs of prisoners. He further said that all the medicines that would be prescribed by doctors including spectacles by the ophthalmologists shall be provided to the patients free of cost. The opening remarks were presented by Sheikh Zulfikar Azad, Superintendent, Central Jail, Srinagar whereas Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary, District legal Services Authority, Srinagar conducted the proceedings of the program and Saba Shawl, Staff Officer to DG Prisons presented vote of thanks. Those who attended the pro-



gram include Dr. Tahir Sajad, CMO Srinagar, Shabir Ahmad, Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Srinagar, Dr. Aijaz Ahmad, Dr. Mir Mushtaq, Dr. Aasim Farooq, Dr. Aasifa, Dr. Sameena, Super-Specialist and Special-

ist doctors, Para-Medical staff, Technicians, Lab Assistants etc of Health Department, GMC Srinagar, Govt. Dental College Srinagar and Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Kashmir, Security personal of CISF,



Burjis Godrej led delegation, Amitabh Kant call on Sinha

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Godrej Industries Group led by Burjis Godrej, Executive Director, Godrej Agrovet Ltd. met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan Tuesday. The delegation discussed with the Lt Governor the existing investments and the further expansion of their business ventures in the UT of J&K. The representatives of Godrej Industries Group also agreed to explore opportunities benefitting the overall farming ecosystem in J&K. Rakesh Swami, Group President, Corporate Affairs; Ramaswamy Iyer, General Manager-PSO and Mishika Nayyar, Regional Manager Corporate Affairs Lead were also present during the meeting.



Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa and former CEO, NITI Aayog today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan. Kant, who is on a visit to J&K for a brainstorming session on 'Rebranding of J&K Handicrafts', shared his thoughts on driving growth and innovation in handicraft and handloom sector of the Union Territory.

Defeat BJP designs to manipulate poll process: Bhardwaj



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JAMMU: Senior Congress leader and PCC general secretary Mohinder Bhardwaj has asked the party workers particularly those associated with the booth level functioning and June 4 counting of votes for Lok Sabha elections, to remain vigilant and thwart any nefarious design of either the BJP or the ruling dispensation to manipulate the public mandate. "There are reliable reports to suggest that a panicky ruling BJP staring at defeat in the Jammu Lok Sabha constituency is planning to usurp public

mandate which is clearly in the favour of Congress. Stand up and unitedly fight against any effort to manipulate the electoral process. Remain vigilant till the last vote is counted," he asked the Congresspersons while addressing party leaders and workers of the area here today. Bhardwaj cautioned the Lt Governor's administration against allowing the BJP's nefarious designs to manipulate election outcomes to succeed. "Remain and act as an impartial umpire to uphold the sanctity of the electoral process."

'Competition with outside candidates fuelling rise in unemployment' - Uplifting poor, developing far-flung areas my agenda: Azad

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SRINAGAR: In a vibrant road show held on Tuesday in Kokernag, Chairman of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad reaffirming his unwavering commitment to uplifting the poor and developing underprivileged areas. Azad highlighted the persistent issues plaguing the region, emphasising that many people still lack access to basic necessities such as electricity and road connectivity. Drawing from his extensive experience as Chief Minister, he assured the audience of his dedication to addressing these challenges with the same vigor and effectiveness he demonstrated in the past. "I have campaigned extensively across south Kashmir, visiting even the most remote villages," Azad



remarked. "The poverty is stark, and the lack of basic necessities is alarming. Unemployment is rising, and many villages still lack proper road connectivity. In some areas, I witnessed wooden electricity poles and bridges. These conditions are unacceptable, and we must work tirelessly to improve them." He further stressed his decision to step away from national politics to focus on the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "I left national politics solely to uplift the poor people of this region. My mission is to ensure that every individual has access to the basic amenities they deserve and to bring sustainable development to even the most far-flung areas," he stated. Azad criticised the current government's actions, stating, "The present government snatched away our

rights, our statehood. It was me who fought against that decision in parliament while other MPs of regional parties remained silent. Today, they are fooling people by promising to bring back Article 370. Those who are in the India Alliance had supported the government in revoking the article, how can you expect them to support its restoration?" Highlighting the hardships faced by the youth, Azad added, "Today, our youth have to compete with outsiders to get even small jobs, which is an injustice. The same protective laws still exist in other states of India. If we come to power, we will reintroduce the Roshni Scheme and ensure laws that secure jobs and land for the people of Jammu and Kashmir." Azad emphasised that

the people of Jammu and Kashmir desire change, and his party is committed to delivering it. He highlighted his past tenure as an example of effective governance, citing numerous developmental projects. These included the creation of new districts, the construction of roads, and the establishment of important infrastructure such as the Hajj House, Yatri Bhawan, tulip gardens, schools, universities, degree colleges, hospitals, and medical colleges. He asserted that continuing this development is his primary aim and agenda. Among others who were present on the occasion were G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, Ch Haroon Khatana Gen Secretary, Adv Saleem Parry Candidate, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson and others.