

DDC inspects restoration work of land subsidence hit Pernote area

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary Tuesday inspected the ongoing restoration work on the damaged Ramban-Gool Road and other affected public utilities and power supply infrastructure in the land subsidence hit Pernote area.

Accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Varunjeet Singh Charak, OC 52 RCC SK Gautam and other officers and locals including public representatives, the Deputy Commissioner assessed the progress of the restoration work on the



400KV Kishanpur-Wanpoh Power Transmission Line and the Ramban-Gool Road

connectivity. The OC 52 RCC briefed the Deputy Commissioner about

the ongoing road restoration efforts and informed that the Gool-Ramban road will be

made traffic-worthy within a week providing much needed relief to the public. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner issued on-the-spot directions to the officers to accelerate the restoration work to facilitate the people. He emphasized the urgency of the situation and the need for swift action to restore normalcy. Meanwhile, several individuals and deputations met with the Deputy Commissioner to discuss their issues and demands. The Deputy Commissioner listened attentively and issued directives to the officers for the early redressal of their concerns.

GDC organises campaign to provide Water to Birds

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SAMBA: National Service Scheme unit 'Prabha' of Government Degree College Ramgarh, in collaboration with Department of Environmental Sciences, organized a campaign to provide water to birds to highlight the importance of showing compassion to all living beings in the college premises. The event was conducted under able guidance and leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, the Principal of the College. In her address, she emphasized the importance of such initiatives which will support our local ecosystem. She appreciated the initiative of NSS Unit and applauded the



efforts. The NSS volunteers initiated the drive by placing earthen pots filled with water throughout the college premises to quench the thirst of birds, butterflies etc. Prof. Brham Dutt, Program Officer, NSS and PTI Ashok Kumar supervised the

whole drive, and Dr. Shivali Panjgotra compiled and reported the event. This initiative aims to provide essential hydration to birds during the hot summer months, enhancing biodiversity and fostering a connection with nature among students and faculty.

Dozens join Shiv Sena Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament commences

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SRINAGAR: Influenced by the policies and ideas of Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit dozens locals took membership of the party in the valley Tuesday.

As per the instructions of party state chief Manish Sahni, A program organized in Ahmed Nagar area of Srinagar under the chairmanship of Center Kashmir In-charge Mohammad Ramzan Dar , where about two dozen local peoples including women joined the party. Dar said in his address that , the support base of the party is increasing rapidly in Kashmir. The resolution of the



state unit to give the first right to the sons of the soil to enter the resources, government jobs and educational institutions of Jammu and Kashmir strongly influenced the common people. Along with this, voices are being raised on public issues. On this occasion, Mohammad Ramzan Dar welcomed Fayaz Ahmed Ghani, Nazir

Ahmed Mir, Irfan Ahmed Ghani, Inayat Ahmed Dar, Mohammad Latif Khan, Farooq Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Habibul Shah, Abdul Rashid, Mohammad Salim, Mohammad Ashraf Dar, Sara Begum, Gulshan Begum, Afroza Begum, Hamida Begum and others new entrants with Shiv Bandhan and Nishan.

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DODA: The Department of Youth Services & Sports on Tuesday declared open the Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament in Kabaddi, Volleyball and Kho-Kho disciplines for U 14 and U 17 boys, here at the Government Higher Secondary School Ground in Ghat.

On the first day of the event, a total of 267 students participated, with 121 players in the under-14 category and 146 in the under-17 category. The opening ceremony was graced by Dinesh Kumar, Principal of the host school as the Chief Guest, alongside Surinder Kumar Zonal Physical Education Officer of



Ghat. The tournament is supported by all Physical Education Lecturers (PEL), Physical Education Masters (PEM), Physical Education Teach-

ers (PET), Rehbar-e-Khel (REK), and National Youth Corps (NYC) members, who have collectively contributed to the event's success. For the safety of the participants,

Diamond Youth Club Ghat is providing ambulance services and the Block Medical Officer of Ghat has arranged a medical backup team. The event marks a significant

step in promoting sports and physical education among the youth in Ghat, fostering both competitive spirit and camaraderie among students.

GS Sports Club distributes free volleyball kits to youth

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JAMMU: In a significant step towards encouraging youth engagement in sports and providing a healthy alternative to drug abuse, GS Sports Club organized a distribution event, providing free volleyball kits to the young residents of Lower Jandial Panchayat in Mathwar Block.

The event, aimed at fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and community well-being, saw active participation from various community leaders and members. Present at the event were President of GS Sports Club, Atul Sudan, along with prominent social activists Ankush Sharma, Naresh Sudan, Vinod Sharma, Himanshu, Arun, Vikas, and Ashwani etc. President Atul Sudan expressed his enthusiasm for



the initiative, stating, "Our goal is to inspire the youth to engage in productive and healthy activities. By providing these volleyball kits, we hope to not only promote physical fitness but also offer a constructive way for the youth to spend their time, keeping them away from the dangers of drug abuse." He further highlighted the broader impact of the initia-

tive, adding, "Sports play a crucial role in the holistic development of young individuals. This initiative is a step towards building a stronger, healthier community where the youth are empowered to make positive choices." The distribution of volleyball kits is part of GS Sports Club's ongoing commitment to community development and youth empowerment.

The club plans to continue such initiatives, aiming to reach more areas and provide more resources to encourage sports participation among the youth. GS Sports Club extends its gratitude to all the volunteers and community members who made this event successful and reaffirms its dedication to fostering a drug-free and active community.

Alexander Memorial School holds Annual Investiture ceremony

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JAMMU: The Annual Investiture Ceremony of the Students' Council of Alexander Memorial School, Jammu was held on 21st May, 2024, in the School Campus.

The Principal, Esther William, welcomed the Guests and presented a bouquet to them. The Guests presented the School Flag and the House Flags to the Head Boy, Head Girl and the House Captains respectively. All the members of the Students' Council led by Lavish Mehra, the Head Boy and Atufa Anjum Head Girl, the Dy. Head Girl Janvi and Aafreen Roman took the Oath of allegiance, obedience and loyalty to the school and the country. The eight House Captains were Joel Khonjay and



Kirti Sharesht (Youngson House), Andy Roddick and Vanshika Mattoo (Hutchison House), Vriddhi Gill and Alrina Sandhu (Alexander House), Sahil Sharma and Jerrish Gill (William

House) were decorated with the respective House badges. Shivam Siddharth, IPS, SP City North, Jammu was the Chief Guest. On the occasion prominent man-

agement members present were Johnny William, IPS, Former IGP, Victor John. Maitree Jain, Principal, New Era Environment School, Neeru Puri, Principal, S.D. Tarapuri School and several other dignitaries also graced the occasion. The Chief Guest urged all the Council members to perform the duties assigned to them whole-heartedly and to uphold the values of honesty, integrity and loyalty as vital qualities for positions of responsibility and dignity and become good citizens of the country. He also emphasised on students to become good human-beings. S.K. Munshi, School Coordinator, presented the vote of thanks and the colourful programme came to an end with the school band playing the National Anthem.

IEC GMC Jammu concludes two days long board meeting

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JAMMU: Institutional Ethics Committee of GMC Jammu concluded its two days long full board meeting on 21st May in NMC Hall GMC Jammu under the Chairmanship of Prof. (Dr) Subash Bahrdwaj (Acting Chairman) to accord provisional approval to 214 research proposals (synopsis) submitted by MD/MS/DNB students of 2023-2026 batch as well as non-synopsis protocols by the faculty and residents. Members Secre-



tary IEC GMC Jammu Prof. (Dr) Sanjay Kumar Bhasin informed that the meeting started with Welcomed address by the Acting Chairman followed by report by Member Secretary in presence of Principal & Dean GMC Jam-

mu Prof. Ashutosh Gupta. Prof. Sanjay Bhasin (Member Secretary) while presenting IEC GMC Jammu report said that IEC is independent body which works as per CDSCO-ICMR and DHR guidelines.

Rajiv Gandhi's visionary legacy continues to illuminate path of modern India: Bhanu

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JAMMU: J&K Pradesh Mahila Congress solemnly commemorated the 33rd death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi by paying heartfelt floral tributes in a poignant ceremony held here on Tuesday.

The ceremony was presided over by Bhanu Mahajan, senior Vice President J&K Pradesh Mahila Congress with Vice President Rajni Bala, General Secretary Kamla Hans, Secre-



tary Ritu Gupta, District President Lalita Devi and Mahila Congress members were also

present. After paying floral tributes, Mahila congress said that the

visionary legacy of Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi continues to illuminate the path of modern India. They extolled Rajiv Gandhi as a visionary leader whose foresight and innovative policies laid the foundation stones of contemporary India. "Rajiv Gandhi was not merely a political leader, he was a transformative figure who envisaged an India propelled by technology, education, and inclusivity. His groundbreaking initiatives in information technology and telecommu-

nications have positioned India as a global leader in these sectors," she said, highlighting the Congress leader's unwavering commitment towards the youth of India. "Rajiv Gandhi gave the youth a new direction, empowering them with the tools and opportunities to shape the future of our nation. His belief in the power of young minds led to the introduction of policies that promoted education, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

International Tea Day 2024: Promoting women empowerment

KOLKATA: The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations is celebrating the International Tea Day under the poignant theme "Honouring women around the world, from crop to cup". The Indian Tea Association's commitment to sustainability echoes the resonance of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, according to a media release here on Tuesday.

It endeavours to fortify stakeholder engagement in fostering ethical, environmental, and safety compliances. In alliance with national and international NGOs, the ITA endeavours to champion the holistic well-being of the tea community. This journey encompasses a multifaceted approach—embracing initiatives ranging

from maternal health and childcare to education, sanitation, and gender equality. Through grassroots interventions, the ITA upholds the sanctity of life, nurturing a harmonious tapestry of wellness, equality, and prosperity. Within the tea plantations of India, women stand as the unsung heroes, constituting an impressive 50% of the 1.2 million-strong workforce. The annals of tea production unveil their indispensable role—a narrative deeply woven with their unwavering dedication and unparalleled contributions. From the meticulous picking of tea leaves to the intricate processes of processing and packaging, women have been the heartbeat of the tea industry for centuries. "Some of the key initiatives

and result areas under the Assam ITA – UNICEF project in 159 member estates are : Strengthening of adolescent groups - More than 24000 girls and 5000 boys are registered as club members in 159 ITA estates in Assam. 81.41% pregnant women are registered in the first trimester, 89.44% recently delivered women received four ANC, 98.18% institutional deliveries recorded in Hospitals, 57.37% adolescent girls received IFA tablets, 64.53% women under pregnancy consumed 180 IFA tablets and school drop outs reduced to 10% in 2023 against 38% in 2011," it said. "More than 58% of Girls pass out from school of which more than 70% enroll for higher studies, 67116 households connected with functional household tap connection under

JJM. This primarily benefits women. 363 JJM schemes installed in tea estates. Use of sanitary napkins by more than 85% of young girls aged 13 – 20 years. This is a phenomenal rise from 20% a few years back. Young and middle aged women too have adopted to modern menstrual hygiene methods in Tea estates, promotion of emergency preparedness and response, institutional delivery, newborn care and increasing awareness among mothers on breast feeding and infant nutrition, optimal complementary feeding. " ITA and UNICEF West Bengal partnership since 2021-22 is strengthening the Institutional Mechanism in 33 tea estates in West Bengal to prevent child marriage, child trafficking, unsafe migration. More than 50,000 Children

are under the ambit of this Program which covers a population of 2 lakhs in 33 tea estates of Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar and Darjeeling Districts. The project also covers parents of Children, especially their Mothers. The program focuses on behavioral change amongst parents towards prevention of early marriage, and unsafe childhood. On the other hand the program encourages compulsory education, skill development, exposure to obtain legal aid in times of distress and reporting of cases on Childline as well as parental involvement in guiding their children through safe childhood. Tea estate community mobilisers have counselled more than 4000 families through home visits and guided children to enroll in schools to complete studies.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Subject: Expression of Interest for empanelment of reputed Book Publishers/Suppliers/Vendors for supply of books to Govt. Degree College Billawar.

The Principal of Govt. Degree College Billawar (J&K) invites "Expression of Interest" for empanelment of reputed and registered Book Publishers/Suppliers/Vendors/ across State/UT/National level for the procurement/supply/of books to this college for the Financial year 2024-25. Interested parties having requisite experience as mentioned in "EOI" notification at college website are requested to submit their "EOI" with relevant supporting documents to this office. All necessary details including eligibility criteria, terms and conditions of purchase with application form(Annexure-I) shall be obtained from official website of the college or by hand from the office of the undersigned.

The "EOI" from eligible parties with duly sealed cover scribing the envelope with "Invitation for EOI for empanelment for supply of Books to College Library of GDC Billawar" should reach this office within seven days of publication of this notification in the local daily newspaper.

**Sd/-
Principal
GDC Billawar**

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