Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Tuesday.

Mehbooba directs deptts to stick to 30% work allocation to SHGs

SRINAGAR, May 22: Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti today directed strict compliance of Government directive of allocating 30% job orders by various departments for members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the Department. State. She also directed raising the financial limits of SHGs from present Rs. 60 lakh to Rs. one crore besides corresponding enhancements.

Chairing a meeting to review the status of Self Help Groups in the State, the Chief Minister asked for making necessary

amendments in the guidelines their works. She asked all the Departments. for SHGs to make them complidepartments to revisit their

JK Bank to set up separate vertical for exhibited satisfactory performstart-ups to foster entrepreneurship

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 22: J&K Bank will be creating a separate vertical for start-ups to foster entrepreneurship, especially micro and small enterprises segment, in all districts, blocks and panchavats in the State.

The vertical once set up will draw the processes and procedures to offer single window facilitation to prospective entrepreneurs with the aim of handholding the budding entrepreneurs at the outset/inception

This was announced by the J&K Bank Chairman and CEO Parvez Ahmed after the conclusion of the Policy Consultative Workshop for academic leaders presided over by Governor, N N

CEO shared the role of financial institutions in creating start-up environment and confirmed bank's intention to channelize all resources to support entrepreneurs through the startup centers. The initiative by JK Bank is in congruence with Governor's vision to hand-hold start-up aspirants in the State, he

Chairman Parvez Ahmed informed that "The bank is setting up a dedicated department and start-up vertical at its Corporate Headquarters with tiers upto the district level. We will deploy committed work force in all tiers who will be undertaking mega marketing and awareness initiatives for the general public. Through this vertical, bank aims to create a one

asked for engaging the SHGs in works being executed by them. the maintenance and upkeep of

the potential to drive the entre-scheme. preneurial zeal of talented youth by harnessing the capabilities of to the financial growth of the

up centre will be that it will conduct orientation sessions and workshops for the budding entrepreneurs in collaboration Financial with Government Departments, Housing & Urban Development, CAs and legal advisors to impart K B Aggarwal; Administrative information of documents, reg- Secretaries of various departistrations and other formalities ments; Chairman, JK Bank, associated with establishing a Parvez Ahmad; heads of departbusiness such as GST registra- ments and senior officers were tions, projected balance sheet present in the meeting. and business proposal creation.

ant with the needs of the day and approach in this regard and the requirements of individual involve these young technocrats departments. She specifically in carrying out various jobs and

In a significant direction, the various assets, facilities and Chief Minister asked the JK machinery put in the Bank to come up with a cus-Government particularly Health tomized scheme within 10 days Anti-Corruption, Jammu. to provide financial support to Minister for Finance, Labour these young entrepreneurs so the Vigilance into irregularities of & Employment, Syed Altaf that they don't lag behind for Bukhari was present in the meet- want of credit availability. She also directed undertaking capac-Mehbooba Mufti expressed ity building of these SHGs by displeasure in respect of some respective Departments so that the scrap on "as is where is basis" departments which have not they are able to deliver effecmade the outlined allocations for tively in tune with the requirethe SHGs while tendering out ments of the individual

> The meeting was informed that by and large the SHGs have ance in terms of quality of works undertaken by them.

Earlier, Secretary, Labour & point access for entrepreneurs Employment, Kifayat Hussain with a facilitation approach at Rizvi briefed the meeting about every step. This approach has the salient features of the

Self-Help Group schemes, it may be recalled, was innovative, young and dynamic introduced in the State to proentrepreneurs thus contributing vide job avenues to qualified graduates in various engineering disciplines by involving them He informed that the most with construction and upgradasignificant feature of these start- tion of infrastructure taking benefit of their technical background and know how

Chief Secretary, B B Vyas; Commissioner,



quoted the rates for the lots of scrap.

taken into account and average rate

13 Kg. Thereafter, as one of the bid-

ders M/s Laxmi General Store had

quoted rates @ 5% of the rate

above all other parties, so 5% of the

rate was added and selling rate was

calculated as Rs. 13.65 per Kg and

accordingly M/s Laxmi General

Store was asked to lift the scrap,

who lifted a total of 11,850 Kg

scrap for an amount of Rs. 1,

61,616, which the corporation

Sunil Iron had quoted Rs

However, the accused decided

JAMMU, May 22: Vigilance Organization Jammu today produced challan against accused offi-Development Corporation Project Samba.

An enquiry was conducted by auctioning of scrap by Handloom Development Corporation Project, Samba wherein it surfaced that tenders were called for the auction of which was lying in premises of the

3 houses gutted

Excelsior Correspondent

Three houses were gutted in fire and Kral in Panchayat Ballian (Battal Ballian), here today.

The fire broke out this morning in the wheat field and soon engulfed three nearby houses of Hans Raj son of Mangat Ram, Lal Chand son of Hans Raj and Chet Ram son of Mangat Ram of Tund-Kral

life, all belongings in the three houses were reduced to ashes thus cause huge loss to the owners.

Ballian, Manmohan Rana, some miscreants set dry bushes on fire and the blazes spread to almost one hundred canals land. which included State land and private



One killed, 2 injured as

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, May 22: One person was killed while two others seriously injured, when a load carrier (Tata Mobile vehicle No. JK02A/0278) rolled down into the gorge near Dera Nangali Sahib in Poonch this evening.

A police spokesman said that mishap took place on Mandi-Poonch Road when the vehicle was coming towards Poonch from Mandi side after off loading the goods. Near Nangali Sahib, the driver lost control over the speeding vehicle and it landed into a gorge at around 5 pm today.

The locals of the area rushed to the spot for rescue and police party from Poonch also arrived there shortly. While one person was speeding and went out of conkilled on the spot , the two others trol at a curve.

vehicle plunges into gorge received serious injuries and were rushed to District Hospital, Poonch.

The deceased was later identified as Sajjad Ahmed (21), son of Khursheed Rather, resident of Sawjian (Mandi). His body was sent for postmortem.

The injured after providing preliminary treatment in District Hospital were referred to Govt Medical College Hospital, Jammu. They were identified as Taib Qazmi (16), son of Ikhlaq Hussain of Nangali village and Gulzar Ahmed, son of Farooq Ahmed, resident of Sawijan in Mandi tehsil. The police has taken cognizance of the matter. It said that vehicle was over

JKSSB announces change in test venues for teacher posts

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 22: Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (SSB) today announced a change in some test venues for candidates appearing in the objective written test on May 27 for the posts of General Teacher under district cadre Bandipora, Kulgam, Kupwara and Srinagar.

According to the break-up issued by the Board centres located at GEMS Public School Bijbehara, Anantnag and Shahi Hamdan College of Education Siligam, K.P. Road, Anantnag have been shifted to South Campus, University of Kashmir, Ground-Anantnag.

Similarly, centres earlier located at Islamia College of Science & shall be read as MTM, B.Ed Commerce, Srinagar and MPML Higher Government Secondary School, Baghi Delawar Cards already downloaded by Khan, Baba Damb, Srinagar have the candidates would be valid been shifted to University of for the new centres. However, Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar. the timing of examination is While the centre at MET Baghat fixed at 12 pm to 2 pm and Barzulla, Srinagar has been shifted reporting time at exam centre is to Delhi Public School, Pantha 11 am.

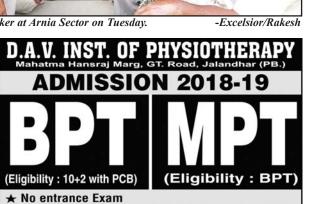
Chowk, Srinagar.

Whereas, Boys Polytechnic College, Gogjibagh Srinagar centre has been shifted to Government College for Women, M.A Road, Srinagar, centre at NIELIT, Rangreth, Budgam to Bright Horizon Higher Secondary School Humhama Budgam and SSM Engineering College. Parihaspora, Baramulla to SRM Welkin Higher Secondary School Sopore, Baramulla.

Also, centre at Government Higher Secondary School Palhalan, Baramulla has been shifted to Pioneer Institute of Learning, National Highway, Fatehgarh, Hanjiweera Pattan Baramulla while the centre at MTM, B.Ed College, Tangmarg, Baramulla

> College, Kwarhama Baramulla. According to SSB, Admit

People taking shelter in a bunker at Arnia Sector on Tuesday. -Excelsior/Rakesh D.A.V. INST. OF PHYSIOTHERAPY ADMISSION 2018-19



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Vigilance produces challan against Vinod Koul, others in auction fraud

in sheer abuse of the official posi-

of Rs. 7,23,534 to the Corporation.

closed commission of offences

punishable under section 5(1) (d)

r/w 5(2) J&K PC Act 2006 BK and

120-B RPC, accordingly, case FIR

No. 22/2014 was registered at P/S

VOJ and investigation was taken

ing necessary sanction from the

competent authority, challan was

After the investigation obtain-

As the case prima facie dis-

quoted by Gandhi Seva Sadan were M/s Laxmi General Store, Samba,

of three lots was calculated @ Rs tion and thus caused loss to the tune

Whereas, it was found that M/s presented before the court.

Available

cers, officials and beneficiary of alleged irregularities committed in

Challan against Vinod Koul, then Project Manager, Export Oriented Handloom Development Corporation Project, Samba, Daleep Kumar Thaploo, I/c Processing EOHDP, Raj Kumar Padha, then Accountant EOHDP, Madan Lal, then Storekeeper and Raman Pargal, Prop. M/s Laxmi General Store, Samba, was produced in the court of Special Judge,

Corporation Project, Samba

UDHAMPUR, May 22: which broke out at village Tund

Even as there was no loss of

According to Sarpanch

Fire is still not controlled fully while no one from administration side visited the village till filing of



MLC, Belgian Ambassador call on Governor

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 22: A 13 member delegation from Poonch contract an amount of Rs led by Dr. Shehnaz Ganaie, 8,43,000/- could have been fetched MLC, met Governor N.N. Vohra to auction the scrap by weight and by the Corporation. But the at the Raj Bhavan today. not through lots and as such rates accused, by allotting the contract to

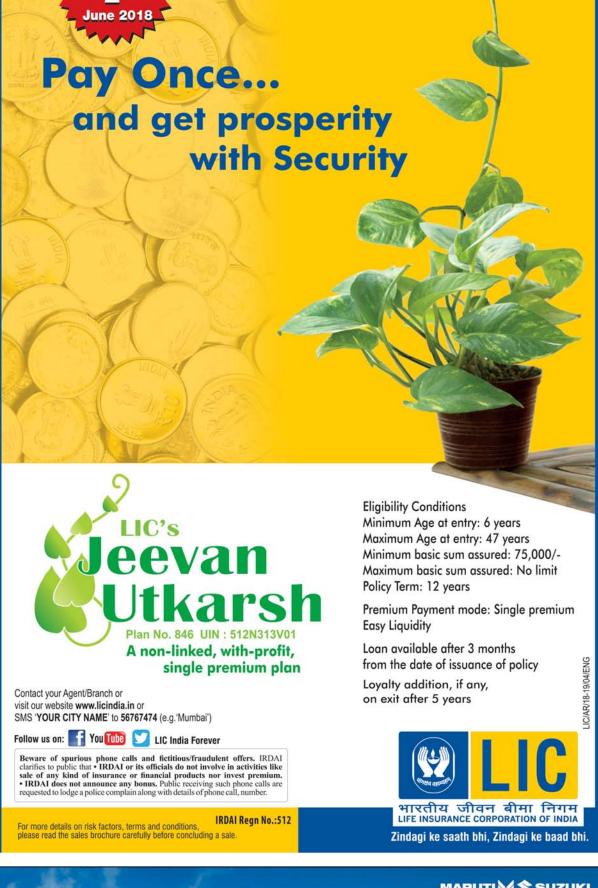
The delegation requested the Governor to support the timebound completion of Poonch Campus of the Jammu University so that the students of this far flung district could receive quality higher education; highlighted the hardships faced by the border dwellers, particularly during the recurring spells of shelling from across the border and demanded the urgent construction of community bunkers and stationing of critical care ambulances, particularly bullet proof vehicles; support for the construction of a well

equipped hospital and establishment of sports infrastructure in Poonch to provide an outlet for the youth

Governor observed that all the issues raised by the delegation would be taken up with the and Governments.

Meanwhile, Jan Luykx, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, accompanied by Alexis Bossuyt, Counsellor Investment & Trade also called on Governor.

Ambassador discussed with Governor various matters of common interest to India and the Kingdom of Belgium. Governor invited the Ambassador to pay a longer visit to the State for identifying the varied fruitful possibilities which exist for Belgian investors to launch mutually beneficial projects in J&K.





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