

Army to procure drone detection system

NEW DELHI, Nov 22: The Indian Army today issued a request for information for procuring integrated drone detection systems.

(improved version) was issued under the "Buy Indian" category. The indigenous content in the equipment should be 60 per cent, which will be relaxed to 50 per cent in case of indigenously designed equipment.

The system comprises an active and passive detection system for low radar cross section aerial targets along with hard kill and certain soft kill options, integrated through a suitable command and control system.

VKC Nuts donates Ambulance

JAMMU, Nov 22: Bee Enn Hospital here today organized a function to felicitate the donors of ambulance donated to Bee Enn General Hospital at Jammu.



Dignitaries posing for a photograph with the ambulance donated to Bee Enn General Hospital at Jammu.

On this occasion Vijay Jain and Gagan Jain, Chairman and Executive Director respectively of VKC Nuts Pvt Ltd handed over the keys of the Ambulance to the authorities of the Hospital. The Ambulance was donated under the Corporate Social Responsibility and the need of

Cong flays Adm for long power cuts

UDHAMPUR, Nov 22: Senior Congress leader Sumit Magotra has strongly criticised the BJP and the UT administration for power shortage and imposing long power cuts in the district. Talking to media-persons, Magotra said that in summer, when the Electricity department started unsheduled power cuts for 6 to 8 hours, Congress activists staged dharna for three days and took out a torch light procession. But the administration rolled back on is decision later.

Hakla for permanent settlement, of Nomadic Gujars

POONCH, Nov 22: Shamsher Hakla Poonchi a prominent Gujjar leader and intellectual has appealed the Government of India to sanction the special economic package and make a policy for the permanent settlement and upliftment, welfare of unsettled Nomadic people of Gujjar - Bakkarwal Tribe of J&K who have been living unsettled Nomadic life till date.

JTC, SKF demands release of ration to migrants

JAMMU, Nov 22: A meeting of Jagti Tenement Committee (JTC) and Soan Kashmir Front (SKF) was held at Jagti township under the chairmanship of its president, Shadi Lal Pandita. Addressing the meeting Pandita said that the Government has not given the ration items for the month of November to the migrants relief holders yet, while the relief holders are in dire straits without ration. Pandita said the Government has also stopped the flour of the migrants for last four months. Pandita demanded release of the ration items of relief holders for the month of November and flour of the last four months as soon as possible. He also demanded release of the salaries of the package employees and acceptance of their demands.

Thirteen-day-long Hemis Wangchok Festival concludes

LEH, Nov 22: The 13-day-long Wangchok Festival concluded today at Hemis Monastery. The Wangchok ritual is held every year alternately at Chemedy and Hemis Monastery. This year it was organized at Hemis Sasnag



Devotees performing mask dance on culmination of Hemis Wangchok Festival in Leh.

Chosling Gonpa where the monks of these two monasteries assembled and perform ritual of Mahakala diety by drawing sand mandala. This festival is celebrated in the ninth month of Tibetan calendar from 18th to 29th. The main attraction of this festival is Mahakala and its family's sacred mask dance and the dissemination of mandala at the end of Wangchok. With the pandemic situation become normal, this year people



Rohit Kansal and Prof Umesh Rai presenting overall champion Trophy on conclusion of Display Your Talent at Jammu University on Tuesday.

MFA wins Overall Champion Trophy in Display Your Talent

JAMMU, Nov 22: Display Your Talent-2022-23, organised by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu, concluded here today with the presentation of overall Trophies and awards. Overall Champion Trophy was won by the Institute of Music and Fine Arts while the Overall Runners-Up Trophy was shared by GCW, Parade and GCW Udhampur. Overall Trophy for Best Student was awarded to Charu Sharma from GCW, Udhampur. Overall Trophy for Best Performance in Theatricals was awarded to GCW, Udhampur. Overall Trophy for Best Performance in Fine Arts was awarded to Sheetal Goswami from GCW Parade. Overall Trophy for Best Performance in Music was awarded

25 bovines rescued, 6 smugglers arrested

JAMMU, Nov 22: Foiling various bovine smuggling bids, Police rescued 25 bovine animals and seized seven vehicles besides arresting six smugglers. Sharing details, a Police spokesman said that on the directions of SSP Udhampur Dr Vinod Kumar, Police party of Police station Udhampur led by SHO Raghuraj Singh intercepted one vehicle bearing registration number JK14H- 1531 at Jakhani. Upon checking, vehicle was found loaded with five bovines which were being transported towards Kashmir valley without any valid permission. All the bovines were rescued and the vehicle was seized while its driver managed to escape by taking the advantage of darkness. In this regards case FIR number 494/2022 Under Section 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Udhampur. Foiling another attempt, team of Police Post Roundabout, led by PSI Akhilesh Khajuria intercepted five vehicles bearing registration number JK02BD- 9830, JK08E- 3108, JK21A -6801, JK02CV- 6648 & JK02CX- 5691 and res-

ed to IMFA. The overall Trophy for Best performance in Quiz was awarded to Department of Zoology, JU. Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, was the chief guest at the occasion and he felicitated winners in the presence of JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Umesh Rai and others. In his address, Rohit Kansal said that such wonderful cultural events stimulate human skills in youth. He said that the Universities have a very important role in the nourishment of colleges and the University of Jammu has always been an able patron, mentor and guide for its affiliated colleges. Prof Umesh Rai, in his address, congratulated all the participants and asserted that such activities play a major role in shaping the overall personalities of the students. Giving reference to the New Education Policy, he informed that JU is in the process to formulate the procedure to give additional marks for Cultural, Sports, NSS, and NCC activities. Prof Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, informed that this year's North Zone Youth Festival has been granted the

GDC Marh Principal releases book on analytical techniques

JAMMU, Nov 22: The Principal of Government Degree College Marh Prof (Dr.) Dr Rakesh Kumar Koul released a skill course as well as Major/Minor Courses as per NEP-2020. He also appreciated the contribution of Dr Balwinder Saini in establishing and installing research related equipments namely Double Beam UV-Visible Spectrophotometer and double distillation apparatus (skill course equipment) for the benefit of students under NEP- 2020. He also impressed upon all the faculty members to contribute more in the field of education by writing such standard books in their career. The author of the book Dr Balwinder Saini thanked the Principal for his valuable suggestions, inspiration and motivation. It was concluded that this book will go a long way in learning and understanding chemistry as a skill course as per the requirement of NEP-2020. The event took place in the presence of senior faculty members, Prof Hans Raj, Prof. Madhvi Prasher, Prof Ram Dayal, Dr Anjali Saini



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Elected Panchayat representatives oppose installation of stone crusher at Mangnar

POONCH, Nov 22: All the elected representatives of Panchayat Mangnar Lower of Tehsil Haveli have vehemently opposed the installation of stone crusher at Mangnar near Martyr General Bikram Singh Memorial and Government High School (GHS) Mangnar. In a meeting held recently at Panchayat Ghar Halqa Panchayat Lower Mangnar which was presided over by local Sarpanch Sukhdev Raj and attended by all the Panchs of eight wards, it was observed that one Ghulam Nabi Mir is installing a stone crusher in land bearing khasra Number 11 and Khata Number 816 situated at Mangnar quite adjoining to Memorial of Martyr General Bikram Singh. All the participating public representatives said that the proposed site of installation of stone crusher is not proper place as many important establishments viz. Government High School (150 metres away), Crematorium (100 m away), Forest closure (50 m away), Memorial of martyr General Bikram Singh (20 m away) are near the Site. They further alleged that more than 200 residential houses are adjacent to the proposed site which is a grave threat to the health of the people living there. "Moreover, more than 1000 kanal of agricultural land is adjoining the proposed site while main road from Poonch to Jhulass is just 10 m away, a 100 year-old temple is next to the proposed site and another Middle school is located within radius of 100 m," they added. All the elected Panchayat representatives in one voice opposed the installation of the stone crusher at the proposed site and urged the concerned district and Army authorities to stop the installation of the stone crusher at the proposed site as it will create disturbance for the people of adjoining area and schools located nearby, besides affecting the environment in general. Meanwhile, Headmaster of GHS Mangnar also wrote to Chief Education Officer Poonch demanding stoppage of installation work of the stone crusher in the vicinity of the school, stating that if the stone crusher is installed at the proposed site, the School has to be closed or shifted to some other place as it will not be possible for students to continue their study due to noise and air pollution generated by the stone crusher. The whole program was in line with the guidelines of the Institution Innovation Councils (IIC) of MHRD and was organized under the guidance of Dr. Pragya Khanna, Principal of the College and Prof. Parveen Sharma President IIC of the College. The programme was presided over by Prof. Sujat Khan, Coordinator IQAC who in his address urged the students to learn from such successful personalities like Arush Mahajan. Prof. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Innovation Activity Coordinator and Dr. Preeti Verma, IPR Activity Coordinator coordinated the whole programme.

Motivational session on 'Story of successful Entrepreneur' held

KATHUA, Nov 22: Institution Innovation Council of GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar organized a one day expert motivational session on 'My Story: Story of a Successful Entrepreneur'. Arush Mahajan, CEO and Co-Founder ViaENS, Co-Founder Branding Elves and INR-Deals and Director Management, Yayavar Literacy Festival was the eminent speaker on the occasion. He is also a core member of J&K Startup and Member of Chamber of Commerce and he shared with students his inspirational life story and all ups and downs and hardships faced by a successful entrepreneur. The whole program was in line with the guidelines of the Institution Innovation Councils (IIC) of MHRD and was organized under the guidance of Dr. Pragya Khanna, Principal of the College and Prof. Parveen Sharma President IIC of the College. The programme was presided over by Prof. Sujat Khan, Coordinator IQAC who in his address urged the students to learn from such successful personalities like Arush Mahajan. Prof. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Innovation Activity Coordinator and Dr. Preeti Verma, IPR Activity Coordinator coordinated the whole programme.

Sena demands arms licenses to minorities

JAMMU, Nov 22: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasahb Thackeray) J&K unit here today staged a protest demonstration demanding issuance of arms licenses to minorities, especially Hindus, in J&K for self-defense. The protesters asked the Government to provide free arms to minorities and give them priority to make arm licenses in J&K. They raised slogans saying that Hindus also have right to live in Kashmir. The protest was led by Manish Sahni, Shiv Sena J&K president. Shiv Sena national organizer, Ashok Tiwari who is on two days visit to Jammu said the government has proved to be a complete failure in J&K in providing safe environment to Hindus in Kashmir and in curbing terrorism. He said that minorities in Kashmir want to know if they are being resettled there to become victims of nefarious activities of terrorists. Shiv Sena general secretary, G.I Singh; president Kamgar Wing, Raj Singh, Sandeep Sharma and others were also present in the protest.

Distt level AMC constituted

JAMMU, Nov 22: Government today accorded sanction to the constitution of District level Aadhara Monitoring Committee (AMC) for monitoring Aadhara related activities in concerned districts of Jammu and Kashmir. According to the Government order, District Magistrate will be the chairman of the Committee whereas a representative of District level Bankers Committee (manager of Lead Bank), District Co-ordinator CSC e-Governance, senior most District level officer of Nodal Department (for Aadhaar), a representative from UIDAI (appointed by DDG of concerned Regional Office of UIDAI) and a representative of District Magistrate (not below the rank of Additional District Magistrate) shall be its members. The senior most District level officers of all the Government Registrars of UIDAI (one member each from School education Department, Social Welfare Department, Health Department, etc) and Districts Heads of India Post and India Post Payments Bank shall also be members of the Committee.

Up-gradation work of road to Guptganga Temple begins

Kashmir and other parts of the Country. Chairman District Development Council Doda, Dhannanar Singh Kotwal laid the foundation stone of widening work in presence of DDC Vice Chairperson, Sangeeta Bhagat; DDC Bhaderwah West, Yudhvir Singh; BDC Chairman, Omi Chand; Mahant Guptganga Mandir, Assistant Commissioner Development Doda, Phulail Singh; AEE, Shakti Raina and BDO Bhaderwah, Sunil Kumar. The work will be executed by RDD with an estimated cost of Rs 15 lakhs. DDC Chairman directed the executing authorities to complete the work within the stipulated time period without compromising on the quality of work.

5th class girl killed in road accident

KATHUA, Nov 22: A 5th class girl student was killed in a road accident at Kalibari on Jammu- Pathankot National Highway near here, today. She was on the way to study centre on Motorcycle with her uncle. A speedy truck bearing Registration Number HR74A 8003 hit the Motorcycle from rear side due to which both fell down of Motorcycle and girl was crushed to death on the spot. The deceased girl was identified as Gajal Sharma, 11 daughter of Pankaj Sharma resident of Ganyadi, Mirpur. Kathua police shifted the body to GMC for post-mortem. The driver was arrested and vehicle was seized. A case in this connection with relevant section was register.

Earthquake in Kargil

LEH/JAMMU, Nov 22: A 4.3 magnitude earthquake hit Ladakh's Kargil district today, the National Centre for Seismology said. There were no reports of casualties or damage to property. The epicentre of the tremor, recorded at 10.05 am, was 191 kilometers north of Kargil, the NCS said. The quake in the earthquake prone Himalayan region was at a latitude of 36.27 degrees north and longitude of 76.26 degrees east at a depth of 10 km, it said. (PTI)

Linemen Union projects issues

JAMMU, Nov 22: All J&K Electric Department Linemen and Workers Union urged the higher authorities in PDD to address their long pending issues. In a meeting of the Union held under the chairmanship of Ashiq Hussain, its president, the members demanded implementation of SRO 381 and SRO-59, release of funds meant for workers who during the process of execution of works met with an accident in the field, security cover through insurance for such workers, creation of welfare fund for workers meeting such fate/ accident death or injury, conduct of DPC of the cadre, regularisation of daily wagers and provision of safety tools for the field Electric workers. They appealed the higher authorities to look into these genuine issues of the linemen and other field workers.

Youth ends life by hanging

REASI, Nov 22: A youth committed suicide by hanging himself at his house in Judda, Tehsil Amas. Reports said that Lucky Chand, age around 20 years, son of Bansi Lal, resident of Ward number 8, Panchayat Judda-A, Tehsil Amas, was found hanging in his house under mysterious circumstances. On being informed, Police shifted the dead body to District Hospital Reasi for postmortem. Cause of provocation behind the extreme step could not be ascertained while a case has been registered in this connection at Police Station Amas for further investigation.

Scrap shop gutted

RAMBAN, Nov 22: A scrap shop was gutted in fire incident after the scrap stored in the shop at village Seri here caught fire last night. Police sources said that fire broke out in a scrap shop belonging to Bashir Ahmed and it engulfed the whole shop as huge plastic and cardboard were stored there. Later police and fire tenders reached the spot and it took them around one hour to douse the flames. Police said the exact cause of fire is yet to be ascertained. No loss of life or injury was reported in the incident.

2 vehicles seized for involvement in illegal mining

UDHAMPUR, Nov 22: Udhampur Police today seized two vehicles involved in illegal transportation of construction material in the jurisdiction of Police Station Udhampur. Reports said that a Police team of Police Station Udhampur, led by SHO Raghuraj Singh, under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Sahil Mahajan, seized two vehicles which were carrying sand and gravels illegally excavated from river beds. The seized vehicles, bearing registration number JK14B- 5674 and JK14H- 2749 were later handed over to Geology and Mining Department for further legal action.