Secretary reviews functioning of health sector in Kashmir division

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JAMMU, Oct 7: Secretary, Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Bhupinder Kumar, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review functioning of health sector in Kashmir division.

During the meeting, various key performance health indicators were discussed threadbare and all the Chief Medical Officers. Medical

Superintendents of Kashmir division were directed to improve the public health delivery system in a holistic manner.

Director Health Services, Kashmir, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, gave a brief presentation on achievements and bottlenecks besides highlighting measures towards ensuring better public health delivery.

Secretary was apprised of various schemes and programs undertaken by the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir.

Secretary emphasized the need for devising a comprehensive healthcare delivery system wherein all the services such as preventive, diagnostic and curative services are provided to the needy so that out of pocket health expenditure is minimized.

Secretary directed the officers for extending drug dispensing under Health Management Information System/e-Aushadhi Up to Sub Centre Level besides effectively implementing all the components of the system across health institutions of the UT. He

further directed the concerned to ensure that necessary training is imparted to doctors and nurses on palliative and geriatric care

from all the districts. Regarding quality healthcare services, Secretary directed the officers to identify more such institutions which can apply for National Quality Assurance Standard Certification. He impressed upon them to utilize the approved funds for the infrastructure to the maximum besides ensuring follow up of DPRs of NABARD with the

Among others the meeting was attended by Chief Medical Officers and Medical Superintendents Kashmir divi-

While reviewing the functioning of National dialysis programme, Secretary expressed his dismay over less number of dialysis sessions being undertaken despite having good number of machines available and directed for improvement in the functioning of this programme for the benefit of patients.

He asked the chief medical officers to further improve their performance. He further laid stress on increasing availability of Jan Aushadhi drugs at hospitals and stressed for increasing sales of these drugs in government hospitals. He said people benefits of these affordable and quality medicines.

Aryans delegation meets Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann very important role in a person's

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objective of promoting sports himself played for the club for a and youth services in the state,



Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann releasing official jersey of PSCC.

the Punjab Secretariat Cricket Club (PSCC) in association with Arvans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, near Chandigarh would organize "Avengers Cup", T20 Open Cricket Tournament, in which around 16 teams from Tricity will participate.

In a brief program today, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann launched official jersey of Punjab Secretariat Cricket Club at Chief Minister's Office. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges was guest of honour.

While addressing the play-Yash Pal Sharma, who is media persons that besides working in the offices, the employees should also be aware ent on the occasion. of their health. Sports play a

JAMMU, Oct 7: With the and optimistic. He said that he life and make a person healthy apprised the mem-

pers, players & guests about the chievements of PSCC in previous Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges

while motivating the players said that Aryans always look forward to spread educational services in the state as well as to encour-

age the youth towards sports & for Avengers Cup, the Group is a major contributor to the PSCC jersey. He assured the players and the team management that he would continue to be associated with the club in the future and strive for the better performance of the club from time to

On this occasion, President, PSCC Satish Chander, Senior Vice President Gurpreet Singh, President Khushpreet Singh, General Secretary Gurbir Singh, Treasurer Amninder Singh, Joint Secretary Ranvir Senior Patron of Punjab Singh Bhangu and Press Secretariat Cricket Club told the Secretary Sahil Sharma and member Neeraj Prabhakar and Bhupinder Singh were also pres-

Anshu Mohan, Ramandeep,

Jaishree, Dr. Vasudha Joshi and

Ravindera Singh Padiyar,

Dehradun; Ashok Gupta, Parmod

Kumar Verma, Dr. Pooja Panwar,

Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal, Jai Gupta

Arya, Roorkee; Dr.

Sharma.

Gorakhpur, Prof.

Sunil Saxena and

Sahni and Shivani

Pratima

Saroj

Lucknow;

√aranasi

Prayagraj;

Mamta

Sharma,

Koul Bhat, Jammu; K.S Gill,

Dharminder Sharma and Atul

Mattoo, Amritsar; and Gaytri,

Hoshiarpur; Amanpreet Kaur and

Kolkatta and Dr. Sabita Nag,

Bankura and Shantla Madhu,

the public till Oct 9, 2022 daily

Man found dead

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has been shifted to mortuary of

Bishnah Police has taken

SDH Bishnah for autopsy.

cognizance in this regard.

JAMMU, Oct 7: A man was

between 11 am-7 pm.

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Art exhibition by JKCCA starts at Haridwar

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Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 7: A national exhibition of art organized by J&K Centre for Creative Arts, Jammu in collaboration with Anand Art Mission, Haridwar and Snehil. Dehradun was today inaugurated



Veteran artist, V.S Rahi along with others Verman, inaugurating art exhibition at Haridwar.

by chief guest, V.S Rahi, a veteran artist from Delhi at Haridwar.

Jagdish Lal Pahwa, social worker was guest of honour whereas Arun Kumar Pathak, a poet and Ashok Gupta, secretary, Anand Art Mission, Haridwar were special guests.

The art works of 40 artists from various States has been displayed in the exhibition.

O.P Sharma, Founder Director, JKCCA said that this is a physical national level art exhibition being organized by JKCCA outside J&K after the hard times of COVID-19 pandemic

V.S Rahi said that such events spread the spirit of sharing and working together even during hard times.

Artists who participated in the exhibition were V.S Rahi, Dr. A.K Dixit and Dr. Rita Kashyap, Delhi; Dr. Mamta Singh, Dr. Monika Bhatnagar, Dr. Rita Tewari, Shivani, Indira, Dr. Vinita Dahiya, Sumit Kaur Kapoor,

Development Council (DDC) Kathua Chairman, Col Mahan Singh (Retd) asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken utmost care of the overall development of remote and far flung areas and the people living there for which his Government deserves full appreciation. He was speaking after inaugurating 3.3 kilometers long NABARD road in Basantpur

Panchayat of Keedia Gandyal Block today. concerned District Development Dr Shaveta Kumar, DDC

Keedian Gandyal, senior BJP leader Gopal Mahajan, Kaka Singh Vice President MC Sonita Lakhanpur, Soni Sarpanch Basantpur, Rajesh Kumar Mandal President, Capt Krishan Singh, Subash Singh and hundreds of villagers were present on the occasion.

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KATHUA. Oct 7: District

Speaking on the occasion, Col Mahan Singh asserted that the developmental activities have increased manifold since abrogation of Article 370 and

BJYM conducts training workshop for district cadre

Development activities increased manifold

after abrogation of Art 370: Col Mahan

35A from the erstwhile State of

force to reckon with at the inter-

structed at an estimated cost Rs

4.70 crore under PWD (R&B)

Division Kathua. The much

atleast 4 different hamlets in

Basantpur Panchayat and benefit

more than 30 roads worth Rs

120 crores having total length

around 100 kilometers are being

constructed under NABARD to

improve connectivity in district

team in cooperation with the

of the party workers. The party's

journey started by winning two

Lok Sabha seats, and 30 years

general public by the BJP.

The DDC Chairman said that

more than 3000 residents.

He said that India today is a

Jammu and Kashmir.

trust and faith in him

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JAMMU, Oct 7: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) must be made aware about the Jammu and Kashmir today conducted a training workshop for

later, under the dynamic leader-Minister Narendra Modi. BJP came to power in the Centre with a full majority 2014, the senor BJP leader

National Executive Member BJP and former MoS Priya Sethi and others during training Prabhat workshop at Muthi. Jammu. BJYM said that

the district party cadre at Muthi

The training workshop was inaugurated National Executive Member BJP and former MoS Priya Sethi in the presence of BJYM UT President Arun Prabhat, BJYM National Media In-charge Amandeep Singh and party workers. BJP UT Secretary Vikas Choudhary, Kissan Morcha UT President Omi Khajuria, District President BJP Jammu Rural Rajinder Singh Chib, and District President BJYM Jammu Rural Deepak Pandey were also present during the workshop.

Priya Sethi, in her presidential address said that the BJP has come a long way due to the tire-

the training sessions will help the participants to study the history of the party and in future they will be able to easily share such information with the public during their public speeches and interactions. This will also help party workers and activists, who are unaware of the party's history, to learn more about it," he said in his address. He asked the BJYM activists to enthusiastically participate in the programmes to mark the eight years of the Modi Government. Amandeep Singh, National

Media head BJYM highlighted the various achievements made by the BJP-led Government at the Centre headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Participants of workshop posing for group photograph at

GCOE organizes one-day workshop on Role of SPSS in Educational Research

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JAMMU, Oct 7: Research Hub in Education and Teacher Kulshrestha. Education of Government College Haridwar; Dr. Alka of Education today organized oneday workshop on "Role of Statistical Package For Social Sciences (SPSS) in Educational Research".

In the workshop, all the constituent colleges and schools of the Cluster University of Jammu along with Spoke Colleges of Research Hub of GCOE participated. The workshop started with the lighting of ceremonial lamp by the Principal of the Government College of Education Prof Aekta Gupta, chief guest Dr Zubair Kales, Dean Faculty of Education, Cluster University of Jammu and Dr Hardeep Chahal of Department Pankaj Raina, Mohali, Minu Dey, of Commerce, University of Jammu and Prof Parmil Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Statistics, University of Jammu, The exhibition was curated by who were the Resource person for

O.P Sharma will be on view for two technical sessions. In her presidential address, Principal of GCOE Prof Aekta Gupta said that the New Education Policy seeks to introduce and implement sea of changes across all levels of education. She said that all out efforts are being made to encourage research work in the GCOE as NEP intends to create a future where the child is at the heart of research-based and indi-

vidualized learning. In his address, Dr Zubair The body of the deceased Kales, Dean Faculty of Education, Cluster University of Jammu mentioned that such workshops would help to enhance the knowledge in statistical analysis and interpreta-

tion through SPSS. Dr Sushma Bala, Coordinator Research Hub explained the importance of research development process especially for the researchers and shared the activities being conducted by Research

Organizing Secretary Dr. Shubhra Jamwal said that the workshop is aimed at providing sound fundamental base to the concepts and practical training through the software.

The first session was taken by Dr Hardeep Chahal in which she focused on the SPSS structure, interface, variables and its measurement, Data Entry in SPSS, handling of different types of questions in SPSS, Data Cleaning, handling of missing values and outliners. Some other important topics, tools and techniques were discussed including Hypothesis Testing, Normality of Data etc.

The second session was taken by Prof. Parmil Kumar, who gave a detailed presentation on SPSS. He said that SPSS is one of the most popular software used by researchers widely as SPSS has enabled academicians and researchers to obtain valuable information from the data.

Members of the Advisory Committee Prof. Anju Bala, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Dr. Anuradha Seth, Prof. Shamboo Nath and Dr. Deep Kumar Bangotra along with members of Research Hub Committee Dr. Maansi Sharma, Prof. Shapia Shameem, Prof. Sarita Dogra, Prof. Sunita Devi, Prof. Neeraj Verma and Prof. Vinay Lata were present on the occasion.

Ujh Multipurpose Project

DC Kathua reviews status of clearances

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national level for which credit KATHUA. Oct 7: Deputy goes to PM Modi and the people Commissioner Kathua, Rahul of this nation who have reposed Pandey today chaired a meeting to review the current status of Ujh Col Mahan said that 3.3 kilo-Multipurpose Project. meters long road is being con-

At the outset, DC Kathua exhorted the stakeholders viz RTIC, JKPDC and Revenue to demanded road will connect pace up the process concerning their departments. He said the project has huge significance as it will cater to the water and power needs of Kathua and Samba districts.

The DC informed that JKPDC being a Nodal Agency for the project has to ensure early finalisation of DPR after thorough assessment of the areas being affected by the project so that necessary course of He asserted that the entire action with regard to revenue matters could be taken up.

DDC Council is working as one It was given out in the meeting that NOC for Stage-1of the project civil administration to meet pubhas been received and the DPR of lic aspirations and fulfill electhe project is awaiting approval tion promises made with the from Central Water Commission (CWC). Once approval of DPR is accorded by CWC, the same shall be sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF& CC).

The DC further enjoined upon

the stakeholders to carry out the accurate assessment and adherence to the conditions laid down by concerned authorities including the

site specific study for ecological

impact on fish species in consulta-

tion with Central Inland Fisheries

Research Institute (CIFRI) as man-

dated by MoEF& CC. The ADC Billawar was asked to complete the process of of mutation of state land under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Authority (CAMPA).

The DC further directed XEN RTIC Kathua to ensure early release of the amount due in lieu of areas pertaining to the forest department falling under the proj-

the Multipurpose Project after completion will create the irrigation potential of 91,073 hectare alongwith power generation capacity of 89.50 MW with an estimated cost of Rs.

ACR Kathua Sandeep Seointra, CPO Kathua Uttam Singh, XEN JKPDC, XEN RTIC and ADC Billawar, Tehsildars of Billawar and Basohli joined virtually.

MESH-IIT Jammu hosts XR Startup Program

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JAMMU, Oct 7: MESH-IIT Jammu hosted an outreach event for the XR Startup Program run by Meta and MeitY Startup Hub (MSH), Ministry of Electronics Information Technology, Government of India, implemented by FITT-IIT Delhi.

The XR Startup Program aims to accelerate India's contribution towards building the foundations of the metaverse and nurturing the

GDC Sidhra.

Prof Kannan Iyer (Dean Faculty Affairs & Senior Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department - IIT Jammu) inaugurated the event, followed by an introduction to the program by FITT-IIT Delhi representatives. This event also included a panel discussion mainly focused on the future of XR technology in healthcare, data and the gaming sector. The panel included Dr Meeta Gupta (Professor,



development of Extended Reality (XR) technologies in India. This program includes a Grand Challenge, which is aimed at supporting early-stage innovators to upscale from the R&D phase to developing workable prototypes and Minimum Viable Products (MVPs) for the Healthcare sector.

A total of 20 innovators will be chosen who will receive Rs 50,000 grant as well as the opportunity to attend the bootcamp. Of the 20 shortlisted innovators, four innovators will be supported with grants worth Rs 20,00,000 to help them develop MVP(s)/prototypes. Last date for application for the same is 13th October.

As part of its outreach event, MESH-IIT Jammu hosted students, professors, startup entrepreneurs, and doctors from various colleges in Jammu and Kashmir. namely AIIMS Jammu, MIET Jammu, SMVDU Katra, and

Obstetrics & Gynaecology AIIMS Jammu), Dr Vinit Jakhetiya (HoD, Computer Science & Engineering - IIT Jammu), Dr Saurav Kushmanda (HoD, Electrical Engineering -IIT Jammu), Dr Yamuna Prasad (Associate Professor, Computer Science & Engineering - IIT Jammu), Harshdev Singh (Co-Founder & CEO - RigelNext Games), Kuldeep (Founder -Data Sailors), Manoj Aggarwal (Prof In Charge, I3C - IIT Jammu) & Manveen Chadha (Senior Manager, FITT - IIT Delhi).

It concluded with a network ing session. The event was successfully organised by Lakshya Devani & Premveer Singh (Convenors of MESH-IIT Jammu) and Dewansh Poddar (Project lead at FITT-IIT Delhi). Students were also given an invitation to continue this discussion over a visit to AIIMS Jammu.

Training programme for administrative staff begins at CUK

Excelsior Correspondent

GANDERBAL, Oct 7: Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Vice-Chancellor, Prof Farooq Ahmad Shah today inaugurated an online training programme for the administrative staff of the varsity at Green Campus here.

During the training programme, organised by the varsi-Centre for Capacity Development of Administrative Staff (CCDAS), several experts from across the country would deliver lectures on varied topics concerning the administration and other departments of the university.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor, Prof Faroog Ahmad Shah said the institutions are made by the quality human resource and their valuable contributions towards its overall development and progress. "Hence it becomes important to hone the skills of the employees through such training programmes so that they would contribute immensely towards the growth of the institution," he said and asked the employees to continuously upgrade and update their technical skills and knowledge in order to serve better. He further asked them to do continuous self-assessment, identify the weakness, and address it accord-

In his address, Registrar, Prof M Afzal Zargar described the administrative staff as the backbone of the university set up and underscored the need of conducting frequent capacity building and training programmes for their

holistic and overall development. He asked the employees to work with utmost dedication and commitment to ensure the smooth smuggling and narcotics drugs functioning of the university.

In his address, Finance Officer, Dr Mehraj ud Din Shah asked the participants to enhance detained under PSA by the order their capacities and capabilities to give the best to the institution.

Hindi Adhikari and Officer I/c CCDAS, Dr Sakina Akhter, who conducted the programme proceedings, gave details about the here that the accused was topics to be discussed during the programme.

Salal Dam worker found hanging at his residence

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Oct 7: In an apparent case of suicide, a contractual worker at NHPC Salal Dam was found hanging from ceiling fan hook at his house in Jyotipuram. The deceased was identified

as Rakesh Singh (36), son of Late Gyan Singh, resident of Jyotipuram. He was found hanging today under mysterious circumstances at NHPC Quarter No. F-82, Jyotipuram, Reasi. The deceased was working as a contractual worker at NHPC Salal Dam. Jyotipuram.

On being informed, Police shifted the dead body to District Hospital Reasi for postmortem. After all the legal formalities, the dead body was handed over to

the legal heirs. Police has initiated an inquest proceeding under Section 174 of CrPC at Police Station Reasi and started further investigation.



LG Ladakh RK Mathur listening to the issues of ASHA work ers' delegation at Raj Niwas, Leh.

ASHA workers' delegation meets LG, raises issues

Excelsior Correspondent

LEH, Oct 7: A delegation of ASHA workers led by state president. BJP Mahila Morcha, Rinchen Dolker, called on Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, at Raj Niwas today.

The delegation requested the LG for intervention in the reservation of seats for ASHA workers in trainings conducted by the Health Department; reservation of permanent seats for them for the post of Auxiliary Nursing Midwife (ANM), X-Ray dental The meeting was attended by and electrocardiogram (ECG) nurses; the possibility of promo-

neration; need to upgrade the infrastructure of Anganwadi Centres housed in rented accommodations, etc.

The LG was also apprised of various other issues, including working in remote and inaccessible areas without proper facilities and salaries.

LG Mathur appreciated the work of ASHA workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and informed about efforts being made to enhance the welfare and social security of ASHA work-



Romesh Khajuria, Chairman WWEPC along with others at a meeting to celebrate 58th Foundation Day of WWEPC.

WWEPC celebrates 58th **Foundation Day** "Total production of raw

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JAMMU, Oct 7: Wool and Woollens Export Promotion Council (WWEPC), Union Ministry of Textiles celebrated its 58th Establishment Day here

Romesh Khajuria, Chairman WWEPC, who was chief guest on the occasion, said that the council was established to look into the issues as well as hardships being faced by the manufacturer and exporters of woolen products in early 60s when our country had just entered into foreign trade and introduced domestic woolen products in international market.

He further said that Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Textiles, Piyush Goel has recently signed FTA with Australia which enables Indian importers to import raw wool at zero duty.

Khajuria said that production of wool in the country is not sufficient to meet demands of the wool industry particularly for the apparel sector and most of it is being imported from Australia, New Zealand, China and many other countries.

wool in India was 40 to 48 million kg approx during the last decade. Out of the total wool produced in India, about 85 per cent is carpet grade wool, 5 per cent apparel grade and remaining 10 per cent coarser grade wool for making rough blankets etc," he maintained adding: "India exported woolen products worth Rs. 5300 crore in 2021-22 (excluding woolen carpets) and registered growth of 30 per cent over the last year. Khajuria also said that

woolen yarn and articles of wool apparel and clothing accessories (both knitted and woven) are among India's largest exported woolen prod-"India exports wool and

woolen products to more than 150 countries around the world Suresh, Executive Director WWEPC shared best wishes and cooperation from its mem-

WWEPC also appreciates hard work of export fraternity in achieving the ambitious export target of US \$ 400 billion during 2021-22, envisioned by PM

Notorious drug peddler detained under PSA

Excelsior Correspondent

DODA. Oct 7: A notorious drug peddler has been detained under Public Safety Act (PSA)

As per police sources, a habitual offender of bovine namely Adil Fareed, son of Fareed Ahmed, a resident of Runta Bhaderwah has been of District Magistrate Doda for his involvement in bovine smuggling incessantly and drug ped-

dling as well. It is worthwhile to mention involved in a number of FIRs of bovine smuggling and drugs peddling registered against him at Police Station Bhaderwah. In spite of involvement in number of FIRs of bovine smuggling, the subject did not mend himself and did not bother about the law of the land. In place to mention here that the subject was also plunged in the black business of smuggling and supplying of nar-

cotics drugs to youth of the area which is evident from the FIR registered against him under NDPS Act at Police Station Bhaderwah.

The accused was a dreaded criminal involved in the business of bovine smuggling together with trade of narcotics drugs. His criminal activities of both types were definitely a serious threat to locals of the area especially youth and also detrimental and prejudicial to the public order of the district.

Acting tough against drug and bovine smugglers, this year Doda Police has registered 36 FIRs against 40 persons and 2 notorious drug peddlers have been booked under PSA Similarly 31 FIRs have been registered against 86 bovine smugglers besides 10 vehicles involved in the transportation of bovine animals have been seized, 418 bovine animals have been rescued and 3 notorious bovine smugglers were booked under PSA.

Power shut down

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Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Patoli Purkhoo, Brahmana, Baba Mishriwala, Talab, Gurha Shamachak, Singu. Dabbin, Chorpur, Batera. Manyal, Dhramkhu, Tirth Talab. GREF, Gumpul, Sua No. 1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October

08 from 7 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Greater Kailash, Jallo Chak, Ratnu Chak and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October

08 from 8 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply JAMMU, Oct 7: Chief to Jhajjar Kotli, Dansal, Jindrah,

> Battal Manwal, Surinsar, Kishanpur, Mansar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 08 and 10 from 8 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Biaspur, Kotli, Kalyana, Khana Chak, Sai Kalan and its

adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 08 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Gharota, Ranjan, Navodya, Amb, Vidyalaya and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 08 from 7 am to 1 pm.

found dead in field in Deoli Tibba area of Tehsil Bishnah here today, police sources said. The deceased was identified as Ishaan Bali, son of Ramesh Bali of Ismailpur.