

LG attends conference on sustainability & culture to tackle climate change

**Stresses need to adopt sustainable practices, lifestyle*

Excelsior Correspondent (VIBHA). Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Jamiyang Tsering Namgyal; Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk; Director

LEH, Oct 7: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur today attended a conference on



LG Ladakh RK Mathur addressing participants during a conference at Leh.

sustainability & culture as a part of the Agni Tattva outreach programme under the Sumangalam campaign to tackle climate change.

The conference was organized by the Power Foundation of India (PFI) and Vigyan Bharti

General PFI, Sanjeev Nandan Sahai; Secretary, VIBHA, PA Vivekananda Pai and Secretary, PDD, Ravinder Kumar, were present in the event.

Expressing happiness for choosing Leh as the first location in the country to kick start



Secretary Mining during visit to Ramban.

Secretary Mining visits Parlanka Gypsum Mines

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, Oct 7: Secretary, Mining Department, Amit Sharma, today conducted an exhaustive visit of Gypsum Mines located at Parlanka in Ramban district being managed by Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited. He also convened a review meeting regarding ongoing mining works in the district.

Managing Director, J&K Minerals, Vikram K Gupta and Manager, JKML, Parmod Khajuria and others accompanied the Secretary during the visit.

Secretary had firsthand account of ongoing gypsum mining works during which he was informed about the daily extraction, transportation, sales and supplies status of gypsum from Parlanka site. He was further apprised that these gypsum mines have helped the Corporation become self-sufficient to a great extent in last couple of years. This has greatly supported the Corporation in smooth conduct of routine affairs including timely payment of salaries and other dues.

Later, Secretary had a review meeting regarding current mining activities in the district.

District Mining Officer, Kulwant Singh, informed that two new mining blocks, one for Gypsum and other for River Bed Mining, have been recently identified in the district.

Secretary directed the concerned to expedite the requisite paper work of these newly explored gypsum sites so that the pressure on Parlanka mines can be reduced, as sole dependence for gypsum on Parlanka mines should be done away with, since Parlanka sites would get submerged in Chenab waters after commissioning of Sawlake Hydel Project.

He also discussed critical issues concerning the mining sector in the district with Additional District Development Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner especially regarding pending land acquisition cases. He asked for settling private land related issues at the earliest so that the public could get their legitimate compensation.

Amit Sharma mentioned that there should be full utilization of latest e-Governance initiative of department regarding launch of G2B2C Portal geologymining.jk.gov.in through which all transactions should be done through issuance of e-Challans only.



Vandana Luthra and others lighting lamp to inaugurate VLCC Institute of Beauty & Nutrition at Trikuta Nagar Jammu.

100th VLCC Institute of Beauty & Nutrition opens in Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 7: VLCC Institute of Beauty and Nutrition, India's leading chain of Skill Development Institutes for Beauty and Nutrition, has announced the launch of its 100th Institute in India.

Located at Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, the institute was inaugurated by the Founder of VLCC Group Vandana Luthra, in presence of VLCC's partner for this institute Renu Mahajan.

Equipped with state-of-the-art devices and training aids, the institute will offer both entry-level and skill upgradation courses in beauty and nutrition. Training will be delivered by an experienced and expert faculty through a blended learning methodology that combines technology and digital media with traditional instructor-led classroom activities.

An industry-first, this blended learning format will enable a superior end-to-end student experience from choosing the course, course delivery, certifica-

tion and post-certification upgradations.

Speaking on the occasion, Vandana Luthra, Founder, VLCC said "I have always believed that our institutes extend our mission of transforming lives by helping create employment and entrepreneurial opportunities, especially for women to enable their financial independence. The opening of the 100th milestone institute in India and the first in Jammu is a forward step in this direction and a matter of great pride for us at VLCC."

VLCC institutes offer over 100 long and short-term, certificate-based and correspondence courses ranging from a few days to 15 months, based on course category. Spanning the beauty and nutrition spectrum, diversified courses include cosmetology, esthology, skincare, hair-care to make-up, nail art, spa therapies, clinical nutrition, sports and fitness nutrition as well as child-care nutrition.

the Sumangalam campaign by PFI, Mathur stated that Ladakh has many learnings to share with the rest of the country. He stressed the need for change in the thinking and adopting the path for developmental activities that are in accordance with the vision of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mathur stated that the existence of the entire human race would be endangered if there is any damage to the Global Commons. Stating that Ladakh has been sustainable for centuries, Mathur emphasized the need for adopting sustainable practices with modern changes for the development of the region. He highlighted the initiatives taken by the Administration and both the Hill Councils to realize the objective of a carbon-neutral Ladakh.

Jamiyang Tsering Namgyal stressed the need for using Indian philosophy as a base for development and promoting sustainable practices. He emphasized on interdependency and co-existence and the need for the promotion of eco-friendly energy sources in Ladakh.

Tsering Angchok highlighted the need to frame policy using the outcomes of the conference and learnings from Ladakh to tackle climate change. He shared the impacts of climate change faced by the people residing in Himalayan and trans-Himalayan regions, including receding glaciers.

Films on Agni and Sustainability were screened during the event. Government officials, private organizations, students and teachers from schools from Leh were present at the conference.



Comm Secy Forest, Sanjeev Verma during visit to Hokersar wetland.

Forest Secy visits Hokersar, Haigam wetlands

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 7: Commissioner Secretary Forest Sanjeev Verma, today inspected Hokersar and Haigam wetlands and reviewed the progress of ongoing conservation works.

Rashid Naqash, Regional Wildlife Warden Kashmir presented the factsheet of wetlands at the outset of field visit and briefed Commissioner Secretary about nature of ongoing works under implementation in wetlands.

Commissioner Secretary instructed wildlife officials to complete the water management works so that desired facilities get ready at the time of arrival of migratory birds. He instructed to use local eco-friendly material for facelifting of Hokersar premises and install environmental signages at different places so that it evolves as important knowledge centre and becomes favorite tourist destination for tourists in Srinagar.

At Haigam wetland, Commissioner Secretary directed Wildlife authorities to secure wetland area by developing fence line along the boundary. He also advised to promote bird watching in Haigam by creating facilities for boarding, lodging and camping.



Former DyCM Kavinder Gupta and others during inauguration of Brand Store of Blue Star Limited at Marble Market Jammu.

Blue Star opens Brand Store at Marble Market

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 7: Blue Star Limited—one of the pioneers in air-conditioning, air purification and refrigeration company, has opened prestigious Brand Store in the city of temples under the name ARTEL Ventures.

On the occasion, the chief guest was Kavinder Gupta former Deputy CM J&K, while Ved Sharma BJP All Cell Co-Incharge JKUT, Ajeet Wangnoo and Aditya Wangnoo from ARTEL Ventures, Ajay Vakil GM Sales Blue Star Limited and Raj Kumar AGM Sales were also present.

Being the first complete brand shop in this upcoming area across Tawi and 2nd in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, it will cater to many upcoming posh residential, industrial and commercial markets in adjoining areas.

Blue Star has more than 300 brand shops PAN India, where

in the company has provided one stop solution for air-conditioning, purification and refrigeration of air and water. Blue Star has its presence for more than 80 years in India, with constant pursuit to up gradation of products in persistent to new technologies, while keeping strict conformity to climate change too.

Elaborating about the partnership of Blue Star with ARTEL Ventures, Wangnoo who has steward the flagship association with Blue Star since 1996 has great pleasure to launch a Mega Brand Shop in Marble Market, Jammu. This is in line with the trust, confidence and support the Blue Star brand received from the esteemed customers and people at large in the city of Jammu. The opening of the New Brand Shop shall give better reach to the customers in selection of the products as per their need for their domestic, commercial and industrial use.

Cong owes explanation to people for neglecting communities: Wanchoo

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 7: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) has lashed out at the Congress party for misleading the people of Jammu and Kashmir in the name of discriminatory Article 370 and asked the Congress leadership for tendering a public apology for depriving the people of the Union Territory of their fundamental rights for several decades.

Reacting sharply to the baseless allegations of JKPC president Vikar Rasool Wani and Working President Raman Bhalla, Chetan Wanchoo-BJYM state media in-charge J&K, said that the Congress party should rather feel guilty and its leadership should hang their heads in shame for depriving the people of their basic and fundamental rights in the garb of discriminatory Article 370.

"After the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35-A, Jammu and Kashmir has recorded unprecedented and inclusive development across the Union Territory, while all neglected and deprived communities have been delivered justice without any bias. Congress party is still unable to come out of its myopic cocoon as it always pursued the policy of appeasement," Wanchoo said.

The BJYM leader said that

the Congress party should owe an explanation to the people of Jammu and Kashmir as to why the people of different communities, including Valmikis, West Pakistan Refugees, Gorkhas, Gujjars, Bakerwals and Paharis were kept away from their fundamental rights for several decades.

The BJYM leader said it was the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP Government at the Centre which has brought an end to the decades-long discrimination, inflicted by the Congress party, of the people by granting them their fundamental rights.

He further said there had been remarkable improvement in the overall law and order situation of Jammu and Kashmir. "Stone-pelting and anti-national sloganeering have become a history now, while J&K has been marching on the path of peace and tranquility for a better future. Unfortunately, Congress leadership, which has been rendered redundant by the people, is unable to digest the unprecedented developmental activities being undertaken in the Union Territory," Wanchoo said.

The BJYM leader said the Congress party should introspect and tender a public apology to the people of J&K for all its misdeeds.

Transfer of power according to people's mandate is specialty of our constitution: LS Speaker

Anil Anand

NEW DELHI, Oct 7: Addressing the closing ceremony of the 8th Summit of Speakers of G-20 Parliaments (P20) in Jakarta, Indonesia, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said the summit which began on 6th October 2022 concluded with a purposive note that the spirit of mutual cooperation is the foundation of success of G-20. He congratulated the Parliament of Indonesia for successfully organizing and orderly conduct of the G20 Summit.

Speaking on India's glorious journey of democracy in the last 75 years, Birla said that smooth transfer of power according to people's mandate has been a specialty of our Constitution and democracy. He further said that our Parliament protects the interests of the citizens of the country and guides in making laws and policies to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the people.

On the strategies to deal with the challenges being faced by the world in the 21st century, he observed that we should all lay emphasis on shared efforts, regular sharing of best practices and dialogue to deal with the future challenges. Regular dialogue and shared efforts among ourselves should guide our Parliaments to innovate within our sovereignty and to tackle our solve challenges, Birla added.

He reiterated that India believes that global prosperity, economic opportunities and challenges are interlinked subjects. He opined that Parliaments of the G-20 Member countries should collectively contribute to the strengthening of parliamentary and community participation mechanisms in governance, taking into account shared visions and their concerns,

Inviting his counterparts to the ninth summit of the G20 next year, Birla said that India looks forward to welcoming all the representatives of the P-20 countries next year.

During the summit, he inter-



LS Speaker Om Birla addressing at 8th Summit of Speakers of G-20 Parliaments in Jakarta.

acted with the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thailand National Assembly, Chuan Leekpai. During the meeting, Birla congratulated Leekpai on the completion of ninety years of the House of Representatives of the Thailand National Assembly and emphasized on the strengthening of parliamentary cooperation between India and Thailand.

Noting that India's Act East Policy and Thailand's Act West Policy complement each other, Birla emphasized on strengthening ties in global fora including IPU. Improvement of port connectivity, cooperation in infrastructure development, energy security and many other issues of mutual interest were also discussed by the two leaders. He also expressed condolences on the killing of innocent children in the recent Bangkok shooting incident.

Birla also met the President of IPU, Duarte Pacheco, on the concluding day. Appreciating the initiative of the IPU President to strengthen the IPU as a global platform, Birla said that under Pacheco's leadership, IPU has become a platform to raise the voice of the common man. He emphasized on a common action plan to tackle issues of global concern like climate

change. He also discussed about capacity building of legislators and officials through PRIDE, Lok Sabha Secretariat and strengthening research in legislatures. Several other issues related to strengthening parliamentary democracy were also discussed in the meeting.

He also met Speaker of the Parliament of Fiji, Ratu Epeli Nailatikau. The two leaders discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest, including cooperation in the Indian Ocean, sharing best parliamentary traditions and strengthening bilateral cooperation. The contribution of the Indian Diaspora to the development of Fiji was also discussed.

Later Birla was felicitated by the Indian community in Jakarta. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the Indian community in Indonesia, with their hard work, innovation and innovative thinking, is making a significant contribution to Indonesia's economic progress. He urged the Indian community in Indonesia to make efforts to invest in various sectors in India, inform Indonesian companies and Indonesian citizens about India's emerging potential. He called upon them to work for the prosperity of Indonesia as well as motherland, India.

CS calls Lohia's death untimely, unfortunate

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 7: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today held a meeting to condole the demise of Director General, Prisons, Hemant Kumar Lohia at Civil Secretariat here.

Others also reminisced about their interactions with the departed DG. They called him a very down to earth, sincere and a patient person. They prayed for the family to have patience to bear this loss.

On the occasion the gathering also held 2 minutes silence to mark the death of the DG.

He stated that at this time of grief and irreparable loss whole administration stands in solidarity with the bereaved family. Dr Mehta eulogised his role in the department and called him a very fine, able and astute police officer. He prayed for peace to the departed soul and strength to family.

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Yasha, Sanjita inaugurate 3-day CLDP

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JAMMU, Oct 7: Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Department (JKCD), Yasha Mudgal along with chairperson Jammu Woman Credit Cooperative Limited (JWCL), Sanjita Dogra inaugurated three-day Cooperative Leadership Development Program (CLDP) at Panchayat Purkhoo, Jammu.

The Secretary was formally welcomed by Kailash Verma, Advisor Jammu Women Credit Co-Operative Limited and national working members of BJP Updesh Andotra along with Seema Chib Incharge Purkhoo Branch.

Speaking on the occasion, Yasha Mudgal said that the

tor has not grown much in J&K due to multiple factors but this is the best time to work for co-operatives, where profit is manifold. She listed out the initiatives and schemes undertaken by the Government for the women.

While speaking, Sanjita Dogra called on women of J&K to get benefit of all Central Government run schemes. She maintained that women of J&K should get the benefit of the schemes of the Central Government and set an example by becoming self-reliant.

Earlier, the CLDP was started where women participants were educated on different aspects of cooperatives and building self help groups.

Inspector Yash Pal Arora and Trikansh Bhushan- Deputy



Secretary JKCD Yasha Mudgal along with chairperson JWCL and other women during a programme at Purkhoo, Jammu.

Registrar Co-operative Societies Jammu remained key speakers who trained women in business management to look after small teams and be aware about different Government schemes.

Others present on the occasion were Assistant Incharge Razani Sharma, field workers Tripti Sharma, Anita Bhau, Jyoti Sharma and Jyoti Manhas.

DDC Rajouri reviews performance of I&C Deptt

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Oct 7: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today reviewed the working of Industries and Commerce Department in a meeting of the concerned officers.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; General Manager DIC, Ashwini Sharma and DO KVIB, Aiyaz Ahmed.

While reviewing the functioning of I&C Department, the DDC inquired about the industrial estates functioning in the district. The GM DIC informed that there is one industrial estate in the district having 52 industrial units. He also said that some of the units have been closed by the owners.

Referring to scores of industrial promotion initiatives, the DDC asked the concerned officer to generate mass awareness among the

youth about the same so that they can set up their industrial units on the available land and get benefited.

Taking a review of the implementation of self employment schemes, including Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP), the concerned officer informed that 180 cases have been disbursed this financial year with the coordination of the banks.

Regarding the recently launched new central sector scheme, the GM DIC informed that the objective of the scheme was to give a push to industrial development in Jammu and Kashmir. Similarly, the DDC also took a detailed review of the other schemes and programs being implemented by the department in the district.

The DDC asked the concerned officers to educate the public about the self employment generation schemes and programs being implemented by the department in the district and motivate them to avail the necessary benefits of the same.

JMC takes stock of required works for Accession Day celebration

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 7: With a view to celebrate the Accession Day on October 26, Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta along with Commissioner JMC Rahul Yadav and others, conducted an extensive tour at Rajinder Singh Park/Rotary behind Civil Secretariat Jammu and took stock of the immediate works required at this site.

Mayor issued on spot directions to the concerned Engineering wing as well as sanitation staff that the whole area needs to be got cleaned by way of bush cutting, minor repair of plaster, white washing on the bottom of the trees and the venue should be made neat and clean. It was also decided that the surrounding of the rotary to be painted and the surrounding grill to be painted in bright color by PWD.

In the long term, JMC team decided that a separate meeting will be called with stake-holders and the permanent features i.e. façade lighting of the statue highlighting the statue area by erecting the fountain surrounding the statue and over all facelifting of the area shall done in phased manner.

The Mayor was accompanied by Dr Akshay Sharma, Councillor Ward Number 8; Dinesh Gupta, Councillor Ward Number 18; Hitesh Gupta, Joint Commissioner (E&R)/Addl CEO Smart City Jammu; Er Rajesh Kumar, Joint Commissioner (Works) JMC; Parvinder Kour, Secretary JMC; Arun Gupta, Executive Engineer Works Div-I; Gen (Retd) R K Sharma

Besides this, Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta also inaugurated a

Coffee Shop under the name & style M/s Brothers Café at Shakti Nagar area of Ward Number 29 under start up scheme.

Surinder Chowdhary, Councillor of Ward Number 29; Neena Gupta, Councillor of Ward Number 50; Kamla Gupta, Harish Kumar, Atul Bakshi, Karan Sharma and other prominent inhabitants of Shakti Nagar area as well as Suresh Gupta & Ashwani Gupta, Proprietors of M/s Brothers Café were present there during the inauguration function.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor said that more and more youths are coming forward to start up their own business for making "Atam Nirbar Bharat" and this way they are also providing jobs to other unemployed persons instead of running towards Govt jobs which is a welcome step and should be appreciated and encouraged by the society.

Inquiry Officer appointed

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 7: Mathoora Masoom, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, has been appointed as an Inquiry Officer to conduct detailed inquiry into the alleged abuse of official position by Zareena Akhter, Vice-President of Municipal Committee Pampore.

An order in this regard was issued today by the Housing and Urban Development Department, according to which, the Inquiry Officer shall submit the report within a period of 15 days.