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SRINAGAR, Oct 10: Secretary Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez today chaired a meeting to discuss the issues related to Patnitop Development Authority (PDA) Master Plan here at Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Director General Planning Tourism, Director Centre for Environment Planning & Technology (CEPT) Ahmadabad Gujarat, Special Secretary Tourism, Chief Executive Officer PDA, and other concerned in person and through virtual mode.

After discussions, Secretary Tourism directed to constitute a committee which will look into the issues, if any for further course of action to be prepared by the standing committee at the earliest.

CEO PDA, Th. Sher Singh briefed the secretary about the revision of Master Plan.

Hafeez called upon the concerned that all the issues discussed be resolved and all aspects of the Master Plan which were also detailed out during the meeting.

The meeting held threadbare discussions on issues like the regional linkages and connectivity, preparation of Base Map, demographic socio-economic characteristics, identification of infrastructure gaps and requirement, and identification of places having tourism potential.

Besides, the meeting held deliberations on planning norms and standards, land suitability analysis and land potential analysis, land cover and land use statement and Master Plan proposals 2035.

DGP sanctions special welfare relief for NoKs of deceased cops

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SRINAGAR, Oct 10: Continuing with its endeavour to provide help to the NoKs of deceased police personnel, the Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Rs. 88 lakh as Special Welfare Relief in favour of dependents/legal heirs of four deceased cops.

A handout stated that Special Welfare Relief has been sanctioned in favour of NoKs of ASI Mohammad Khalil, HC Ram Ditta, Sgct Nesar Ahmad and Constable Mushtaq Ahmad. These cops expired while in service due to illness or accident. It is pertinent to mention here

that Rs. one lakh each has already been paid to the families/NoKs of deceased cops for performing their last rites as immediate relief by the concerned units.

The financial assistance has been given out of the Contributory Police Welfare Fund.

J&K Police Headquarters is running many schemes for the welfare of its personnel and their families.

There are also schemes for the wards of cops and SPOs, for NoKs of martyrs, their wards as also for the retired cops and their spouses.

Psychiatric hospital observes World Mental Health Day

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JAMMU, Oct 10: Government Psychiatric Diseases Hospital Jammu an associated hospital of Government medical college Jammu celebrated World Mental Health Day today.

World Mental Health Day is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma.

It was also stressed to take proper medical treatment for psychiatric illnesses rather than going to faith healers and spending money uselessly. Importance of yoga, meditation and mindfulness was also stressed upon to keep oneself mentally healthy. It was unanimously decided to continue such activities year long to combat stigma around such illness. Special programmes were con-



Faculty and students observing World Mental Health Day at Psychiatric hospital in Jammu on Monday.

The theme of 2022's World Mental Health Day, set by the World Federation for Mental Health, is 'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'.

In this context various educational activities were conducted including poster making, role plays and educational lectures. Patients and attendants were educated about various causes of mental illnesses and how they are similar to other physical illnesses.

ducted by Bee Enn College of Nursing and Stephens College of Nursing. The program was well attended by patients, their relatives, doctors and staff of govt psychiatric diseases hospital. Prominent to attend were Dr Kirti Bhushan Sharma, Medical superintendent, Dr Manu Arora, HO, Dr Shabnam Rivees, Clinical Psychologist, Dr Abhishek Chowhan, Consultant and Dr Rita and Dr Sanjogita, Medical Officers.

Kashmiri director Bashir's "The Winter Within" premiered at Busan Intl Film Festival

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JAMMU, Oct 10: Kashmiri actor-turned-director Aamir Bashir returned with his first feature in 12 years in "The Winter Within", a taut art house drama making its world premiere at Busan International Film Festival in South Korea on Sunday.

In the film's first English-language trailer, shared exclusively with a Hollywood Reporter on the eve of the premiere, actress Zoya Hussain, playing domestic helper Nargis, is revealed in a state of inward grief amidst Kashmir's harsh but majestic winter landscapes. The Winter Within's star, Hussain, hails from India, where she is best known for her breakthrough performance in Anurag Kashyap's acclaimed boxing drama The Brawler.



"The Winter Within" portrays suffering of a Kashmiri woman 'Nargis' in a militancy hit area. In Srinagar, Nargis works as a domestic helper for a middle-class family. Her husband, Manzoor,

has disappeared after joining the armed rebellion against the Indian State. When her employer discovers that Nargis' husband is a militant, she is fired from her job and is left with no choice but to return to her village.

There, Nargis weaves the shawl that Manzoor had begun, in the hope that he will return. Yaseen, a handicrafts trader, supports Nargis by giving her work. One day Manzoor reappears.

Nargis devotes herself to rehabilitating Manzoor back to health even as he battles his demons. Bashir, who was born in Kashmir, began his film career as an actor. He had a recurring role in Netflix's first India original series 'Sacred Games' before making his directorial debut in 2010 with 'Harud' (Autumn), which became a festival favorite, playing at Toronto, Rotterdam and Fribourg. It later won the best Urdu feature film prize at India's 60th National Film Awards.

Gear up voters' registration: Koul to BJP workers

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JAMMU, Oct 10: BJP Jammu District held a review meeting which was attended by senior party leaders. Ashok Koul, J&K BJP general secretary Organization addressed the meeting along with former Deputy CM, Kavinder Gupta; BJP District president Jammu, Vinay Gupta; vice president J&K, Yudhvir Sethi; ex-president and JMC Councillor, Baldev Singh Bilowaria and District general secretaries—Ankush Gupta, Kuldeep Kandhari and Naresh Sharma.



Senior J&K BJP leaders during a meeting at Jammu on Monday.

All senior leaders of BJP hailing from Jammu District including BJP Councillors, District Office Bearers, Mandal presidents, general secretaries, District Morchas, District Departments, District Cells and others participated in the meeting presided over by BJP District president, Vinay Gupta.

Speaking in the meeting, Ashok Koul stressed on to speed up the process of registration of voters including new voters.

He asked BJP workers including Councillors to contribute to voter registration, updating of electoral rolls and Aadhar linking going on in J&K the last date for which is October 25, 2022.

Koul instructed BJP cadres to prepare short video messages for awareness on the subject on all social media platforms.

He urged for going door-to-door to contact the public and

especially inform the youth about importance of voter registration.

Kavinder Gupta asked the BJP workers and Councillors that delimitation has been done so Assembly elections in J&K can be held at any time.

"Make full preparations for it and maintain contact with the public in the interest of all

domains of the society," he maintained.

Vinay Gupta, BJP District president Jammu said he is confident that BJP's welfare schemes and outreach to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will ensure its victory in next Assembly election in J&K.

Yudhvir Sethi also spoke on the occasion.

DC discusses arrangements for winters

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BARAMULLA, Oct 10: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired a meeting at her office Chamber to review winter preparedness of departments in the district.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed availability of snow clearance machines, stock position of essentials, action plans prepared by the concerned departments framed to prevent interruption to services during this winter season.

The DC instructed officers to prepare a comprehensive

and meticulous snow clearance and winter plan to avoid any inconvenience to people by extending a prompt response.

She called for better coordination in dealing with snow clearance operations and to ensure smooth power, water supply and other essential supplies.

The DC also directed the concerned officers for deployment of snow clearing machinery and equipment for snow clearance on essential, main and internal roads as and when required.

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SRINAGAR, Oct 10: National Conference (NC) president and Member of Parliament (MP) from Srinagar Dr Farooq Abdullah today said that NC will make every effort to give voice to aspirations and demands of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said this while addressing the working committee meeting of district Budgam, here at the party headquarters Nawa-e-Subha. Among others Party general secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar, provincial president Nasir Aslam Wani, senior leaders Abdul Rahim Rather, Muhammad Shafi Uri, party treasurer Shammi Oberoi, central zone president Ali Muhammad Dar, provincial



NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah presiding over working committee meeting of district Budgam at party office in Srinagar.

secretary Showkat Ahmed Mir, provincial vice-president Syed Tauqeer, deputy political secretary to vice president Mudassar Shahmiri, party leaders Dr Muhammad Shafi, Saif Ud Din Bhat, Manzoor Wani, GN Bhat, DDC members from Budgam, women's wing and YNC functionaries were also present.

Dr Farooq said, "Rather than inching towards promised Normalcy, J&K has only seen worsening of the situation. J&K continues to witness political vacuum, unemployment, development deficit, misgovernance. The troubled legacy of 2019 and subsequent enactments paint a bleak picture of the region's future."

He further said the trajectory of J&K's pluralistic identity has been fashioned by the National conference and the Party will defend it with all its might. "The real object of BJP

is to push the real representative voices to the background and denude its plural and unique identity. The people of J&K: Kashmiris, Dogras, Gujjars, and Paharis won't allow this to happen. The mood and sentiment of the people in Chenab, Pir Panjal and everywhere else is the same," he said, adding that there was a ground swell of anger against BJP and its A & B teams across J&K.

Exhorting the party functionaries to intensify their public contact, he said, "Our cadre has to reach every door step and educate people about the imminent threats to our future. Forces, which we are fighting, are conniving to weaken our political voice by creating divisions among us. They are working day in and day out to divide us on a regional, religious, and cultural basis."

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Strengthening citizens' faith

- Reconstruction of various places associated with **Kedarnath temple complex**; grand renovation of **Baba Vishwanath Dham**
- A glorious and splendid temple dedicated to Lord Ram is being built at **Ayodhya**
- Beautification of **Somnath temple complex**; development of facilities for pilgrims in **Shaktipeeth Ambaji Tirthdham**; renovation of **Kalika Mata temple at Pavagarh**
- Development of **Baba Baidyanath Dham** at Deoghar; inauguration of **Jagatguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Shiila Mandir**, Dehu, Pune

Yoga and Ayush – India's invaluable offerings to the world

- **International Yoga Day** takes Yoga global; Yoga being embraced world over for healthy lifestyle
- An unprecedented effort to preserve our traditional medicinal knowledge associated with AYUSH; **Global Ayush Summit** to promote global investment and innovation
- **WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine** in Jamnagar

Remembering and honouring the heroes of the freedom movement

- Decision to celebrate Bhagwan Birsa Munda's Jayanti as the **Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas**; 10 new museums are being setup for tribal heroes of the freedom movement
- Five prominent sites associated with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar redeveloped as the **'Panchteerth'**
- Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birthday being celebrated as **'Parakram Diwas'**; establishment of Biplabi Bharat Gallery at Kolkata's Victoria Memorial & a new museum at the Red Fort

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dedicate Shri Mahakal Lok to the nation
Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 11th October 2022, 6:00 PM onwards