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Joining of people from all walks of life shows dynamic nature of AAP: Kaushik

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JAMMU, Oct 17: Organizational Building Incharge of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Munish Kaushik today said that joining of people from all walks of life and from different professions shows dynamic nature of political platform of AAP which has become the only way of hope for the people of J&K to come out of present state to uncertainty. Kaushik was addressing during a joining event organized in Kashmir in which a prominent social activist Nasir Ali Khan joined AAP. He said that besides experienced political activists, a number of social activists and educated people have joined AAP in J&K and this makes political platform of AAP dynamic and versatile in nature where different thinks tanks assemble and everyone is having a free atmosphere to put forth his/her ideas.

Speaking on the occasion, Nasir Ali Khan said that only AAP is fulfilling the political aspirations of the people of J&K and all other political parties have failed to come up to the expectations of people. Khan said that all the regional parties have badly failed the people of J&K and everyone is now looking at AAP as the only ray of hope. "I have full faith in the leadership of Arvind Kejriwal and we are looking at a political reform that is knocking at the doors of J&K in the form of AAP and this is the reason for which I have also decided to be a part of this reform," he added. Pertinent to mention here that Nasir Ali Khan is a renowned social activist of Kashmir valley who is currently working as the chairman for Kashmir Road Safety Foundation. He is also working as Director Kashmir School of Art and Drama which is first of its kind visual art academy in Kashmir. Besides, Khan is also a member of Indian alliance of NGOs for road safety in New Delhi and he also works as a freelance anchor for live shows, concerts, conferences and corporate events.

Restore Rail project for Rajouri-Poonch: DAP

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POONCH, Oct 17: Former MLA and senior Democratic Azad Party leader Ashok Sharma today said that Rail Road link to Rajouri-Poonch was sanctioned and aerial survey was conducted in 2004-05 and was declared as a National Project but this project has been kept pending since long and needed to be restored for opening up of tourism and other developmental activities in the region. The demand was raised during meeting with the delegations of blocks Buzliaz, Surankote and Lassana in Poonch. The Pirpanjal Zone Committee of Democratic Azad Party also strongly raised the demand. It is pertinent to mention here that this was the first workers' meet in Poonch in a two days programme of the district by the zone committee. The committee members comprising of Advocate Ashok Sharma, Ex MLA-MLC, Rajinder Sharma, Zahid Sarfraz Malik, Riyaz Naz and Lovley Gupta were apprised that Rajouri-Poonch being border districts have faced the consequences of 1947, 1965, 1971 and insurgency from early 1990 onwards carried mission of unity, integrity and sovereignty of India but were never rewarded or compensated against their loss of life and property. To equate this region with other areas of Jammu and Kashmir it is necessary to bring whole district of Rajouri and Poonch under Border Area Development Programme (BADP). The members of the Zone Committee gave patient hearing to the delegations and explained the policy and programmes of Democratic Azad Party which includes restoration of statehood, job and land guarantee to the locals and assured to reach to their blocks with the programme of the party.

SOS International demands continuation of scheme for PoJK DPs

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Oct 17: SOS International, an organization of PoJK displaced persons has expressed concern over the alleged insensitive attitude of the Government towards the grievances of displaced community. Addressing a press conference at Jammu on Sunday, chairman SOS International, Rajiv Chuni said that 'PM Central Assistant Scheme for PoJK DPs' which was not fully implemented, was suddenly stopped without any reason depriving hundreds of displaced families from cash assistance. "Several cases of PoJK DPs which have been duly passed or were in the process, are lying in the offices of PRO, Divisional Commissioner and Union Home Ministry as the Government has suddenly stopped the scheme," he further said. Chuni urged the Central Government to continue the scheme and cover all the left out families of PoJK DPs in a time bound manner. He demanded that those DPs, registered outside J&K having their record of PoJK origin should also be allowed to file their claims without asking them to produce PRC. Chuni reiterated the demand of de-freezing of eight PoJK Assembly constituencies and nomination of DPs for the same. He informed that SOS International will observe Black Day on October 22 by organizing a function at Krishna Public School, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu at 10 am wherein tribute will be paid to martyrs of the community who lost their lives during tribal/Pakistani raid in Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, Kotli, Bhimber, Deva-Vattala, Chhamb, Poonch, Gilgit-Baltistan and Askardu areas in 1947. He said that J&K BJP president, Ravinder Raina has consented to participate in the tribute paying function.

One dies in tractor accident

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POONCH, Oct 17: A labourer died after a tractor met with an accident at Deryan near Ajote in Poonch today. Official sources said that a tractor bearing registration number JK12-4307 was on its way from Poonch towards Puni Tada area when reached Deryan, met with an accident in which one labourer died on spot. They said that a driver and two labourers were travelling in it. One of the labourers died while, driver and another labourer were injured. The deceased was identified as Mohd Sharief, son of Sher Ali Khan, resident of Ajote in Poonch. A doctor at DH Poonch said that he was brought dead and after all legal formalities, body was handed over to the family for last rites. Station House Officer, Ranjit Rao said that a case vide FIR number 213/2022 under sections 279, 304A IPC has been registered in Police Station Poonch.

DC chairs review meeting on infant mortality

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KARGIL, Oct 17: Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil Santosh Sukhadeve today chaired a review meeting regarding infant mortality in the district with all concerned heads at his office chamber. Chief Medical Officer, Kargil Dr Munawwar Hussain Wazir, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kargil Dr Liyaqat Ali, Deputy CMO, DIO, Paediatrician, Gynaecologist, all BMOs and officials of District Planning and Monitoring Unit (DPMU) attended the meeting. A detailed discussion regarding infant deaths and its causes in the district were held and suggestions were given about its prevention. The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to work hard to remove the preventable causes of infant deaths in the district. DC Santosh directed the concerned officers for intense campaign regarding infant deaths and suggested to use social media as a medium to spread the information for the general public. The Deputy Commissioner further directed to involve ICDS in such campaigns. During the meeting, the DC Santosh assured to take up the issue of manpower with the UT Administration.



Secretary H&ME Bhupinder Kumar passing directions to officials at an AB PM-JAY SEHAT registration camp in Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR, Oct 17: To speed up the cent percent saturation of registration of beneficiaries, Secretary Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Bhupinder Kumar today visited dedicated registration camps of the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SEHAT scheme in Srinagar. He was accompanied by the CEO of State Health Agency Sanjiv M Gadkar, CMO Srinagar and other officers. Secretary Health exhorted upon the CMO Srinagar to utilize the services of ASHA workers to cover the whole population under the flagship programme. "Work out a block-wise strategy in their respective areas as well as that of the non functional tube wells. The DDC members laid stress for creation of new tube wells, dug wells and redevelopment of defunct tube wells. Speaking on the occasion, the DDC urged the officers to monitor all works regularly and ensure quality works. He also emphasized upon the officers to remove bottlenecks, if any, for timely completion of approved Plan, Project work during a meeting chaired by him in the presence of DDC members and the Chief Engineer PHE along with his team of officials including Superintending Engineer PHE and Executive Engineer PHE. During the meeting the DDC Chairman was apprised about the progress of different projects being executed under JJM in the district. He also took detailed review of block-wise progress right from tendering and allotments of various works besides reviewing the under execution works. The DDC members Suresh Sharma, Sharda Bhau, Geetu Aulakh, Joginder Singh Kaku, Bhushan Bral and Surekha raised several issues related to their constituencies including water scarcity since decades have been accomplished with great ease. "The PM has given standing instructions for ensuring all round development of the UT of J&K and that is the reason the areas which were discriminated earlier by the successive Governments have now come to limelight through colossal development as roads, lanes, drains and other civic infra has been revamped in a fair manner both in rural and urban pockets without any prejudice or political discrimination," he asserted. Talking about the newly constructed waiting shed, the DDC Member Johal said that this facility will provide succour to local people during the sultry days of summer months and also in the rainy season. He said that this was the long pending demand of the people and from now onwards they will not have to face any kind of difficulty during the vagaries of weather. Among others who were present include BDC Chairman Darshan Choudhary, Sapranch Bharat Bhushan, Hazara Singh and Sewa Singh.

Expedite execution of JJM work: Bharat Bhushan

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Oct 17: Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Jammu has urged the Chief Engineer Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) project and his team to expedite the ongoing work of the Jal Jeevan Mission across Jammu district. The DDC Chairman expressed this while reviewing the execution of Jal Jeevan Project work during a meeting chaired by him in the presence of DDC members and the Chief Engineer PHE along with his team of officials including Superintending Engineer PHE and Executive Engineer PHE. During the meeting the DDC Chairman was apprised about the progress of different projects being executed under JJM in the district. He also took detailed review of block-wise progress right from tendering and allotments of various works besides reviewing the under execution works. The DDC members Suresh Sharma, Sharda Bhau, Geetu Aulakh, Joginder Singh Kaku, Bhushan Bral and Surekha raised several issues related to their constituencies including water scarcity since decades have been accomplished with great ease. "The PM has given standing instructions for ensuring all round development of the UT of J&K and that is the reason the areas which were discriminated earlier by the successive Governments have now come to limelight through colossal development as roads, lanes, drains and other civic infra has been revamped in a fair manner both in rural and urban pockets without any prejudice or political discrimination," he asserted. Talking about the newly constructed waiting shed, the DDC Member Johal said that this facility will provide succour to local people during the sultry days of summer months and also in the rainy season. He said that this was the long pending demand of the people and from now onwards they will not have to face any kind of difficulty during the vagaries of weather. Among others who were present include BDC Chairman Darshan Choudhary, Sapranch Bharat Bhushan, Hazara Singh and Sewa Singh.

Dr Manyal, Johal start development work at Bandral

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SAMBA, Oct 17: Senior BJP leader and former Minister Dr DK Manyal along with District Development Council (DDC) Member Ramgarh, Sarabjeet Singh Jhal today started development work of a waiting shed at a crematorium ground in Trindiya Panchayat, village Bandral in Ramgarh with an estimated cost of Rs five lakh, here today. Addressing the gathering, the former Minister Dr Manyal said that extensive and unhindered development of J&K is the top agenda of the BJP Government and to make this happen, PM Narendra Modi has ensured free flow of funds so that things could roll out as fast as possible. Manyal said that J&K has been witnessing unprecedented development since the PM Modi led Government has come to power and the works which were pending



Dr D K Manyal and DDC member Sarabjeet Singh Johal starting work in Ramgarh on Monday.

E-Rickshaw Asso submits memorandum to DC

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Oct 17: Office bearers of e-Rickshaw Transport Association today met with Deputy Commissioner Jammu and submitted a representation regarding challans of the e-Rickshaw drivers by the traffic police, here today. During the meeting with the Deputy Commissioner, they said that during the announcement, the administration had announced that there is no need for any kind of registration, route permit as well as any driving license for operating these e-rickshaws in the region but ironically police authority is charging the drivers who are operating without licence and permit. "We repeatedly asked the authorities concerned that the e-rickshaw is a very light vehicle with low speed and having no havoc to human life but they never seemed bothered about it and issued challans to the drivers on a regular basis," they informed. "We are ready to abide by all the rules and norms as framed by the Govt," they said and requested the Deputy Commissioner to provide some individual identity cum driving permission to operate e-rickshaw.

Secy Health visits AB PM-JAY SEHAT registration camps, directs officials to speed up registrations

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17 Jal Shakti Deptt engineers shifted, 9 given addl charge

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JAMMU, Oct 17: Government today ordered transfers and postings of 17 Incharge (I/c) Executive Engineers (Civil) and assigning of additional charge to nine others in Jal Shakti Department. According to the Order, Raj Kumar Sambhal has been transferred from Irrigation Division Kulgam to DIQC Jammu, Nanak Chand from Irrigation Division Pulwama to Irrigation Division Kathua, Vikas Mengi from CVPPPL to Flood Control Division Kathua, Jugal Kishore Nagotra from Irrigation & Flood Control (I&FC) Division Handwara to I&FC Division Baderwah and Fungo Ram Bhagat from Flood Control Division Kathua to Irrigation Division Number 1 Jammu. Further, Subhash Chand has been transferred from I&FC Division Baderwah to PHE Division Doda, Sisar Khajuria from Mahore Irrigation Division Dharmari to RCC Lower Division Hiranagar, Janak Sharma from JKSPDC to Irrigation Division Akhnoor, Fateh Mohd Choudhary from PHE Division Reasi to Shahpur Kandi/Ranjit Sagar Dam Project, Ashish Sharma from PHE Division Bijbehara to PHE Rural Division Jammu and Rakesh Kumar Gupta from Irrigation Division Akhnoor to PHE Division Reasi. Romesh Paul has been transferred from PHE Division Sopore to I&FC Division Doda, Sami Ullah Beigh from JKSPDC to PHE Division

PM launches 600 Kisan Samruddhi Kendras, single brand used fertilizer

Excelsior Correspondent
NEW DELHI, Oct 17: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched subsidised urea under single brand 'Bharat' as part of One Nation, One Fertiliser scheme and inaugurated 600 Kisan Samruddhi Kendras, saying these two reforms will boost availability and ensure quality fertilisers. Modi also unveiled international weekly fertiliser e-magazine 'Indian Edge' at the event PM Kisan Samman Sannam 2022 organised jointly by Agriculture and Fertiliser Ministries. The Centre has started a new scheme - Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana - One Nation One Fertilizer (ONOF) - under which it is mandatory for companies to market subsidised fertiliser under single brand 'Bharat'. After launching the brand for the most consumed and highly subsidised fertiliser urea, the Prime Minister said branding subsidised fertilisers to ensure quality is a major reform undertaken by the Government. Farmers are in "illusion and confused" about fertiliser brands and are not getting the quality soil nutrients because at one hand retailers are pushing certain brands for want of higher commission and on the other hand companies run advertisement campaigns of their products, he said. Now, these problems have been resolved under ONOF, he added. "One brand and one quality of urea will be sold across the nation. This brand would be 'Bharat.' Now urea will be available in the brand name of Bharat," Modi said. With single branding, the competition among companies that push their brands will get reduced. It will also ensure sufficient supply of fertilisers across the country, he added. Modi, who also inaugurated



PM Narendra Modi inaugurating PM Kisan Samman Sannam 2022 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, in New Delhi on Monday.

600 'PM-Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PM-KSK) at the event, said these will act as one-stop shop that would provide multiple services to farmers. PM-KSK will not only supply agri-inputs like seeds, fertilisers and farm implements, but also provide testing facilities for soil, seeds and fertilisers, besides information about government schemes, he said. At present, fertiliser retail shops in the country are company-managed, cooperative shops or retail to private dealers. These retail shops will now be converted into PM-KSKs. Modi said about 3.25 lakh fertiliser retail shops will be converted into PM-KSKs across the country. Expressing concern over import dependency of fertilisers, the Prime Minister stressed on the need to be "self-reliant" in the commodity to prevent the impact of global shock on the import bill. "When there is a global problem, it impacts. First, coronavirus came and we faced it...Then war started from where we buy maximum. For example, be it urea, DAP or other fertilisers, they are getting costlier and impacting our economy," he said. Citing an example, he mentioned that the country is buying urea at Rs 75-80 per kg and selling to farmers at Rs 5-6 per kg. "This has an impact on our exchequer and creates problems in implementing many works," he said, adding that about Rs 2.5 lakh crore is the spending on fertilisers this year. Modi said there is a need to work on a mission mode to reduce import of at least food and agriculture items. Highlighting steps taken in the last eight years to ensure sufficient supply of fertilisers, Modi said there used to be a fertiliser crisis with black marketing rampant prior to 2014 and farmers had to face 'lathi charge'. Fertiliser units were shut down for many years and had to depend on imports. The current Government, however, took steps to end black marketing with introduction of neem-coated urea and revival of six closed urea units and promoting liquid nano urea to become self-reliant and reduce import-dependency, he added. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Chemicals & Fertilisers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya were also present at the event. More than one crore farmers virtually joined the event. (PTI)

ABVP opposes proposed Jammu Kashmir Public University Bill

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Oct 17: J&K unit of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has strongly opposed the proposed Jammu Kashmir Public University Bill 2022 to which the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu Kashmir Manoj Sinha-led Administrative Council (AC) recently gave its nod. The major amendments proposed in the Public University Bill 2022, are relating to the appointments of Assistant Professors, autonomous bodies and interference of the Government bodies in the working of a university will surcease the working atmosphere and kill the basic spirit of autonomy of these institutions of higher learning. The ABVP leader demanded immediate withdrawal of the proposed Jammu Kashmir Public University Bill 2022 without any delay. He further said the selection criteria of Assistant Professors in the college recruitments which has been recently modified by the JKPCSC should also be changed. "ABVP demands that the JKPCSC should follow UGC norms and conditions while making recruitments of Assistant professors in college cadre," he added. Vide notification No. HED-GAZ/218/2022-04, dated 22-09-2022, JKPCSC has mentioned criterion of academic qualification where 75 marks have been allocated for written test, 15 marks for interview and only 10 marks for academic qualification that includes UG/PG/NET/SET/SLET/Ph D /Experience. Makesh Manhas said that just only 10 marks for academic qualifications, which include UG/PG/NET/SET/PhD/Experience, was not acceptable and this was the utter violation of the UGC norms and conditions by the UT Government. ABVP Jammu Kashmir State Joint Secretary Rannik Sharma also addressed the press conference, which was attended by Shaweta Sharma, State Joint Secretary and Shubam Raina, President Central University of Jammu.

KVK Samba organizes programme for farmers

Excelsior Correspondent
SAMBA, Oct 17: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Samba today organized live telecast of PM-Kisan Samman Sannam inaugurated by the Prime Minister (PM) and Agri-Startup conclave at New Delhi under the dynamic leadership of Prof JP Sharma (Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu) and the direct supervision of Dr SK Gupta (Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu). Chairman DDC Samba Keshav Dutt Sharma was the chief guest during the programme, which was attended by more than 200 farmers from different villages of district Samba. Earlier, the programme was started with the welcome address presented by Prof Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist & Head KVK Samba. The PM-Kisan Samman Sannam and Agri-Startup conclave was witnessed live by more than 200 farmers at KVK Samba which was inaugurated today by PM Narendra Modi at 11:30 am at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi. During the live streaming of the programme, the PM also inaugurated 600 Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PMKSK) under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers. Furthermore, the PM also launched Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana - One Nation One Fertilizer. During the event, the PM also released the 12th instalment amount of Rs. 16,000 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) through Direct Benefit Transfer. The PM also inaugurated the Agri Startup Conclave and Exhibition. More than 1 crore farmers from various institutions attended the event virtually. The programme aims at bringing together farmers from across the country for the Kisan Sannam alongside innovators & agri-entrepreneurs for the startup exhibition at the Conclave. Addressing the gathering, the DDC Chairman promised every type of help to the KVK Samba as and when required. He further elaborated that Kisan Sannam is a means to make the lives of farmers easier, boost their capability and promote advanced agricultural techniques. The programme was also attended by the Dr Neeraj Sharma, Dr Saurav Gupta, Dr Amit Mahajan, Dr Shalini, Bharat Bhushan and Tejinder Singh.

Lecture to remember services of Harji Lal Jad held

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Oct 17: Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust (PNBMT) organised a lecture to remember the services of community leader from Anantnag, Late Harji Lal Jad, here today. It is pertinent to mention here that in the year 1986, Lt. Harji Lal Jad played a stellar role in organising the relief and rehabilitation for the riot hit victims of the infamous Anantnag program of the Kashmiri Pandits (KPs). The function was attended by a large number of intellectuals and members of KP community including the family members of Late Harji Lal Jad including his granddaughter Dr Bhavya Jad and Dr Sunanda Raina, former Principal GMC Jammu. The noted writer and Padma Shri awardee, KN Pandita was the chief guest, while the function was presided over by Prof. AN Sadhu. KN Pandita said in his keynote address that the contributions of the late Harji Lal Jad need to be documented for the posterity and a committee in this regard would be framed shortly that would document the life and times of the late leader. He said that the Anantnag riots of 1986 were a full dress rehearsal of the complete exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990. He said that the community needs more leaders like Jai Sahib to take them out of trouble. Prof. AN Sadhu was lavish in his praise for the late leader and urged upon the younger generations to emulate his courage and character. He added that they need to close our ranks and stay united to face the onslaught of the evil forces. Chairman of the Trust BL Zar presented the vote of thanks. In his remarks the chairman of the Trust also remembered the contribution of late Makhlan Lal, a great social activist. The speakers who made their valuable contributions in the lecture included Brij Lal Bhatt, AK Raina, MK Jalali, Desh Rattan and IK Raina, while the programme was conducted by HL Bhat.