

# Modi Govt has 'doomed forests': Ramesh

NEW DELHI, Aug 17: Former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh on Thursday took a swipe at the Centre after the Odisha Government reportedly withdrew its controversial "deemed forest" order, saying that in its hurry to do away with 'deemed' forests, the Modi Government has actually "doomed forests".

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh shared on X a media report which said that the Odisha Government has withdrawn a controversial order issued on August 11, which told district officials that 'deemed forests' as a category would cease to exist under the recently amended Forest Act.

"After Parliament passed the dangerous amendments to the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 last week, which many, including me, had warned against, the Odisha Government was quick to pass orders that 'deemed' forests would no longer be considered as forests," Ramesh said.

"Now the Union Ministry says the state's order is withdrawn. Confusion galore. In its hurry to do away with 'deemed' forests, the Modi Government has actually doomed forests," he said in his post on X.

"Deemed forests' are forests that are not classified so, by the Centre or states, in their records. (PTI)

Forest Act.

"After Parliament passed the dangerous amendments to the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 last week, which many, including me, had warned against, the Odisha Government was quick to pass orders that 'deemed' forests would no longer be considered as forests," Ramesh said.

"Now the Union Ministry says the state's order is withdrawn. Confusion galore. In its hurry to do away with 'deemed' forests, the Modi Government has actually doomed forests," he said in his post on X.

"Deemed forests' are forests that are not classified so, by the Centre or states, in their records. (PTI)



Dignitaries flagging off pilgrims to Haridwar from Jammu on Thursday.

# SCT organizes Yoga Camp, Ganga Darshan at Haridwar

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: On the auspicious Shraavan month, Swastik Charitable Trust (SCT) under its president, Pawan Kumar Shastri organized a Yoga Camp and Ganga Darshan at Haridwar for the people who have earlier not visited Haridwar.

Today Trust dispatched its 5th batch of pilgrims to Haridwar for the Yoga Camp by a special bus from Shakti Nagar Jammu.

A handout stated that the Trust bears to and fro expenses of the visiting pilgrims besides providing them free residential accommodation and free food

under this programme.

Also for the purpose of taking due care of visiting pilgrims and senior citizens in the way, two doctors have also been arranged by the Trust.

During the programme visiting pilgrims will attend free Yoga classes along with lessons on correct way of performing Pooja Archana.

The 5th batch of pilgrims was taken to Haridwar after performing proper rituals by Pawan Kumar Shastri himself.

The celebration was attended by Joginder Shastri, Raj Kumar Gupta, president Gau Raksha Samiti Amphalla along with other prominent citizens.

JAMMU, Aug 17: National Secular Forum (NSF) organized a programme in University campus Jammu and paid tribute to Madan Lal Dhingra on his 114th Death Anniversary here today.

Ankush Abrol, Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC was the chief guest, Dr. Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District Urban and Zonal Secretary JKNC, presided over the function along with TR Sharma KAS (Retd.) as guest of honour.

Dr Vikas Sharma and Ankush Abrol throw light on the life of martyr Madan Lal

# NSF pays tribute to Madan Lal Dhingra

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: National Secular Forum (NSF) organized a programme in University campus Jammu and paid tribute to Madan Lal Dhingra on his 114th Death Anniversary here today.

Ankush Abrol, Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC was the chief guest, Dr. Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District Urban and Zonal Secretary JKNC, presided over the function along with TR Sharma KAS (Retd.) as guest of honour.

Dr Vikas Sharma and Ankush Abrol throw light on the life of martyr Madan Lal

Dhingra. They said that we all should take oath not to sit silent and continue our endeavour to regain Jammu and Kashmir State.

They said during Omar Abdullah led National Conference Government, jobs were provided to a large number of youth, RTI Act was enacted to eradicate corruption and several other revolutionary steps were taken to push J&K on the path of development. Dr Sharma urged the youth to come together on a single platform to push for this demand. NC would leave no stone unturned to achieve statehood for J&K.



Participants at Bharat Mata Pujan event in CUJ.

# Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal organizes Bharat Mata Pujan at CUJ

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal (BSM), Jammu-Kashmir & Ladakh Prant, organized Bharat Mata Pujan at Department of English, Central University of Jammu (CUJ).

The event was organized under the patronage of Vice Chancellor, Prof Sanjeev Jain. The overall event was convened and co-convened by Prof Vandana Sharma and Dr Ketan Bhatt respectively.

Additionally, the students of B Voc viz Dipesh, Sudhir, and Mayank coordinated the event. Faculty members, research scholars and students joined the event, which started with lamp

# Provide relief to deceased Lineman's family: Union

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: All J&K Electric Department Linemen & Workers Union has demanded ex-gratia/relief in favour of the family of deceased Lineman who was killed while working on a live power line in New Rehari area five days ago.

In a meeting of the Union members held here today under the leadership of Ashiq Hussain, president of the Union, the members expressed shock over the death of their colleague, Hem Raj who was killed after falling from a pole while working on power line near Govt Quarters, in New Rehari area of Jammu on August 11. They said that they lost a dedicated and hard working member.

The Union demanded compensation from the Welfare Fund and also exgratia-relief in favour of the family besides a job for one of the family members of the deceased Lineman under SRO-43. They also demanded an inquiry into the incident and action against the culprits. The members paid homage to the departed soul during the meeting.

# Youth fell in river, untraced

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Aug 17: One young man fell into the Marusudhar River in Nowapachi area of Marwah today and massive rescue

operation launched to trace him could not get any success till late in the evening.

As per reports, Shakir Hussain, 23, son of Gulam Mohi Din Magrey

Rescue workers on job to trace out the youth who fell in Marusudhar River in Marwah. -Excelsior/Tilak Raj

along with his brother and friend had gone at the bank of Marusudhar River (a tributary of Chenab) and suddenly all the three lost balance and fell into the river.

Though two came out safely but Shakir was carried away with flow of the river.

Police has registered a case in this regard and the operation to trace the youth will start in morning.

# Education should be beacon of progress, not political pawn: Pradhan

NEW DELHI, Aug 17: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday condemned Karnataka government's decision to scrap National Education Policy (NEP) as "politically-motivated" and said education should be a beacon of progress and not a political pawn.

"Disappointed to learn about Karnataka CM's politically-motivated decision to discontinue the National Education Policy 2020. Our education system needs evolution, not regression. NEP was a result of years of consultations, reflecting aspirations of all. This decision reveals the anti-reform, anti-Bharatiya Bhasha and anti-Karnataka character of @INCIndia.

"Karnataka deserves leadership that values progress and inclusivity and not petty politics. Let's put students first and stop the petty politics! @siddaramaiah," Pradhan wrote on X (formerly Twitter).

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said the NEP will be scrapped in the state from the next academic year.

He said his government by scrapping the NEP, which was brought in by the previous BJP government, will try to provide education in accordance with the Constitution.

"NEP was implemented in Karnataka, when it was not introduced in any other BJP-ruled states...I want to tell one thing, this year there was a bit of delay, from the next year onwards we will change the NEP and try to provide education in accordance with the Constitution, because BJP is anti-constitution and they believe in Manuwaad," Siddaramaiah said.

Speaking at the general body meeting of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee here, he said NEP has to be scrapped after making necessary preparations, and as the academic year had begun by the time the election results were out and the government was formed, it has been continued this year to avoid inconvenience to students in the middle of the year.

NEP has been opposed by students, parents, lecturers and teachers, he said, alleging the BJP has sacrificed the interest of students by implementing NEP in Karnataka even before other states implemented it.(PTI)

# 2 drug peddlers arrested

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Aug 17: In separate incidents, Udhampur Police arrested two drug peddlers and recovered 9.75 grams Heroin like substance from their possession.

During a special naka established by P S Rehambal, ASI Naseeb Singh, under the supervision of SHO PS Rehambal Rajesh Sharma at Phalata NHW, one pedestrian was apprehended for his suspicious movement.

He disclosed his name as Mohd Sadeeq, son of Khushi Mohd, resident of Hartaryan, Tehsil and District Udhampur. During his search, 6.4 gm Heroin-like substance and an electronic weighing machine were recovered from his possession.

In this regard FIR was registered at PS Rehambal and investigation started.

Meanwhile, Police team of Police Post Roundomai apprehended one drug peddler and recovered 3.35 grams of Heroin like substance.

Police team, led by Insp Raghuraj Singh, SHO Udhampur, and assisted by PSI Rahul Jamwal IC PP Roundomai stopped one motorcycle bearing registration number JK14H 8141 for checking.

During frisking of bike rider, 3.35 grams of Heroin was recovered from the possession of accused person namely Abhinava Sharma son of Shambu Dutt, resident of Prey, Tehsil Rammagar. He was arrested on spot.

In this connection, a case under relevant sections of law was registered at PS Udhampur and further investigation is underway.

# Govt orders transfer, posting of 2 officers

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: The Government today ordered transfer and posting of two JKAS officers.

Abdul Qyum, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Culture Department was transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government, Housing and Urban Development Department.

Shubi Tabassum awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administrative Department was posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government Cultural Department.

# Girl found hanging

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Aug 17: A young girl was found hanging at her home here today.

As per police sources Kavita Thakur, 16, daughter of Kapoor Singh, resident of Chan, Kanthi, Tehsil Thuroo, District Reasi was found hanging under suspicious circumstances at her home.

A case in this regard was registered at Arnas Police Station and investigation started.

# Changing NMML to PMML Let original building continue as Jawaharlal Nehru Museum and Library: Karan

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: Former Union Minister, Dr. Karan Singh has expressed concern over the change of name of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society (NMML) to Prime Minister's Museum and Library Society (PMML).

In a handout Dr. Singh stated that before he was dropped from the Executive Council of NMML, he had made a suggestion that the NMML should be allowed to continue because it was already well established as an institution of national and international reputation.

He stated that the project of making a new museum for all subsequent PMs is to be welcomed because all of them deserve to be remembered, and he personally knew each one of them.

For this project he had suggested a separate society to be formed.

"This could have been done quite easily and would have allowed the premier institution to continue undisturbed," Dr. Singh maintained adding: "While I was assured that the Teen Murti House Museum itself will not be disturbed in any way and in fact will be updated and improved, it is still a matter of regret that my suggestion was not accepted."

He further said that he has another suggestion that although the name of the overall complex has been changed to PMML, there is no reason why the original building should not continue to be called the Jawaharlal Nehru Museum and Library, because that is exactly what it is.

"It is a matter for some satisfaction that all those who visit the new museum will first have to pass through this building and absorb the history of first PM who has had the longest tenure of any PM so far. The name of that building, therefore, need not be changed even though the NMML society has been subsumed by the PMML," Dr. Karan Singh continued.



Newly elected school council posing with school management.

# MHAC holds function

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: Maharaja Harsingh Agricultural Collegiate School Nagbani, Jammu organized a function here today.

The ceremony began with the presentation of badges and sashets followed by an oath taking ceremony by the House incharges in the presence of Principal, Brij Mohan.

Aanya Tandon and Mintanshu Gargotra led the student council as the chosen Head Girl and Head Boy respectively. Both of them along with the student coordinators Navya Pawan Khajuria and Mohin Gupta in their speeches affirmed their missions and pledged to keep the flag of the school flying high.

The other members of the student council included House Prefects, Vice-Captains, Captains of different houses, Hostel Prefect, Sports Co-ordinators, Sports vice Captains, Sports Captains, Literary Captain and Cultural Secretary respectively.

Principal MHAC School, Nagbani appreciated the student council body and added that this team represents values of righteousness, responsibility, integrity and leadership.



SP Smart School students receiving award from dignitaries at Samba.

# Independence Day celebration SP Smart School Sarore gets 2nd prize in cultural dance

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Aug 17: SP Smart School Sarore received the 2nd prize in cultural dance performed during the Independence Day celebration in Samba.

The school's dedicated students showcased their remarkable talents and secured a commendable 2nd position in the cultural competition. Keshav Dutt Sharma, Chairman of District Development Council Samba, Abhishek Sharma, Deputy Commissioner of Samba, and Benam Tosh, Senior Superintendent of Police in Samba were present on this occasion.

The students displayed their creativity and patriotism through various cultural performances that captivated the audience. Their hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence were evident in their performances, earning them a well-deserved recognition.

# Daughter of labourer cracks NEET

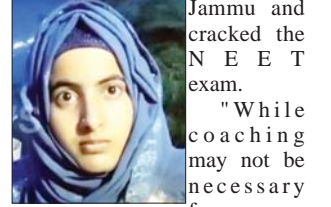
Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: The daughter of labourer, Mohd Iqbal Zargar, Afroza Banoo, has accomplished a significant milestone by passing the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) examination.

Afroza Banoo has been selected to attend GMC Kathua to pursue an MBBS. She is a resident of Kastigarh, a remote area of Doda district. Afroza took her initial studies in different schools of Doda and after that she took coaching from

Jammu and cracked the NEET exam.

"While coaching may not be necessary for every one, appropriate guidance is. However, commitment and diligence are the most important components. I had never thought about going into medicine before, but after finishing high school, I became interested in it, she said.



**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**  
**GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE DODA**  
 Headquarter: Doda email: dodit6@gmail.com Phone No. 01996-233056 Website: www.itidoda.in  
**ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE**  
 Sub: Engagement of Guest Faculty for the session 2023-24 & 2023-25  
 In reference to Joint Director Skill Development Jammu's letter No. JSDS/2023/GF-22-V/2032-58 dated 14-08-2023, Applications on plain paper are invited for engaging Guest Faculty to teach the following Trades/Subjects to the trainees of this institute for the session 2023-24 and 2023-25 @ Rs750 per lecture subjected to the maximum of Rs. 20000/- per month for Degree Holder and @Rs. 18000/- for Diploma Holder till the suitable arrangements are made by the higher authority. The applicant must be a permanent resident of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the preference will be given to the candidate belonging to District Doda. The applicant must possess the following Qualification as prescribed below:-

S.No	Trades/Subject	Minimum Qualification
01	Electrician Self Financing Trade (SCVT)	B.Voc/Degree in Electrical/ Electrical and Electronics Engineering from AICTE/UGC recognized Engineering College/ university with one-year experience in the relevant field. OR 03 Years Diploma in Electrical/ Electrical and Electronics Engineering from AICTE/recognized board of technical education or relevant Advanced Diploma (Vocational) from DGT with two years' experience in the relevant field. OR NTC/NAC passed in the trade of "Electrician" with three years' experience in the relevant field. Essential Qualification: Relevant Regular/RPL variants of National Craft Instructor Certificate (NCIC) under DGT.
02.	Stenographer and Secretarial Assistant (English) Self Financing Trade (SCVT)	B.Voc/ Degree in Commerce / Arts (with Short-hand & Typing) from a UGC recognized university with one year experience in the relevant field. OR Diploma (Minimum 2 years) in Commercial Practice from recognised board or relevant Advanced Diploma (Vocational) with two years' experience in the relevant field. OR NTC/ NAC passed in the trade of Stenographer Secretarial Assistant (English) with three years' experience in the relevant field. Essential Qualification: Relevant Regular / RPL variants of National Craft Instructor Certificate (NCIC) under DGT.

The application form on prescribed format duly completed in all respects should reach the office of the undersigned by or before 23-08-2023 (Wednesday) up to 04:00 PM along with the following certificates.  
 1) Academic/ Technical Qualification/Marks Certificate  
 2) Date of Birth Certificate  
 3) Domicile Certificate.  
 4) Character Certificate.  
 5) Experience if any.  
 6) The selected candidates shall have to execute an affidavit/agreement with department, on prescribed format duly attested by the judicial Magistrate to the effect that he/she will have no claim for permanent absorption in the department on the basis of this engagement for the specific period, at the time of joining without which he/she will not allow to join.  
 7) The candidate engaged shall have to maintain proper discipline, punctuality and shall have to work to the entire stratification of the trainees as well as the institute management committee. Indiscipline will entail disengagement.  
 8) The engagement will automatically be ceased after the session is over or before that on completion of syllabus without serving/issuing any termination order.  
 Note:- Application Form "performa" can be has from the office of the Superintendent ITI Doda) during the working days.  
 DIP/J-6974 Dt. 16-8-2023 Sd/- Superintendent Industrial Training Institute Doda

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**Public Works (R&B) Department**  
**Civil Secretariat Jammu/Kashmir**  
**Subject: Acceptance of Degree of Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Kundoo Junior Engineer (Civil)**  
**NOTICE INVITING OBJECTIONS**

Whereas, the department received the case of Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Kundoo Junior Engineer (Civil) for acceptance of his degree and inclusion of his name in the seniority list of Junior Engineer (Civil) Degree holders. The particulars of the said Engineer are as under:-  
 Whereas, the case was examined in the department and Degree/ marks certificates of the

S.No.	Name with Designation	Date of Appointment	Name of University	Date of passing Degree	Permission granted or not by administrative Deptt.
01	Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Kundoo Junior Engineer (Civil)	07-09-2015	University of Kashmir	03-11-2020	Yes, vide Govt. Order No. 281-PW(R&B) of 2019 dated 14-06-2020

above named Draftsman were forwarded to the Controller of Examination University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, vide this department's letter dated 17.02.2022 for verification/ authentication of genuineness of the Degree acquired by the said Junior Engineer (Civil). In response the Assistant Controller of Examination, University of Kashmir vide communication No.F(Result-Vef/Tab/KU/22/ 246 dated 26.05.2022) verified the Degree certificate of the incumbent.

Whereas, the above named Junior Engineer (Civil) also produced undertaking in the shape of Affidavit affirming therein that the information submitted by him are true and correct, in case statement proved incorrect, he shall be personally responsible for all the consequences.

Whereas, on examining of the case, it has been observed that there is a case. to accept his Degree from the date of passing of his Degree and include his name at appropriate place in the seniority list of Degree Holders Junior Engineers (Civil) as and when the same is notified by the department and also exclusion of his name from the general seniority list of Junior Engineer (Civil) Diploma holders.

Now, therefore, before acceptance of the Degree acquired by the above named Junior Engineer (Civil) and also inclusion of his name at appropriate place in the seniority list of Degree holders Junior Engineers (Civil). Objections are invited from the members of the cadre who are likely to be affected due to decision of the department which should reach in the Administrative Department through concerned Chief Engineer by post or by e-mail to compwd@rediffmail.com within a period of 15 days from the date of issuance/publication of the notice. No claim, whatsoever, shall be entertained after expiry of stipulated time period.

DIP/J-6832 Date: 14-08-2023 Sd/- (Naseema Nazir) JKAS Deputy Secretary to the Government Public Works (R&B) Department

**IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE JAMMU**  
 Present : Sanjay Parthar

CNR No. : JKJM202051332023  
 File No. : 29/23/Probate  
 Date of Int. : 15.07.2023  
 Date of Order : 12.08.2023  
 1. Col. Sanjay Jamwal (Retd.)  
 B-502 Upper Shiv Nagar, Near Subash Nagar Chowk Jammu Tawi (J&K) 180005  
 2. Padmini Devi Singh  
 R/o House No. 154 Lane No. 9 Upper Side Greater Kailash Jammu (J&K) 180011, Both beneficiaries of the Will (Petitioner)

**VERSUS**  
 1. Smt. Renu Jamwal W/o Late Sh. Kuldeep Singh Jamwal  
 R/o C-15 Saran Colony Jammu (J&K) 180011 (Respondent)  
 2. Mrs. Darshana Kumar W/o Late Sh. Kanwal Lal Singh  
 R/o B-502 Upper Shiv Nagar near Subash Nagar Chowk, Jammu (J&K) 180005 (Respondent)

In the matter of: Petition for Probate And  
**NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE.**  
 WHEREAS above named petitioner has applied in this court for grant of probate and letter of Administration of aforementioned "Last Will" executed on 20.11.2007 and registered before Id. Sub Registrar (and Adm. Munsif) Jammu by deceased Testator Sh. Kanwar Lal S/o Dr. Munshi Ram R/o who had died on 09.07.2022, in terms of whereof deceased Testator bequeathed the property in his possession in favour of petitioner detail thereof is mentioned herein below.

House No. 640-A Rehari Colony Jammu comprising of seven rooms, kitchen, verandah, bathroom, latrine, shop and shed at Rehari Colony Jammu.

WHEREAS, through this publication the general public is informed that if any person/persons have/have any objection in respect of the above mentioned petition, he/she/they shall file his/their objections personally or through any authorized agent in this Court on 01.09.2023, the next date fixed in the case, failing which appropriate order shall be passed.

Take note that if the date fixed is declared holiday, the case shall be taken up on the next working day.  
 Given under my hand and seal of this court today the 17th of August 2023 at Jammu.

Sd/- (Sanjay Parthar) Principal District Judge Jammu