



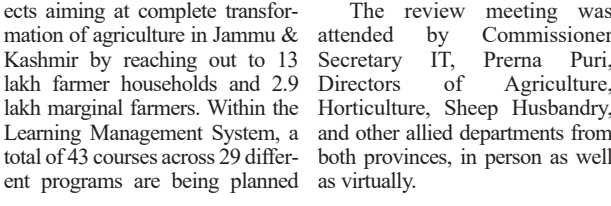
ACS APD chairing a meeting.

## ACS reviews implementation of HADP, sets deadline for each component

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: The Agriculture Production Department has planned to implement the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) with a mission for transformative and holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors across Jammu & Kashmir. To this end, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production, Atal Dulloo, chaired a comprehensive review meeting at Civil Secretariat here today. During the meeting, ACS took an exhaustive review of the online Learning Management System for skill programs for entrepreneurship development under HADP. He reviewed the development, monitoring and implementation of the ongoing scheme while setting deadlines for completion of each component of the program. He emphasised the importance of delivering course content in the easiest way possible, calling for the addition of voice over to expert lectures, which would help convey information more clearly to the learners. The HADP identifies 29 projects aiming at complete transformation of agriculture in Jammu & Kashmir by reaching out to 13 lakh farmer households and 2.9 lakh marginal farmers. Within the Learning Management System, a total of 43 courses across 29 different programs are being planned

and developed. These courses will comprise of 10 lectures each delivered in various local languages such as Dogri and Kashmiri, alongside Hindi and Urdu. To facilitate the initiative, the Agriculture Production Department is meticulously planning, making training schedules, conducting orientation exercises and preparing material for information dissemination. The department, in association with various agencies like SKUAST, is set to launch an online portal where any farmer can learn more about a project and respective schemes or activities. Once an application is submitted, it would be forwarded for scrutiny and approval by the appropriate office. The OTP based login facilitates easy enrollment. Post-learning stage, the courses involve practical training and business incubation and hand-holding for running business enterprises in subsequent stages and as per the applicant's requirements. NICC (NIC Chat Interface), a chatbot of the National Informatics Centre (NIC), will also be available on the portal for assisting farmers with their queries. The review meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary IT, Purna Puri, Directors of Agriculture, Horticulture, Sheep Husbandry, and other allied departments from both provinces, in person as well as virtually.



DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal during launch of an awareness campaign.

## DC Rajouri launches awareness campaign to promote self employment schemes

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Feb 28: Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, launched an awareness campaign to promote the various schemes implemented by the Employment Department under Mission Youth. The event was attended by the Deputy Director Employment, Qadeer Ul Rehman, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria, District Statistical and Evaluation Officer, Sandeep Sharma, and all the staff of the Employment Department. The goal of this initiative is to inform the people of Rajouri about the different schemes offered by Mission Youth, which will provide the youth of the district with employment and self-employment opportunities. The awareness campaign will span all 19 blocks of the district and will last for a week. The nodal officer of Mission Youth, Deputy Director Employment, has instructed all staff to ensure the success of the awareness campaign. The week-long schedule will cover various areas of the district, and the team

will engage with the people to make them aware of the schemes and the associated benefits. At the event, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal stated, "The Mission Youth scheme is an incredible initiative by the government to provide employment opportunities to the youth of our country. I am confident that this awareness campaign will help the people to understand the various schemes and take advantage of the benefits provided by the government. "Our aim is to reach out to every corner of the district and make the people aware of the schemes. We hope that the people will take advantage of these schemes and improve their lives," reiterated the Deputy Commissioner. The district administration is encouraging the people of Rajouri to take advantage of this opportunity and participate in the awareness campaign. This initiative will help the youth of the district to find employment and self-employment opportunities, which will ultimately contribute to the overall growth and development of the district.

## Police uncovers scam in KVS Recruitment online exam, identifies 6 accused

Excelsior Correspondent

LEH, Feb 28: District Police Leh has uncovered scam in KVS Recruitment online exam in Leh with identification of six accused who are on run. On 21st February 2023, a written complaint was lodged at Police Post Housing Colony by a JNV teacher Pradeep Kumar, who was discharging his duties as an observer for KVS recruitment exam 2022, that while the exam was being conducted in GCOM Computer Center Leh, the site supervisor Adnan Ansari, a resident of Bihar was caught clicking pictures of the computer in which question papers were visible. Accordingly, a preliminary enquiry was conducted upon which it was found that Adnan Ansari clicked the photos of the question papers and sent the same to Diwakar Singh, a resident of Delhi, who work as a staff for Lamdon Online Assessment Center situated in Leh. On further enquiry, Diwakar Singh revealed that he was instructed by Vijay Kumar Rohtak (Haryana) to get the photos from Adnan Ansari and send to CBSE as a complaint so that they can change the examination center from GCOM to Lamdon Computer Lab. Diwakar further revealed that the same examination was conducted in Lamdon Computer Lab from 9th February to 14th February and then the center was changed to GCOM Computer

Center where the examination was resumed from 17th February till 21st February as it was found that the examination was being conducted on the given dates, then some 'set' of candidates were brought (all non-local) by Vijay's partner and they were helped to 'qualify' the papers. On this revelation, a case under FIR Number 25/2023 under relevant section of law was registered at Police Station Leh and investigation was taken up by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by Additional SP Leh. During investigation, it was also found that the Lamdon Lab owners including the accused used the remote access/control software along with the Aptech company exam software which was pre-embedded in the computer systems to help the accused persons to enter the answers and submit the paper, sitting remotely. A total of 6 accused persons have been identified so far who are running this racket and identification of more accused persons is under process. The six identified accused are Vijay Kumar from Rohtak (Haryana), Shivam from Haryana, Abhishek from Haryana, Rahul Joon from Jhajar (Haryana), Ravi Joon from Haryana and Rohit Dahiya from Haryana. Presently, all the 6 accused persons are on run and police teams have been constituted to arrest them at the earliest.

## Dr Jitendra announces 'VAIBHAV' Fellowship for Indian diaspora abroad

Excelsior Correspondent



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking, as chief guest, at the "National Science Day" programme at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on Tuesday.

NEW DELHI, Feb 28: On the occasion of the "National Science Day" today, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today announced VAIBHAV Fellowship scheme for 1 month to a maximum of 2 months a year in a research institution / academic institution in India. Delivering the keynote address, Dr Jitendra Singh said, since May, 2014, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi took charge, there has been a visible change in priorities and shift in goals for the Science and Technology Ministry and other Science Departments like Space, Atomic Energy, and Ministry of

and Jai Anusandhan". Subsequently, PM Modi spoke of Digital Health Mission and in his two consecutive Independence addresses of 2021 and 2022 he spoke of Deep Sea Mission, added the Minister. Dr Jitendra Singh concluded by saying that India's Scientific Prowess will define and determine India's Future Economy in the Amrit Kaal of next 25 years. In his address, Prof Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India said that the theme of this year's National Science Day "Global Science for Global Wellbeing" was chosen by Dr Jitendra Singh to coincide with India's Presidency of G-20. He said, India is committed to working with G-20 and other countries to drive scientific progress for the betterment of all. He said, Science, Technology and Innovation has become the core pillar of India's Economic Progress. Dr S. Chandrasekhar, Secretary, DST said, STI has a critical role to play in realizing Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. He also informed that the Government of India is giving huge priority to the Science Streams and even this year budget for S&T ministry also got enhanced allocation. Former PSA, Prof K Vijay Raghavan, Secretary, DBT, Dr Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr M Ravichandran, former Secretaries and scientists took part in the celebrations.

Speaking at an event at Vigyan Bhawan, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Vaibhav Fellowship aims at improving the research ecosystem of India's Higher Educational Institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations between Indian Institutions and the best institutions in the world through mobility of faculty/researcher from overseas institutions to India. He said, the best of Diaspora minds will collaborate with domestic Minds to deliver world class projects and products. The Minister said, the applicant should be Non-Resident Indian (NRI), Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) or Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and she or he must have obtained Ph.D./M.D./M.S degree from a recognized University. Moreover, the applicant must be a researcher engaged in an overseas academic / research / industrial organization with a proven track record of research & development and plan to work for a minimum of 3 months in India. He said, there was no dearth of talent and capabilities, but the vindication came in 2014, both at the policy planning level as well as at the political dispensation. Dr Jitendra Singh reminded the august audience that in each of his nine Independence Day addresses as Prime Minister till now, Modi has announced the pathbreaking Scientific Initiatives. He recalled starting from 15th August, 2014, when the Swachh Bharat Mission was announced to build individual household toilets, thus giving a huge sigh of relief to the rural poor, especially the young girls and women in terms of health and hygiene. Similarly, the other historic announcement "Start-Up India, Stand-Up India" was made by him on Independence Day of 2015, then Digital India, which led to DBT, JAM Trinity and UPI, followed by Gaganyaan Mission, Digital Health, Deep Sea Mission and last year his pitch for Innovation with the clarion call of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan

## Hold mass awareness programmes in SC Bastis: Arya to party men

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: SC Morcha, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir led by its State president, Neelam Langeh held Working Committee meeting at party Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar

order to ensure that the schemes of Centre and UT Governments reach to the people. Ashok Koul discussed the upcoming programmes of the party and laid stress upon taking the Scheduled Castes welfare policies to the community with an aim to

Article 370. He said that all the achievements in J&K have been possible after abrogating Articles 370 and 35A as these were big hurdles in the path of development and progress of J&K and the welfare of its people. Munish Sharma stressed on the prominent roles of Morcha in strengthening the party. Earlier, Neelam Langeh in his address threw light on previous programs conducted by the Morcha. He said that the Morcha would always be ready to carry out every programme of the party with full dedication and assured the national president that in the upcoming elections, BJP will emerge victorious in all the reserved constituencies in J&K. Morcha vice president, BR Rao read the Morcha resolution.



BJP SC Morcha national president, Lal Singh Arya and other senior leaders during the Morcha's Working Committee meeting at Jammu on Tuesday.

here, today. National president of Morcha, Lal Singh Arya, Morcha national general secretary, Sanjay Nirmal and Morcha national secretary, Santokh Singh Guntala participated in the meeting as special guests. BJP State general secretary (org.), Ashok Koul, State general secretary, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, All Morcha Parbhari, Munish Sharma, SC Morcha Prabhari, Jagdish Bhagat also addressed the meeting. Lal Singh Arya focused on how to strengthen the party. He said that he always keeps watching the programmes of SC Morcha Jammu and Kashmir and asked them to organize mass awareness programmes in the SC Bastis in

provide them maximum benefit of Central sponsored schemes. He asked the Morcha leaders and workers to establish a strong connection with the community and ensure that they avail the benefits of the previously mentioned schemes. Dr. Devender Manyal explored the current political situation in J&K after abrogation of

Morcha general secretary, Gulshan Bhagat conducted the proceedings of the meeting. Former MLA, Kuldeep Raj presented a vote of thanks. State office bearers of SC Morcha, district presidents, executive members and special invitees were present during the meeting.

## DC Kathua discusses status of land acquisition for BSF

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Feb 28: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey chaired a meeting of concerned officers to discuss issues concerning BSF. While discussing the issue of pending land compensation in Tehsil Hiranagar and Marheh, the DC directed concerned tehsildars to organize camps for distribution of compensation to displaced persons affected by land acquisition. The SDM Hiranagar was directed to submit the report for transfer of land in Paharpur village so that BSF authorities can move ahead with the process. Regarding the issue of Social Impact Assessment (SIA) exemption, the DC

## Shiv Khara delivers motivational lecture at JU, lauds Modi's leadership

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: Shiv Khara, popular motivational speaker and bestselling author of books like "You Can Win" and "Living With Honour" delivered a thought provoking lecture at Jammu University, here today. Delivering the lecture on topic, 'Attitude, Leadership, Motivation & Values', Khara relayed to the audience the fact that we don't have handicaps in life but are stuck in it

He also spoke about the new leadership position that India has attained under Prime Ministership of Narendra Modi. Citing the example of Ukraine, he reminded that the citizens holding Tri-Colour were given a safe passage there and this was the reason that even Pakistanis based there were seen holding the Tri-Colour to get safe passage. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Umesh Rai, JU Vice-Chancellor, hoped that the student and the

## DLSA organizes medical camp, legal awareness for senior citizens

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SAMBA, Feb 28: Under the directions of Justice Tashi Rabsthan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authority Samba today organized a special mega medical camp for senior citizens of District Samba at Ahata-e-Waqaar (Day Care Center) Samba. Organized in coordination with Department of Health and Medical Education Samba, the camp was inaugurated by Sonia Gupta, Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Samba (also Pr District & Sessions Judge, Samba) in presence of Rakesh Dubey, Additional Deputy Commissioner Samba. Vidhi Khajuria, Chief Medical Officer Samba; Deep Kumar, District Social Welfare Officer Samba; Durga Dass, retired Registrar Administration, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, A/P Member, District Consumer Commission Samba and Kathua, Block Medical Officer, Anju Bala and her team of Medical Officers were present on the occasion. The team of the Medical Officers comprised of Sushil Sharma, Consultant Ortho Technician; Dr Rajesh Sharma, Medical Officer (Ayush); Dr Balika, Mid Level Health Provider; Dr Akanksha Mehra, Medical Officer; Dr Jahida Choudhary, Medical Officer (Eye Specialist); Sahil Gupta, Lab Technician.

This team conducted a total of 106 OPD (Ortho OPD-35, Ayush OPD- 15, Eye OPD- 28, General OPD- 28, AWA ID-10, Lab test-46) at Ahata-e-Waqaar Samba. Besides this, DLSA Samba also organized a Legal Awareness program at the same venue on the "Rights of Senior Citizens". Speaking on the occasion, Sonia Gupta stressed upon as to how the senior citizens are a reservoir of experience and knowledge and yet in many cases they are marginalized and almost wished away by the younger generations of the society as a burden on the society. She also highlighted the myriad of challenges the elderly people are facing i.e. social, physical, mental and economic which are unique to them. Additional Deputy Commissioner Samba and Block Medical Officer Samba also spoke on the occasion. Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary District Legal Services Authority Samba presented the welcome address. Proceedings of the program were conducted by Hitesh Sharma, Panel Advocate DLSA Samba who also presented vote of thanks. At the end of the program, free medicines were also provided to the people as per the prescriptions. This program was attended by Staff Members of Department of Health Samba, Staff Members of DLSA Samba, faculty members and Students of Dogra Law College Samba, Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Samba, and senior citizens.



Members of J&K Branch of ICAI receiving award during function in New Delhi.

## J&K Branch of ICAI gets National level award

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: The J&K Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was awarded with 2nd Prize as "Best Branch (Medium)" for the year 2022-23 at 71st Annual Award function of NIRC of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi the other day. The award was presented by NIRC Chairman CA, Naveen Garg in august presence of CA, Raj Chawla, Central Council Member, ICAI, CA, Hansraj Chugh, Central Council Member, ICAI and office bearers of NIRC to J&K branch which was represented by its Chairman, CA Nakul Saraf, CA, Vikas Purdhan, Vice-Chairman CA, Vineet Kohli, Secretary. The awards are presented annually to the best performing branches of Northern regions of ICAI taking into consideration various parameters of excellence in performance. Under the chairmanship of CA, Nakul Saraf, the branch successfully conducted numerous continuing professional education programs including certificate and diploma courses where eminent speakers participated from all over the country. The branch conducted various batches of orientation, general management and communication skills, integrated & advance inte-

grated concerned officials to put up the requisite documentation for its early issuance so that the process of BOP and Bund could be taken up by BSF. The DC also directed SDM Hiranagar to make a draft of relief and rehabilitation plan for affected populace in Bobia and Londi border area. The meeting also discussed the issue of appointment of administrator for the purpose of award wherein DC issued directions to the concerned officers to set the process in motion. The DC further directed revenue officers to handover the revenue document of community bunkers for design analysis by BSF. The meeting was also attended by ACR Kathua, Tehsildars and other concerned.

because of our bad attitude. "There are no business problems, only people problems," he said. He emphasized on planning and making appointments one week in advance and said that is the mantra to remain ahead of others. He sought to draw a line while explaining the difference between making money as criminal and earning money as honesty signifying thereby that money earned through fair means did, in fact, bring happiness. Khara exuded that a healthy body is a necessary prerequisite and in that endeavor, everyone should focus on physical strength and that should never be ignored. He mentioned that in this fast moving world, technology and most importantly ideas were getting obsolete almost on a daily basis. "This can either be seen as a problem or an opportunity that can be exploited. Even in this era of rapid transitions, people skills, persuasion skills and skills of prioritisation hold their ground as immovable constants and the one who masters them is destined to great achievements in life," he added.

University fraternity will benefit from the life lessons enumerated from thought provoking lecture of Shiv Khara. The Vice-Chancellor also quoted examples of leadership and value systems by drawing comparative in the present day era with the epic Mahabharata. Earlier, Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar JU presented a formal welcome address. Dr Meenakshi Kilam, Director DIQA, introduced the Speaker while Prof S K Pandita, Director, HRDCJU, delivered a formal vote of thanks. Among those present on the occasion, included Manish Sinha, ADGP, HQS, J&K; Anand Jain, Director Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K; Balwant Thakur, Arun Joshi, Prof Naresh Padha (DAA), Prof Rajni Kant (DRS), Prof Neelu Rohmetra (Director DDE), Prof Meena Sharma (Dean Planning), Prof Prakash Nathal (DSW), Sanjeev Mahajan (Controller Examination) and others.

## Govt seems to be serious in PoJK DPs issues: Forum

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: All J&K 1947 PoJK Sharnathi Intellectual Forum in an emergency meeting of its core committee members under the presidency of Adv Amrik Singh, welcomed the high level team deputed by the Union Home Minister to address the issues pertaining to PoJK DPs of 1947 and that of WP refugees and also prevailing security situation in J&K UT. The Forum expressed its gratitude to the Govt with the hope that the Centre is optimistic and appears to be serious over the long pending issues of PoJK displaced persons like comprehensive package of Rs 30 lakhs per family and out of Rs 30 lakh on amount of Rs 5.50 lakh already got released and now waiting for pending Rs 24.5 lakhs in one instalment. The Forum members pointed out that 36918 families got registered in the year 1954 and about 9200 families who settled out of state in year 1947, are not got reg-

istered so far where as only 9000 families have got allotted land at the scale of 4 acre irrigated and 6 acre non-irrigated and rest of about 25918 families are still landless. The Forum reiterated that till dated DPs of PoJK 1947 Sharnathi are not got settled properly they are living in camps like Bhaur Camp, Simbal camp, Badyal Brahmana, Satriyan Camp, Gol Gurjal camp and many other camps pertaining in District Kathua in a very unhygienic conditions. The Forum urged upon the high level team visiting the UT to take the sensitive issues of PoJK displaced persons with the Ministry of Home Affairs on priority and in the meanwhile release pending package of Rs 24.50 lakhs. The meeting was attended by Inder Singh Soodan Corporator, Paramjit Singh, Sucha Singh-Corporator, Tirath Kaur Corporator, Sudesh Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Parshotam Lal, Ghansham Sharma and others.

## MC Thathri passes resolution welcoming Property Tax

Excelsior Correspondent

THATHRI, Feb 28: President Municipal Committee Thathri Mansoor Ahmed Batt and the councillors have welcomed the implementation of property tax in the UT of J&K. President MC Thathri has expressed gratitude to the Government and District administration for the move. A resolution in this regard was passed and signed by all the Councillors of the MC Thathri. The Committee members have unanimously expressed their gratitude to the district and

Sub-divisional administration for the introduction of the provision of Property Tax. The Committee in its resolution has said that the people-friendly property tax shall empower the Civic body and enable it to provide better services to the citizens. Meanwhile, SDM Thathri, Er Athar Amin Zargar briefed the press regarding the Property tax. He said the tax with certain exemptions shall be collected annually and kept with MC Thathri for creating infrastructure and giving better services to the people of Thathri town.

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