

International Women's Day celebrated across Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Mar 6: Various events were organized in Jammu to celebrate the International Women's Day on Monday.
FICCI FLO Jammu-Kashmir & Ladakh (JKL) organized the "Trailblazer" awards ceremony, where exceptional women achievers from different fields were honored.
The event was held at the Hari Niwas Palace, and Ritu Singh, the founding chairperson of FICCI FLO JKL, started the ceremony with the Durga stotram "Aigiri Nandini" to celebrate the Shakti within.
The recipients shared their inspiring journeys, making the event informative and engaging.
Another event was organized by the **State Bank of India, Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI RSETI) Jammu**, where around 60 trained candidates attended.

The Director RSETI gave an inspirational speech regarding equality and respect for women at home and workplace.
Successful women entrepreneurs were honored, and certificates were distributed to the recently trained candidates from the National Academy of RUSETI Bangalore. The candidates were encouraged to start their own ventures and become successful entrepreneurs.
Central Sanskrit University also organized International Women's Day celebrations, where Ritu Singh, a Jammu royal family member, was the chief guest.

The program was presided over by the Director of the campus, Prof Madan Mohan Jha. Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Srinivasa Varkhedi started Nari Shakti Puraskar, under which women teachers and employees were honored.
Various competitions were organized for girl students of the campus during Women's Day week, such as group dance and solo performances.
The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Reasi also organized a legal awareness program at Government Degree College Dadoora, Katra as a part of

Police seizes 12 vehicles
Drive to continue against mafia: SSP
Excelsior Correspondent
SAMBA, Mar 06: On the directions of SSP Samba, Benam Tosh and in continuation of drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized 12 more vehicles which were being used for illegal mining in district.
Police teams comprising of SHO Police Station (PS), Ghagwal, Bharat Bhushan, SHO PS Samba, Rajeshwar Singh, SHO PS, Purmandal, Vijay Verma, in charge Police Post, Supwal, PSI Diveya Bali, in charge Police Post, Goran, PSI Sajid Jaral, in charge Police Post, Rajpura, PSI, Sudhir Singh Charak and Incharge Police Post, Mansar, PSI, Deepak Sharma under the supervision of SDPO, Bari-Brahmana, Rahul Nagar, Dy. SP Headquarters, Samba, Mohammad Usman and Additional SP, Samba, Surinder Choudhary have seized 12 more vehicles being used for illegal mining at different locations in Samba district.

Remain vigil against forces exploiting people for petty gains: Gul to NC cadres
Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Mar 6: Senior NC leader and former Speaker of J&K Legislative Assembly, Haji Mubarak Gul today presided over a meeting of block working committee of Eidgah Constituency at Safakadal, Eidgah.
During meeting, many issues concerning the people of Eidgah Constituency were discussed.
NC Block Eidgah working committee members highlighted the issues so that the same be forwarded to Party high command.
Speaking on the occasion, Gul expressed gratitude to the Party working committee members and well wishers for their continuous love and support to him and the Party in the constituency.
Lauding Party workers and the people, he assured to leave no stone unturned to live up to the expectations of his Party, workers and people of Eidgah Constituency.

Drug peddler arrested in Kulgam
Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Mar 6: Police in Kulgam today arrested a drug peddler and recovered a contraband substance from his possession.
A Police party of PC Nilow at a checkpoint established at Main Chowk Nilow intercepted a suspicious person "who tried to flee after noticing the police party but was apprehended tactfully. He

the pan India program on Legal Awareness launched by the National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with NALSA.
The program was aimed at educating women about the constitutional and legal safeguards available to them and the role of District Legal Services Authorities in addressing women's grievances.
The event was attended by approximately 60 women students from **Government Degree College Dadoora, Katra**, as well as the Principal and faculty members of the college.
A Women Celebration Week was organised at **Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, Udhampur** as well, where Brigadier Gurmeet Singh Shan (Retired), who also happens to be the Director Sainik Welfare Department, greeted the women guests and Veer Naaris.
Zila Sainik Welfare Officer in his address said that the Director Sainik Welfare Department has been personally monitoring and meeting with the ESM/Veer Naaris in his endeavour to know their problems. Thereafter, he apprised the gathering about the existing schemes run by RSB and KSB. He also asked the gathering to update their pension documents.
The gathering was also addressed by a team of Medical Officers of Government Medical College Udhampur. A lecture on women empowerment was also given by the NCC cadet of Government Degree College Udhampur.
International Women Day was also celebrated with great enthusiasm in the **Group Centre Jammu campus**. A cultural program was organised to mark the day with enthusiastic performances by the girls and women of the centre.
The program was inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp of special guest, Neet Verma, advocate, who happens to be the State President of **Women's Human Rights Mission International Council of Jurists**, Prem Chandra Gupta, Commandant, and Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Commandant.
In her address, Neeta Verma emphasized on women empowerment, and made the women aware

about their rights.
International Women's Day was also celebrated in the premises of Brahma Kumaris Om Shanti Meditation Center, Jammu.
Former Minister Priya Sethi was the Chief Guest on the occasion, who highlighted the important role played by Brahma Kumari sisters to uplift the society in general and women in particular.
Chairperson and incharge Brahma Kumaris J&K/Ladakh said that women power can transform this world of chaos into peace.
"If women inculcate values like peace, love, satisfaction then every family could be a happy family," she said.
Guest of Honour, Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal GMC Jammu, also spoke in length about how women can transform the world from chaos to peace.
KD Multi Speciality also organised a function to facilitate women from different sections of the society on International Women's Day.
As per a statement, the function was graced by Ritu Singh, Yasha Mudgal, Priya Sethi, and Ranjeet Kour along with other eminent ladies from different sections of the society.
The statement said that the Women Day was celebrated in the hospital with an aim of promoting health awareness among the women folk.

Illicit timber seized in Ganderbal; accused held
Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Mar 6: Police in Ganderbal have today seized illicit timber and arrested the accused person involved in the commission of the crime.
Acting on specific information regarding timber smuggling, a police party led by SHO, PS Gund under the supervision of SDPO Kangan raided the upper reaches of forest cover at Compartment No.36 Sindh Range Kangan and seized the illegally dumped forest timber in the

10 gamblers arrested in Pulwama, stake money seized
Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Mar 6: Police in Pulwama today arrested 10 gamblers and seized a huge amount of stake money from their possession.
Acting on specific information regarding gambling activities in Cheva Kharud, a police party from PS Pulwama raided the gambling site and arrested 10 gamblers.
"They have been identified as Mohd Ashraf Bhat resident of Pichoo Pulwama, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat resident of Bagi Mehtab Srinagar, Intiyaz Ahmad Bhat son of Ab Rehman Bhat resident of Chanapora, Mushaq Ahmad

3 drug peddlers arrested
Excelsior Correspondent
KATRA, Mar 6: Continuing its drive against drug abuse, Katra Police today arrested three notorious drug peddlers and recovered 22 gm of heroin as well as 280 capsules of Tramadol from their possession.
Sharing details, Police said that during patrolling at Bahni area of Katra, police party apprehended one person namely Gourav Banotra alias Mintu, son of Mohan Lal, resident of Matyal, Katra and recovered 280 capsules of Tramadol from his possession.
A case FIR number 70/2023, under section 8/21/22/ NDPS Act has been registered in this connection at the Police Station Katra.
The other drug peddlers, identified as Shakti Kumar, son of Sain, resident of Serwad and Akash Gill, son of Bodh Raj, resident of Basholi, Kathua, were arrested by Police at Parthal Chowk area of Katra. 22 grams of heroin like substance was recovered from their possession.
In this regard, separate case FIR number 72/2023, under section 8/21/22/ NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Katra. Further investigation in the case is under process to unearth forward and backward linkage and to nab whole gang involved in this trade.
Arrests and recovery were made by SHO Katra, Nishant Gupta under the supervision of SDPO Katra Surinder Singh Baloria.

Burglars decamp with gold ornaments, cash from residential house
Excelsior Correspondent
KATHUA, Mar 6: Burglars decamped with gold ornaments and other valuables including Rs 10,000 cash from a residential house in Ward Number 19 here during broad daylight today.
As per reports, the owner of house Hari Krishan and other family members were not present in the house during the time of theft and they had gone outside after locking the house as well as its main gate.
Burglars however broke the locks of main gate and inside door as well as the locker and decamped with golden ornaments and other valuables besides Rs 10,000 cash.
The police team from Police Station, Kathua rushed to the spot soon after the report was lodged by the family to assess the loss. The police has started investigation in the matter.

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Some women's panel chiefs just doing 'political work', says NCW chairperson

GANDHINAGAR, Mar 6:
National Commission for Women chairperson Rekha Sharma on Monday claimed the heads of some of the state-level women's commissions were only doing "political work" to further their careers instead of the responsibility they are entrusted with.
She also advised women to be economically independent and empowered, which was more important than marriage.
Talking to reporters on the sidelines of 'Women in Leadership Conclave' organised by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) at its campus in Gandhinagar's Bhat village, she said, "Some heads (of state women commissions) are good. They are active. Some are doing only political work. They are just there to enhance their own careers."
Speaking on the performance of Gujarat State Commission for Women, she said, "Till it had a chairperson, it was doing good. But, for the last few months, there is no chairperson and no members." Leelaben Ankoliya had resigned from the post of chairperson of Gujarat State Commission for Women in January last year.
Sharma also said the NCW was preparing a policy framework to rehabilitate women facing domestic violence and currently living in shelter homes. The aim was to ensure women go out and start living positive lives on their own rather than continuing to stay in shelter homes, she said.
Earlier, speaking at the conclave, Sharma said women must dream big and learn to take risks to achieve success in their professional lives.
While the family of a man will help him start a business etc, they will question a woman if she expresses the same desire.
"Family members will ask the girl what if your husband refuses to repay the loan after your marriage and what if he doesn't agree. Don't marry that person who won't agree with you (on these issues). Marriage is not important," Sharma said.
"You need to be economically independent, that is important. I stress on this. Every girl should be economically empowered," she asserted.
The NCW has signed an MoU with EDII to conduct programmes to empower women through entrepreneurship and other aspects, she added. (PTI)

2 drug peddlers held with heroin
Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Mar 6: Police claimed on Monday that they have arrested two drug peddlers from Shastri Nagar area of the district and recovered from their possession 13 grams of heroin.
Police said the accused Akash Kasgotra and Sonu Jamwal of Nai Basti Jammu were arrested at a naka placed near Shastri Nagar Shamsah Ghat with the consignment.
"They have been booked in case FIR number 53/2023 under sections 8/21/22/29 of the NDPS Act registered at Gandhi Nagar Police Station," police said, adding that the further investigation is on.

KKS, BMM for fool proof security to people in Kashmir
Excelsior Correspondent
NEW DELHI, Mar 6: The Kashyap Kashmir Sabha (KKS) Gurugram, Haryana and Brahma Maha Mandal (BMM)Delhi, NCR today urged the Government to ensure the fool proof security of minorities in Kashmir who have become the safe targets of militants.
During a programme today held here the members of the two organizations paid glowing tributes to the martyr, Sanjay Sharma of Achan Pulwama who became the target of Pak terrorists recently. The meeting demanded that people irrespective of their faith be ensured security in Kashmir Valley.
Dr Anil Vaishnavi president, KKS and Suresh Razdan secretary, Brahma Maha Mandal, NCR strongly advocated for opening of land and properties in Kashmir for sale and purchase for rest Indians. The local leaders of various organizations of Gurugram on the occasion extended full support to the Kashmiri Pandits for their rehabilitation in their homeland in accordance to their geo-political aspirations.

Mudgul, Dr Shah nominated I/c Secys for Udhdp, Kulgam
Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Mar 6: Government today nominated Yasha Mudgul (Commissioner/Secretary, Cooperatives Department) and Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah (Secretary, Tourism Department) as Incharge (I/c) Secretaries for Udhampur and Kulgam districts, respectively for monitoring developmental works and other related matters of the assigned districts.
These nominations have been done in partial modification of all previous orders.
Water supply to remain affected
Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Mar 6: As the authorities concerned are carrying out cleaning process of water reservoirs at Parade, the water supply to the areas of Raghunath Bazaar, Shalamar Road, Raghunath Pura and part of Kanji House, Gummat Bazaar, BC Road, Kanak Mandi and adjoining areas being fed from Parade shall remain partially affected for the next 3 to 4 days from Monday (9-3-2023).
The concerned authorities have requested the public to maintain adequate storage of water and use the drinking water judiciously.

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Govt to push bill to remove 65 more obsolete laws in Parliament session: Rijju

PANAJI, Mar 6:
Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju on Monday said the government would push a bill in the Parliament session, which will resume on March 13, to repeal 65 more obsolete laws and other such provisions.
Addressing the 23rd Commonwealth Law Conference in Goa, the minister informed that more than 4.98 crore cases are pending in various courts in India and the pendency would be handled using technology, with a "paperless judiciary" being the ultimate aim of the government.
"Today, in every part of our country, every citizen is a beneficiary of the welfare steps taken by the Government of India. As a welfare state, it is very important that we listen to every individual," he said.
Rijju said the Modi government has been at the forefront of taking various steps, especially in creating "ease of living" for common citizens. "Policies of the government regarding the ease of living are successful," he said. The law minister said the government believes that laws are for the people and if laws become obstacles and compliances become a burden on the lives of people, then such provisions must be done away with.
"In the last eight-and-a-half years, we have removed 1,486 obsolete and redundant laws. In the ongoing budget session, which will resume on March 13, I am going to push a bill to remove another 65 bills (laws) and other provisions that are obsolete," he added.
Rijju said the government wants a reduction in the pendency of the cases.
"More than 4 crore 98 lakh cases are pending in various courts of India. It is not easy to reduce the pendency simply because new cases are double the number of cases being disposed of. Indian Judges are working extraordinarily hard but it is becoming more challenging," he added.
The minister said, in normal circumstances, a judge handles 50-60 cases a day on average. "Some judges have disposed of 200 cases in a day but the pendency of cases is on the rise."
Rijju said the government is using technology to handle this situation.
"We have started e-courts and special projects-phase III... Our ultimate target is to make Indian Judiciary paperless," he said, adding that the government is also exploring other dispute redressal mechanisms like arbitration and mediation.
"Very soon we will be able to push through Mediation Bill so that mediation and arbitration can be institutionalized in the country," he added.
Goa Governor P Sreedharan Pillai, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and others were present during the inauguration of the five-day conference on Monday.
Representatives from 52 countries are participating in the event. (PTI)

Wanchoo appointed Prabhari BJYM KDD for second term
Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Mar 6: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Youth Wing has re-appointed its State media in charge, Chetan Wanchoo as Prabhari Kashmir Displaced District (KDD), for second term.
His re-appointment was facilitated by the BJP State president, Ravinder Raina, State general secretary (Organisation), Ashok Koul, BJYM State president, Arun Prabhant and Prabhari Yuva Morcha, Ajay Pargal.
Wanchoo having political experience and scholarly background is holding good knowledge about the displaced people from Kashmir Valley.
Wanchoo expressed his sincere gratitude to the top leadership of J&K BJP, reposing faith in him and giving him this opportunity.
He expressed strong commitment to work with same zeal and enthusiasm for the better of the displaced people and party as a whole.

RTC for protection of Constitution held
Excelsior Correspondent
AKHNOOR, Mar 6: Dalit OBC Minorities (DOM), a wing of All India Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organisations J&K organised 2nd Round Table Conference (RTC) here for protection of Constitution and democracy.
R.K Kalsotra, Confederation president who accompanied S. Kuldeep Singh, Dr. Sameer and S. Harsis Kranti said many such conferences shall be held across the nation.
"Agenda of such conferences is to educate and make people aware about threats to the Constitution and democracy," he continued.
A resolution was passed that demands of reservation, prohibition on privatization, naming of the new Parliament House as Baba Saheb Parliamnt House, ban on EVM, reservation in higher judiciary, reservation in promotions, reservation in private sector etc shall be focused and dealt with immediately.
M.L. Bassan, Manoj Kumar, Gopal Dass and others were also present on the occasion.

10 vehicles seized for illegal mining
Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Mar 6: Police in Jammu District claimed on Monday that they have seized 10 vehicles for illegal mining in different areas of the district.
A police spokesperson said that one tipper was seized by Police Station Akhnoor, two tractor trolleys by Police Station Kahnachak, one tractor by Police Station RS Pura, two vehicles by Police Post Phallian Mandal, three vehicles by Police Post Jourian and one tractor trolley by Police Post Sidhra.
The recoveries were made by SHO Akhnoor, Inspector Harjeet Singh, SHO Kahnachak Inspector Rahul Mahajan, SHO RS Pura Inspector Pawan Kumar, incharge Police Post Phallian Mandal PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal, incharge police post Jourian Karnail Singh, and incharge police post Sidhra PSI Arun Kumar.
"The seized vehicles were mining illegally in violation of a High Court order," said the police spokesperson, adding that DMO Jammu has been intimated about the recoveries.

S S Dubey takes charge as Controller General of Accounts
Excelsior Correspondent
NEW DELHI, Mar 6: Civil Accounts Service officer S S Dubey on Monday took charge as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the Finance Ministry said.
Prior to taking charge as the CGA, a 1989-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer Dubey was Additional Controller of Accounts, Public Financial Management System (PFMS).
CGA is the Principal Advisor on accounting matters to the Union Government and is responsible for preparation of the accounts and conduct of internal audits for the Central Government.
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In the Court of Pr. District Judge Jammu
Present : Sanjay Parihar
(1) Sh. Ajay Gupta (2) Sh. Pankaj Gupta
Both Sons of Sh. Raja Ram Gupta Both R/o H.No. 20, Sector 2-A, Extension Trikuta Nagar, Jammu (Petitioners)
Vs
Smt. Anju Gupta W/o Sh. Neelakhy Gupta R/o 179-AD Gandhi Nagar, Jammu (Respondent)
In the matter of: Petition for grant of succession Certificate in favour of petitioners regarding the following debts securities of the deceased Raja Ram Gupta S/o Late Sh. Dharm Chand Gupta R/o H.No. 20, Sector 2-A, Extension Trikuta Nagar, Jammu who died on 6/7/2021.
An amount of Rs. 4,68,266/- FDR No. 415961, An Amount, of Rs. 44,791 in FDR No. 0673181, An Amount of Rs. 24,65,000/- in PPF No. 10194361131. Total Amount : 29,78,057.00
Notice to the General Public at Large
Whereas the above named petitioners has/have applied for the grant of Succession Certificate in respect of the above mentioned debts and securities left by deceased Raja Ram Gupta.
Whereas, through this publication the public in general is informed that if any person/persons has/have any objection in grant of succession certificate in favour of above mentioned petitioner, he/she shall file his/his objection personally or through an authorized agent in this court on or before 13-03-2023 the next date fixed in the case, failing which appropriate orders shall be passed. In case of the date fixed is declared public holiday, the case shall be taken up on the next working day.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 2nd of March 2023
(Sanjay Parihar)
Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Jammu