

MP visits GMC Rajouri, takes review of working

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RAJOURI, Mar 10: Member Parliament (RS) Gulam Ali Khatana visited Associated Hospital of GMC Rajouri along with Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kunal and Principal GMC Rajouri Prof (Dr) A S Bhatia today and took detail round and review of different departments and sections of the hospital including PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra.



Rajya Sabha MP, GA Khatana during visit to GMC Hospital, Rajouri on Friday.

Minister, Narendra Modi has a special place for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Central Government is taking special care of people of J&K.

Khatana further said that government is focusing on to provide better health facilities to the people and a number of such steps have been taken by the Government. He said government is taking every step to provide all facilities to the people at their door step.

Medical Superintendent of the Hospital Dr Mehmood Hussain



Guests releasing specially designed T-shirts to declare open VetFest 2K23 at SKUAST Jammu on Friday.

VetFest 2K23 begins at SKUAST-Jammu

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JAMMU, Mar 10: 'Vet Fest-2K23, a three days annual college fest of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, SKUAST-Jammu, R S Pura, began here today.

It was inaugurated by Dr Arun Kumar Manhas, Managing Director, JK Agro Industries Development Corporation, in presence of Dr Raminish Gupta, SP HQ Jammu; Dean, FV Sc & A H; Registrar, SKUAST-Jammu and other esteemed statutory officers of the University.

Dr Manhas and Dr Gupta unveiled the Mascot 'Dr Kenzo' of Vet Fest 2K23 (LITRUMPUS 2023), specially designed VetFest 2K23 T-shirt and declared the VetFest 2K23 open by lighting the 'Sports Torch'. They also inspected the fine arts and other events.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Manhas stressed upon the role of such events in rejuvenating the mind and spirits of students and faculty. He said that SKUAST-Jammu has always fostered creativity, talent and innovation, which are further encouraged by organization of such events.

Dr Raminish Gupta emphasized that such events are not only showcase of amazing talent of the students but are also affirmation of our commitment towards preserving rich cultural heritage.

Hand over power to sons of soil in J&K: Harsh Dev to Govt

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UDHAMPUR, Mar 10: Reiterating the demand for early restoration of democracy in J&K and holding of early Assembly polls, Harsh Dev Singh, former Minister and senior NPP leader today said that the erstwhile State was being illogically and illegitimately deprived of popular Government in violation of Constitutional guarantees as well as the 'obiter dicta' laid down by the Apex Court over the subject.

Addressing a public meeting at Ramgarh near here, today he said a remote controlled system of govern-



Former Minister and NPP leader, Harsh Dev Singh addressing a public meeting at Ramgarh on Friday.

nance could not be the solution for the woes and sufferings of the people of J&K. It is the local leaders and local Ministers and elected MLAs who could better address the concerns of their people and bail them out from their sufferings and pain. The proxy rule of BJP has only led to peoples' alienation, said Singh. The outside bureaucrats and New Delhi leaders, despite their best of efforts, could not be the substitute for legitimate, elected Government asserted Singh.

Seeking the end of BJP's proxy rule, he called upon the Union



BJP leaders meeting with LG Ladakh.

BJP delegation calls on LG, raises several issues

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LEH, Mar 10: Delegation from Drass, led by chief patron BJP Unit Drass, Fayaz Ahmad Qari called on Lt Governor Brig (Retd) Dr BD Mishra at the Raj Niwas to raise several issues.

Fayaz informed the LG about the work assigned to a private company to prepare the detailed project report (DPR) for the ropeway to Mum Nun Top at Drass. He also informed that the company has failed to submit the DPR even after a period of one year. He requested for LG's intervention in starting the project work at the earliest to develop Drass as a prized tourist destination.

Court convicts man for rape, murder of minor

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SRINAGAR, Mar 10: The Additional Sessions Judge Srinagar, Renu Dogra, today convicted a man for the rape and murder of a minor in Srinagar.

The court convicted the accused Zohor Ahmad Sheikh son of Abdul Rashid Sheikh of Akhrajpora Rajbagh Srinagar for kidnapping, raping and murder of a minor girl.

A 10 year old girl was raped by him in the Rajbagh area in 2007 for which a case was registered in Police Station Rajbagh.

"As a consequence of all the above discussion this court is of the opinion that prosecution has successfully proved the accused guilty and the chain of circumstances is also complete pointing out towards the guilt of the accused and none else. Therefore the accused is liable to be convicted for the offences punishable under Sections 363,376 and 302 of RPC. This court accordingly convict the accused Zohor Ahmad Sheikh S/o Abdul Rashid Sheikh R/o Akhrajpora Rajbagh Srinagar in the case FIR No.76 of 2007 of Police Station Rajbagh for the commission of the offences punishable under Sections 363,376 and 302 of RPC," the court said.

Awareness program on "Drug De-addiction and AIDS Control" organized

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JAMMU, Mar 10: NSS and Red Ribbon Club of Government SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu in collaboration with Radio Mirchi 98.3 organized an awareness programme on "Drug De-addiction and AIDS Control" under the aegis of IQAC and G20.

The programme was to aware the students to get registered for Jammu Half Marathon 3rd edition. The event was organized to give message to the youth for adopting healthy life style and come forward voluntarily to get tested their HIV status.

Radio Jockey - RJ Rohit, Jasmeet Sharma, Producer Mirchi 98.3, Shwetima Jamwal and Programming Head Mirchi 98.3 conducted the whole event. The programme started with welcome address of Prof Savita Jamwal, Convener Red Ribbon Club and ANO, NCC. More than 200 students participated in the programme.



A gutted shop in Srinagar's Maisuma fire incident.

Fire destroys 7 shops in Maisuma

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SRINAGAR, Mar 10: At least seven shops were completely destroyed in a devastating fire that broke out at the Maisuma market in Srinagar in the wee hours today.

An official said that the fire, which started at around 3:30 a.m., engulfed a shopping complex owned by Khurshid Ahmed Dar, resulting in the complete destruction of six shops while one shop suffered partial damage. "The cause of the fire is still unknown and is currently under investigation by the authorities," he said.

He added that the fire was eventually put out by firefighters with the help of police and locals, who worked tirelessly to contain the blaze and prevent it from spreading further. However, he said, the damage had already been done, and officials are currently assessing the quantum of loss caused by the incident.

The locals said that the fire broke out on the first floor of the building and quickly spread to other floors, damaging a total of seven shops. "Four shops were completely gutted on the first floor, while three shops on the third floor suffered damages," they said.

The affected shops include Pringo Electric, owned by Riyaz Ahmad Khan; IM Enterprises, owned by Irfan Shafi Gattoo and Mushtaq Ahmad Dar, "Canniez Petz Care owned by Riyaz Ahmad Bhat; and Paradise Engineering, owned by the proprietor of the building, Khurshid Ahmed Dar.

PMKVY producing skilled champions in J&K

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SRINAGAR, Mar 10: Jammu and Kashmir government is making skill development more demand driven and decentralized in its approach with focus on digital technology and industry under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

Pertinently, PMKVY is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) being implemented by National Skill Development Corporation. The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood.

The training imparted at PMKVY Training Centres (TCs) is aimed to benefit candidates either semi-skilled/unskilled or unemployed above 14 years of age. The training programs are certified and imparted as per the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF). Besides, hard skills, TCs also impart training in soft skills, entrepreneurship, financial and digital literacy.

An official said that the duration of training varies per skill courses, ranging between 150 and 600 hours and candidates are provided placement assistance by Training Partners (TPs) upon successful completion of their training courses.

Notably, Skill Hub Initiative programme was launched in J&K in 40 schools who have been identified and designated as 'skill hubs' in the Union Territory but

Kathua DC reviews progress of CAPEX works

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KATHUA, Mar 10: Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Pandey, reviewed the physical and financial progress of development departments under District Capex Budget 2022-23.

During the review, the DC went through each sector and received feedback regarding the present status of developmental as well as non-construction works.

He directed the concerned executing agencies to prioritise the completion of pending projects within stipulated timelines.

The DC stressed upon the concerned officers to ensure the financial completion of physically completed works and completion of ongoing works within set timelines, while taking a review of the new works taken up under this year district and UT CAPEX.

MC Vijaypur passes resolution welcoming Property Tax

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SAMBA, Mar 10: President Municipal Committee Vijaypur Ganesh Sharma and the councillors have welcomed the implementation of property tax in the UT of J&K.

President MC Vijaypur has expressed gratitude to the Government and District administration for the move. A resolution in this regard was unanimously passed and signed by all the Councillors of the Municipal Committee Vijaypur.

The Committee members have unanimously expressed their gratitude to the district and Sub-divi-

Poorva Sainik Seva Parishad holds monthly meeting

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JAMMU, Mar 10: The monthly meeting of Akhil Bharatiya Poorva Sainik Seva Parishad was held at Kargil Bhawan where all the district and tehsil presidents and vice presidents were present. A large number of issues concerning the Ex-servicemen and the society were discussed during the meeting.

Capt (retd) Bansilal and Capt (retd) Ganesh Ji highlighted the



The members of Poorva Sainik Seva Parishad during a monthly meeting at Jammu on Friday.

abnormality in pension of JCOs and ORs and requested for action at the appropriate level. Brig (retd) Balbir Singh, president Akhil Bharatiya Poorva Sainik Seva Parishad informed the gathering that concern has already been conveyed to the national president Lt Gen (retd) VK Chaturvedi. He has assured that no injustice will be done to any Ex-servicemen.

Col (retd) Sukhvir Mankotia, general secretary while discussing pension issue said that it is



Waqf chairperson, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi chairing meeting at Surankote on Friday.

Andrabi meets BJP leaders, asks to strengthen party base

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JAMMU, Mar 10: Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board Chairperson, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi today held a meeting with the Bharatiya Janata Party leaders at Surankote and reviewed party's outreach programme.

The delegation was led by BJP vice president Poonch Azhar Manhas. Other party leaders who participated in the meeting included Mohammad Bashir, Mumtaz Bukhari, Mohammad Akram and Abdul Aziz.

Dr Andrabi was briefed about the fresh membership initiative of the party in remote areas and joining of people from all sects, castes and classes of people with the party in endorsement of the welfare measures taken by Modi government as per the doctrine of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas & Sabka Prayas'.

Speaking on the occasion, Andrabi said that the Party's multi-pronged strategy to expand base for BJP needs to be implemented at the ground level

Mahajan Sabha seeks intervention by LG to nullify Housing Board notice

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JAMMU, Mar 10: Alleging harassment of legal owners of allotted plots, Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha has sought intervention of Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for necessary directions to nullify the final notice issued by the J&K Housing Board, vide Notice NB/HB/Secy/9133-34 dated 01.02.2023.

According to this notice, holders of vacant plots have been served final opportunity to start the construction of residential houses within two months failing which lease deed agreement will be cancelled.

"This said notice is totally unjustified, illegal, and needs to be taken back. The Board should seek an apology from the public for such an act. A large number of people had become legal owners of plots allotted to them after fulfilling all the formalities and submitting the required documents along with the cost i.e hard earned money was deposited as fixed by the Housing Board. These allottees have been in possession of said

Sat kick starts blacktopping works in Ward 40

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JAMMU, Mar 10: Providing best possible infrastructure to the inhabitants of Jammu West at their doorsteps, former Minister and Ex MLA Jammu West, Sat Sharma (CA) kick started black topping works at Priyadarshini Lane 3 & 4 of Ward 40 along with corporator, Neelam Nargotra and several others including district president, BJP Jammu, Pramod Kapahi, JMC officials including AEE, JMC, Raman Kapahi, JE JMC Shabab, local residents and political activists of the area.

The works will be executed under the supervision of JMC at an estimated cost of Rs 20 lakh and areas of both lanes will be covered under the same.

FADA releases vehicle retail data for Feb'23 for J&K

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JAMMU, Mar 10: The Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA) has released the vehicle retail data for February 2023 for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

As per a statement, the 2-wheeler category witnessed a growth of 0.58% as compared to February 2022, 3-wheeler category 54.98% as compared to the preceding year while as commercial vehicle category witnessed a downfall of -12.84% as compared to February 2022.

FADA is the apex national body of Automobile Retail Industry in India engaged in sale, service, and spares of two and three-wheelers, passenger cars, UVs, commercial vehicles and tractors.