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VARANASI, May 21: Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the Telecom R&D centre of Government of India has developed Broadcast to Broadband Gateway (BBG) which will bring revolution at Rural India to resolve the challenge of internet backhaul and fiber-cut issue and will enable the people to enjoy services without interruption.

Also, C-DOT has conceptualized and developed system which receives the live television contents from satellite free dish platform of the national broadcaster Prasar Bharti, using a small DTH antenna and distributes to portable devices like smart phones, tablets and laptops through a Wi-Fi/WLAN technology.

Launching the technology, MoS for Communications, Devansinh Chauhan has emphasized the capability of this solution during the launch.

He mentioned that unlike the

urban students, the rural and village students faced lot of difficulties during the pandemic times due to the lack of rural IT infrastructure.

The e-Shiksha solution enabled the rural people to access the educational contents. He also mentioned that apart from education, the content related to agriculture, health, skill development etc are very beneficial to rural area.

Anupriya Patel, MoS for Commerce and Industry appreciated the efforts made by C-DOT for the development of Broadcast to Broadband Gateway and mentioned that the rural people should not be deprived of any new technology access. This solution is very much useful for the education and the rural students will get the maximum benefit out of this.

C-DOT BBG solution will prove to be a concrete step in the direction of achieving self-reliance in Telecom sector in rural and unconnected areas of the country.

## Young lineman electrocuted, body hangs on cables

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POONCH, May 21: A young daily wager, working in Power Development Department (PDD), as Lineman was electro-



Body of lineman hanging on live cables during repair in Mandi area of Poonch on Sunday

The Station turned the power supply on resulting into his death. Several similar incidents have taken place in the area but no body was punished so far.

People expressed anger and said that even after the 2 hours of the matter, no senior officer of the concerned department reached the spot, while they demanded justice for the family of daily wager.

The dead body hanging on the cables was later removed and taken to Sub District Hospital Mandi, where after performing legal formalities, the body was handed over to the family for last rites.

Deceased was identified as Mohd Younis (39), son of Mohd Bashir, a resident of Chakratroo.

Station House Officer, Mandi, Mukhtiar Ali said that a case FIR number 51/2023 under sections 304-A IPC has been registered and investigation taken up.

## Parihar bags Life Time Achievement Award

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JAMMU, May 21: The veteran social activist and founder president of Social Reforms and Charitable Organisation, Kishtwar, Sanjeev Parihar has been conferred with Life Time

Special Education sponsored by Ministry of Cultural Government of India at Lucknow (UP) on Saturday.

Parihar is known for his service to orphans, destitute and downtrodden persons, besides he has multiple achievements in his



Sanjeev Parihar, a well known social activist from Kishtwar being conferred Life Time Achievement Award during a function at Lucknow.

cap such as running of Ashiana (Pallash) at Kishtwar, Family Counseling Centre for Women at Kishtwar, Free Vocational Training Centers etc.

The Award was presented to him by chief guest Pawan Singh Chauhan MLC and Chairman S.R Group of Education Institutions, Lucknow, Dr.A.K. Singh Director Ananya Institute, Dr. RVP Singh, Deputy Adviser Niti Ayog Government of India, Firdous Siddiqui CMD, IISE Lucknow, and Prof. A.R. Dubey Ex. Vice Chancellor, Lingya and International Institute for

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Those who were present on the occasion were Bobby Chauhan, Mandeep Choudhary, Sarpanch Shamsheer Singh and others.

## Meeting held to monitor NGT orders implementation Narula for creating awareness about existing subsidy schemes

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LEH, May 21: To monitor the status of compliance in terms of orders of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for Solid Waste Management and Sewage Management in Ladakh a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula in the UT Secretariat, Leh.

Discussions were also held on the provision of subsidies for the timely installation of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in the Hotel Industry and other industries. The meeting deliberated on the strategies for ensuring the timely installation of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) by non-compliant units, in compliance with the directives issued by the NGT.

During the meeting, Advisor Narula highlighted the importance of implementing existing subsidy schemes specifically tailored for small hotels and guest houses with fewer than 20 rooms, as per the Industrial Policy. He emphasized that the provision of benefits of these schemes to small hotels that may lack significant resources should be a priority. To ensure

effective outreach, Advisor Narula instructed the LPCC (Ladakh Pollution Control Committee), Tourism Department, and Industries Department to organize a joint meeting with small hotel owners to create awareness about the schemes and their potential benefits, enabling small hotel owners to better understand and participate in accessing subsidies for the installation of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs).

In a presentation by Aditya Madanpotra, Regional Director, Ladakh Pollution Control Committee, the status of compliance with Solid Waste Management and Sewage Management in Leh and Kargil was outlined. In Kargil, a solid waste management plant with a capacity of 25TPD is targeted to be commissioned by December 2023. The establishment of composting/vermin composting/bio-methanation centres near the source of wet solid waste generation is being considered, with the H&UDD identifying mechanisms for the treatment and disposal of wet waste at decentralized level.

The officials were directed by the Advisor for the timely

completion of projects in Leh and Kargil as per the directives issued by the NGT. Further, he instructed the DCs for sustained awareness programmes targeting all sections of society on source segregation.

Principal Secretary/Chairman of Forest, Ecology and Environment and LPCC Ladakh, Pawan Kotwal, emphasized the importance of waste management in Ladakh's armed forces establishments and cantonment areas. He urged the Defence Estates and other relevant authorities to implement necessary measures for waste management, ensuring adequate monitoring to protect the environment and public health.

Advisor Narula also directed to set up a centralized Singly Window Mechanism under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, Sanjeev Khirwar with representation from various departments.

The meeting was also attended by Administrative Secretary, Tourism Department, Ladakh; Administrative Secretary, Power Development Dept, Ladakh; Secretary, Law Dept, Ladakh; ADGP, Ladakh; Deputy Commissioner, Leh and Kargil, Ladakh; Director, Industries and Commerce Department, UT of Ladakh; Director, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ladakh; Director, Urban Local Bodies, UT of Ladakh; District Officer, Leh and Kargil, LPCC; Representatives from Airport authority, BRO, ARMY and ITBP and other concerned officials.

## Govt girls school without water, toilet facility

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MENDHAR, May 21: A Govt Middle School (GMS) at Gohlad in Mendhar Sub Division of Poonch is without water supply and toilet facility while its land is being grabbed by some locals.

The villagers including Shamim Ahmed Khan, Panch Halqa Panchayat Mustafa Nagar Uper Gohlad in Tehsil Mendhar urged the District Administration Poonch and SDM Mendhar to visit the Government Girls Middle School Mohalla Khokham and see on the spot the worst condition of the school. He pointed out that toilet complex of GMS is totally lying defunct due to non-availability of water supply and the drinking water is not available in the school.

The children of the school are facing problems. The mid day

meal kitchen is also lying in very worst condition and the old building of the school is totally damaged. The school authorities are also not paying much attention towards the basic problems of the school. Some elements are also grabbing the land of the school day by day in connivance of the insiders. The cattle and cow dung, are usually seen in the school premises. Some people also dump material in the school premises. Some people park their vehicles in the school compound. Head of the School and ZEO concerned are least bothered. They sought the intervention of SDM, DC and CEO Poonch into the matter. The 16 Kanal and 10 Marla land of this school is being grabbed and the concerned staff and ZEO/ ZEPD are silent over the issue.

## JKTMA discusses issues of transfers, DPC

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JAMMU, May 21: A meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teachers/Masters Association (JKTMA) was held under the chairmanship of the Association president, Rakesh Singh and general secretary, Vivek Gupta where discussions on the issue of transfers and DPC were held.

Speakers in the meeting demanded modification in transfer policy so that teachers can indicate their first three choices of zones and cluster which is necessary to provide hint to transfer committee about their suitable transfer.

They urged Principal Secretary SED to release the adjustment list of recently promoted masters before the conduct of ATD-2023 in order to fill vacant posts of Master grades in far flung areas.

Association president said that

ers working in other districts and for them choices should include zones near their parent district.

Vivek Gupta demanded that medical certificates issued by GMC Jammu should be considered for transfer.

Others members in the meeting demanded inclusion of some local clerks in district transfer committee instead of those from outside Principals/ZEOs as they are well versed with the topography of the district.

The Association also urged the higher authorities to conduct DPC of Botany/Zoology teachers by 100 per cent promotion quota on one time basis as per SAC decision by excluding distance degree holders so that studies of HSS students is not affected by shortage of lecturers.

Other demands raised were choice posting to employees having 58 years of age, filling of the post of Principal DIET Udhampur Kud within a week etc.

## Tony starts road blacktopping in border village

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SUCHETGARH, May 21: AAP leader (also District Development Councillor for Suchetgarh), Taranjit Singh Tony while asserting that only



AAP leader, Taranjit Singh Tony starts road blacktopping work at a village in Suchetgarh area.

AAP can fulfill aspirations of J&K people asked the people to support and strengthen AAP for overall development of J&K.

Addressing a gathering after starting blacktopping work on a road leading Sai to Jabawal Kotli in Suchetgarh today, the AAP leader said that the road project has fulfilled 70 years old demand of the people of this area regarding road connectivity especially at zero line villages.

He said that people of the area had raised the demand of this road before various political

parties even during their rule but ultimately only AAP has fulfilled their long pending demand.

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the water does not reach tail-end from village Sae to Jabawal which is adversely affecting the agriculture in these areas.

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Devotees paying obeisance to Bhagawan Gopinathji at Udaiwala Bohri Ashram on Sunday.

## Annual Mahayajnya of Bhagawan Ji celebrated with religious fervour, gaiety

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JAMMU, May 21: The annual Mahayajnya of Jagadguru Bhagawan Gopinathji was performed across the country and abroad with religious fervour and gaiety today. On the occasion special prayers were held for the universal peace and brotherhood.

At Jammu, a grand function was held to solemnize the Mahayajnya at Bhagawan Gopinathji Ashram at Udaiwala, Bohri, near here. In this connection a Mahayajnya was also held in the Ashram premises which started at 8:00 p.m yesterday and culminated with Puraan-Aahuti this afternoon which was followed by serving of Prasad to devotees.

Despite scorching heat wave and unfettered by day long power curtailment in the area, thousands of devotees from different parts of Jammu thronged the Ashram from early morning to pay their obeisance at the lotus feet of Bhagawanji. There were bee lines of devotees waiting for darshan from early in the morning.

Elaborate arrangements were made by the Trust in advance for smooth and successful conduct of the annual Mahayajnya. Hundreds of devotees including young and old rendered voluntary services at various counters including distribution of Prasad, shoe counter,

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JAMMU, May 21: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu district South will launch a month-long "Maha-Jan Sampark Abhiyan" from May 30-June 30 to mark the party's nine years in power.

In this connection, the BJP Jammu district South under the leadership of its district president, Rekha Mahajan will launch massive outreach programmes for one month in the constituencies Bahu and RS Pura at Mandal as well as booth level.

BJP senior leaders namely former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta, former Minister, Satpal Sharma, Parliamentary in charge of Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan, Harinder Gupta, BJP district president, Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan, Prabhari Jammu South, Ayodhya Gupta, DDC, Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, Vidhya Mottan, former MLC, Vikram Randhawa, former district president, Vinay Gupta, Rajeev Charak, Shailja Gupta, district general secretaries, Akash Chopra and Pushpinder Charak, councillors, district office bearers, Mandal presidents, Morcha presidents, Cells convenor were present on the occasion. This was stated by party leaders in a meeting here, today.

Kavinder Gupta while elaborating on the significance of Jan Sampark Abhiyan, said the nine years of Modi Sarkaar have seen India rising and cementing its position as "one of the strongest and most resilient countries in the world". "India is now steadily venturing on the path to becoming a superpower," Kavinder said.

## 9 years of Modi Govt BJP Jammu South to launch Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan

Satpal Sharma pointed out various achievements of the Modi Government and implored BJP workers to make the people of the J&K aware of the same. He urged

agency which was imposed in 1977 by Indira Gandhi.

In her presidential address, Rekha Mahajan notified that the party would soon launch 'Maha Jan



BJP leaders during a meeting at Jammu on Sunday.

party leaders to work on the ground level and enlighten masses about the public-friendly schemes.

Harinder Gupta informed the primary objective of this campaign is to encourage and aware people

of the Modi Government's achievements in the last nine years. He said on June 25, the party will also organize programmes to hear the Mann Ki Baat programme at booth level across the country and will later screen a documentary on the emer-

Sampark Abhiyan' in Jammu district South. The duration of the contact programme will be one month, which will commence on May 30 and will continue till June 30.

Former MLC Vikram Randhawa and Ayodhya Gupta also shared their ideas and futuristic plans regarding "Maha Jan Sampark Abhiyan".

The proceedings of the meeting were conducted by Akash Chopra and the vote of thanks was delivered by Pushpinder Charak.

## Bali Bhagat for total participation in 'Nav Saal Bemisaal' programme

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JAMMU, May 21: Bali Bhagat, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Minister has asked the party workers to proactively participate in the 'Nav Saal Bemisaal' programme being organized to celebrate the completion of nine years of unblemished governance of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi led Government at the Centre.

He stated this today while addressing the District Working Committee meeting of Akhnoor district at BJP Office Akhnoor in connection with completion of nine years of BJP Government at the Centre.

Addressing the party workers, Bali Bhagat said that BJP is going to observe 'Nav Saal Bemisaal' from May 30 to June 30. He asked party workers to gear up for enthusiastic participation in the programme and highlight the key achievements of Modi Government during the nine years of its exemplary Government.

Bali Bhagat asked the party workers to strengthen the organizational structure right from booth level to district level. He also asked them to ensure hundred per cent uploading of names and details of teams constituted at

Saral Portal. He also laid emphasize upon using the IT and social media with an aim to reach the people every nook and corner and apprise them about the welfare schemes launched by the BJP Government at the Centre.

The senior BJP leader said that despite all the giant strides taken by the BJP Government during its nine year rule, it is necessary for the party workers to always remain available to the people at the grassroot level and resolve their issues and problems. He said that the party is heading towards an unprecedented performance in the upcoming Parliamentary elections especially due to its excellent governance for these nine years. However the party cadre will have to be proactive 24x7 in their respective areas to further augment the efforts in this direction.

Others who addressed the Executive Committee members on the occasion were BJP State general secretary, Vibodh Gupta, district president and former MLC, Rajeev Sharma, former MLAs, Shubh Dev Singh, Dr Krishan Lal and district BJP Prabhari Brijeshwar Singh. While, DDC member, Suraj Singh, Manmohan Singh, Jagdish Bhagat and GS Chib were also present.

## HC upholds cancellation of JDA land allotment

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SRINAGAR, May 21: High Court has upheld the cancellation of allotment of a piece of land to the petitioner by the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) on the directives of the then Chief Minister of erstwhile State of J&K without adopting the guidelines fixed for such allotment and approval of the competent authority.

The petitioner-Rajinder Kumar Bhat challenged the order issued by the JDA cancelling the earlier order of allotment of a piece of land in Roop Nagar Jammu on the directives of the then Chief Minister in the year 2002.

The JDA in opposition to the writ petition, have resisted and controverted the contentions and grounds raised and urged by the petitioner in the writ petition and have sought dismissal of the writ petition, on the ground that the allotment made in favour of the petitioner vide order dated 15.11.2002 was without adopting the guidelines fixed for such allotment and also without approval of the competent authority.

It has been stated that all the allotments made by the then Vice-Chairman, Mohammad Aslam Qureshi, were ordered to be kept in abeyance by the Government vide order dated 05.05.2003; thereafter the matter was placed before the Board of Directors of Jammu Development Authority on its 63rd meeting held on

19.01.2004 wherein it was decided to cancel all these allotments including the allotment of the petitioner.

The further stand taken by the respondent-JDA in the objections is that since the allotment made in favour of the petitioner-Kumar was an irregular allotment, as such, there is no question of handing over the possession of plot of land in pursuance of the irregular allotment.

Justice V C Koul while dismissing the plea by recording that the same is without any merit observed that the allotment made in favour of petitioner-Kumar was without adopting the guidelines fixed for such allotment and also without approval of the competent authority.

"The matter was placed before the Board of Directors of Jammu Development Authority and the Board of Directors of JDA decided to cancel all the allotments including the allotment of the petitioner. Accordingly, allotment made in favour of the petitioner was cancelled", Justice Koul said.

## Three smugglers held, 15 bovines rescued

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KISHTWAR, May 21: Police here today arrested three smugglers and rescued 15 bovine animals from Watsar Chatroo area.

On the directions of SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal a special team with cops from Police Station Chatroo was constituted which was led by Inspector Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday, SHO Chatroo under the supervision of I/C Dy.SP DAR Kishtwar.

The team laid a Naka at Watsar Chatroo and during checking 15 bovine animals were rescued and arrested three smugglers who were in the process of taking these animals towards Kashmir valley without any valid permission.

In this connection, a case in FIR No. 38/2023 was registered under relevant sections of law at Police Station Chatroo and investigation taken up.

## Pentagon Space hires YCET students

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 21: Pentagon Space Private Limited has selected three students of Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology (YCET) in a placement drive.

Pertinently, an online placement drive for the students of YCET, GCET, ABDU, MBSCE and NERIST was conducted by Pentagon Space Private Limited, which has a distinct presence in the online education

business. During first round of the drive, five students of YCET were shortlisted. After a grueling process that included an aptitude exam, group discussion and many rounds of interviews, three students-- Kaustav R Khajuria, Arishpreet Kour Bali and Ayushi Bandral were chosen.

The program was organized and conducted by Dinesh Gupta, Head Training and Placement Officer.