

## Mohammad Altaf Dar Urges Authorities to Investigate Alleged Jewelry Nexus

**Srinagar, Sep 16 :** Mohammad Altaf Dar, socio-political activist and senior trade union leader, has expressed serious concerns over reports of an alleged nexus involving the jewelry trade in the region. Dar called upon the authorities to conduct a thorough investigation to uncover any irregularities and ensure transparency within the industry. Citing the importance of maintaining the public's trust in local businesses, Dar stressed that such investigations are crucial to safeguarding the interests of honest traders and protecting consumers from any potential exploitation. "Authorities should promptly investigate the reports of this jewelry & other related nexus as reported. It's imperative to identify those involved and take necessary action to restore trust and accountability," Dar stated. He further appealed to stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies and regulatory bodies, to cooperate in the investigation to ensure a fair and just outcome. Mohammad Altaf Dar has long been an



advocate for ethical business practices and continues to stand for the welfare of traders and consumers alike.

## General, Police Observer for Ganderbal review Poll Preparedness in district

**GANDERBAL, SEPTEMBER 16 :** The General Observer for District Ganderbal, R. Lakshmanan along with the Police Observer, Bipin Shankarrao jointly chaired a meeting today at the Dak Banglow Ganderbal to review the poll preparedness across the district. During the meeting, the Deputy DEO Ganderbal, Abid Iqbal Malik provided a detailed overview of the ongoing electoral preparations. He said that the district administration has assured minimum facilities at all 267 polling stations. Additionally, model polling stations including Pink, Blue, Red, and Green has been established to enhance the voting experience. Besides Postal and home voting arrangements have been fully prepared, and election staff have received comprehensive training to ensure efficiency during the polls. They also took a detailed review of implementation of Model Code of Conduct and Status of Expenditure Monitoring in the district. The ADDC/Nodal Officer MCC provided a briefing regarding the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) within the district. He highlighted the steps taken to monitor compliance, address violations, and raise public awareness about the MCC. Giving details regarding Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme, Nodal Officer SVEEP informed that multipronged activities are going on daily basis under SVEEP, besides several booth-level camps and interactive sessions have been conducted aimed at engaging

marginalized groups. ASP Ganderbal also briefed the observers regarding the security scenario of the district and measures taken up to ensure smooth and peaceful elections in the District. The General Observers expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made so far and stressed the importance of ensuring a seamless electoral process. They highlighted the need for close coordination between all stakeholders and emphasised the need to maintain strict adherence to ECI guidelines. They called for enhanced focus on resolution of election related issues and also highlighted the importance of monitoring and reporting mechanisms to ensure transparency and fairness in elections. The observers expressed satisfaction with the progress

and emphasized the importance of maintaining strict oversight throughout the election period. While reviewing the working of MCMC, the Observers were apprised that MCMC is working round the clock to ensure close monitoring of Print, Electronic and social media in order to prevent the dissemination of misleading or inappropriate information and to ensure monitoring of paid news besides ensuring media coverage of election related activities within the guidelines of ECI. Among others, the meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani, RO Ganderbal Constituency, RO Kangan Constituency, DyDEO, DTO, Dy CEO, and other concerned.

## Successful Conclusion of 2-Day National Referee/Coaching Seminar of Bukido at KC International School, Jammu

**Jammu, Sept. 16 :** The Bukido Federation India has successfully concluded a 2-day National Referee/Coaching Seminar on Bukido Sport at KC International School, Jammu. Held from 15th to 16th September 2024, the seminar saw the enthusiastic participation of over 40 individuals from eight states across India, including Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Ladakh, and Madhya Pradesh, showcasing the growing national interest in Bukido. The seminar, conducted under the guidance of Mr. Tarsem Sharma, Secretary General of Bukido Federation India, provided a comprehensive understanding of Bukido, a martial arts discipline that uniquely blends ancient Indian martial traditions with modern techniques. This sport focuses on creating well-rounded athletes proficient in both hand-to-hand combat and weapon skills while also preserving India's rich cultural heritage. The sessions were led by Ms. Shikha Pathak, a renowned martial artist and resource person from Goa, who shared her vast knowledge and experience, delivering expert guidance to the attendees. The valedictory function was graced by several distinguished guests, including: - Chief Guest: Anupama Sinha, Principal, KC International School, Jammu - Guest of Honour: Ms. Shikha Pathak, Technical

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Head, Bukido Federation India - Special Guest: Vasu Dev Singh, Vice President, Yuva Rajput Sabha - Special Guest: Dr. Pradip Ravindra Sakare, Member, Bukido Federation India (Maharashtra)

## District Police Udhampur Arrested 02 Bootleggers with Illicit Liquor

**-Sahil Sharma Udhampur :** Intensifying its drive against the sale of illicit liquor, District Police Udhampur have arrested 02 bootleggers in the Jurisdiction of Police Station Chenani in two different cases. Police Party of PS Chenani led by its SHO while performing patrolling/vehicle checking duty in collaboration with Special Surveillance Team (SST) at domail Chowk Chenani stopped one vehicle (matador) JK14A3839 for checking. During checking of said vehicle 38 bottles of JK Special Whisky (37 bottles of

250ml and 01 bottle of 750 ml) were recovered from the



driver of the vehicle namely Ashok S/O Mohan Lal R/O

Sudhmahadev who has been arrested on spot. In this

Act stands registered at PS Chenani and investigation of case ongoing. In another instance Police party of Police Station Chenani apprehended another Bootlegger namely Rattan Lal S/O Ramesh Kumar R/O Chullayar and recovered 28 more bottles of illicit liquor 24 bottles of 250ML and 04 bottles of 750 ml) from his possession. In this regards another case FIR No. 148/2024, pursuant to section 48(a) of the Excise Act has been registered against him at Police Station Chenani and investigation set into motion.

## Distt. Level Drama Competition by DIET Poonch

**Poonch, Sept.16 :** District level drama Competition was organised in DIET Poonch in which students from six clusters participated. The programme was organised after completing the cluster level competitions and best six teams at cluster level were selected to participate in district level competitions. The dramas were based on different themes like Climate change and its effect, Global water crisis, Artificial Intelligence, Modern technology in disaster management, Health and Hygiene directed by SCERT. On direction of Mr. Parikshat Singh Manhas worthy Director SCERT Jammu Kashmir UT and under the supervision, directions of Joint Director SCERT Jammu Division Prof. Dr. Sindu



Kapoor and Principal DIET Poonch Mrs. Anjali Gupta, DIET Poonch organised School level, cluster level competitions and finally district level. Teams from Six clusters were selected to participate in district level competition. Team of school HSS Gali Kalaban bagged first position, second position was bagged by Girls HSS Mandi. The winning teams, their HOIs and escorting teacher's were Congratulated by Principal DIET Poonch and faculty members. Participating teams, their HOIs were Specially thanked for their cooperation preparations, and participations at district level instead of holiday. Winning team will now participate at division level competitions.

## Politically empowered Jammu will decide J&K Government: Rana

**Jammu, Sep 16 :** Senior BJP leader Mr. Devender Singh Rana today said the obtaining political standing and landscape of Jammu has reached such a pinnacle that it is going to decide the next government of Jammu and Kashmir on October 8, the day of counting of votes in the ongoing elections to the Legislative Assembly.

During his campaigning at Dheyaran, Ban and Faghari besides Mathwar in Amb Gharota and Mathwar Mandal of the Nagrota Assembly Constituency, Mr. Devender Rana, who is the BJP candidate, said this is because of the political empowerment of Jammu ensured by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who believes in equal opportunities to the people of the two regions of Jammu and Kashmir in decision making and governance.

"The agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas is actually the mantra to end discrimination with any region and segment of the society besides ensuring equitable opportunities of progress, development and growth to all, irrespective of

religion, caste or region, which is actually the essence of democracy as enshrined in the Babasaheb Ambedkarji's Constitution, he said and referred to the initiatives taken post abrogation of Article 370 that have mani-

pronounced, for the first time in the past over seven and half decades, which is why it is going to determine the governance structure and shape the future of Jammu and Kashmir under the ambit of the BJP's political philoso-

the trajectory of governance in J&K, with a politically engaged and empowered Jammu taking center stage. Political observers note that the region's influence, driven by recent reforms and growing regional sentiment, will significantly impact the alignment of political forces in the Union Territory. With Jammu now positioned as a strong political voice, the eyes of the nation are on the region as it navigates its future in the post-reorganization era of Jammu and Kashmir.



Mr. Rana lauded the vision of the BJP leadership under the Prime Minister for bringing Jammu at the political center stage, saying this has become possible due to the landmark political developments of August 2019. The path breaking decision has opened vistas of opportunities for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, which is discernible by the achievements registered in the Valley and in the Jammu region during the past over five years.

He exhorted the politically sagacious electors to vote and support the BJP candidates and become partners in determining the trajectory of governance. This is the unique opportunity for the people of Jammu to set a roadmap for peaceful, progressive and prosperous Naya Jammu Kashmir as per the vision of Yashasvi Modiji, he added.

The upcoming elections will be pivotal in determining

phy of 'Nation First'. He

## Shrine Board Extends Grand Welcome to Paralympics Bronze Medalists

**Katra, Sept. 16 :** Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) today accorded a grand welcome to Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar, the proud bronze medalists in the recently concluded Paralympics-2024, on behalf of Shri Manoj Sinha Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB and Hon'ble Lt. Governor, JK-UT.

The dynamic duo, Rakesh Kumar and Sheetal Devi nurtured and trained at the SMVD Sports Complex brought laurels to the nation with their exceptional performance. In recognition of their outstanding achievement, the Shrine Board felicitated them at a ceremonial event held at the SMVD Sports Complex, Katra.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, congratulated Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar on their remarkable achievement at the Paris Paralympics, expressing immense pride in the success of these Shrine's para-archers which has brought laurels not only for Jammu and Kashmir but for the entire nation. CEO said that with their bronze medal win in the Mixed Team Compound Open Archery event, Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar have forever engraved their names in the archives of sporting history by cementing their status as Jammu and Kashmir's pioneering Olympic medalists. He exhorted that success in sports is not an overnight achievement but a culmination of years of dedication, hard work and perseverance and achievement of these medalists is a testament to their unwavering dedication, guidance of their coaches and above all, the divine blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi Ji. Their success is giving a new impetus to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports

Complex by inspiring budding sportspersons and creating new sporting icons, he added.

CEO reaffirmed the Shrine Board's dedication to promoting various sports, particularly Olympic disciplines like shooting, archery and athletics to empower athletes to excel and bring glory to the nation. He highlighted

immense health challenges to revolutionize the sport with her innovative foot-shooting technique. Since her debut in 2019, she has accumulated an impressive array of accolades, including winning two gold medals and one silver at the 2023 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China, earning a silver medal at the World Archery Para

2023 in individual and team events, Gold at the 2023 World Archery Para Championships besides, securing a bronze medal in the Mixed Team Compound Open Archery event at the Paris-2024 Paralympic Games. The medalists' achievements are a testament to the expert guidance and mentor-



that the Board's consistent annual investment of Rs 2.5 to 3 crore over the past 8-9 years in developing world-class sports infrastructure and nurturing talented athletes at its complex is now yielding remarkable results on international stages. He highlighted the success of two world-class archers, Rakesh Kumar and Sheetal Devi, who have made a mark globally.

As a token of blessings and appreciation, the CEO presented the medalists with sacred gifts including a Churni and other revered offerings of Mata Vaishno Devi Ji.

Sheetal Devi, a trailblazing para-archer, defied

Championships-2023 in the Czech Republic, which secured her a spot in the 2024 Paris Paralympics and being ranked as the world's number one in women's compound para-archery. Her remarkable journey so far is a testament to her unwavering determination and unrelenting passion for the sport.

Rakesh Kumar, para archer, who also overcame personal challenges and continues to push the boundaries of para archery, has made significant strides in his career since 2017 by representing India on the international stage. Some of his key achievements include winning Gold and silver medals at the Asian Para Games-

ship of their coaches, Kuldeep Chaudhary and Abhilasha Chaudhary at the SMVDSB Sports Complex in Katra.

Sheetal and Rakesh Kumar expressed their gratitude to the Shrine Board for the warm welcome and felicitation stating that this recognition motivates them to work harder and bring more laurels to the country.

Among those present on the occasion were Addl. Chief Executive Officer, Jt. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Director Sports, SMVD Sports Complex, other senior officials of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, esteemed coaches and sportspersons.

## Beautician Course In Pir Panjal Region: A Step Toward Empowering Local Women At Sangiot, Rajouri

**Rajouri, Sept. 16 :** The Indian Army's newly launched beautician course in the Pir Panjal region is currently underway, offering a significant opportunity for women in this remote and challenging area to gain valuable skills and achieve economic independence. This initiative, which commenced earlier this month, is part of a broader strategy to enhance socio-economic conditions in the region, known for its geographical isolation and limited access to educational and employment opportunities.

The beautician course is being conducted at a community center set up by the Indian Army, specifically designed to meet the needs of the local population. The curriculum covers a comprehensive range of beauty care techniques, including skincare, haircare, and makeup application. The training is provided by a team of skilled local experts and trained facilitators who are well-versed in the latest beauty practices and techniques. This ensures that the education provided is both relevant and practical, catering to the specific needs and resources of the Pir Panjal region. Participants in the course include women from various villages across the Pir Panjal

region. Many of these women have expressed their gratitude for the opportunity

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The skills learned in this course can enable them to start their own beauty services business or find employment in local salons, thereby contributing to their families' incomes and fostering eco-

nomic growth within their communities. The Indian Army's involvement in this initiative underscores its commitment to supporting and developing remote and underserved areas. The beautician course is part of a larger effort to promote community development and resilience in regions that face significant challenges. By equipping women with practical, marketable skills, the program aims to create a ripple effect of positive change, improving both individual lives and the broader socio-economic landscape of the

Pir Panjal region. The Indian Army's beautician course in the Pir Panjal region repre-

sents a significant step toward empowering local women, offering them not only the tools to improve their personal and economic well-being but also contributing to the overall development of their communities. The initiative embodies a forward-thinking approach to addressing the unique challenges faced by remote areas, setting a precedent for future programs aimed at fostering self-sufficiency and economic development.