

## 71st Cooperative Week celebration

## Cooperative Societies are bedrock of rural development: Javid Dar

**'Advocates strengthening of cooperative movement to benefit local communities'**



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Minister for Cooperative, Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, today remarked that Cooperative societies are the bedrock of rural development while advocating strengthening of cooperative movement to benefit local communities.

The Minister made these remarks while addressing the 71st Cooperative Week celebrations at Convention Centre here, celebrated annually in third week of November. The event serves as a platform to highlight the transformative impact of cooperatives on rural development, poverty alleviation and self-reliance.

Secretary Cooperative, Babila Rakhwal, Registrar Cooperatives,

J&K, Mohammad Shafi, CGM NABARD, Joint Registrar Cooperatives, Additional Registrars, Deputy Registrars, representatives of various cooperative societies, teachers and students of various cooperative schools and other concerned were present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, the Minister underlined that Cooperatives is a mission and we need to work in mission mode to achieve its objectives. He called upon all the stakeholders to work together to achieve the desired goals of cooperatives.

Javid Dar underscored the need for owning responsibilities of all stakeholders involved, highlighting that everyone should know his responsibilities and work with sincerity to make this movement successful. He read out the famous quote of Author

and Philosopher Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much". The Minister outlined the indispensable role of cooperatives in addressing the developmental challenges faced by rural areas. He underlined how cooperatives have been at the forefront of fostering inclusive growth, particularly in sectors like agriculture, rural banking, dairy and consumer goods.

"Cooperative societies are bedrock of rural development. They provide a platform for individuals, particularly in underserved areas, to access financial services, livelihood opportunities and community welfare programs", Javid Dar maintained. He highlighted that Cooperatives have a pivotal to play in shaping the socio-economic landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister further said that goal of Viksit Bharat can be achieved by prosperous rural economy and cooperative sector has very much role to play in it. Earlier, the Minister inspected various stalls set up by different cooperative societies and also interacted with their respective representatives. The Minister, during the celebrations, launched the new Super Bazaar logo of the cooperative department. He also released Compendium as well as ERP Audit Module of the department. An MoU between Unnat Agri Allied and Marketing Multistate Cooperative Society and J&K Ex-servicemen Cooperative Store Limited was also exchanged on the occasion in presence of the Minister. In her welcome address, Secretary Cooperatives, Babila Rakhwal outlined the core objectives of Cooperative department and the achievements made by the department in recent years. CGM, NABARD also spoke on the occasion and enlightened the audience about the role of Cooperative sector in the development of country.

## DB upheld life-imprisonment of Police Cop for killing wife

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A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Rajesh Oswal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri upheld the life-imprisonment of Mohd Munshi ASI in police department who murder his wife Mst. Mousma Bibi for extramarital affair with his sister-in-law (sister of the deceased).

According to the police On 13.05.2002, Police Station, Vijaypur came to know from reliable sources that one Mst. Mousma Bibi has died early morning, under suspicious circumstances at Raya Phallan. Police Agency swung into action: however deceased had already been buried by the time it reached the spot. An information was flashed to the Senior Police Officers by the Police Station. On 20.05.2002, District Magistrate, Jammu passed an order for exhumation of the dead body and on 23.05.2002, dead body was exhumed from the grave. Autopsy on the dead body came to be conducted by a board of doctors and a bullet was found embedded in the skull of the deceased with multiple fractures. As a result, on 23.05.2002, proceedings, in terms of Section 174 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 ["Cr.P.C."] were commenced and on receipt of the post-mortem report on 25.05.2002, the aforesaid proceedings were converted to Section 302 IPC. Appellant, who was posted as ASI in police department, came to be arrested and interrogated.

The appellant, during investigation projected a story that his wife, the deceased, went to the roof top to collect clothes, fell down and died. However, the story projected by the appellant was found untrue and it

surfaced that accused had extramarital affair with his sister-in-law (sister of the deceased).

It further came to the light that on 11.05.2002, appellant along with Constable Gulzar went to Bani for investigation of some case. He returned on 12.05.2002 and went to his house at Raya Phallan, leaving behind Constable Gulzar at Kathua. His sister-in-law was also present in his house at Raya Phallan. Since deceased was opposed to the illegitimate relations of her husband with her sister, an altercation took place between the couple and the appellant fired from his service revolver and shot his wife dead. Thereafter, he went to Police Station, Janipur, where he was posted, and deposited his service revolver and nine bullets issued in his name along with one bullet, in place of the bullet, which was fired by him to kill his wife. During sustained interrogation, the appellant made a disclosure that during an encounter in the year 2001 in Bari Brahma, he had retained a bullet which he deposited in Police Station, Janipur, in place of the bullet, fired by him to kill his wife. DB after hearing Sr. Adv Sunil Sethi with Advocate Waheed Choudhary for the appellant whereas AAG Amit Gupta for the UT, observed that having regard to the aforesaid discussion, we have come to an irresistible conclusion that the nature of injuries and homicidal death of the deceased caused by the mutilated bullet, which was found embedded in the skull of the deceased was fired from the service revolver of the appellant, which remained in his possession till 13.05.2002 upto 7.30 pm. Since appellant has failed to explain his absence from duty during the night of occurrence i.e.

12.05.2002 and he projected a false story during investigation and in his statement under section 342 CrPc that his wife died due to fall from the rooftop, which he failed to prove, coupled with his conduct of failing to report the matter to the police on seeing the dead body of his wife with a circular hole on the right parietal region as also failure on his part to explain the incriminating circumstance regarding the recovery of bullet from the skull of the deceased, it leads to the only conclusion that it was the appellant who fired from his service revolver and killed his wife. The prosecution has succeeded to establish all the circumstances by reliable and trustworthy evidence and the circumstances so proved are conclusive in nature. We do not find any gap left in the chain of evidence adduced by the prosecution and the proved circumstances are consistent only with the hypothesis of the guilt of the appellant and totally incompatible with his innocence or the guilt of any other person. Therefore, we do not find any illegality in the impugned judgment of conviction and the order of sentence pronounced by learned trial court and we have not been persuaded to take a view different from the one taken by trial court. Hence the present appeal is dismissed and the impugned judgment of conviction and the order of sentence are upheld. Since the appellant is on bail, his bail bonds and personal bonds are cancelled. The appellant is directed to surrender before learned trial court within fifteen days from today and serve the remainder of the sentence. If the appellant does not surrender, the trial court shall proceed in accordance with law, DB ordered.

## DC Kathua inaugurates maiden Millet Restaurant under HADP

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KATHUA, NOV 20**

Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas on Wednesday inaugurated a Millet Restaurant in Pathwal, Kathua marking a significant milestone in the district's efforts to promote holistic agriculture development.

The Krishna Millet restaurant, run by a Women Self-Help Group (SHG), caters to all age groups, providing a unique opportunity for them to experience the nutritional benefits of millets.

The initiative is part of the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) 2024-25, aiming to encourage the consumption of nutri-cereal millets, such as Ragi and Jowar, which offer numerous health benefits. It also aligns with the United Nations General Assembly's declaration of 2023 as the "International Year of Millet-2023". Dr. Minhas congratulated the SHG members on their initiative and urged others to extend support for the promotion of millets. Accompanied by District Officers, including ADC Ranjit Singh, SDM Hiranagar Rakesh Kumar and CPO Kathua Ranjeet Singh Thakur, CAO Kathua Sanjeev Rai, Dr. Minhas emphasized the importance of promoting healthy living through sustainable agriculture practices.

Pertinently, the restaurant's operating hours are from 7:00 AM to 9:30 PM, making it convenient for patrons to visit at their preferred time. This schedule allows



customers to enjoy a nutritious breakfast, lunch, or dinner, while supporting local women entrepreneurs and promoting sustainable agriculture. The DC highlighted that Millets are good for health and also beneficial for farmers and environment friendly. The Millets are energy dense, drought resistant, with lower water requirements and can be grown with ease in Kandi areas and are less susceptible to pests. Dr. Minhas further appealed to the public to visit the restaurant and savor the nutritious food, highlighting its benefits for health, environment, and climate. "Millets require less water and are suitable for Kandi Areas, making them an ideal crop for our region," he added. Listing different government schemes, the DC urged the farming community to take advantage of subsidies offered by the

Agriculture Department for millet cultivation and farm equipment procurement under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP). He highlighted that two millet processing units are now operational in Kathua, addressing the challenge of processing millets, a hardy crop requiring special handling.

Notably, Kathua has emerged as a leading producer of millets, showcasing the district's potential in promoting this nutritious and climate-resilient crop. The inauguration ceremony showcased the Kathua administration's commitment to promoting holistic agriculture development, women empowerment and community well-being. By supporting this initiative, the citizens can contribute to a healthier and more sustainable future.

## Bhupinder Kumar inaugurates workshop on preservation, restoration of heritage monuments

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The Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K organized one day workshop cum training on preservation and restoration of Heritage Buildings and Monuments at Panchayat Bhawan, Jammu.

The workshop was inaugurated by Secretary Public Works, Bhupinder Kumar. The main aim of the workshop was to sensitize the Nodal Officers of Jammu Division including ADDC's besides Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers and other subordinate Engineers about various aspects of Architectural Conservation and Restoration of our built heritage. This included various technical aspects of Heritage Conservation and formulation of DPR's for scheme revival,

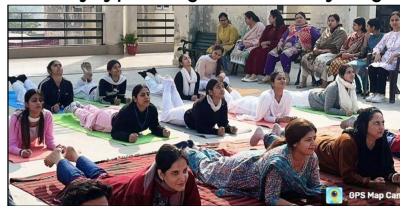


restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu and Kashmir. This workshop was organized on the second day of World Heritage Week celebrations. The training program also aims to create a Team of Trainers (TOT's) from all the districts of Jammu Division who will further impart training in their respective districts. Bhupinder Kumar, while speaking on the occasion, appreciated the efforts of

the Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums in organizing such training program. He added that such capacity building programs are the need of hour and these attempts will add a fillip in restoring our rich heritage. Director Archives Archaeology & Museums, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha, briefed the participants regarding the importance of preserving and restoring our built heritage and how it is important for our future generations. The

resource persons for the program were Rahul Bhosle, Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Dr. Mehran Qureshi, Head, Department of Architecture, IUST, Awantipora, Kashmir, Dr. Navjot Kour, Research Associate, Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology, Tarragon Spain, Dr. Umar Farooq and Assistant Professor of Architecture, IUST, Awantipora, Kashmir.

## GDC Vijaypur organises 2-day Yoga - Meditation Camp



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Department of Education in collaboration Department of Physical Education and Sports, Government Degree College Vijaypur conducted a 2-day yoga and meditation session for its students and faculty members on 19th and 20th November, 2024. The camp was aimed to promote the benefits of yoga for physical well-being and meditation for mental well-being among the college community. The sessions included instruction on various yoga postures (asanas), breathing exercises (pranayama) and meditation techniques.

The camp was well-received by participants, who appreciated the opportunity to learn and practice yoga under the guidance of experienced instructors. The sessions provided a platform for students and faculty to relax, de-stress and improve their overall health. The technical yoga sessions were taken by Dr. Jan Mohd. Wani (PTI) and Prof. Pooja Devi (Lecturer, Department of Sociology) on Day 1 while for day two the technical expert was Prof. Meetu Sharma (HOD Geography). The meditation session was taken up by Prof. Ritu Bhagat (HOD Education) in which she apprised the

students that meditation is an approach to training the mind similar to the way that yoga is an approach to training the body. Principal GDC Vijaypur, Dr. Vandana Verma expressed her gratitude to the organizing committee yoga. She lauded the efforts of the Department of Education and Physical Education and Sports for organizing such a successful event, highlighting the positive impact it had on the college community. Dr. Verma further emphasized the importance of incorporating such wellness programs regularly and expressed her hope for more similar events in the near future. Prof. Ritu Bhagat, (HOD Education) expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the participants and guests. She also thanked the staff members and the Principal for unwavering support and encouragement. Refreshment was also distributed at the end of each technical session. The camp was organized with full support of the senior faculty members namely Prof. Anita Jamwal (HOD Political Science), Prof. Mamta Gupta (HOD Commerce) and Dr. Anoop Kumar Bhagat (HOD Sociology).

## Sanitation workers call off their strike after deliberations with Commissioner Secretary HUDD &amp; Div Com Jammu

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The sanitation workers of Urban Local Department have called off their strike after detailed deliberations with the Commissioner Secretary Housing and Urban Development Department and Divisional Commissioner Jammu. In a meeting held at the Divisional Commissioner office, the sanitation workers were given positive



assurance for considering their genuine demands for resolution.