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J&K people deliberately...

and the aspirations of its people.

We are making committed efforts to bring back J&K's lost glory of knowledge and women empowerment. In the last one year, Government has worked on Women Empowerment in a planned manner with programs like Hausla, Tejaswini, Umeed, LG Super-75, Parwaz, Mumkin, Saath and many more providing opportunities for women in every field, the Lt Governor added.

It is my firm belief that the progress of Jammu and Kashmir, which is the crown jewel of the country, will be fully in line with the dreams of the great men who fought for its complete integration, said the Lt Governor.

Mahesh Chandra Sharma, chairman of Research and Development Foundation for Integral Humanism; Jugal Kishore Agarwal, officials, and research scholars besides other people attended the online conference.

Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram...

right now, and you may be having issues using them. Bear with us, we're on it!

#instagrandown".

Microblogging platform Twitter was abuzz with tweets about the outage as netizens shared posts and memes about the outage.

India has one of the highest number of users of Facebook as well as its other platforms.

As per government data shared earlier this year, India has 53 crore WhatsApp users, 41 crore Facebook users and 21 crore Instagram users.

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that a total of 20 lakh smart meters will be installed in Jammu and Kashmir. While installation of 8 lakh smart meters in J&K has been sanctioned under PMDP/DDUGJY&IPDS, the remaining 12 lakh meters will be sanctioned under the 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme' for which the requisite preparatory work is currently underway.

It was informed that IT hardware has been supplied and installed in Data Centre in Srinagar and Data Recovery Centre in Jammu, besides integrating the system with utility billing system.

It was further informed that user acceptance testing is presently underway and shall be completed by 16.10.2021.

Earlier, the Chief Secretary also participated in a meeting chaired by the Union Home Secretary to consider resumption of foreign travel to India on tourist visa.

Welcoming the idea of resuming foreign tourism before the winter season, Dr. Mehta informed that the COVID situation in Jammu and Kashmir is by and large under control and that subject to Covid protocols, foreign travelers can be allowed to visit J&K if they possess double jab certificate and have taken RTPCR test during the last 72 hours.

Dr Mehta stated that allowing entry of foreign travelers in J&K would not be a problem, especially as around 90 % of the people associated with tourism and hospitality sectors have already been vaccinated with at least one dose.

"Resumption of travel by foreign tourists will provide much needed succour to the UT's tourism industry, which has been severely impacted by the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. J&K would welcome foreign tourists particularly in the winter as several activities are being planned during the upcoming winter season in Gulmarg and other scenic winter spots in UT", he added.

Court extends NCB...

these three accused (Aryan Khan, Arbaaz Merchant and Mumun Dhamecha) were accompanying them. "Investigation is of prime importance and presence of the accused is needed for detailed investigation. It is useful for both the prosecution and the accused to prove their innocence, the court said.

Aryan Khan (23) and the two others Mumun Dhamecha and Arbaaz Merchant were arrested on Sunday evening and produced before a special holiday court on Sunday that remanded them to NCB custody till Monday.

Six others Nupur Satija, Ishmeet Chadha, Mohak Jaiswal, Gomit Chopra, Vikrant Chhokar and a drug supplier from suburban Juhu (name not disclosed) - were arrested later. The court, while remanding them to NCB custody, noted that prima facie, a case has been made out against them and hence their interrogation is required.

The NCB on Monday sought further custody of Aryan Khan, Merchant and Dhamecha till October 11 on the ground the central agency had to unearth the nexus between drug consumers and suppliers, and confront all the arrested accused with each other and apprehend other suppliers of narcotics substances.

However, the court extended their custody only till October 7.

Opposing extension of custody sought by the NCB, Aryan Khan's advocate Satish Maneshinde argued that his client had no criminal antecedents.

Aryan Khan had shown good conduct by not running away from NCB officers when the raid was being conducted and allowed them to search him, the advocate argued.

Maneshinde claimed no drugs were recovered from Aryan Khan's possession.

Aryan Khan and the other accused were detained on late Saturday night by NCB sleuths after they raided the cruise ship which was on its way to Goa from Mumbai.

The magistrate on Monday sought to know from the NCB how much drug seizure was made from each of the accused.

To this, Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh, appearing for the NCB, said six grams of charas was seized from Merchant, while five grams of the cannabis was recovered from Dhamecha.

All these are considered as "small quantity" under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS).

From the other accused, we recovered five grams of MDMA (a stimulant drug). Ten grams of cocaine were recovered from Vikrant Chhokar, 14 MDMA pills from Ishmeet Singh, four pills of MDMA and 3 grams of cocaine from Gomit Chopra and four MDMA pills from Nupur Satija. No recovery was made from Mohak Jaiswal, but he had provided the MDMA pills to Nupur Satija, Singh told the court.

Singh told the court that incriminating material was found through WhatsApp chats of the arrested accused, including Aryan Khan, with drug peddlers and suppliers.

Raids are going on now. Shocking and incriminating material recovered in WhatsApp chats of the accused shows international drug trafficking, the NCB counsel argued.

Accused Aryan Khan, in the WhatsApp chats, is discussing modes of payment to

Jal Shakti (PHE) employees demand implementation of Minimum Wages Act, regularisation

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UDHAMPUR: Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees and workers Association held a meeting of Executive body at PHE Complex Udhampur under the chairmanship of Som Nath President Jal Shakti Employees and Workers Association and Vice President of National Panther Party Trade Union J&K UT. The various long pending genuine demands were highlighted.

Speaking on the occasion, Som Nath criticised the role of J&K UT Government and demanded that the pending issue of all type of Daily Wagers who are working since 20-25 years should be resolved. The Government is befooling the Daily Wagers and taking work from them for free. "The backlog of the pending wages above five years shall be paid immediately" he demanded. The time bound promotion (Institution) which was done in the Divisional office and now it is done from the Chief Engineer office Jammu, it is again should be done in the Divisional Office. Som Nath also demanded that the issues

DDC members reviews PWD(R&B) works

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Suresh Sharma, member District Development Council, held a review meeting with the officials of the PWD (R&B) department.

DDC Suresh Sharma while giving directions to the officers of the department said that the forest cutting and repair work of all the roads should be done at the earliest. Laying of asphalt should be done in the damaged roads due to rain and drains should be made on every road to drain the water. In



repair works like black top on roads, protection work, cleaning of roads should be done soon.

Apart from this, Suresh Sharma said, "the work of all

the roads that have been tendered, should be started as soon as possible, so that people do not face any problem in commuting and tender process should be started for the two causeways to be built on the road of Kathar"

He also discussed on the road of Manoh Guda-Panada and said that work should be started on that road as soon as possible after doing its paperwork. PWD (R&B) XEN Balbeer Singh, AEE Angrez Singh and other engineers of the department were present in this meeting.

DLSA Udhampur conducts inter-school essay contest

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UDHAMPUR: In connection with the Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign launched under the aegis of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", District Legal Services Authority Udhampur on Monday conducted Essay Competition on the topic "Freedom Movement" through Five Legal Literacy Clubs of Government Higher Secondary School Kud, Government Model Higher Secondary School Majalta, Government Model Boys Higher Secondary School Udhampur, Government Model Higher Secondary Rambagar and Government Model Girls Hr. Secondary Udhampur via virtual Mode.

The event was held under the guidance of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Udhampur. The principals of the schools were instructed to select five Essays of the Students from each School and share the same with Secretary DLSA Udhampur on the designated whatsapp Group. The Secretary personally interacted with the Principals, Staff and the Students. The best Essays were judged 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the winners were presented merit certificates, while the rest of the Students who participated in the Essay Competition were given the appreciation Certificates.

Similar Essay Competitions were organised through local Legal Literacy Clubs by the Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Committee Rambagar, Chenani and Majalta.

the people of Ladakh and the same thing is happening in Kashmir where people from different political parties come together for the interests of the people of the valley, why such a thing is not possible in Jammu.

As long as the interests of Jammu and the wishes and aspirations of the people of Jammu region are concerned, there will be no compromise over it. If there is a need to make any sacrifice, I am ready for it, Rana said.

The NC leader, however, said he is not forming any separate party as well.

Rana said he stood by the Jammu declaration and will continue to propagate for its need till his last breath.

I don't mind if anyone has any objection to it. I am also not angry with anyone. My only concern is the interests of Jammu and wishes and aspirations of the people of Jammu region, he said, adding the Jammu declaration is an attempt in this direction where people from all walks of life, caste, creed and religion and political parties including BJP need to come together.

On January 30, Rana proposed the Jammu declaration', a charter to forge unity and reinforce trust between diverse communities and divergent regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

The core of the declaration will be to engage the people in inter-region and intra-regional dialogue to bridge the fault-lines being created by divisive forces on the basis of region and religion, Rana had said.

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improved mulberry varieties, production of quality silkworm seeds, assistance to farmers for silkworm rearing, organising of cocoon auction markets and promotion of silk rearing in private sector. Besides, the department has Incubation and Chawki Rearing Centres (ICRCs) and is adapting to improved and new technologies in silk-worm rearing, the officers said.

The Minister also met with the delegations of trade, commerce, industry and other stakeholders who put forth their demands and grievances. The Minister listened to these delegations patiently and assured that their genuine demands and issues will be duly redressed.

District Development Commissioner Dr. Piyush Singla, SSP Ashish Mishra, Joint Director Handicrafts and Handlooms, Director Central Sericulture, Director NIFT, Deputy Director Handicrafts, Assistant Directors of Handicrafts and Handloom and other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

Gravity of offence...

conduct of the accused and societal impact of an undue indulgence by Court when the investigation is at the threshold, are also amongst a few situations, where a Superior Court can interfere in an order of bail to prevent the miscarriage of justice and to bolster the administration of criminal justice system.

This Court has repeatedly viewed that while granting bail, especially anticipatory bail which is per se extraordinary in nature, the possibility of the accused to influence prosecution witnesses, threatening the family members of the deceased, fleeing from justice or creating other impediments in the fair investigation, ought not to be overlooked, the bench said.

The bench also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hina Kohli said that the cancellation of bail is to be dealt on a different footing in comparison to a proceeding for grant of bail.

Conventionally, there can be supervening circumstances that may develop post the grant of bail and are non conducive to a fair trial, making it necessary to cancel the bail, it said.

The apex court said in addition, bail can also be revoked where the court has considered irrelevant factors or has ignored relevant material available on record which renders the order granting bail legally untenable.

It said that each case has its unique factual scenario which holds the key for adjudication of bail matters including cancellation.

The top court was hearing an appeal filed by Vipan Kumar Dhir challenging the anticipatory bail granted by the Punjab and Haryana High Court to the mother-in-law of his daughter in a dowry death case.

The apex court said that offence alleged in the instant case is "heinous and pro-trades our medieval social structure" which still wails for reforms despite multiple efforts made by Legislation and Judiciary.

In the case in hand, the High Court seems to have been primarily swayed by the fact that the accused was 'co operating' with the investigation.

This is, however, contrary to the record as the accused remained absconding for more than two years after being declared a proclaimed offender on April 23, 2018. She chose to join the investigation only after securing interim bail from the High Court. She kept on hiding from the Investigating Agency as well as Magistrate's Court till she got protection against arrest from the High Court, the bench said.

The top court said that even if there was any procedural irregularity in declaring the accused as an absconder, that by itself was not a justifiable ground to grant pre-arrest bail in a case of a grave offence.

The allegations in the FIR against the mother-in-law and her younger son are materially different, the court said.

It is indubitable that some of the allegations against all the family members are common but there are other specific allegations accusing the mother-in-law of playing a key role in the alleged offence.

The conduct of the accused in absconding for more than two years without any justifiable reason should have weighed in mind while granting her any discretionary relief. These facts put her on a starkly different pedestal than the co accused with whom she seeks parity, the bench said.

It said the High Court has wrongly accorded the benefit of parity in favour of the accused and it has to be borne in mind that the deceased met with a tragic end within three months of her marriage. While it is too early to term it an offence under Sections 302 (murder) or 304B of Indian Penal Code but the fact remains that a young life came to an abrupt end before realising any of her dreams which were grimly shattered. She died an unnatural death in her matrimonial home.

The accused is the mother-in-law of the deceased. The Investigating Agency, therefore, deserves a free hand to investigate the role of the Respondent -Accused, if any, in the unnatural and untimely death of her daughter-in-law- law, the bench said.

Amit Sharma appointed...

sections 43, 43A, 44 and 45 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, can be placed before the authority for hearing/perusal and justice thereof as per the relevant clause(s) of The Information Technology Act, 2000. Complaint(s) under relevant sections, as given above, can be registered either at cit-jk@nic.in (Email) or registered letter or in person in any of the above mentioned office addresses on any working day between 1000 hours to 1600 hours.

GDC Khour observes weeklong programme to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti

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KHOUR: NSS unit of GDC Khour organised an intra-college poster making competition to commemorate 152nd anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. As part of the weeklong celebration, the theme of today's activity was Gandhi's Principle of Truth & Non - Violence. Students of the college participated in the program by making colorful & insightful posters.

In this competition, 1st position was secured by Reena Choudhary of Semester 6th, 2nd by Kanchan Manhotra of semester 3rd and 3rd by Shiwanee Bhagat of semester 6th, GDC Khour. The posters were evaluated by the advisory committee comprising of Prof. Tarsem Lal and Dr. Kuldeep Raj Sharma. The whole event was organised by NSS PO Prof Gurvinder Kour under the able guidance of Prof. Rama Badaly, Principal of the College. Principal of the College congratulated the students for their participation in the event with zeal and enthusiasm and appreciated the team for organizing the event.

Prominent social activists join JKPC

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POONCH: Impressed of the policies and programmes of Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Conference (JKPC) large number of Women social activists on Monday voluntarily joined the party in Poonch District. Those who joined the party include Naseem Akhtar, Amrash Kaur, Payal Khajuria, Tasneem Mughal, Shama Devi and others.

The District President

JKPC Er. Rydhampreet Singh

ers including Ajaz Ahmed, Kohli, Mohd Shaban, Mohd Rukhsar, Imran Moheen and Prince Kumar

welcomed the new entrants.

The new entrants while addressing on the occasion thanked District President JKPC for allowing their entry in the party fold. They said that the party with its people friendly policies and programmes is gaining great popularity under the leadership of Priti's youth President Sajad Gani Lone and assured that they will leave no stone unturned in promoting the party and rendering service to the people.



District President JKPC Er. Rydhampreet Singh along with new entrants of party at Poonch.