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National Job Fairs and an IEC campaign should be launched to generate awareness among the target population, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor directed the department for registration of the entire unorganized workforce and transition of all accounts of J&K EPFO to Central EPFO at the earliest.

Industries in the UT should employ local skilled workforce and trained ITI professionals. Department should carry out assessment of career counseling sessions every six months, the Lt Governor said to the officers.

Directions were also issued to activate Labour Sarais(night shelters), their proper functioning and completing the under construction shelters at the earliest; resolving all 974 pending Court Cases under various Labour Acts in stipulated time frame and conducting regular meetings of Advisory Boards pertaining to Labour and Employment Department, besides proper functioning of ESI Scheme.

The Lt Governor was briefed about the functioning and roles of the department via a Power point presentation by Sarita Chauhan, Commissioner Secretary, Labour & Employment Department.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Munir Ul Islam, Chief Executive Officer/Secretary, J&K Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board; Nisar Ahmad Wani, Director Employment, J&K; Abdul Rashid War, Labour Commissioner Jammu and Kashmir; besides other concerned officers of the department were present.

Terrorist hideout busted...

four hand grenades, four Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) cartridges, a wireless set, 16 improvised explosive device (IED) batteries and three AK magazines with rounds were seized from the hideout.

The operation was carried out acting on specific information, they said, adding that no one was arrested.

Around 95 pc...

parliamentarian Ranjit Ranjan said here.

Around 95 per cent overall polling was recorded in Jammu and Kashmir in the Congress president's elections, simultaneously, at both places in Srinagar and Jammu headquarters of the party.

Earlier, several Congress delegates, including JKPC president Vikar Rasool, Karan Singh, and former JKPC president Ghulam Ahmed Mir, cast their votes here.

Speaking on the occasion, Rasool said the party's internal election was the "beauty of democracy. Such a process has not been seen in any party till date."

In the earlier elections, the president was elected directly by passing a resolution and this time as well, a proposal was passed to elect party leader Rahul Gandhi as the president, but he refused to take the top post, Rasool said.

200 electric buses...

Department (HU&DD) Dheeraj Gupta.

The collaboration is part of the Jammu and Kashmir government's initiative to establish an environmentally, socially, and financially sustainable network of public transport for Jammu and Srinagar, they said.

Under this project, Tata Motors and Chalo Mobility will jointly work to smoothen the functioning of electric buses in both cities in coordination with Jammu Smart City and Srinagar Smart City, they said.

Tata Motors will be responsible for the supply, operation and maintenance of elec-

tric buses, 100 each in Jammu and Srinagar, they added.

Chalo Mobility will deploy its consumer technology solutions to offer conveniences like electronic ticket issuing Machines (ETIMs), an Automated Fare collection system (AFCS), a mobile app with Mobile Tickets and Mobile Passes platform, smart cards platform and cloud-based hosting.

The Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) has executed the tendering process for the supply and operations of electric buses and to establish a national common mobility card-compliant digital ticketing solution in both the smart cities, the officials said.

Speaking on the occasion, the UT chief secretary said the induction of electric buses will transform the transport system in both cities Jammu and Srinagar.

He asked both firms to ensure the best travelling experience for people.

Principal Secretary Gupta said electric vehicles are the future of transport as they are eco-friendly, ideal for the urban environment, and contribute to reducing pollution levels.

He added this collaboration will facilitate effortless and convenient travel in electric buses in Jammu and Srinagar.

"Passengers can also get details like real-time tracking of buses, how congested it is, along with expected time of arrival," he said.

The principal secretary also informed that the partnership between both firms will also eliminate the need for paper tickets and make contactless ticketing a greener option.

"It will also play a significant role in savings on ticketing costs for the authority," he added.

Apart from reducing pollution levels, the electric buses are also equipped with state-of-the-art facilities like a panic button, location system, CCTV, stop request system, and other security-related features, the officials added.

Centre okays lowering...

an official source said.

In a meeting held on October 14, the NMC recommended a reduction in the qualifying percentile for post-graduate courses for 2022.

Going by the reduction of cut-off marks by 25 percentile across all categories, the revised qualifying percentile/cutoff for general category candidates would be 25 percentile, for people with disabilities in the general category (PWD-general) it would be 20 percentile, and 15 percentile for both the SC/ST/OBC and people with disabilities in the SC/ST/OBC category, an official source said.

DGP Lohia's suspicious...

the officials said a torn belt was seen hanging from the ceiling and the explanation Yasir gave was that he had attempted suicide after killing DGP Lohia.

Yasir was also subjected to psychological examination as he seemed to have acted in a fit of rage after his expectation of a government job was not fulfilled.

The main accused Yasir emerged as the key suspect in the murder as he was found missing from the scene of the crime and later CCTV footage showed him running away from the house using the backdoor.

The accused also attempted to burn the body of the officer by throwing a burning pillow, attracting the attention of the family and his guards who rushed and broke open the door.

The accused attempted suicide after killing the officer but the belt which he had tied around his neck snapped under his weight. Marks of the belt were found on his neck as well.

Mapping activities of Yasir, a school dropout, when he had fled from his ancestral village, officials said that he had been working with a senior IAS officer as a cook and joined at the house of Lohia's friend about six months ago.

After leaving the residence of the senior IAS officer, he had worked in the garden

Both drivers were arrested and a case under relevant sections was registered against them at Police Station Bahu Fort. The arrested accused were identified as Joginder Singh, son of Davi Chand, resident of Chanani and Gurmail Singh, son of Joginder Singh, resident of House no 192, Sector-7, Nanak Nagar. It is pertinent to mention that involvement of GREF is also under suspicion in the case.

12 bovine animals rescued, smuggler arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Acting tough against bovine smugglers, Police on Monday rescued 12 bovines at Chowki Choura from a vehicle (JK02BH-0467) which was on its way from Jammu towards Rajouri and arrested a smuggler. FIR under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Akhnoor and accused, identified as Surjeet Kumar, son of Saptal, resident of Tanda, Tehsil R S Pura, was arrested on the spot. The recoveries were made by SHO Akhnoor Inspir Harjeet Singh assisted by Incharge Police Post Chowki Choura PSI Pankaj Katoch under overall supervisions of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal.

Absconder arrested after 15 years

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Monday nabbed an absconder who was evading arrest from last 15 years.

As per details, information was received at Police Station Bahu Fort through reliable sources regarding an absconder who was evading arrest for last 15 years in FIR No. 67/2006 registered under sections 279/337/338 of RPC at Police Station Bahu Fort. On this, a team of Police Station Bahu Fort under the supervision of SDPO East Sayed Abbas Jafari led by SHO Police Station Bahu Fort Inspir Nayat Ali, after putting in strenuous efforts, raided at suspected location and generated input regarding presence of suspect in Kishtwar. Accordingly, a team was sent to Kishtwar and with help of local police, the absconder namely Devender Singh, son of Hira Lal, resident of Paddar Kishtwar. The accused will be produced in the court.

Man found dead in mysterious circumstances

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Monday recovered an unidentified body under mysterious circumstances at Greater Kailash.

According to police, information was received that a body is lying under suspicious circumstances near Maa Vaishnavi Marble Store, Greater Kailash. On receiving

at a senior IPS officer for a day before being kicked out from there.

The officials quoting the team of doctors claimed that though the accused was medically normal he often had bouts of anger and had violent behavioural tendencies and had been suffering from acute depression.

He was also questioned about his personal diary in which he had written "I hate my life" and "Dear death I am waiting for you", besides scribbling an entire song of Bollywood movie Aashiqi 2 - "Bhula dena mujhe, hai alvida tujhe" (forget me as I bid you a final goodbye) -- in which the lyrics talk about separation and final goodbye.

It seemed, according to the investigators, the school dropout was fed up with life.

In Hindi and broken English, he has also written in his diary one-line sentences like: "I want restart My life", "Zindagi to bas taklif deti hai, sukoon to mauti deti hai (life only hurts, death brings peace), and "every day starts with expectation but ends with bad experience".

He wrote he was "99 per cent sad" in his life but wore a "fake smile 100 per cent".

"I am 10 per cent happy, having zero per cent love in life and 90 per cent tension in life. I hate my life which only gives pain and waiting for death to restart my life," he wrote.

Working on all the theories, the Special Crime Branch team decided to get the Narco test conducted to get more clarification on certain queries, raised from many quarters.

Experts say, "Narco test involves the injection of a drug, sodium pentothal, which induces a hypnotic or sedated state in which the subject's imagination is neutralised, and they are expected to divulge true information." These tests are conducted in FSL Chandigarh or FSL Hyderabad.

J&K Govt invites..

also in the list.

As per the scheme, the nominations for granting J-K Government Awards' shall be made by Social Organization, Sports Bodies, NGOs, Universities, J-K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Administrative Secretaries in relation to awards for Meritorious Public Service, Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, he said.

Accordingly, all the concerned have been requested to send suitable nominations and recommendations in respect of eligible persons and organizations along-with citation(s) and supporting documents by or before November 15 for consideration for conferment of award on the eve of Republic Day, 2023, the spokesman said.

The relevant government orders and policy on the subject are available on the official website of the General Administration Department, he said.

DAP committed to...

delimitation in Jammu and Kashmir as assured by the Prime Minister and the Home Minister to J-K leaders in the all party meeting.

Batting strongly for holding assembly elections, Azad said for the past four years, there is "no representative government" in J&K, which is the biggest cause of under development.

Former Dy Chief Minister Tara Chand in his address said that performance of BJP Government in the last 8 years has been poor on all fronts. Inflation has skyrocketed, because of which the lives of the common man have been seriously impacted, unemployment rate is the highest in 45 years.

While lauding the leadership of Ghulam Nabi Azad, Balwan Singh said that opening of new Medical Colleges, Cancer Institutes, health centres, and extension of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the State proved the commitment, dedication and love of Azad towards the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

information, police immediately rushed to the spot and took body in their possession after which it was shifted to morgue.

Man nabbed with arms & ammunition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: Police on Monday arrested a man along with arms and ammunition in Kupwara district.

Police said that accused Mohd Shafi Sheikh, son of Ali Aksar Sheikh, resident of Hajira Karnah was apprehended by a joint team of Kupwara Police and Army. Acting on information, a police team led by Incharge Police Post Taad ASI Muneeb Ahmad along with local Army unit of 3/8 GR conducted search at house of accused. On questioning, Shafi revealed that he has concealed some arms and ammunition in a sewing machine, police said. On his disclosure, 11 Pistol rounds and 2 live grenades were recovered during search and accused was arrested. Case under relevant provisions of law was registered against Mohd Shafi Sheikh and investigations started. Pertinent to mention here that Mohd Shafi Sheikh is already facing trial in a similar case, charge-sheeted against him in 2021. More arrests are expected in case, said police.

Man held for setting ablaze two vehicles near Tehsil Court Complex Surankote

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Police on Monday arrested a person after he allegedly set ablaze two vehicles, damaging them substantially while some others parked nearby also suffered damages in Surankote area of Poonch district, officials said on Monday. They said that the person, whose name has not been officially revealed, also tried to set ablaze his house in the district.

Confirming the report, a police officer said that at about 7 AM, information was received from reliable source that a person put on fire two vehicles-Scorpio (PB35M-7310) and Mahindra Bolero (JK02BL-0718) near Tehsil Court Complex, due to which both vehicles suffered substantial damages. Some other vehicles parked nearby also got damaged due to heat but timely action saved them from significant damage, he added. Subsequently, the officer said that the accused also put his house on fire, and same was saved from any damage. The accused was arrested and is presently in police custody, the officer added.

3 drug-peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL/BANDIPORA: Continuing efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs, Police on Monday arrested 3 drug-peddlers in Ganderbal & Bandipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Kangan at a checkpoint established at Iqbal Abad Kangan, arrested a drug-peddler identified as Muzaffar Ahmad Jagal, son of Nazir Ahmad Jagal, resident of Naranag, Kangan. During search, contraband substance was recovered from his possession. He was shifted to police station where he remained in custody.

Similarly in Bandipora, officers from Police Post Nowgam at a checkpoint established on Tularzoo Gunchipora Road arrested two drug-peddlers identified as Mukhtar Ahmad Wani, son of Mohd Yousuf Wani and Nayeem Ahmad Zargar, son of Gh Rasool Zargar, both residents of Patti. During search, 7.5 Kg Charas was recovered from their possession. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective Police stations and investigations started.

Truckers involved in diesel smuggling arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Monday arrested two truck drivers who were involved in diesel smuggling at Narwal.

As per details, information was received at Police Post Narwal from reliable sources that an oil tanker (JK02 AT 9208) loaded with diesel was supposed to deliver oil at GREF, but oil tanker did not reach GREF and unloaded oil to another tanker, which was to be sent to Kishtwar. On this, a team of Police Post Narwal under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari led by SHO Bahu Fort Inspir Nayat Ali assisted by Incharge Police Post Narwal, PSI Lalit Kumar after putting in strenuous efforts, rounded up two suspects on two different tankers (JK02BF 0328 & JK02AT 9208) during a special Naka.

BBSBE Trust celebrates birth anniversary of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To celebrate 352nd birth anniversary of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Educational (BBSBE) Trust, Jammu organised two-day programme in Jammu. A Seminar was organised on 'Life and achievements of Legendary Sikh Warrior Baba Banda Singh Bahadur' at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu, wherein Dr Jaspal Singh, Former VC, Punjabi University Patiala, former Ambassador of GoI and Dr Paramveer Singh, Head, Encyclopedia on Sikhism, Punjabi University Patiala discussed various aspects of the great visionary and warrior. Dr S S Pahwa also shared his

SOS International demands continuation of PM Assistance scheme for PoJK DPs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: SOS International, an organization of PoJK Displaced Persons, has expressed serious concern over insensitive attitude of the Government towards grievances and issues of the displaced community, saying that contrary to their hope of getting justice after abrogation of Article 370, the situation has turned from bad to worse.

Addressing a press conference on Sunday, Chairman of SOS International, Rajiv Chuni accompanied by Prof N N Sharma, V K Datta, Jagjit Singh, Ved Raj Bali, Daleep Singh Chib, Satinder Dev Gupta & Dharmanir Gupta drew attention towards PM Central Assistant Scheme for PoJK DPs' which was not fully implemented and suddenly stopped without assigning any reason, thereby depriving hundreds of displaced families from getting the cash assistance. Urging the Central Government to continue the scheme and cover all the left out families of PoJK DPs in a time bound manner, Rajiv Chuni also demanded that un-necessary conditions attached to required formalities for filing the case should be removed at the earliest for smooth implementation of the PM Central

Assistant Scheme for PoJK DPs'. He also demanded that those DPs, registered outside Jammu Kashmir and having their record of PoJK origin should be allowed to file their claims without asking them to produce State Subject Certificate (PRC) which has been scrapped due to abrogation of Article 370 & 35A on August 5, 2019. These DPs should simply be asked to produce their record of DPs from PoJK, JKUT Domicile and Legal Heir Certificate, he said and added those DPs who have original record with them but such record is missing in the office of PRO Jammu, should also be allowed to file their claims of cash assistance on the basis of that original record.

Rajiv Chuni also informed that SOS International will observe Black Day on October 22 by organising a function at Krishna Public School, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu at 10 AM wherein tributes will be paid to martyrs of the community who lost their lives during tribal/Pakistani raids in Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, Kotli, Bhimber, Deva-Vattala, Chhamb, Poonch, Gilgit-Baltistan and Askardu areas in 1947.

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