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Govt working on...

dependents are provided with financial assistance, the Lt Governor informed. Appreciating the role of voluntary organizations and institutions for the promotion of literature, folk art, music, the Lt Governor informed that the scheme of financial assistance for the registered societies related to various arts has also been approved. The Lt Governor also highlighted the efforts being made to document and preserve folk treasure of songs and tales.

The Lt Governor urged the cultural organizations, departments, artistes and the people to work collectively for preserving the precious cultural and folk traditions of Jammu Kashmir.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor felicitated the artistes for their excellent contribution in preserving and promoting the local art, culture and folk traditions.

Dr Darakhshan Andrali, Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board in her address lauded the contribution of the artistes who are the face of culture and values of J&K and the country. She said that the LG-led UT administration has provided a new lifeline to the field of art and culture in J&K.

Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, Chairman, All J&K Folk Artists Association expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for providing continuous support to art, culture and artistes of J&K. He said the renewed energy being filled in the field of art and culture of Jammu Kashmir has brought prosperity in the life of all artistes across the UT.

He also thanked the Lt Governor-led administration for launching the J&K film policy and other initiatives for promoting art, culture and traditions of Jammu Kashmir and welfare of performing artists.

On the occasion performances of different folk music and dance were presented by the artistes from across the UT.

Mustaque Ali Ahmad Khan, Cultural Activist delivered the vote of thanks.

Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Mohammad Ajaz, DC Srinagar; Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, JKACI, besides prominent personalities from the field of art, folk and culture attended the inaugural ceremony at Tagore Hall, Srinagar.

Ranking of Public...

Jammu, followed by Chest Disease Hospital, Jammu, Government Dental College, Srinagar, Bone and Joint Hospital, Srinagar and GMC Kathua.

In the category of District Hospitals, first rank has been clinched by DH Samba followed by DH Poonch, DH Bandipora, Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu and DH Kulgam.

In the category of Community Health Centres (CHCs), first rank has been clinched by CHC Seer, followed by CHC Bijbehara, CHC Yaripora and Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Jammu and CHC Kreer.

In the category of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and UPHCS, first rank has been clinched by PHC Kakapora followed by PHC Aishmuqam, PHC Zadibal, PHC Mattan and PHC Boniyar. Pertinently, the ranking has been done on the basis of registration, conversion of EMR (Electronic Medical Record) and patient feedback uploaded on the portal of JK e Sahaj for the month of September 2022, on real time basis. The detailed list of facilities is shared on NHM website.

Partial solar eclipse...

the naked eye, even for a very short time as it could cause permanent damage of the eyes leading to blindness. A safe technique to observe the solar eclipse is either by using proper filter like aluminized Mylar, black polymer, welding glass of shade number 14 or by making projection of sun's image on a white board by telescope.

Rishi Sunak takes...

Downing Street in London after meeting King Charles III at Buckingham Palace, the new Prime Minister said that he takes over at a time when the UK is facing a "profound economic crisis" as it deals with the aftermath of COVID and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Sunak asserted that he is "not daunted by the high office he has accepted and hopes to live up to its demands.

"I admired her restlessness to create change. But some mistakes were made. Not borne of ill will or bad intentions. Quite the opposite in fact, but mistakes nonetheless, he said about his predecessor Liz Truss.

"And I have been elected as leader of my party, and your prime minister in part, to fix them. And that work begins immediately," Sunak said as he sought to bring stability to the UK after months of political and economic turmoil.

"I will unite our country not with words but with action. I will work day in and day out to deliver for you," Sunak, the second prime minister in as many months and the third this year.

Sunak, Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy's son-in-law, warned of "difficult decisions to come" and pointed to his record as chancellor of exchequer during the pandemic to promise that he will bring that "same compassion to the challenges ahead."

"I stand here before you ready to lead our country into the future, to put your needs above politics, to reach out and build a government that represents the very best traditions of my party. Together we can achieve incredible things. We will create a future worthy of the sacrifices so many have made and fill tomorrow and every day thereafter with hope," he said.

On a somewhat defiant note to address the Opposition clamour for a general election, he stressed that the mandate the Conservative Party won in the 2019 general

Two bootleggers nabbed with 60 bottles of illicit liquor

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In an act of alertness and prompt action, Police arrested two bootleggers and recovered 60 bottles of illicit liquor from them.

As per details, Kanachak Police received input that two persons were selling illicit liquor in Burj area on their Scooty (JK02BN-7389). On this, a team of Police Station Kanachak under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh led by SHO Kanachak Insp. Rahul Mahajan, after putting in strenuous efforts, rounded up two suspects and during checking recovered 60 quarters (180 ml each) of JK Special Whisky from their possession. The accused, identified as Swaran Lal alias Neetu, son of Puran Chand and Harjeet Singh alias Billa, son of Avtar Singh, both residents of Burj Khaddeian, Marh, were arrested and FIR No. 130/2022 under section 48(a), (f) of Excise Act was registered against them at Police Station Kanachak.

17 bovines rescued, smuggler flees

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Acting tough against bovine smugglers, police on Tuesday rescued 17 bovines during Naka checking at Ban Toll Plaza Nagrota from a vehicle (JK02AQ-5369). However, the accused managed to flee from the spot. In this regard, FIR No. 373/2022 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA 50/52/54/56/Transport of animal Rule Act 1978 was registered at Police Station Nagrota. The recoveries were made by SHO Nagrota Insp. Vishva Partap Singh under the overall supervisions of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar.

Drug-peddler arrested with heroin

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bishnah Police arrested a drug peddler and recovered heroin from his possession. As per official sources, a team from Police Station Bishnah during patrolling intercepted a suspect. During checking, police team recovered 3 gm heroin from possession of accused and arrested him. The accused was identified as Parveen Kumar, son of Dev Raj of Bishnah. FIR Number 182/2022 under section 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Bishnah and investigation started.

Drug-peddler arrested, Charas recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, police arrested a drug peddler in Budgam and recovered contraband substance from his possession. A police party of Police Station Magam during patrolling at Peth Kanihama intercepted a suspect and during search, recovered 105 gm Charas like substance from his possession. The accused, identified as Faisal Hamid Bhat, son of Ab Hamid

election is not the sole property of one person with reference to former Prime Minister Boris Johnson but "a mandate that belongs to and unites all of us".

"Congratulations to @RishiSunak on this historic day, this is the moment for every Conservative to give our new PM their full and wholehearted support," Johnson tweeted.

Earlier in the day, outgoing Prime Minister Truss chaired her final Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street before making her way to Buckingham Palace to formally tender her resignation to the 73-year-old monarch.

Sunak then arrived at the palace for his meeting with the King, who then invited him to form a government as the UK's 57th Prime Minister and the third in just seven weeks.

"The King received in Audience The Right Honourable Rishi Sunak MP today and requested him to form a new Administration. Mr Sunak accepted His Majesty's offer and kissed hands upon his appointment as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, the palace statement said.

Labour leader and the leader of the opposition Keir Starmer congratulated Sunak, but hinted at the need for a general election.

Starmer tweeted: "Congratulations, Rishi Sunak, on becoming prime minister and making history as the first British Asian PM. He said Sunak "has only ever fought one leadership election battle his entire life and 'got thrashed' by Truss.

"And no wonder he doesn't want to fight a general election," he said.

In his first remarks since announcing he would not seek a return to Number 10, former prime minister Boris Johnson congratulated Sunak, calling it a "historic day".

He tweeted: "This is the moment for every Conservative to give our new PM their full and wholehearted support."

As the former chancellor made his first prime ministerial address on the steps of 10 Downing Street, he was not joined by his wife Akshata Murty and daughters Krishna and Anoushka as was expected. He then went in for meetings with officials at 10 Downing Street to start finalising his Cabinet, starting with the key roles of Chancellor, Foreign Secretary and Home Secretary.

Sunak describes himself as a proud Hindu. His victory on Diwali has resonated among the Indian diaspora groups across the UK, who has hailed it as a historic moment in British social history. Rishi Sunak becoming the first British Indian Prime Minister is an historic moment. This simply would not have been possible even a decade or two ago, said Sunder Katwala, Director of British Future think-tank. "But we should not underestimate this important social change. When Sunak was born in Southampton in 1980, there had been no Asian or black MPs at all in the post-war era. There were still no black or Asian Conservative MPs when he graduated from university in 2001. That Sunak is set to be Prime Minister during the coronation of King Charles III next spring tells an important story about our society, where we have come from and where we are going in the future, he said.

Sunak's victory in the Tory leadership race came at the end of a dramatic few days in Westminster since Liz Truss resigned last Thursday in the wake of a disastrous tax-cutting mini-budget and several policy U-turns.

Johnson ruling himself out from the contest over the weekend and Leader of the Commons Penny Mordaunt conceding defeat just moments before the shortlisting deadline on Monday paved the way for a remarkable political comeback for Sunak having lost the Tory membership vote to Truss just last month.

However, his popularity as the frontrunner among his party colleagues was replicated yet again as more than half the Tory MPs came out publicly in his support.

He now faces the enormous challenge of steering the UK economy through massive inflationary turbulence and also uniting the different wings of a divided Conservative Party.

HC directs to...

as there is no parting direction in the impugned order as to what is to follow next as a consequence of setting aside of Mutation nos. 94 & 103. The order is an exhibit of non-application of mind on the part of Additional Deputy Commissioner/Collector (with powers of Commissioner Agrarian Reforms) Rajouri. Court issued notice to the respondents and directed the petitioner to furnish registered postal covers for service of the respondents within a period of seven days. In the meantime, subject to objections and till next date of hearing, Court ordered that the operation of impugned order dated 20.08.2022 shall remain stayed.

While staying the operation of impugned order, Justice Rahul Bharti observed that this court acting suo-moto is taking notice of the fact that the officer concerned who has passed the impugned order seems to be possessing not even an elementary knowledge of the law pertaining to the Land Revenue Act as well as the other attending laws, which includes the provisions of the Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976 and as being the Additional Deputy Commissioner/Collector (with powers of Commissioner Agrarian Reforms) Rajouri must be seized of matters and case of similar nature for adjudication by virtue of his position. "The officer cannot be allowed to adjudicate the case bearing no knowledge and understanding of the laws governing the subject and directed directs the Financial Commissioner Revenue/Commissioner, Agrarian Reforms of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to withdraw the powers of the Commissioner under the Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976 and as the Collector under the Land Revenue Act, 1996 from the official presently posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri with immediate effect till further orders of the Court," the Court directed.

WhatsApp back after...

as Facebook, bought WhatsApp in 2014.

The outage led to Twitter taking a dig at WhatsApp, with hilarious memes floating around. The hashtag #whatsappdown was trending on Twitter.

Bhat, resident of Peth Kanihama Magam, was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 162/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Magam and further investigation started.

Massive fire damages mosque, house in Sopore

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Massive fire damaged a mosque and a house in Tarzoo area of Sopore in Baramulla district overnight, official sources said on Tuesday. Two fire-fighters were also injured while dousing the 'sky touching' flames, the official sources said.

They said that a massive fire broke out at Izat Shah colony in Tarzoo Sopore involving a 2-storey house and a mosque namely 'Masjid Mustafa'. The fire and emergency department, they said, received call at around 01.55 Hours. The fire and Sopore Station immediately rushed three fire tenders to the spot. The fire-fighters faced a tough time while controlling flames, they said, adding that a LPG cylinder also exploded in incident. Two fire-fighters identified as Ali Mohammad Reshi and Wajad Ahmad Dar sustained minor injuries before flames were brought under control. While the cause of the fire is being investigated, they said, preliminary inquiry suggested that electric short-circuit is reason behind the blaze.

Police team attacked, cop injured

STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: A police team was attacked in Bishnah area due to which a cop was injured and admitted to hospital for treatment. Police has registered a case in this regard and started further action.

According to information, a police team, during routine patrolling, when reached near Dayoli village, got information about a criminal namely Gujjar who was going through the area with his companions. On this, police team chased them, after which the police team was attacked. A policeman namely Munish got trapped in attack and received injuries. Thereafter, attackers fled from the spot. A case has been registered in this regard.

Minor arrested for raping minor relative

STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR: Police arrested a minor at Mendhar who raped his own relative minor girl, made her pregnant, who later also gave birth to a baby girl. According to information, a complaint was lodged with police by a family that their minor daughter was raped and made pregnant by their own relative. They further stated that victim also gave birth to a baby girl two days back. Acting on complaint, police registered a case and arrested the accused. During investigation it was found that both accused and victim are distant relatives and one day, on finding girl alone, accused raped her.

Youth consumes poison, dies

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A youth died after he consumed poison in Khour area on Tuesday.

As per details, one Ajay Singh, son of Baldev Singh, resident of Pargwal consumed poison in his house and was shifted to hospital by his family members, where he succumbed during treatment. Police is investigating the matter.

Woman raped on pretext of marriage

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A young woman living in Beli Charana area of city has lodged a complaint with Nowabad Police against a youth living in her neighborhood of raping her on pretext of marriage. The girl alleged that accused along with some of his accomplices also got her abortion done fraudulently and destroyed evidences related to the case. The accused threatened her that they would kill her if she told about incident to anyone. In complaint, lodged at Nowabad Police Station on directions of the

"#WhatsApp University students, kindly note that a holiday has been declared today. Classes will resume tomorrow. #WhatsAppDown," one user tweeted.

Twitter users had a field day as they took a dig at WhatsApp.

"People coming to Twitter to see if WhatsApp is down," a user tweeted.

WhatsApp is extremely popular outside of the US, where many people use it for everyday communication.

"How are we going to communicate since WhatsApp is down? Professor: and that's where Twitter comes in," a user tweeted.

According to Downdetector, WhatsApp faced problems since 3:17 AM EDT (12:47 pm). Users in Asia, the United Kingdom, South Africa and Europe experienced the issue while sending and receiving texts and videos on WhatsApp.

This was WhatsApp's first major outage since the October 5, 2021, snag that took down WhatsApp, Instagram and Facebook together, affecting millions of users for several hours before services were restored.

Tuesday's outage happened ahead of a partial solar eclipse that was to begin at 2.28 pm. The two events are, however, not linked.

Amid an extended period of festivities in India comprising Diwali and Bhai Dooj, users began experiencing and reporting disruption of services on the popular messaging platform on Tuesday.

Meta did not say what led to the outage.

The outage meant that messages were no longer transmitted to the server and users could not send messages to group or one-on-one chats.

When the outage was reported, Meta said it was trying to fix the problem. "We're aware that some people are currently having trouble sending messages and we're working to restore WhatsApp for everyone as quickly as possible."

At one point during the outage on Tuesday, over 29,000 reports were flagged by users on Downdetector. Downdetector's heatmap was showing WhatsApp users in major cities, including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata, were impacted by the snag.

#Whatsappdown began trending on Twitter soon after, and many users took to the microblogging platform to share funny memes on the issue.

WhatsApp is among the most popular messaging services in the world.

Hurriyat 'dove' Maulana...

undivided Hurriyat Conference which split into two factions soon after his election as the head of the separatist amalgam in 2003.

It was during the tenure of Ansari as the chairman of the separatist amalgam that the moderate faction -- which included the likes of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, Professor Abdul Gani Bhat and Bilal Gani Lone -- entered into talks with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

India's democracy far...

member from Udhampur constituency of the Union territory.

The minister was asked to respond on remarks by PDP chief and former J&K chief minister Mufti.