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Responding to a complaint of Sajad Ahmad Sheikh from Ganderbal pertaining to damage occurred to the Government Primary School building at Pethpora Khanan, the Lt Governor directed the Principal Secretary School Education and Director School Education to ensure that no school shall be functional in any dilapidated structural condition.

Addressing the issue of non-availability of adequate health staff at a dispensary in Dugga Armas area of Reasi, the Lt Governor directed the Director Health Services to conduct a comprehensive exercise on rationalization of the health staff in the region and submit a report within a week's time.

Bilal Dar from Anantnag drew the attention of the Lt Governor on the issue of non-functional Filtration Plant at Logripora Pahalgam. The Lt Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner to submit a report in this regard. It must be ensured that the government assets should not lay defunct and it must be utilized for the welfare of people, he added.

On the grievance regarding overflow of sewage water during rainfall at old town Kishtwar, the ADDC briefed the chair that the matter has already been taken up with the Municipal Council and other concerned agencies, on which the Lt Governor directed the officials to adopt a preemptive approach to address such issues first hand.

The Lt Governor sought the action taken by the District Administration and the departments on the directions passed during the previous LG's Mulaqaat.

He also appraised the District-wise status of the pendency in sanctioning of Old age & widow pension and other social welfare schemes.

Later, the Lt Governor reviewed the arrangements made by Departments and District Administrations for Gandhi Jayanti and the preparations ahead of the major events on 1st and 2nd October.

Rehana Batal, Secretary, Public Grievances conducted the proceedings of the LG's Mulaqaat.

Till now, 3,53,008 applications were received on JKIGRAMS and out of these, 3,43,484 have been resolved with the overall Disposal Rate of 97 percent, it was informed.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, HoDs and other senior officers were present during the interaction, in person and through virtual mode.

RBI extends deadline...

as on May 19, the Reserve Bank said in a statement, adding only Rs 14,000 crore of such notes are in circulation now.

Earlier, the deadline to deposit/exchange Rs 2,000 notes was September 30, 2023.

"It has been decided to extend the current arrangement for deposit/exchange of Rs 2,000 banknotes until October 07, 2023," the central bank said in a statement.

In a surprise move, it had announced withdrawal of Rs 2,000 notes in May, but maintained that it was not akin to the demonetisation carried out in November 2016 when Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were made illegal tender overnight.

In May 2023, RBI said the higher denomination notes were introduced for a faster remonetisation of the economy and the move had served its purpose. Since it had stopped printing the notes from FY19, there were also concerns surrounding the quality of the notes in circulation.

The Rs 2,000 note withdrawal move had some unseen impacts like helping banks report a higher deposit growth, a challenging aspect for the system for some time.

In the statement on Saturday, RBI said the Rs 2,000 notes "shall continue to be legal tender" even beyond October 7, but asked the public to deposit or exchange the notes "without any further delay".

From October 8, the deposit/exchange facilities at bank branches will be stopped, and people will have to get them exchanged at 19 offices of RBI, the statement said. For exchange of the notes, a cap of Rs 20,000 per transaction has been imposed while there is none for the notes which are tendered at the RBI offices for crediting into bank accounts.

People within the country can also send Rs 2,000 notes through India Post, addressed to any of the 19 RBI Issue Offices for credit to their bank accounts in India, the statement said, specifying that such a transaction will be subject to regulation of the government and submission of documents.

RBI also said that courts, law enforcement agencies, government departments or any other public authority involved in investigation proceedings or enforcement can also deposit/exchange Rs 2,000 notes at any of the RBI offices without any limit.

"The facility for deposit/exchange of Rs 2,000 banknotes at the 19 RBI Issue Offices shall be available until further advice," RBI said.

Two terrorists killed...

and affiliations of the slain terrorists are being ascertained. Arms and ammunition, including two AK series rifles, four AK magazines, 90 rounds and a "Pakistani-origin" pistol, a pouch, Pakistani currency worth Rs 2,100 and other incriminating materials have been recovered from the encounter site, he said.

"The neutralised terrorists were found to be heavily armed, equipped with sophisticated weaponry that indicates their malicious intent to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere in the valley.

"However, due to the timely and effective response by police and Army, their plans were foiled and a significant threat to peace and stability in the area was neutralised," the spokesperson said. An extensive search is underway in the area and a case has been registered in the matter, he said.

Change in school..

school timing from 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM for the month of October 2023 and w.e.f.

01-11-2023 school timing will be 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM within Municipal Limits and In Rural Areas it will be 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM".

"The Winter Zone of Jammu division shall observe school timing w.e.f. 01-10-2023 as 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM. Any deviation to this order shall invite action against the Institution" order mentions.

While as per other order issued by Director of School Education, Kashmir it stated that "In supersession of all previous orders, it is hereby ordered that all the government and private recognized schools within the municipal limits of Srinagar city shall observe school timings from 09:00 AM to 03:00 PM, w.e.f. 01.10.2023".

Congress had suppressed..

has been exposed as Congress befooling with people with Aam Admi Party" said Chugh appealing Governor that Congress should be given seats at those Assembly where AAP parties already have won seats so that this nexus should be exposed.

"Arun Chugh also criticised opposition parties for making hue and cry over polls, saying it is the Election Commission of India who has to announce the poll schedule for J&K UT.

NIA conducts multiple..

(NIA) raids were conducted at five locations across the Gursai village of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch on the disclosure of two arrested accused, a spokesperson for the central agency said.

The agency arrested Nisar Ahmad alias Haji Nisar and Mushtaq Hussain on August 31. They are currently lodged in Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

Five people were killed when terrorists opened fire on civilians in the Dhangri village on January 1. Two civilians were killed the following day when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) left behind by the terrorists exploded.

A case under provisions of the Indian Penal Code, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Arms Act was initially registered at Rajouri police station. The NIA took over the case on January 13 and is carrying out further investigations.

The spokesperson said NIA teams conducted extensive searches at the locations, which he described as residential premises of overground workers linked with the proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

Several digital devices and documents containing incriminating data and content have been seized and those are being scrutinised for unravelling the conspiracy, the spokesperson said.

Investigations so far have revealed that both the arrested accused had harboured the terrorists who had carried out the attack.

"They provided logistics support to the terrorists for more than two months and sheltered them in a hideout that they had built," the official said.

"The duo, as per the investigations, had been operating on the directions of Pakistan-based LeT handlers Saifullah alias Sajid Jutt, Abu Qatal alias Qatal Sindhi and Mohd Qasim," the NIA spokesperson added.

Inter-School Zonal level Athletic tournament for girls commences

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MIRAN SAHIB: Overall 115 players drawn from different private and Government institutions of Zone Miran Sahib are participating in tournament in the disciplines of shot put Races, Throws, Track events etc.

This tournament is organised under the patronage of Subash Chander Chibber Director Youth Services and Sports JK (UT)

Rakesh Kakar Zonal Physical Education Officer supervised the tournament conducted under the chairmanship of Sukhdev Raj Sharma, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion Rakesh kakar ZPEO made the participants aware of sequence of forthcoming tour-



Participating players during the tournament.

naments upto National level. He impressed upon all the participants to avail the opportunities being provided by the UT Government from time to time.

Rakesh Kakar thanked the Headmistress Kailash Devi for all time cooperation, by providing ground facilities along with allied facilities. He also appreciated all PEM,

PET, REK's for putting their best efforts. The matches were officiated by Kuldeep Kour PEM, Hardeep Kour PEM, Ravinder Singh Bali PEM Gurmeet Singh PEM, Ravinder Singh PEM, Nisha Sharma PEM, Iqbal Kour PEM, Ravinder Kumar PET, Gurmeet Singh PET, Anolak Singh PET, Anita kour PET, Rama Rani PET,

Navneet Kour PET, Anil Sharma, Raghunandan, Koushal Sharma, Sunny Kumar, Nandani Sharma, Shewta, Ambika subham Bakshi

The details : Shot put U-17 girls : Shriya Raina GHS Brij Nagar won gold medal. Shot put U-14 Girls, Ashia Choudhary. GBHS Badyal Brahamana took gold medal. Discuss throw U-14 : Manisha GHS Govind Singh Pura won gold medal. Discuss throw U-17 : Sherya Raina GBHS Brij Nagar won gold medal. Long Jump U-14 girls : Upasana Manhas JK Police Public School Miran sahib claimed gold medal . Tripple Jump U-17: Priya Kumari GBHS Simbal Camp won gold medal.

India likely to experience normal to above-normal maximum temp in October: IMD

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Most parts of India are likely to record normal to above-normal maximum and above-normal minimum temperatures in October, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Saturday.

It said the northeast monsoon, which brings rainfall to five meteorological sub-divisions of south peninsula India -- Tamil Nadu, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Kerala and south interior Karnataka -- in the October to December period is most likely to be normal. This means, the region may receive 88 per cent to 112 per cent of the long-period average of 334.13 mm of rainfall.

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Paddar hosts grand Dangal in traditional Fair-Zagru

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KISHTWAR: In a celebration of tradition and community spirit, the Sub Divisional Administration Paddar orchestrated a magnificent display of D a n g a l / T r a d i t i o n a l Wrestling during the annual fair known as Zagru at Gulab Garh.

Under the astute direction and guidance of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav, and the close supervision of SDM Arun Kumar Badyal, the D a n g a l / T r a d i t i o n a l Wrestling event unfolded as a vibrant and integral part of the local fair organized by the residents of Gulabgarh Paddar.

The Dangal witnessed enthusiastic participation from accomplished Pehlawans hailing from various parts of the Union Territory, notably from Pathan Koot, Samba and Kathua, contributing to the cultural richness of the event



Organisers along with wrestlers during the Dangal.

and entertaining the gathered audience.

An impressive turnout of approximately 6000 people from both the local and adjoining areas added to the festive atmosphere of the Mela besides foreign Tourists from Netherland and Switzerland also joined the Festivities and enjoyed the Thrill of Dangal Traditional Wrestling.

The event served as a testament to the enduring spirit of community engagement and cultural celebration that defines Zagru at Gulab

Garh. The SDM Paddar expressed his heartfelt congratulations to the people, highlighting the pivotal role played by DDC member Paddar, Hari Krishan Chauhan, and other stakeholders in ensuring the resounding success of this remarkable event.

The Dangal Traditional Wrestling not only showcased the physical prowess of the participating athletes but also became a platform for fostering unity and camaraderie within the com-

munity. It served as a reminder of the rich cultural heritage embedded in the traditional fairs and events that bring people together to celebrate shared values and traditions.

The event was meticulously organized, ensuring the safety and enjoyment of all attendees. The Sub Divisional Administration Paddar, led by SDM Arun Kumar Badyal, demonstrated a commitment to upholding cultural traditions while providing a platform for athletes to showcase their skills and entertain the community. As a nod to the success of this year's Traditional Wrestling event, the organizers expressed gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav for his unwavering support and guidance. The community is urged to continue participating in and supporting such events that contribute to the cultural vibrancy and social cohesion of the region.

Distt Udhampur Roll ball Championship 2023-24 concludes

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UDHAMPUR: The District Roll Ball Championship organised by the District Roll Ball Association Udhampur under the auspicious of J&K Roll Ball Association at Shaheed Kamal Singh Memorial HSS Udhampur.

Joginder Singh Jasrotia Additional Deputy Commissioner Udhampur was the Chief guest and Ashok Kumar former Director Sports SMVDU Katra was the guest of honour.

Earlier the Championship was declared open by Ashok Kumar outstanding sportsman and Vice President of J&K Roll Ball association.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Guest said looking toward Great Spirit, skills and passion by the players and huge gathering the time is not far away when those budding sports persons will achieve their destination at Junior and Senior National Level events.

Vimal Sharma Senior Vice President District Roll Ball Association welcomed Chief Guest and all guests. Ashok Kumar presented a memento as token of gratitude to the chief guest. All winners and runners-up were honoured with medals and champion trophies by the Chief Guest for outstanding contribution and active participation of Roll Ball players.

Treasurer Sanjay Gupta, Joint Secy. Surinder Kumar, Ashok Sharma Vice President J&K Kabaddi Association. Sunil Sharma Director India Kid ZEE who is also the Hony. Secretary of District Body of Roll Ball, Vineet Gupta Administrator Little Angels School, Sudershan Sharma Evergreen High School, Chandan Sharma. Prab Jamwal, Bhuvnesh Sharma, Manvijay Singh Slatiaha all-star players of J&K were also honoured for their Technical services.

Those who were present on the occasion were Dr. K.C. Sharma, prominent social activist, Ashok Padha President District Volleyball Association Udhampur, Vikram Aditya, Bhim Sein, Som Dev Khajuria, Rishi Sharma, Karun Sharma Handball Coach, Anshu Brat Khanna all from YSS Department.

The details: Under 17 Boys : Himalayan Club defeated Chenab Club (04-02 goals) Under 14 Boys, Tiger Club defeated White Snow Club (03-01 goals), Under 14 Girls, Lotus Club defeated Rose Club (02-01 goals), Under 11 Boys , Royal Club defeated Bulbul Club (03-01 goals).

Railways to introduce ramps in trains for wheelchair users, elderly passengers

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Indian Railways is going to introduce ramps in trains for the convenience of wheelchair users and senior citizens, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said on Saturday.

Releasing the pictures of the newly designed ramps, Vaishnav told reporters that these have been used at the Chennai railway station and found to be helpful for passengers who require a ramp.

"We will start its use in Vande Bharat trains very soon and later, in all other trains," the minister said, adding that a system is being worked out to let passengers raise a need for a wheelchair at the time of booking tickets.



"An alert can be generated and passed on to the respective railway stations for keeping a ramp ready for such passengers," he added.

The ramp can be easily placed at train doors and because of its width and low

gradient, wheelchair users will find it easy to use it, the minister said.

Vaishnav also said that during its trial, feedback received from passengers was extremely positive and encouraging.

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B I L A S P U R (CHHATTISGARH: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday accused the Congress of seeking to divide women in the name of caste and by spreading lies, as he launched a fierce counter-attack on the party over its demand of OBC sub-quota in women's reservation in legislatures.

Addressing a large crowd to mark the end of the BJP's 'parivartan yatra' in C o n g r e s s - r u l e d Chhattisgarh, he invoked his own OBC background to assert that the country's main opposition hates him and has not stopped abusing the backwards, Dalits and tribals despite its leader being sentenced by court, an apparent reference to Rahul Gandhi.

Gandhi was convicted by a

Gujarat court for his "Modi surname" remarks. The Supreme Court has stayed the conviction.

As a member from a backward community became prime minister, that is why the Congress dislikes him so much as it believes that the chair was "reserved" for it, Modi alleged.

"The Congress does not shy from abusing the entire backward community in the name of Modi," he said.

The prime minister also made it all but clear that the BJP will not be projecting any chief ministerial candidate in the state, telling party workers that it has only one leader and one candidate which is 'lotus'.

"We have to win over the heart of every voter at booths," he said, asserting that people have decided to get rid of the Congress gov-

ernment mired in "corruption" and "scams" in every scheme.

Turning to the women's reservation law and the opposition's demand for an OBC quota within it, he asked the women to stay united and continue "blessing" him amid attempts to spread lies and divide them in the name of caste.

The Congress, the prime minister said, is full of anger and has lost its sleep as it seems to the party that mothers and sisters will bless him for this.

"Due to this fear, they (Congress) are playing new games. They want to sow division among our sisters because they know if you remain united, their game is over," he said.

They are working to divide women in the name of caste and resorting to various tac-

tics, he said.

"I want to tell women of Chhattisgarh that this decision (law) will have an impact for thousands of years. It will empower women in every family... You should not fall for their lies and stay united. You maintain your blessings for me so that Modi can fulfil all your dreams," he said.

Modi claimed that opposition parties like the Congress supported the bill in Parliament despite not wanting to do so because of unity and awareness among women.

Only two AIMIM MPs opposed the bill in Lok Sabha and none in Rajya Sabha.

Accusing the Congress of hating the OBCs, Dalits and tribals, he said it opposed the candidature of Ram Nath Kovind, a Dalit, for the president's post and then opposed

the ruling party's choice of Droupadi Murmu, who went on to become the first tribal woman to occupy the highest constitutional position.

He asserted that the Congress' opposition to Murmu was not on any ideological ground, as the party and other opposition leaders fielded someone who came from the BJP and not someone who represented their ideology.

Former BJP leader Yashwant Sinha was fielded by opposition parties against Murmu.

It is the old Congress mindset that it cannot see any backward, dalit and tribal person rising, he alleged, adding that it only supports those who bow to a particular family.

For the BJP, social justice is the way to make a developed India, he asserted.