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Take steps to...

prepare themselves with a robust strategy in order to prevent the possible third wave in the UT.

Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department gave a PowerPoint presentation with latest district-wise analysis of Covid-19 situation, present status of positivity rate, testing, and vaccination across the UT.

He informed that three districts viz. Budgam, Pulwama, and Bandipora have achieved the completion of due second doses.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dilbag Singh, DGP; Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department; Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department; Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Government, Public Works (R&B) Department; Sh Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Dr Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners and SSPs, attended the meetings, in person and through virtual mode.

J&K reports 181...

The Bulletin further said that out of 16775310 test results available, 334006 samples have tested positive and 16441304 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 54,750 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 4054645 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 5219 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 1450 in isolation and 437331 in home surveillance. Besides, 3606197 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Ladakhi leaders announce...

from block to village level to reach out to every household, he said.

Karbalai said though full statehood to the region remains the top on the agenda of both the bodies, the meeting decided to oppose any move by the UT administration to fill up nearly 12,000 jobs in various government departments by promotion quota.

We will strongly oppose any such move or any attempt to outsource jobs to daily wagers. It will be a great injustice to the educated unemployed youth, he said, urging the UT administration to show seriousness and fill up the vacancies without any further delay.

The KDA leader asked people to remain cautious as attempts are being made by

the BJP to break their alliance and create confusion among the minds of the public.

The BJP is the only party which is outside the KDA and the Apex body. We are hopeful that the local leadership will see reason and become part of the joint alliance in near future, he said.

Karbalai said the Kargil Buddhist Association has also joined the KDA and attempts would be made to address all the concerns and issues raised by the religious organisation.

Chhewang said, We have no personal interests and our struggle is for the people of Ladakh and for our coming generations.

We will go from village to village and mobilise the public to defeat the designs of those working against the interests of the people, he said.

Divisional DPC promotes...

promotion to the employees will boast their moral besides provides them more opportunities to utilize their capabilities in a transparent manner with additional accountability.

PM chairs meet...

claimed market value. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday had reiterated his views against allowing cryptocurrencies saying they are a serious threat to any financial system since they are unregulated by central banks.

His comments come ahead of the RBI's internal panel report on the contentious topic which is expected next month.

The Supreme Court in early March 2020 had nullified the RBI circular banning cryptocurrencies. Following this in February 5, 2021, the central bank had instituted an internal panel to suggest a model of central bank's digital currency.

The RBI had announced its intent to come out with an official digital currency, in the face of proliferation of cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin about which the central bank has had many concerns.

Private digital currencies/virtual currencies/crypto currencies have gained popularity in the past one decade or so. Here, regulators and governments have been sceptical about these currencies and are apprehensive about the associated risks.

It can be noted that on March 4, 2021, the Supreme Court had set aside an RBI circular of April 6, 2018, prohibiting banks and entities regulated by it from providing services in relation to virtual currencies.

Two dead, 12...

to GMC Jammu. He informed that 9 persons traveling in the ill fated vehicle belong to UP and other five were locals.

According to SSP Ramban P.D.Nitya, the deceased have been identified as Gulzar Ahmed, son of Irfan, resident of UP and Sameer Ahmed, son of Tahir, res-

ident of UP.

The injured passengers have been identified as Jameela (7), daughter of Fayaz, residence of Neel; Nasir Khan (19), son of Arshad Khan, resident of UP Hewa; Aikra (2.5); Akya (8), Ara Bano (4), daughter of Fayaz, resident of Neel; Soib Khan (18), son of Akhter; Sohil Khan, son of Irfan Khan, resident of UP; Manzoor Ahmed, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Neel (driver), Khaleida Begum, wife of Fayaz Ahmed, resident of Neel; Arif, son of Akhter; resident of UP; Ashu, resident of UP and Usman, son of Akbar; resident of UP.

Meanwhile relatives of injured persons admitted in GMC Jammu criticize Hospital Administration for their callous attitude for not taking care of patients seriously.

The injured persons admitted in GMC Jammu were Khalida Begum, wife of Fayaz Ahmed, resident of Neel, her 3 daughters Asiya 10, Jameela 7 and Aiyra 4, and two others.

Maternal uncle of minor children, Shahraz Ahmed of Pogal Ramban, said that no one is attending our patients in proper way. Neither patients are being provided advanced treatment nor any specialized treatment is being given to them. He appealed LG and Ramban Admin to intervene into the matter so that lives can be saved. He alleged that no one came to know the condition of these patients or no relief has been announced/given out of Red Cross.

Entire Kishtwar town...

type of incident and thefts, he can not escape now.

Kishtwar has seen an increase in the number of terror-related incidents during past few years. However, the security forces have achieved some major success on the anti-terror front in the recent past.

Over 9,000 vacancies...

agencies were also directed to finalise the calendar for conduct of various examinations well in advance so that the selection process could be completed within a period of one year; the spokesman said.

He said the meeting was informed that the largest ever written test examination has been conducted by SSB wherein 3.5 lakh candidates participated for class 4 posts this year. Special consideration by way of additional weightage was given to candidates, including those who worked as casual workers for five or more years and widows, divorced women, judicially separated women, orphan girls and others whose family member has not been in government service. Within a record time of seven days, more than 4,600 appointment orders of class 4 posts have been issued, the spokesman said. He said 2,119 selections for gazetted posts have been made by JKPS in various departments and 726 selections are in progress.

JKPSC has also recommended promotions of 287 officers in the year 2020 and 769 officers during the current year, the spokesman said.

First total knee replacement surgery performed at DH Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: First free total knee replacement surgery under Ayushman Bharat was performed successfully at the District Hospital Udhampur with the patient walking on the very next day after the surgery. Performed by Orthopedics Consultant, Dr. Balvinder Singh and his team anesthetist Dr Prakash Atri, Theatre Assistant Rajinder, Mahesh and Raju. The surgery would have cost around Rs. 3 to 4 lakhs if performed in private health institution. However, it was conducted free of cost in this hospital as the patient was covered under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.



It is pertinent to mention here that Dr Balvinder Singh was former Assistant Professor in Safdarjung Hospital and got his fellowship in Joint Replacement and Arthroscopy from Germany. Presently he is also president of Doctors' Association Jammu.

While addressing media persons, Dr Balvinder Singh

appealed to the people to take benefit of central government's flagship schemes especially pertaining to their health as these schemes provide for cashless treatment to people. He said that these schemes ensure that even the poorest of the poor is not deprived of the expensive treatment in case of various health ailments.

Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani: Special Gram Sabhas held across 312 Panchayats of Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: To spread awareness among the rural masses about the newly launched 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' land Information system, the District Administration Rajouri today organised special gram sabhas across all 312 Panchayats of the district.

The Gram Sabhas were organised on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Rajesh K Shavan and under the overall supervision of the Additional District Development Commissioner, Pawan Kumar (Nodal Officer IEC campaign for LRIS).

Pertinently, a calendar of IEC activities has been devised at the village/Panchayat level for giving wide publicity to the land record information system.

During the Gram Sabhas, the Resource Persons apprised the public that the initiative has put the revenue records in the public domain and will facilitate easy online access to the Land Records besides making it easy to register grievances, if any.

They also apprised that the Aap Ki Zameen Aap Ki Nigrani aims to modernize management of land records, bring transparency in the land records maintenance system, reduce the scope of land/property disputes, and facilitate conclusive titles to immovable properties in the country besides providing people easy access to authentic land records.

The Public was also sensitized through live demonstration about how Public users can search and view copies of Scanned data online on CIS Portal-<http://landrecords.jk.gov.in/> which includes Jamabandis, Girdawaris, Masavis and Mutations etc and were motivated to use the system to access their land records online. They were also told that that initiative will facilitate easy online access to the Land Records System, thereby reducing manipulation of the Land Records and improving the efficiency of Revenue offices substantially.

The resource persons told the public that now they need not visit the tehsil offices for getting their land documents, this new system will provide the records at their palm, just a click away.

The public has highly appreciated the UT Administration for achieving an important milestone to provide the most transparent & accountable services to the common people.

The resource persons also threw a detailed light on the SWAMITVA scheme which aims at the establishment of clear ownership of property in rural areas by mapping of land parcels using drone technology and providing 'record of rights' to eligible households by issuing legal ownership cards to them.

Course on 'Management of Tactical Operations' concludes at SKPA



A participant officer being given certificate.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: One week course on "Management of Tactical operations" which commenced at Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur on November 8, 2021, culminated on Saturday.

About 24 police officers

Congregation of Puri Biradari on Nov 19

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASE: The annual congregation of Puri Biradari is being held at village Suketar near Sula Park in Distt Reasi on 19th November 2021 (Friday). All Biradari families are requested to participated and seek the blessing of Datti Maa. The function will start with Pooja path at 10:00 AM the congregation will conclude with Langer and distribution of Parsad. All were requested to follow the all rules of COVID-19, wear mask and maintain distance.

from across UT J&K participated in the training programmes. A valediction function was organized in the Academy, where among participants of the courses, senior police officers of the Academy were present. In his valedictory address V.K Jamwal, SSP, Dy. Director (Outdoor) SKPA reiterated that Operations management is crucial for organizational success. It involves

designing, planning, directing, and controlling all the processes in an efficient way.

The course on "Management of Tactical operations" was designed to understand the broad concept of tactical operations vis a vis emotional intelligence, monitoring and supervising tactical operations in rural and urban areas, intelligence Gathering, Digital Forensics, Map Reading, GPS system etc. The valediction session was also attended by Suraj Singh, Dy.SP, AD (Training/R&D), K.K Sharma, Dy.SP, AD(Outdoor), Tahir Hussain, Dy.SP, AD(Indoor). The course was coordinated by Sunmati Gupta, Dy.SP Asstt. Director (Admn) SKPA, Udhampur (Course Director) & assisted by Chander M. Sharma, Insp. (Course Secretary).

Revenue Deptt retrieves 9.19 Kanals Govt land in Assar, 55.18 Kanals in Gandoh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Acting tough against the encroachment of the Government land, Revenue Department, under the supervision of DC Doda Vikas Sharma, on Saturday carried out a anti encroachment drive at Sub Division Assar and Gandoh.

The anti-encroachment drive in Assar was conducted by Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar and other revenue Officials. The team retrieved 9.19 kanal land and demarcated it immediately.

Similarly, in Tehsil Bhalessa of Sub division Gandoh 55.18 Kanal, including 26 kanal of Roshni land was retrieved by the Tehsildar Bhalessa.

ABGGRF hosts felicitation ceremony in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Jammu and Kashmir unit of Akhil Bharatiya Gurukul & Gaushala Research Foundation (ABGGRF) on Saturday organised a felicitation ceremony in Udhampur which was presided over by J&K in-charge Advocate P.S Chandel, National Youth Executive member Sunil Sharma and State President Rattan Kapoor.

On the occasion, Yapar Mandal President, Udhampur, Jatinder Vermani, SHO Police Station Udhampur, Chaman Gorkha and VHP leader Sushant Sharma were the special guests.

During the programme, Rahul Magotra was appointed as Foundation's District President for Udhampur. While Mahesh Banathia was declared as Youth District President, Rakesh Khajuria as Udhampur City President, Pankaj Sharma as District General Secretary, Gagandeep Sharma as District General Secretary, Naveen Kumar as District Vice President, Akashdeep District Youth as Vice President, Keshav Sharma as District Youth Vice President, Ankit Gupta as Youth Secretary, Ankush



ABGGRF members during the ceremony at Udhampur.

Baria as Udhampur City Vice President, Vijay Kumar as Publicity Secretary, Somraj as Media Secretary, Rannik Kumar as District Secretary, Sunny Gupta as District Secretary, Ankit Jamwal Youth Secretary, Neeraj as District Secretary, Sunil Saraf as District Social Media Secretary, Rakesh Kumar as District Secretary, Vikas Sharma as Publicity Secretary and Rajesh Khajuria was appointed as District Treasurer. Speaking on the occasion, Rattan Kapoor, State President emphasized on mobising local population to keep a vigil on anti-social elements involved in atrocities on cows as for ensuring cow protection a mass movement is a must.

Advocate P.S Chandel, Foundation's in-charge for

J&K said that the new appointments have been made to bring in vibrancy in the working of Foundation to ensure cow protection and implementation of laws in letter and spirit through mounting pressure on agencies responsible for law and order in the region. He categorically made a point that strict implementation of laws meant for the protection of cows can only provide justice to this sacred creature as unscrupulous elements are making mockery of law and indulging in acts which are in no way acceptable to the society which considers cow as mother. State Vice Presidents Sham Lal and Ravi Abrol, State General Secretary Dr. Vikas Bharadwaj and State Advisor Roop Krishna Kakkaru were also present.

DC Reasi informs people about Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: District Administration Reasi, under the headship of District Development Commissioner,

Charandeep Singh on Saturday listened to scores of public issues during a Block Diwas programme held here at Panchayat Kanjli of Block Katra.

Earlier, Charandeep Singh inaugurated a school boundary wall at Chapnamo Zone.

The DC interacted with School staff and asked them to start the community classes and also listened to the grievances of the locals.

Later, the DC visited the site of a damaged house which was caved in during recent rain and hailstorm.

The local people of the surrounding Panchayats of Kanjli participated in the programme and highlighted their problems and developmental issues.

DDC member Katra Nirmala Kumari; BDC Chairman, Sham Lal; ADDC Jyoti Salathia; CPO, PO ICDS, DSWO, AD FCs&CA, CHO, CMO, ARTO, Tehsildar Katra and large number of District and block level officers and PRIs along with Sarpanchs and Panchs attended the day long programme.

The locals demanded Playground at Kanjli, Urdu Teacher for schools, regulation of minor mineral rates, upgradation of Schools,

replacement of damaged electric poles, maintenance of revenue record of every school and Community hall for senior citizens.

Speaking on the occasion, Charandeep Singh said that the main aim of conducting such a programme is to improve service delivery and grievances redressal mechanism. He further said the officers of District, Tehsil & Block level should remain available at these events to hear the public grievances for their on the spot redressal.

Meanwhile, several grievances were forwarded to the concerned departments for prompt resolution through an established tracking system. In the programme, a review was also taken by DDC on all the previous issues flared up by local people.

Moreover, instructions were also passed to the departmental functionaries for visiting their respective jurisdictions and listening to the grievances of the general public, besides holding awareness programmes, highlighting various individual beneficiary schemes across the panchayats.

During the programme the social welfare department distributed pension sanctioning certificates and UT-Marriage assistance certificates to beneficiaries of welfare Schemes under the supervision of Dr Gulshan Kumar District Social Welfare Officer Reasi.

CRIME REPORT

Kargil Police recovers 180 bags of stolen cement; seizes 2 tippers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KARGIL: Police on Saturday recovered 180 bags of stolen cement and seized 2 tippers.

As per details, Inspector Shamim Ahmed, Incharge SHO Police Station Kargil assisted by ASI Mohd Mustafa of Police Station Kargil intercepted 2 tippers (JK07-0015 and JK01E-8535) loaded by 120 and 60 bags of cement, respectively at TCP Shilikhey while checking vehicles. Drivers of both the vehicles fled away on seeing police Naka, thereby raising a suspicion that tippers as well as loaded cement bags may be stolen from somewhere.



Most probably, the loaded cement bags belong to some Govt agency. Accordingly, police seized 180 bags of cement and both tippers under sections 102 of CrPC. The whole operation was conducted under the close supervision of Ch Iftkhar Ahmed, Addl Superintendent of Police, Kargil.

Rs 1,75,600 fine recovered from SoPs violators

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Continuing the enforcement drive to implement COVID protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Saturday fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance. The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 1,75,600, taking total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs 65,20,250. The Enforcement officers urged people to wear face masks and maintain physical distancing besides taking COVID vaccination doses at their nearest CVC. District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr Suresh informed that as many as 1,192 persons were administered first and second COVID vaccine doses across Ramban district. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer Ramban, Dr Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 1,905 samples including 360 RT-PCR and 1,545 RAT samples besides administering COVID vaccine to 1,192 persons at dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Woman drug peddler arrested with 1 Kg Ganja

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JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police achieved major success by recovering 1 Kg of Ganja from a woman drug peddler during Naka checking near at Rajeev Nagar Chowk.

As per details, during Naka, a team of Police Station Bagh e Bahu led by SHO Bagh-e-Bahu Insp. Kirti Sharma rounded up a suspect who turned suspicious on seeing police. On search, 1 Kg Ganja was recovered from the possession of suspect later identified as Pooja Devi, resident of Rajeev Nagar. She was arrested on the spot and a case under relevant sections of law was registered against her at Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu. The overall arrest and recovery was made under the supervision of SDPO City East Sajjad Sarwar.

Excise sleuths conduct raids in Kathua, destroy 1,150 Kg Lahan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Excise Department destroyed 1,150 Kg Lahan, seized during different raids carried out to arrest menace of illicit distillation and sale of illicit liquor in Excise Range Kathua.

On directions of the Excise Commissioner, Kishore Singh Chib and supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive) Jammu, Kusum Sharma, a team of Excise Eradication/Enforcement Wing led by ETO Eradication, Narinder Singh Anthal comprising of Sub-Inspectors Vikas Khajuria, Mohd Salim & Karamat Ali and Excise Guard Shahbaz Khan raided Ghati and other adjoining areas of Kathua district to arrest menace of illicit distillation of liquor.

During raids, 1,150 Kg Lahan, raw material of illicit liquor, was recovered by raiding team from state land & later destroyed on the spot.