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Mission Youth working...

dairy & handicrafts. "Cooperative movement is not just about business or credit lending. It is our way of life. Every person has to work together for the same goal-a prosperous, peaceful and Aatm-nirbhar Jammu Kashmir UT. We must work together to protect and promote the social and economic rights of every individual", he added.

The Lt Governor impressed upon all the stakeholders to take necessary steps via cooperative institutions in making all panchayats of the UT prosperous and creating village infrastructure, so that by taking inspiration from the past, we can build a prosperous future.

"I believe that cooperative is the most credible medium of socio-economic development of farmers, rural population, unorganized sector workers, women, and we need to assess its creative, transformative potential in various fields, to meet the needs of rural and other areas. Accordingly, institutions have to be developed and wherever old institutions are inactive, efforts will have to be made to revive them", he added.

Terming Panchayats and Co-operatives as two sides of the same coin, the Lt Governor said that if Panchayat represents grassroots democracy and administrative system, then the cooperatives strengthen their self-reliance, competence and autonomy in at least 20 sectors of the rural system like cottage industries, agriculture and allied activities by raising its economic side. At the same time it protects the interests of the deprived sections, he added.

The Lt Governor gave examples of IFFCO which is supplying Nano Liquid Urea to the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir; Amul, world-renowned milk producers cooperative and Krishak Bharti Co-Operative Limited (KRIBHCO) as successful cooperatives which have secured place in the top 10 cooperative institutions all over the world.

The Lt Governor also mentioned about National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), which is the vehicle of development revolution, not only in J&K but also in other parts of the country. All these institutions have been considered as a symbol of awakening of self-reliance in a very large section of the society for years. There has been a positive change in the lives of lakhs and crores of families because of these cooperatives, he added.

Speaking on the impact of Self Help Groups, the Lt Governor said that, in our UT, more than 52 thousand self-help groups are changing the lives of 4.5 lakh women. "This year we have resolved that 11,000 new self-help groups will be formed so that their potential gets its due place in the economy and development. With the help of cooperatives, we can give new impetus to entrepreneurial women's organizations, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor said that along with a transparent system, election, accountability, now all cooperative institutions will also have to make efforts to become profitable. We also have to work on making the cooperative sector more organized in terms of production and value addition so that its products can compete not only in the country but also in global markets, he added.

On the e-Inauguration of an awareness and training Program of Fisheries department, the Lt Governor said that there are many such schemes that have the potential to change the socio-economic status of communities and the benefits of those schemes should reach the grassroots. He directed the concerned heads of departments for sensitizing their officials to work in this direction with determination.

Under the leadership of Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, financial assistance of up to Rs.3 crore is being provided to the newly formed cooperatives, especially to the innovative organizations through "Yuva Sahakar - Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme". Apart from this, if the institutions want to expand, then the Central Government and NABARD are also cooperating, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor gave the mantra of "Quality, Service and Value" to cooperatives and said that it will definitely protect the interests of the weakest section of the people.

Meanwhile, the Lt Governor also handed over Registration Certificates to newly registered FPOs/Cooperatives. He also handed over a cheque of Rs. 5 lakh to Cooperative School of Education and Research institute, besides facilitating prominent stakeholders of cooperative movement in the UT.

Earlier, in her address, Ms. Yasha Mudgul, Secretary, J&K Cooperatives department, gave a detailed overview of the cooperative movement in J&K, besides the current status, she also briefed about the prospective initiatives including the registration of Farmer Producer Organization (FPOs) as Cooperatives. Initially, with the registration of 20 FPO Cooperatives, 6000 individuals would get benefited out of the scheme and the number would keep on rising with the registration of more and more FPOs, she informed.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar and Farooq Khan, Advisors to the Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; B.K Singh, Secretary School Education; Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government Planning, Development And Monitoring Department; Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department; Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Doifode Sagar Dattatray, Director Animal Husbandry, Jammu besides other senior officers and large number of members of various Cooperatives and Farmer-Producer Organizations were present on the occasion.

Policeman injured in...

spot, the hiding terrorists started indiscriminate firing, resulting in injuries to one police personnel. The injured policeman was evacuated to a nearby hospital, the spokesman said. He said keeping in view the safety of the civilians and the evening rush in the area, the police team exercised maximum restraint.

However, reinforcements of the police and the CRPF laid cordon of suspected clusters of houses and search has been started, the spokesman added.

Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the matter, he said.

Soldier shoots self...

bullet injury and rushed him to a hospital where he was declared brought dead.

Police have started inquest proceedings to ascertain the cause of his death, they said, adding preliminary investigations suggested that the soldier apparently died by suicide but the motive behind his taking the extreme step was not known yet.



Sarpanch attacked

STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: A Sarpanch got injured after he was attacked by some locals in village Sungal of Akhnoor on Sunday.

As per details, Sarpanch of Lower Sungal Panchayat Anil Sharma was attacked by some locals, due to which he got injured seriously. Later, attackers fled from the spot. Akhnoor Police led by SHO Akhnoor Hilal Azhar Police is investigating the issue.

Man tried to burn entrance gate, detained by locals

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A middle-aged person was caught by locals of Ward No 1 of Subhash Nagar in Udhampur, while he was trying to burn a newly constructed entrance Gate No 5 and was later handed-over to police.

Councilor Priti Khajuria told that last night a middle-aged man tried to burn the gate by sprinkling petrol on it but he was timely nabbed by locals and later handed-over to police.

Two drug peddlers arrested with 16 Kg poppy straw

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police achieved major success by recovering 16 Kg poppy straw from two drug peddlers during Naka checking near Vishwakarma Chowk Digiana. The accused persons were coming in a vehicle (CHO1AA 7085). As per details, a team of Police Post Digiana led by SHO Gandhi Nagar Insp Bharat Sharma assisted by Incharge Police Post Digiana SI Tarsem Raj rounded up two suspects during Naka checking, who turned suspicious on seeing police. On search, 16 Kg poppy straw was recovered from possession of two suspects, later identified as Mohd Yousaf Bhat, son of Abdul Rehman, resident of Gossa Pulwama and Bilal Bhagat, son of Gulam Rasool Bhagat, resident of Ramu Pulwama. The duo was arrested and FIR 304/2021 under sections 8/15/29 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Gandhi Nagar. The overall arrest and recovery was made under the supervision of SDPO South P K Mengi.

2 bovines rescued; 2 smugglers arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In continuation to its drive against bovine smuggling, Kathua Police

Man, daughter dead...

of Mohd Ashraf, resident of Noorabad Doda. According to SSP Ramban P.D.Nitya a truck bearing no HP38F/6278 was driving from Jammu to Kashmir in a rash & negligent manner, when reached magarkot, hit 4 vehicles. In this accident 02 persons died & 08 persons got injured. The driver of the said truck is on run and special team under the supervision of SDPO Banihal have been created to nab the culprit.

Meanwhile, the officials said 35-year-old Uttar Pradesh resident Ashu, who was among 12 people injured in a separate road accident on the highway on Saturday, succumbed to injuries at a hospital, taking the death toll in the incident to three.

Gulzar Irfan and Sameer Tahir, both residents of Uttar Pradesh, died and 12 people were injured when a passenger vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a 600-foot-deep gorge near Digdole in Ramban district.

CS reviews process...

revenue were asked to formulate detailed guidelines for deputy commissioners as per the latest provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Land Revenue Act without any ambiguity and discretions by December 25.

The department was also asked to hold wider discussions and consultations with all the stakeholders to develop a sustainable and people-friendly model of change of land use to be followed in the Union Territory and complete the exercise within one month, the spokesman said.

Police officer pays...

which he had kept with him for the fear of misplacing it, they said.

Moved by his ordeal, Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Chaudhary chipped in to help the elderly man, the sources said.

The police officer gave Rehman Rs 1 lakh from his own pocket which brought a smile to the vendor's face, they added. Police have registered a case and investigations are underway.

The sources said top police officers, including the SSP, were tracking the investigations. Meanwhile, the gesture earned praise for the city police chief on social media. The gesture of a police officer paying a robbed, old man from pocket is a unique and a noble gesture. Great work. @Sandeep_IPS_JKP, Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Lone said.

Saina Nehwal pays...

badminton player has come to the holy shrine many times before to seek the blessings. However, this was for the first time she visited SMVD Sports Complex at the base camp and interacted with the budding sportspersons, they said.

The officials said Nehwal after offering special prayers along with her family at the holy cave Shrine visited SMVD Sports Complex, before returning to Jammu.

She was welcomed at the Sports Complex by Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Ramesh Kumar, they said, adding Nehwal's visit to the sports complex not only motivated girls but also inspired budding players to achieve new feats in the field of sports.

Modi tasks council...

Parliamentary practices.

The last brainstorming meeting was also attended by the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu.

All these meetings primarily focused on improving the efficiency and the delivery system of the Modi government. The forming of groups is another step in that direction, broadly focusing on overall improvement in the governance by making ministers more hands-on approach, the sources said.

All the 77 ministers in the council are part of one of these eight groups, each comprising nine to ten ministers with one Union minister designated as a group coordinator, sources said.

Developing a portal in each minister's office that gives updates on the performance of the Centre's flagship schemes and policies, a dashboard for monitoring decisions made by the respective ministers and a system to schedule meetings and managing correspondence are among the tasks assigned to these groups.

They have also been asked to create profiles of all districts, states and ministries and develop stakeholder engagement programmes.

One of the groups has been assigned to set up a mechanism for creating a team of at least three young professionals with command over research, communication and other key areas, the sources said.

Similarly, a group has been assigned to create a portal that maintains feedback and experiences of the retiring employees, sources said.

Union Ministers Hardeep Singh Puri, Narendra Singh Tomar, Piyush Goyal, Dharmendra Pradhan, Smriti Irani, Anurag Thakur are among the ministers who are the coordinators of their respective groups, the sources said.

They have been given this responsibility so that they can share the good practices of their respective offices with other cabinet colleagues.

Most of the ministers who had given presentations during the Chintan Shivirs have been given the responsibility of coordinating their respective groups.

Meanwhile, for attending these brainstorming sessions, Union ministers on the instruction of Prime Minister Modi did carpooling with their cabinet colleagues from different ministries and hailing from different states.

Punjab sees biggest...

further reduced by as much as Rs 16.02 per litre and diesel by Rs 19.61 a litre as a result of combined impact of the excise duty and VAT cut, according to price charts available from state-owned fuel retailers.

Poll-bound Punjab has seen the most cut in petrol price of Rs 16.02 a litre, followed by UT of Ladakh with Rs 13.43 a litre and Karnataka (Rs 13.35).

The VAT reduction in Punjab is Rs 11.27 per litre on petrol while in Uttar Pradesh, which will go to polls early next year to elect a new government in the state, the reduction is Rs 6.96. Gujarat has seen Rs 6.82 a litre reduction in VAT while Odisha has cut sales tax by Rs 4.55 and by Rs 3.21 in Bihar.

Diesel has seen the most reduction in Ladakh where rates have come down by Rs 9.52 per litre because of a cut in VAT on top of Rs 10 a litre fall in excise duty. Karnataka has cut VAT by Rs 9.30, followed by Rs 9.02 reduction in Puducherry.

Punjab has cut Value-Added Tax (VAT) on diesel by Rs 6.77 a litre while Uttar Pradesh has cut the tax by the second lowest level of Rs 2.04.

foiled an attempt to smuggle bovines by rescuing 2 cattle and arrested 2 smugglers.

As per details, a team led by Insp Amit Sangra SHO Police Station Rajbagh under supervision of SDPO Border Sachit Mahajan while performing vehicle checking duty at Hariha Chack noticed a Mahindra vehicle (JK21G-4180). The police signaled driver, later identified as Sunil Kumar, son of Krishan Lal, resident of Sunkhwa, Vijaypur and his accomplice Zakir Hussain, son of Gami, resident of Nud, Samba to stop for checking. During checking of aforesaid vehicle, 2 bovines were found loaded in it illegally, which were rescued on the spot. The vehicle was seized and smugglers were also arrested. FIR No. 226/2021 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered against them at Rajbagh Police Station.

CRPF Head-Constable among three die under mysterious circumstances

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A CRPF Head Constable among three persons died under mysterious circumstances on Sunday.

As per details, CRPF Head Constable, Ram Kumar Kaushik, son of Mah Singh, resident of Samaypur, New Delhi, presently posted with 160 BN, who was at railway station for his onwards journey to new posting, fell unconscious at railway platform. He was shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. During preliminary investigation, it was learnt that he died of cardiac arrest, however autopsy report is still awaited. His body was shifted to battalion hospital.

Meanwhile, one Noor Alam, son of Fazara, resident of Khanpur Nagrota was found unconscious in his room by family members, who shifted him to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead.

In another similar incident, Ujjwal Sharma, resident of Paloura also died under mysterious circumstances in Narwal area.

Six of family receive burn injuries

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Six members of a family received burn injuries in Kahara area on Sunday.

As per the details, six members of a family received burn injuries after hot water fell on them. They were shifted to a local hospital from where 3 of them were shifted to GMC Jammu for advanced treatment. The injured were identified as Mohd Altaf, Shabir Begum, Arif, Usman, Kurat and Pehma.

JE booked under rape charges

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Junior Engineer was booked under rape charges in Gandhi Nagar Police Station on Sunday.

As per details, a woman employee lodged a complaint with police that the Junior Engineer of same department raped her on several occasion by promising to marry her but has now refused to marry. She further stated that as she and accused both were divorced, they came in contact after which accused raped her many times with

Uttarakhand has cut VAT on diesel by Rs 2.04 a litre and Haryana by Rs 2.04. Bihar has reduced VAT by Rs 3.91 and Odisha by Rs 5.69. Madhya Pradesh cut tax on diesel by Rs 6.96 a litre.

CBI, ED Directors...

be granted after the completion of a period of five years in total including the period mentioned in the initial appointment," it states.

The ED Director is appointed by the central government on the recommendation of a committee chaired by the Central Vigilance Commissioner and members comprising Vigilance Commissioners, Home Secretary, Secretary DOPT and Revenue Secretary.

The government has also brought in Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 which is also effective "at once".

The ordinance inserts the provision in DSPE Act that "Provided that the period for which the Director holds the office on his initial appointment may, in public interest, on the recommendation of the Committee under sub-section (1) of section 4A and for the reasons to be recorded in writing, be extended up to one year at a time: "Provided further that no such extension shall be granted after the completion of a period of five years in total including the period mentioned in the initial appointment," it states.

The Director CBI is selected on the basis of the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Prime Minister, the Chief of Justice of India and the Leader of Opposition.

The fixed term of two years was aimed at ensuring the chiefs of CBI and ED work free from government interference without worrying about any adverse action for the probes carried out by them.

COVID: J&K sees...

Of the new cases, 12 people tested positive in Leh and one in Kargil, they said, adding that nine people were discharged after successful treatment for COVID-19 in Leh, thereby taking the number of recoveries in Ladakh to 20,783.

The officials said the number of active cases in Ladakh stands at 154 149 in Leh and five in Kargil. There has been a spike in COVID-19 cases in Leh district which has so far recorded three Covid-related deaths and 186 fresh cases this month, prompting authorities to order closure of the government and private schools.

Leh District Magistrate Shrikant Balasaheb Suse ordered closure of all government and private schools, including the residential hostels, from November 15 till further order except for conduct of the board examinations.

He said the decision was taken in view of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases and in the interest of public health and safety.