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from Rajouri district of Jammu division pertaining to the repairing of an irrigation canal in Sunderbani area, the Lt Governor was apprised by the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri that a large portion of the canal has been repaired while the rest would be repaired at the earliest.

Giving details on the grievance put forth by a complainant from Udhampur regarding the issue of power outage in her area during snowfall, the Deputy Commissioner Udhampur briefed the Lt Governor that the power outage in the area was due to absence of transformer and now the transformer is being installed in the area. Similarly, complainants from Pulwama and Shopian put forth the issue of dredging of a canal and removal of encroachment from a playground, respectively. The Lt Governor passed on spot directions to the concerned DCs to address the same at the earliest.

The concerned officers briefed the Lt Governor in response to the issues and grievances raised by the applicants pertaining to Health, Civic Bodies, repair of roads and bridges, drinking water supply, power supply, and irrigation facilities.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Finance; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, Heads of the Departments, and other senior officers remained present during the interaction, in person and through virtual mode.

J&K declares Oct...

Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, said a total of nine districts six in Jammu and three in Kashmir would be covered under the state specific calamity for the purpose of providing relief to the affected families and departments from SDRF.

Sanction is hereby accorded to declare the spell of heavy rainfall/heavy snowfall during the period of 23rd and 24th of October, 2021 as 'State Specific Calamity' in-terms of para 3 (ii) of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for purpose of providing relief to the affected families and departments from SDRF, Khan said in his order late Sunday evening.

The order said Jammu, Udhampur, Kishtwar, Reasi, Samba and Kathua in Jammu division and Anantnag, Kulgam and Shopian in Kashmir are the districts, which would be covered under the declaration.

Heavy rains accompanied by hailstorm lashed wide parts of Jammu division on October 23, causing massive damage to the standing crops, while orchardists in south Kashmir districts suffered immense loss due to untimely snowfall.

Two IAS, JKAS...

Development and Monitoring Department and Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, IAS (AGMUT2005), who was awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as Commissioner/Secretary, Revenue Department.

According to another order, Mehmood Ahmad Shah, JKAS, Director, Handloom and Handicrafts, Kashmir; has been transferred and posted as Director, Industries and Commerce, Kashmir, with immediate effect, relieving Tazayun Mukhtar, JKAS, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (S&M), Kashmir of the additional charge of the post. He shall also hold the charge of the posts of Director, Handloom & Handicrafts, Kashmir; Executive Director, J&K Entrepreneurship Development Institute and Director, J&K EDI, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

India targets net...

of the issues. "Today the entire world acknowledges that India is the only big economy in the world that has delivered both in letter and spirit' on its Paris commitments. We are making all possible efforts in a resolute manner. We are working hard and we will show results, the Prime Minister said in a much-anticipated address.

Presenting the country's national statement at the Summit, Modi listed out five commitments of India to combat climate change with a bold announcement that it will achieve the target of net zero emissions by the year 2070.

He also raised the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) of achieving 450 giga watt non-fossil energy capacity to 500 giga watt.

"India will increase its non-fossil energy capacity to 500 giga watt by 2030; India will fulfil 50 per cent of its energy requirements from renewable energy sources by 2030. Between now and 2030, India will reduce its total projected carbon emissions by 1 billion tonnes and by 2030; India will reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by 45 per cent and India will achieve the target of net zero by 2070, the prime minister said.

"These five elixirs will be an unprecedented contribution by India towards climate action," he added.

Modi also called for lifestyle changes which can go a long way in tackling climate change and urged to make 'Lifestyle for Environment' a global mission.

"Lifestyle plays a very important role in climate change. I would like to suggest a one-world movement in the context of climate which can become a key basis for one world. This word is LIFE Lifestyle for Environment.

"It is necessary that all of us come together as a collective partnership and take 'lifestyle for environment' forward as a movement. It can become a mass movement for an environmentally conscious lifestyle. Instead of mindless and destructive consumption, we need mindful and deliberate utilisation. This movement can help us achieve goals that can bring about a revolutionary change in diverse areas like fishing, agriculture, wellness, dietary choices, packaging, tourism, clothing, water management and energy, he said.

Prime Minister Modi reiterated that developed nations must fulfil the promised USD 1 trillion as climate finance, saying this should be tracked the same way as climate mitigation.

"India expects developed countries to make USD 1 trillion available as climate finance as soon as possible. As we track the progress of climate mitigation, we must also track climate finance. Justice would truly be served if pressure is put on those countries that have not lived up to their climate finance commitments," Modi said.

He said that India is moving forward with great deal of courage and ambition on the subject of climate and it understands the pain of other developing nations.

"India also understands and shares the pain of other developing countries and has continuously been vocal about their expectations. For many developing countries climate change is a very big crisis looming before them, one that threatens their very existence. Today to save the world we have to take big steps. It is the need of the hour, he said.

Sharing his sentiment about the conference on climate change in Paris in 2015, Modi said that it was not India but 1.25 billion Indians who were making promises to themselves.

When I came to Paris for the first time for a climate summit, I came as a representative of a culture which gave the message Sarve Bhavantu Sukhina' (everyone should be happy). Therefore, the event in Paris was not just a summit but a sentiment and a commitment.

"It was not India that was making promises, it was promises that 1.25 billion Indians were making to themselves and I am pleased that a developing country like India that is working on lifting millions of people out of poverty, working day and night to ensure ease of living for millions of people and the India that represents 17 per cent of the world's population but is responsible for only five per cent of global emissions, is that country which has spared no efforts in fulfilling its duty, Modi said, adding that India's contribution in climate change mitigation far outstrips its role in emissions.

The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP 21 in Paris, in December 2015.

Elaborating on India's track record, the prime minister said that in terms of installed renewable energy capacity, India is ranked 4th in the world and in the last seven years, India has increased its non-fossil fuel energy by 25 per cent which now represents 40 per cent of its energy mix.

"More people travel on the Indian Railways every year than the entire population of the world. This huge railway system has committed to attain net-zero emission by 2030. This initiative alone will reduce carbon emissions by 60 million tonnes annually.

"LED Bulbs campaign is reducing emissions by 40 million tons annually. Today, India is working on many such initiatives with a firm will. At the same time, with a view to collaborating with the world, it has also offered international solutions and revolutionary steps to promote solar power. We launched the International Solar Alliance initiative for climate adaptation and created the coalition for disaster resilient infrastructure (CDRI), which is an important and sensitive initiative and will help save millions of lives, he said.

India, the world's third-biggest emitter with 1.96 tons per capita carbon emission, below China and USA which account for 8.4 tonnes and 18.6 tonnes emissions respectively.

Modi's statement at around 10 minutes was much longer than allocated to world leaders and he expressed his apology to the chair for overshooting the time limit, but highlighted that it reflected India's firm commitment in the area.

PDD signs pact...

The MoU was signed by JPDCL MD Gurmeet Singh and KPDCCL MD Basharat Qayoom on behalf of two corporations, respectively. The IIT-Jammu was represented by its Director Manoj S Gaur. JPDCL Chairman Jagmohan Sharma and other senior officers were also present on the occasion.

Under the MoU, IIT-Jammu will help in providing an end-to-end solution for procurement, analysis and maintenance of distribution transformers, they said.

The institute will incorporate smart technologies and data analyses to provide preventive maintenance, data-intensive monitoring, damage analysis and smart metering technologies for end-consumers. Real-time monitoring and e-governance facility be provided under the agreement, they said.



Principal Secretary (Power) Rohit Kansal after signing MoU with IIT-Jammu representatives.

It will also facilitate capacity building of engineers of both distribution companies and also provide smart technological interventions, they said.

The agreement provides for undertaking research and consultancy projects, and for developing course modules for training of engineers in addition to internship opportunities for IIT students, they said.

The nominated members from the engineering institute and distribution companies will also form joint working groups for the implementation of the MoU, they said.

The experts and IT tools from the UT administration will also be provided to augment the joint efforts under the MoU.

Speaking on the occasion, the principal secretary hailed the MoU as an excellent example of Academia-government interface.

He said that while the distribution companies will benefit from a massive reduction in infrastructure damage rate, and in identifying vulnerabilities in the overall power infrastructure, the staff and students at IIT will be enriched by exposure to real-life problems. He also hoped that the technical expertise will help the power corporations procure the most suitable and effective equipment. "Our aim is to provide improved and quality power supply to the end-consumers while cutting down on the losses," said the principal secretary.

He also lauded the IIT-Jammu Director Manoj Gaur for his support and proactive approach.

Welcoming the move, Gaur expressed confidence that this will be the beginning of a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

He expressed confidence that the IIT team will bring in fresh insights and cutting-edge solutions to the problems being encountered by the distribution companies.

The development of the substation is part of the ongoing infrastructural development activities at the campus.

IIT-Jammu has not only developed nearly two lakh sq ft area in its campus but is also carrying out all its academic activities from its own campus.

Army conducts airborne...

troops along with specialist vehicles and missile detachments were transported through C-130 and AN-32 aircraft from five different mounting bases to validate inter-theatre move, precision stand-off drops, rapid grouping and the capture of designated objectives with speed and surprise, they said.

The drop was particularly challenging due to the low temperatures of up to minus 20 degrees Celsius and rarefied atmosphere in the super high altitude terrain, they mentioned.

The exercise also involved combat free fall jumps and integrated battle drills by airborne forces, mechanised columns and attack helicopters, to validate rapid response capabilities and seamless integration, they noted.

The exercise was still in progress, they stated.

After a series of military and diplomatic talks, India and China completed the disengagement process in the Gogra area in August and in the north and south banks of the Pangong lake in February.

Each side currently has around 50,000 to 60,000 troops along the LAC (Line of Actual Control) in the sensitive sector.

Special Security Allowance...

members of SOG and BDS of J&K Police.

The order read that all those combatants (Operational staff) of J&K Police will receive 25% of their Basic Pay as special allowance. Similarly Non combatants (Non-operational staff) of J&K Police will receive 12.5% of their Basic Pay.

The DGP said that it has come like a Diwali gift for the police force who have been performing extremely high risk jobs.

DGP while extending his thanks to the government, impressed upon the police personnel to work with more dedication to ensure maintenance of peace and order in the UT and to provide better service to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

ACB presents charge-sheet...

appointments of class-IV employees. The appointments were made by Block Medical Office Beerwah and Khansaheb, Budgam. During verification it was revealed that during the period 2003-2006, Block Medical Officers namely Dr Fayaz Ahmad Bandy, Dr Sheikh Tariq Ahmad and Dr Mohammad Abdullah Bhat, in active connivance with other accused beneficiaries, issued fake and fabricated appointment orders on non-existent posts of Safaiwallas and Nursing Orderlies," he added.

He further said that during investigation of the case, relevant records were obtained and seized from Block Medical Officers of District Budgam, Chief Medical Officer Budgam and Director Health Services Kashmir. The investigation found 71 illegal beneficiaries appointed by accused Chief Medical Officers/ Block Medical Officers without following due procedure thereby granting undue favour to beneficiaries. "Charge-sheet was presented before the Trial Court against seventy one (71) beneficiaries and sixteen (16) other officers / officials including accused doctors," he said, adding that next date of hearing has been fixed on December 23, 2021.

J&K BJP asks...



BJP J&K General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Kaul chairing a meeting.

activities to seek the best results for the party in assembly elections. He asked them to complete the booth committees at every Shakti Kendra and asked to involve more youths in the party.

Court awards death...

punishment also had fired upon himself, due to which he also sustained injuries. The dead bodies were lying on spot while as his uncle was struggling for life and accused was also in an injured condition lying there.

Principal Sessions Judge Bhaderwah Virender Singh Bhou after hearing both the sides observed that in the given facts and circumstances and also the reasons given hereinabove, the convict for commission of offence u/sec 498-A RPC is sentenced for three years simple imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs.1,000 and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 15 days and for commission of offence under section 307 RPC, the convict is sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 10 years and pay a fine of Rs.5,000 and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for two months and for commission of offence under section 309 RPC, the convict is sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for six months and pay a fine of Rs.1,000 and in default of payment of fine he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for 15 days. The convict is sentenced to death for the commission of offence under section 302 of RPC and for the commission of offence under section 7/27 of (3) Arms Act, the convict is sentenced to death subject to the confirmation of the said sentences by the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Principal Sessions Judge Bhaderwah Virender Singh further observed that before parting, I would like to state that the family of victim Sumitra Devi on account of her brutal murder and on account brutal murder of Champa Devi her children and on account of injuries sustained by Des Raj they must have suffered tremendous amount of pain and agony. The Supreme Court in the long line of judicial pronouncements recognized the need for awarding compensation to the victims of crime for loss or injury suffered by them in order to reassure the victim or his family that he or she is not forgotten in the criminal justice system and since the provides monetary compensations to certain victims of crime and their dependents out of its own funds, so keeping in view the poor status of the family of the victim Sumitra Devi who must have undergone the mental trauma and also the injured Des Raj due to barbaric murder of Sumitra Devi and injury sustained by Des Raj and the children of Champa Devi who too must have undergone the mental trauma due to the barbaric murder of their mother at the hands of the convict, I think the state should be burdened to provide monetary assistance to the victim family of Sumitra Devi and to the injured Des Raj and to the children of Champa Devi out of its own funds because it is the protractor of life

and property of its citizens being their custodian. Therefore, in my view, a compensation of Rs 1,00,000 will be just and reasonable amount for providing financial assistance to the family of deceased Sumitra Devi and Rs 20,000 to the injured Des Raj and Rs 2,00,000 to the children of deceased Champa Devi which shall be paid by the Govt. of UT within two month after receipt of this order.

Court further said that proceedings of this case are submitted to High Court of UT of J&K and Ladakh in terms of section 374 Cr PC through Registrar Judicial of Jammu wing of High Court. Registrar Judicial is requested to place record of the case before the High Court for confirmation or otherwise of sentence awarded by this court. Until receipt of confirmation of sentence, convict shall remain in Distt. Jail Bhadarwah. He has been already provided with a copy of judgment. A copy of this order has also been furnished to convict free of costs in the open court and he is made aware of that he has a right to agitate the findings and sentence in the High Court in accordance with law and also intimated that such appeal can be filed within 14 days.

Jammu boy Tanmay...

the country is still kept separated as far as Medical admissions in premier institutions of other country is concerned," Tanmay said.

Success story of Tanmay Gupta started after his 10th board results.

After scoring perfect 100% marks, both in Science and Maths in CBSE board, his father Dr. Akshay Gupta, who is Professor and Head of Orthodontics at Government Dental College, realised that Tanmay should get an opportunity to be in more competitive environment where he can access and polish his potential while in company of students from all part of the country.

With this in mind, it was discussed with Tanmay's mother Dr Shivali Gupta who is a dentist by profession.

It was a tough decision both for Tanmay, his parents and his grandparents, for him to leave hometown as being the only child.

But when he cracked entrance of one of the premier School of Delhi, DPS RK Puram, it was finalised, as Tanmay was also enthusiastic to be in an wider environment with more scope, which could help him to soar his wings wide to excel in wider horizons.

Sharing his views with our correspondent, Tanmay said that students from J&K are having as good potential as any other part of the country, only difference is that we need to think beyond being a "Contented Fish of a Pond " , in this world of Globalisation when everyone is talking about our PM Narinder Modi's Mantra about One Earth One Health, we in J&K inspite of being a part of world's largest democracy, are still keeping our potential limited to a confined place. Having a Cosmo environment by having amalgamation of students across the country in our institutions and creating opportunity for students from UT of J&K to get admissions in other premiere institutions of the country will help to overall upbringing and better professional education environment for everyone from our UT.

"If I can achieve this, everyone from J&K can achieve this, only thing we need to think beyond box and be consistent in our efforts," he said.

According to Tanmay, it is more important to be consistent in our studies than to increase the number of hours.

"I used to study 3 to 5 hours everyday after school and whenever it was holiday, it used to be 7 to 8 hours. I always had target for each day, and when I accomplished that, it used to give me sense of euphoria and helps me more motivated to achieve my target and to maintain and improve my work. With having target to get admission in one of the best institution of the country "Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi" in my mind I left my hometown and studied 11th and 12th in Delhi, but God had different plans for me, and I was blessed to be eligible to be selected in India's top and world's one of the best Institution in Medical Sciences, AIIMS Delhi," he said. Hobbies of Tanmay Gupta includes Swimming and to watch light hearted TV programmes. He could not peruse his passion for swimming due to COVID pandemic, but he used spare time to watch cricket and some TV while pursuing for his dreams to become a Doctor.

He, however, kept himself completely away from social media and other OTT platforms. While studying at KC Public School Jammu till 10th standard Tanmay has also participated and represented Jammu & Kashmir in various National Sports events in swimming.

Sajad Lone asks...

the ideological difference with the Centre become a catalyst for further erosion of interests of Jammu and Kashmir and an impediment towards the re-empowerment of its people. His remarks came after the party convened a meeting of its central working committee (CWC) to discuss important organisational matters and the current political situation.

Lone alleged that some leaders see their survival in strife, struggle and pain of the Kashmiris and in manufacturing victims, and asked them to end their "hollow and high-pitched rhetoric".

He said it is a cruel paradox that those parties or leaders who are in search of victims through their quest for confrontation have been the victors of the past while creating victims amongst the Kashmiris.

The Peoples Conference (PC) will not let the ideological difference with the union government become a catalyst for further erosion and an impediment towards the re-empowerment of the people of J-K.

The conscience of the leadership of our party does not permit us to throw more innocent Kashmiris in harm's way. We will not do the predatory politics on the victimhood of poor Kashmiri's children. We will do everything in our power to protect a common Kashmiri from being victimised, he said, asking other parties to take a similar stand.

The PC president said his party has a million disagreements with the ruling regime and its leadership and its ideological differences with the union government were steep and irreconcilable , but the reality is that they wield power.

The irrational and theatrical provocations of a section of our leadership are only becoming a catalyst for new changes and erosions. It is our firm belief that true to the age-old Kashmiri adage that the bravado of allowing something to be taken away needs the skills of a magician to get it back, he said, adding, there is no space for further bravado. Lone said, "We have to create an enabling environment for deliverance by Delhi." We are in a hurry that democracy is restored, we are in a hurry that whatever has been taken away be restored. New Delhi is not in any hurry, he said, referring to abrogation of special status and taking away of statehood.

He said it is time the leadership of the parties rose from its slumber and understood that every word it utters has a consequence for the people of Kashmir.

The PC president said every confrontation ends up with a victim and a victor and "we have to ask ourselves who will be the new victims if there is going to be a new round of confrontation". Our simple question to those who are keen to start a new round of confrontation is that from whom the new victims will be selected. Will it be from the political elite, will it be from their families or will it as per tradition be the poor man's son, he said. Manufacturing victims and discouraging victimhood cannot be a substitute for ideology. It seems that some leaders see their survival in strife, struggle and pain of the Kashmiris. They, by virtue of their utterances, want to incite and goad New Delhi to act harshly against the people of Kashmir," he alleged.

Salary of 63...

Commissioner has ordered withholding salary of 63 employees. Further explanation was also sought from all the absent employees.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar reiterated that such inspections will continue in future also and dereliction of duty including unauthorized absence will not be tolerated at all. He also passed strict instructions to the concerned office heads against allowing any employee without permission. He asked them to adhere to the office timing to avoid inconvenience to the general public. In the inspection held today, the inspecting senior officers also checked for presence of Patwaris in couple of Patwar Halqas.

Mehbooba Mufti placed under house-arrest

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti was on Monday put under house arrest to prevent her from visiting Anantnag to meet the family of a youth who was killed in cross-firing between security forces and militants last week, a party leader claimed. The Peoples Democratic Party leader claimed that the police have locked the main gate of Mehbooba's house.

A police official said the PDP chief was not allowed to visit Anantnag due to security reasons.

Shahid Ahmad was killed in an exchange of fire between Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel and militants in Shopian district on October 24, according to police.

Mehbooba was put under house arrest at her Fairview residence in Gupkar locality of the city here and not allowed to move out, the PDP leader claimed.

She was to visit the family of slain youth Shahid Ahmad in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. She wanted to offer her condolences to the bereaved family, but was not allowed to move out of her residence, the party leader said.

According to the PDP leader, the police have locked the main gate of Mehbooba's house. A police vehicle has been stationed just outside the gate to disallow any movement.

Ahmad's death had evoked strong reactions from mainstream political parties in the Valley and they had demanded a probe into it.

Mehbooba had said it was sad that the armed forces "operate with such impunity" in Kashmir.