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accountable, people-centric governance system.

Efforts have been made through active programs towards the empowerment of the general public, said the Lt Governor.

During the program which aired on Sunday on all local and primary channels of All India Radio (AIR) in the UT and broadcast on the Channel DD Kashir, the Lt Governor connected with the people and dedicated this month's episode to all those citizens who are working for the betterment of the society, and emerged as role models for others.

The Lt Governor made a special mention of Engineer



LG Manoj Sinha addressing people through 'Awaam ki Awaaz' radio programme.



People listening to Lt Governor's Awaam ki Awaaz programme.

Jehangir Bhat of Bandipora and appreciated his endeavour for encouraging innovation amongst youth. With 20 patented innovations to his credit, I congratulate engineer Jehangir Bhat who aspires to make every student an innovator, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also congratulated national topper of NEET-UG Tanmay Gupta and cricketer Umran Malik and termed them as the new role models for the younger generation of J&K.

Our great nation will be celebrating 72 years of the adoption of the Constitution of the world's largest democracy on November 26. Today, when the world's oldest civilization and rich cultural heritage is moving towards becoming an economic superpower, it is absolutely necessary that the evils and the class differences plaguing it must be completely removed, observed the Lt Governor.

Referring to the suggestion received from Faisal Yousuf regarding creating an environment of self-employment and inviting the young and promising entrepreneurs to schools for guest lectures, the Lt Governor said that such interactions with the students will ignite and propel the spirit of entrepreneurship in the young minds.

Responding to the suggestion of Yasir Ahmad Laway regarding the strict implementation of biometric attendance in the field offices, the Lt Governor observed that the insight received bodes well with the administration's commitment to usher in an era of transparent and accountable governance culture in the region.

The Lt Governor, while mentioning Mohd Iqbal Badana and Shafeeq Ahmed, both of whom shared a roadmap for strengthening the Panchayat Raj Institutions, said that their suggestions complement the endeavour of the administration to enhance the capacity of the democratic institutions at the grassroots level.

The Lt Governor also welcomed the suggestions received from Arnav Mahajan, Niteshwar Kotwal, Sajad Ahmad Sofi, Irshad Ahmad Wani, Suheel Ahmad Najar, Rajesh Jaswal, Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, pertaining to decentralization of sports facilities, simplification of the process of JK SEHAT Scheme registration, creating an enabling ecosystem in educational institutions for the specially-abled, reformation in the management of SSA schools, progressive changes in promoting Panchayati Raj Institutions, decentralization of management of garbage by conducting Swachh Survekshan, Star Rating of Garbage-Free Cities and a campaign of 'Compost Banao, Compost Apnao' and strengthening 'PM Ujjwala Yojana' scheme.

Several landmark decisions of the Government are steering people's empowerment, taking J&K towards new heights of development and prosperity, the Lt Governor said. For the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, 7000 recruitments have been done on merit basis, in a transparent manner, which is a living example of how corruption-free, transparent and just system contributes to the progress of the marginalized class, observed the Lt Governor.

Another major decision taken by the Government is the one-time age relaxation in the recruitment exam for the post of Sub-Inspector, JKP, and the increase in the number of seats which has the potential to usher a wave of development and prosperity in the society. I wish the very best to the aspirants, the Lt Governor said.

Recently, J&K government has launched a public outreach campaign including 'One Person One Golden Card' campaign targeting the distribution of 58 Lakh Golden cards under the AB-PM-JAY & AB-PM-JAY-SEHAT health insurance schemes, aimed at ensuring greater coverage with easy access to affordable healthcare facilities to poor families from rural background.

Similarly, 'Har Ghar Dastak' Campaign has been launched to cover all unvaccinated cases, besides ensuring sensitization regarding importance of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB), he added.

Following the ideals of the Prime Minister, we have introduced digital initiatives to bring more transparency and reduce the gap between the system and the service, for the convenience of the common citizen. Such interventions will go a long way to ensure that benefits of the public welfare schemes are being made available to the people so that every citizen can live a dignified and prosperous life in a harmonious and progressive environment, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also made a special mention of the suggestions received from Sachin Padha and Aditya Sharma, regarding strengthening of the complaint management system to improve governance, and ways and means to promote Hindustani Classical music, respectively.

During the program, the Lt Governor appealed to the people to take a pledge to work collectively and strengthen their resolve to build a new, prosperous and self-reliant Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lt Governor also requested those who have not been vaccinated yet to get vaccinated at the earliest and contribute to the Government's efforts in defeating Covid pandemic.

## BSF forward defence...

the range of 8,000-16,000 feet, at present live in CGI (corrugated galvanised iron) sheet-made hutmments along with their rations and weapons, exposing them to the vagaries of sub-zero temperatures.

Official sources in the security establishment told PTI that the BSF will convert about 115 of its FDLs to large steel (alloy of iron and carbon) compartments with an overall layout of around Rs 35 crore.

The decision was taken after BSF Director General (DG) Pankaj Kumar Singh recently visited the FDLs in Kashmir and reviewed their operational preparedness.

The BSF head interacted with his troops and later directed officials of the Kashmir frontier to prepare an action plan for converting those FDLs to steel so that work can be initiated quickly.

The DG, they said, later also met senior officials of the Ministry of New and

Renewable Energy in Delhi to get solar power projects sanctioned for these FDLs which have been approved in-principle.

All activities at these locations, including cooking and daily ablutions by BSF troops, are carried out using power sourced from kerosene and diesel, they said.

"The new steel dwelling units will be procured after a tender process. Steel has been thought as the replacement to the present infrastructure as it has better strength and fracture resistance in sub-zero temperatures.

"A bathroom, toilet, kitchen and living unit will be prepared from steel and installed at about 115 FDLs each," a senior officer said.

He said more locations would be covered after the first phase is implemented successfully.

Another officer said while the Union Home Ministry has approved the decision, the solar power panels that will be installed by the New and Renewable Energy Ministry will help reduce carbon footprint and pollution in these ecologically fragile high-altitude regions.

Moreover, an officer deployed in the Kashmir anti-infiltration grid said BSF troops will get better facilities than what they have at present.

"No doubt it is very hard to survive and protect the borders in these FDL areas as weather is a strong enemy and there is no absolute solution that can ease all the troubles.

"We are trying to provide our men in uniform what is best available for them in these extreme hard area deployments," the officer said.

As FDLs cannot have permanent dwelling infrastructure, temporary structures are created to deploy troops, lay ambushes and mount weapons in these areas.

A number of BSF FDLs are named in the memory of troops who were killed in action in this area, while some are identified with the names of Hollywood actresses.

Apart from the LoC, the BSF is entrusted to guard about 2,289 kilometres of the India-Pakistan International Border that runs from Jammu to Punjab, Rajasthan and up to Gujarat on the country's western flank.

## Leaked water pipe...



An earthmover removing debris and boulders after a landslide occurred on Panjirthi to Sidhra Road.

supply tap water to several parts of the city.

A road clearance operation is underway following the massive mudslide and it will take several hours for resumption of traffic, an official of the PWD said, adding all the incoming and outgoing traffic was diverted through the main highway along Manda Zoo.

The road is likely to be thrown open by evening, the official said.

## SKM to hold...

26 and march to Parliament on November 29".

SKM, an umbrella body of the agitating unions, met earlier on Sunday to decide on the next course of action, including on the MSP issue and the proposed daily tractor march to Parliament during the upcoming Winter Session.

Farmer leaders have been maintaining that the protesters will stay put at border areas of Delhi until the Centre formally repeals these laws in Parliament after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's surprise announcement on Friday and have indicated their stir for a statutory guarantee of MSP and withdrawal of the Electricity Amendment Bill will continue.

## Cold conditions continue...

Celsius Saturday night -- slightly up from minus 1.5 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said.

The officials said Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a low of minus 4.2 degrees Celsius. Pahalgam was the coldest recorded place in Kashmir.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.4 degrees Celsius.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 3.0 degrees Celsius. Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley, recorded minus 2.2 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag registered a low of minus 1.3 degrees Celsius.

The Met Office predicted the weather will most likely remain dry over the week ahead.

However, there is possibility of light snowfall over extreme north Kashmir parts on November 24, it said. The wintry conditions in Kashmir have set-in much ahead of the beginning of extreme harsh weather conditions which usually start around the third week of December. 'Chillai Kalan', the 40-day period of harsh winter in Kashmir, begins on December 21 every year.

## Two injured in dispute

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two persons were injured in a clash at Janipur on Sunday.

As per the details, two groups clashed with each other as a result of which two persons got injured and were shifted to hospital for treatment. The injured were identified as Neeraj, son of Prem Chand, resident of Janipur and Atul, son of Tarsem Singh, resident of Dok Paloura. Police has registered a case for investigation.

## House, 6 shanties, tractor-trolley gutted in fire incidents

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A house, six shanties and a tractor-trolley were gutted in separate fire incidents on Sunday.

As per details, a house belonging to one Iqbal Singh, resident of Garhi, Purkhoo was gutted in fire when nobody was at home. Neighbourers doused the fire after hectic efforts but till then goods were reduced to ashes.

In another incident, six shanties reduced to ashes in Narwal Bala area at Narwal. The shanties belonged to Abdul Shankar, Kafayat Ullah, Jahid Alam, Yakub Nabi and Tariq Islam.

Meanwhile, a tractor-trolley laden with straw caught fire in Rajpura area of Samba district. The tractor was on its way from Hiranagar to Mawa to drop straw.

## Child died, 5 injured in car accident

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A child was died while 5 others got injured after the car, they were traveling in, met with an accident in Majalta area on Sunday.

As per details, a car turned turtle in Maljta area due to which six persons travelling in it got injured and were shifted to hospital where doctors declared one of them as brought dead. The deceased were identified as Neha Devi, daughter of Balwant Singh, resident of Khoon while injured were identified as Sushma Devi, Surinder Singh, Reva and Shivani. Police has registered a case for investigation.

## Jawan booked under rape charges

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA: An Army Jawan has been booked under rape charges in Nagrota on Sunday.

As per details, a girl, resident of Sarwal lodged a complaint with police that a Jawan, presently posted at Nagrota, has raped her on many occasions on the promise of marriage. Police has registered a case against accused and started investigation.

## Youth kidnapped over dispute, released later

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA: A youth was kidnapped by some persons over a dispute in Nagrota area on Sunday, however he was released later.

Tanveer Hussain, resident of Nagrota, who was roaming in the area, was dragged into a car by some youth. After kidnapping the youth for some time, the accused released him after some hours. The victim has lodged a complaint with police who is investigating the matter.

## CRIME REPORT

## Drug peddler arrested, psychotropic substance recovered

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from society, Police on Sunday arrested a drug peddler and recovered psychotropic substance from his possession. As per details, officers at a checkpoint established at Hathlangoo Crossing intercepted a person identified as Hilal Ahmed Malla, son of Muhammad Maqbool Malla, resident of Malmapanpora Zaingeer. During search, officers recovered 10 bottles of codeine phosphate (Welexy) from his possession. He was arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 282/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Sopore and further investigation started.

## 9 bovines rescued; smugglers fled

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH/KATHUA: Police on Sunday foiled two bovine smuggling bids at Poonch and Kathua by rescuing 9 animals, however the smugglers managed to escape.

As per details, acting on reliable information, a party of Police Station Poonch headed by Inspector Sureshwar Dev Singh SHO Poonch under the supervision of SSP Poonch Dr Vinod Kumar, laid a Naka at Kalai, Poonch and intercepted a Tata Mobile (JK12A-9878) coming from Poonch towards Kashmir via Mughal Road. During checking, 5 bovines were found laden inside vehicle which were rescued while driver of the vehicle fled away from the spot. The vehicle used for transporting the bovines was also seized and FIR No. 290/2021 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered in this regard at Police Station Poonch.

In another incident, on receiving reliable information that a Mahindra vehicle (JK08H-7763) is enroute from Kathua towards Jammu via link road Hariachak, a team of Police Station Rajbagh led by Insp Amit Sangra SHO Rajbagh under the supervision of SDPO Border Sachit Mahajan laid a Naka /checking duty on link road Hariachak. On seeing Naka party, driver of the vehicle managed to flee leaving behind the vehicle. During physical checking, 4 bovines were found loaded in the vehicle, which were rescued. The vehicle was seized and FIR No 236/2021 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered in this regard at Rajbagh Police Station.

## Three killed in mishaps

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three persons got killed in separate mishaps on Sunday.

As per details, a bike skidded off the road near Sohail road, AKhnoor as the rider lost control over it due to over-speed. In mishap, he got injured and was shifted to hospital where he succumbed to injuries. The deceased has been identified as Arun Kumar, resident of Palwan.

In another mishap, a bike got hit by a truck in lower Gardigarh area due to which he died. The identity of deceased is yet to be ascertained.

Meanwhile, Rattan Lal, son of Bindraan, resident of Sarore was also hit by a vehicle in Bari Brahmana area, due to which he died.

## Five injured in land dispute

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Five persons got injured after two groups clashed with each other over a land dispute in village Sohada, Ghagwal.

As per details, a clash erupted between two groups over a land dispute in which they attacked each other after verbal dual. In incident, five persons including a girl got injured and were shifted to hospital for treatment. The injured were identified as Sham Lal, son of Munshi Ram, Lalit, son of Sham Lal; Pritam Chand, son of Munshi Ram; Madan, daughter of Pritam Chand and Yunus, son of Shahdin.

## Man crushed under train

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A passenger from Rajasthan was crushed under a train at Jammu Railway Station on Sunday.

As per details, Bajrang Lal, son of Krishan Ram, resident of Bikaner, Rajasthan came under a goods-train due to which he died on the spot. GRP men shifted his body to morgue for autopsy.

## Bootlegger nabbed with 27 bottles of illicit liquor

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Police on Sunday arrested a bootlegger and recovered 27 bottles of liquor from his possession.

As per details, Akhnoor Police during Naka in the area intercepted a man and during frisking recovered 27 bottles of liquor from his possession. The accused identified as Suresh Kumar, resident of Malpur was arrested and a case under relevant section of law was registered against him.

## Two shops burgled at Gharota

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Thieves on Sunday burgled two shops in Gharota area on Sunday.

As per details, Razak Ahmed, resident of Bhalwal lodged a complaint with police that thieves targeted his shop and decamped with Rs 22,000 cash, mobile and clothes worth thousands. The shop adjacent to his shop, belonging to one Sajjad Ahmed, was also burgled by thieves from where they decamped with cash and other goods. Thieves also attempted to break locks of several other shops in same market. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

## Man dies after consuming poison

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A man died after he consumed poison in his house at Kalakote on Sunday.

As per details, Ashok Kumar, son of Pehal Singh, resident of Kalakote consumed poison in his house and was shifted to hospital, where he was declared brought dead by doctors. Police is investigating the matter.