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Jail official, school...

who was caught with a most wanted terrorist and two others along the Srinagar-Jammu national highway.

They were sacked when the Lt Governor was satisfied after considering facts and circumstances of the cases and the information available that the activities of these employees are such as to warrant their dismissal from service using provision of Article 311 (2) (c) of the Constitution.

Under this provision, the sacked employees can only approach the high court with their plea.

The process of dismissal of employees began in April this year barely a week after the Union Territory administration constituted a Special Task Force (STF) that is empowered to investigate allegations of involvement in anti-state activities against government employees and recommend dismissal of those found involved.

Health Directorate Jammu.....

Ten days positively otherwise action as warranted under rules shall follow. However, neither he submitted any reply to the Show Cause Notice nor joined the duties. Now after several subsequent notices and the latest issued under No-DHS/J/Es-5/NG/10466-68, dated 18-10-2021, the employee was terminated with immediate effect in terms of Article 128 and Article 113 of J&K CSR Vol-I.

Hazardous cracker dumps...

keep waiting for such orders and instructions to 'carry on their operations to mint the money'.

According to sources, stocks worth crores of rupees from Bishnah have already been dispatched to various markets, especially in Jammu.

The Pollution Control Committee has issued these directions while taking cognizance of the air quality of Jammu and Kashmir coupled with the directions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) and the Supreme Court of India and in exercise of powers under Section 17 (f) and (j) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

These directions of the Court are to be implemented and enforced by concerned District Magistrates and the Police officials. Also the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of the concerned area, Deputy Superintendent of Police and the SHOs/Police officers in-charge of the concerned police station shall be held personally liable for any violation.

Pertinently, National Green Tribunal has already issued the directions under reference for combating the air pollution caused by bursting of fire crackers during the festivals of Diwali, Gurpurab, Christmas and New Year and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has also issued order in this behalf for regulating the sale and use of fire crackers.

Also, the Supreme Court of India is already seized with the matter and has issued order on 29-10-2021 regarding enforcement on manufacturing, use and sale of banned fire crackers and adherence to the timing of bursting of permissible/ permitted green crackers.

The public notice, issued by the J&K State Emergency Operation Centre, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction, contains 'Dos and Don'ts' in terms of safety tips on Diwali.

The public notice says, Deepawali or Diwali is a festival of joy and happiness. People light candles and sometimes burst crackers on the occasion. While using crackers it is necessary to adhere to the Supreme Court of India order dated October 29, 2021 in IA no. 44727/2021 in WP (C) No. 728/2015 and National Green Tribunal order dated November 9, 2020 in OA No. 249/2020 and Govt. Order No: 89 JK (DMRR) of 2020 dated November 10, 2020 regarding enforcement on manufacturing, sale and use of banned fire crackers and adherence to timing for bursting of permitted and green crackers.

As per the notice, only 'green-crackers' (eco-friendly) are permitted for sale and use; bursting of these green crackers is allowed during festivals from 8 pm to 10pm; fire crackers containing harmful chemicals like Barium salts, Lithium, Mercury, Arsenic, Antimony etc, are strictly banned in entire Jammu and Kashmir.

The public notice emphasizes on fire safety measures, asking the people to follow all safety precautions while using fireworks; use open spaces like playgrounds and fields for fire cracking; not to burst crackers in a crowded or congested place or inside the house; keep buckets of water and blankets available; in case a fire breaks out; wear thick cotton clothes while bursting crackers; avoiding long loose clothes, as they catch fire very fast; practice DROP and ROLL method, if your clothes catch fire; using fire extinguishers in case of a fire accident or call 101; keeping an eye on your children and don't letting them burst crackers on their own; never leaving a lit match and Agarbatti near unused crackers.

These instructions have been issued in public interest and the people want meaningful steps to be taken to tackle the menace.

Prolonged uncertainty in...

and promises by the government to create new jobs and fill the existing vacancies have not fructified.

"Thousands of daily wage workers working in different departments are suffering but nothing substantial is being done to address their long pending issues. No adequate revival and sustenance package for traders, artisans, horticulturalists, manufacturers and daily wagers has further aggravated the scenario. Much touted new dawn turned out to be a dreadful night for people," he said.

DLSA Udhampur holds awareness event on Legal Rights of Women



DLSA Secy, Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge) hosting the event.

The resource persons highlighted the issues faced by the Women. The Child programme officer, Aganwari Workers and 155 Female Teachers of different Schools of the District were also present in the Programme.

The Secretary, while thanking the Lawyer and the teachers, threw light on the Legal Rights of the women in the society and stressed upon the need to safeguard all basic rights which are vital to a human life especially to Women. Chairman, TLSC, Rambnagar, Smriti Sharma (Sub Judge), Chairman TLSC Chenani Amandeep kour (Munisiff), Chairman TLSC Majalta Priyanka Mahajan (Munisiff) had joined the programme through virtual mode.

The Resource Persons of the Programme were Lawyers Advocate Shallu Khajuria and Advocate Vijay Lakshmi.

The aim of the Programme was to raise

Awareness about the Legal Rights of Women. The DLSA Udhampur organised a programme through Physical Mode on the subject here at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner Office.

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It was further informed that in the PWD sector out of 4 works, 1 has been tendered till date. Forest department was assigned 5 works which have been tendered and shall be allotted soon. Health department was assigned 5 works of purchase nature and 2 civil works. The procurement of Ambulances would be done through State Motor Garages by the end of this month, while building works have been started by PWD.

Vice Chairperson DDC, Sangeeta Rani, while addressing the meeting, stressed on early tendering of the approved works for their timely completion. She urged for conducting fortnightly reviews

Abdullah, the Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar, said J-K youth are sinking under the weight of the incumbent administration's "indifference".

"The mounting evidence is in the form of widespread and seething unemployment and job losses resulting in their continuing alienation and frustration," he said.

The NC president said the incumbent administration's lack of interest in the needs of youths has also incurred a cost in terms of their physical and mental health.

"Mired by hopelessness and anxiety, our youths are taking to drug addiction and substance abuse. The situation is very grim and our youths are living the grimdest nightmare," he added.

J&K records 110...

discharged from various hospitals including 15 from Jammu Division and 76 from Kashmir Division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus, out of 332457 positive cases, 916 are Active Positive (101 in Jammu Division and 815 in Kashmir Division), 327103 have recovered and 4438 have died; 2176 in Jammu division and 2262 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 16269970 test results available, 332457 samples have tested positive and 15937513 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 34173 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 3866399 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 6208 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 916 in isolation and 448063 in home surveillance. Besides, 3406774 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has recorded nine fresh COVID-19 cases that raised the tally to 20,971, while the number of active cases in the Union Territory has reached 76, officials said.

Ladakh has registered 207 coronavirus-related deaths -- 149 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. No new fatality due to COVID-19 has been reported in Ladakh.

The recovery count remained unchanged at 20,687 as no new coronavirus patient was discharged from hospitals, they said.

All the fresh cases were reported from Leh, they said.

A total of 209 sample reports in Ladakh tested negative for the virus, they said.

There was no death reported due to Covid in Ladakh yesterday.

Seventy-one of the active COVID-19 cases in the UT are in Leh and the remaining five in Kargil district, the officials said.

BJP leader booked...

committee, headed by Sunil Sethi, also asked him to explain his position within 48 hours.

"A video has gone viral in social media in which you are seen making absolutely reckless and hatred-promoting remarks against a particular community. This is unacceptable to the party and has brought disrepute and embarrassment to the party," the notice read.

The BJP Jammu and Kashmir president, who ordered the disciplinary action against the former legislator, had said he was personally hurt after hearing the comments of Randhawa.

He said the remarks "are totally against the basic principles of the party which believes in respecting all faiths and taking everyone along in accordance with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' (inclusive development)".

Randhawa's remarks caused outrage across Jammu and Kashmir with people demanding action against him in accordance with the law.

National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah has said, "So good to see this man making friends with Kashmiri people! He should be made an example out of and the law should deal with him firmly to dissuade others from being as abusive as this man has been."

BJP spokesperson Sunil Sethi said the disciplinary committee has given an interim report in view of the huge impact of reckless statement of Randhawa and the bad name it has brought to the party.

He said the report has recommended to immediately relieve him of all official party positions pending finalising of disciplinary proceedings.

"Party President Ravinder Raina agreed with the report and decided to take strict and strong action against Randhawa without wasting any time as party believes in respecting all religions particularly women."

"And it is unacceptable to party that a person occupying high position in party may makes statement which will hurt religious sentiments of anyone," Sethi, who is also chairman of the three-member disciplinary committee, said in a statement.

He welcomed the registration of the FIR against Randhawa.

LG congratulates NEET...

environment at home and everybody always supported me I could say that they are my role models, said Gupta, who studied at KC Public school in Jammu till Class 10 before moving to Delhi's DPS, R K Puram, to complete his Class 12 examination.

Gupta said he is very thankful to his teachers for guidance and also the friends for providing him moral support.

The feeling is simply amazing and cannot be described in words, he said, adding: When he was done with the 10th class board examination, my parents decided to send me to Delhi for further studies and tried my best to give what I can give.

His parents, Akshay Gupta and Shivali Gupta, who are both doctors, said it was the toughest decision of their life to send their son to Delhi for studies and their deci-

AYUSH, ICDS celebrate Ayurveda Day

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: AYUSH and ICDS on Tuesday celebrated 6th National AYURVEDA Day here in the premises of Mini secretariat Kishtwar.

The program started with the welcome address by District Nodal officer Ayush, Dr Tараq Hussain. Additional Deputy Commissioner Kishori Lal Sharma was the Chief Guest.

Medical Officer Dr Monika Sharma Medical Officer Dr Juneed Iqbal and besides Mosin, Health and Nutrition Mobilizer spoke on the relevance of National Ayurveda Day and Poshan respectively.

Later, Nutritional kits were distributed among 150 beneficiaries, staff and locals in the presence of the Chief Guest. Meanwhile, the AYURVEDA Day was also celebrated by all the AYUSH dispensaries of Kishtwar.

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STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet on Tuesday discussed measures to curb illegal mining in the district here at a Multi Departmental District Level Task Force meeting.

The meeting also discussed the process of issuance of NOCs for E-Auction of Rajpura Limestone Block at Mandi.

The Deputy Commissioner impressed upon the concerned departments to take all the necessary steps needed for facilitation of mining leases of E-Auction for project proponents.

The DDC asked the members of the District Task Force Committee to work in close coordination to keep check on illegal mining in the district. He asked the SSP Poonch to facilitate all possi-

ble support to the checking squads to put in place a robust and formidable mechanism against those indulging in illegal mining. He asked the committee including representatives of Pollution Control Board, revenue, DMO and SHO concerned to ensure coherence and vitality of the whole process and report within 10 days. He said directed eviction of all Stone Crushers built on state land and sealing of those functioning without GST bill.

The DC directed the irrigation department to demarcate all kuls and Canals in coordination with concerned Tehsildars.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Dr. Vinod Kumar; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Basharat Hussain; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi; Tehsildar Haveli, Anjum Bashir Khan Khattak; Headquarter Assistant, Jahangir Hussain; Tehsildar Mandi, Shazad Latif Khan; District Mining Officer, Javid Iqbal; XEN PHE, Rajesh Sethi; Range Officer, Nisar Hussain; AD Fisheries, Bashir Ahmed besides all concerned officers attended the meeting.

Crop damage: DC Reasi sanctions Rs 8.13 Lakh relief in favour of 340 farmers

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, S. Charandeep Singh on Tuesday sanctioned an amount of Rs. 4,63,830 Lakh relief under SDRF in favour of 161 farmers whose crop was damaged due to the recent hailstorm, taking the total relief amount paid to the farmers in past one week to Rs. 8.13 lakh.

An amount of Rs. 3.50 Lakh (Three Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Sixty Eight) was sanctioned in favour of 179 beneficiaries on October 28, 2021.

The relief amount is being credited into the respective bank accounts of the eligible beneficiaries through DBT mode.

On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, an extensive field survey was conducted jointly by the Revenue and Agriculture Department to ascertain the extent of damage to the crops. The joint team conducted the survey in affected villages of the District where the standing crop was damaged due to hailstorm and subsequently the relief cases were prepared and sanctioned.

DDC Chairman Doda reviews physical status of works under PRI grants

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: District Development Council Chairman Dhananjan Singh Kotwal on Tuesday reviewed physical achievements of works taken up under DDC, BDC and PRI grants here at a meeting held in the hall of DC offices complex.

Status of work wise tendering process, allotment of works, works started on ground and works completed were discussed in detail in the meeting. While reviewing RDD sector projects, it was given out that maximum of the works have been allotted and procurement is under process. The works shall be completed before 31st December this year.

and addressing issues for timely completion of works.

The Chairman urged the officers and Engineering department to work in synergy and gear up the men and machinery for coming up to the expectations of the people.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Doda Mohammad Hanif Malik; CPO Doda Parshotam Kumar; ACD Doda Mohammad Idrees Lone; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Ashfaq Ahmad Khanji; SE PWD, SE PDD, DEPO Doda, DIO Doda, DYSSO Doda, XENs of PWD, Jal Shakti & REW, AD Planning RDD, Besides, other officials of the RDD department.

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner, Indu Kanwal Chib on Monday flagged off an Ambulance equipped with basic life support for catering to emergency situations on Udhampur-Chenani stretch of National Highway.

Speaking to Media, the DC apprised that the Ambulance has been donated by National Highway Authority of India on the request of District Administration. The DC added that 3 Ambulances are already stationed on Udhampur, Chenani NH stretch and also thanked the UT Government, NHA for donating this Ambulance. The DC said Udhampur Administration is committed to strengthen the infrastructure facilities on NH. Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Syed Khan, DHO, Dr Mohd Yaseen, Secretary, District Red Cross Society and other officers besides representatives of NHA were present on the occasion.

DC asks for taking stern action against illegal river bed extraction in Poonch



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