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Operational readiness of...

technologies in collaboration with civil industries, including premier educational institutions and thereby progressing towards the aim of 'modernisation through indigenisation' or 'Atma Nirbharta,'" it said in a statement.

The Army Commanders' Conference is an apex-level biannual event that is held in April and October/November every year.

The conference is an institutional platform for conceptual-level deliberations, culminating in making important policy decisions for the Indian Army.

The commanders are also undertaking a review of India's military preparedness along the 3,400-km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) in view of the military stand-off with China in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh, officials said.

Next NEET-PG...

be taken by final-year MBBS students, officials have said.

At a high-level held on Monday, the National Medical Commission (NMC) is learnt to have conveyed to the Union Health Ministry that it intends to conduct the National Exit Test (NExT) in December 2023, official sources said on Wednesday.

If held in December 2023, MBBS students of the 2019-2020 batch will have to appear for the exam. The results of the exam will also be used for admission to post-graduate medical courses from the 2024-2025 batch, they said.

According to the NMC Act, NExT will serve as a common qualifying final-year MBBS exam, a licentiate exam to practise modern medicine and for merit-based admission to postgraduate courses and a screening exam for foreign medical graduates who want to practice in India.

The government had invoked in September the relevant provisions of the NMC Act to extend the time limit for conducting NExT till September 2024.

According to the law, the commission had to conduct a common final-year undergraduate medical examination, NExT, as specified by regulations within three years of it coming into force.

The Act came into force in September 2020.

JeM terror module...

JeM. "After sustained interrogation, the driver disclosed that they have come to Jammu to pick up weapons at the behest of Shahbaaz, a JeM handler who is in Pakistan," the spokesman said.

He said they were assigned the task to transport and hand over the weapons to a terrorist in Kashmir.

"Yaseen also confessed that he had concealed a consignment of arms and ammunition in the oil tanker. Upon this the tanker was again searched in the presence of a magistrate and the recoveries made thereof include three AK-56 rifles, one pistol, nine magazines, 191 rounds of ammunition and six grenades, the spokesman said.

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commanders in Kashmir Valley to train youths in fabricating improvised explosive devices (IEDs) using locally available chemicals.

"He, along with other co-accused and Pakistan-based handlers/operatives of LeT/TRF, actively participated in acts in support of LeT and received funds from Pakistan-based operatives of LeT. He also facilitated the transfer of weapons in Kashmir for furtherance of terrorist activities in India," the spokesperson said.

India has 2.49...

above 80 years of age, he told reporters after the rally.

The CEC said India's first voter Shyam Saran Negi, who recently died, was 106 years old and voted through postal ballot just three days before his death. "That is the spirit," he added.

Kumar said the summary revision takes place every year, but this year they are doing a very focused activity and starting it all over the country from Pune with a specific purpose to increase the participation of citizens from urban areas.

"What does it mean? Everywhere in the country and the farthest possible states, be it hills, coastal lines, everywhere, inaccessible terrains, deserts, everywhere every single citizen gets enlisted as a voter and strengthens the democracy by not only getting registered but also casting his/her vote," the CEC said.

Kumar said they want to request all voters in the urban areas, all the youth to come participate, get registered and vote.

"It is only through your voting that the democratic traditions become absolutely robust and strong," the CEC said.

"Some of the cities, I am not naming them, do not really do that kind of voting and there is a whole lot of ground which we have to cover in urban areas, that is why this rally was organised to create awareness," he said.

Kumar flagged off the bicycle rally at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune's Balewadi area.

He later told reporters that there are some advanced, big metro cities where apathy is seen among the urban voters, but it is expected that these cities should also participate in voting whole-heartedly and help strengthen the democracy.

"The same applies to the youth also. If they can put forth their views on WhatsApp, they can very well put forth their opinion on casting votes," he said.

Body of man...

the official said. "After a day-long hectic search, the rescuers managed to recover one body this evening while the search for other three persons was continuing," he said. He said the search operation was going on in full swing despite intermittent rains which lashed wide parts of the region.

SSP Qayoom and Doda Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan are supervising the operation which is being jointly carried out by the police, army and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF).

River rafting experts from JK Adventures and specially trained local volunteers are also part of the rescue-cum-search operation, police officials said, adding after a night halt, the rescue operation resumed with the first light of the day.

Earlier, The officials said the district administration requested the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) to close down the dams so that the water flow in the river is lowered to speed up the operation.

"We responded immediately after the vehicle plunged into the river but the strong current at the scene of the accident proved an obstacle in carrying out the rescue operation," Founder and Chief Executive Officer of JK Adventures Sachin Singh Samyal said. He said the adventure sports body had deployed its expert divers at the scene to help in locating the missing persons.

Kotval along with Rohan Mangotra, Surjeet Singh and Vishal Chandel, all residents of Doda, were travelling to Kishtwar when their vehicle skidded off the road and fell into the river.

Serving people my...

common people is my priority. Please look forward. I will work for all the citizens of the country," he said, adding that heading the Indian judiciary was a "great opportunity and responsibility".

In response to a query as to how he will ensure the trust of people in the judiciary, he said, "I will ensure the trust of citizens not only through words but through my work".

Justice Chandrachud along with his spouse then went inside his chamber in the apex court and bowed to the Indian tricolour there.

He entered the historical CJI courtroom around 12.10 PM for hearing the matters listed for the day.

Apologies for keeping the members of the Bar waiting for so long. I will try to make it a no-stress court for everyone, he said seconds after settling on the CJT's chair. Lawyers including Solicitor General Tushar Mehta greeted the CJI and wished him the very best for his two-year tenure.

B2V4: Prabhari Officers...

"Swachh Gram Programme saturation, dissemination of information regarding Jan Bhagidari, issuance of Land Passbooks, 100% saturation of Golden Cards, completion of pending inheritance mutations by the concerned Revenue officers, distribution of e-Shram cards among all eligible beneficiaries, 100% Aadhar Seeding/ Penetration, rejuvenating self-employment across all Panchayats by facilitating interaction of eligible youth with concerned agencies/marketing awareness programmes, banks and other agencies/line departments, progress on Jal Jeevan Mission, progress on Panchayat Panni Samitis, formation/activation of Panchayat Youth Clubs and progress achieved under Mission Amrit Sarovar.

The Prabhari Officer(s) shall lay special focus on 101 deliverables of various departments inter-alia priority areas mentioned above. They shall maintain a continuous liaison with the people of the Panchayat and facilitate appropriate communication between the Panchayat and local administration/line departments, ensuring redressal of grievances/issues locally.

All line departments shall extend cooperation to the Prabhari officers to their satisfaction. Any non-responsiveness/non cooperation by the representatives of line departments shall be reported to the concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrate/District Magistrate for appropriate action.

The government has ordered that the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj shall be the Nodal Department for coordinating the exercise, and shall devise an objective format/mechanism for monitoring the progress of the above deliverables.

According to the list of deliverables based on the order, distribution of Ayushman Bharat Golden Health Cards to all eligible beneficiaries shall be taken up in terms of ensuring 100% Aadhar Seeding/Penetration and usage of Aadhar for availing different Government services. Besides, Land Passbooks to be printed and issued to all landowners, inheritance Mutations-all pending and current mutations to be attested by the revenue officers, promoting and encouraging self-employment across all Panchayats by facilitating interaction of eligible youth with concerned agencies, banks and line departments, creating awareness on different schemes for unemployed youth, identifying candidates for skill training under HIMAYAT and skill development and ensuring that they are included for skill training under these schemes, ensuring that every Panchayat has a functional CSC and is supporting general public in accessing online schemes, creating awareness on Jan Bhagidari

30.90 gm heroin like narcotic substance from their possession.

As per details, a party of Police Post Tikri led by PSI Abdul Satar and assisted by Insp. Rajesh Sharma SHO Rehambal under the supervision of Addl. SP Udhampur Anwaar Ul Haq and DySP Hqrs. Sahil Mahajan while patrolling at Tikri (Katra-Tikri road) intercepted a suspect, who on seeing police party tried to escape but was apprehended by patrolling party. On frisking of suspect identified as Azhar Chandel, son of Mohd Rafiq, resident of Housing Colony, Udhampur, police recovered 20.50 gm Heroin like substance. He was arrested and FIR No. 260/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him in Police Station Rehambal.

In another case, a party of Police Post Tikri while performing Naka duty at Tikri intercepted a rider on motorcycle (JK02AH 9289) and recovered 10.40 gm heroin like substance. The accused, identified as Tariq Hussain, son of Shah Mohd, resident of Chak Rakvallan, was arrested on the spot and FIR No. 259/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Rehambal.

Meanwhile, Poonch Police arrested a narcotic smuggler namely Muzaffer Iqbal alias Kallu, son of Barkat Hussain, resident of Gohlad Mendhar and recovered 12 gm heroin like substance from him. FIR no. 253/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Mendhar and investigation started.

Massive collision between two buses in Samba; 3 killed, 13 injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Two buses collided at Nanke Chak area of Samba on Jammu Pathankot National Highway on Wednesday evening due to which three persons died while 13 got injured.

As per details, a Bus of Uttar Pradesh Parivahan Nigam (UP-14FT-3267), which was on its way from Jammu towards Pathankote, when reached near Nanke Chak (Samba) collided with another Bus of Jammu Kathua route (JK02AH-5095) resulting in death of 3 passages while 13 others got injured. The deceased were identified as Mangi Devi age (36), wife of Rawel Chand, resident of Batala (Punjab); Tania (13), daughter of Rawel Chand and Kasturi Lal (56), son of Buta Ram, Resident of Rajpura, Samba.

Injured were identified as Arminder, son of Bansil Lal, resident of Kathua (Driver of Kathua route Bus), Lovely, son of Surjeet Singh, resident of Pathankot, Madhu, wife of Kamal Raj, resident of Jakh Barh (Kathua), Bharti Devi, daughter of Vinod Kumar, resident of Pathankot, Raj Kumar, son of Charan Dass, resident of Shah Balote, Jagdev Singh, resident of Pathankot, Kamal Raj, son of Bodh Raj, Amarjeet Kour, wife of Harvinder Singh, resident of Rajbagh, Darshana Devi, wife of Bishamber Dass, resident of Chandigarh, Raman, son of Subash Chander, resident of Kathua, Deepaknala, wife of Varinder, resident of Mandi Pushwalian, Monika Jaral, wife of Jatinder, resident of Barwal and Rawel Chand, son of Vidhi Chand, resident of Batala. Two injured were referred to GMC Jammu while others are under treatment at District hospital Samba and all 3 bodies have been kept in morgue of District hospital Samba.



among PRIS and general public and all important information of schemes, online services and beneficiaries and other details to be painted in every Panchayat.

Similarly, Pani Samitis meetings to be held regularly in the Panchayat, field testing kits to be provided to the Panchayat Pani Samiti and trainings given besides water sufficiency and quality to be checked and certified and uploaded on portal Implement Swachh Gram Plans.

Other deliverables included conversion of UDID cards into Digital Format, distribution of e-Shram Cards among all eligible beneficiaries, ensuring that every Panchayat has one reasonable sized playfield and that sports activities are conducted there. In hilly areas or dispersed habitations, every mohra or sub village has a playfield and presence of GRS, VLW, Panchayat Secretary shall be ensured in the Panchayat besides ensuring that their contact numbers are prominently displayed. Also, ensuring that Panchayat Ghar is functional, name and phone number of the Patwari/VLW and other officers is prominently painted, Amrit Sarovars to be completed in every Panchayat, formation and activation of Panchayat Youth Clubs, ensuring that Gram Sabha meetings with at least 50% attendance are held regularly and work plans are approved there, holding of Bal Sabhas and Mahila Sabhas, ensuring that all line departments regularly participate through their local/ grass root level functionaries in Monday Meetings in Panchayats, ensuring that a Village Haat is established in every Village of the Panchayat, ensuring that all OLD AGE, WIDOW and DISABLED pensions are sanctioned to every eligible beneficiary NOAPS/ISSS etc. likewise, ensuring that all out of school children are identified and brought back to school, ensuring that all demands, complaints and grievances raised during any B2V programme or any field visit are addressed and resolved, ensuring that all eligible children are supported by Anganwadis and that nutrition is provided, ensuring that basic infrastructure in terms of road, water and electricity is available and functional, ensuring that information about all government schemes is widely disseminated and that regular awareness and extension camps are conducted by different departments.

Meanwhile, by another order issued by General Administration Department, the government has directed different departments/ agencies/ officers to complete tasks/achieve deliverables as a follow-up/way-forward for successful implementation of 'Back to Village' programme.

The order stated that the Rural Development Department has been assigned the task of submitting complete report of the programme including achievements, shortcomings, if any, and next steps. Moreover, they have also been asked to collate all the details about willing candidates for skill development collected during B2V4 and ensure that the willing candidates are accommodated under HIMAYAT or other schemes as well as coordinate and manage the entire follow up for the programme including the PANCHAYAT PRABHARI SCHEME.

The Deputy Commissioners have been asked to review the responses from all B2V booklets (B2V1, B2V2, B2V3 and B2V4) with special reference to the demands and complaints and draw out an Action taken Report (ATR1), ensure that all demands which have been met and complaints/soft issues addressed should be clearly mentioned in ATR 1, group all pending issues into local panchayat level issues, district level issues and administrative department level issues, submit all local and district level issues positively within a month's time to the Planning Department as ATR2, forward all Administrative Department level issues and policy issues to the concerned department and GAD with a copy to the Planning Department (ATR3).

Similarly, Planning Development and Monitoring Department has been asked to submit a detailed report on overall achievement of deliverables and quantitative targets achieved, submit the report of concurrent evaluation of the programme carried out by it, use the digitized data to prepare Gati Shakti layers and use for analysis and planning, finalize the proposal for B2V award in consultation with B2V team and send to GAD for approval, develop a Panchayat Development Index in consultation with the Rural Development Department within a month and rank all Panchayats on that index, collect the digitized data from RDD and analyze it for further Planning and resource allocation as well collect the Action Taken Reports (1-3) from the Deputy Commissioners and other departments and monitor progress to ensure that all legitimate demands and grievances are addressed.

Likewise, Information Technology has been ordered to submit a detailed monthly report on the number of camps organized, awareness generated and quantitative targets achieved while as Banks have been asked to submit a detailed report on the overall achievement of Self Employment targets ensuring that all new cases received are processed and disposed off within one month and hold a function after one month to handover sanction and disbursement letters to candidates.

The government order further asked the General Administration Department to issue orders for Panchayat Prabhari Scheme and ensure that awards for B2V4 are finalized and given on Republic Day 2023 while as Information Department has been ordered to prepare a coffee table e-book and film on the basis of details to be shared by RDD.

Similarly, all other departments have been asked to review their respective deliverables and ensure saturation, review Action Taken Reports received from Deputy Commissioners and resolve as many issues as possible and send an Action Taken Report to the Planning Department.

Man tries to commit suicide by jumping from Tawi bridge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 50-year-old man tried to commit suicide by jumping from busy Tawi bridge in city, but he fell in water. According to passers-by, a person got off minibus and started walking on the footpath of Tawi bridge on foot from Bikram Chowk. Suddenly he climbed on the railing of bridge and jumped from the bridge into river. On receiving information, police immediately reached the spot, pulled man from the river and shifted him to GMC Hospital, where he was identified as Darshan Kumar, son of Charan Das, resident of Miran Sahib. The police informed family members of Darshan Kumar about the incident, after which they also reached hospital.

Employee accused of defrauding lakhs of rupees of company

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The management of a company based in Gangyal has registered a case of cheating against its employee. It was alleged that employee was asked to deposit a cheque of Rs 5.86 lakh to someone's bank account, but he deposited the same in account of an identified person and is absconding after the incident.

In a complaint lodged with the Gangyal police station, Ankush Gupta resident Chhani Himmat alleged that he had sent his employee, Manoj Verma, resident of Gonda, Uttar Pradesh, currently residing in Gangyal to deposit a cheque of Rs 5,86,752 in bank account of another company. Due to non-deposit of check account for few days, the company contacted Ankush Gupta and on enquiry from bank, it was learned that aforesaid employee had deposited it in account of one Ranjit Singh.

Five injured in scuffle between two student groups at NIT Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Five people sustained injuries after a scuffle broke out between two groups of students after a volleyball match ended in Jammu & Kashmir's National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar. On being informed by NIT authorities, police reached the campus.

According to police, the clashes took place late at night between two groups of students belonging to different batches. As per an official "A late night scuffle happened in NIT Srinagar wherein 2 groups of students belonging to different batches clashed after a volleyball match. 5 students from both sides sustained minor injuries. Police on request of NIT authorities entered campus. Situation is normal now."

Youth dies in accident

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A youth has died in an accident in Kanachak area on Wednesday.

According to information, one Raman Kumar, son Gara Ram, resident of Ganda Rattiya, who was going on his motorcycle on Ring Road, got injured as he lost control over the bike in Kangrail area. Police shifted him to the hospital for treatment where he died during treatment. After registering a case in this regard, Police has started investigation.

Motorcycle stolen from outside house

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: In Ward Number 8 of Hansali locality, a motorcycle was stolen from outside a house last night under suspicious circumstances. As per details, one Chetan Wali, resident of Faridabad, Haryana, currently residing in Ward No. 8 of Hansali locality, who is working as a Manager in Private Hotel in Katra, complained that he parked his motorcycle (HR87F- 6779) near his house and but it was missing in morning. After searching a lot, the motorcycle was not found, and a complaint was lodged at Katra Police Station.

Seven injured in auto accident

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Approximately 7 people got injured in an accident near PG College, Rajouri, who were admitted to GMC.

According to information received, an auto (JK11A 8672) coming from Chaudhary Nad towards Khoyara when reached near PG College, the driver lost control over vehicle due to which it skidded-off the road towards houses. Locals rushed to the spot and shifted 7 injured persons to GMC Rajouri.



Four bootleggers arrested; 56 bottles of illicit liquor recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Wednesday recovered 56 bottles of illicit liquor i.e., 42 bottles under jurisdiction of Police Station Nagrota and 14 bottles under jurisdiction of Police Post Pallanwala.

As per details, a team of Police Station Nagrota constituted under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar and led by SHO Nagrota Insp. Vishav Partap Singh alongwith DSB team while on patrolling duty rounded up three suspects, later identified as Sonu Mehra, son of Hari Ram, resident of Jagti Colony; Bhupinder Singh alias Vicky, son of Waryam Singh, resident of Katal Batal Nagrota and Sukhdev Singh, son of Raja Singh, resident of Drabi Thanda Pani, Nagrota. During search, 42 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from their possession viz 29 bottles from possession of Sonu Mehra, 8 from Bhupinder Singh and 5 from Sukhdev Singh. Trio was arrested and FIR Nos 385, 386, 387/22 under sections 48 (f) of Excise Act were registered at Police Station Nagrota.

Similarly, a team of Police Post Pallanwala constituted under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal and led by Incharge Police Post Pallanwala PSI Vijay Kumar, after putting in strenuous efforts, rounded up a suspect later identified as Ajay Kumar, son of Romesh Lal, resident of Batal Tehsil Kharah Bali, district Jammu while carrying 14 bottles of illicit liquor in his vehicle.

Drug-peddler nabbed with Ganja

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Wednesday nabbed a drug peddler and recovered 450 gm Ganja from his possession near Jhiri Mela.

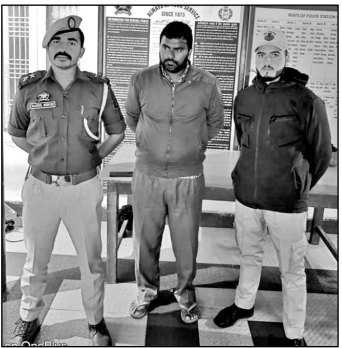
As per details, a team of Police Station Kanachak constituted under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh and led by SHO Kanachak Insp. Rahul Mahajan rounded up a suspect namely Salita, son of Jabar Singh, resident of Palinda, Jhansi (UP). During search, 450 gm Ganja was recovered from accused, who was arrested and FIR No.136/2022 under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Kanachak.

Smuggler arrested with 22 Kg poppy straw

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing war against drug-menace, Udhampur Police on Wednesday recovered poppy straw from a vehicle at Jakhani Naka, NH Udhampur.

As per details, a team of Police Station Udhampur at vehicle checking point in Jakhani Chowk, recovered 22 Kg poppy straw packed in three plastic bags from a Swift Dezire (JK14E 1786). On questioning, driver of vehicle disclosed his identity as Riyaz Ahmed, son of Mohd Shafi, resident of Rathian, Udhampur, who was arrested on spot. FIR No. 467/2022 under sections 8/15 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Udhampur and further investigation is going on. The Naka party was led by SHO Udhampur Insp. Raghubir Singh under the supervision of Addl SP Udhampur Anwaar Ul Haq and DySP Hqrs Udhampur Sahil Mahajan.



3 narco smugglers arrested with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR/MENDHAR: Continuing its endeavour to eradicate drug menace, Udhampur Police arrested two drug-peddlers in 2 different incidents and recovered