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Efforts underway to...

people for voluntary blood donation, he added.

Two AIIMS, two cancer institutes, seven new medical colleges, 15 new nursing colleges, and thousands of health and wellness centers, besides universal health insurance coverage for up to Rs. Five lakhs under the revolutionary Ayushman Bharat-SIEHAT scheme and decentralized health system have ensured that the people of J&K who were deprived of basic health services for decades, now have easy access to the best health care facilities, the Lt Governor added.

Dr. TR Raina, Organizing Chairman, Tanscon 2022, while speaking on the occasion highlighted the aims and objectives behind the National Conference. He shared the vision of ISBTI to achieve 100% voluntary blood donation.

During the inaugural session, experts and eminent speakers gave their views on blood donation and blood transfusion. A souvenir of the Tanscon-2022 B was also released.

Renowned companies like Wrig Nanosystems, Meril and Immucor also participated in the conference.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Bhupinder Kumar, Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education; Dr Shakti Gupta, Director, AIIMS Jammu; Dr. Shashi Sudan, Principal, GMC Jammu; Dr. Yudhveer Singh, President ISBTI; Dr. Sangeeta Pathak, Secretary General, ISBTI; Dr Meena Sidhu, Head, PG Department of Transfusion Medicine, GMC Jammu, faculty members, doctors, scientists, medical students, nursing staff were present.

Parliament's Winter Session...

also contemplating a symbolic soft inauguration of the new building, being built at an estimated cost of over Rs 1,200 crore, by the end of this month or early December, the sources said.

The session usually starts from the third week of November with around 20 sittings. But there have been occasions when the session was held in December, during 2017 and 2018.

This time, it is likely that the session will be held in the first week of December, the sources said.

Elections to the Gujarat Assembly will be held on December 1 and 5, while counting for both Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh will be held on December 8.

The government earlier aimed to complete the new building before the start of the Winter Session, but some construction work may stretch beyond the stipulated time.

Even after the building is fully furnished, the sources said, around 15-20 days would be required to acquaint and train staffers to make the building fully functional and extend all assistance to MPs.

The sources added that as of now it appeared that next year's Budget Session could be held in the new building and arrangements to hold the Winter Session in the old building have already begun.

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju had earlier said the Centre would repeal more than 1,500 obsolete and archaic laws during the Winter Session.

SC extends protection....

Gauri row. On Friday, cases related to the Gyanvapi mosque located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple also came up briefly in the Allahabad High Court and the Varanasi district court.

The case in the high court goes back to 1991 while the one in the Varanasi court relates to the more recent row - over permission to allow regular worship of idols on the mosque's rear wall.

The Supreme Court also directed the Hindu parties to file their replies within three weeks on the appeal by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid committee challenging the Allahabad High Court order on the appointment of a survey committee.

On May 17, the SC had passed an interim order directing the Varanasi district magistrate to ensure protection of the area inside the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri complex where the structure claimed to be a 'shivling' was found during a survey.

The mosque committee, however, maintained that the structure was part of the water fountain mechanism at the 'wazooxkhana' reservoir where devotees perform ablutions before offering namaz.

The video survey was ordered by the court of the civil judge (senior division) in Varanasi. The SC transferred the case to the district judge on May 20, pointing at the complexities and the 'sensitivity' of the issue and saying that a more senior judicial officer should handle it.

In its earlier May 17 order, the top court had directed protection of the area

around the claimed shivling" while also allowing Muslims to offer namaz in the mosque.

The SC had said the interim order shall remain in operation till the maintainability of the suit is decided by the district judge, and then for eight more weeks to allow the aggrieved parties to approach a higher court.

The Varanasi district judge is now hearing the plea by a group of women seeking permission for daily worship of idols of Hindu deities located on the mosque's outer wall. The Hindu side has also sought a survey of two locked basements in the mosque complex.

On Friday, district judge A K Vishvesha fixed December 5 as the next date of hearing, according to government advocate Mahendra Pandey.

Meanwhile, the Allahabad High Court adjourned the hearing in the 1991 Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi mosque case to November 28.

This was done on a plea by the mosque committee, which had moved a petition challenging the maintainability of the original suit filed in the Varanasi district court.

Appearing for temple side, advocate C S Vaidyanathan argued that a survey should be conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to bring out the truth.

He claimed that looking at the mosque with the naked eye it seems that the structure is part of the temple complex.

JeM terrorist killed...

folds, besides planning to execute terror attacks," the spokesman said.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Kashmir Vijay Kumar congratulated the joint team of police and security forces for conducting the successful operation without any collateral damage.

He termed the operation a big success as a possible threat of fidayeen and other terrorist attacks were thwarted by his elimination.

Meanwhile, four terrorist associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba, who were planning to plant improvised explosive devices to cause damage to security forces, have been arrested in Pulwama district, police said.

The police along with security forces arrested the four men and recovered incriminating materials, including explosive substances, from their possession.

A police spokesman identified the accused as Karamat-ul-lah Reshi and Suhail Bashir Ganai, both residents of Chewa Uller Tral. Adil Ghani Lon, a resident of Karamulla Tral; and Irshad Ahmed Kumar, a resident of Tral-e-Payeen, are the other two held in the case.

During preliminary investigation, it was found that the terrorist associates were in touch with LeT terrorist commander Babar alias Samama (a resident of PoK).

They were also planning to plant IEDs (improvised explosive devices) in Tral area with the intent to cause damage to police and security forces, the spokesman said.

He added that they were also involved in transportation of arms and ammunition and other logistic support to active terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

A case has been registered and further investigation has been set in motion, the spokesman added.

J&K first to...

colleges," Principal Secretary said while chairing the inaugural event of launch of Institutional Innovation Councils (IICs) here at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS), Government P G College for Women, Gandhi Nagar.

The event, which was organized by HED in collaboration with Ministry of Education (MoE), was aimed at to establish a centre of excellence for innovations development.

He said that 140 GDCs are now the beneficiary of most modern innovation systems and will have the benefit and support of innovation ecosystem of the MoE. Entire Government of India and we as an innovation ecosystem are now plugged into GoI innovation ecosystem', he added.

Elaborating further, Kansal stressed upon the quality enhancement and the objective of the relevant skill programmes in order to create job opportunities while focusing on innovation framework, internationalization policy, FDP Policy, paradigm of NEP 2020 to build accountability for the system as a whole.

"This will also promote creativity and innovations to accelerate the growth and success of skills among all Higher Education Institutions. It will also act as a catalyst for students to innovate as well as refine ideas that they already have," he asserted.

Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, Bechan Lal, Special Secretary HED, Rakesh Badyal, Director Colleges J&K, Dr Yasmine Ashai and other officers were also present on the occasion.

The programme was web casted through Facebook.

Principal PSPS Government PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Professor

Minu Mahajan, emphasized that initiatives and innovations will encourage, inspire and nurture young minds with the new ideas and transform them into proto types.

Special Secretary, Higher Education Department talked about the Institutional Innovation Council and JKHED innovation initiatives. He stated that IICs will promote innovation in the institutions through multitudinous modes leading to an innovation promotion Ecosystem in the educational institutions.

He stressed upon periodic workshops, seminars, trainings, interactions with the entrepreneurs, investors, professionals and creators mentor pool for the students to meet with the U.N 2030 agenda.

Assistant Innovation Director, Ministry of Education, Government of India, Dipan Sahu, who joined through virtual mode stated that Innovation initiatives will help in creating a vibrant Innovation Ecosystem Entrepreneurship support, mechanism in Higher Education Institutions to establish functional ecosystem for scouting ideas and pre-incubation.

Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, Professor Bechan Lal, who was guest of honour on the occasion, emphasized upon the need to promote innovation that shall play an instrumental role in building and streamlining of the startup of ecosystem at institutional level.

The cultural bonanza included melodious song by Professor Rahul Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of music, folk dances followed by National Anthem.

The technical sessions were conducted by Professor Manish Arora, BHU, Professor Rohit Sharma, Punjab University, Prof Lalit Kumar, Hindu College, University of Delhi, Ms Salwa Rani, Innovation Officer, Ministry of Education, Innovation Cell. The technical sessions were chaired by Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, U.T of J&K.

The concluding remarks were given by Dr Sarabjeet Singh, Higher Education Department.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr S P Saraswat, Nodal Principal, Jammu division.

We have to...

through a testing time and mere slogans are of no use, he said.

"We have lost thousands of lives to some slogans. We cannot afford to lose even one more life to such slogans," he said in an apparent reference to the separatist wave in Jammu and Kashmir in the 1990s.

"When I was here (as chief minister), we were doing both things. Security forces were fighting the terrorists but we saved hundreds of youths and brought them back into the mainstream. No effort is being made in that direction now.

"You cannot just go on killing. That way we will kill the entire youth. In our families, our children sometimes do not listen to us. We ask his friend or teacher to make him understand and bring him back on track," he added.

Death of infants...

children who died in Udhampur district due to consumption of spurious cough syrup.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and M M Sundresh said officers were found to be negligent and it does not find any reason to interfere in the matter.

"Your officers are found to be negligent. They ought to have been vigilant. Don't compel us to say things about food and industry department. The health of citizens is in their hands. They don't perform duties at all. They can't play with the lives of citizens. It is their duty to check and verify things," the bench observed.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by the Jammu and Kashmir administration challenging the March 3, 2021, order of the high court which had dismissed its plea against the NHRC order.

Ten children died in Ramnagar tehsil of Udhampur in December 2019 and January 2020 due to consumption of spurious cough syrup.

The NHRC found procedural lapses on the part of the Drugs Department.

The Commission held Jammu and Kashmir vicariously liable for the lapses on part of the department and recommended compensation of Rs 3 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased.

Div Com, Add...

handed over financial assistance to Sunita Pandit, wife of Late Sunil Pandit on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor.

Sunil Pandit was killed by terrorists in Kashmir. The financial assistance has been provided from the Lieutenant Governor's Relief Fund over and above the ex gratia relief provided by the district administration. The Divisional Commissioner instructed the Sub Divisional Magistrate to facilitate the admission of daughters of Sunil Pandit to a reputed school immediately and also assured all support & assistance to the terror-attack victim family needed from time to time.

Committed to support Startups, all assistance to be provided to make their business dreams reality: LG



Technological progress is growing at an exponential rate for commercialized technologies has been considerably reduced. This is having a direct impact on the society and business ecosystem. Whether its businesses or educational institutions, they have to innovate and adopt new technologies to stay relevant in the future, the Lt Governor further emphasized.

In the Amrit Kaal Khand, it is the collective responsibility of all of us to fully support the enterprise and determination of our youth, our entrepreneurs in the making of a self-reliant Jammu and Kashmir; he added.

The Lt Governor further said that 15 youths from each panchayat were provided support for becoming entrepreneurs and 20 youths were given skill development opportunities during the recently concluded Back-to-Village

program this month.

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