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### Those instigating people...

progress. The tribal community is our moral compass and taught us the values of co-existence, oneness, harmony and sustainable living," the Lt Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor shared various initiatives and resolutions taken by the UT government for the welfare of the tribal community and tribal youth.

"We are making dedicated efforts to harness the potential and channelise the productive energy of tribal youth and women so that new generations can transform the economic fortunes of their families and contribute to cultural and social vitality," said the Lt Governor.

He further said that after decades of wait by the people of J&K, the Prime Minister has transformed the dream of social equity and justice into reality.

"We are promoting a culture of excellence in our schools in tribal-populated areas through smart classrooms. These schools will act as a vital source of new knowledge and innovative thinking, and as providers of highly skilled students," the Lt Governor said.

He said, "I am confident the Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah will not only celebrate the rich contribution of tribal community in Indian freedom but instill a sense of pride in the tribal tradition and cultural values."

Special emphasis is being laid on beneficiary-oriented schemes and welfare infrastructure with priority to road connectivity, power supply, drinking water, modern tribal villages, self-employment, healthcare, skill development, scholarships and education, he further added.

The Lt Governor underscored that the livelihood generation for tribals by harnessing the wealth of 'Van Dhan' aims to tap into traditional knowledge and skill sets of tribals by adding technology and IT to upgrade the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Vikas Yojna at each stage and convert tribal wisdom into a viable economic activity.

Enumerating the steps taken to give impetus to the socio-economic development of the tribal community, the Lt Governor said, apart from Forest Rights Act, several infrastructures like transit accommodation, boys and girls hostels, Eklavya model residential schools, mini Sheep farms, new dairy units, smart card and trucks for migratory population, Pradhan Mantri Aadi Aadharsh Gram Yojna, Coaching programmes for NEET/JEE, UPSC, Technology Enabled Education Scheme, Tribal Research Centre have been created.

Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah will act as a fillip to the efforts for preservation of tribal arts and culture in this hyper connected and internet driven world, to encourage upcoming artists and students of tribal literature, he added.

Earlier, the Sinha launched a web portal for tribal awards which will streamline and bring transparency in nomination process.

Rajeev Rai Bhattacharjee, Advisor to Lt Governor, speaking on the occasion extended his wishes and greetings to the tribal community for the Janjatiya Diwas and highlighted the reforms introduced by the government for the empowerment of tribal population of J&K. He lauded the contribution of tribal community in the progress of the UT.

Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to Government, Tribal Affairs Department, in his welcome address highlighted the landmark initiatives for the welfare of tribal community.

Impressive performances by the artists showcased the tribal culture and heritage of Jammu Kashmir. As a part of the celebrations of Janjatiya Diwas, procession of tribal artists, sports activities, Swachhta Drive, career counseling and other such programmes are lined up, it was informed.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Avny Lavasa, DC Jammu; Director, Tribal Affairs Department; senior officials, PRI members, prominent tribal personalities and large number of youth from tribal community were present.

### 27 Jal Shakti...

assigned to Sunil Seth, Nawaz Ahmad Bhat, Amit Abrol, Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, Sunil Kumar, Nazir Zahid, Miftah Alam Buchh, Sohan Lal, Rajiv Kumar Sharma, Vaneet Kumar Vaid, Shakeel-ur-Rehman, Sanjay Kumar Badhan, Akhil Dutt, Vipan Kumar, Asrar Ahmad Khan, Syed Fida Hussain Rizvi, Sareer Ahmad Wani, Riaz Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmed Tantary, Fayaz Ahmed Dar, Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Harpal Singh Modi, Mukhtar Ahmed Dar, Brij Mohan, M. Najuib Ahmed, Sanjay Nagpal, and Joginder Singh Bali.

Consequently, 52 Executive Engineers have been transferred with immediate effect.

Rakesh Changotra, TO to CE, Irrigation & Flood Control Department Srinagar has been posted to Irrigation & Flood Control Division Ganderbal; Mohd Hanif, Irrigation & Flood Control Division Poonch to Irrigation Division Shopian; Qazi Mushtaq Ahmad, Spl. PHE Division Kulgam to Irrigation Division Kulgam; Bashir Ahmad Dar, PHE Division Handwara to Irrigation & Flood Control Division Srinagar; Amit Abrol, I/e XEn, to Irrigation & Flood Control Division Kupwara; Miftah Alam Buchh, I/e XEn, to TO to CE, Irrigation & Flood Control Department Srinagar; Riaz Ahmad, I/e XEn, to Irrigation Division Sumbal; Ghulam Ahmed Tantary, I/e XEn, to Engineer Flood Control Division Anantnag; Fayaz Ahmed Dar, I/e XEn, to Irrigation Division Anantnag; Nazir Ahmad Bhat, I/e XEn, to Irrigation Division Pulwama; Harpal Singh Modi, I/e XEn, to Irrigation & Flood Control Division Handwara; Mukhtar Ahmed Dar, I/e XEn, to Flood Control Division Kakrapora; Sunil Seth, I/e XEn, to Irrigation & Flood Control Division Poonch; Sanjeev Kumar Badhan, I/e XEn, to TO to CE, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Jammu; Asrar Ahmad Khan, I/e XEn, to Irrigation Division Rajaouri; Sami Ullah Beigh, PHE Division Bijbehara, to PHE Rural Water Supply

Division Ganderbal; Nawaz Ahmad Bhat, I/e XEn, to Spl. PHE Division Kulgam; Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, I/e XEn, to PHE Division Sopore; Nazir Zahid, I/e XEn, to PHE Division Chadoora; Shakeel-ur-Rehman, I/e XEn, to PHE Division Budgam; Syed Fida Hussain Rizvi, I/e XEn, to PHE Division Bandipora; Sareer Ahmad Wani, I/e XEn, to PHE Division Bijbehara; M. Najuib Ahmed, I/e XEn, to PHE Division Handwara; Ashok Kumar Sharma, DIQCs Jammu, to PHE Division Udhampur; Adarsh Kalsotra, J&K WRRA, to PHE Division Rajouri; Vipan Kumar (SC), I/e XEn, to PHE Division Nowshera; Brij Mohan, I/e XEn, to PHE Division Samba; Omesh Ganjoo, CVPPPL, to DIQCs Jammu; Deep Kumar, Irrigation & Flood Control Division Ganderbal, to DIQCs Jammu; Ajit Kumar, Irrigation Division Anantnag, to RCC Upper Division Kathua, RTIC Jammu; Rajiv Kumar Sharma, I/e XEn, to Shahpur Kandi/ Ranjat Sagar Dam project; Akhil Dutt, I/e XEn, to J&K WRRA; Javid Iqbal Shah, PHE Division Chadoora, to J&K ERA; Sunil Kumar, I/e XEn, to J&K ERA.

The services of Ajit Singh, RCC Upper Division Kathua, RTIC Jammu; Parvaiz Rana, awaiting posting orders; Sunil Kumar Sharma, PHE Division Samba; Bashir Mohammad, PHE Division Nowshera; Mushtaq Ahmed, PHE Division Rajouri; Vijay Singh Manhas, PHE Division Udhampur; Mohd. Hussain, Irrigation & Flood Control Division Nowshera; Jagmeet Singh, PHE Rural Water Supply Division Ganderbal; Zakir Hussain, Irrigation Division Rajouri; Vinod Kumar Gupta, TO to CE, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, Jammu; Sanjay Nagpal, I/e XEn; and Joginder Singh Bali, I/e XEn, are placed at the disposal of MD, JKSPDC.

Hari Krishan Koul, Shahpurkandi/ Ranjat Sagar Dam project, has been posted to TO to CE, UEDD, J&K.

The services of Javid Iqbal, PHE Division Bandipora are placed at the disposal of HUDD for further posting in SMC; the services of Manzoor Ali, J&K ERA are placed at the disposal of HUDD for further posting in Lake Conversation and Management Authority; and the services of Sohan Lal, I/e XEn are placed at the disposal of HUDD for further posting in JMC.

MD, JKSPDC shall place services of 5 officers at the disposal of CVPPPL.

### 2 IEDs found...

patrol team found the backpack following which the area was cordoned off and a bomb disposal squad called to examine it, the police official said.

The squad found the two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) along with timers and later, they were destroyed in a controlled explosion around 12.25 am on Tuesday, the official said.

He said the timely detection of the IEDs, averted a major terror incident in Jammu. The official said a case has been registered and further investigation is on, and did not rule out the possibility of airdropping of the IEDs by a drone from across the border.

### Everyone living in...

said Bhagwat. The RSS leader called for respecting all religious faiths and their rituals.

"Respect everyone's faith and rituals. Accept everyone and walk on your own way. Fulfil your wishes, but don't be so selfish to not take care of wellbeing of others," he added. Bhagwat said the entire country fought the coronavirus pandemic unitedly.

"Our culture connects us. No matter how much we fight among ourselves, we become united in times of crises. We fight together when the country faces some kind of trouble. During the coronavirus pandemic the whole country stood as one to deal with it," he maintained.

Appealing to people to visit Sangh's 'sakhals' (congregation of RSS workers), he said the 97-year-old organization's aim is to unite people and make societies influential while walking on the path of truth.

"Don't look at the Sangh from a distance as a spectator. Make your personality useful for the country and work for the welfare of the country and the society. Become swayamsevak to lead such life," Bhagwat added.

### Five scribes quit...

especially media persons, in danger by publicly calling them corrupt and giving direct threat to their lives. In this regard, an FIR stands registered," a police officer said.

Quoting official sources, the agency reported that around a dozen suspects have been rounded up by the police and are being questioned for their alleged links with TRF. "We have rounded up suspects for being over ground workers (OGWs) of TRF. The detentions are not exactly linked to threats against media houses," said an officer. Three reporters have published resignations on their social media pages to avoid any trouble, as terrorists have threatened to target anyone working for three media houses in Srinagar. A young reporter who was covering the civic beat says he has been accused of propagating the army narrative. He chose to leave his job.

"I have been reporting about civic issues, water, drains, and transport. I have never reported anything on army or covered any army function so far. Yet they have branded me as an Army informer," the reporter said.

In Kashmir, journalists have often been under threat. Shujat Bukhari, Editor of Rising Kashmir, who was killed in June 2018 by terrorists, is part of over a dozen Kashmiri journalists who were killed for their work.

BJP says such threats are unacceptable and no one should be allowed to target journalists. "Terrorists have touched new lows, which is against people and against the fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression," RS Pathania, spokesman of the BJP, said.

### BSF ADG reviews...

The ADG felicitated and awarded students of the BSF Senior Secondary and Primary School in Paloura who performed well in academics and sports.

## Retired Agriculture Officers call on Atal Dulloo, discuss issues

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A delegation of Retired Promotee Agriculture Officers Association (RPAOA) called on Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Agriculture Production Department, J&K (UT) and projected long pending demand regarding finalization of seniority list of Agriculture officers besides demanding conduct of DPC. Led by Raghuvir Singh, the delegation, comprising Parveen Kumar, Vijay Johar and Biboo Jeet Zutshi, while submitting a representation, requested the officers for initiating measures to fulfill long

pending demand of Promotee Agriculture Officers. The delegation also demanded holding DPC as the earliest, as from last two and a half decades no DPC has been conducted by the department which is great injustice. Others points discussed on the occasion included initiating action on report of committee constituted for settlement of seniority, according ACP (Assured Carrier Progression) for Direct Recruits only without posting draft in public domain, finalizing seniority, etc. The delegation members hoped for early and sympathetic over all the issues projected by them.

## Jammu Kashmir Brahman Sabha demands CBI probe in Rasana case

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Brahman Sabha (JKBS) urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to do justice with aggrieved nationalist people of Jammu by holding CBI probe in Rasana case. While speaking during a press conference, Atul Sharma, President JKBS and Kiran Kumar Sharma, General Secretary JKBS said, "Rasana rape and murder case was a well-planned conspiracy hatched with an evil intention by Jihadi mindset against spiritual and nationalist people of village Rasana. It was a deliberate attempt to target nationalist people who never allowed any anti-national-



elements to settle down in region." The members further said that justice was neither delivered to Asifa nor to local people till date who are still in jail because of motivated investigation done by SIT formed by the then

Government. "It was an irony that till date the police has not registered FIR against SIT members despite of having an order of the High Court at Chandigarh due to possible political interference. Moreover, a defamation cam-

paign was also initiated against Hindus and their temples across the world to ensure that no voice could be raised against Jihadi mission to change demography of Jammu," they added. Jammu Kashmir Brahman Sabha also condemned negative role played by the valley based political parties who left no stone to defame Jammu. JKBS called upon people of Jammu to boycott all such valley based political parties and demanded CBI enquiry in Rasana case so that justice can be delivered. Sanjay Ganpatya Shastri, Patron JKBS and Narayan Sharma, Executive Member were also present on the occasion.

## JMC committed to provide all basic facilities to people: Dy Mayor

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing campaign to provide better development as well as basic facilities to people of Bahu Vidhansabha, Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurated newly constructed lanes & drains in Rani Talab area of Ward-45. The works were executed by Jammu Municipal Corporation at a cost of about Rs 16 lakh.

Speaking on occasion, Billawaria said that it was a long pending demand of local people, which has been fulfilled. He further said that a delegation from the area approached him about two months back and projected demand, after which he directed Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) for taking over the same. He requested public to keep the lanes and drain clean as it is now their property. Local people expressed gratitude to Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria for fulfilling their demand.

Others present on the occasion included XEn Hans Raj, AEE Janak Singh Saini, JE Vishal Kotwal, Satpal Chowdhary, Vinod Sharma, Vikram Chowdhary, Prabhat Singh, Anurag Singh, Virendra Gupta, Mani Chowdhary, Subhash Chandra, Kashmir Singh, Rajni Kumar, Reeti Kumar, Karan Singh, Babu Ram, Puran Chand, Vinod Sharma, Magar Singh and Varinder Gupta.

## SPACE organises Indra Dhanush talent hunt for young artists

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Society for Promotion of Art, Culture and Education (SPACE) organised the first Indra Dhanush talent hunt which was organized in association with MHAC School, Nagbani Jammu. Young and budding artists aged between 10 to 18 years took part in the event. Senior veteran artist and founder Kesar Art Circle Bhushan Kesar and famous Tanjore artists Mahua Gupta were the Jury members at the event. On this occasion, Mahua Gupta presented a portrait of Maharaja Hari Singh to the school.

On this occasion, Mahua Gupta said that it is great to see that SPACE has



Dignitaries along with Organisers during the event.

come with the initiative to promote arts among the young and budding artists. This will give a great exposure to the artists and will go a long way in promotion of art in Jammu and Kashmir.

Amit Sethi, Chairman of the organiza-

tion, said that the purpose of organizing this event is to promote art among the masses. School incharge Meenakshi Betab and Sonia Anand were also present at the function and distributed trophies and certificates among the winners and participants.

Sana Sehar secured 1st position while Anshika Manhas and Diya Salathia secured 2nd and 3rd respectively. Commendable art certificates were won by Harikesh Singh Salathia, Gehna Rajput, Shiv Shamu and Parikshit Thakur.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP Senior Leader and JMC Councilor Sanjay Kumar Baru pressed the UEDD department for the early completion of ongoing deep drain work from Bohri Chowk to Santra Morth Nallah via KC Hazuribag during the tour at Hazuribag, Bohri in Jammu west Constituency.

Baru was accompanied by Executive Engineer Shiv

Chowk via Hazuribag up to Santra Morth Nallah in Ward-41 was allotted last year and delayed due to certain reasons especially due to Covid-19 second wave and heavy rains in last rainy season.

While speaking to the media persons Baru said the construction work of this deep drain with an estimated

cost of 4.5 Crores from Dewan Breweries Bohri Chowk up to Hazuribag will be completed within the next two months, which meets the needs of the common masses. He said that the total length of the project will be 1365 meters and the project will cover near about half of Ward 41. The main areas to be cov-

ered are Bohri, Colonel Colony, Surya Vihar, and old and new Hazuribag. Bohri and Hazuribag Market Association President Nishal Sawhney and local Residents of these localities appreciated the work done by the local Councilor in ward-41. UEDD AEE Amarjeet Singh, JE Anoop Singh, BJP leaders Rakesh Sharma, Bubesh Thappa, Naresh Gupta, Ashish Mangotra, K.L Sharma, BMA president Nishal Sawhney, general secretary Pyare Lal Mawa, Sanjeev Sharma, Daloo Gupta, Sikander, Kali Bhagat local BJP Leaders, and prominent citizens were present.

Sastray also visited frontier campuses and offices. He will visit Jammu border areas.

### HC dismisses Lal...

the BJP in 2014 and was also a minister in the previous PDP-BJP government, which collapsed in June 2018.

Several months before the fall of the government, Singh had resigned from the BJP and floated his DSSP, following an uproar over his participation in a rally in Kathua in January 2018.

Choudhary Lal Singh, however, defended his participation in the rally but claimed he was there to "defuse the situation".

Later, he launched an agitation to press for a CBI inquiry into the incident.

Besides Singh, the government has also served a notice to PDP president and former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti, asking her to vacate her plush Fairview government bungalow in Srinagar.

Another former chief minister and National Conference leader Omar Abdullah vacated his official bungalow on Gupkar Road in 2020, even before the administration issued an eviction notice to him.

The changes in entitlements for former chief ministers in the wake of the abrogation of Article 370 and the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories meant that they could not continue to live in the official residences provided to them in the erstwhile state.

Last year, the Jammu and Kashmir High Court had directed the government to evict former ministers and legislators who were in "illegal occupation" of government bungalows.

### 'Huge difference' between...

USA," he said.

"Today, India is the fastest growing large economy in the world," Modi said amid a huge round of applause.

He also listed out the areas in