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J&K offers investors...

of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and today we are not only contributing to global growth but also accelerating our own economic progress," the Lt Governor said. He said, the emergence of 'Engineering Goods' as one of the major contributors to export growth and its 7.2 percent growth in comparison to previous year, shows the relentless efforts of our dynamic entrepreneurs and EEPC India with an aim to promote 'Make in India' and to establish our capability across the globe. Arun Kumar Garodia, Chairman EEPC India; Pankaj Chadha, Vice Chairman, EEPC India; Pradeep Kumar Aggarwal, Regional Chairman, Northern Region, EEPC India; Suranjana Gupta, Executive Director and other members of EEPC India, industry leaders and exporters were present.

Doda bus accident...

and causing death due to negligence at Assar Police Station, they said. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by the deputy superintendent of police, Doda has been constituted to probe the case on a day-to-day basis and to ascertain the cause of the accident, they said.

Cong symbol of...

welfare and safety, Modi said and alleged that the morale of anti-social forces in Rajasthan is high because of the Congress' support. In Kota, he said the countdown of the Congress government has begun.

"The magician can do any type of black magic but it will not work on the people of Rajasthan. The Congress government will be wiped on December 3," Modi said.

Referring to the case of exam paper leak, Modi lashed out at the Congress and said that whoever filled up their lockers with money by indulging in exam paper leak will be locked up once the BJP comes to power.

"This is Modi's guarantee," he said. The dream of an airport in Kota will be fulfilled after December 3 when the BJP comes into power in Rajasthan, Modi said, adding the number of airports has doubled in the country in the last 10 years but in Rajasthan, the Congress government always raised hurdles in the path of developing an airport in Kota.

Alleging the Congress has turned Rajasthan, a land of warriors, into an open field for rioters, he claimed that every section of the society, be it women, farmers, traders and youths, wants to get rid of the Congress.

The people of Rajasthan have seen only devastation during the Congress rule and they are angry. The Congress wants to make Rajasthan a 'Bimaru' state once again. Its leaders kept filling their lockers and forgot the people of the state, Modi alleged.

"PFI is a terrorist organisation and the Government of India has banned it. But, PFI rallies and processions take place in Kota and the Congress government is sleeping. The Congress government, a slave to appeasement, is afraid of terrorists and takes action against those who want the welfare of Rajasthan," he said.

At a rally in Karauli district, PM Modi said for Congress, only one family is everything. "The Congress named streets, intersections, schools, hospitals, government schemes, everything in the name of one family only."

Instead of taking action against the criminals, the Congress government here has given them a free rein to commit crimes.

"Rajasthan is the land of those who would die for the dignity of women. But when there is no fear of law, our mothers, sisters and daughters suffer the most. This has happened in every corner of Rajasthan," Modi alleged.

"These attacks do not stop because the accused hold feasts at the chief minister's residence. The Congress holds feasts for criminals. Can that protect you?"

The prime minister said, "The claws of Congress have plagued the people of Rajasthan. The public has decided that they will not allow the Congress to come back (to power)."

One more held...

arrested in the case, a spokesperson of the federal probe agency said. The case was taken over by the federal agency on July 30 last year.

The local police registered the case on May 29 last year following the interception of a drone and seizure of several rounds of Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) along with magnetic bombs near the Dhalli area in Kathua.

The spokesperson said Hussain was arrested by an NIA team in Jammu on Monday. He was allegedly involved in collecting, receiving and transporting the weapons dropped from across the international border to militants active in Kashmir, the officials said.

One of the seven accused arrested earlier had died due to cardiac arrest while in judicial custody in August last year, while two Pakistan-based terror operatives are absconding, the spokesperson said.

The seven arrested accused and the two absconders were earlier chargesheeted by NIA on January 12 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the Arms Act, the Explosive Substances Act and the Indian Penal Code.

Officials said the accused were working on the directions of their Pakistani handler identified as Sajjad Gul.

"The NIA is continuing with its investigations in the matter to unravel the bigger conspiracy of Pakistan-backed terrorist groups to carry out acts of terror and violence in Kashmir and across India," the spokesperson said.

J&K Fisheries Deptt...

to take the benefit of such schemes for development of market linkage in the form of cold chain to get remunerative prices for their produce.

Pertinently, Kashmir region of J&K is epicenter for the development of Cold water Fisheries and under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and guidance of Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar various steps are being taken by the UT government for enhancing the productivity as well as income of Fishers. Special subsidy component has been kept for the UT to attract more farmers for adopting this profitable venture.

Director Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq Dar, said that the focus of the department is to make farmers more resourceful through implementation of various schemes for marketing of trout and also for export to other States.

Anantnag is in the forefront of Trout Production and a hub of Trout production among all the districts of the country. Besides, the district is traversed by different trout streams being angled by the esteemed anglers both local and foreigner and thus an explicit boost to the ecotourism. Effective implementation of the schemes like PMMSY, HADP, FIDF etc envisages the trout production to be doubled during the next five years creating gainful employment opportunities for educated unemployed youth.

The World Fisheries Day 2023 was celebrated in all the districts of J&K and the main function was held at Regional Fish Farmers Development Agency of Jammu Division and Kashmir Division. Large number of fishers participated in the event and witnessed live streaming of the World Fisheries Day event held at Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad Gujarat.

India late in...

Kalita said, "They (China) started constructing infrastructure much before us. We are slightly as a nation late in commencing construction of infrastructure but now we are catching up."

There has been tremendous effort in developing infrastructure all along the border with China, whether it is in Ladakh or Sikkim or Arunachal Pradesh or Uttarakhand or Himachal, he added.

On how prepared Indian forces are compared to their Chinese counterparts, Kalita said, "Our preparation in the last two decades has been tremendous... The terrain on the Indian side is difficult due to the mountain range, while it is a plateau on the Chinese side." He said the government is building roads and tracks for basic connectivity and helpads for mobile communication.

"As part of the vibrant village programme, India is creating a lot of infrastructure in the villages which are close to the LAC so that basic facilities like education, healthcare are available," Kalita said in freewheeling interaction on a wide range of topics.

On the current situation in the border areas between India and China, he said, "Regarding the LAC in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh, the situation is normal, but

some amount of unpredictability is there. Problems will remain until the issue is resolved."

India-China border is not a settled border and is not demarcated on ground, leading to difference in perceptions, he added.

"What we assume as our border and what they assume as their border -- there is a difference in that perception. That leads to a certain amount of escalation. We would like to carry out domination which we know as our own. Then a certain amount of confrontation takes place," Kalita said.

He, however, said almost all issues in the Eastern sector have been resolved through the established mechanism like flag meetings and hotline talks.

"Because of the border not being demarcated, people in those difficult areas go for hunting and herb collection. That is when they inadvertently cross over to the other side. Then we resolve through the established mechanism and bring them back," the Lieutenant General said.

DIPR participates in...

film destinations with 23rd November being focus day for J&K. The DIPR will be pitching the new J&K Film Policy and film Tourism destinations on this day and the activities will include panel discussions, presentations and screening of videos about the film policy and films being shot in J&K.



DIPR officials participating in 54th IFFI, 17th NFDC Film Bazaar at Goa.

The team is represented by Joint Director, DIPR, Vivek Puri; Nodal Officer, J&K, Film Policy, Afaq Gadda; AO, DIPR, Hitesh Choudhary, Tourist Officer, Hyderabad, Mohammad Sajid Kirmani and Film Librarian, Abid Hussain.

Pertinently, the multi-venue festival is being hosted by Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and was inaugurated by Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur. The festival features film makers and artists from across countries and abroad.

Army installs 104...

Following the flag hoisting, Lt Gen Ghai inaugurated the first edition of the Tiranga Cup 2023 cricket tournament at the Shan-e-Tithwal cricket ground.

The tournament is being played over 23 days from 21st November at Tithwal.

Dense fog disrupts...

A dense fog cover engulfed most parts of Kashmir, affecting traffic in the early hours. "The fog has delayed morning flights on Monday and Tuesday. The visibility remains poor in the early hours," an official of the Airport Authority of India said.

250-metre-long...

had to cross the river in absence of the approach road. "We urged the government to ensure road connectivity to this bridge so that it becomes useful to the passage of border residents," he said.

Another Sai villager, Ramesh Lal said that they have been facing a problem for over a decade that we don't have connectivity to our border villages. "They made the bridge after repeated requests to MP and others but failed to provide an approach road to connect with the bridge", he said.

The government should build 500 metres from the left side of the bridge and a similar approach road on the right side for connecting four border villages, they said.

"We demand road connectivity to the area. Lieutenant governor should address our issue," a villager said.

Court rejects bail of OGW

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Special Judge NIA Srinagar Sandeep Gandotra rejected the bail application of Sheikh Najam Saqib who was in contact through various social media applications with the Pak handlers/terrorist of JeM Module in Kashmir Valley in criminal conspiracy with handlers across the LOC. He was alleged for motivating the youth to join the terrorist organization(s) and take up arms against the sovereignty of India, besides indulge in unlawful and terrorist activities.

Special Judge NIA Srinagar Sandeep Gandotra after hearing both the sides observed that so far as the matter of grant of bail to applicant is concerned there is non-obstante clause mentioned in Section 43-D (5) with regard to Chapter IV

and VI of this Act. It states that such accused shall not be released on bail or on his own bond if the court, on the perusal of case diary, is of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusation against such person is prima facie true. In the humble opinion of this court, if the allegations leveled in the police report, CD file and statements of witnesses are to be taken into consideration in entirety at their face value, prima-facie there are reasonable grounds to believe that the accusation against the accused person/applicant for the commission of offence U/Ss 153-A, 505, 121, 120-B IPC, 13, 39 UAP Act are reasonably true. Therefore the embargo contained Section 43-D (5) with regard to offences under chapter IV & VI of UAP Act is clearly attracted to

the facts of this case. As such, the accused does not deserve the latitude of bail at this stage. In the present case taking into consideration the nature and gravity of offence and the larger interests of the nation/state and security of the nation/UT/state, the accused/applicant is not entitled to bail, as from the statements of the witnesses of the prosecution recorded during the course of investigation by the LO under section 161/164 Cr. P.C there are reasonable grounds to believe that there is Prima-facie involvement of the accused/applicant herein for the commission of offence U/Ss 153-A, 505, 121, 120-B IPC, 13, 39 UAP Act. As such, the accused/applicant herein does not deserve the latitude of bail at this stage. The application is accordingly dismissed.

PIL regarding eviction of encroachers on Forest Land

DB directs to file fresh report

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by inhabitants of village Hari seeking direction to the respondents to initiate eviction proceedings against those who have encroached kanals of forest land falling in Compartment 51-A at village Hari in Surankote tehsil.

A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Acting Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice MA Chowdhary, directed to file Fresh report, without fail, particularly

with reference to action taken to evict the encroachers other than 13 (thirteen) which are stated to have been evicted. It is worthwhile to mention here that on November 8, 2021 When the PIL came up for hearing, Division Bench observed, "in this PIL it has come on record that there are 127 encroachers of the forest land as have been identified by the Forest Department. Accordingly, directions were issued to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Poonch to provide requisite support to ensure eviction of these encroachers from the forest land".

Nawang Tsering Shaksपो attends Arunachal Literary Festival



Nawang Tsering Shaksपो presenting a book to CM Pema Khandu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The prestigious Arunachal Literary Festival, the fifth in a series held in the capital of Arunachal Pradesh, came to a culmination with a call by Pema Khandu, the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, urging everyone to strive hard to promote and protect their mother tongue and its literary traditions. He emphasized that for the preservation of traditional culture and way of life, the local language plays a crucial role.

Speaking earlier at the valedictory function in the presence of a galaxy of writers and the Chief Minister of the state, Nawang Tsering Shaksपो, Director of the Centre for Research on Ladakh, expressed that the people

All land issues of Jammu Airport Expansion resolved; Div Com directs Airport Authority to initiate work

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Marking a significant breakthrough, all land issues pertaining to the expansion of Jammu Airport have been successfully resolved. Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar, chaired a meeting on Tuesday, directing the Airport Authority Jammu to initiate the long-awaited project.

During the meeting, it was revealed that the majority of the required land has already been provided to the Airport Authority. Land with few structures of Animal Husbandry at Belicharna was pending. The Director of

Animal Husbandry reported that the remaining structures on the pending land are now vacant, paving the way for the smooth execution of work. To ensure a seamless execution of the prestigious project, the Divisional Commissioner instructed the Director of Animal Husbandry to formally hand over the remaining land to the Airport Authority. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Director Animal Husbandry Shubhra Sharma and Director Airport S K Garg and other concerned

officers. Earlier, the Divisional Commissioner chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners through video conferencing to review the stamp duty rates revision. He directed Deputy Commissioners to hold meetings of District Level Committees and send proposals to Divisional level committee for finalization of revised stamp duty rates of immovable property. VC JDA, DC Stamps, Director Agriculture, Chief Engineer Irrigation besides officers of Forest, Revenue and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Fire breaks out in chemical factory

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A fire broke out in a chemical factory in the industrial area here on Tuesday, officials said. No casualty has been reported. Several fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the blaze has been brought under control.

The exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

Elderly man found dead

STATE TIMES NEWS

SUNDERBANI: body of elderly man was found near Baba Nar Singh temple Kathamu who has been missing since 30 October 2023 from Nowshera.

According to reports, elderly man namely Kirpal Singh, resident of village Rajpur Kameela Tehsil Qila Darhal went missing since 22 days from Nowshera city. Today some labourers saw his body in gorge near Thanda Pani river. They informed to police station Sunderbani which rushed the spot and shifted body to sub division hospital (SDH) Sunderbani. After postmortem and legal formalities police handover dead body to his family.

Saregama Carvaan launches new model

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Saregama Carvaan launched Carvaan Mobile new model Carvaan Mobile M15 with its new distributor Shalimar Enterprises. This Saregama has launched its cheapest mobile phone till date.

The first new device is a collection of more than 100 evergreen songs, it also has great feature of wireless radio along with the bluetooth, So you can play any of your music on the speaker. It has mediatech processor which is the first feature of its kind in the feature phone. It also has call recording feature, Carvan Signature sound and king voice. Make in India, Proud of India. This was the best selling new feature phone this Diwali. On this occasion Gurnam Singh Raina, director of Shalimar Enterprises, along with Rajat and North head Devinder Grewal of Saregama company were present.



Inter-college symposium organized at MIER College



Organisers along with winner students.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To celebrate National Education Day, the Co-Curricular Committee of MIER College of Education organized an inter-college symposium on the theme "The Future of Education: Technology, Equity and Inclusion". The symposium was organised in collaboration with MOU and other colleges through hybrid mode.

The programme was convened under the patronage of Dr. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College of Education. Prof. Rohnika Sharma, Head of School of Education, Dr. Monika Bajaj, Head of School of Social Sciences and Humanities, faculty members and students of the BA Honours programme

participated in the event. Twelve colleges and 24 participants from within and outside Jammu and Kashmir participated in the symposium. The participants comprehensively elaborated their views on technology's transformative role, equity in access to education, inclusion and diversity in learning, global collaboration, and learning. They highlighted that the future of education is a dynamic landscape where technology, equity, and inclusion are inextricably intertwined. Embracing technological advancements, while ensuring equitable access and fostering inclusive environments, are the keys to preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Prof. Rohnika Sharma formally welcomed the participants and guests. The judges for the competition were Dr. Sonia Khajuria, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, GCW Parade Ground, Jammu, Dr. Shubra Jamwal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Govt. College of Education, Jammu, and Dr. Shakam Mahajan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Based on the results declared by the jury, the first and second prizes went to Anmoldeep Kour and Sugandha Gupta from Govt. College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu, the third prize was jointly bagged by Aditi Mahajan, from MIER College and Anisha Kour; from GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Nandika, from MIER College, and Shaheen Bedi, from GHG Khalsa College of Education, Gurusar Sadhar, Ludhiana won the consolation prizes. Certificates of merit were given to the participants. Arzoo Sharma, student of BA Honour English programme, Semester III completed the programme. Dr. Reeta Divedi, Convener, Co-Curricular Committee thanked all the participating colleges for the successful conduct of the event.