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J&K Govt to...



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha administering the reading of Preamble of Constitution.

gap between demand and availability of power during winter months AC approved signing of fresh Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) by J&K Power Corporation Limited (JKPCL) with NTPC regarding Singrauli-III run by NTPC.

This will subside the energy demand in J&K which is increasing at a CAGR of 10%. Singrauli-II being a thermal power station is a must run station, due to which its power supports J&K's power requirement during winter when the generation from hydro generators of ISGS reduces to 150-300 MW only i.e. a reduction of 70-90% of summer generation.

As such, it will increase its availability by signing new Power Purchase Agreement of JKPCL with NTPC regarding Singrauli-III which would help the UT in tiding over the power shortage faced by it during the lean winter season.

LG greets people...

profound message of equality, brotherhood, truthfulness, compassion and the importance of leading a virtuous life continues to guide and inspire humanity. Let us, on this day, resolve to follow his noble teachings and rededicate ourselves to the cause of humanity."

Search operation underway...

the officials said. They said the search operation was launched in the general area of Behra, Kund, Topa and adjoining areas in the jurisdiction of police station Mendhar and Daradullian, Mangnar, Salani and Uchhad top in Krishna Ghati sector.

Constitution Day celebrated...

those present on the occasion were, S.R Gandhi, Registrar Judicial (Jammu), Y. P. Bournay, Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, Legal Services Authority, Prem Sagar, Secretary, HCLSC, Parveen Pandoh, Joint Registrar and other officials of the High Court.

At Srinagar Wing of the High Court, the day was observed by reading the preamble to the Constitution to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution.

The ceremony was organized in the Conference Hall of the High Court Complex, Srinagar where Tasleem Arief, the Registrar Vigilance, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, led the reading of the preamble to the Constitution, in presence of Farooq Ahmad Bhat- Registrar (Judicial) and Abdul Bari, Joint Registrar (Judicial).

Other officers/officials of the Srinagar Wing of the High Court also participated in the proceedings.

India remembers victims...

also crushing terrorism with full courage," the prime minister said in his monthly "Mann ki Baat" radio broadcast.

President Murmu said the country stands with the families and loved ones of the victims "in honouring the memory of the brave souls".

"I pay homage to the valiant security personnel who laid down their lives for the motherland. Recalling their supreme sacrifice, let us renew our pledge to battle terrorism in all forms everywhere," Murmu said in a post on X.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhanekar and other leaders also remembered the victims and lauded the security personnel.

"We salute the courage of our security personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect us. Their resilience inspires us to stand united against terror and work towards a safer, more peaceful world," Dhanekar said.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said it is 15 years today since the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. "Our quest to bring those responsible for planning and executing these horrific acts to justice continues," he said.

Envoys of the US and Israel also offered tributes to the victims and pledged support to India in the fight against terrorism.

Ten Pakistani terrorists arrived by the sea route and opened indiscriminate firing, killing 166 people, including 18 security personnel and five US nationals, and injuring several others, besides damaging property worth crores of rupees.

US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti reaffirmed his country's commitment to fight terror unitedly.

"Today marks the 15th anniversary of the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai. We honor the memory of the victims lost and pledge to continue to fight against acts of terror together with the Government of India," he said on X.

The attacks began on November 26, 2008, and lasted until November 29. The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, the Oberoi Trident, the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower, Leopold Cafe, Cama Hospital and Nariman House Jewish Community Centre were some of the places targeted by the terrorists.

Six Jews were among those killed in the terror strikes. Israel's ambassador to India paid floral tributes to the victims.

"On this day, we commemorate 15 years of the tragic 26/11 Mumbai terror attack. We pay tribute to all the victims, including members of the Jewish community.

"We reaffirm our commitment to stand with India in our ongoing fight against terrorism," the Israeli embassy said.

In Israel, the grandfather of Moshe Holtzberg, the youngest survivor of the attacks, expressed his gratitude to the people of India for treating his family's pain as their own all these years.

Moshe, who was just two at the time of the attack, lost both his parents, Rabbi Gabriel Holtzberg and Rivka Holtzberg, in the assault on Nariman House, also known as Chabad House.

"The people of India remember what happened on this day 15 years ago. You remember the tragedy that struck our family and also the families of other Israeli people," Rabbi Shimon Rosenberg, Moshe's grandfather, told PTI.

"I want to say that I, my wife Yehudit and also the Moishi (Moshe) boy, feel it and want to thank you all in India for your similar feelings for the tragedy that struck us and you all," he said.

"This year especially shows how terrorists want to murder the Jews but we still hope for peace in the whole world," he said at a time when Israel is at war with the Hamas terror group after they carried out a brutal attack in its territory on October 7.

Moshe's parents were the emissaries of the Chabad Movement in Mumbai at the time of the 26/11 attack.

Moshe's pictures with his nanny Sandra holding him close to her chest after saving his life in a daring move in the middle of the terror attack remain a poignant memory.

Last week, Israel re-affirmed its declaration of Lashkar-e-Taiba as a terror organisation to symbolise the marking of the 15th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.

The then Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) chief Hemant Karkare, Army Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, Mumbai's additional police commissioner Ashok Kamte and senior police inspector Vijay Salaskar were among those killed fighting terrorists.

Nine terrorists were killed by security forces. Ajmal Kasab was the only Pakistani terrorist who was captured alive. He was hanged four years later on November 21, 2012.

Enhance surveillance of...

different branches of law enforcement to enhance the overall security apparatus. He highlighted exploring strategies to foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the community, with a focus on building trust and cooperation.

Birdi emphasised strengthening the intelligence-sharing mechanisms to stay ahead of potential threats and criminal activities.

While interacting with the officers, the IGP Kashmir said it is of crucial importance to enhance security surveillance of all vital establishments and locations besides taking care of vulnerable persons to thwart the nefarious designs of terrorists in Srinagar city.

He also urged them to take all necessary measures to ensure a peaceful atmosphere in the city.

Birdi asked the officers to keep a close watch on anti-national/anti-social elements and take stringent action against such elements, including troublemakers and rumour mongers.

The IGP Kashmir also instructed them to keep strict surveillance over terrorist associates and take all necessary measures under law against them.

NC rendered sacrifices...

around Bakshi Stadium, you can watch that video. We are not the ones who have politicised this flag.

"I have only said that you cannot win the hearts of the people by just showing them flags. People's sentiments should be respected, their demands should be addressed," he added. On the anniversary of the 26/11 terror strikes in Mumbai, Abdullah expressed the hope that the country will never again see an attack like it in the future. "That was a black day. It was an unfortunate incident. I think the biggest takeaway now is that there has not been an attack on such a scale in the country after that. We hope the country never sees an attack like 26/11 again," Abdullah told reporters in Kupwara. The former chief minister also lashed out at the BJP over the delay in holding Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP claims India is the mother of democracy, "then why does it end after reaching Lakhapur (the border of J-K)", he said. "Do the people of J-K not have a right to elect their government? The flag deserves respect by all means, and we know how to respect it. Thousands of my colleagues have sacrificed their lives in honour of this flag. We do not need any lessons from anyone on that. But, at least, the murder of democracy that is happening in J-K, that should stop," he said.

The NC leader asked why the BJP was "shying away" from conducting elections in J-K.

"If the BJP is saying there is so much development, then let them conduct the elections here and give an opportunity to the people to vote for them. The people will vote for them if they have done so much work.

"Let them conduct elections, everything will be clear," he added. On the issue of dismissal of some employees by the government on the charges of anti-national activities, the former chief minister said there should be a transparent process.

Asked about the controversy over disconnection of electricity supply over non-payment of bills, Abdullah said it is easy to trouble the common people.

"It is the government offices and security forces' camps where maximum electricity is used. Meters should be installed there and their outstanding should be recovered first. Then poor people should be troubled," he said.

Multiple stakeholders attend...

logistics issues related to Northern Command Theatre," Army's northern command wrote on X.

It said Lt Gen Dwivedi complimented and felicitated various logistics entities that are performing yeoman service to ensure optimal logistics support to troops deployed along northern borders.

Jammu, Srinagar wings...

by Mohsin Qadir, Sr AAG in the High Court premises, sending a loud message across the nation and in the international community that lawyers in the Valley are determined to uphold the constitutional values and stand by to the Rule of law in the country.

On the occasion, Advocate General highlighted the ethics and symbolism of constitution. He impressed upon the Law Officers, Government Counsels and employees for enhancing their skills and efforts for good governance in the field of law and justice to honour and implement the live example of the Preamble of the Constitution providing, social, economic and political justice, liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; equality of status and of opportunity and to promote among them all fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation.

Advocate General also impressed upon the participants for transparency, accountability, sharing responsibilities attached to their assignments and primarily the integrity, for purposeful achievement of the core of constitution.

Other participants also spoke on the occasion. The programme was concluded with recitation of the "Preamble" of the Constitution.

Legends League: Jammu...

Afghan (Afghanistan), will be coming to Jammu to play in these matches.

"After Ranchi and Dehradun, our next destination is Jammu and Kashmir where international cricket is returning after a gap of 30 years. This is for the first time that 120 players of world fame are coming together (in Jammu) for competitive cricket," Legends League Cricket Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer Raman Raheja said.

He said there has been a tremendous response from the fans with 50 per cent of tickets at the 20,000 capacity stadium already sold.

"Our teams, including former BCCI curators, are on the ground for the last one month preparing for the matches which are happening for the first time in Jammu. The competitive cricket which we have seen so far will be taken forward in the same way," he said.

Raheja thanked the Jammu and Kashmir administration for its support and said Lt Governor Manoj Sinha is expected to come to watch one of the matches.

Inspector General of Police, Jammu zone, Anand Jain recently chaired a meeting to review deployment, law and order, and security situation to ensure a hassle-free conduct of the matches.

During the meeting, the IGP Jammu emphasised on foolproof arrangements in terms of security, traffic management, transportation and accommodation for the players, a police spokesman said.

Cricket fans from the city are all agog with excitement, having never gotten a chance to see their stars in flesh and blood, even if from afar.

"We are thankful to the organisers for selecting Jammu as one of the venues for the tournament. We are excited as it is a big opportunity for us to watch the stars in action," Manav Sharma told PTI outside the stadium after buying a ticket from an offline counter. Rakesh Kaul, another cricket enthusiast, said the matches will boost the morale of the youngsters. "This level of cricket matches is happening in Jammu after a long gap and we are thankful to the legend league for bringing the cricket and the legends to this part of the country," he said.

The final leg of Legends League Cricket Season 2 will be played at Surat's Lalbhai Contractor Stadium between December 5 and 9.

High-altitude remote...

official said. He said the new tower was particularly necessary for the harsh winter months as it ensures uninterrupted connectivity with other regions.

The establishment of the tower comes as a crucial support system as the area has challenging road connectivity issues due to heavy snowfall, the official said.

On November 24, Sumcham, located close to the Kargil region of Ladakh and adjacent to the renowned Paddar Sapphire Mine, received telecom connectivity in the Danganil area.

Modi to visit...

Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of Abu Dhabi. The World Climate Action Summit is the high-level segment of the 28th Conference of Parties (COP-28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The COP-28 is being held in Dubai from November 28 to December 12 under the presidency of the UAE.

Centre renames Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres as Ayushman Arogya Mandir

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government has decided to rename the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir' and the Union Health Ministry has sent a letter to the states and Union territories to implement the rebranding exercise by end of this year, according to official sources.

The ministry has asked states to upload photographs of rebranded primary health facilities on the Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) portal. It has underlined that the National

Health Mission (NHM) logo is to be retained in the rebranded centres, they said.

The rebranded AB-HWCs will also have a new tagline - 'Arogyam Parmam Dhanam'.

In the letter dated November 25, the ministry said, "These centres have been successful in taking the thinking and healthcare delivery from illness to wellness. Now, going one step ahead and to realise the dream of Ayushman India the competent authority has decided to rename the Ayushman Bharat-Health

and Wellness Centres as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir' with the tagline 'Arogyam Parmam Dhanam,' the letter said.

The new name 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir' and the tagline 'Arogyam Parmam Dhanam' should replace the existing title Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centre' across all operationalised AB-HWCs, the letter said.

If scripts other than Devanagiri (Hindi)/English are to be used for branding, then the full and exact title can be translated into state language(s) but the tagline

has to be transliterated in the state language(s), the letter said.

The funds required for renaming the existing facilities has been proposed at Rs. 3,000 per facility.

After the centres complete the rebranding, states are required to upload new photographs of primary health facilities with the new name on the AB-HWC portal.

Under the Government of India's flagship Ayushman Bharat Yojana, more than 1.6 lakhs AB-HWCs have been successfully established across states and UTs over the last five years with

219 crore footfalls so far.

AB-HWC aims to provide comprehensive primary healthcare, including both maternal and child health services, and free essential drugs and diagnostic services close to people's homes through AB-HWCs.

Over 53.36 crore screenings for hypertension have been done at the AB-HWCs, 46.49 crore for diabetes, 31.48 crore for oral cancer, 14.33 crore for breast cancer and 9.68 crore for cervical cancer till November 24.

More than 2.71 crore wellness sessions have been held at these centres.

Man critically injured in bear attack in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 50-year-old man was critically injured after being attacked by three bears in a remote village in Poonch district on Sunday, officials said.

Nazir Hussain was res-

cued by local residents who rushed out of their houses after hearing his cries for help. Hussain was taken to a hospital in Rajouri but was later referred to the Government Medical College and Hospital in

Jammu for specialised treatment, they said.

Hussain was attacked outside his house in Hadi village of Surankote while he was going to graze cattle in a nearby forest, officials said.

J&K SOTTO, Sportive organise Dal Lake Half Marathon for Organ Donation awareness

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) in collaboration with Real Sports India (also known as Sportive), Paras Hospital and other organisations organised "Dal Lake Half Marathon 2 km Run" for creating awareness on Organ Donation at Dal Lake Srinagar on Sunday morning.

More than 320 participants from all over the India took part in the Half Marathon.

The 2 km run was flagged off by Dr MS Wani, Head, Kidney Transplant Unit, SKIMS Srinagar and Dr Sabia Rashid Head, Department of Ophthalmology GMC Srinagar.

Dr MS Wani said that many people die due to the non-availability of organs in India every year, so it is important to sensitize the community for organ donation.



J&K SOTTO sportive members during an event.

The participants emphasised the need for carrying the message of organ donation, which saves precious lives, to more and more people.

Heemu Mushtaq, a kidney recipient, also participated in the run and motivated others to pledge for organ donation to save precious lives.

Dr Ashna Gupta from Department of Ophthalmology GMC Srinagar secured first position, Dr Prerna Mahajan from Department of Ophthalmology GMC Srinagar secured second and

Tasreefa, a volunteer secured third position in Dal Lake Half Marathon 2KM category among girls.

In boys, Imaaz Shabir (Volunteer) secured first, Parvaiz Ahmad (Volunteer) secured second and Khalid (Volunteer) secured third position respectively in Dal Lake Half Marathon 2KM category.

The participating institutions for the Organ Donation half marathon run were SKIMS Srinagar, GMC Srinagar and Perfect Vision Eye Specialty Hospital Irfan Ahmed, Transplant Coordinator, SOTTO coordinated the event.

Over 11 kg charas seized in Ramban

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL/JAMMU: More than 11 kg of charas (cannabis) worth over Rs 34 lakh in the international market was seized in the Ramban district on Sunday, police said.

The recovery was made from a private car at Nagetra-Senabathi in Ukhral area, a police spokesman said.

He said a case under the relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was registered and a search is on to nab the culprits.

SKUAST Jammu inks MoU with University of Western Australia, Perth

STATE TIMES NEWS

PERTH: A delegation led by Vice Chancellor SKUAST -Jammu, Prof. B. N. Tripathi visited University of Western Australia and entered into MoU for forging academic and research collaboration.

Discussions between the two institutions were held to work out modalities for mutually beneficial relationship. The research areas mutually agreed upon were plant biotechnology, economics & agribusinesses, precision agriculture, horticulture, rumen microbiology, stress management in animals, plant physiology,



Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST -J & Prof. Amit Chakma, Vice-Chancellor, UWA while signing MoU at Perth, Australia.

soil science & biochemistry. Both the universities agreed to work out the modalities for academic associations, faculty visits & students dual degree programme. The fields identified were

plant breeding and genetics, Natural Resource Management (NRM) & plant production. The Australian delegation led by Prof. Amit Chakma, Vice-Chancellor included Prof.

Kadambot Siddique, Director, Prof. Phil Vercoe & Mr. B. Moneriff whereas Indian delegation headed by Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor included Prof. B. C. Sharma, Dean, FoA Prof. M.S. Bhadwal, Dean FVS& Prof S. K. Gupta, Dean, FoH&F The Indian delegation also visited state of art facilities at Shenton Park field station, center for microscopy, characterization and analysis, ARC center for Plant Energy Biology, besides high tech horticulture facilities like glass houses and growth chambers for agriculture & horticulture crops.