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MBBS-1st Prof Regular Session examination due to surge in COVID cases in Jammu.

"It is notified for the information of all the concerned that the Examination of MBBS-1st Prof Regular session, 2022 notified vide No. Exam/Prof/2022/144-160 dated January 11, 2022 scheduled with effect from January 22, 2022 stands postponed. The fresh dates shall be notified later on," reads the notification issued on Monday by University of Jammu.

SKIMS Deemed Medical University has deferred all examinations scheduled to be held from 17th of January.

As per the notification issued by Dean of Medical Faculty SKIMS Soura, the decision has been taken in view of the surge in Covid-19 cases and revised schedule for the examination shall be notified separately.

"This is notified for the information of concerned that all the Examinations of SKIMS Deemed Medical University scheduled from 17th January, 2022 have been deferred till further orders," reads the notification.

"The decision has been taken in view of the surge of COVID-19 cases. Revised schedule for the said examination shall be notified separately. Students are advised to remain in touch with SKIMS official website for further details," the notification added.

Similarly, the University of Kashmir has also deferred all ongoing and scheduled examinations with effect from January 18, 2022 until further notice in view of the prevailing situation caused by COVID-19.

Controller of Examinations Prof Irfshad A Nawchoo said in a statement.

The revised dates for the deferred examinations shall be notified separately in due course of time.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 175 more corona cases, taking the overall case-load in the Union Territory to 23,384, out of which 22,342 people have recuperated while active cases stands at 820, officials said.

Of the new cases, 156 positive samples were received from Leh district and 19 in Kargil district, the officials said.

According to the officials, the COVID-19 death toll remained unchanged at 222 with 164 fatalities in Leh and 58 in Kargil.

The officials said 89 patients were discharged from hospitals in Leh and seven in Kargil after undergoing successful treatment for COVID-19, taking the number of recovered cases in Ladakh to 22,342.

Of the active cases, 702 are under treatment in Leh and 118 in Kargil, the officials said, adding that the total positivity rate in Ladakh stands at 3.8 per cent.

Terrorists hurl grenade...

Civil Secretariat, has been cordoned off and a search operation was underway.

"Police has registered a case in this regard under relevant sections of law and investigation is in progress. Officers continue to work to establish the full circumstances of this terror crime," he added.

Three dead, another...

rescuers immediately swung into action and retrieved three bodies from the scene.

Another person was shifted to hospital in a critical condition, the officials said.

COVID treatment: Govt...

can get admitted to a ward, and they will be considered moderate cases. Such patients should be given oxygen support and awake proning should be encouraged in all patients requiring supplemental oxygen therapy, in sequential position changes every two hours, the guidelines stated.

Respiratory rate over 30 per minute, breathlessness or SpO2 lower than 90 per cent on room air should be considered as severe disease and such patients have to be admitted to an ICU as they will need respiratory support, they stated.

Such patients should be put on respiratory support. Non-invasive ventilation (NIV) -- helmet or face mask interface depending on availability -- may be considered in those with increasing oxygen requirements if work of breathing is low.

High flow nasal cannula should be considered in patients with increasing oxygen requirements. Intubation should be prioritised in patients with high work of breathing if NIV is not tolerated and institutional protocol for ventilatory management should be used when required, the new guidelines stated.

Those aged above 60 years, or those having cardiovascular disease, hypertension and coronary artery disease diabetes mellitus and other immunocompromised states, such as HIV, active tuberculosis, chronic lung, kidney or liver disease, cerebrovascular disease or obesity are at high risk for severe disease and mortality, the guidelines stated.

Police arrests 2...

logistic support and transportation of arms/ammunition to the active terrorists in Tral and Awantipora areas. Moreover, both the arrested associates were in touch with Pakistan based self styled terror commanders on different social media platforms and were planning to join terrorist ranks. A case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Tral and further investigation has been initiated.

Meanwhile, Police in Kulgam produced chargesheet against a terrorist associate identified as Suhail Ahmad in case FIR No 03/2020 of Police Station Behibagh. The case pertains to the terror incident dated 26/09/2020, when terrorists fired indiscriminately upon police personnel near PS Behibagh. Although, alert police personnel had effectively retaliated but the terrorists had managed to flee from the spot with the help of the said terrorist associate and under the cover of darkness. Subsequently, he was arrested by the investigating team and also recovered incriminating material including arms and ammunition from his possession.

Based on the evidences including digital collected during the course of investigation, it was revealed that the two terrorists of proscribed terrorist outfit LeT namely Amir Ahmad Mir & Amir Manzoor Ganji (both neutralized) along with the said terrorist associate were involved in the commission of the said terror crime.

Accordingly on 15/01/2022, chargesheet of the said case was produced before NIA Court Anantnag for judicial determination.

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opportunities by the DO concerned to resume his duties which he failed to avail, the order reads.

Likewise, Shazia Shafeeq, Teacher, HS Gundishath, Kupwara has been removed from the Government service in terms of Article 113 of J&K Civil Services Rules (Volume I) of 1956 and Rule 30(VII) of J&KCC rules 1956.

In a similar order government also ordered the removal of Mtr. Fatima Jameel, HS Padshahibagh, Srinagar from the government services after she was found unauthorisedly absent from her legitimate duties from 1 March 2016.

As per the order she was provided enough opportunities to resume her duties by

the Drawing & Disbursing officer concerned neither she responded the notices nor resumed her duties.

The issue was placed before the Designated Committee in its meeting held on 11/12/2021 and after examining the case the committee took the decision to process for termination under Article-113 J&K CSR of 1956.

"Now, therefore, pursuant to the decision of the committee, Mtr. Fatima Jameel, HS Padshahibagh, Srinagar is hereby removed from the Government service in terms of Article 113 of J&K Civil Services Rules (Volume I) of 1956 and Rule 30(VII) of J&KCC rules 1956", stated the order.

Meanwhile, The Jammu and Kashmir Public Works (R&B) Department has terminated the service of a Junior Engineer from Waniyar, Safakadal area of Srinagar city for unauthorized absence from duty, the agency reported.

The Government in its termination order issued to this effect has stated that Junior Engineer, Shabir Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Gaffar Bhat was absent for several years and did not reply to the notices of the departments after which it was decided to dismiss him from government job.

The termination order reads, "Whereas, Shabir Ahmad Bhat attended his duties upto 31.03.2008 and thereafter he remained on unauthorized absence from duty w.e.f 01.04.2008 till date, despite being repeatedly asked by the concerned authorities from time to time to resume his duties vide office letter No. DDP/850-54 dated 13.09.2009, DDP/1352-58 dated 01.12.2008, DDP/228-30 dated 17.05.2009; and, Whereas, he provided another opportunity to join his was duties immediately within a period of seven days by Director/ Chief Engineer Stores Procurement Department vide communication No. DSP/4414-15 dated 04.10.2010, as no leave was due to him; and Whereas, instead of resuming duties, Sh. Shabir Ahmad Bhat expressed his inability to join his duty back on health grounds vide his letter nil date nil received in the office of Director/ Chief Engineer Stores Procurement Department on 03.01.2011; and Whereas, show cause notice was also issued by the Directorate of Stores Procurement Department vide No. DSP/9072-74 dated 26.02.2011 to Shabir Ahmad for resuming his duties; and However he chose not to respond to any of the notices and filed a suit before Principal District Session Judge at Srinagar and the same was dismissed by the Court on 01.06.2011, and Whereas, the case of Shabir Ahmad, who was on un-authorized absence examined in the department and vide communication No. was PW/M&S/97/2011 dated 19.12.2011, Director Stores Procurement Department was directed to issue a final show cause notice, and accordingly show cause notice was issued vide No. DSP/218-20 dated 24.04.2012 by the Director Store Procurement Department asking the shabir Ahmad to explain as why his services are not to be terminated for being un-authorizedly absent from duty. The said notice was also published in the two leading News papers viz. Daily Excelsior, and Greater Kashmir of J&K on 12.04.2012; and Whereas, as per Police Report, Sh. Shabir Ahmad Bhat S/o Abdul Gaffar Bhat R/o Waniyar is working as Financial Advisor in a Saudi Arabian Company namely ARAMCO situated at Damman and has been working there since 2006 till date."

"Whereas, the official namely Shabir Ahmad Bhat, Junior Engineer (Mechanical) remained absent from the duty for more than 5 years despite the fact that he has been served notices from time to time; and Whereas, the matter has been examined by the department in terms of the rule position governing the subject and it has been found that he has not resumed his duties despite repeated notices, the action on his part is willful and intentional and squarely falls under the preview of Article 113 and 128 of J&K CSRs. Article 113 of J&K CSR envisage as under; After five year continuous absence on leave an officer is considered to be out of state employee. And Article 128 of 1&K CSR envisage as under; Absence without leave or after the end of the leave involves loss of appointment, except as provided in Article 203(b) or when due to ill health in which the case the absentee must produce the certificate of Medical officer. Whereas, in the instant case the continuous unauthorized absence period of the delinquent official is more than thirteen years i.e from 01.04.2008 to till date; and Whereas this department doesn't find it suitable to issue any more notice to the delinquent engineer for giving him any further chance for resumption of his duties."

"Now, therefore, in terms of Article 113 and 128 of J&K CSR vol-I read with rule 30 of 1&K CCA Rules 1956, it is hereby ordered that the services of Shri Shabir Ahmad Bhat S/O Abdul Gaffar Bhat R/O Waniyar Safakadal Srinagar are terminated w.e.f. 01.04.2008 i.e. the date of his unauthorized absence from duty has been found," the termination order reads.

'Smart Anganwadis' to...

amenities. Moreover, some of the buildings have also been shortlisted for wall paintings, the officials said. They said the items procured under the Smart City Mission are chairs and tables for kids as well as visitors, pre-school kits, white boards, stationery items, utensils, storage bins, hygiene kits, almirah, racks and wall clocks.

"The upgradation of Anganwadi Centers will provide better early childhood care and make the facility more child-friendly to nurture the mental and physical development of children," Lavasa said.

She said a total of 14 Anganwadi centres under three Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) Jammu, Sattwari and Gandhi Nagar are being developed in the district.

"The focus of JSCL is to improve the quality of life of people by enabling local development and harnessing technology to create smart outcomes for citizens," the CEO said.

Several initiatives have already been taken under the aegis of JSCL to improve the urban experience of the population including tourists.

These include installation of wayfinding signages, establishing of WiFi zones, improving the drainage scenario in the city, improvement of 23 junctions, establishment of heritage trail, building a multilevel car parking and smart parking, the officials said.

Pak-sponsored agencies...

of locals with more purpose and efficiency.

Singh said from community policing to counter terrorism operations, police have to act responsibly and in a planned manner.

The meeting was attended by Spl. DG Crime J&K A.K Choudhary, ADGs P.S.D Singh Jamwal, T. Namgyal, M. K. Sinha, IGP (CIV) PHQ, Alok Kumar, AisG of PHQ, while Spl. DG CID R.R Swain, ADGP Armed S.J.M Gillani, IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, all range, unit and wing heads attended the meeting through video conferencing.

Kathak dancer Birju...

dinner when he suddenly took ill, Ragini Maharaj told PTI.

Birju Maharaj, one of India's best known and most loved artistes, was from Lucknow's Kalka-Bindadin Gharana. He is survived by five children, three daughters and two sons, and five grandchildren.

He had been suffering from a kidney ailment and was under dialysis treatment for the last month due to high diabetes. He probably died of a cardiac arrest, his granddaughter said.

Station Ramban, FIR No. 05/2022 in Police Station Batote and FIR No. 06/2022 was registered at Police Station Chanderkote under Sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PC Act and investigation set into motion.

overall rescue operation was made by police parties under the command of Insp Sandeep Charak SHO Ramban, Insp Afzal Wani SHO Chanderkote and PSI Harish Kumar Incharge SHO Batote, under the supervision of Pardeep Singh Sen, DySP Hqs Ramban and overall supervision of SSP Ramban, Mohita Sharma.

Absconder arrested**STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: Police on Monday arrested an absconder who was evading arrest since long.

As per details, an absconder namely Sudesh Kumar, son of Dena Nath, resident of Kundab, Jhat Gali, Tehsil Rajgarh, District Ramban, who was booked in FIR No. 125/2021 registered under sections 498-A/323/452/504/506/34 of IPC at Police Station Ramban, was evading his arrest since long.

District Police Ramban was looking for him and on specific information, a special police team of Police Station Ramban was constituted, which led by SHO Ramban Insp Sandeep Charak and under the supervision of Pardeep Singh Sen, DySP Hqs Ramban with overall supervision of Mohita Sharma, SSP Ramban, arrested the accused.

Two drug peddlers held with intoxicating capsules**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: Police on Monday arrested two drug peddlers and recovered 280 tablets of banned psychotropic substance from their possession.

As per details, a special team constituted by SSP Kishtwar led by Insp Abid Bukhari under supervision of DySP Hqs Kishtwar Satish Kumar raided some suspected locations and recovered 280 tablets of banned psychotropic substance from possession of two accused namely Mohd Inran (Soni), son of Ghulam Mohd, resident of Horna Mughal Maidan at present Wasserkund Kishtwar and Kousar Nazir Butt, son of Nazir Ahmed Butt, resident of Ward no. 5, near Usmania Masjid, Kishtwar. Both accused were arrested and FIR No. 04/2022 under sections 8/21/22/29 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Kishtwar. The team raided suspected places after obtaining the leads from one of the accused arrested in a previous NDPS case.

"He was with us when this happened. He had his dinner and we were playing antakshari' because he loved old music. He was lying down and suddenly his breathing became uneven. We think it was cardiac arrest as he was also a heart patient."

"This happened between 12.15 and 12.30 am. It must have been just a minute or so. We rushed to the hospital but unfortunately, we could not save him. He died before reaching the hospital," Ragini said.

Ragini, a Kathak dancer herself, said the only solace for the family is that he did not suffer too much in his last moments.

"Two of his disciples and his two granddaughters, my younger sister Yasyashashwini and me, were with him when this happened. He was laughing and smiling in his last moments," she said.

Condolences poured in as news of the death of the Kathak maestro, who would have been 84 on February 4, came in.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his death is an "irreparable loss" to the entire art world.

"Deeply saddened by the demise of Pandit Birju Maharaj ji, who gave Indian dance a special recognition world over. His passing is an irreparable loss to the entire art world. My condolences to his family and fans in this hour of grief," the prime minister said.

Financed Minister Nirmala Sitharaman described the artiste as a "legend of performing arts".

Fondly called Pandit-ji or Maharaj-ji by his disciples and legions of followers, he had said the younger generation has many more opportunities to learn than in his time.

In his last interview with PTI in December, Birju Maharaj had said the future of Kathak, one of the most graceful classical dance forms, was bright in India with the new generation taking the tradition forward.

"Artistes who passionately work towards carrying the tradition forward are the right torchbearers of an art form and its legacy. It takes a lot of work and dedication to stay true to a mighty tradition such as classical dance," the Padma Vibhushan awardee had said.

Brajmohan Maharaj or Birju Maharaj was a descendant of the Maharaj family of Kathak dancers. He trained under his father and guru Achhan Maharaj and uncles Shambhu Maharaj and Lachhu Maharaj.

Singer Durga Jasraj, daughter of the late Pandit Jasraj, called Birju Maharaj's death "a monumental loss to Indian performing arts".

"Legendary Pt Birju Maharaj ji's departure has left us poorer, shattered. Pray Maharaj ji's soul rests in rhythmic peace. Deepest condolences to his family, disciples and fans across the world. Om Shanti," she wrote on Twitter.

Composer Adnan Sami said, "We have lost an unparalleled institution in the field of the performing arts. He has influenced many generations through his genius."

J&K Admn takes...

leveling various allegations against each other also with regard to the use of the premises belonging to the estates department that was being used for the legitimate use of the members of the journalistic fraternity. In view of this aspect of the dispute and in view of the reports in social media and other sources indicating a potential law and order situation including a threat of breach of peace and the safety of bonafide journalists, an intervention has become necessary", it maintained.

"In view of the unpleasant developments and dissensions between various groups of journalists, it has been decided that the allotment of the premises at Polo View in view of the now deregistered Kashmir Press Club be cancelled and control of land and buildings situated at Polo View Srinagar which belongs to the Estates Department be reverted back to the said Department", the statement added.

"The government is committed to a free and fair press and believes that journalists are entitled to all facilities, including a place for professional, educational, social, cultural, recreational and welfare activities. It also hopes that a duly registered bona fide society of all journalists shall be constituted as soon as possible and the same shall be able to approach the government for reallocation of the premises", it stated.

No person can...

done according to guidelines.