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LG shares Govt's...

change in the lives of around 13 lakh farming families of J&K including 2.62 lakh small and marginal farming families, the Lt Governor noted.

No other region in the country has made such a revolutionary intervention in the Agriculture and allied sector. All arrangements, from seed to market have been made through the implementation framework of the plan, he added.

The Prime Minister has ensured that there would be no shortage of funds for farmers of J&K, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor also made valuable suggestions to improve productivity and tackling challenges as well as opportunities of the agriculture and allied sectors.

A strong agricultural marketing ecosystem will increase the farm income and reduce the value loss. We are working on covering the entire value chain including inputs, harvesting, processing, packing, storage, besides meeting the need of quality planting material etc, and developing infrastructure and other facilities while taking climatic conditions into consideration, the Lt Governor said.

We have also made provisions to arrange and grow 80% of fodder requirements locally within J&K, he added.

Speaking on the services extended by the government, the Lt Governor said that around 31 lakh land passbooks have been generated and more than 400 public services have been made fully online with a provision of Public Services Guarantee Act.

On the issue of proper functioning of Rambir Canal, the Lt Governor said that a permanent solution via a policy for uninterrupted and proper functioning of Rambir Canal will be ensured. He also clarified that there is no such rule for compulsory buying of cattle from outside the region to avail the subsidy. 'And if there is any, I declare it Null & Void,' he added.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairman DDC Jammu, extended his gratitude to the Central Government under PM Narendra Modi for ensuring peace at Border areas which has led to development works like the Mega Fruit plant nursery at Chakroi.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, congratulated the Horticulture department for completing the project of Mega Fruit Plant Nursery within a stipulated time frame.

This mega fruit plant nursery established with state-of-the-art equipment like Automatic weather monitoring system, will facilitate easy supply of quality fruit saplings.

Prof. JP Sharma, VC SKUAST Jammu, stressed the need to convert low density orchards into high density orchards and increase farmer's income through horticulture.

The Mega Fruit Plant Nursery houses 50 different Blocks for growing mother plants of different fruits including Citrus fruits. Spanning over more than 800 Kanal area the Mega Fruit plant nursery will grow and provide saplings of Guava, mango, litchi, other citrus fruits and also of the Dragon fruit.

It is the biggest fruit nursery in North India. In the coming time, 10 lakh saplings of fruit plants will be distributed to farmers. Micro irrigation system was also established in the mega fruit nursery for irrigation in addition to other advanced facilities and modern equipment. Tissue culture lab and other labs will also be established in the coming time, it was informed.

Several publications including Mega Fruit Plant Nursery Chakroi Magazine, Cultivation of Litchi and Strawberry and Strategic management of Stone Fruit were also released on the occasion.

The Lt Governor also planted a sapling in the premises of the nursery to mark the occasion. Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Ram Savak, Director Horticulture Jammu; PRI members; IODs; members of Kisan Advisory Board; Agriculture scientists, faculty and scholars of SKUAST Jammu and farmers in large number were present in the inauguration event.

LeT OGW held...

Substances Act, he said. "One terror associate of LeT arrested at a naka. Proceeds of terror worth Rs 9,95,000, 450 grams of heroin, letter pads of LeT, etc. recovered. FIR 02/23 in sections of UAPA & NDPS act registered in Kothibagh PS," the police spokesperson said.

3 dead as...

operation was launched by local volunteers and Police.

MS Associate Hospital GMC Doda Dr Yudhvir Singh informed that after getting information, a team of Doctors from Trauma Hospital Thathri immediately rushed to the spot and after examination, the doctors declared all as dead.

The deceased have been identified as Mohd Yasin, son of Mohd Hussain; Mohd Ashiq, son of Mohd Ibrahim and Mohd Aslam, son of Mohd Ismail all residents of Kankot Doda.

Search ops continues...

so far during the ongoing operation and are being questioned for their alleged links with terrorists. They said several vital leads have been found during questioning of the suspected persons and it was almost clear that the terrorists were present in the town before carrying out the attack. Police have also deployed additional personnel at border posts as part of enhanced security near the Line of Control (LoC) to keep a close vigil on notorious infiltration routes, the officials said.

1,700 drug peddlers...

substances seized included 212 kilograms of charas, 56 kilograms of heroin, 13 kilograms of brown sugar, 1,127 tonnes of bhang, 4,355 tonnes of poppy straw and 1,567 tonnes of fukki, he added.

CRIME REPORT

Three minor siblings found at Railway Station Jammu handed over to CWC Kupwara

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three minor siblings aged six years, two & half years and six months, who were found alone at Railway Station Jammu, were safely repatriated back to Child Welfare Committee, Kupwara on Tuesday. The three siblings were found alone and abandoned at Jammu Railway Station on December 7, 2022 by an NGO working for the welfare of children. Afterwards, the siblings were produced before the Child Welfare Committee, Jammu the same day and were handed over to Government-run Cradle Baby Reception centre for shelter and care. After hectic efforts of ADGP Railways, SSP Railways and Child Welfare Committee, their father was traced in Tangdhar, Kupwara. After assessing circumstances, in which the father is placed, it was decided to repatriate children back to their district. Later, with personal efforts of ADGP Railways and SSP Railways, a police escort was provided for safe transfer of children to their native village and they were safely handed back to CWC Kupwara.

Theft case solved; accused held, stolen items recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Police on Tuesday solved a theft case solved by arresting an accused and recovered stolen electronic items worth Rs 2,52,000.

As per details, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Akhnoor by one Vikas Gupta, son of Kuldeep Gupta, resident of Ward-5, Akhnoor regarding theft of electronic items worth Rs 2,52,000 from his shop. Accordingly, FIR 03/2023 under section 379 of IPC was registered at Police Station Akhnoor and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Akhnoor under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal led by SHO Akhnoor Instr Harjeet Singh assisted by PSI Zulfiqar Ahmed, after putting in strenuous efforts, arrested accused namely Sushil Sharma, son of Mula Ram, resident of Mandrian Maira Mandrian, District Jammu and on his disclosure, all stolen electronic items worth Rs 2,52,000 were recovered.

Missing man traced, reunited with family

STATE TIMES NEWS

ARNA: Police on Tuesday traced a missing person and reunited him with his family. As per details, information was received at Police Station Arnia regarding missing of a person namely Gourav, resident of Arnia who went missing from his house. In this regard, missing report was registered and investigation started. On this, a team of Police Station Arnia under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Arnia Instr Deepak Katoch, after putting in hectic efforts, traced the missing person. Subsequently, family of missing person was informed and he was handed over to his respective family members after completing all legal formalities.

Man held for murdering sister-in-law on resisting rape attempt

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A man was arrested for allegedly killing his sister-in-law after she resisted rape attempt in Pulwama district, police said on Tuesday.

As per details, on January 8, 2023 at around 1730 hrs, police received information that a woman, identified as Rozi Jaan, wife of Muzafar Ahmad Ganie, resident of Kadlabal Pampore, aged about 40 years was brought to SDH Pampore by her family members (in-laws). Since the cause of her death Prima facie appeared to be suspicious, accordingly, Pampore police after completion of medico legal procedure

Police also launched drives against illegally cultivated poppy and bhang, destroying crops spread on about 51 hectares of land, the spokesman said.

Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said the war against the drug menace will continue with more vigour.

Strict action will be taken against persons involved in drug abuse and trade in the current year as well, he added.

Kumar requested the community members to be part of the campaign by coming forward with any information regarding drug peddling in their neighbourhoods.

"Our consistent actions against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of drug menace and to secure the future of our youth," he added.

JE (Jal Shakti Deptt)...

allegations of irregularities in the written examination conducted by the JKSSB on March 27, 2022 for the recruitment of 1,200 Sub-Inspectors of Jammu and Kashmir Police. The result of this examination was declared on June 4, 2022.

In this case, 13 accused, including the Commandant of Border Security Force, one Assistant Sub Inspector and two constables of Jammu and Kashmir Police, one Central Reserve Police Constable, one ex-CRPF official, one teacher, were arrested. Over 36 places were raided to seize records required to produce in court.

Acting tough in the J&K Police Sub Inspectors paper leakage scam, the Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) had also arrested Dr Karnail Singh, Medical Officer, BSF Frontier Headquarters, Paloura for detailed interrogation as it was established that he was instrumental in selling J&K Police S-I leaked question paper for hefty amount.

Earlier, the CBI had arrested Raman Sharma son of Chuni Lal, a resident of village Nore in Main Mandrian area of Khour; posted as Selection Grade Constable (SgCT) in Jammu and Kashmir Police, Suresh Sharma, son of Ram Lal Sharma, a resident of Kaink-Jageer in Akhnoor; a tout and Jagdish Sharma, son of Dhani Ram, resident of Masyal Narayana in Khour; a Government teacher.

Kewal Krishan, an IRP constable posted at Mattan in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, Ashwani Kumar, son of Mela Ram of Kachrali in Khour; who had taken voluntary retirement from CRPF to run paper leak racket and Rakesh Kumar of Psl in Khour area of Akhnoor; who had collected Rs 1.25 crore from the beneficiaries were also arrested.

On November 30, the Central Bureau of Investigation carried out searches at 14 locations across Jammu and Samba in connection with alleged irregularities in an exam by Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) for the posts of Accounts Assistant, Finance Department.

Sources informed that huge transactions took place in Panchayat Assistants exam also. And after its preliminary inquiry, the CBI is likely to register another case within next few weeks.

J&K Bank engages...

from account opening, cash deposit and balance enquiry to card-based and Aadhar enabled cash withdrawal and transfer of funds; the Bank's Business Correspondents provide a variety of services to the people including submission of e-KYC compliance and enrolment under various social security schemes like PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY.

DAP will ensure...

leaders from Marh and Jammu North joined the Democratic Azad Party.

They include Lata Devi Das, Saudhgar Singh Saini, Ashvani Sharma, Ashok Bhagat, Swarna Bhagat, Bishan Bhagat, Sonmath Dogra and many others.

They joined the Party in presence of DAP Chief Ghulam Nabi Azad and pledged to march with the party's developmental agenda in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We believe the DAP is the only alternative political party in Jammu and Kashmir that can take it out of the present situation. We are quite satisfied with Ghulam Nabi Azad for his developmental agenda since he proved it as erstwhile Jammu Kashmir state's Chief Minister. So we decided to join it," the leaders said.

Among those present on the occasion included Maheshwar Singh and others.

India successfully carries...

missile struck its target with high accuracy," the ministry said in a statement.

It said the "user training launch" successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile. The Prithvi-II missile has a range of around 350 kilometres.

ACB books JE...

during spot inspection same was not found on spot and compensation was paid to the tune of Rs 3.97 lakh against this non-existent structure.

The verification conducted further revealed that the fictitious structural compensation cases/ site plans belonging of all the above mentioned three structures were prepared and submitted by JE Suresh Kumar and others. Besides this, the fictitious compensation too seems to have Respected Sir contents of the complaint are that been drawn in respect of fruit bearing trees. By acting in this manner, the then JE Suresh Kumar & other officers/officials, by abuse of their official positions and under well knit criminal conspiracy with the above mentioned beneficiaries namely Nath Ram, Ashok Kumar and Nazir Ahmed, prepared the compensation cases in order to confer undue benefits upon themselves with corresponding loss to the tune of Rs 8.57 lakh to the Government exchequer. The aforementioned facts constitute commission of offences punishable under Section 5(1) (c) (d) read with 5(2) J&K PC Act Svt.2006 and Sections 467, 468, 471, 120-B of RPC against Suresh Kumar then Junior Engineer PMGSY Division Kishtwar; beneficiaries namely Nath Ram, son of Gokal Chand, resident of Anjole; Ashok Kumar; son of Sulla Ram and Nazir Ahmed, son of Nasrullah Kripak.

initiated inquest proceedings under section 174 of CrPC to ascertain cause of death. Keeping in view the sensitivity of the case, a special investigating team was constituted by SSP Awantipora under the supervision of SDPO Pampore and investigation was promptly set into motion. During the course of investigation, several family members including the husband of deceased were called for questioning.

During questioning of some of relatives, the investigating team zeroed in on one Altaf Ahmad Ganie, brother-in-law of deceased for further questioning. After sustained questioning, he confessed about his involvement in murder of his sister-in-law. During questioning, he disclosed that since his sister-in-law was alone at home and thus taking advantage of her loneliness, he tried to exploit her sexually however deceased strongly resisted and raised hue and cry. The accused further disclosed that although he firstly tried to pacify her but when she continuously called for help, it frustrated accused, who strangled her to death and thereafter fled away from the spot. During further course of investigation, it also came to fore that at around 1700 hrs 11-year-old daughter of deceased came back to her home and on seeing her mother apparently dead, called for help. Thereafter, some of the neighbours including accused came and took the lady to hospital where doctors declared her as brought dead. The accused Altaf Ahmad Ganie, son of Late Shaban Ganie, 44 years old is a driver by profession, unmarried and is living separately in same house. He was accompanying the people when dead body was taken to hospital so that no one would suspect his involvement in murder. FIR 05/2023 under relevant sections of law already stands registered at Police Station Pampore and accused has been arrested. Investigation of the case is going on.

3 drug peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 3 notorious drug peddlers on Tuesday and recovered contraband substance from their possession. As per the details, a party of Police Station Litter at a checkpoint established at Khellian area of Litter Pulwama intercepted three suspects who tried to flee from the spot but were apprehended tactfully. During search, 350 gm Charas was recovered from their possession of accused identified as Kifayat Rashid Yatoo, son of Ab Rashid, Nazir Ahmad Bhat, son of Ab Aziz and Basit Ahmad Bhat, son of Mohd Shafi, all residents of Khellian Pulwama. They were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 01/2023 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Litter and investigation started.

Shops, other business establishments served notices for violation of rules

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration, Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) Amit Kumar along with his team conducted surprise inspections of the shops and other business establishments in Kishtwar Town and adjoining areas.

A total number of 25 shops and establishments were inspected and those found violating the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Shops and Establishment Act 1966 were served with written notice to appear before ALC Kishtwar in the Office. The notices were served mainly for violation of the different sections of the Shops & Establishment Act 1966, likewise opening the shops despite being a closed day, for non-registration of shops under the said Act, and for not displaying the registration Form C in the shops. During the visit, the ALC Kishtwar also briefed the necessity of registration under the act and further inspected the wage and payment registers under Payment of Wages Act and Minimum Wages Act. He informed the shopkeepers to ensure the timely payment of wages to their workers and also ensure the implementation of newly notified Wage Rate by the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Further, Inspection under Child Labour Act was also done in certain establishments and shops but no child labour was found in these establishments. Later, the ALC met the President & representatives of Shopkeepers Associations and encouraged

Elections our right...

and state lands, Omar claimed it was one of the reasons why elections were not being held in Jammu and Kashmir.

"That's why they are not holding elections. They want to 'harass' the people. Instead of applying balm to the wounds of people, they seem to have a penchant to aggravate the hurt," he said.

The former chief minister said the BJP government knows that an elected government will try to heal the wounds of the people while they only allegedly rub salt and chilli into them.

Asked about the government's decision to arm the village defence guards following the Rajouri attack, Omar said this was an admission by the government that its claims to the nation at the time of abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 had fallen flat.

"On 5 August 2019, the nation was told that the gun in Kashmir is because of Article 370 and with repealing of Article 370, the gun culture will start to subside. However, as is clear, that is not the case on ground. The kind of attack we saw in Rajouri and the situation in Kashmir; the numbers of security forces personnel are being increased all this points to the fact that the situation is not under control. The government is now compelled to take these steps," he added.

Seven persons were killed and 14 others injured in the terrorist attack on January 1 in Rajouri district's Dhangri village.

Kashmir handicrafts to...

been facilitating the promotion of GI-tagged products symbolizing the empowerment of the artisans.

These initiatives are aimed to help recognize and promote age-old crafts and methods that are otherwise in danger of being lost due to urbanization and industrialization, Director H&H said.

It is worth mentioning here that machine made products have implied a challenge to the entire Handicraft and Handloom sectors, however the GI certification will go a long way in preserving the crafts as well as facilitating buyers in making the purchase of genuine handmade products.

So far 7 major crafts from Kashmir namely Kani Shawl, Pashmina, Sozni, Paper Machie, Walnut Wood Carving, Khatamband, and Hand Knotted Carpets have already been GI certified. Besides, the process of GI registration of five more crafts viz, Kashmiri Namda, Wagwan, Shikara, Gabba and Kashmir Willow Bat is already under process and the dossier for GI certification of all these crafts has been submitted with the GI authorities in Chennai last month.

One of the major success stories in recent time for crewel and chain stich has come from Noor Ari a women led Producer Company, has recently collaborated with Fab India, an international brand to provide various crewel and chain stich items.