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Security agencies effectively...



Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C, Northern Command along with veer Naris and Veterans.

India and the Northern Command are always committed to the service of our veterans. I expect you to cooperate fully in the welfare schemes run by the Army and the government and make these schemes successful," he said.

Remote Voting Machine...

enable migrant voters to vote from remote polling stations.

It said the inability to vote due to internal migration (domestic migrants) is one of the prominent reasons behind low voter turnout. The migrant voter wouldn't be required to travel to his/her home district to exercise his/her franchise.

The Commission has also invited all recognised eight national and 57 regional political parties on January 16, 2023, to demonstrate the functioning of the multi-constituency prototype Remote EVM. Members of the EC's Technical Expert Committee will also be present during the demonstration.

The Commission has also solicited written views of recognised political parties by January 31, 2023, on various related issues including changes required in legislation, changes in administrative procedures, and voting method/RVM/technology, if any other, for the domestic migrants, the release further stated. (ANI)

Avalanches hit Gurez...

adding there was no loss of life. The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) issued a 'high danger' avalanche warning for Kupwara district in north Kashmir and a 'medium danger' warning for Bandipora, Baramulla, Doda, Ganderbal, Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban and Reasi districts.

"Avalanche with high danger level is likely to occur above 2,000 metres of Kupwara district in the next 24 hours. Avalanche with medium danger level is likely to occur above 2,000 metres over Bandipora, Baramulla, Doda, Ganderbal, Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban and Reasi districts in the next 24 hours," it said.

The SDMA said avalanches of low danger level are likely to occur above 2,000 metres over Anantnag, Kullu, and Rajouri districts in the next 24 hours.

People are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing into avalanche-prone areas, it said.

Highway reopened, flight...

with the rest of the country -- has been reopened for traffic after the snow was shovelled off, officials said.

While the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir experienced moderate to heavy snowfall on Friday, many other areas, including Srinagar, received light snow.

Meanwhile, night temperatures settled below the freezing point across the Valley. Srinagar recorded a low of minus 0.1 degrees Celsius on Friday night, down from 1 degree Celsius the night before.

Qazigund, the gateway to the Valley, registered a minimum temperature of minus 0.4 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 1.2 degrees Celsius.

The minimum in Kupwara, a frontier district, settled at minus 3.6 degrees Celsius. Pahalgam in Anantnag district, which also serves as a base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, registered a low of minus 5.9 degrees Celsius down from minus 2.4 degrees Celsius a night earlier.

The minimum temperature at Gulmarg in Baramulla district went down over 10

Employment Plan to spur entrepreneurship, align youth with self employment goals: DC Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In order to evaluate the skill gaps and formulate a District Employment Plan to provide self-employment to educated youth of the District, a meeting of Officers was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz Asad here on Saturday at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

Chief Planning Officer, Principal Government Polytechnic College Gogji Bagh, Principal Women's Polytechnic Bemina, Assistant Director Handicrafts, Assistant Director Fisheries, officers of Animal husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Industries and

other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

The meeting discussed the various aspects related to the devising a comprehensive District Employment Plan to enhance the employment and employability to provide opportunities to skilled human resource to earn sustainable livelihood.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned officers to work on identification of the new trades to be incorporated in existing courses at polytechnic and ITI levels to enhance the self-employment opportunities in the District.

The DC also stressed on working out a mechanism for upgrading the skill sets at ITI

and Poly-technique levels by introducing latest Information Technology courses as per current market needs so that maximum local youth are provided self-employment.

The DC said an IT innovation Team will be formulated in the District to meet the requirements related to IT enabled interventions as day to day governance is switching over to Information Technology based services.

The DC directed the concerned departments to work in unison to synergise the efforts to spur entrepreneurship and effective outcomes regarding self-employment and employability in the District.

Leading a team of officers,

notches from minus 0.6 degrees Celsius to settle at minus 11 degrees Celsius making it the coldest recorded place in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meteorological office said the weather will remain partly cloudy with moderate to dense fog over the plains of Jammu on Saturday.

Fresh feeble western disturbances are likely to affect Jammu and Kashmir from January 19 to 25. Light to moderate rain or snow is likely between January 23 and 24, it said.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of 'Chillai Kalan', the 40-day harshest weather period when the chances of snowfall are maximum and most frequent. Chillai Kalan begins on December 21 and ends on January 30. The cold wave continues even after that with a 20-day-long 'Chillai Khurd' and a 10-day-long 'Chillai Bachha' following it.

Jammu fireman dies...

he was declared brought dead by the doctors, the officials said.

Director General of Fire and Emergency Services Alok Kumar joined mourners to bid adieu to the fireman at Jagti Township on the outskirts of Jammu this afternoon. He lauded Raina's valour and said that the fireman laid down his life while performing his duties. The swift action by the fire and emergency services restricted the fire to a single room on the ground floor where it has originated due to a short circuit, thus averting a major tragedy, officials said.

Switch over to...

Party Ashok Koul said that BJP is a party of principles, working for the upliftment of all the sections of the society, irrespective of their religion, caste and creed and its Karyakartas form its backbone.

However the BJYM Karyakartas are the greatest of the party as they are the ones who are in continuous contact of the people in general and youth in particular at the grass roots level.

While the BJP gives its workers full opportunity to move forward, the BJYM workers are expected to proactively carry forward the legacy of the party keeping public service devoid of any discrimination at the core of their functioning policy.

He asked the BJYM activists to further intensify the efforts to motivate more and more youth into the party fold before the elections are held for the J&K Assembly. Emphasizing that BJYM cadre has a vital role to play in the strengthening of party, he said it is a testing time for them with elections on the threshold now.

DAP can't have...

understand about our ideology and agenda, also highlight their problems" he said.

He, however, said that the land, jobs and statehood are the primary issues that the party is focussing.

"Statehood, jobs and land rights are the issues that we shall fight on primary basis and it is the duty of our newly elected office bearers to make general public aware of it and subsequently take them on board in this political fight," he told the office bearers.

The issue of the government order regarding vacating of the state land allotted under Rishi Act and Kanchari land was also disused. The Executive committee meeting of Kashmir province will be held soon in Srinagar.

Farooq seeks immediate...

many far-flung areas to their district headquarters had not yet been cleared of snow.

People living in those areas are going through immense difficulties. The situation is no different across the upper reaches of south and central Kashmir and districts in the Chenab region, he said.

The National Conference chief said students, elderly and patients were at the receiving end in particular due to the blockage of roads connecting these far-flung areas to the district headquarters.

"The situation is no different in the snow-bound regions of Chenab where access to all upper hamlets is yet to be restored," he said.

The Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar also urged the divisional administrations in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure that flying squads were placed on the ground to check price rise.

The situation has become more precarious in the absence of public representatives, he said.

The resumption of connectivity is the main issue that has to be tackled on a priority, Abdullah said.

He impressed upon the divisional administration to reach out to people from the tribal communities caught in the snow blitz in Sonamarg with relief and rehabilitation. President Farooq Abdullah on Saturday sought immediate resumption of road connectivity across Jammu and Kashmir's snow-bound areas

DC Pulwama visits far-off areas of district; meets people, delegations

STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary today visited remote and far-flung villages of Pulwama district and took stock of post Snowfall situation in these areas.

The DC visited Inderwali, Sangerwani, Bagh, Khaigam, Ichgoote, Qasbary, Shadimarg and adjoining villages of the District to inspect the Snow clearance operation and the status of delivery of essential services.

The DC also reviewed the power supply scenario, availability of drinking water and healthcare services available in the Public Health Centers. Leading a team of officers,

the DC spent the whole day among locals in these areas.

It is important to mention that Achgoza, Sangerwani is a tough terrain and farthest area of Pulwama and has witnessed a Snowfall of more than 2 ft.

While reviewing the post Snowfall situation and the availability of essential commodities in these areas, the DC was informed that there is a sufficient stock of essential commodities available in these areas including LPG, ration, vegetables and other essentials.

The DC also directed the concerned to conduct regular market checking to check the arbitrary rise in prices and illegal stocking.

Enroute, the DC met people and interacted with them to get the feedback about the delivery of essen-

tial services to the people of these remote villages.

It is important to mention that the road connectivity has been restored between Achgoza and Sangerwani despite accumulation of more than 02 ft of snowfall.

Officers informed that Snow cutter machines were deployed yesterday which have been working nonstop throughout the night, especially in the Inderwali area to clear Snow from roads in Inderwali, Sangerwani, Bagh, Khaigam, Ichgoote and other adjoining higher reaches of the district.

Regarding the power supply in the area, it was given out that all the feeders of the district were functioning

normally as the feeders under fault were restored at earliest.

Officers also informed the DC about several issues faced by them and sought early resolution to their grievances. The DC passed on spot directions for resolutions of several problems.

The DC lauded the efforts of the field staff in clearing the roads quickly besides restoring water supply and electricity.

The restoration of electricity supply is being done on a war footing basis with continuous patrol of the field staff in their respective areas to ensure identification and simultaneous restoration of faults.

Training on Wildlife Crime Control held

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Department of Wildlife Protection on Saturday conducted a training program for wildlife crime control at NIC, Manda, Jammu.

While inaugurating the training, Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/Chief Wildlife Warden, Jammu and Kashmir, mentioned that illegal trade in wildlife contraband is next to narcotics in the illegal international market. He stated that the department is regularly monitoring such activities and action is taken under law whenever such incidents are reported.

The ADC asked the MS to put up all the effort to make modern/ latest infrastructure and equipment related facilities available in the hospital.

The ADC directed the MS to provide hassle free services to all the patients in the hospital keeping in view the inclement weather and

effit of the program and have free interaction with resource persons.

The trainees comprised of field staff of the Department of Wildlife Protection from various Wildlife Divisions of Jammu Region. The technical sessions were conducted by Dr. Kumar MK, Conservator of Forests, Dr. Vinita from Central University of Jammu, and Dr. Vipin Sharma, Director of Research, Wildlife Analytical Laboratories.

The training program also had a mock crime scene, collection of evidence, and framing of the case. The participants were apprised about various parts and products in illegal wildlife trade, as well as the procedure for collection of samples.

The trainees were made aware about DNA Forensics and the latest amendments in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

During the discussions, Vijay Kumar, Wildlife Warden, Kathua, Mushtaq Ahmad, Wildlife Warden, Poonch-Rajouri, and Amit Sharma, Wildlife Warden also participated.

The program was moderated by Anil Kumar Atri, Wildlife Warden, Jammu.



During the camp, different aids and appliances including Wheelchairs Adult and small, CP Chair, Hearing Aids, Motor Tri cycle, Smartphones, tabs and other appliances were distributed among 640 already identified beneficiaries.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sehrish said that the main objective of the scheme is to assist the needy specially-abled persons by providing durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern standard aids

and appliances to promote physical social, psychological rehabilitation of persons with disabilities by reducing the effects of disabilities and at the same time enhance their economic potential.

She further asserted that Assistive devices were given to persons with Disabilities (PWDs) with an aim to improve their independent functioning and to arrest the extent of disability and occurrence of secondary disability besides distribution of Prosthetic aid.

Those present in the meeting included JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani,

Member CEC, Tariq Hameed Karra, Ex PCC President G A Mir, former Union Minister Bharat Singh Solanki, AICC Spokesperson Meem Afzal (Ex-MP) AICC Jt Secretary, Co Incharge Manoj Yadav, AICC Coordinators Jeetu Patwari, Kamleshwar Patel, Kunal Chaudhary, Chetan Chouhan, G N Monga, Ravinder Sharma, Chief

Spokesperson, AICC media coordinators Amresh Pandey and Dr Rajesh Sharma.

The meeting took stock of the various aspects of the preparations for the Yatra enroute and Kashmir region, the culmination of the Yatra on 30th Jan.

Rajni Patil said that the culmination event in Kashmir has its great significance as

Patil takes of stock of Yatra arrangements with AICC team, J&K leadership

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: AICC Incharge J&K affairs and MP, Rajni Patil on Saturday reviewed the preparations for the upcoming Bharat Jodo Yatra here along with senior party leaders in party office here tomorrow, disclosed, JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma.

the Yatra is from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. She said that there is great enthusiasm amongst people about the Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir.

There shall be another meeting with senior party leaders in party office here tomorrow, disclosed, JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma.