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mitigate their concerns about any damage".
The Cabinet's decision to extend the one-time special package on Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) will help farmers by ensuring the fertiliser at affordable prices, he added.

Briefing media, Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Minister Ashwini Vaishnav informed that farmers will continue to get DAP at Rs 1,350 per bag and the extra burden will be borne by the central government.

"One-time special package up to Rs 3,850 crore is approved for DAP fertiliser," he added.

Asked about the ongoing farmer agitation in Punjab and why the government is unable to convince them, Vaishnav said, "If you would have moved around during Haryana elections, farmers gave great feedback on 'Andolan' versus real welfare versus 'good to farmers', you would have yourself seen".

The special package on DAP will be provided over and above the approved NBS (nutrient-based subsidy) to ensure the smooth availability of DAP fertiliser to the farmers at an affordable price.

The Centre provides 28 grades of P&K (phosphatic and potassic) nutrients to farmers at subsidised prices through fertiliser manufacturers/importers.

The subsidy on P&K fertilisers is governed by the NBS Scheme, with effect from April 1, 2010.

"Continuing top most priority in keeping farmers' welfare in firm focus, Government of India has extended a massive relief to farmers in keeping the price of DAP fertiliser unchanged," the statement said.

In spite of geopolitical constraints and volatility of global market conditions, the government said it has ensured the availability of DAP to farmers at affordable prices for Kharif and Rabi 2024-25.

The Centre has provided Rs 11.9 lakh crore fertiliser subsidy during the 2014-24 period, which is more than double the subsidy of Rs 5.5 lakh crore during 2004-14.

Later in a press conference, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the Cabinet also approved the export of 1 million tonnes of non-basmati rice to Indonesia through National Cooperative Export Ltd (NCEL).

For the targeted infusion of technology in the implementation of the crop insurance schemes, the minister said the Cabinet also approved the creation of a separate Fund for Innovation and Technology (FIAT) with a corpus of Rs 824.77 crore.

It will help in the use of technology for faster assessment of crop damage, claim settlement and lesser disputes. It will also help in using digital technologies for easier enrolment and greater coverage, Vaishnav said.

In terms of policies issued, the PMFBY is the country's largest insurance scheme and third-largest in terms of total premiums. About 23 states and Union territories are implementing it.

PMFBY and RWBCIS offer financial assistance to farmers suffering from crop loss or damage caused by various unforeseen events. PMFBY covers crop losses based on yield risk, while RWBCIS focuses on weather-related risks.

3 SSPs, three...

extraordinary performance, often going beyond the call of duty, and have significantly contributed to the growth and efficiency of the Jammu and Kashmir Police force.

The recognition serves as both a reward for past achievements and a motivation for continued excellence in their future roles. The acknowledgment of these three SSPs underscores the leadership within the force and their role in setting benchmarks for others.

Other awardees include Addl SP Zafar Iqbal Nawaz, DySPs Showkat Ahmad Bhat, Ashish Gupta, Javaid Iqbal Tabassam, Viqar Younus, Shammi Kumar, Ishan Gupta, Sumit Kumar Sharma, Dheeraj Kumar, Raman Kumar, Javid Iqbal Attar, DySP Mohammad Sulaman Chechi, DySP Farooq Ahmad, Mohd Azeem, Showkat Ahmad, Showkat Abdullah Khan, Kulwant Singh, Neeraj Kumar, Neeraj Serna, Champa Devi Sharma, Kirpal Singh, Vijai Singh, Sartaj Ahmed Yaqoob Ganie, DySP Kuldeep Raj, Ashwani Kumar Sharma, Rishi Singh, Farah Nishat.

Inspectors Reyaz Ahmad Bhat, Gh. Nabi, Salinder Singh, Kuldeep Raj, Mohd Maqbool Shah, Rajinder Kour, Mahesh Kumar, Reena Devi Bhan, Riez Azam Qureshi, Azad Ahmad Dar, Bashir Ahmad, Mohd Iqbal Najjar, Rajesh Kumar Goutam, Ajit Singh Sasan, Mohd Latif Shah, Syed Shabir Hussain Chasti, Anil Sharma, Kanwal Raina, Shujat Ahmad, Neeraj Bhagat, Niaz Ahmed, Surinder Pal Singh, Mohd Tuffail, Yog Raj, Insp Sushil Sharma, Kanchan Bala, Barinder Sharma, Vikas Sharma, Mahesh Kumar, Karanjit Singh, Nasir Iqbal, Ravi Kant, Sandeep Kumar, Rajeshwar Singh, Satish Kumar, Vikas Dogra, Shazia Khan, Suram Chand, Kamal Kishore, Surinder Vir Chib, Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Shahbaz Bashir, Sandeep Kumar Sharma, Mushtaq Ahmad, Mohd Iqbal Sheikh, Ravinder Singh, Firdous Ahmed, Meenakshi Choudhary, Javid Ahmad, Balram Sharma, Shabir Ahmad, Afaq Ahmad Nayak, Novneet Verma, Syed Arif, Ashwani Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Sheikh Wakeel Ahmed, Nasser Mehmood Naik, Abdul Majid Bhat, Arshid Hussain, Tajinder Singh, Sarfaraz Mohi-Ud-Din, Sofi Javaid Ashraf, Rohit Kotwal, Birbhan Singh Charak.

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Head Constables Sanjay Kumar, Ab Majeed, Farooq Ahmad, Subash Chander, Gh. Mohi Din, Mohd Iqbal, Satpal Sharma, Pardeep Kumar, Sham Lal, Pritam Dass, Gh. Mohidin Mir, Shyam Lal, Mushtaq Ahmad, Rattan Singh, Moti Lal, Bushan Kumar, Tej Krishan, Reeta Sharma, Pawan Kumar, Jagjeet Singh, Ravinder Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Pritam Chand, Sarfraz Ahmed, Talib Hussain, Shub Kumar, Ravinder Kumar Bhat, Mohinder Kumar, Showket Ahmad, Ragbir Kumar, Ali Mohd, Sunder Kumar, Mohammad Lateef, Akhter Hussain, Shri Kant, Ravi Kumar, Mohd Iqbal, Kuldeep Kumar, Jaswant Raj, Bashir Ahmad Mir, Kulbir Singh, Altaf Hussain, Altaf Hussain, Tariq Ahmad, Baljinder Singh, Keshav Dev Singh, Kuldeep Chand, Ashi Gopal, Susheel Kumar, Mohd Ashraf, Kamal Singh, Sanjeev Kumar, Ganesh Chand, Hilal Ahmad, Sonu Kumar, Mohd Aslam, Naresh Kumar, Arif Hussain Bhat, Sat Paul, Raj Kumar, Kanaya Lal Pandit, Rabnawaz, Sanjay Koul, Manzoor Ahmad, Sameer Paul Singh, Randhir Singh, Rajinder Singh, Panjaj Bakshi, Manpreet Singh, Raja Rizwan, Sanjay Kumar Dhar, Malik Rasikh;

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ACB transitions to...

specific forms within the CCTNS system for each case challan, the spokesperson added.

To facilitate this transition, CCTNS labs have been established in all eight ACB police stations across Jammu and Kashmir; he said.

"Additionally, 18 officials have undergone training to ensure smooth operation of the CCTNS platform. Supervisory officers are instructed to withhold approval of any challan until all necessary information is entered into the CCTNS," he said.

"The ACB J&K is committed to leveraging technology for improved efficiency and transparency in its fight against corruption. This transition to the CCTNS system marks a significant step towards achieving these goals", the Spokesperson added.

IMD says 2024...

"quite high". "Long-term data shows most parts of the country are witnessing a rising trend in minimum temperatures, particularly in post-monsoon and winter seasons," he said.

The IMD said La Nina conditions, characterised by cooler ocean surface temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean and usually associated with colder winters in north India, were expected to develop in January but would be short-lived.

"It is unlikely to significantly impact the warming trend," an IMD scientist told PTI.

June 2023 marked the first instance of a monthly global temperature crossing the 1.5-degree threshold, a trend that persisted throughout the year, except for July 2024.

Under the Paris Agreement, a permanent breach of the 1.5-degree limit refers to sustained warming over 20-30 years.

Experts warn that the world is now entering a phase during which temperatures will consistently exceed this threshold.

The global average temperature has already risen by 1.3 degrees Celsius compared to the 1850-1900 baseline, driven by the rapid accumulation of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane in the atmosphere.

Meanwhile, minimum temperatures are expected to be higher than normal in most parts of India in January, except in some areas of eastern, northwest, and west-central regions, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

Maximum temperatures are also likely to be above normal for most parts of the country, except in parts of northern, central and eastern India, and central parts of the southern peninsula, Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), said during a virtual press briefing.

Western and northern parts of central India are expected to experience more cold wave days than usual during January, he said.

The IMD said rainfall in north India during January to March is likely to be below normal, with less than 86 per cent of the long-period average (LPA).

The average rainfall for north India during this period, based on 1971-2020 data, is about 184.3 mm.

Northern and northwestern states like Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh grow rabi crops, including wheat, peas, gram and barley, in winter (October to December) and harvest them in summer (April to June).

Rainfall during winter, caused by western disturbances, plays a crucial role in their growth.

Katra returns to...

Samiti, which called for the shutdown, had announced that all activities in Katra would remain suspended during this period.

On Tuesday night, the Jammu and Kashmir administration announced the release of the detainees and constituted a four-member committee to hold talks with the protesting civil society members.

"Eighteen detained individuals, including some leaders, were released at around 1 am from Reasi and Udhampur jails. They arrived in Katra to jubilant celebrations, where hundreds of people welcomed them," a spokesperson for the Samiti said.

The Samiti initially called for the shutdown on December 25. On December 27 night, it extended the bandh by 72 hours to press its demands, including shelving the proposed ropeway project and releasing the detained protesters.

Eight youths had gone on a hunger strike, demanding the release of the detainees which included two Samiti leaders -- Bhupinder Singh and Sohan Chand.

Last month, the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) announced plans to install a ropeway to facilitate access to the temple for senior citizens, children, and others who find it challenging to climb the 13-km-long track to the cave shrine.

The proposed Rs 250-crore ropeway project will connect Tarakote Marg to Sanji Chhat, leading to the cave shrine in Reasi district.

According to SMVDSB CEO Anshul Garg, as many as 94 83 lakh pilgrims paid obedience at the cave shrine in 2024.

J&K Bank rolls...

Doubtful-III & Loss/RLAs with Principal NPA/RLA outstanding balance upto Rs 5 Crore as on September 30, 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee said, "JKB Special OTS -2024 Scheme reflects our commitment to extend a helping hand to the borrowers who are unable to repay their loans on time due to genuine constraints. This attractive scheme provides an exceptional opportunity for eligible borrowers to settle their accounts with the best possible incentives and concessions. I encourage all account holders eligible under this scheme to seize this golden opportunity and benefit from this comprehensive relief package."

He further emphasized upon the proactive outreach, saying, "I urge all our teams to directly engage with borrowers, explain the scheme's benefits in detail, and work collaboratively for its effective implementation to achieve maximum resolutions."

He expressed confidence that the scheme would help borrowers resolve their liabilities and strengthen the Bank's NPA recovery efforts. Addressing concerns of various stakeholders including trade bodies, he reaffirmed the Bank's commitment to support the genuinely stressed borrowers while maintaining the Bank's strong financial performance.

Earlier, General Manager (IAPMD) Rajesh Malla Tickoo provided an overview of the Bank's NPA scenario, highlighting how the steep reduction in the Bank's GNPA ratio - from nearly 9% few years ago to 3.95% in September 2024 - underscores the Bank's focused approach to asset quality. He described the Special OTS scheme as a key step in furthering this success.

A detailed presentation outlining the scheme's features and implementation plan was also shared with participants during the launch. The function concluded with the participants expressing confidence and assuring active participation from operative levels to ensure the scheme's success.

Pertinently, valid for three months ending on 31st March - 2025, the scheme is non-discretionary and non-discriminatory, offering incentives for early repayment of OTS amount. As per the scheme, the sanction will be accorded and conveyed within 7 days from the date of receipt of application.

Four associates of...

terrorists of proscribed terror outfit JeM in Tral and Awantipora areas, the spokesperson said.

In this regard, FIR No.134/2024 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Tral and further investigation has been initiated.

Four construction firm...

boarded the vehicle and assaulted its occupants, the officials added.

On receiving the news, police rushed to the spot and shifted the injured people to a hospital. Four employees of the company were injured in the incident, police said. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Ramban, Kulbir Singh said eight people have been detained for questioning.

He added that the unidentified attackers allegedly beat up some of the employees of the construction firm.

He said the non-local employees need not worry. "We are here to provide them with a sense of security," the SSP added.

Engineer Manoj Kumar from Himachal Pradesh, who was among the injured, said the masked men threatened them, asking why were they still working in Ramban when they should have left the area.

"Two people stopped our bus. Ten to 15 people then boarded the bus and started beating us up. Six or seven of us have been injured," he added.

"We demand security and safety while working here," he emphasised.

Mandate 2014 - manifestation...

were centers of learning and community welfare, came under state control. This is continuing even now, thanks to the Congress, the creation of aggressors. Most of the famous temples of India are still under the control of the government. The British imposed heavy taxes on temple lands, diverting resources away from spiritual and cultural activities.

By subjugating Hindus, the British actually sought to weaken India's spiritual backbone notwithstanding the fact that the Sanatan resilience ensured that it not only survived but also found new expressions in modern India due to enduring strength of India's ancient traditions and the importance of safeguarding them for future generations.

The Indian National Congress (INC), established in 1885, was initially conceived as a platform to voice Indian aspirations under British rule. Of course, the Congress led the freedom movement but most of its early leadership was soft toward the British colonial government and exhibited a tendency to appease rather than challenge. This soft stance indirectly encouraged the British to pursue discriminatory practices against Hindus, exacerbating social and cultural divides. This softness also gave the British free rein to enact policies that marginalized Hindus, reinforced caste divisions to alarming dimensions.

The new generation of Congressmen, especially its first family, is hell bent to hamper Indian ethos again by igniting caste divisions. The mandate-2014 actually is to fight these divisive tendencies and unite the Sanatana. Let it be understood loud and clear.

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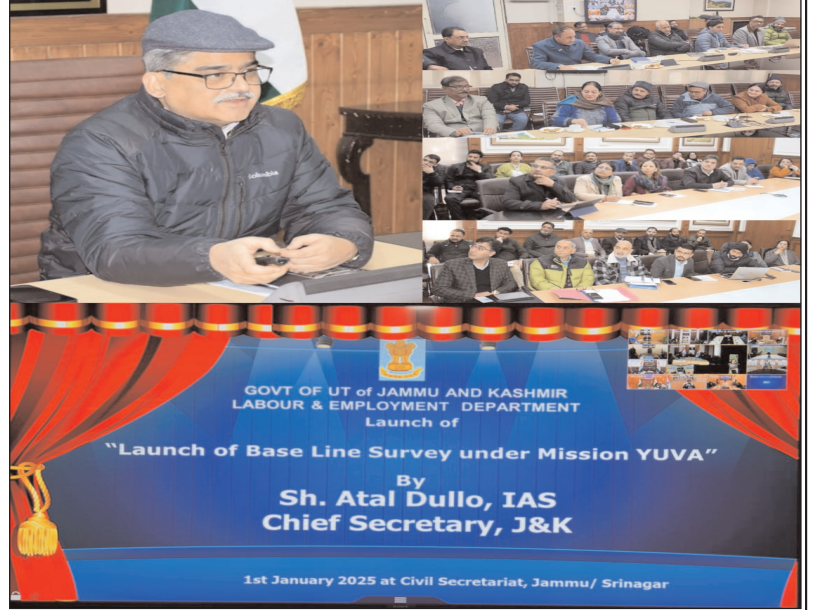
CS launches YUVA survey to identify 1.37 lakh entrepreneurs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Wednesday launched the much anticipated UT wide baseline survey under Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan).

The survey, to be done jointly by Labour & Employment (L&E) and Planning Departments, aims identification of around 1.37 lakh potential entrepreneurs besides seeking feedback from the existing enterprises.

Present on the occasion were Vice Chancellors of UT Universities, Secretary, L&E



Department, DG, E&S, Director, IIM Jammu, MD, JK Bank, MD, JKRLM and representatives from IIT Jammu, NABARD, BISAG-N besides other concerned officers while Deputy Commissioners joined the event through video conferencing.

Addressing on the occasion, the Chief Secretary highlighted the significance of this survey besides the original motive of handholding the youth ready to adopt entrepreneurship and self employment as job avenues. He called upon the concerned departments to ensure accurate through regular monitoring of the whole exercise. He suggested the Vice-Chancellors of different Universities to further utilise this data in accomplishing various research papers.

Dulloo also enjoined upon the Labour & Employment department to constitute a team of experts from concerned departments with faculty members from different Universities and National Institutes. This will help in laying an analytical framework to develop a well meaning document out of these analytics at the end of this survey, he added. He emphasised upon them to reach out to each household in every village/panchayat through their IEC activities in order to create necessary awareness among the people about the importance of this survey. He directed the Deputy Commissioners to extend full support to the teams on ground besides giving their feedback about the functioning of the online application so that, any technical glitch faced by the investigators is resolved instantly.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed functioning of this survey app developed by BISAG-N in consultation with the department. He underscored the importance of control rooms in resolving the issues faced besides making the exercise smooth and seamless.

In a presentation, Secretary, L&E, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, informed the meeting that this activity has two major components aiming survey of the existing enterprises for looking into their challenges they besides identifying the potential entrepreneurs. He added that the department has already accomplished the task of training the Master Trainers at divisional level and around 1000 supervisors and nearly 17,000 investigators at district level. It was added that a pilot survey is currently going on in which nearly 90,000 entries had been made across the districts.

The roles and responsibilities of each concerned were explained during the meeting with Deputy Commissioners envisaged to monitor the whole process in their respective districts. Besides, Dos and Don'ts for investigators were discussed and the significance of Supervisors in verifying each detail entered in the application by the surveyors was deliberated upon.

It was informed that the objective of this month long exercise is to foster entrepreneurship culture and desirable ecosystem for helping those in the age group of 18-49 years to start at least 1.37 lakh new enterprises thereby generating around 4.25 lakh job opportunities in next 5 years in J&K.

Three-decade-old security bunker in Srinagar city dismantled

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three decades after it was constructed, one of the oldest security bunkers in Srinagar city has been dismantled -- underlining the improvement in the Kashmir valley's security situation.

The security bunker, constructed by the Border Security Force (BSF) in the early 1990s, at Baripora in the city's Safakadal area is in the process of being removed.

"The CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force), which was occupying the bunker and my property adjacent to it, has left the place. The bunker was built in early 1990s," said Jayiz Ahmad Alaie. Locals also welcomed the decision to remove the bunker.

"While most security bunkers were removed from the city in the previous decade, this continued to remain operational. This was probably the biggest bunker in the city and occupied most of the road," said Tanveer Ahmad, a local.

Claiming that the bunker's presence used to create frequent traffic jams during peak hours, he said vehicular movement would become more fluid following its removal. A senior security official said the process of removal and construction of security bunkers was constantly reviewed. "If a bunker is needed, we will construct it. If an existing bunker is no longer needed, we will remove it," the official said on the condition of anonymity.

Security forces launch search operation in R S Pura sector

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces launched a search operation along the International Border (IB) following suspected movement in R S Pura sector of Jammu district on Wednesday, sources said.

The troops also fired a few rounds during the operation, they said.

Meanwhile, a drone was found in Akhnour sector.

The search operation was launched near the IB in R S Pura sector after inputs were received about suspicious movement in the area. Border Security Force (BSF) troops fired a few rounds during the operation, the sources said.

In another incident, a suspicious drone was found in Ghakhrhal village in Akhnour sector, they said.