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5 Marla land...

Governor said. The Lt Governor highlighted the efforts of the J&K Government to ensure benefits of welfare measures reach the poor and weaker sections of society.

Raman Wazir, Sarpanch Panchayat Dhok Waziran and beneficiaries from the Panchayat also shared their experiences and expressed gratitude to the administration for extension of benefits under various government schemes.

The Lt Governor visited the stalls put up by different departments, witnessed the demonstration of drone, and handed over the certificates of registration to the members of newly created Farmer Producers Organizations.

'Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat' pledge was also administered on the occasion.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairman District Development Council Jammu; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary Revenue; Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Shakti Pathak, DIG Jammu -Samba -Kathua Range, senior officers, PRI members and people in large number were present.

LeT terrorist killed...

During the search operation, the hiding terrorist fired indiscriminately at the security forces, which retaliated, triggering an encounter; he said.

The terrorist, identified as Kifayat Ayoub Alie, son of Mohd Ayoub Alie resident of Pinjoora Shopian and associated with the proscribed terror outfit LeT, was neutralised. His body was retrieved from the encounter site, the spokesman said.

Police records indicate his involvement in several terror-related crimes including in Case FIR No. 123/2021, FIR No. 294/2021 and case FIR No. 180/2023 of PS Shopian. Incriminating material and arms and ammunition, including a pistol, two magazines, five rounds, and two grenades, were seized from the encounter site, police said.

Six charged in...

disaffection and anti-social propaganda on social media platforms. Legal action under relevant sections of law has been taken," the Srinagar Police said in a post on X.

The police said the common public is appealed to desist from posting, sharing or propagating investigative and provocative content, misinformation, anti-social propaganda and rumour mongering.

The Cyber Police Kashmir on Wednesday said cognisance had been taken of various abusive and provocative content shared on social media and action under law was being initiated. Though the police did not give any further details, sources said the police action came in the aftermath of the row over a social media post by a student of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Srinagar.

Dullo takes over...

the concerned to upkeep the premises aesthetically so that both employees and visitors have a pleasant experience.

During this visit the Chief Secretary was accompanied by Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Director Estates, Jammu besides other concerned civil and police officers.

CJ reviews pendency...

problems being faced by the Courts and issued on spot directions for redressal of problems being confronted by the Judicial Officers.

Among others, the meeting was also attended Registrar General, Shahzad Azeem and Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, M.K. Sharma.

ED arrests former...

resolutions. The inquiry revealed that the River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society had not even been registered with the registrar of cooperative societies, and Mir by acting in league with Dar and others had prepared a fake and fictitious registration certificate in the society's name and managed the loan's sanction.

The loan amount was disbursed into the accounts of land owners but the land had not been mortgaged to the bank, it found.

Further, the investigation conducted by the ACB was successful in unearthing the siphoned-off Rs 223 crore. Also, an amount to the tune of Rs 187 crore has been frozen by the bureau, the officials said.

Azad exhorts party...

office bearers in Jammu Central and stressed for strong coordination with workers on ground.

He told office bearers to hold booth level and corner meetings to strengthen the party cadre.

The divisive and religion driven politics over the years has broken the social bonds and the developmental and genuine public issues has taken a back seat but DPAP won't ever indulge in such politics.

He said the people have to wake up and defeat the divisive and communal forces and vote for development, peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

Azad asked leaders to visit their respective constituencies and reach out to people to sort out their problems. He exhorted upon all workers and leaders to put in their best effort for strengthening the unit in the J&K.

Among others who were present on the occasion were R.S.Chib Gen secretary, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Ch Haroon Khatana Gen Secretary, Amin Bhatt Provincial President Kashmir, Vinod Mishra Gen Secretary, Anita Thakur Gen Secretary, Ch Gharu Ram Zonal President, VP's Ashok Sharma, Subash Gupta, Secretary Hira Lal Abrol, Adv Maheshwar Singh, Sobat Ali, Ashwani Handa, Vishal Chopra and others.



Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad welcoming Former Principal GMC Doda, Dr Tariq Parvez Azad into party fold.

Bhagwant Mann has...

Minister at the cost of the state resources, the message is clear for the people of Punjab to understand.

He said Kejriwal type of politics was going to fail miserably in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, it is only Bhagwant Mann who is giving him some life and relevance at a time when law and order has crippled in the state and gangs have overtaken the rule of Punjab.

CBSE not to...

awarded. Also, if a candidate has offered more than five subjects, the decision to determine the best five subjects may be taken by the admitting institution or employer," CBSE Examination Controller Sanyam Bhardwaj said.

Bhardwaj said the board does not calculate, declare or inform the percentage of marks.

"If the percentage of marks is required for higher education or in employment, the calculation, if any, may be done by the admitting institution or employer," he said.

Earlier, the CBSE also did away with the practice of issuing merit lists to avoid unhealthy competition.

The decision to not announce the merit list was taken in 2020 during the COVID-19-induced lockdown when the results were being announced using the average of marks secured by students in the exams. However, the board decided against resuming the practice in post-pandemic years.

The board exams for class 10 and 12 will begin from February 15, 2024, the CBSE had announced in May.

The Ministry of Education had earlier this year decided to announce exam schedules much in advance to sync the academic calendar and help students prepare for entrance exams.

However, the datesheet for the exams is yet to be announced.

More than 28,000 schools are affiliated to the CBSE in India and 26 other countries. More than 21 lakh candidates had appeared for the CBSE class 10 examinations last year and over 16 lakh candidates for the class 12 board exams.

Kashmir Valley incomplete...

then Princely States across the country, as far as the Princely States of Central India, engaged Kashmiri Pandit scholars in education and administration.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, after independence, the Kashmiri Pandit community contributed immensely in civil services, academics and in the setting up of several important institutions of learning across the country.

It is unfortunate, he said, that they had been displaced from their homes and hearths under most inhumane circumstances but time has now come to involve them and facilitate their contribution in nation building as India marches ahead to achieve the goal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Viksit Bharat".

The function was organized by Dr. Manmohan Jyotshi Research Foundation (a socio-religious & cultural organization) to mark the 242nd anniversary of the publication of Jantrije.

In his welcome address, Pt. Puneet Jyotshi delved deep into the services rendered meticulously by this Almanac for more than two decades.

He emphasised the need to take full advantage of the Vijayeshwari Publications.

Dr Jitendra Singh, described it as a sacred religious document not only meant for Kashmiri Pandits but also the whole of Hindu community and indeed, the whole of society regardless of caste or creed.

He further lauded the role of Jantrije and even remarked that those who are steadfast in faith also take refuge in Almanac before embarking upon any venture. Dr. Singh also highlighted the contribution of the Vijayeshwari Family.

A galaxy of prominent persons graced the occasion include Prof. Ashok Aima (Former Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu), Swami Kumar Ji, Dr Sushil Wattal (Religious Scholars), Kiran Wattal (Convenor, Vishva Kashmiri Samaj), Pintoo Ji Pandita (Chairman, Global Solace).

Prof. Ashok Aima thanked Dr Jitendra Singh for starting North India's first ISRO Space teaching centre in Central University Jammu.

Ramesh Maratha (All India Radio Broadcaster) was also awarded with Jyotish Kashi Nath Lifetime Achievement Award.

Other awardees in their respective areas were Kuldeep Langoo, Prof. Virender Rawal, Avtar Bhat, Sanjay Dhar, Kanwal Peshin, Rajni Sethi, Ghulam Nabi Tantray, Sanjay Raina, Roshan Lal Saraf, Sanjay Tickoo, Varad Sharma, Kamal Ganjoo, Kusum Tickoo, Rinku Ji Koul, M.K Sharma, Chand Ji Razdan, Pankaj Handoo, Kuldeep Jyotshi, Kusum Tickoo gracefully moderated the event and kept the audience engaged. Vote of thanks was given by P.L Hatash.

All gaps along...

1965, and is primarily tasked to guard the over 6,386 km-long Indian fronts with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The home minister asserted that whenever a BJP government took the reins of power in the country, border security was prioritised, from the government of former PM A B Vajpayee to the Modi government.

While Atal Ji's (Atal Bihari Vajpayee) government brought a "integrated" approach for border security, the Modi government assimilated security, development and democratic processes along with strong infrastructure and initiation of welfare measures for the local population living on the front, he said.

"We strengthened rail, road, waterways and telephone communication connectivity apart from land trade," he said.

The home minister said his government created 452 new border posts, 510 observation towers, got electricity connection to 637 borders posts while 500 such facilities were linked with piped water across various fronts over the last nine years.

Talking about Left Wing Extremism (LWE), Shah said the country was close to eliminating this armed and violent movement being carried out by Maoist cadres.

In the last ten years, he said, the incidents of Naxal violence have gone down by 52 per cent, deaths in these incidents declined by 70 per cent and the number of affected police stations have come down from 495 to 176.

"The last strike against LWE by forces like the BSF, CRPF and ITBP is in the process. We are determined to end Naxalism in the country," he said.

The minister added that as many as 199 new security forces camps were established in the LWE affected areas over the last ten years.

"I am sure we will win this battle," he said.

In the last ten years of the Modi government, we have been able to win the battle in the "hotspots" of Jammu and Kashmir, LWE and insurgency in the north east and the security forces have been able to establish their domination in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

Snowfall in Sonamarg...

The Met Office said several places experienced partly to generally cloudy weather with light snow over Sonamarg and adjoining areas.

However, it said, there would be a significant improvement in the weather towards the afternoon over most places and the weather is likely to remain dry ahead.

From December 2 to 7, the weather would remain partly cloudy, while from December 8 to 10, it would be partly to generally cloudy, the officials said.

There would be a fall in the minimum temperature by three to five degrees, they said.

The night temperature rose significantly at several places in the Valley with Gulmarg being the only weather station where the mercury settled below the freezing point on Thursday night.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, was 4.5 degrees Celsius while Qazigund recorded a low of 2.2 degrees Celsius.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded a low of 0.5 degrees Celsius while the mercury in Gulmarg settled at minus 1.8 degrees Celsius.

Suresh Raina appointed...

cricket legend and a revered figure in India, holds considerable influence, particularly among the youth. "This influence can be harnessed to encourage more individuals to participate in the electoral process, leading to higher voter turnout and greater civic engagement", he added.

Speaking on the sidelines of the event, Suresh Raina said that we are witnessing that many players from J&K are playing well at National as well as International level and also hoping that in coming time more and more People would come at national and International Level.

Later, he also appealed that youth of J&K should also come forward and get themselves registered as voters before 9 December 2023 to further elect their candidates. He added that it is very necessary for healthy democracy that people should vote in large numbers. Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha was also present on the occasion.

CBI Court frames charges in fake gun license scam

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JAMMU: Special Judge CBI Srinagar SC Kattal framed charges against Syed Farooq Ahmad, Deepak Khajuria, Kuldeep Sharma, Nitish Proach, Surjit Singh and Harvinder Singh in much publicized fake gun license scam.

The brief facts of the case are that during the period from 2012 to 2016 the District Magistrate of various Districts of J&K including District Kulgam have fraudulently and illegally issued gun licences which run in thousands. The charge sheet in hand pertains to the gun licences issued by District Magistrate Kulgam who in connivance with his subordinate (Judicial clerk A-2) and private persons (A3 to A7) have fraudulently and illegally issued the gun licences which have raised serious security concern as the State is facing internal security challenges. The licensing authorities have brazenly flouted the norms, procedures and rules governing the subject in lieu of moni-

ry considerations by abuse of their official position as public servant which disclosed the commission of above mentioned offences. The final report further revealed that Jahangir Mir (A-1) the then DM Kulgam (now dead) during his tenure from 18.05.2012 to 18.07.2014 as DM Kulgam in pursuance to the criminal conspiracy hatched with co-accused named above issued more than Eighteen thousand Arms licences and many of these licences have been issued even after his relinquishment of the charge of DM Kulgam, but he has falsely shown these licences to have been issued during his tenure.

The Co-accused in this case are accused No. 2 namely Syed Farooq Ahmad the then Judicial Clerk in the office of DM Kulgam (now retired), the accused No. 3 namely Deepak Khajuria proprietor M/S Khajuria Engineer Works Jammu, Accused No. 4 namely Kuldeep Sharma Manager M/s Pratap Gun House Jammu, Accused No.

5 namely Natish Proach M/S Natish Proach Arms and Ammunition Dealers, Accused No. 6 namely Surjeet Singh Proprietor M/S Deshmesh Armory Arms and Ammunition Dealers Jammu, Accused No. 7 namely Harvinder Singh retired Major.

To bring out criminality on part of accused persons, the I.O has referred six instances regarding issuance of Arms licences which have been fraudulently & illegally issued in favour of ineligible persons who are neither residents of nor posted in the jurisdiction of district Kulgam. In one case the accused No. 7 (Harvinder Singh) has himself put the signature of his Commanding Officer on the application form as well as the recommendation letter. The arms licences have been issued without obtaining police verification or verifying the credentials of applicants, many application forms are found incomplete and crucial information has not been given in the application. It has also surfaced in

the course of investigation that licensing authority in pursuance of criminal conspiracy with gun-dealers, middlemen ie co-accused has lured the large number of defence personnel by illegally recommending their cases to Home Department for extension of jurisdiction to all over India for monetary considerations. The recommendation has been made to lure the defence personnel for personal monetary gains. The Act of the licences authority is in blatant violation of Arms Act and Rules.

Special Judge CBI Srinagar S.C Kattal after hearing both the sides observed that this court is of the considered view, that the above referred material evidence is sufficient to raise to the grave suspicion as regards to the involvement of accused persons in commission of alleged crime ie abuse of official position by accused No. 2 pursuant to criminal conspiracy hatched with co-accused no 3 to 6, whereby the accused have manipulated/forged record and have fraudulently and

illegally issued the Arms licences in favour of the defence personnel who were neither residing nor posted in District Kulgam at relevant time. Moreover, to lure the defence personnel recommendations have been made to the home department for all India licence without verification of character and antecedents for monetary consideration. Hence, prima facie case is made out for framing the charge against the accused persons. The accused person 2 to 6 are charge-sheeted for commission of offences U/Sec. 120-B, 420, 467,468, 471, 201/RPC r/w Section 5(1)(d)/5(2)PC Act. Svt.2006. The accused no 7 has resorted to cheating by forging signature of the commanding officer in the authority letter/application and used that authority letter as genuine for purpose of cheating therefore, the accused no 7 is charge-sheeted for commission of offence under sections 420, 468 & 471RPC. The accused persons are charge-sheeted accordingly.

HC stays order of Magistrate Despite adultery declared ultra-virus by SC, Magistrate directs for registration of FIR

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JAMMU: Despite adultery declared ultra-virus, Jammu Magistrate directs for registration of FIR, while Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh stayed the impugned order dated 27th October,2023 passed by the 2nd Additional Munsiff, Jammu for the commission of offence punishable under Section 156 (3) Cr.P.C in a complaint titled "Wife vs. Husband & Ors."

The instant petition has been preferred under Section 482 Cr.P.C for exercising the inherent power of this Court for preventing the abuse of process of law and also securing the ends of justice by quashing the order dated 27th October, 2023 passed by 2nd Additional Munsiff, Jammu for the commission of offence punishable under Section 156 (3) Cr.P.C, in a com-

plaint titled "Mrs. X vs. Mr. X & Ors." with further direction to SHO Police Station, Women Cell Jammu to register FIR and also quashing the complaint itself and all consequential proceedings.

Adv Aseem Sawhney appearing on behalf of the petitioners submits that the Petitioner No. 1 is a homemaker woman, Petitioner No. 2 is an Army Soldier in the Indian Army and Petitioner No. 3 is a senior citizen, who are the family members and relatives of Respondent No. 3 and have been illegally roped in, in the false and frivolous complaint filed by Respondent No. 3.

It is further submitted that the complaint filed by Respondent No. 3 who happens to be estranged wife of Petitioner No. 2, is a counter blast of the criminal complaint filed by the petitioner before the court of Munsiff Jammu against Respondent No. 3 and Ors. for the commission of offences punishable under Sections 312/315/379/120 B/34 IPC, which is still pending and on the basis of complaint filed by Respondent No. 3, the 2nd Additional Munsiff Jammu has passed the illegal and arbitrary impugned order dated 27th October, 2023 directing the Respondent No. 2-SHO, Police Station, Women Cell, Jammu to register impugned FIR, which is sheer abuse of the process of law at the instance of Respondent

No. 3 and the impugned order is based on non application of mind.

During the course of hearing Adv Aseem Sawhney submits that even in non cognizable offences including 497 IPC-adultery, which has been declared ultra virus by the Constitution of India, no FIR can be registered under that offence, thus the same smacks of absolute non application of mind and passing of the impugned order in a mechanical manner has caused a lot of harassment and prejudice to the petitioners.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal after hearing Adv Aseem Sawhney observed that Prima facie, a case for interim relief is made out at this stage, issue notice to the respondents, returnable within four weeks, subject to filing of requisites within one week.

In the instant case, this Court deems it proper to summon the relevant record of the case for perusal. Let the needful be done by the Registry within four weeks' time.

Meanwhile, subject to objections from the other side and till next date of hearing before the Bench, the impugned order dated 27th October,2023 passed by the learned 2nd Additional Munsiff, Jammu for the commission of offence punishable under Section 156 (3) Cr.P.C in a complaint along with other consequential proceedings thereof, shall remain stayed, Court ordered.

Driver arrested, vehicle seized for endangering human life

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RAMBAN: Traffic Police on Friday registered an FIR against driver for endangering human life besides seized the vehicle and arrested the driver.

During joint Naka checking at Trishul Morh Ramban, Traffic Police Ramban intercepted one sleeper coach (JK02CT 6983), on checking documents it was found that the vehicle is registered as Bus, with seating capacity of 35 passengers and owner of the vehicle modified the vehicle in contravention to registration certificate and was carrying 47 passengers 12 more than its capacity and hence endangering human life.On this FIR lodged by traffic police in police station Ramban. On getting this information case FIR number 336 Under Section 336 IPC 39/192 MV Act stands registered at Police station Ramban and Vehicle got seized. Driver of the vehicle namely Surinder Kumar, son of Shashi Ram was arrested in the case FIR.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar commemorates World AIDS Day with engaging awareness activities, competitions

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JAMMU: The activities were organised under the mentorship of principal of the college Dr. Meeru Abrol.

The faculty and the students observed World AIDS Day with a series of impactful initiatives aimed at raising awareness and promoting understanding about HIV/AIDS among students and faculty members. The week-long programme encompassed a range of activities, including a poster-making competition

and a painting contest, seminar, discussions, showcasing documentary on AIDS to engage and educate the college community.

The activities were aligned with the global theme of "Let the COMMUNITIES Lead." Speaking on the occasion principal of college Dr. Meeru Abrol recognized the significance of fostering dialogue and knowledge about HIV/AIDS. She said that the day's activities were designed to encourage cre-

ative expression and stimulate thoughtful discussions on the importance of prevention, treatment, and support for those affected by the disease, which is the need of the hour.

The poster-making competition saw enthusiastic participation from talented students, who artistically showcased their perspectives on spreading awareness about HIV/AIDS. The diverse range of entries depicted powerful messages, emphasizing the importance of

destigmatizing the disease and advocating for inclusive support systems. The seminar consolidated these facts further among the audience

The programme was organised by the Nodal officer of the Red Ribbon Club of the college Dr. Pavan Jeet Bali. The events were adjudged by Prof. Anju Bala and Dr. Mosmi Raina. The institution continues to prioritize initiatives that promote awareness and advocate change on critical global issues.