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### Union Power Minister...

4E Wave -a Student lead National Movement for Energy Conservation, the Union Minister was elated to know that the youth of J&K has taken the initiative to launch a national movement on energy conservation, which holds the potential to make a substantial impact on nation's energy conservation efforts.

The 4E Wave movement, first of its kind, encapsulates four key elements including eco-friendliness; promoting energy-saving practices that are environmentally friendly, economy; emphasizing energy-saving solutions that lead to economic benefits for individuals and communities, education; focusing on educating the public about energy- saving methods and their importance and empowerment; empowering individuals and communities to take active roles in conserving energy.

The movement strives to promote sustainable practices and instil a sense of responsibility in individuals and communities to save energy.

Originating from the students of Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu, this youth led movement, launched with the support of J&K Power Development Department and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Union Ministry of Power, invites individuals across the nation to contribute to the vital cause of energy conservation.

During the launching ceremony of the 4E wave, a web portal viz. www.4ewave.com was also unveiled by the dignitaries, which will provide an interactive platform to the citizens nationwide for information and resource sharing related to energy conservation.

The user-friendly portal requires a simple registration process for on-boarding in the movement and the participants are provided with certificates of acknowledgment on registration. Any Indian citizen can be a part of this campaign. Beyond this recognition, participants enjoy a wealth of benefits, including personalized energy-saving tips tailored to their consumption patterns, regular updates on latest developments in energy conservation, and a dynamic platform for sharing articles on energy conservation for publication in the e-magazine named 'e-kshitij' to be published quarterly. Additionally, the portal will host contests focusing on energy conservation, providing an interactive experience for users.

Union Minister emphasized that the 4E Wave movement marks a resolute commitment to mitigate the impact of harmful carbon emissions, and paving the way for a sustainable energy future. By actively engaging in the 4E Wave campaign, individuals are not only taking steps toward reducing carbon footprints but are also fostering a collective responsibility for a more sustainable and eco-friendly future. He invited all Indian citizens to be part of this impactful journey toward energy conservation and sustainable future.

Lieutenant Governor, appreciated the active participation of J&K youth in this noble cause. He commended the efforts of State Designated Agency for Energy Conservation, J&K Power Development Department, Principal GCET Jammu and Director General BEE, MoP for supporting the campaign.

Lieutenant Governor mentioned that this initiative will significantly contribute towards promoting the National Cause of Energy Conservation and play a crucial role in safeguarding the planet.

Besides, a real time portal, www.dtreportjk.in, for tracking Distribution Transformer's damage status and replacement time was also launched by the dignitaries during the occasion. The portal provides the citizens with the up-to-date information concerning damage status of Distribution Transformers in their respective areas. The portal aligns with the concern of the Lieutenant Governor of J&K, who consistently emphasizes for minimizing the replacement time of damaged DTs in both urban and rural areas, for avoiding inconvenience to the public.

### 3 terror suspects...

used for funding terror activities which have been impacted by the recent elimination of foreign terrorists by the security forces, they said.

The action was a follow up to the arrest of two overground workers in Budhal on Wednesday.

### Five arrested with...

registered against him under the Arms Act at Vijaypur police station, they said. Singh was arrested in 2018 with three others in connection with a kidnapping and attempt to murder case, according to police.

In the second incident, police received information that some people were collecting royalty from the mining mafia at the cricket ground in Sum Toph, Phallian Mandal area. A team rushed to the spot and arrested four people who were identified as Abhishek Singh, Ravi Singh, Harbax Singh and Sachin Singh, officials said.

During a search, a sharp-edged weapon was recovered from the accused. A case under the Arms Act has been registered against them and an investigation is underway, they said.

### Law and Order...

During the meeting, all officers briefed Kumar on the prevailing law and order situation and any such events that may emerge in view of the verdict, the spokesman said. In the meeting, all district heads were directed to keep an ear to the ground and take any preventive and punitive action against breachers of peace, he said.

### 'NIA to investigate...

of law and order is a basic need and a right of the public, and those persons, separatists, miscreants or terrorists who try to disturb it will be dealt with sternly.

Asked what steps the police have taken to stop such attacks in the future, Kumar said there are a number of standard operating procedures for police personnel and these will be followed strictly. "We had issued a number of SOPs last year after several meetings and consultations...for officers and personnel, what to do when on leave or at home or outside. Awareness was spread but there are deficiencies sometimes, the consequences of which we have to bear," he said.

To a question on whether there was any input shared with the officer about the attack, Kumar said there was an input and every police personnel was told but "there is a lapse sometimes".

"We will take care in the future and every officer has been told to make their personnel aware of the SOPs and it is very important to follow them strictly," he said.

Responding to a question on several security agencies taking actions against militants and their sympathisers to break the terror ecosystem, the senior police officer said kinetic and non-kinetic operations will continue.

"We have been doing it for the last two-to-three years by taking a holistic approach to fight and there are both kinetic as well as non-kinetic operations. This is a part of that and it will continue. We are also adding more steps to non-kinetic operations," he said.

Loud wails rent the air at the Police Lines area here as soon as the tricolour-draped coffin of Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani was brought for a wreath laying ceremony.

"You always wanted to become a police officer," said a teary-eyed Wani's sister who was amid the family and colleagues gathered here to bid the final goodbye to the cop who was killed in a terror attack.

Additional Director General of Police, Armed, S J M Gillani, Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order, J-K, Vijay Kumar, and Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, V K Birdi, laid floral wreaths on Wani's coffin.

Wani's wife was expecting their first child when her husband fell to the bullets of terrorists. She stood numb amidst the commotion.

Wani's younger brother broke down in front of Wani's coffin. He bowed to him and then raised his right hand for one final salute.

After his father and other relatives, Wani's frail looking old mother took the photograph of her son which was placed in front of the coffin and kissed it many times.

"I want to kiss my son one more time," she said every time she kissed the photograph.

Wani's wife folded her hands before the coffin as if seeking forgiveness, and then took the photograph of Wani, in uniform, and kissed it a number of times.

Scores of people, including former J-K chief minister Omar Abdullah, thronged his residence to offer their condolences.

### CS for ensuring...

is one of the foremost priorities at the national level espoused by the Prime Minister himself. He substantiated that this nationwide campaign needs to be turned into a movement for its benefits are multiple and valuable for people at grass-

roots level.

He impressed upon the Department to carry forward this campaign ensuring that the cleanliness parameters actually aspired for in the ODF+ Model category which J&K has secured do not fell short anywhere in the UT. He directed for having continuous assessment of the same by the Department for all the villages of the UT to maintain it for all the times.

The Chief Secretary further made out that the door to door collection and segregation of waste in rural areas shall be monitored to ensure that the agencies or persons put on this job are doing it as per the schedule and set criteria. He asked for looking into the collection of user charges in the villages for this purpose and the ways to make this exercise sustainable for all the times.

Regarding the NRLM the Chief Secretary maintained that the empowerment of women is another focus area nationally and a concern too for PM. He made out that the rural women shall be imparted all the training to turn options into opportunities. He expressed that these women are creative enough to keep on adding value to their enterprises once they are given freedom to establish and flourish them as per their convenience.

He advised for encouraging them through capacity building and strengthening their cadre by efficient utilization of Community Resource Persons provided by the mission. He called for making it a regular exercise for these resource persons to visit far off places to bring a positive drive among the women there to channelize their energies into successful enterprises.

Regarding other schemes Dulloo stressed on strictly adhering to National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) in execution of MGNREGA works. He asked for completing all the targeted works taken up under convergence in the scheduled time during the ensuing financial year.

He also took note of the houses completed under PMAY and asked the department to ensure that the housing needs of all the houseless are fulfilled here.

He asked for digitization of Back to Village data besides devising a mechanism to make it a year-long demand raising and interface between public and administration. He even asked for creation of a dedicated portal for the same displaying the status of all such demands received by the Prabhari officers.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary took appraisal of the online services offered by the Department. He enquired about their uptake in different areas. He asked for the service wise status in different parts of the UT for checking their smooth availability in all the areas.

The Commissioner Secretary, RDD, Mandeeep Kaur presented the overall status of all the schemes and projects under implementation here by the Department. She also brought forth all the issues related to the implementation of such schemes and programmes.

The Commissioner Secretary apprised about the physical and financial progress made by the Department under MGNREGA, Convergence, PMAY, NRLM, SBM(G), RSGA, B2V4 besides other projects of the department. She also presented the details about Panchayat Development Index and the achievements made in other deliverables set out for the department for the ensuing financial year.

### DB directs DC...

the Vigilance Organization vide No. 04/2015, however, no specific finding was given and it is on the instance of this Court, the Deputy Commissioner Jammu directed the Tehsildar Bahu to personally conduct a demarcation on mission mode by preparing daily log of the proceedings who, accordingly, submitted a report on 30th May 2016 which reveals that one Bee Enn Trust has constructed the College, Paramedical Institution and the ATM on Kharsa No. 264 of Village Channi Rama, Tehsil Bahu which is recorded under the ownership and cultivation of the State. The said Bee Enn Trust has no entry in the Revenue records, as the said land continues to be shown under the ownership of the State. However, as per the communication of SVO, it appears that their enquiry has revealed that the said Trust has occupied land in Kharsa No. 356 at Village Sunjwan, which is also recorded under the ownership of State, but under the occupation of Forest.

Further Division Bench also noted that in the affidavit filed by Divisional Commissioner, Jammu on 09th September 2020 it has been mentioned that Bee Enn College, falls under Kharsa No. 264 of Village Channi Rama, Tehsil Bahu which is a State land not in Kharsa No. 356 of Village Sunjawan Forest land.

Since it has brought to the notice of this Court that a petition has been filed by B. N. Public School being WP(C) No. 249/2023 which is also an institution connected with respondent No. 4. This Court vide order dated 23rd August, 2023 had directed the Registry to scan the record of the said writ petition and place the same on record, though the needful has not been done by the Registry. The hard copy of the same has been produced before us and on perusal of the same it is seen that the said writ petition was filed for seeking quashment of circular No. 02-JK (Rev) 2023 dated 09th January, 2023 issued by Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh together with the notice No. TB/PS/2022-2923/02 dated 27th January, 2023, issued by respondent No. 5 -Tehsildar (Estate Officer), Assistant Collector 1st Class, Bahu Jammu whereby, Abdul Gani Kohli had been asked to vacate state land measuring 16 Kanals falling under Kharsa No. 264 (new) (356 old) of Village Channi Rama, Tehsil Bahu. In the said petition, the learned Single Judge vide order dated 10th February 2023 has observed that for the purpose of showing the fact that at the site there is a school, in which a sanction came to be accorded in favour of the B.N. Public School, Nawabad Bathindi up to Class 8th vide Government order No. 730-Edu of 2002 dated 24th April 2002. However, in the said order, there is no reference to the fact that site of the school is on the State land, but it seems that perhaps by using the said Government order it is the state land which came to be grabbed and building has been erected.

The Single Judge though did not find a prima facie case for staying the said order; however, granted interim protection to the effect that while Divisional Commissioner, Jammu was directed to retrieve the possession of the free land falling within the premises of the school except the school building and there shall be no demolition of any part of the school building in retrieving the possession. There shall be no obstruction caused on behalf of the petitioner or for that matter Abdul Gani Kohli in any manner whatsoever in the course of exercise by the official deputed to take over the possession of the rest of the land except school building. Thus from the above, it appears that while the rest of the land was directed to be retrieved, the school building was directed not to be disturbed.

S.S. Nanda, Sr. AAG submits before this Court that the said land has already been retrieved leaving the school building. We also noted that in the said writ petition the respondents have not filed any affidavit, DB observed.

Considering the fact that the present PIL has arisen out of writ petition bearing WP (C) No. 933/2015 which was converted to a PIL and the land in issue appears to be the same which is alleged to be a State land grabbed by certain persons unauthorizedly, DB direct the Registry to tag the record of WP(C) No. 249/2023 along with the present PIL inasmuch as, the land, which is alleged to have been grabbed, appears to be same in this writ petition also. Accordingly, we issue direction to respondents in WP(C) No. 249/2023 to file their affidavits without fail and also directed Deputy Commissioner Jammu to produce the Vigilance record and enquiry conducted by Tehsildar Bahu before this Court on the next date of hearing.

### Modi's guarantee, every...

also showed a picture of several almirahs stuffed with currency notes. With the Lok Sabha elections approaching, the prime minister has turned up the heat on opposition parties in his X posts of late.

In a recent post, he had cited a news clip to take a swipe at opposition leaders and their "ecosystem", saying they may remain happy with their arrogance, lies, pessimism and ignorance but people should be beware of their divisive agenda as an old habit of 70 years cannot go away so easily.

He was reacting to an X post captioned "Meltdown-e-Azam" (great meltdown) of the news clip that cited "excuses" and alleged attempts by an ecosystem to stoke regional divide and insult voters in Hindi speaking states after the BJP swept to power in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, brushing aside the challenge from the Congress.

### Transhumance: 12,497 families...

the migratory tribal families based on which transport service is being provided an incentive.

Dr Choudhary informed that at an average each family saves 20 days of transit and taking into account man-days and prevailing wage rates there's is saving of Rs 20,380 per family of 3 adults and additional saving of transport costs upto Rs 40,000. He said that notional saving of these families during current migration season is Rs 25.46 Cr for days saved and Rs 48.72 Cr for transportation and other expenses. These initiative lead to poverty reduction and also safeguarding the livestock against losses related to accidents, exhaustion deaths and climatic conditions.

He added that the United Nations has declared 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) to create awareness about role of pastoralists in sustainability and drive public policies for their inclusion and empowerment. Jammu and Kashmir, over last two years, has taken substantial steps to promote sustainable transhumance and economic growth of the migratory tribal pastoral families.

Secretary Tribal Affairs appreciated the coordinated role played by the Deputy Commissioners, J&K Road Transport Corporation, Planning Department, Sheep Husbandry Deptt, Traffic Police and other departments to support and facilitate

migration of families through National Highway -44 and the Mughal road over last more than 10 weeks which also benefited the smooth export of Kashmir's horticulture produce and traffic management.

### Tiranga my identity...

write lyrics. Sheikh approached Humaira, who is from Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, to be a part of the song.

"I did not expect it to garner millions of views," the rapper said about the popularity of the song. "About 90 per cent of the viewers have loved the song and their comments are positive. The rest 10 per cent are negative, but I ignore them. If the song has about three million views, 10 per cent negative comments do not matter. I take positive comments in my stride and ignore the negative ones," he added.

### Kashmir continues to...

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath yatra, saw the minimum temperature settling at minus 4.8 degrees Celsius. The resort was the coldest recorded place in the Valley.

The famous ski resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 3.0 degrees Celsius down from minus 2.5 degrees Celsius the previous night, the IMD bulletin said.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 2.4 degrees Celsius. Kokernag town in south Kashmir registered a minimum temperature of minus 2.0 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara recorded a low of minus 2.5 degrees Celsius.

The meteorological office said the weather would remain generally cloudy but mainly dry till December 11. It also predicted a dip in the night temperature by a few degrees.

From December 12 to 15, there is a possibility of light rain or snowfall at isolated places in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir, the MeT office said.

### Nine SOs placed...

J&K Secretariat (Subordinate) Service as Under Secretaries, in their own pay and grade, with charge allowance as admissible under rules, for a period of six months or till the available vacancies in the J&K Secretariat (Gazetted) Service -I (Under Secretaries cadre) are filled-up on regular basis on the recommendations of the DPC/PSC, whichever is earlier," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

The placement ordered in favour of Raj Kumar, Anjali Koul, Laxmi Kant, Rajesh Kumar, Hafiz-Ullah Peer, Mohammed Iqbal Bajar, Amar Singh, Syed Ishrat Pervez and Mohan Singh.

Consequently, Mohammad Abdullah Wagday, Under Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, has been transferred and posted as Administrative Officer, Government Unani Medical College, Ganderbal; Nuzhat Shah, Under Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment as Under Secretary, Science and Technology Department; Raj Kumar, on his placement as Under Secretary, has been posted as Under Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment; Anjali Koul, on her placement as Under Secretary, has been posted as Under Secretary, Jal Shakti Department; Laxmi Kant, on his placement as Under Secretary, has been posted as Administrative Officer in the office of Advocate General, J&K, vice Vishwa Bandhu, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department.

Rajesh Kumar, on his placement as Under Secretary, has been posted as Under Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj; Hafiz-Ullah Peer, on his placement as Under Secretary, has been posted as Under Secretary, ARI and Trainings Department; Mohammed Iqbal Bajar, on his placement as Under Secretary, has been posted as Under Secretary, Labour and Employment Department; Amar Singh, on his placement as Under Secretary, has been posted as Under Secretary, Culture Department; Syed Ishrat Pervez, on his placement as Under Secretary, has been posted as Under Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board; and Mohan Singh, on his placement as Under Secretary, has been posted as Under Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department.

### Amazon Pay launches video sign language Know Your

#### Customer service for customers with special needs

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JAMMU: Amazon Pay launched a video sign language Know Your Customer (KYC) service for customers with special needs.

The service provides communication in sign languages between the fintech's employees and customers who have hearing and speech impairments.

"The goal is to make the KYC process effortless for those who rely on sign language, and making digital payments more inclusive," said the company in a statement.

Amazon Pay trained more than 120 employees to provide video KYC service to customers and developed interactive modules.

"Our sign-language video KYC service is a natural extension of Amazon Pay's focus on customer obsession and financial inclusion. With this service, which we have implemented within the scope of our barrier-free service, we enable our customers with disabilities to benefit from video KYC easily and safely," said Vikas Bansal, director payments and financial services, Amazon Pay India.

The company provides 'Listen-Ins for Accessibility' where its customer service teams listen to call recordings made by anonymised customers with disabilities to learn about their issues and needs.

The Amazon Digital, Device and Alexa Support (D2AS) organisation has established accessibility support teams that offer customer service in eight markets: United States, United Kingdom, Canada, India, France, Italy, Spain and Germany.

The company said its teams have replaced touchpoints for customers to reach Amazon with Accessibility icon that allows customers with different kinds of disabilities to choose Phone, Chat or Email support to connect with Technical Care associates

The team replaced multiple touch points for the customer to reach Amazon with a dedicated accessibility icon that allows customers with different kinds of disabilities to choose phone, chat or email support to get in touch with technical care associates.

"Our endeavour is to create an inclusive experience at every touchpoint, whether it is for our employees through our various Diversity Equity & Inclusion focused programs and benefits or demonstrating greater empathy for customers with disabilities through innovative solutions," said Deepti Varma, vice president, people experience and technology, Amazon Stores India, Japan and Emerging Markets.

### DDC member starts new water project

#### in Keour Fandwal

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AKHNOOR: Senior leader of BJP and DDC member Suresh Sharma, continuing with 'water to every household through tap' scheme, started the work of rupees 2 crore 50 lakh project under Jal Jeevan Mission in Fandwal in panchayat keour of Maira Mandrain block of Chhamb assembly constituency. It will fulfill the long pending demand of the people, who have been facing problems in absence of no proper water supply system. This project will have new filtration plant, new pipeline, water tank. With the completion of this project, Fandwal, meeni Manoh, Gurha Laigh, Gurha Panada and adjoining localities will be most benefitted and a large population will get adequate and regular water supply.



Suresh Sharma, while addressing the people after starting the work, said that the water project is of great significance as it will solve the water scarcity in many areas and more new projects for the people will also be undertaken in block Maira Mandrain in near future. He said that under the visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi many development projects are in progress and Jal Jeevan Mission is one such important project aimed at taking water to every house through tap. He said that Modi government is committed to take care of every region, every section, poor and marginalised ones and every effort is made by the elected representatives in blocks, panchayats, to reach at the doorsteps of people and mitigate their problems.

BDC Chairperson Sushma Devi, AEE Rakesh Gupta, JE Bal Krishan, Naib Sarpanch Joginder Kumar Bodh Raj, Rattan Lal, panch Satpal Mahesh Kumar Raman Kumar Nintya Nand and other were prominent among those who graced the occasion.