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Governor appealed to the people of the UT of J&K, particularly the privileged sections of society, to donate liberally to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, as a token of remembrance and expression of gratitude.

"I convey my best wishes to all serving and retired Armed Forces personnel and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day," the Lieutenant Governor further added.

Brig. Gurmeet Singh Shan (Retd.), Director, Sainik Welfare Department, J&K briefed the Lieutenant Governor on various schemes and initiatives for the welfare of Veterans, Veer Naris, dependents and serving Armed Forces personnel.

Col BS Sambyal (Retd.); Col SS Assla (Retd.); Col MS Bhau (Retd.); Wg Cdr Tirath Singh (Retd.); Subhash Chander; Suresh Kumar and veterans including Bawa Singh; Ashwani Kumar; Ashok Kumar; Janak Singh and Rajinder Kumar were present.

IOC installations in...

prohibited over and above these premises with immediate effect.

The Senior Superintendent of Police shall ensure implementation of this order in letter and spirit.

Properties of drug...

Rs 4.3 crores, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, a police spokesperson said.

He said this decisive action is part of ongoing efforts to combat the drug menace in the region.

The attached houses include single-storied house of Reyaz Ahmad Dar, son of Mohammad Ramzan Dar, resident of Hassanpora Tawella attached by Bijbehara Police for involvement in several NDPS cases, double-storied house of Mohammad Yousuf Reshi, son of Ali Mohammad Reshi, resident of Bijbehara, linked to a major narcotics recovery case attached by Bijbehara Police, single-storied residential property of Subzar Ahmad Mir, son of Sonaulah Mir from Hassanpora Tawella, double-storied residential house of Mohammad Shafi Dar son of Mohammad Maqbool Dar resident of Tulkhan Bijbehara for involvement in NDPS activities, residential house valued at Rs 30 lakhs of a habitual offender Abdul Hamid Chopan from Malpora Ranipora attached by Achabal Police. Besides, the vehicles include a Sanro car bearing registration number JK02B-6823 belonging to Mohammad Shafi Dar, WagonR bearing registration number HR28C-9580 owned by Manzoor Ahmad Mantoo of Waghama Bijbehara and Toyota Corolla bearing registration number HR51AL-0505 registered to Rahul Singh of New Delhi. Worth to mention here that the total value of attached properties is Rs 4.3 crores, a police spokesperson said.

These proactive measures reflect the commitment of J-K Police to dismantling drug trafficking networks and ensuring that those involved in such crimes face stringent legal consequences, the spokesperson said.

He said by targeting the properties and assets of offenders, J-K Police aims to deter further illegal activities and disrupt the financial backbone of drug networks.

Police launches helplines...

requiring verifications for passport, employment, tenant or domestic help verification and character certificates, besides any other necessary police verifications.

The helplines will be operational from 10 am to 4 pm and the service is designed to guide citizens through verification procedures, provide updates on application status, and address-related queries, the spokesperson said.

The police asked the citizens to utilise the helplines to avoid delays or reliance on intermediaries, assuring timely and transparent service to all applicants.

100-day TB Elimination...

that this campaign represents our unwavering commitment to achieving the vision of TB-free Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister underlined that over the next 100 days, the department will aim to accelerate TB detection, ensure timely treatment and promote awareness about preventive measures.

The Minister further said that this is not just a government initiative but a people's movement that calls for active participation from every corner of society.

She added that the present government is focused on reaching the unreached, establishing advanced healthcare facilities, strengthening diagnostics, enhancing community engagement and ensuring no one is left behind in the fight against TB.

"With the support of healthcare workers, local stakeholders and general masses, health department will achieve significant milestones during this campaign", Sakeena said.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly, including Dr. Mohammad Shafi, Farooq Ahmad Shah, and Dr. Sajjad Shafi, commended the efforts of the health staff for their invaluable contributions and achievements. They reiterated their full support for the campaign, highlighting that the objective of this 100-day campaign is to accelerate efforts in eliminating TB, reaching every corner of the community, spreading awareness about the disease, and ensuring access to free and high-quality TB care.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in her address urged healthcare providers, industry leaders, corporate organizations, counsellors, media professionals, and citizens to collaborate in this effort. She emphasized the importance of ensuring that no one is left behind in the fight against TB, striving for a TB-free community where no child loses a parent, no student misses school, and no worker loses their livelihood due to TB. She reinforced that this 100-day campaign is not merely a health initiative but a commitment to building healthier, stronger communities.

During the launch, Dr. Adhfar Yasien, State Tuberculosis officer, Kashmir delivered the opening remarks on the 100-day intensified campaign for TB Elimination (Ni-kshay Shivir). She emphasized the significant importance of this campaign, noting that Tuberculosis (TB) is not only a health issue but also a major social and economic burden, particularly affecting the most vulnerable segments of society. Dr. Adhfar Yasien highlighted that India accounts for approximately 27 per cent of the world's TB cases, emphasizing the urgency of this ongoing fight. TB continues to claim lives, disrupt families, and reduce the productivity of entire communities.

Dr. Jehangir Bakshi, Director of Health Services, Kashmir, along with all other participants took the TB Pledge, demonstrating a strong commitment to the elimination of Tuberculosis in the Kashmir Division. He further added that the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) in Kashmir has made remarkable progress. Three districts in the region-Budgam, Anantnag, and Pulwama-have been declared TB-free. Additionally, two districts, Srinagar and Kupwara, have received Gold certification under the Sub-National Certification and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has received a Bronze medal in the same category. Over 15 million TB cases have been successfully treated since the start of the program, and significant improvements in detection and recovery rates have been achieved due to better diagnostic and treatment tools. Despite these advancements, challenges such as stigma, late diagnosis, and treatment dropouts remain, and the 100-day campaign aims to directly address these issues through the involvement of all stakeholders.

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Divisional Nodal Officer, National Health Mission (NHM) expressed his gratitude to all the dignitaries and participants present in the occasion, who have dedicated themselves to this cause. He called on all to unite and ensure the success of this 100 day campaign, marking a major step toward a TB-free India and TB-Free Kashmir.

During this 100-day intensified campaign, health teams will focus on conducting Active Case Findings by visiting high-risk and vulnerable populations, including malnourished individuals, diabetics, smokers, cancer patients, tribal communities, and other at-risk groups. The goal is to detect TB cases early, raise awareness about TB symptoms, prevention, and treatment, and provide continuous medical and psychological support to ensure successful recovery. Additionally, community leaders, NGOs, corporate organizations, counsellors, and health workers will be engaged to serve as ambassadors for change.

At the conclusion of the event, two Ni-kshay Vahans were flagged off, one for the district of Srinagar, which was flagged off by Dr. Jehangir Bakshi, Director of Health Services, Kashmir, Dr. Tahir Sajad, Chief Medical Officer Srinagar and Dr. Abdul Roof, District Tuberculosis Officer, Srinagar and the other for the district Baramulla, which was flagged off by Sh. Syed Qamar Sajad, Additional District Development Commissioner, Baramulla, Dr. Mastoora Akhter, Chief Medical Officer Baramulla and Dr. Hafizulla, District Tuberculosis Officer, Baramulla.

Gun shop sealed...

Vaishya, issued an order directing all firearm license holders of the district to comply with the provisions of the Arms (Amendment) Act 2019.

According to the Act, no individual is permitted to possess more than two firearms. The identified license holders with more than two firearms must surrender their additional weapons within one week, the official said.

"These license holders are instructed to deposit their other firearm at the nearest police station or authorised unit armoury, in case of Armed Forces members of the Union," the order said.

"Upon surrender, they must also ensure proper endorsement on their licenses, to avoid cancellation and further legal action under the Arms Act," it said.

It said non-compliance with the order will lead to immediate cancellation of licenses, with stringent action initiated against defaulters.

CS visits Jagti...

SSP, Jammu; Relief Commissioner; Director, School Education Jammu; Director, Health Services, Jammu; Chief Engineer; Jal Shakti and other concerned officers.

During this visit the Chief Secretary went around the Sub-District Hospital and the Higher Secondary School established there. He took first hand appraisal of the facilities being extended to the citizens in these institutions.

On the occasion, he directed the hospital authorities to start performing general anaesthesia (GA) based surgeries in the hospital forthwith. He also enjoined upon them to take measures to upgrade the public services in the hospital for the benefit of all the locals living in and around the camp besides lessening the referrals from this hospital.

While inspecting the Government Higher Secondary School he took note of the staff and subjects taught in these educational institutions. He asked for proper maintenance of the school premises and provisioning of sufficient number of teachers in each subject taught here.

While speaking in the public grievances camp held here he maintained that the government is committed to provide every amenity to the migrants. He said the genuine issues raised here would also be resolved in a time-bound manner.

He further addressed them to register themselves under National Food Security Act (NFSA) as this would enable them to receive many other benefits of social security schemes and CSS implemented here.

He assured them that in order to create the Self Employment opportunities for the youth the government is going to held camps here in association with the banks operating here in the UT.

He reiterated that with the completion of digitization of the credentials of all the migrants, the doors for enumeration under different schemes of GoI would open for them.

He made out that the government is also going to cover the eligible migrants under PM-KISAN and other schemes as well. He sensitized them that their issues are in the notice of the government and the Relief Commissioner is the dedicated link to raise them at appropriate forums for timely redressal.

In his speech the Principal Secretary, DMR&R Department, Chandraker Bharti informed the gathering that these people should not feel stigmatized for they are quite like other citizens of the country only tried by circumstances.

He made out that the government departments like Jal Shakti Department has been asked to look after the Water supply and JMC the sanitation process to bring in more efficiency in these services. He stated that it is the continuous endeavour of the Department to bring better and modern services to the migrants residing in J&K.

Earlier the Relief Commissioner, Arvind Karwani gave the background of the establishment of this township here at Jagti besides the facilities being provided to the residents of this camp.

He gave out that there are 4224 flats constructed here for 5131 families with 53 parks and 10 community halls also for the use of residents.

He revealed that the government is going to build a mega 2-story community hall at the cost of around Rs 6.34 Cr. He also took this occasion to bring up the need for renovation and repair work of the flats for which he claimed that the process is going to start shortly.

Water supply will...

launched a drive to identify the people who facilitated electricity and water connections to the plots housing Rohingyas," Sharma had said.

Amir Hussain, a Rohingya living in one of the slums in Narwal, alleged that the government has snapped the water and power supply to three plots over the past week.

"We are registered with UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) and have nowhere to go. We are living in a pathetic condition and request the government to allow us to stay here for the time being till the security situation in our country improves," he said.

Salamatullah, also a resident of Myanmar, said they have no problem living without electricity but water is a necessity for living.

"Electricity was not available to us in our country. We have used electricity for the first time in Jammu," he said, adding the government drive has left them upset.

"Our landlords are also perturbed after an FIR was registered against him and he wants us to vacate the land. The future of our children is bleak because we cannot enrol them in schools, while some of us have been jailed over the past three years," he said.

22 terrorists, six...

However, six soldiers were also killed during the intense exchange of fire, the ISPR said adding, sanitisation operations have been launched in the area.

Province's Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, paid tributes to the six security personnel and extended heartfelt sympathies to their families.

There has been an uptick in terrorism incidents by militants and separatist groups in Pakistan in recent months as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and other militant outfits have intensified actions against security forces. It has prompted the security forces and the local police to intensify operations against the terrorists.

The third quarter (July-September) of 2024 saw a sharp increase in fatalities of terrorist violence and counter-terrorism campaigns, with a 90 per cent surge in violence, according to a report issued by think tank Centre for Research and Security Studies (CRSS).

A total of 722 people, including civilians, security personnel, and outlaws, were killed while 615 others wounded in as many as 328 incidents recorded during the period under review.

Nearly 97 per cent of these fatalities occurred in KP and Balochistan - marking the highest percentage in a decade, and over 92 per cent of these incidents of terror attacks and security forces' operations were recorded in the same provinces.

The total fatalities from three quarters of this year have now surpassed the total fatalities recorded for the entire 2023; with the number of fatalities rising to at least 1,534 in the first three quarters compared to 1,523 in 2023.

Meanwhile, terrorist groups continue to reorganise and beef up their ranks. Most of the terror attacks remained unclaimed by terrorist or insurgent groups, likely for tactical reasons, as per the report.

Satish Sharma holds virtual Public Darbar for public of Khour

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Reflecting the commitment of Omar Abdullah led government's reach to people and address their issues, Minister for Transport, FCS&CA, Youth Services and Sports, Information Technology, Science & Technology, ARI and Trainings, Satish Sharma today held a virtual public darbar to listen the grievances and issues of locals of Khour area.

During the virtual public darbar, the people apprised the Minister about their issues regarding poor water and electricity supply, upgrading of link roads, updation of ration cards, road connectivity and other issues of public importance.

The Minister gave on spot directions to the officers to resolve the genuine issues of the people and directed them to work with utmost zeal to provide better facilities to the people at their doorsteps.

During the darbar, the Minister remarked that our government is committed to address the genuine issues and problems of people as this government is peoples government. He assured the locals that their genuine issues and problems will be redressed promptly. This virtual public darbar is one of its kind which plays important role of bridge between public and government and also provide onspot redressal mechanism to address people's genuine issues.

Protective works on Chenab River begin after decade

STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: MLA Mohan Lal inaugurated a Rs 1.26 crore project for erate revetment and embankment works in the Chanjwa village of Devipur Panchayat. The initiative aims to safeguard the agricultural lands of local residents from the rising water levels of the Chenab River. For the past decade, the residents of the region have been demanding protective measures along the riverbanks.

MLA Mohan Lal emphasized the government's commitment to ensuring safety and development along the Chenab River. He announced that a massive Rs 55 crore plan has been launched to implement protective works along both banks of the river, stretching from Akhnoor to Hamirpur. Out of this, Rs 42 crore will be dedicated specifically to projects within the Akhnoor constituency. This project is expected to benefit nearly 25,000 residents, providing a long-term solution to protect their land.

Expressing his vision for Akhnoor, MLA Mohan Lal stated, "I am determined to transform Akhnoor into a model constituency. Development works are being carried out across all departments, and this riverbank protection is a crucial step for the large population residing along the Chenab."

Two women arrested with 14 ltrs Desi liquor

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In continuation to its drive against Illicit Liquor menace launched by Kathua Police on the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police Kathua Shobhit Saksena nabbed two ladies with 58 Pouches of Illicit Liquor(250 ml each) weighing approx. 14 litres of illicit liquor(Desi) at Changran Khad area of PS Kathua. They have been identified as Neetu Devi, wife of Lt. Balvinder Kumar, resident of Chak Drab Khan and Pooja Devi, wife of Lt. Joginder Pal R/o Chak Drab Khan Tehsil & District Kathua.

A Party of Police Station Kathua led by SHO under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Kathua during patrolling/checking duty at Changran khad area apprehended two ladies who were selling illicit liquor near Changran Khad area in order to gain illegitimate profit. During the search of the said ladies, the police party was able to recover 58 pouches of (250ml each) weighing approx. 14 litres illicit liquor (Desi) from their possession.

Thereafter all the recovered consignment of illicit liquor (approx. 14 litres) seized & 02 ladies were arrested on the spot. In this regard a FIR No. 389 /2024 U/S 48 (a) Excise Act registered at Police Station Kathua and further investigation is underway.

5 vehicles including two excavators seizes for illegal mining

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining in district Samba, J&K Police has seized five vehicles including two excavators in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana and Police Station Rangarh which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO Police Station Bari Brahmana and SHO Police StationRangarh under the supervision of ASP SDPO Bari Brahman and SDPO Vijaypur respectively and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba while performing patrolling duty in its jurisdictional areas, have seized five vehicles including twoexcavators (JCB) bearing registration No. JK02BX-8389 &other without registration No., two dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21J-6888 & JK21H-5080 and one tractor trolley bearing registration No. PB06AZ-9277 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

Police hands over 78 school kits to GMS Vijaypur

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: In a generous gesture under the Civic Action Programme (CAP), the J&K Police has donated

78 school kits comprising of school bags and stationary items to the students of Govt. Middle School Vijaypur in district Samba. The distribution ceremony in GMS Vijaypur was overseen by SDPO



Vijaypur accompanied by SHO Police Station Vijaypur. During the event, 78 school bags alongwith stationary items were handed over to the students in the presence of the Headmistress GMS Vijaypur. The distribution ceremony was well-attended by a large number of students, teachers and other members of the school management. Expressing gratitude, the Headmistress of GMS Vijaypur extended heartfelt thanks to the Police Department for their generous contribution towards enhancing the learning environment for the students.

Jasvir thanks Union Govt for granting Kendriya Vidyalaya at Panchari

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: DDC Member from Panchari Mougri, Jasvir Singh welcomed Union Cabinet's decision for establishing 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas and 28 new Navodaya Vidyalayas in the Country. In the same row

Panchari also got a New Kendriya Vidyalaya. He congratulated the people of Panchari and Mougri for new Kendriya Vidyalaya.

While addressing a press conference at Udhampur, he said that this is the landmark decision. On sanctioning of Kendriya Vidyalaya for Panchari, he thanked PM Modi led Union Government, Union Education Minister, Udhampur's MP and Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, J&K Lieutenant Governor's Office, J&K UT Govt and Education Ministry, District Development Council Udhampur and the District administration Udhampur.

Stressing upon the quality education, he said that with the quick change in the system, need of the hour is to invest more budget on Education sector including both School education and higher education. Jasvir said that shortage of teaching staff and accommodation as per the requirement of new education policy 2020 needs to be addressed on priority. He added that it is very much important to ensure the reach of benefits of govt policies to the last corner on ground in this regard. Stressing upon the youth energy, he said that this is the quality education only which can make the use of youth energy possible in the constructive side including the community service and the Nation building. Lastly, he said that recruitment of teaching staff to fulfil the vacant posts and the effective transfer policy should be prioritised in this regard.

Every work should reflect nation's spirit: Yogi Adityanath

SHAHZAD AKHTAR

VARANASI: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that PM Narendra Modi says that every work should be in the name of the country. If the country is safe then religion is also safe, if religion is safe then we are also safe. Indianness and Sanatan have the power to unite everyone.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday participated in the centenary celebrations of the establishment of Vihangam



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressing gathering at Varanasi.

Yogi praised the smooth arrangements here despite the presence of lakhs of people. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that Sadguru Sadafal Dev Maharaj was born in a small village of Ballia in 1888. He established Vihangam Yoga Sant Samaj in 1924. When the society is joining the centenary celebration program, then we are also witnessing it. We all are receiving the prasad of the saint's yogic practice.

CM Yogi said that Sadguru Sadafal Dev Maharaj took the spiritual campaign forward and also told that a true yogi-saint cannot sit idle looking at the conditions of the country and society. When the country was bound in the shackles of slavery, Sadguru Sadafal Dev Ji Maharaj, with his spiritual practice, participated in the freedom movement to free the country from foreign slavery and associated himself with the call of the country's first freedom struggle from Barrackpore. All of you are also connecting yourself with an important link dedicated to nationalism with a rich spiritual tradition.

CM Yogi said that Sadguru Sadafal Dev Ji Maharaj composed Swarved in Uttarakhand. His wonderful tradition is still being carried out. Vigyan Dev Ji Maharaj was on a journey from Kanyakumari to Kashmir for a year. Acharya ji also went on a spiritual journey to awaken devotees abroad.

CM Yogi said that PM Modi has made his parliamentary constituency Kashi shine in 10 years. Now Kashi Vishwanath Dham is the world's largest bathing ghat (Namo Ghat). There is also a helipad here. Big programs can be held here. The ghats of Kashi are now seen in a new grand form. Dev temples have been renovated. Compared to the earlier situation, the connectivity of road, rail, air service has improved 100 times since 2014.