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Efforts underway to...

The Lt Governor asked the concerned officers to explore all possibilities for extending financial handholding to the eligible beneficiaries through various government schemes and interventions.

MK Jain, Deputy Governor Reserve Bank of India highlighted the importance of increasing the presence of banks for greater financial inclusion. He informed that the implementation of Government Sponsored Schemes is monitored through the UT level Bankers' Committee at periodic intervals.

Discussions were also held regarding creation of banking infrastructure, streamlining the working of District cooperatives and other banking cooperative societies, effective utilization of funds under NABARD schemes, concerns of the Industries & Commerce sector, availability of banking services, Micro Finance Institutions and NBFCs, and other important issues.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department; Baldev Prakash, Managing Director & CEO, J&K Bank; Kamal P. Patnaik, Regional Director, RBI; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary to Government, Industries & Commerce Department (through virtual mode) and other senior officers attended the meeting at Raj Bhawan.

Suspected LeT terrorist...

joint checkpoint in the area," a police spokesman said.

During checking of pedestrians and vehicles, Danish, upon noticing the joint forces, tried to flee towards the orchards but was apprehended tactfully by the alert party, he said. Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition, including a pistol and a grenade, were recovered from his possession. Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused is working at the behest of Pakistan-based Lashkar handlers Samama alias Ali and Hilal Sheikh, the spokesman said. Shah was currently arranging travel documents to visit Pakistan for obtaining specialised arms training, he said.

Patwari suspended for...

with immediate effect and shall remain attached with the office of SDM Bijbehara. Tehsildar Bijbehara has been directed to conduct an inquiry into the matter and submit a detailed report within 10 days.

DDMA likely to...

the Covid situation in the city. The Chamber of Trade and Industry (CTI), an association of traders in Delhi, has written a letter to DDMA Chairman and Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal demanding that a meeting of the DDMA should be convened at the earliest.

"If Covid cases and the infection rate are decreasing in the capital, then the rest of the restrictions should be completely removed," the organisation has said.

"There has been a positivity rate of less than one per cent in Delhi. On Monday, only 360 new cases of the coronavirus came. Beds are lying vacant in hospitals. The wave of the coronavirus in Delhi is nearing its end," said CTI chairman Brijesh Goyal and president Subhash Khandelwal.

Currently, there is night curfew from 11 pm to 5 am that causes a lot of problems. Shops in Delhi markets are allowed to open till 8 pm. Its time should also increase, they said. Goyal said that people associated with the event and exhibition industry are also worried. They are unable to work, he said.

Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta has also written to Baijal requesting him to allow visitors in temples and other religious places. Currently religious places are permitted to open without visitors.

COVID: 137 new...

said. The Union Territory has recorded 228 Covid-related deaths -- 168 in Leh and 60 in Kargil, they said, adding that no death was reported on Monday.

As many as 52 patients -- 37 in Leh and 15 in Kargil -- were cured and discharged from hospitals, taking the overall recoveries to 27,318, they said.

Of the new cases, 24 were from Leh and eight from Kargil district, they said, adding that 1,218 sample reports were found negative in Ladakh.

Two charge-sheets filed...

accused, Sajad Ahmad and Mohd Saleem, and the juvenile were charged under sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 326-A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid) of the IPC.

Earlier, Inspector General of Police (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar had told PTI that the investigation is nearly complete and they would soon conclude the process by filing a charge sheet in this case.

He had appealed to girls and their parents to inform the police at an early stage if any miscreant is stalking or harassing them so that action can be taken.

Giving a rundown of the probe into the incident, Senior Superintendent of Police (Srinagar) Rakesh Balwal, a 2012-batch IPS officer from Manipur, had said, As we received the information (about the incident), a special team was immediately constituted and we were able to nab the culprits within 24 hours of the shocking incident.

In her police statement, the woman gave details of the clothes worn by the accused. A police team rushed to the residence of the accused and found those clothes concealed in a bed cavity, he said.

Initially, the main accused gave wishy-washy answers to police on the procurement of sulfuric acid. After he finally named the shop from where he got the acid, it was sealed for violating the Supreme Court guidelines on the storage and sale of acids.

The main accused tried to mislead us on the procurement of acid, claiming that he had taken it out from the battery of his inverter at home, but a search conducted at his residence negated his theory.

Finally, he gave us the name of his friend who used to work in a repair shop and our police team nabbed him too, said Balwal, who was recently appointed as SSP (Srinagar) and has worked on various cases in Jammu and Kashmir, including the Pulwama terror attack, during his stint with the National Investigation Agency.

The police accessed CCTV footage from shops around the area where the incident took place to nail the culprits in the case, he said.

Court awards life...

carried by him hit his brother-in-law, namely Arshad Ali while fire opened by accused Mohammad Shafi hit a labourer, while Abdul Rashid attacked them with an axe. When hue and cry was raised, all six accused fled from the spot along with weapons.

The team rushed to the spot thereafter proceeded to hospital where it was informed that injured Shamas Din had succumbed to injuries while Arshad Ali has been admitted in GMC hospital Jammu and injured labourer had been admitted to Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu for treatment. Subsequently, offence under section 302 of RPC was also added in FIR.

2nd Additional Sessions Judge Jammu Rajinder Sapru after hearing APP D P Singh for the UT whereas Adv R K Kotwal and Adv S C Sharma for accused

Power shutdown

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Pouni, Ransoo, Dadua, Armas, Dharmari and Bagga etc shall remain affected on February 23 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Ramgarh, Rangoor and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 23, 25 and 27 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Suhagpur, Arnia, Allah, BSF, Nandpur, Raya, Smailpur, Gurah, Mandal and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 23 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Lakad Mandi, Patoli, Janipur Colony, Pamposh colony, Ambredhar Nagar, High Court, Daily Excelsior, Statistical Office and adjoining areas shall

remain affected on

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Likewise, the power supply to Ghotra, Thathi, Gor, Ramjan, Shoa and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 23 and 25 from 10 am to 4 pm.

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