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Autonomy rant again...

all the decisions taken in August 2019 and restore the autonomous status of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The least, the Government of India could do, is to grant real autonomy to the J&K state as envisioned by the Constituent Assembly of India and ratified by the Constituent Assembly of Jammu & Kashmir. And work out legal mechanism in consultation with the J&K legislature of real political and administrative devolutions to the respective regions and sub-regions within the framework of that autonomy," it added.

The alliance said any attempt or any plan of proposals for divisions, bifurcations and trifurcations must be rejected.

"This is bound to communalise the regions and communities permanently. A careful and elaborate mechanism for the process of reconciliation and sustainable peace has to be worked out.

"At the same time, we appeal to the people of all the regions, sub regions, ethnic groups and communities of the state that we must uphold and strengthen our age-old relationship and resolve to move forward to shape our future together. Our people have passed through tragedies and our recent past has been quite painful. Tragedies cannot and should not divide us further. Grievances, if any, can be addressed and removed; but in no case should these weaken the historic bonds of our relationship. Any division on any pretext would be detrimental to this cherished goal," it added.

The PAGD appealed to Parliament, all secular democratic parties and the civil society at large to realise the serious consequences of the abrogation of Article 370.

"We also call upon them to analyse whether the projected objectives and the narrative built up in favour of the regressive decision of doing away with the special position of the erstwhile state, are justified or are the result of divisive and highly authoritarian policies of the government. This should not be seen as an isolated instance or aberration but a serious attack on federalism and democracy," it said.

"They must come forward and raise their voice against this unconstitutional assault on the rights of the people of Jammu & Kashmir. We all must unitedly struggle in defense of democracy, federalism and unity of our people," the alliance said.

NC will contest...

reiterated his charge that the exercise was done to benefit the BJP with the ultimate aim of legitimising the revocation of Article 370 by the Centre in 2019.

After the meeting, PAGD spokesman M Y Tarigami said they were not against delimitation as it was due in 2026, but added the ongoing exercise is "unconstitutional" as it is being done under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act which has been challenged in the Supreme Court by the constituent of the alliance.

"Our stand is that what happened on August 5 and 6, 2019 in Parliament was unconstitutional," Tarigami said referring to abrogation of Article 370 and the reorganisation of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State into two Union territories.

Abdullah, who heads the PAGD, said the BJP was hoping that it can win the maximum number of seats in the assembly after the delimitation.

"They want to pass a resolution in the assembly that whatever they did in August 2019 has been accepted. I am sure they will then take it to Supreme Court and say it has been done.

"Otherwise, what was the need for a Delimitation Commission here when it was agreed that the entire country would undergo the exercise in 2026? Why was Jammu and Kashmir targeted?" he said.

The former chief minister said the elections are the basis of democracy and the "first thing in that democratic situation is the delimitation commission's report".

"What they (delimitation commission) have done is very unfortunate... Look what they have done, one constituency I will tell you about is Anantnag. How is the member of parliament elected from Rajouri going to look after the areas on this side in Anantnag or how is the MP elected from Anantnag going to look after the areas in Poonch and Rajouri. This is just one instance," he said.

Abdullah questioned the claims that the delimitation exercise was aimed at bringing the people together and carve out constituencies in such a manner that it's easy for the people to have their cases projected.

"It does not seem that the Delimitation Commission has done that. It has further alienated the people," he alleged.

India 'only country'...

values. Our power is for the public good and not to frighten the world. India is the only country that has never attacked or occupied one inch of the land of any other country. This is our character," he said.

The concept of zero was given by India, Sridharacharya gave quadratic equation, Bodhayana came up with the Pythagoras theorem 300 years before Pythagoras did so, surgery was performed in this country before Jesus Christ, Aryabhata explained the shape of the Earth and that it rotated on its axis before Copernicus, he said.

"Now, even the world believes that India was once a world leader in several areas, including knowledge and science, but there are many so-called progressives who malign and question the cultural excellence of the country, Singh said.

"In this Amrit Kaal of Independence, as the country celebrates 75 years of freedom, we must recall the great tradition of equality, harmony and knowledge, and endeavour to overcome the poison that was filled under conspiracy," the minister said.

He called upon the youth to take a pledge to refrain from engaging in any activity that is against the interests of the country.

"It's imperative for us to know and understand our cultural heritage as we work to build a New India. Our history and culture have the power based on which we can forge a new future," he said, adding a country can never become great unless it cherishes its roots.

Talking about the spiritual legacy, Singh said even people such as Apple co-founder Steve Jobs and Facebook head Mark Zuckerberg visited Neem Karoli Baba at Kainchi Dham in Uttarakhand.

Govt approves recruitment...

regularize services as promised under first transfer scheme 2020, were approved by the LG for timely regularization of these employees. With the approval of these rules, a major demand of Power Development Department employees, stands fulfilled and will effect positively regularization/ future progression of around 12,000 employees.

MoU signed to...

sectors contributing towards economic growth, employment creation, trade opportunities and growth in GDP in J&K, the spokesman said.

India begins evacuation...

Indian government officials so that they can be evacuated in these Air India flights, they said.

The government is not charging the rescued passengers for the evacuation flights, the officials said.

Principal RTI distributes Pass Books amongst farmers in Tehsil Jammu West



Rajesh Baru, Tehsildar RTI Jammu handing over passbooks to beneficiaries.

other such Financial Institutions against Pass Book so issued, can apply for any corrections before the Tehsildar Concerned within the provisions of Land Revenue Act Samvat 1996 and he further instructed them not to make or alter any entry in the Pass Books once issued otherwise accused may be penalized with an imprisonment which may extend to one year or fine upto Rs 20000 or with both.

Anju Gupta, Principal RTI while addressing participants asked them to cooperate with the Revenue Administration for all services especially issuance of Pass Books and make optimum benefit of various government schemes to ensure and uplifting their means of livelihood. She also ensured the Patwari Trainees that such field visits will be encouraged to make practical training to the best possible manner. Others participated in the camp includes Naib Tehsildar Gole Vijay Kumar, Girdawar, Patwari and other local prominent besides Lambardars and Chowkidars.

He made awareness among participants that they can avail credit facilities from Banks &

larger interest of the organization.

The DGP said for effective investigations, the timeline and chain of events is very important.

Citing the examples of various cases, he said that sometimes techniques of investigation become more important and help to supplement the evidence.

"Organizing these training programmes is a part of the police headquarters' initiative of upgrading and updating investigation skills of officers and personnel of Jammu and Kashmir Police," he said.

Swain said the Jammu and Kashmir Police has done exceptionally well in counter terror operations and it is time that investigation has to be taken at a different level.

"Organizing capacity-building programmes is absolutely essential to create a culture of investigation and excel in the field of investigation," he said.

ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh said organizing such training programmes in the past has helped the investigation officers of J&K Police as there has been a change in the approach towards counter-terror investigation and quality of investigation.

"A lot more efforts need to be put in place to further improve and enhance the quality of investigation," he said.

Describing J&K Police as one of the best in the country, the NIA DIG said the faculty of the premier investigation agency has provided detailed inputs about various aspects of investigation during the training programme.

As many as 142 officers of Jammu zone and State Investigation Agency participated in the programme which started on February 23.

The topics covered during the three-day training programme were effective enforcement of UA(P)A, recent trends, major routes and modus operandi of drug trafficking and Narcro-Terrorism and its impact on National security, a police spokesperson said.

He said Intelligence collection and cultivation of sources, introduction to the investigation of dark-net and crypto-currencies in drug trafficking, provision and procedure of search, seizure, arrest in drug cases, procedural lapse and major lacunae in procedure of booking Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act cases were also discussed in detail.

Two tall Chinars...

4th tree sites for which two large pits with 6 feet diameter and 5 feet depth were dug out in advance before onset of winter. Infected soil was removed and good quality soil brought from outside the Dal Lake for the purpose.

Two candidate transplants with height of about 25 feet and girth of 28 inches each were finally selected at Dal Foreshore road, where they were experiencing stressful conditions. After obtaining legal permission for their removal, the two transplants were systematically dug out along with roots and balls of earth and lifted by using a long arm hydraulic Crane. They were transported to Char Chinhar on a large barge pulled by a tug boat.

The unique operation was executed w.e.f. 19th February and completed on the unique date 22-02-2022 when the two Chinars were finally planted, braving rain and snow on the day.

The public in general and tourists in particular are requested to be careful in visiting Char Chinhar as the transplants have been secured upright with the help of guy-ropes and wooden stakes to withstand strong winds blowing in Dal Lake.

Besides, the tourists may also explore the option of visiting a similar site called 'Sona Lank' near Hazratbal foreshore road.

The post planting operations shall continue with the active support of the Floriculture Department, especially the development of aesthetics.

The task was taken up on a mission mode driven by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K. Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle, Nodal Officer/Coordinator for the operation expressed gratitude to his team of various stakeholder Departments, officers and experts associated with the operation including Forest officers DFO Urban Division and particularly Range Officer, Timber Range for his exemplary field efforts.

The transplanting of tall Chinars is the first of its kind activity in the Country and the Department is hopeful of their survival and growth with the prayers and support of the people.

Fresh snowfall, landslides...

over one feet were also received from the high altitude areas of Kishtwar, Reasi, Doda, Poonch, Rajouri and Kathua district of Jammu region.

The Trikuta hills, housing the famous cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Reasi, have turned white after the fresh snowfall but the pilgrimage was going on smoothly, the officials said.

Court grants bail...

informed that Fahad was arrested in another case lodged in Shopian. A day before his arrest on February 4, Police had said that journalist was wanted in three cases for 'glorifying terrorism and spreading fake news.'

"Fahad Shah is wanted in 3 cases for glorifying terrorism, spreading fake news & inciting general public for creating law & order situations viz FIR No. 70/2020 registered at Police Station Safakadal Srinagar, FIR No. 06/2021 of Police Station Imam Sahib, Shopian and was arrested in FIR No. 19/2022 registered at Police Station Pulwama," Kashmir Police had tweeted on February 5.

Eleven SOs placed...

(Subordinate) Service as Under Secretaries to the Government, 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 and order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per order, Section Officers who have been placed as Under Secretaries include Namita Wanchoo, Karan Singh, Janak Raj Sharma, Raj Kumar, Ghulam Qadir, Rafia Nabi, Roush Ahmad Bhat, Dawanjeet Singh, Nuzhat Shah, Tarandeep Singh and Rehana Hassan.

Consequent upon their placement as Under Secretaries, they shall continue at their present places of postings, till further orders, it added.

COVID: 84 fresh...

the Kashmir division of the union territory, the officials said.

The officials said Jammu district recorded the highest of 30 cases followed by 15 in Doda district.

There are 871 active cases in the union territory, the officials said.

The death toll in the union territory due to the pandemic was 4,748 as no fresh death was reported in the past 24 hours.

The officials said, there were 51 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) in the union territory as no fresh case was reported since last evening.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 24 new COVID-19 cases, taking the union territory's infection tally to 27,971, while 42 recoveries brought down the count of active cases to 230, officials said.

The death toll due to the disease remained unchanged at 228 168 in Leh and 60 in Kargil.

All new cases were detected in Leh, the officials said, adding that there are only five active cases in Kargil district.

The total number of recoveries stands at 27,513.

BJP Govt fully committed for development of J&K: Johal

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VILJAYPUR: DDC Member Ramgarh, Sarabjit Singh Johal said that BJP and Central Government stand fully committed for the development of Jammu and Kashmir. He asserted the unprecedented overall development of Jammu and Kashmir witnessed today is the result of this sincere commitment of the BJP led Government at the Centre for the progress and prosperity of this sensitive Union Territory and its people.

He was speaking after starting development work of lanes and drains with an estimated cost of Rs 4.10 lakhs at Panchayat Khanpur in

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Block Ramgarh. The DDC Member asserted that the momentum of carrying out development in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and across the country is exemplary as the progress which the people have seen under BJP's rule is something which the other political outfits including Congress would have never imagined in their dreams also. He said that the pace of development will further accelerate after the historic blunders of the previous regimes in the country will be undone by BJP government led by PM Narendra Modi.

He asked the party cadre to gear up for the forthcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir by keeping in mind one thing 'Now or Never'. The DDC member appealed to the residents of the area to become proactive and remain vigilant about the ongoing works in their area. He told them if they find anything fishy in the execution of the work started today, they should directly come and register a complaint with him. Among those who were present include Sarpanch Champa Devi, Panch Saudagar Mal, Panch Nany Choudhary, Smarty Singh, Swarn Singh, Shiv Choudhary and Sunil Choudhary.