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classroom learning and mentor the students to unleash their true potential.

To make educational institutions relevant in the future, teachers should ignite the creativity within the students and make their consciousness pure, simple, easy and independent, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor visited the photo exhibition of College on Wheels and stalls put up by various educational institutions and departments.

He said the 'College on Wheels' initiative helps students to uncover their unique and unmatched personality and achieve the potential that they can be. He further observed that the initiative provides lifetime opportunity to students to learn through experience, focus on interdisciplinary collaboration and creativity.

Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman Higher Education Council J&K, while speaking on the occasion, emphasized that higher education institutions should make sure their activities and initiatives have a positive impact on society.

The Lt Governor also released a souvenir of the Fest and publications related to College on Wheels initiative and project report of the University of Jammu. A documentary about 'College on Wheels' was showcased on the occasion.

Earlier, the Lt Governor took salute at an impressive march past by the contingent of students and also paid tributes to General Zorawar Singh.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor Jammu University; Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor Cluster University of Jammu; Heads of various Universities and Educational Institutions, faculty members, senior officials and students in large number were present.

Two arrested for...

They were arrested by a team led by Billawar Station House Officer Inspector Jatinder Singh, the spokesman said.

Those who want...

'Shakti' of unrighteousness, corruption and falsehood.

On Tuesday, Modi also attacked the INDI alliance, saying its constituents would never speak ill about any other faith, but would not lose a second in abusing the Hindu religion.

"The election campaign has started, but INDI alliance's plan came out in their first rally in Mumbai. Their manifesto and ill intentions have come out. At Shivaji Park in Mumbai, INDI alliance openly declared they will destroy Shakti which is faith. What does Shakti mean in Hinduism-- everybody in Tamil Nadu knows that," he said addressing a BJP rally here.

In Tamil Nadu, Shakti means the divine manifestation in the form of woman deities -- Kanchi Kamakshi Amman, Madurai Meenakshi Anman the "Shakti peet" and Samayapuram Mariamman, he said. "These are Shakti."

Further, in the Hindu faith, Shakti means, "matru shakti, naari shakti," he said, alluding to woman power.

"The INDI alliance of Congress and DMK say they will destroy this," he alleged.

Further, the INDIA bloc "people repeatedly deliberately insult the Hindu faith. Every statement made by them against it is well thought out."

"The INDI alliance doesn't target any other faith, doesn't speak a word against others, but won't waste a second in abusing Hinduism. How can this happen? They had even opposed the installing of the sacred Sengol in the Parliament. Sengol is connected with the Maths here, that is why they deliberately insult that," Modi charged.

He said "our epics are proof that those who want to end Shakti get destroyed. My Tamil Nadu on April 19 will do it first," he said, referring to the poll date in the state when elections will be held to 39 Lok Sabha seats.

Invoking national poet Subramania Bharathi, he said he had worshipped Mother India "in Shakti swaroop" (form of Shakti). He also worshipped the country's 'nari shakti', Modi said.

Modi described himself as a similar 'shakthi upasak' (worshipper).

"Tamil Nadu will punish those who talk of destroying Shakti. This is the guarantee of crores of people of Tamil Nadu," he said.

He also highlighted various pro-women initiatives of the NDA government, including the Ujjwala scheme and said "at the centre of these schemes is naari shakti."

Taking on DMK, he said, it was well-known how the party behaved with the late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa when she was alive. "This is DMK's real face. They even oppose the women's reservation bill. Because of this, crimes against women in Tamil Nadu are rising. Vote against this anti-woman attitude of the DMK on April 19," Modi said.

Slamming DMK and its ally Congress, he said they were two sides of the coin, known for "big corruption, one family rule."

With Congress away from power at the Centre, the country has reached 5G level of communication, he said.

However, the definition of 5G for the DMK was "the control of the fifth generation of the same family in Tamil Nadu."

"By doing 2G scam, they (DMK) brought disrepute to India and Tamil Nadu....Centre is sending lakhs of erores of rupees for Tamil Nadu's development but the government here is looting that," he alleged.

He also alleged the "dynastic parties" did not allow late Congress stalwart, GK Moopanar to reach greater heights even though he had the potential to become Prime Minister.

Recalling former chief minister, the late K Kamaraj, Modi said, his honesty and revolutionary schemes like mid-day meals "have been big inspiration to me."

The BJP's support in Tamil Nadu is growing and the ruling DMK is losing sleep over that, he said.

During his address, Modi turned emotional and paused his speech shortly here while recalling a slain BJP functionary from this district, who was killed 10 years ago.

He choked while talking about 'Auditor' V Ramesh, who was hacked to death in 2013.

The PM paused his speech for sometime and when he resumed, he recalled Ramesh's work for the party.

"I can't forget Auditor Ramesh. Unfortunately, today Ramesh is not among us. Ramesh worked hard for the party, day and night and he was a good orator: But he was killed. Today I pay my tributes to him," Modi said.

The PM also heaped praise on the Tamil language.

Earlier, 11 Shakti Annmas gave a special welcome to the PM. He arrived at the venue in an open-roof vehicle.

Alliance party leaders-- expelled AIADMK leader O Panneerselvam, PMK founder S Ramadoss, with whom the BJP sealed the seat-sharing deal for the April 19 polls earlier today, and AMMK's TTV Dinakaran were among those present.

SC asks states...

which it had granted three months' time to them to provide rations cards to the labourers. The apex court said unnecessary delays were being caused by putting in impediments such as requiring eKYC of all 80 crore ration card-holders to be updated before the direction could be compiled with.

It directed that the ration cards must be issued irrespective of the quotas set under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

The top court was hearing an application filed by petitioners Anjali Bhardvaj, Harsh Mander and Jagdeep Chhokkar who had sought that ration to the migrant labourers be given irrespective of the quota of ration under the NFSA.

Advocates Prashant Bhushan and Cheryl D'Souza, representing the petitioners, pointed out that the coverage of persons getting rations under the NFSA is to be determined on the basis of the latest census.

The counsel said as the census of 2021 has not been undertaken, the coverage continues to be on the basis of the 2011 census even though population has increased - - thereby leading to exclusion of more than 10 crore people from the purview of the food security net.

The top court had earlier said the migrant workers play a very vital role in building the nation and their rights cannot be ignored.

It had also asked the Centre to devise a mechanism so that they receive food grains without ration cards.

Earlier, the top court had issued a slew of directions to the authorities on a plea of the three activists seeking welfare measures for migrant workers and ordered the states and the UTs to frame schemes for providing free dry rations to them till the Covid pandemic lasted and said the Centre will have to allocate additional food grains.

It had also directed the states and the UTs to register all establishments and license all contractors under the law and ensure that the statutory duty is imposed on the contractors to give particulars of migrant workers.

DGP reviews security...

in phases with the first phase 118-km Qazigund-Baramulla section commissioned in October 2009 followed by 18-km Banihal-Qazigund in June 2013 and 25-km Udhampur-Katra in July 2014. The work on the remaining railway line between Katra and Sangaldan is likely to be completed by May or June this year, the officials said.

The Director General of Police (DGP) reached Banihal railway station this afternoon and later conducted an inspection of the newly completed railway track before chairing a review meeting with senior railway and police officers at railway station Sangaldan, they said.

"I have come to review the security of this national prestigious project," said the police chief, who was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Ramban, SSP national highway traffic and railway, and government railway police officer.

Promotions on fake...

M.Sc. in Chemistry in the school for proper verification of the same. Thereafter, the petitioner thereafter approached the High Court, Jammu through a writ petition, bearing SWP No. 577/2003 titled Anita Sharma v/s State and Ors, which stands disposed off on April 22, 2008 with the direction, " Neeru Goswami, Dy. AG further submitted that in case the petitioner again applies for the sanction of extraordinary leave for study, then her application will be considered by the respondent-1 according to the rules within a period of three months. With regard to the prayer of the petitioner that her annual increment be released, the said relief has already been granted in her emoluments and charge allowance has been placed on record. In view of the statement of the learned deputy AG, this petition is disposed of."

In compliance with the aforementioned directions, charge allowance was released in favour of Anita Sharma from February 2004 to February 2006 but her annual increments during this period remained withheld for want of clarification regarding authenticity of her degree of M.Sc. in Chemistry which she had obtained from Magadh University.

Anita Sharma again approached the High Court through a medium of Contempt Petition, bearing CPSW No. 135/2008 titled Anita Sharma v/s G.A Peer and others, for non-compliance of court order of April 22, 2008 which is still pending for adjudication; and after examination, it came to fore that she had obtained her M.Sc. Degree in Chemistry from Magadh University, Bodh Gaya in one sitting examination which has created doubts regarding the validity/authenticity as well as applicability of the said degree in the UT of J&K.

The Directorate took up the matter with Registrar, University of Jammu as well as Secretary, Public Service Commission. J&K vide communications No. DSEJ/Legal/8815-16 dated 12.03.2019 and DSEJ/Legal/97/9704-05, dated March 18, 2019 respectively; and vide letter No. DSEJ/Legal/12144-45, dated March 25, 2019, the Directorate of School Education, Jammu had requested this Department to take up the matter with the Equivalence Committee constituted for the purpose in Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat. J&K, so as to verify the genuineness of the said degree.

In response, University of Jammu vide letter dated July 1, 2019 had apprised that there is no norm of one sitting examination for the whole time two year M.Sc Course in Chemistry in this University and for verification/authentication, the concerned University may be approached. Thereafter, vide letter No. DSEJ/Legal/32446 dated October 15, 2019. Directorate requested the Vice Chancellor, MAGADH University to make clarification regarding the genuineness of the M.Sc Degree in Chemistry obtained by the petitioner in one sitting and simultaneously, vide letter No. DSEJ/Legal/32445 dated October 15, 2019 again requested the Administrative Department to impart further instructions in the matter.

Meanwhile, the High Court on December 31, 2019 issued directions that "....Grant of annual increment to the petitioner rests on authentication and verification of the M.Sc Degree relied upon by the petitioner as issued by the MAGADH University, Bodh Gaya.

It was submitted by. Aseem Suhwey, counsel for the respondents, that the same is still awaited. Anita had placed reliance on the verification effected on the similar Degree issued to one Raman Chariyal.

And the case of Raman Chariyal, if the submission of the petitioner is correct and permissible, the government may adopt the similar procedure in the case of her as well."

The High Court on October 25, issued directions, which read inter-alia "Perusal of the order would reveals that the petitioner had to apply for the sanction of extra ordinary leave for study to be considered by respondent No.1 according to the rules within a period of three months. Accordingly to the counsel for the petitioner, an application in this regard had been submitted before the respondent No. 1, however, counsel for the petitioner is not aware of the status of the said application. Ravinder Gupta, AAG, appearing counsel for the respondents to verify the petition and report the same without filing any status or compliance report".

The after aforementioned direction and keeping in view the communication No.Edu/Legal/1/130/08. dated December 15, 2008 of Administrative Department, compliance report has been filed before the High Court on December 1, 2021, wherein, it has been stated that no representation had been received by the Administrative Department from the petitioner. However, an application dated May 12, 2008 was submitted by the petitioner for release of her annual increments and the Directorate of School Education, Jammu has now informed that the entire case file of the petitioner has been examined by the post facto committee and after thorough examination, the committee found that single sitting courses were discontinued by UGC with effect from 1998 onwards at PG level and further the students already registered were allowed to complete their course by June 30, 1999. therefore, the degree obtained by the petitioner in single sitting mode from Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, has no equivalence with the two year degree course as per UGC norms. Further, the information brochure of Post Graduate Programmes in Open and distance learning mode of Magadh University, Bihar clearly reflects the fact that the said university offered only PG in Humanities and no such course has been offered by the said University in Science Stream.

The said Teacher on the basis of this degree had already been promoted as Lecturer in Chemistry, then placed as Senior Lecturer and now promoted as look-after Principal in the School Education Department vide Government Order No. 32-JK-(Edu) of 2023 dated February 02.2023 and accordingly, adjusted in Higher Secondary School Sarna. Samba; and the Director School Education Jammu requested for review of the instant case and also review the case of Raman Chanyal as directed by the Court vide its order dated December 31, 2019 in view of example quoted by the petitioner that he had also obtained degree of M.Sc in Physics from the same university and also necessary instructions in the matter may kindly be imparted in order to proceed further accordingly.

On perusal of the marks sheet/degree of the petitioner (Anita Sharma) issued by Magadh University. Bodh Gaya, it has been found that she registered herself for the said course i.e. PG (Chemistry) under registration No. 133 of 1998 and appeared for the examination held on May 2002 and passed the same on March 6, 2003 (under single sitting). However; there is nothing mentioned anywhere in the marks sheet/degree awarded by the concerned University that the petitioner has passed the said course in regular or distance mode.

In respect of other private respondent namely Raman Chanyal as directed by the High Court, it is submitted that from perusal of the marks sheet/degree of Raman Chanyal issued by the Magadh University, Bodh Gaya registered himself for the course i.e. PG (Physics) under registration No. 5797 of 1996 and appeared for the examination held on May 2002 and passed the same on 15.12.2002 (under single sitting also). However, there is nothing mentioned anywhere in the marks sheet/degree awarded by the concerned University that the petitioner has passed the said course in regular or distance mode; and the University Grants Commission (UGC) vide its communication dated January 21, 1998 has already given directions on the issue of validity of M.A/M.Sc/M.Com Degree (one sitting) that:

"The Commission has considered the request and representation received from several candidates regarding the validity of M.A/M.Sc/M.Com Degree (one sitting) and decided that no University may be allowed to enroll candidates for one sitting M.A/M.Sc/M.Com from the academic year beginning in 1998 onwards and the students already registered may be allowed to complete their course by 30th June, 1998 and the degree awarded to these candidates up to that period may be treated as valid." And both the petitioner (Anita Sharma) as well as private respondent (Raman Chanyal) have passed their degrees in science stream (under single sitting) from the same University (Magadh University, Bodh Gaya) on March 06, 2003 and December 15, 2002 respectively i.e. after the cut off the date as fixed by the UGC (May 30, 1998). Hence, it reveals that both these degrees as obtained by petitioner as well as private respondent are not recognized in terms of aforementioned directions of the UGC; and presently the petitioner (Anita Sharma) has been promoted as look-after Principal vide Government Order No. 32-JK (Edu) of 2023 dated February 2, 2023 and accordingly, adjusted in Higher Secondary School, Sarna, Samba. Besides, the private respondent (Raman Chanyal) is presently working as Senior Lecturer in the Department on the basis of said degree; and

Whereas, the High Court, Jammu in the instant case (CPSW No. 135/2008, IA No. 2/2018, 1/2018. CM No. 1764/2019 (1/2019) 2127/2019 (2/2019) has issued following directions on May 29, 2023.

"In the interest of justice, one last and final opportunity is granted to the respondents to file statement of facts by or before the next date of hearing, failing which, respondents shall remain present before the Court on the next date of hearing; and

Whereas, reported by Director School Education Jammu in the communication No. DSEJ/Legal/12206-09, dated April 19, 2023 that the case of the petitioner was

examined by the post-facto committee which has reported as; and

"The committee found that single sitting courses were discontinued by UGC with effect from 1998 onwards at PG level and further the students already registered were allowed to complete their course by 30th June, 1999, therefore, the degree obtained by the petitioner in single sitting mode from Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, have no equivalence with the two year degree course as per UGC norms. Further; the information brochure of Post Graduate Programmes in Open and distance learning mode of Magadh University, Bihar clearly reflects the fact that the said university offered only PG in Humanities and no such course has been offered by the said University in Science Stream."

The government order states that the case was further examined and it was decided that the promotions granted to the petitioner Anita Sharma and the private respondent Raman Chanyal may be withdrawn on the basis of the report of the Directorate, and

Now, therefore based upon above facts of the case, it is hereby ordered that all the promotions which were granted to the petitioner (Anita Sharma) as well as the private respondent (Raman Chanyal) are hereby withdrawn ab-initio and they are reverted back to the posts of Teachers, the government order vide number CPSW No. 135/2008 titled Anita Sharma VS G A Peer and Others states.

Meanwhile, the Directorate of School Education has directed CEO Kathua to relieve Anita Sharma presently working as Principal in HSS Sarna, District-Samba and direct her to report to Chief Education Officer, Kathua for further adjustment as Teacher in District Kathua. Further, CEO Kathua is hereby also directed to direct Raman Chanyal presently working as Principal HSS Machhedhi to report to CEO office for adjustment as Teacher.

CB recovers Rs...

of the case was speeded up and thus team of Crime Branch, EOW, Jammu thoroughly analysed the suspected bank accounts of the accused. Soon after further clues were struck and the CB team conducted raids at several premises in Indore and Delhi and succeeded in recovering entire remaining misappropriated amount to the tune of rupees 1,10,00,000.00 which is a major breakthrough .

With this huge recovery made by Crime Branch Jammu, entire misappropriated amount of Jamkash Vehicleads Pvt Ltd has been recovered and further investigation is underway.

LG for increasing...

Chair was informed that the essential equipments have been procured and the facility will be made fully operational in the next few months.

Directions were issued for monitoring of the functioning of J&K Medical Supplies Corporation Limited and Drug de-addiction centres, and taking dedicated measures to control diseases like Tuberculosis (TB) and AIDS.

The Lt Governor also reviewed the human resources in Hospitals, Para Medical & Nursing Colleges. He directed that the vacant posts in SKIMS should be referred to JKSSB and PSC.

The meeting discussed important matters related to healthcare projects including Cancer Institute SKIMS, Srinagar; Bone & Joint Hospital Jammu; extension of Labour Room at SMGS Hospital, Jammu; Construction of 200 Bedded additional block at LD Hospital, Srinagar; Operationalization of Integrated Ayush Hospital at Harwan, and the achievements registered under National Health Mission and Ayushman Bhav campaign.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health; Administrative Secretaries; Principals of GMCs, HoDs and senior officials attended the meeting, in person and through virtual mode.

Two persons held...

allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases.

"They have a history of involvement in theft, snatching, smuggling of illicit liquor; and influencing youth negatively, posing a significant threat to public safety. Hussain is implicated in seven criminal cases in Poonch, while Mir is linked to seven separate criminal cases in Poonch and Rajouri districts," a police spokesperson said.

Police attaches drug...



Bugam area. "The action was taken under sections 68-E read with 68-F (1) of the NDPS Act of 1985 & is linked with case FIR No. 166/2015 U/S 8/15 of the NDPS Act & 77/2022 U/S 8/15 of the NDPS Act of PS Kulgam," the official said.

He said during the course of investigation, the property was identified as illegally acquired. "The property was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances by the drug peddler," he added.

Man crushed to death by train in Samba, probe on

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SAMBA: A 39-year-old man died after being run over by a goods train in Samba district on Tuesday, police said. It is yet to be ascertained if the victim committed suicide or was hit by the goods trains while crossing the railway tracks, they said.

The deceased has been identified as Dalbir Singh, a resident of Chandli Sumb village, based on an identity card found on him, the police said.

Singh's body was found by a patrolling party of the Government Railway Police near Nanak Chak around 6:30 am, they said. The body has been sent for post mortem and a case has been registered, they added.

Founder KoshurRAAG calls on Lt Governor

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Mattoo briefed the Lt Governor about the ongoing endeavours of his organization to promote the rich cultural heritage of Jammu Kashmir through music and related arts. Padma Shri Dr SP Varma and Vijay Thusn, Director KoshurRAAG were also present.

Indian woman, baby crossed the LoC, repatriated by Pak army

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POONCH: A woman and her minor daughter, who had inadvertently crossed over to Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK), were repatriated on Tuesday, officials said..

The two had crossed the border along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district. Shabnam Bi, 22, and her 1.5 years old daughter, Laiba Fatima, were handed over to the Indian Army by their Pakistani counterparts at a flag meeting at the Chakan Da Bagh crossing point this evening, officials said.

The two were received by Poonch Deputy Commissioner Yasin M Choudhary. On February 3, Ghulam Rubani of Salotri village located on the LoC had reported to police the crossing over of two people to the PoK.

Responding to the information, police filed a missing person report.

Subsequently, the district administration of Poonch took up the matter with PoK authorities through the Indian Army.

