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address the challenges faced by Divyangjan", he said.
The Lieutenant Governor said, "Divyangjan have immense potential to achieve extraordinary success in life. They are gifted and dedicated to bring positive change in the society. They are not seeking welfare but their rights provided by the constitution."
"I have always focussed on policies and decisions which prepare them in a manner that they integrated into the mainstream".

The Lieutenant Governor sought the support of all the stakeholders, civil society organisations to complete the education of Divyangjan in an inclusive environment. "Education is crucial for Divyangjan because it is the powerful medium which will provide them opportunities for employment and advancement", he said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that, today skilling is equally important for Divyangjan for their empowerment and to achieve their goals. He said, a multi-faceted approach for skilling and a multiple collaborative effort to make them self-reliant will help the Divyangjan to realise their full individual potential.

The Lieutenant Governor also made a special mention of Para-Archers, Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar. He said their incredible journeys, and sheer determination and unshakable willpower have become inspiration for all.

The Lieutenant Governor impressed upon the officials of Social Welfare Department and other stakeholders for making dedicated efforts for identification of beneficiaries and ensuring 100% saturation of Unique ID Cards for Divyangjan.

He said, the J&K Government has already requested the Government of India for organizing Two Mega Camps for Divyangjans one each in Jammu and Kashmir Division.

The event featured cultural performances and martial art demonstration by the children from Composite Regional Centre Jammu, Directorate of Social Welfare and various organizations. They also presented the Lieutenant Governor with the Mata Ki Churni of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and handmade flower pots and bouquets.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor felicitated officials and members of various organizations including Composite Regional Centre Jammu, Jigar foundation, Muskan Charitable Trust, Muskan Foundation Vijaypur, Swami Vivekanand Educational trust, Directorate of Social Welfare, Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (PWD), J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra Jammu, Voluntary Medicare Society Srinagar and Residential School for the Blinds Roopnagar Jammu.

A Pledge to safeguard the rights and interests of the Divyangjan was also administered.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare; Rupesh Kumar, Director, Social Welfare, Jammu; Iqbal Lone, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities; senior officials, Divyangjan, representatives of various NGOs and civil society members were present.

HIGHLIGHTS...

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Tulip garden in...

tulips of different colours have started to bloom, floriculture department officials said.

The department plants tulip bulbs in a phased manner so that the flowers remain in bloom for a month or more.

"The garden will be thrown open to the public on March 26," Asif Ahmad, assistant floriculture officer at the tulip garden, told PTI.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will throw open the garden, he added.

Preparations for the garden's opening are in full swing and final touches are being given to make it ready, Ahmad said.

The department has added two new varieties of tulips to the garden this year, he further said.

"We try something new for the tulip garden every year. We are coming up with a new colour scheme this year. We have added two new varieties of tulips, bringing the total number to 74," he added.

Other spring flowers such as hyacinths, daffodils, muscari, and cyclamens will also be on display.

About 17 lakh tulip bulbs have been planted in the garden that spreads over 55 hectares, Ahmad said.

"We have 1.7 million bulbs this year and the tourists will be able to see them bloom. The extension of the garden has reached almost its full capacity," he said.

The garden started on a small scale with 50,000 tulip bulbs imported from The Netherlands. It instantly gained popularity among tourists and has been steadily growing each year, both in terms of the number of visitors and the tulips that bloom.

More than 4.65 lakh visitors, both domestic and foreign, visited the garden last year while the footfall in 2023 was 3.65 lakh.

Police foils PHE...

A large number of police personnel prevented the protestors from marching beyond Shaheed Chowk.

The leaders of the daily wagers criticized the National Conference government for failing to address their long-pending issues of regularization and wage release despite making pre-election promises.

"For decades, many governments have deceived us. This is another deception. They gave us lollypop. The government's committee is just a delaying tactic. Such lollypops cannot support our families," a protesting leader told reporters.

Taking a dig at Chief Minister Abdullah, he said the National Conference leader ignores the poor daily wagers but can initiate an increase in salaries for the MLAs and their constituency development fund to Rs 4 crore.

"The MLAs should transfer their salaries to our department's wage account from which we receive our salaries," the protesters demanded.

The protests by them in the assembly does not matter to us, they said.

The Jammu and Kashmir government formed a six-member committee on Wednesday to examine issues related to the regularization of daily wage workers in the Union Territory.

Earlier on Tuesday, the chief minister announced a committee to address the regularization issue of daily wagers in Jammu and Kashmir and said that a roadmap would be prepared for presentation in the next budget session.

Terror associate detained...

Considering the threat posed by his activities, Ahmed was detained under the Public Safety Act and sent to jail, the officials said.

Prioritise criminal appeals...

already undergone. According to the prosecution, the accused had assaulted six people over the allegation of cutting the tail of a buffalo and one of them had later died.

The state's counsel had argued in the apex court that the accused were let off with the undergone sentence of only 76 days.

The bench noted that the trial court had convicted the accused in April 1994 and the appeal against the conviction remained pending for 21 years.

While dismissing the state's appeal, the bench said the medical evidence created a serious doubt as to whether the injuries allegedly inflicted by the accused caused the death that occurred 15 days after the incident.

JeM man from...

otherwise disturb the unity, integrity, peace and tranquillity of India," the court said in its order.

The prosecution material shows the involvement of Sheikh in the terrorist activities of banned terrorist organization JeM, the High Court said.

"Appellant was in contact with the members of banned terrorist organization JeM, who were operating from Pakistan," it said.

Prima facie, Sheikh was involved in the commission of preparatory acts for commission of a terrorist act, the HC said.

"The act attributed to appellant is sufficient to prima facie hold that he was committing acts, which were preparatory in nature in order to commit a terrorist act," HC said.

The bench also relied on the Call Detail Records (CDR) of numbers from Pakistan and Sheikh's cellphone number which showed he was in contact with the members of banned terrorist organization JeM operating from Pakistan.

Sheikh is currently lodged in Nagpur Central Jail.

As per the prosecution, Sheikh had also allegedly planned to conduct a reece of the RSS headquarters located in the Malhal area of Nagpur but couldn't do so.

In the bail plea filed through advocate Nihalsingh Rathod, Sheikh had claimed there was no evidence to prove he was conducting a reece of the places concerned for any unlawful activity.

Sheikh's activities do not fall under the purview of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), his lawyer argued in the court.

Government pleader Devendra Chauhan told the court there was ample material to show Sheikh was associated with the banned terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

His activities were in furtherance of a future terrorist attack and, therefore, it would be covered under the definition of a terrorist act under the UAPA, Chauhan said.

The purpose of the act (reece) was not to wait till the outcome of the final action, but even preparatory actions are held as terrorist acts, he said.

His coming to Nagpur was not natural, Chauhan said, adding the accused had no relatives or business purpose and other factors which could say that his visit was natural.

He also brought to the notice of the court the statements of autrickshaw drivers and staffers of the hotel that the accused used.

Chauhan also told the court the data related to the calls made by the accused outside the country were also available.

As per the police probe, Sheikh's target was to conduct a reece of the six lanes connecting the RSS headquarters. However, after observing a huge number of police personnel deployed for security, he did not dare to enter the lanes.

After getting concrete evidence from Jammu and Kashmir police and intelligence agencies, a case under UAPA was registered against Sheikh at Kotwali police station.

Three arrested under...

criminal activities in Jammu.

A team apprehended Ghulam Haider, a resident of village Lohai in Kathua's Malhar Tehsil, for being a habitual offender allegedly involved in various illegal and anti-national activities in the region, police officials said.

Similarly, another police team arrested Mohd Saleem of village Badnota Moraha in the Lohai Malhar Tehsil for his alleged habitual involvement in illegal and anti-national activities, they added.

To curb their unlawful activities in the district, dossiers were prepared against both individuals and submitted to the district magistrate, Kathua, for their detention under PSA.

Following approval, the district magistrate issued detention warrants, leading to their detention and subsequent transfer to jails in Udhampur and Jammu, police officials said.

In another development aimed at maintaining public order and ensuring citizens' safety, police detained Happy Choudhary alias Guggli, a resident of the Hakkal village of Jammu, under the provisions of the PSA, they added.

Happy Choudhary is a notorious criminal with a history of violent offenses, including attempt to murder, snatching.

CUJ organizes Thursday mind meet

JAMMU: The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the Central University of Jammu successfully conducted an insightful and engaging session on

"Shifting Paradigms: From Traditional NLP Approaches to Large Language Models (LLMs)" as part of the Thursday Mind Meet series. Organized under the visionary leadership of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, the event provided a platform for meaningful discussions on the latest advancements in Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Artificial Intelligence (AI). His unwavering support and guidance played a crucial role in making this session a reality.

The session focused on key topics such as corpora, sentiment analysis, and the transformative role of Large Language Models (LLMs) in reshaping AI-driven language processing. It commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, who introduced the theme and highlighted its significance in the evolving AI landscape. Prof. Vandana Sharma, the event convener, played an essential role in coordinating the session.

The discussion featured valuable insights from a distinguished panel of experts from the university. Prof. Dinesh Kumar traced the evolution of NLP from rule-based approaches to AI-driven models, emphasizing the role of corpora in training machine learning models and the importance of high-quality datasets. Dr. Bhavna Arora, Associate Professor, Department of CSE, and Dr. Harman Kour, Assistant Professor, Department of CSE, shared research on AI's applications in language understanding and generation, with a particular focus on sentiment analysis and its impact on industries such as social media monitoring and customer feedback analysis. Adding a fresh perspective, Ph.D. scholar Neha, M.Tech student Akansha, and B.Tech students Ashish, Sasha, and Arshiya explored the potential of Large Language Models in tasks such as text generation, machine translation, and context-aware language comprehension.

The discussion was expertly moderated by Ms. Viswaja Gellanki, ensuring a lively and thought-provoking exchange of ideas. The event saw enthusiastic participation from B.Tech, M.Tech, and Ph.D. students, who engaged with the panelists through thought-provoking questions. Key discussions revolved around the ethical implications of sentiment analysis, bias in corpora, and the challenges of regulating LLMs in real-world applications.

The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Palak Mahajan, Assistant Professor, Department of CSE, who acknowledged the panelists, participants, and the organizing team for their efforts. Faculty members, students, and scholars from various departments attended the event, making it a valuable learning experience. As AI continues to evolve, discussions like these play a crucial role in bridging academia with technological advancements. The Central University of Jammu remains dedicated to fostering research, innovation, and knowledge-sharing in the field of artificial intelligence and natural language processing.

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Properties worth Rs 75 lakh of notorious drug peddlers attached

ANANTNAG: As part of its ongoing crackdown against drug trafficking, Police in Anantnag on Friday attached properties worth Rs 75 lakhs belonging to two notorious drug peddlers under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Acting under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act, police attached a cement-concreted plinth along with one Kanal of land belonging to Tariq Ahmad Lone son of Mohd Maqbool Lone resident of Satripora.

The property, valued at approximately Rs 60 lakhs, was identified as illegally acquired through drug trafficking. The accused is involved in FIR No. 48/2019 under Section 8/20 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Srigufwara.

In a separate action, Police Station Bijbehara attached commercial shops belonging to Gulzar Ahmad Rather, son of Gh. Rasool Rather, resident of Waghama. The attachment was made in connection with FIR No. 227/2024 under Section 8/20 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Bijbehara. The property, valued at Rs 15 lakhs, was confirmed as proceeds of drug-related activities.

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Two notorious drug peddlers booked under PIT NDPS Act

ANANTNAG: In a continued crackdown on drug trafficking and efforts to eliminate the drug menace from society, Police on Friday booked two notorious drug peddlers under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act in Anantnag and Kulgam after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authorities.

In Anantnag, the accused Ishfaq Ahmad Mir, son of Showkat Ahmad Mir, resident of Sirhama Srigufwara was found actively involved in drug peddling, posing a significant threat to public health and safety. After a thorough investigation and collection of substantial evidence, necessary approvals were obtained from the competent authority for his detention under the PIT NDPS Act. Following due legal procedures, the accused has been lodged at Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, preventing him from continuing his illegal activities.

In Kulgam, the notorious drug peddler namely Ghulam Nabi Wagay, son of Ghulam Ahmad Wagay, resident of Gundipora, Qazigund was being booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority, subsequently lodged in District Jail Udhampur.

The aforementioned drug peddler is a habitual offender, involved in Case FIR No. 02/2023 & 27/2023 of Police Station Kund.

Despite having been bound down under preventive measures repeatedly, Ghulam Nabi Wagay persisted with his involvement in illegal drug trafficking, posing a grave threat to the society, especially the youth.

He is a key figure in the narcotics trade, procuring drugs from various sources and selling them at higher prices, primarily targeting the youth of Kund and other adjacent areas.

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Two individuals apprehend with 3.6 Kgs of Charas-like Substance

RAJOURI: In a significant operation against drug trafficking, Rajouri Police apprehended two individuals at a Naka checking point near ITI Sunderbani. Acting on routine checking protocols, a police team from Police Station Sunderbani intercepted a private vehicle (ECCO) with registration number JK11D/8341 traveling from Jammu to Rajouri.

Upon searching the vehicle, approximately 3.6 kilograms of a charas-like narcotic substance was recovered from the suspects. The apprehended individuals have been identified as Liaqat Hussain, son of Gulam Hussain, resident of Kotdihara, Rajouri and Aftab Hussain, son of Fazal Hussain, resident of Sarano, Rajouri.

Following the discovery, a case (FIR No. 15/2025) has been registered under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act at Police Station Sunderbani, and investigations are underway.

Authorities have initiated a detailed probe to uncover the backward and forward linkages of the drug network, aiming to dismantle the broader supply chain involved in trafficking such narcotics.

Rajouri Police reiterated their commitment to combating the drug menace and urged citizens to actively participate in the fight against drug-related crimes.

Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activities or individuals to their nearest police station, ensuring a safer community for all.

2 missing girls traced, reunited with families

DODA: Doda Police has constituted special police teams for tracing of the missing Persons. The dedicated police teams by making the best possible efforts traced 02 missing girls from different areas of the District. The detail of traced girls is as :-

A girl resident of Cheera Tehsil Phagsoo District Doda, missing report was entered in PS Thathri on 19-03-2025 and another girl resident of Kharangal Tehsil Gandoh missing, report was entered in PS Gandoh on 21.03.2025.

With continuous strenuous efforts, police teams of PS Gandoh and Thathri headed by their SHOs Insp Shahnavaz Giri and Insp Suresh Gautam have succeeded in tracing the missing girls from different areas within shortest possible time and reuniting them with their families after completing legal formalities. These missing reports have been closed accordingly.

SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta said that Doda Police will continue to strive hard and trace all the missing persons by making the best possible efforts in each and every case leaving no stone unturned. The general public has appreciated the role of Doda Police for tracing out the missing lady.

Jammu police strikes again; Tractor Trolleys, Tipper seized under 'Operation Ploughing'

JAMMU: Jammu Police remains resolute in its crackdown on illegal mining and criminal activities in South Zone Jammu, continuing its proactive enforcement under Operation Ploughing. In the latest action within the past 24 hours, Police Post (PP) Belicharana seized a Tractor Trolley and a Tipper involved in illegal mining operations. Simultaneously, PP Gadigarh apprehended another Tractor Trolley engaged in similar unlawful activities.

These decisive actions, executed under the clear directions of SSP Jammu and the overall supervision of SP City South and SDPO South. The vehicles were found engaging in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, contributing to severe ecological damage and environmental degradation in the region. The DMO Jammu has been informed, and necessary legal proceedings are underway.

Jammu Police stands tall and firm in an unwavering manner in its dedication to protect natural resources besides ensuring law and order. Operation Ploughing will continue with intensified operations, leaving no room for violators to escape legal consequences.

The citizens and netizens have widely appreciated the result oriented efforts of Jammu police.

Tree plantation drive organised at Lam

RAJOURI, Mar 21: The Indian Army organised a tree plantation drive at Lam on Friday. The campaign was aimed at promoting tree plantation, environmental conservation, improve air quality and support biodiversity.

With a vision to create a greener and healthier nation, the campaign engaged local volunteers and government entities to work collectively towards safeguarding the environment for future generations. The locals paid keen interest and actively participated in the tree plantation event.

This campaign is a call to action for every individual to become a custodian of our environment.

By planting trees today, we are securing a vibrant and sustainable future for generations to come and sowings the seeds of change for better tomorrow.

As we embark on this journey towards a greener and healthier future, the tree plantation campaign invites everyone to come together and take ownership of our environment.

During the campaign a total of 24 saplings were planted by the Indian Army with an aim to increase the Green Cover in the region and persuade people to curb deforestation and promote a clean and green future. A total of 18 students and 03 teachers actively participated in the event.