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We must dedicate ourselves to the service of mankind with responsibility, compassion, and utmost sensitivity and make the healthcare facilities easily accessible to all, observed the Lt Governor.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also called upon departments implementing various social welfare schemes to be proactive to the needs and issues of the elderly. "It is the responsibility of all to make them aware of this new facility which is available in the district hospital. The success of this historic initiative will be fully realized when no person has to wander for treatment, and the administration itself reaches out to the needy", he underscored.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor congratulated the Health functionaries for establishing special care wards for elderly patients and called for effective utilization of the said facility.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary emphasized on creation of old-aged care homes, on similar lines to Palliative & Geriatric Care with a 360-degree approach for better care of the elderly population. He further suggested healthy competition amongst the hospitals in terms of maintenance and patient experience.

Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, in his welcome address, underscored the efforts of the department for creating Palliative/Geriatric Care facilities in all District Hospitals of the UT of J&K.

Dr Saleem Ur Rehman, Director General, Family Welfare MCH & Immunization presented the Vote of Thanks.

Choudhary Mohammad Yasin, Mission Director National Health Mission; Anshul Garg, DC Jammu; Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Principal GMC; Dr Shakti Gupta, Director AIIMS Jammu; Medical Superintendents and Doctors from all Districts of the UT were present on the occasion, in person and through virtual mode, at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar.

NIA announces Rs...

Tuesday evening. There was no injury in the incident and she managed to escape. The woman was caught on CCTV installed at various places across the valley and later her identity was established after police talked to various sources spread across the apple-town of Sopore as well as adjacent Handwara district.

The 38-year-old Akhtar has two cases registered against her which included one in 2021 for pasting posters of banned Lashker-e-Taiba terror group in Handwara of north Kashmir.

Officials said that terror groups, facing heat from the security forces, have now been engaging women over ground workers for carrying out their nefarious designs which include hurling grenades or acting as couriers.

A class 10 passout from Hanafia school, Akhtar was arrested by Jammu and Kashmir Police in 2021. She is out on bail since December last year.

Several raids were carried out and Sopore police was actively working on nabbing her. She was, however, arrested by Sopore Police, Inspector General of Police (Kashmir range) Vijay Kumar said, adding, there are three FIRs registered under UAPA against her.

He told PTI that she had been working as an over ground worker of LeT. "We have been noticing employing of women by terror group of late. Last year, two burka-clad women assisted terrorists in an attack on residential guard of a BJP worker in the outskirts of Srinagar city at Nowgam in which we lost one policeman.

"Some more such women are on police's radar and we have been handling with them professionally," the IGP said.

J&K records significant...

respect of petrol, diesel and ATF. In a remarkable accomplishment, the growth of revenue in the stamp duty collection has shown a steep hike of 56.12 per cent as the total collection made have reached Rs. 425.00 crore against Rs. 272.22 crore recorded during the last fiscal. Likewise, collections made in the excise duty have been to the tune of Rs. 1,760.74 crore against Rs. 1,353.81 crore collected during the financial year 2020-21 thereby recording a substantial growth of 30 per cent. The impressive tax revenue generated during 2021-22 indicates revival and recovery

of business and trade activities in the Union Territory. "Proper planning, monitoring and effective implementation of Tax statutes in the Union Territory coupled with government's initiatives of bringing transparency and accountability in the system have tremendously contributed towards scaling up the momentum of collection of Tax Revenue.

DCC member, BDC...

in Rajouri. He said they will join the party that helps in granting Paharis the Scheduled Tribe status.

Mir accused the Congress of creating roadblocks in the way of the Pahari community getting the status thus "forcing us to quit the party".

Govt sanctions release...

"Budget Announcements" for the year 2022-23 are included in the Works Plan on priority and progress achieved on this account shall be reviewed periodically.

All the spillover and ongoing works/activities which are expected to be completed during the year 2022-23 or at the most in succeeding year, shall be the first charge on Capex Budget 2022-23, it stated and added only rarely a project should be undertaken involving more than two financial years.

"In terms of Rule-136(l) of GFR, no works shall be commenced or liability incurred in connection with it until administrative approval has been obtained from the appropriate authority in each case, sanction to incur expenditure has been obtained from the competent authority, a properly detailed design has been sanctioned; while designing the projects etc, principles of Life Cycle cost may also be considered, estimates containing the detailed specifications and quantities of various Items have been prepared on the basis of the Schedule of Rates maintained by PWD or other Public Works Organizations and sanctioned, funds to cover the charge during the year have been provided by competent authority, tenders invited and processed in accordance with rules and a Work Order issued," reads an order.

"Each work should be 100% physically verified and third party test inspections shall be conducted in respect of high value works," it stated and added "The photographs with Geo-coordinates should be uploaded through "PROOF" application and the e-tenders shall be invited for the entire project cost."

The Departments shall initiate the e-tendering process immediately in the month of April, 2022 and shall ensure that each e-WIT must be issued by or before 30th April, 2022, it stated adding that the Departments shall ensure that the exercise of tendering is carried out in a time bound manner and all the tendering processes must be concluded by or before 31st May, 2022.

The executing agency shall ensure that the component of "Land Compensation" must form the part of the technically vetted DPRs and funds for the said component shall be released as part of the project/work.

"The Works Plan of the Department must be based on tangible outcomes and the impact report indicating the number of works completed and the numbers of people benefited shall be furnished to Finance Department periodically," it added.

All the Departments/DCCs shall ensure the submission of information/Works Plan on the e-mail address directorgeneralbudget@gmail.com within the stipulated time; The expenditure shall be made strictly in accordance with GFR 2017 and Manual for Procurement of Works, 2019.

"All the procurements of Goods and Services shall be made through GeM portal in terms of relevant provisions of GFR 2017, Manual for Procurement of Goods 2017 and Manual for Procurement of Consultancy and other Services 2017," the order stated and added "No diversion shall be made under any pretext unless expressly authorized by the Finance Department and all the Director Finance(s)/FA & CAO(s) shall monitor the expenditure on BEAMS and furnish the expenditure statements before 5th of following month for monthly review by the Finance Department."

The funds so released shall be utilized by the concerned authority only for the purpose specified after observing all prerequisite formalities/ procedures as per GFR and shall not be available for further re-appropriation/ diversion at any level and for any reason whatsoever.

The Departments shall ensure that the expenditure out of allotted funds, are made in stipulated time-frame within the quarter(s) for which the funds have been released.

All Departments shall ensure uniform pace of expenditure during the financial year 2022-23. The overall ceiling of 30% expenditure shall be maintained during the last quarter of the financial year 2022-23. The expenditure during the last month of the

financial year 2022-23 shall be restricted to 15% of the budget allocation. "The ban on engagement on casual workers, need based workers etc shall continue to be in force," it stated and added that the capital outlay shall not be used for revenue expenditure.

The funds shall not be utilized for the schemes/projects approved for funding through JKIDFC under languishing project scheme.

These projects/schemes shall be excluded from UT Capex/District Capex Budget or any other scheme/sector.

Petrol, diesel prices...

This is the ninth increase in prices since the ending of a four-and-half-month long hiatus in rate revision on March 22.

In all, petrol and diesel prices have gone up by Rs 6.40 per litre each.

Govt asks telcos...

corona pre-call announcements and caller tunes to the operators. "In this regard, the approval of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is received for withdrawal of the caller tunes with immediate effect," it said.

Accordingly, the telecom service providers have been asked to withdraw all the corona pre-call announcements and caller tunes issued by DoT from time to time. The government had earlier received representations that the audio clips have served their intended purpose and were delaying critical calls during emergencies.

Over 20 houses...

brought the blaze under control. Two fire brigade personnel suffered injuries while fighting the fire, the officials said, adding at least 20 residential houses were damaged in the blaze.

Two houses were damaged in another fire incident in the Rajouri Kadal area of the city late last night, the officials said.

The cause of fire in both the incidents is being ascertained, they said.

Eight doctors repatriated...

Health and Medical Education Department of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for further posting after relieving by the competent authority in the Union Territory of Ladakh," reads the order.

Consequently, the seven doctors of the Jammu and Kashmir Health and Family Welfare (Gazetted) Service and Jammu and Kashmir Indian System of Medicines (Gazetted) Service have been deputed to the Union Territory of Ladakh for further posting.

They include Dr Rincham Angmo, Dr Nawang Stanzin, Dr Thinless Gyalpo, Dr Mohd Hussain Wazir, Dr Syed Ifikar Hussain, Dr Rubia Bano and Dr Syed Abid Nabi (all medical officers). They shall be deemed to have been relieved with immediate effect and shall report in the General Administration Department, Union Territory of Ladakh for further postings.

2,100 people availed...

to Srinagar, 614 travelled on the IAF-operated service from Srinagar to Kargil," they said.

The officials said 316 passengers travelled from Kargil to Jammu and 903 passengers made the journey from Jammu to Kargil.

This year, tickets to the service were made available online by the information technology department of the union territory of Ladakh.

The 'Kargil Courier' service was launched to ensure winter connectivity for the people of Kargil who are cut off from the rest of the country due to the blockade of the road to Srinagar caused by heavy snowfall.

17 new COVID...

fresh cases, two were reported from the Jammu division and 15 from the Kashmir division, according to the officials.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of new cases at 12, followed by two in Jammu district. Fifteen of the 20 districts in the Union Territory did not report any new cases.

There are 151 active COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir. So far, 4,48,836 people have recovered from the disease, officials said.

CRIME REPORT

Notorious drug peddler detained under PIT NDPS Act

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KULGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, a notorious drug peddler was detained under PIT NDPS Act in Kulgam. A habitual offender and notorious drug peddler namely Sheeraz Ahmad Lone alias Sheer Khan, son of Mohammad Ramzan Lone, resident of Tungduno, Yaripora was arrested for his involvement in narcotic crime. He was detained under PIT NDPS Act through orders issued by Div Com Kashmir. The drug peddler has been lodged in District Jail Kathua to prevent him from committing any such offence.

4 houses gutted in Poonch

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Four houses were gutted in fire at Gagarin Chool area in Poonch on Thursday. As per details, houses belonging to Basheer Ahmed, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ghulam Rasool and Javed Ahmed caught fire, after which fire tenders rushed to the area to contain fire. The cause of fire was not immediately known.

Minor raped, case registered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MIRAN SAHIB: A minor was raped in Miran Sahib area on Thursday, however police has registered a case and started investigation. As per details, a man resident of Simbal Morh lodged a complaint with police that one Rahul, who is his neighbor, has raped his minor daughter. Acting on complaint, police after getting conducted medical examination of victim, has registered a case for investigation.

Fire breaks out in jungle near Vaishno Devi battery-car track

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: A fire broke out in jungle area of Trikuta hills where Mata Vaishno Devi shrine is located. As a precautionary measure, Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has sent fire tenders to douse the blaze. As per details, at around 11:30 AM on Thursday morning, smoke was observed coming out of forests near Devi Dwar area, adjoining battery-car road. Although there was no effect of incident on Yatra but few devotees had to face some inconveniences due to emanating smoke. To prevent fire from spreading further, officers of Shrine Board Administration along with and Jawans of Fire Department, Disaster Management Team and Police started fire-fighting operation, and after three hours, the fire was doused.

Man held with intoxicating injections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Police on Thursday nabbed a man and recovered intoxicating capsules from his possession. As per details, Talab Tillo police during Naka checking in the area, intercepted a suspect and during frisking recovered intoxicating injections from his possession. The accused, identified as Rohit Sharma, resident of Kabir Colony, was arrested on the spot and case under relevant sections of law has been registered.

Police recovers ancient idol of Vishnu, hands-over to Archaeological Department



an ancient old idol of Bhagwan Vishnu and handed it over to the Archaeological Department.

Pulwama Police received information from residents of Lelhar village in Kakapora Pulwama that some locals had detected an idol, which is believed to be of 'Three-Headed Vishnu'. On receipt of information, a team from Police Station Kakapora rushed to the spot and took the old idol into possession, after which Archaeological team was informed regarding the same. The said idol was handed over to Archaeological Survey Department of India after completing all legal formalities. The source of the idol is not known yet. Latest reports suggested that efforts are still on to dig and excavate more such idols, which can be decades old.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
PULWAMA: Police on Thursday recovered

GDC Marheen organises webinar to mark Cyber Jagrukta Diwas



Faculty along with resource persons during the programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Department of Computer Applications, Government Degree College, Marheen on Thursday organised a webinar on Online Cyber Crimes (Forgery & Fraud) under the series of "Cyber Jagrukta Diwas", to strengthen the cyber security for the prevention of cyber crime.

The programme was held under the patronage of the College Principal Prof. Dr. Romilla Malla Bhat. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal lauded the

Ministry of Home Affairs and Higher Education Department J&K for implementing the scheme called "Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)" to deal with cyber crime in a coordinated and comprehensive manner. She laid emphasis on organizing such awareness programmes on regular intervals to educate the students to use safe and secure online platforms. Prof. Anoop Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and IT, GDC Kathua, the Resource

Senior Citizens Welfare Forum honours Patron DST

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: 89th general body meeting of Senior Citizens Welfare Forum Katra (Regd.) was held at PWD Guest House Katra which was chaired by its President Shiv Kumar Sharma and proceedings were conducted by Channay Ram, Executive Member of the forum.

Special attraction of the meeting was Nidhi Dogra Sharma, Patron and founder member of Dogra Samraj Trust (DST) Mumbai and prominent Social Activist who accompanied by her team members attended



Forum members honoring Nidhi Dogra Sharma and her team at Katra.

Person, deliberated about Cyber crime and its kinds, Phishing, Identity theft, cyber crime information, cyber bullying, cyber stalking, cyber rights, etc. The session was very interactive as both faculty and students actively participated in the programme. Over 80 participants attended the webinar. Prof Deepak Gupta presented vote of thanks and advised the participants to inform friends and family members about the emerging need of Cyber Security.

The event was organized by a Committee constituted for Cyber Jagrukta (Awareness) Divas comprising Prof Deepak Gupta (Convener), Prof Yash Paul Sharma, Pardeep Kumar (PTI), Prof Shikha and Prof Sonika Jasrotia. The webinar was also attended by College faculty members including Prof. Mukhtiar, Prof. Reemi, Prof. Uma, Prof. Preeti, Prof. Kajal, Prof. Sheetal and Prof. Nayreen.

SKPA Udhampur accords farewell to retirees



Mohan Lal, SSP, DD (Indoor/Trg.) along with retirees and other officials during the event.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: On attaining the age of superannuation Onkar Singh Sub-Inspector, Om Parkash Assistant Sub-Inspector and Munshi Ram Follower were given warm send off from the Police Academy Udhampur on Thursday. Mohan Lal, SSP, DD (Indoor/Trg.) was the Chief Guest on the occasion who appreciated the services rendered by them in the J&K Police in general and Police Academy

in particular. He on behalf of Dr. S.D. Singh, ADGP/Director SKPAU extended warm regard to the family members who were also present in the function and also wished them a healthy and prosperous post-retirement life of the employee. Among others Ramesh Kataria Private Secretary to Director & Sanmati Gupta Dy.SP Assistant Director (Q) were also present on the occasion.

SSP Doda holds meeting with retired police personnel



SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom along with other officials and retired cops during the meeting.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: In order to know the welfare, wellness and grievances of retired Police Personnel, SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom along with SP Hqs Doda, Master Popsy & Dy.SP DAR Doda, Shoket Ali held a meeting at District Police Lines Doda on Thursday which was attended by nearly 40 retired police personnel of District Doda. While speaking on occasion, the participants highly appreciated and thanked for organising the meeting of retired police personnel to know their welfare, besides listening of their grievances and issues. In the meeting the retirees highlighted many issues and demands which includes 50 per cent reservation for wards of retired /Martyred police personnel in J&K Police recruitment; establishment of skill development institute at regional level to facilitate skill development training in various streams to wards of retired/retiring police personnel; provision of tour programme once in a year for retirees; providing of bank loan facility especially housing loan, education loan against minimum loan interest on the pattern of CAPP being provided to them by State Bank of India and engagement of unemployed wards of retired police personnel as SPOs in Police department. A patient hearing was given to the issues and suggestions put forth by the retirees in the meeting and SSP Doda while addressing on the occasion assured them that their issues and suggestions will be taken up at appropriate level and all efforts will be made to redress the grievances of retirees.