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### Delimitation Commission concludes...

general public, public representatives, social workers and members of political parties utilised this opportunity and highlighted their demands/suggestions/grievances before the commission which were duly noted by the commission.

The Commission informed the participants that the Delimitation exercise of Jammu and Kashmir has been carried out by the commission in a record time of two years despite the prevalence of Covid-19 pandemic in the country. It further noted that the entire exercise has been carried out as per the provisions of the Delimitation Act 2002 and the J&K Reorganization Act 2019, keeping in view population, public conveniences, communication facilities, geographical compactness of the areas as well as the existing administrative boundaries while delimiting the constituencies.

It was also mentioned that the commission is mandated under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act 2019 to increase the Assembly constituencies from existing 83 to 90. The commission for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir has proposed to reserve nine seats for the Scheduled Tribes and in addition to it, seven seats have been proposed to be reserved for Scheduled Castes.

The members of the public largely appreciated the efforts of Delimitation Commission and expressed their satisfaction on the entire exercise and termed it fully democratic and transparent process which will benefit the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Delimitation Commission assured the delegations who called on the Commission in Jammu as well as Srinagar that the commission shall consider their genuine suggestions/grievances sympathetically in accordance with the Delimitation Act.

The Commission is headed by its Chairperson, Justice (Retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai with Chief Election Commissioner, Sushil Chandra and State Election Commissioner, K.K Sharma as its members. The five members of Lok Sabha from J&K are its associate members.

### J&K registers record...

degradation. We are addressing the concerns of small and marginal farmers, and instead of narrow silos, agriculture & allied sector is being developed to ensure farm sustainability for the farmers", the Lt Governor said.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making organic farming a mass movement, the Lt Governor urged the farming community to pay more attention to diversification along with shift to organic farming.

He stressed that this integrated approach in agriculture can only facilitate sustainability and growth, thereby achieving Gram Swaraj and Anna Swaraj.

The Lt Governor also underlined the importance of harnessing the full potential of organic farming, and utilizing local resources, besides developing the infrastructure keeping in mind the requirements of the national and international markets.

This year's budget of the UT has a huge allocation of Rs 2835 crore for the agriculture sector and Rs 646 crore for the horticulture sector. For the development of the dairy and sheep sector, Rs 392 crore has been allocated to bring positive changes in the lives of the farming community, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor noted that collective efforts are being made to bring down the usage of fertilizers. Subsidy is being provided to the entrepreneurs under One District One Product, and dairy industry, besides nine lakh farmers will be provided with improved quality seeds. We also aim to add another two lakh metric tonnes into the food processing and storage capacity, he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor called upon the officials and agricultural scientists to consistently disseminate relevant and authentic information to the farmers regarding the organic farming so that small and marginal farmers can also take advantage of it.

Whilst the incentives of government facilitate move towards sustainability, our agricultural scientists must look forward to develop technologies that enhance productivity and at the same time maintain the fertility of land, besides focusing on increasing production of oilseeds, expansion of micro-irrigation facilities and use of high yielding seeds on priority basis, added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor further advised scientists to publish their research findings in vernacular languages making it easily accessible for the local farming community and maximum percolation of knowledge from universities to farms.

Earlier, the Lt Governor conferred Krishak Rattan and entrepreneurial awards to Padma Shri Bharat Bhushan Tyagi, Javed Ahmed, Sham Singh Chowdhary, Sanjay Kumar and Dinkar Kaushal for their contribution in natural farming.

He also laid the foundation stone for the International Family Hostel at SKUAST and visited various stalls put up by the Startups.

Prof. J.P. Sharma, VC, SKUAST-Jammu in his address lauded the Lt Governor for promoting innovation, incubation, start up, national saffron mission, high density plantation, custom hiring, central machinery bank, value addition, processing, marketing and transportation of perishable agriculture produce at reasonable rates for hand holding and increasing income of the farmers of the UT.

It is time to take big steps, take agriculture out of labs, and associate it with nature, he added.

The VC also thanked the Lt Governor for new KVK's, grant of new Faculties along with positions and infrastructural development of the Agrivarsity. He said that for the last one and a half years, the university has released 21 varieties of crops for the region.

Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Dean, School of Life Sciences, Central University, Dharamshala, H.P., in his address, highlighted the importance of organic and natural farming to meet the needs of the people.

A.K. Sood, CGM, NABARD, said that NABARD is consistently working in its endeavour to promote sustainability in agriculture through sustainable and equitable agriculture and rural development.

During the inaugural session, Souvenir of the convention; Postal Card of Jammu Basmati-118, besides two publications - "Jammu Khite Ch Rai Bai" and "Jewik Paristhlio me Sabzio me Ful Makhi Praband" were released by the dignitaries.

Earlier, Gajendra Singh, Former National Convenor Agrivision highlighted the initiatives taken by Agrivision to raise the voice for agricultural reforms and fostering links between agricultural students and farmers.

Dr. A.P. Singh, Organizing Secretary of the convention presented the welcome address, while proceedings were conducted by Deepak Pandey and vote of thanks was presented by Radhe Shyam Kumawat.

Prof. R.K. Sinha, VC SMVDU; Prof. Beehan Lal, VC, Cluster University of Jammu; Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, VC, SKUAST-Kashmir; Prof. N.S. Rathore, VC, MPUAT, Udaipur; Prof. B.R. Kamboj, VC, HAU, Hissar; Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, VC NEIHU, Shillong; D V Mahesh Chief Postmaster General (CPMG), JK&K, Circle; Dr. Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Anshul Garg, DC Jammu; HoDs; statutory officers of the University, Heads of Divisions, staff members, a large number of farmers and students were present on the occasion.

### Govt teacher suspended...

The corporal punishment is banned in schools, daycare, alternative child care institutions etc, the order stated and added, "Hurting a child amounts to a crime and can make a person liable for punishment under sections 323, 325, 352 & 506 of IPC."

## CRIME REPORT

### 2 arrested for illegal mining, 2 tippers seized

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Police on Tuesday arrested two persons and seized 2 vehicles for illegal mining and extraction of minerals.

As per details, officers from Police Station Khansahib during patrolling near Nallah Shali-Ganga, arrested two persons and seized 2 Tippers involved in illegal mining and extraction of minerals from Nallah Shali-Ganga, who were identified as Shahmawaz Ahmed Sheikh, son of Ghulam Rasool Sheikh, resident of Drager Khansahib and Mohammad Maqbool Najar, son of Sona-ullah Najar, resident of Lamilab Muqipathri. Accordingly, case under relevant sections of law was registered and further investigation initiated.

### Notorious bovine smuggler arrested

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Police on Tuesday arrested a notorious bovine smuggler who was on run.

As per details, on intervening night of November 3-4, 2021, a report was received that some bovine smugglers in Mahindra Pick-up were moving around suspiciously and also attempted to lift stray bovines. However, SPO Milkhi Ram of Police Station Akhnoor, who was on patrolling duty, immediately swung into action and tried to stop culprits from taking bovines. The accused pre-



"Section 23 of the JJ ACT, 2000 states that whoever having charge of the child, assaults a child, is punishable with imprisonment which may extend to six months or fine or both," it stated.

"Pending enquiry into the incident Nisar Ahmed teacher is placed under suspension and attached with ADC Kotranka till further orders," the order reads.

It further stated, "Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kotranka is appointed as Inquiry officer to enquire into the incident."

He has been asked to specifically look into the points as to whether it is true that the child was beaten; the specific reason for beating the child; the material used for beating the child (stick, rod, scale, hands, legs etc) and whether this is the first child beaten by the teacher or earlier other students were also beaten.

The inquiry officer is also required to mention place of posting of Nisar Ahmed and tenure of posting in the particular school as well as name of other teachers posted in the school and present at the time of incident, the order added.

Meanwhile, police has registered an FIR against the teacher. In its statement police said that, an information through reliable source was received at Police Station Budhal that one girl (name withheld), resident of Draman, studying in 4th class in Govt Middle school Draman, is severely beaten by a teacher in the class room of school premises. On this information FIR No 21/2022 under sections 342,352,323, 506 IPC and 23 JJ Act has been registered and investigation has been started.

### Attacks on civilians...

months and action as per law has been taken against a higher number of OGWS, he said. The DGP said the local population has been welcoming the outsiders who come to help in agriculture, horticulture and construction activities.

"That's why the civil circles (sic) have condemned these attacks," he added.

### 18 Indian, 4...

22 YouTube channels which were blocked, 18 are from India and four from Pakistan.

"The total views were 262 crores. They were involved in the misinformation against India which could impact the sovereignty and integrity of the country and also the national security and India's relations with other nations," the Information and Broadcasting minister said.

"They were spreading misinformation on the Ukraine-Russia conflict, on the COVID-19 news and other such issues which were directly impacting India. As I promised earlier as well, whether the channels are operating from foreign soil or from India, we'll take action. We won't shy away from taking such a decision in the future as well in the interest of India," Thakur said.

The blocked YouTube channels had a cumulative viewership of over 260 crore, the ministry earlier said, adding that they were spreading fake news and coordinated disinformation over social media, on subjects sensitive from the perspective of national security, India's foreign relations, and public order.

According to the ministry, multiple YouTube channels were used to post "fake news on various subjects such as the Indian Armed Forces, Jammu and Kashmir, etc."

"The content ordered to be blocked also included certain anti-India content posted from multiple social media accounts operated in a coordinated manner from Pakistan.

"It was observed that a significant amount of false content was published by the Indian YouTube channels related to the ongoing situation in Ukraine, and aimed at jeopardising India's foreign relations with other countries, it said.

The ministry said that the blocked Indian YouTube channels were using templates and logos of certain TV news channels, including images of their news anchors to mislead viewers to believe that the news was authentic.

"False thumbnails were used, title and thumbnail of the videos were frequently altered to increase the virality of content on social media. In certain cases, it was also observed that systematic anti-India fake news was originating from Pakistan," it said. "The Government of India remains committed towards ensuring an authentic, trustworthy, and safe online news media environment, and thwarting any attempts at undermining India's sovereignty and integrity, national security, foreign relations, and public order," the ministry said.

### J&K economy grows...

significant growth of 25.38 per cent in tax revenue collection against the collection made in the previous year, he said.

"The total collection of indirect taxes like GST, Excise duty, Stamps and Tax on motor spirits have been registered to the tune of Rs 15,179.42 crore against Rs 12,105.95 crore collected during previous financial year 2020-21", he said.

Dullo said the collection on account of Goods & Services Tax alone was to the tune of Rs 11,135.95 crore against Rs 9,020.00 crore in 2020-21.

"If we see the tax collected on sale of motor spirits during 2021-22, it is to the tune of Rs 1,829.73 crore against Rs 1,459.92 crore collected during 2020-21, thereby registering a growth of 25.33 percent."

The stamp duty collection grew 56.12 per cent to Rs 425 crore against Rs 272.22 crore recorded in 2020-21, he added.

Collections under excise duty were to the tune of Rs 1,760.74 crore against Rs 1,353.81 crore collected during 2020-21.

Dullo said the impressive tax revenue generated during 2021-22 indicates revival and recovery of the business and trade activities in the Union Territory.

He said proper tax planning, effective monitoring and efficient implementation of the tax statutes with initiatives aimed at bringing transparency and accountability in the system contributed towards scaling up the momentum of revenue collection in J&K.

Dullo said the finance department has played a pivotal role in bringing the economy on the right track after the pandemic.

He said treasury management was remarkable in the previous financial year, and that all the verified bills of contractors have been cleared and paid in timely manner.

"Besides, all pending claims of projects sanctioned under JKIDFC (languishing projects) have been cleared. All the bills of centrally sponsored schemes have been cleared - both central share and matching UT share," he added.

### Nitish expresses grief ...

the Jammu and Kashmir administration so that the body of the slain jawan is brought to back to Bihar, and the injured labourers get proper treatment. The Bihar government will provide all possible help to the family members of the victims," he told reporters.

Vishal Kumar, a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) hailing from Munger district, was injured in a terrorist attack in Srinagar's Maisuma and he later succumbed to his injuries.

Migrant labourers Patleshwar Kumar and Jako Chowdhary, who hail from West Champaran district, were shot at by terrorists in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir.

### Muslim neighbours rally...

hospital," 32-year-old Anil Bhat said.

On Tuesday, a large number of their neighbours visited the Bhat family and expressed their support to them.

"The moment I heard gunshots and cries, I rushed out along with my nephew and friends. We drove Sonu (Bal Krishan Bhat) to Shopian," said Mukhthair Ahmed Lone, a neighbour.

After Bhat was taken to the Army facility, Lone and his entire family camped at the

ventured them in carrying out their nefarious designs. Subsequently, a flying squad also reached the spot but accused persons along with Mahindra Pick-up managed to flee, after which stray bovines were rescued. In this regard, FIR No. 281/2021 under sections 332/147 of IPC was registered at Police Station Akhnoor and investigation started.

During investigation, the aforesaid Mahindra Pick-up (JK20A-1006) was traced out and an accused namely Hamid Mohd alias Chotu, son of Hussain Mohd, resident of village Truta Phalla, Sungal Akhnoor was arrested for his involvement in crime.

During questioning, the vehicle was found to be involved in four other cases of bovine smuggling and accused was found involved in two other cases. The efforts are on to arrest other accused persons who are still absconding. The arrest was made by party from Police Station Akhnoor led by SHO Hilal Azhar under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Varun Jandial.

### Absconder evading arrest for 10 years arrested

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: An absconder, who was evading arrest since 2013, has been arrested by Akhnoor Police on Tuesday.

As per details, in continuation to its drive against absconders, Akhnoor Police arrested one more absconder namely Tariq Hussain Mughal, son of Mohd Arif Mughal, resident of village Gursai Tehsil Mendhar District Rajouri, who was wanted in FIR No. 149/2009 registered under sections 279/337/338 of RPC and evading arrest for last 10 years. The accused, after committing crime, left the country and went to Saudi Arabia and recently returned back to India. The Police has already on hunt for him as Court of JMJC Akhnoor has

issued a warrant of arrest under section 512 CrPC against him. The arrest was made by the team of Akhnoor Police led by SHO Inpr Hilal Azhar under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Varun Jandial.

Bhat household. "Sonu and I grew up together and there is no difference between us at all. We are one and, inshallah, we will always remain one," Lone said.

Fayaz Ahmed, another neighbour, said Sonu is liked by everyone in the village as he would open his shop even after midnight to help people in case of any medical emergency.

Pandit Janki Nath Bhat, the father of Bal Krishan, interacted with the neighbours who visited their house on Tuesday. The neighbours pleaded with the family not to leave the Valley.

"There are many who will want us to pull in different directions but let us say this with all firmness that we were, are and shall always remain one," G Rasool Mir said at the Bhat residence.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police, in the meantime, has provided security to the Kashmiri Pandit families after Monday's attack, for which The Resistance Front, a shadow outfit of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility.

"We have already provided security in several villages where minority communities are residing. Some villages are still without security but the regular area domination exercise is being done by police and security forces jointly," Inspector General of Police (Kashmir Range) Vijay Kumar told PTI here.

He said the police force was working hard to arrest or neutralise terrorists involved in this terror-crime and added that there is no need to panic.

"Our war against terrorism is going as per our plan. Such incidents are frustration of terrorists especially their handlers across the border," he said.

### Voice votes taken...

vote of the House, voice votes were taken over 200 times before the passage of the Bill, a statement of the Rajya Sabha secretariat said.

The vocal cords of Deputy Chairman Harivansh were also put to a severe test while reading out the clauses, the number of amendments moved to each clause along with the names of members moving the amendments and putting the clauses and amendments to the vote.

The bill seeks to revamp the functioning of the institutes of chartered accountants, cost accountants and company secretaries.

### Hitlers of J&K...

laptops and computers instead of grenades and stones