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AC gives nod...

(on completion of 1st primary), Rs. 2000 per year (on completion of 2nd primary), and actual fee fixed by the Government (for class 11th onwards including technical/professional education).

Earlier, the benefits were available only to the girl child, but the revised scheme has extended the scope of financial assistance to male children as well.

The eligible students can apply for scholarship to the concerned Assistant Director, who shall conduct proper verification before disbursement of the scholarship amount as per the laid down norms. The scholarship will be disbursed among the eligible students directly in their bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Originally, the scholarship by the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms was provided the girl child of handloom weavers up to the primary level at the rates of Rs.100, 200, 300, 400, 500, and 600 per annum for class I, II, III, IV, V, and VI respectively.

Moreover, the Administrative Council also asked the Department to consider extension of such financial benefits to the children belonging to similarly situated sections of society.

India had no...

said. On climate action, Modi said India has set a target to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2070 and has been among the few countries who have been able to deliver on their climate goals.

India had committed to source 40 per cent of its energy needs from non-fossil fuels by 2030. We have achieved that goal nine years early, the Prime Minister said.

He said India has been producing cheap solar power at Rs 2.5 per unit and was making efforts to further reduce the cost.

Modi said the world should come to India to find answers and solutions to save the planet.

I want to tell our Danish friends to come to India to jointly find answers to the problems of the planet, he said.

The Prime Minister urged the world to get out of the consumption oriented approach which was harmful for the planet.

The biggest demand of the time is to promote L.I.F.E i.e. Lifestyle For Environment. It is very important to get out of a consumption oriented approach. 'Use and throw' mindset is negative for the planet, Modi said.

The Prime Minister said Denmark has been with India in White revolution and now was becoming a strong partner in the country's green future.

There are huge opportunities for the two countries in areas of electric mobility, green hydrogen, waste-to-wealth, sustainable urbanisation, green shipping, science, technology, innovation, Modi said.

Amid chants of 'Modi, Modi' and 'Modi hai to mumkin hai', in the auditorium, the prime minister also said that an Indian, wherever he goes in the world, contributes sincerely for 'karmabhoomi' (land of work), for that country.

Many times when I meet world leaders, they proudly tell me about the achievements of the Indian community settled in their countries, the prime minister added, while noting that the number of Indians settled abroad was higher than the entire population of some countries.

Modi said the Green strategic partnership between India and Denmark was guided by Danish Prime Minister Frederiksen's personal priorities and values.

The discussions I had with them today will give new strength, new energy to the relations between the two countries, he said.

Modi also hailed India's place in the world's medical and vaccine supply system.

India supported the entire world as 'pharmacy of the world' in difficult times and sent medicines to several countries. Try to imagine the effect on the world if we would not have been able to take vaccination to every home in India," he said.

"If affordable and effective made-in-India vaccines were not produced at scale in India, what would be the condition of other countries, Modi asked.

Court cannot sit...

Expert opinion in India is in tune with global consensus in favour of vaccination of children. We are informed that 8,91,39,455 doses of COVAXIN has been administered to individuals in the age group of 15 to 18 years as of March 12, 2022. The AEFIs reported are 1,739 minor complaints, 81 serious complaints, and six severe, it had said.

The apex court noted that according to the Union of India, the said data would show that the vaccine does not pose threat to the safety of children.

As regards the clinical trials children are not required to be involved in research that could be carried out equally well with adults and further that, for the clinical evaluation of a new drug, a study in children should be carried out after the Phase III clinical trials in adults, the bench noted.

The apex court was told that to avoid any risks, clinical trials were also conducted on a limited number of children as per the protocol approved by domain experts.

It would not only be beyond our jurisdiction but also hazardous if this Court were to examine the accuracy of such expert opinion, based on competing medical opinions. As already stated, the scope of judicial review does not entail the Court embarking upon such misadventures, the bench said.

The top court rejected the contention of the Petitioner that this Court has to intervene in paediatric vaccination on the ground that it is unscientific.

The judgement came on a plea filed by Dr. Jacob Puthiyel, a former member of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation, who has sought directions to also disclose post-vaccination data regarding adverse events.

Eid-ul-Fitr...

Eid Namaz in the morning.

Hindu brethren on the occasion also exchanged Eid greetings with Muslim brethren and prayed for peace and tranquility in the UT.

Rain failed to dampen the spirit of devotees who celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr, the festival that marks the culmination of the fasting month of Ramzan, with traditional fervour in Kashmir on Tuesday.

Dressed in their best, people of all hues made their way to the nearest mosques, shrines and Eidgah (prayer ground) to offer special prayers as a mark of thanksgiving to the almighty.

While Eid prayers were held before the onset of rain at many places in the Valley, the downpour did not stop the remaining devotees from offering prayers.

The biggest gathering in Kashmir was witnessed at Hazratbal shrine, where an estimated 80,000 people braved the rain to offer prayers inside the mosque complex and in the open ground adjacent to it, officials said.

Authorities did not allow Eid prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid in Nowhatta area of the city after the management committee refused to accept the conditions posed by the administration.

The administration had asked the management committee to hold the prayers before 7 am and give an undertaking for maintaining peace and order during and after that prayers in the 14th Century mosque.

Reports of Eid congregational prayers were received from all district headquarters and major towns of the Valley, the officials said.

They said no untoward incident has been reported from any part of the Valley so far and that the prayers concluded peacefully.

LG participates in...

57% more pilgrims than earlier Yatra. Comprehensive arrangements have also been made for langar, water, resting spots, washroom, and RFID tracking in 09 districts on all routes of the journey.

Keeping in view the Covid situation, all protocols will be followed and isolation facilities will be built near Panjtarni, Holy Cave and Sheshnag.

A 100-bed COVID Care Facility is also being prepared for the pilgrims in Srinagar. Moreover, the number of oxygen booths has been increased from 14 to 26 this year and two 30-bed hospitals are being set up for the pilgrims at Baltal and Chandanwari.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor and CEO, SASB; Pandurang K. Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir also took part in the ceremony.

KN Rai, member SASB; Rahul Singh, Additional CEO SASB, other senior officers of SASB, Civil and Police administration were present on the occasion.

India joins likes...

opportunity to die for the nation but we have the chance to live for the country. We have to vow that India becomes a Vishwaguru by 2047," Shah said.

He appealed to the audience to take small oaths, which can transform the country such as they will not evade taxes and will not violate traffic rules.

Greeting people on the occasion of Ashvaya Tithiya and 12th century AD social reformer Basaveshwara's birth anniversary, the Home Minister called upon youths

to follow the sayings (Vachana).

Basaveshwara has a large following in Karnataka, especially in the north Karnataka region, parts of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra, who form the dominant Lingayat community, to which Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and his predecessor B S Yediyurappa belong.

He also recalled the contribution of Rashtrakuta king Amoghavarsha Nrupathunga in the areas of art, literature and culture, in whose name the Nrupathunga university was set up.

NMC, DCI advise..

till date. "However, migrants and their children who have acquired medical/dental degree or higher education in Pakistan and have been awarded citizenship by India would continue to be eligible for appearing in FMGE/NEXT/screening Test or seeking employment in India after obtaining Security Clearance from MHA", stated NMC and DCI.

Two Amritsar-based...

SHO Police Station Hiranagar under the supervision of SDPO Border Pankaj Soodan and SSP Romesh Kotwal succeeded in arresting two robbers near Tarnah Nallah Dyalachak, who were trying to flee out of J&K.

During sustained questioning both the accused confessed their involvement and on their personal search, a pistol, one magazine and 04 live rounds were recovered from one accused namely Inderjeet Singh (Prince), son of Gurdeep Singh, resident of Baaz Wali Kothi, Manj Road Amritsar and one sharp edged weapon has been recovered from possession of other accused namely Vishal Singh, son of Satnam Singh resident of Balmiki Mahla, Majitha Amritsar along with 03 stolen mobile phones were also recovered. Kathua police has launched a manhunt to nab two absconders.



SSP Romesh Kotwal produced two robbers, soon after their arrest, before the media persons in Kathua on Tuesday.

CRIME REPORT

Motorcycle stolen from Ghagwal market

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

GHAGWAL: A bike was stolen from Ghagwal market on Tuesday. As per details, one Amit Chaudhary, son of Satish Kumar, Ghagwal town lodged a complaint with police that he parked his relative's bike (JK08J-2825) outside his house on Monday night but when he came out in morning, it was missing. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

After facing PSA twice, notorious criminal rearrested under Arms Act

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

R S PURA: A notorious criminal who was booked under PSA twice was again arrested by police on Monday.

As per details, a notorious criminal namely Sunil Kumar alias Gokul, son of Tarsem Lal, resident of Chak Aslam R S Pura was earlier lodged twice under PSA i.e., in 2018 and 2021. Accused was recently released after completion of his detention period and was again arrested in FIR No. 75/2022 under section 3/25 of A Act and lodged in police lockup. A Desi Katta along with 2 live rounds were also recovered from his possession. Moreover, FIRs under sections 341/323 of RPC and 4/25 of A Act; 83/2015 under sections 307/341/323/382/147 of RPC 4/25 of A Act; 80/2016 under sections 341/323/34 of RPC 4/25 of A Act; 223/2017 under sections 3/25, 4/25 of A Act; 59/2018 under sections 323/458/34 of RPC 4/25 of A Act; 67/2018 under sections 307/341/323/147/149 of RPC 4/25 of A Act; 06/2020 under sections 452/323/201 of IPC 4/25 of A Act and 75/2022 under sections 3/25 of A Act are already registered against him at Police Station R S Pura.

Theft case solved; 2 arrested, stolen material worth Rs 1,13,000 recovered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: Police on Tuesday solved a theft case solved by arresting 2 persons and recovered stolen material worth Rs 1,13,000 from their possession. As per details, on May 1, a written application was received at Police Station Dharamkund produced by Gopal K Sharda Head HR-Admin Gammon Rly Construction company, stating that during night of April 30, 2022, some material has been stolen from Sumber site including a Dewatering Pump 10 HP; Dewatering Pump 5 HP and some dewatering scrap. In this regard, FIR No 17/2022 under section 379 of IPC was registered in Police Station Dharamkund. Police took immediate action and after hectic effort, arrested 2 accused namely Gaja Singh, son of Tirlok Singh, resident of Village Gugwal Teh & District Ramban and Bhishma Narian Singh, son of Tej Ram, resident of Neera Tehsil & District Ramban. The Dumper bearing registration number JK19-4788, used in the crime, was also seized. It is pertinent to mention that stolen material worth Rs 1,13,000 was also recovered from accused. The overall recovery and arrests were made by Insp Sam Paul Gill SHO Dharamkund under the direct supervision of SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma.

Youth dies of lightning

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: A youth died after struck by lightning in Udhampur district on Tuesday. As per the detail, a youth namely Amit Singh, son of Bittu Singh, resident of Garh Samnwanj presently staying at Manwal area died after lightning struck on him, when he was standing outside his house at around 7:30 AM. He was immediately shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead.

Two minors kidnapped, investigation on

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Two minor girls, who were neighbours, went missing from their respective houses in Janipur under mysterious circumstances on Tuesday. As per the details, a woman resident of UP, presently staying at Soap Factory Janipur lodged a complaint with police that her minor daughter went missing from her house under mysterious circumstances. While another man, resident of UP, presently staying at Lakkur Mandi, also approached Janipur Police Station and lodged missing complaint of her minor daughter. Police has registered both complaints and started investigation.

Pedestrian killed in mishap

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A pedestrian was killed in a road mishap at Satwari area on Tuesday. As per details, one Billa Singh, resident of R S Pura got hit by a vehicle in Suanjana area and got injured. He was shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Kid bitten by dog, case registered against neighbour

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

R S PURA: A man lodged a complaint against his neighbour after neighbour's dog bite him. As per details, kid namely Kanav Choudhary, resident of Magowali, while playing in his house, was bitten by dog of his neighbour namely Surinder Kumar, resulting into a verbal dual between two neighbours. The victim was immediately shifted to hospital for treatment and police has registered a case for investigation on complaint of victim's family.

Woman dies under mysterious circumstances

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

MIRAN SAHIB: A woman died under mysterious circumstances at her house in Miran Sahib on Tuesday. As per the details, Sharda Devi, wife of Major Choudhary, resident of Gho-Manhasan was found unconscious in her house and was shifted to hospital by her family members where doctors declared her as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Five vehicles seized for illegal mining

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Police on Tuesday seized five vehicles involved in illegal mining at Tikri. As per details, acting tough against illegal mining, Rehmlie Police led by SHO Tikri Police Station Abdul Sattar seized five tippers (JK14C-6253, JK20-2633, JK14C-8733, JK02BJ-7986 and JK14-0643). The seized vehicles were handed over to Geology and Mining Department for further action.

Miscecreants pelt stones on security forces outside mosque

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

ANANTNAG: An incident of stone-pelting was reported outside a mosque in Anantnag district after early morning Eid prayers. As per details, after prayers some miscreants raised slogans anti-national slogans, after which security forces stepped in and miscreants started hurling stones at them.

Hit & Run Case: Accused arrested, vehicle seized

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Srinagar: Man who injured a CRPF personnel earlier in a hit and run incident has been arrested by Srinagar Police late evening on Tuesday. In a tweet Srinagar police wrote, "Accused in hit & run case has been arrested namely Ashiq Aziz hakak son of Abdul Aziz Hakak resident of Nawabazar Srinagar. Vehicle also seized. A case was registered under FIR no 43 u/s 279, 337 IPC in Sadar PS after a car hit a CRPF personnel on hyderpora Naka today evening & fled away."

Heatwave abates from all parts of country: IMD

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Heatwave has abated from all parts of the country and the maximum temperature has further fallen by two to four degrees Celsius over Rajasthan, Punjab, Delhi and Haryana, the India Meteorological Department said on Tuesday.

No part of northwest, central and east India is likely to record a heatwave over the next five days, the MeT office said.

No significant change is predicted in the maximum temperature over most parts of northwest India and central India during the next two to three days. The mercury is likely to increase by two to three degrees Celsius thereafter, it said in a statement.

Heatwave conditions will return to some parts of

Maharashtra from Wednesday and isolated areas of Rajasthan from Friday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

Under the influence of a Western Disturbance, isolated light rainfall, dust storm, and thunderstorm with winds gusting up to 50 kmph is very likely over Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan during the next two days.

With scanty rains owing to feeble western disturbances, northwest and central India experienced the hottest April in 122 years as the average maximum temperature touched 35.9 degrees Celsius and 37.78 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Several places in the country had logged all-time high temperatures for April with the mercury leaping to 46-

47 degrees Celsius under the impact of the torrid heatwave.

Banda in east Uttar Pradesh had logged a record high of 47.4 degrees Celsius for April on Friday.

Allahabad, Jhansi and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh; Gurugram in Haryana; and Satna in Madhya Pradesh had also recorded all-time high temperatures for April at 46.8 degrees Celsius, 46.2 degrees Celsius, 45.1 degrees Celsius, 45.9 degrees Celsius and 45.3 degrees Celsius, respectively on Friday.

At 43.5 degrees Celsius, Delhi saw its highest maximum temperature for a day in April in 12 years on Thursday and Friday.

On Saturday, Delhi's Sports Complex weather station recorded a maximum temperature of 47.1 degrees

Celsius.

Amid the intense heatwave, India's peak power demand reached an all-time high of 207.11 GW on Friday.

A heatwave is declared when the maximum temperature is over 40 degrees Celsius and at least 4.5 notches above normal. A severe heatwave is declared if the departure from normal temperature is more than 6.4 notches, according to IMD. Based on absolute recorded temperatures, a heatwave is declared when an area logs a maximum temperature of 45 degrees Celsius. A severe heatwave is declared if the maximum temperature crosses the 47-degree Celsius mark.

India saw its warmest March this year since the IMD began keeping records 122 years ago, amid a 71 per cent rain deficit.

COVID not completely over yet; be alert, follow Govt's guidelines: Prez

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday cautioned the people that COVID-19 is not completely over yet and asked them to be alert and follow all the government's guidelines.

He said during the coronavirus pandemic, masks have been used as an effective means of protection against the virus.

Kovind was speaking after laying the foundation stone for Bhagwan Mahavir super speciality hospital in Delhi.

Speaking about the importance of face masks, the President said, "We know that the introduction of surgical masks into modern history dates back to the year 1897 when surgeons began using masks to protect themselves from bacteria during operations".

"But Jain saints understood the importance of masks centuries ago. By covering their mouth and nose, they were not only able to avoid killing living beings but they were also able to prevent the entry of microor-



ganisms into their body," he said.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, masks have been used as an effective means of protection against the virus, the President was quoted as having said in a statement issue by the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

He said that priority has been given to service in the Jain tradition.

Kovind noted that a state-of-the-art Bhagwan Mahavir Super Speciality Hospital with 250 beds would be completed by 2023, the state-

ment said.

He said that it is a matter of happiness that in this super speciality hospital, high quality health services will be made available to all sections of the society at affordable rates, and free of cost to the poor.

The President said he was also happy to note that this hospital has rendered its services as Covid Care Hospital during the pandemic.

He cautioned the people that Covid is not completely over yet, the statement said.

The President appealed all citizens to be alert and follow all the government's guidelines, it said.

He said that Jain saints also laid great emphasis on walking to underline the importance of physical exercise. Kovind expressed confidence that this hospital would follow the path of making humanity healthy on the basis of scientific traditions shown by the saints.

The President said the "Jain tradition teaches us to adopt a balanced and environment-friendly lifestyle".

"The way of life and eating habits in present times is not suitable with the nature. We know that Jain saints and their disciplined followers eat their food only between sunrise and sunset. Adopting the lifestyle according to the daily movement of the Sun is an easy way to stay healthy. This is the lesson we get from the ideal lifestyle of Jain saints," he said.

Kovind said that integration of such scientific traditions with modern medical systems in hospitals will be helpful for a healthy life.