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Modi Govt's priority...

Last year, 3.45 lakh people visited the holy cave and this year, the figure could go up to 5 lakh, they said. The sources said that to avoid any incident like last year's flash flood which claimed 16 lives near the shrine, the National Disaster Response Force has started identifying ideal locations for setting up pilgrim camps keeping in mind any possible unforeseen natural disaster.

Indian Air Force helicopters are expected to be deployed to carry out aerial sorties in the upper reaches of the holy cave to check for glacial events and the formation of lakes that may trigger flash floods downhill.

Last year, such sorties were conducted only after the flash floods occurred in June, but this year, the exercise will be undertaken before the start of the pilgrimage and at continuous intervals during the two-month yatra, the sources said. The aerial surveys may be conducted by a team with expertise in remote sensing and satellite, hydrology and disaster response. Once a dangerous water build-up is spotted, contingency measures will be taken all along the pilgrimage route, especially in the areas near the cave shrine, they added.

Recently, a lot of snow has been found along both the routes - Baltal and Pahalgam - leading to the holy cave and therefore the Border Roads Organisation has been given the task to clear the snow by June 15, the sources said.

Lt Gen Sanjay...

National Security Guard; and Colonel General, Staff, Faculty of Studies, Army War College.

He was posted as the chief instructor of the Army Wing at Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

Lt Gen Mitra has been awarded Chief of Army Staff and General Officer Commanding in Chief Commendation Cards twice, an apt recognition of his selfless and distinguished service, the spokesperson said.

He was also awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for his contribution as a general officer commanding in eastern Ladakh.

JKBOSE declares Class..

to divisional and district level administrative machinery, India Posts, officers and officials of JKBOSE, teachers who have tirelessly contributed towards smooth conduct of examination and all other people who have directly or indirectly contributed towards success of this vision of the government wherein all the students of the two UTs were brought together in the same academic session and their result has been declared successfully.

Professor Manhas said that "It is heartening to know that girls have again outshined boys. The students and their parents deserve great appreciation for their whole hearted acceptance and cooperation in realizing the visionary goal of unifying the staggered academic sessions in both the union territories of J&K and Ladakh. It is a momentous occasion for all of us as our concerted efforts have yielded fruitful results. "JKBOSE is consistent in its efforts for upgrading and fine-tuning its mechanisms and processes for the student welfare," he added

In order to facilitate the access of students to the result gazette, the JKBOSE has

made adequate arrangements through various media. For the first time, their results are available on Digilocker service. For this the students will have to download Digilocker App and register them after filling the required details. The result is available online on the official website of JKBOSE www.jkbose.nic.in.

The candidates can also avail SMS facility by sending the text message to 5676750 by typing jkbose12 followed by a space and Roll No. e.g., "jkbose12 Roll No.". Those who don't have access to Mobile Phones or internet can get their results from their nearest JKBOSE office where the soft copies of result gazettes have been provided. The result is also available in the offices of the Deputy Commissioners of the concerned districts for the convenience of the students and general public.

In case of any query regarding this result, the students have been advised to avoid visiting the JKBOSE offices at Jammu/Srinagar physically. However, they can email their query at jssecerecy_jd@jkbose.co.in (for Jammu Division) and jssecerecy_kd@jkbose.co.in (for Kashmir Division) citing all the relevant details which shall be addressed after due processing at the earliest possible.

The aggrieved students, if any, can contact their respective schools or the nearest JKBOSE Sub/Branch office. JKBOSE provides an opportunity to the students to get a photocopy and re-evaluation of their answer sheets for which they can apply online after the notification is issued in this regard.

LG congratulates students...

"Heartening to note that girls continue to outshine boys with 68% pass percentage against boys 61%, the girls have shown the remarkable talent. After Academic Calendar reform, JKBOSE for the first time has made results available on Digilocker service," the Lt Governor tweeted.

H&ME Deptt elevates...

service as teaching faculty in various disciplines in Government Medical Colleges including newly established Government Medical Colleges as per National Medical Commission's minimum qualification for teachers' eligibility regulations.

A meticulous exercise was undertaken in the Health and Medical Education Department in recent months to proactively attend to and resolve the service matters of faculty members of GMCs.

Notably, the unprecedented elevation of 167 faculty members in old GMCs will aid in enhancement of Post Graduate seats in Government Medical College Srinagar and Jammu, besides motivating the senior faculty members to further strengthen the teaching and research activities in the medical colleges.

The H&ME Department is also referring the vacancies accrued at the entry level in all the new GMCs to JKPCS for fast track selections to conform to the requirements of Medical Assessment and Rating Board of National Medical Commission.

Pertinently, the H&ME Department has already obtained all the requisite permission in favour of new GMCs from NMC. It has successfully operationalised all the new GMCs in conformity with guidelines of National Medical Commission. The Department has also received Letter of Permission (LoP) from NMC for starting MBBS batches of 100 students each in GMC Udhampur and Handwara.

Pawan Kotwal takes...

presence of Narula and other senior officials of the Ladakh administration at Civil Secretariat, Leh this afternoon.

The IAS officer has previously served as the principal secretary for health & med-

ical education, forest, ecology AND environment, and revenue, planning & monitoring department in the Ladakh administration.

He played a pivotal role in implementing crucial reforms and initiatives in the health and medical education sector, officials said.

Kotwal spearheaded efforts to improve healthcare infrastructure, enhance medical education facilities, and promote the well-being of the people of Ladakh, they said.

His accomplishments in the fields of forest, ecology, environment, and revenue are equally commendable, demonstrating his dedication to sustainable development and effective governance, they added.

Three key conduits...

The apprehended conduits have been identified as Shakar Din of Degwar Terwan Village, Rashid and Shafir both residents of Kalas village of district Poonch, the officer said.

During search operations, warlike stores, including two grenades, have also been recovered from their possession, he said.

PRO said extensive joint search operations are currently in progress.

The apprehension of these three individuals is a major blow to the complex cross-border narco-terror nexus being operated from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, he said.

Union Law Minister...

On the occasion, different departments had installed their stalls at the venue exhibiting their schemes and programs. The resource persons of these departments also motivated the public to avail benefits of their schemes.

Highlighting benefits of Direct Benefit Transfer, the Union Minister reiterated that the facility has changed the lives of the public by ensuring that the benefits of government schemes reach the intended beneficiaries directly.

He said that the Central Government has taken a slew of measures for all round development of J&K as inclusive and holistic development of the UT is one of the major goals of the Union Government.

Union Minister emphasized that the Central Government is working on the concept of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" which reflects the government's commitment towards inclusive and equitable development, where every citizen of the country has equal access to opportunities and benefits.

Later, Union Minister interacted with the locals and listened to their issues and concerns. He assured them that their problems would be addressed on a priority basis and directed the concerned officials to take necessary action.

He asked the officers to make dedicated efforts to provide prompt and hassle free services to the general public. He also asked them to take effective measures to redress their genuine grievances in a timely bound manner.

Among others DDC members Thanamandi and Darhal, Vice President MC Rajouri and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

Two cattle smugglers...

attempted murder, snatching and those registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and Arms Act, they said.

They were active for a long time and involved in multiple FIRs of cattle smuggling registered at different police stations in the district. The accused were kept under surveillance and ultimately detained, officials added.

Eight hours long power curtailment schedule in Udhampur district unjustified: Pawan

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Pawan Kumar Gupta, Ex. MLA & Former MOS has strongly condemn the unjustified eight hours long power curtailment schedule in Udhampur District. Addressing press conference at his residence he criticized JPDCL for making power curtailment of prolonged period of eight hours in a day especially in the month of June when the people have to face the scorching heat.

Gupta expressed his utter astonishment that some parts of Jammu, Udhampur, Samba Reasi, Kathua and Ramban especially the feeders supplying powers to main towns and cities have been subjected to prolonged power curtailment especially during the month of June when there is scorching heat by the authorities at the helm of affairs but on the other hand there exists no such schedule



Former MoS Pawan Kumar Gupta briefing media.

of power curtailment for Jammu City and certain parts of other Districts which is highly selective, dubious, incomprehensible and highly discriminatory in nature.

He also pointed out that against the requirement of 1200 MW power, Jammu Division is being provided 1000 MW whereas against the requirement of 1000 MW power the Kashmir Division is allocated with 1200 MW. Moreover, the Revenue target of Jammu Division is Rs. 4200 Crore but on the other hand it is Rs. 2600 Crores for Kashmir Division and the corporation is extracting maximum revenue from Jammu Division. In spite of incentivizing the maximum revenue generating Districts the Corporation is disincentivizing by imposing long power curtailment especially when there is scorching heat in the month of June.

He further pointed out that separate Corporations both for Jammu and Kashmir

Division were created by the Government as an endeavour to streamline the power supply but to a great astonishment the Chief Secretary of J&K UT ordered to dub the Revenue and Expenditure figures of both the Corporations with sole intent of hiding the poor revenue generation from Kashmir Division. Mr. Gupta took up the matter with the Chief Engineer JPDCL and the Managing Director of the Corporation but both of them were reluctant. However, The Divisional Commissioner, Jammu assured Gupta to get the resolved at an earliest possible. Mr. Gupta made a clarion call to the Lieutenant Governor J&K UT to intervene into the matter so that the people of Udhampur District may not suffer more. He warned the authorities to come on roads by the public if the Curtailment Schedule is not withdrawn latest by 12th June, 2023.

Katra Stamp Duty worth Rs 9.55 Crore Scam; HC upholds discharge of Tehsildar

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a much publicized case wherein ACB presented challan against Revenue Officials and others for allegedly causing loss of Rs 9.55 crore Stamp Duty to the J&K exchequer in which Additional Anticorruption Court Udhampur discharged Kunal Sharma the then Tehsildar Katra. Against the said order ACB had filed petition in the High Court.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court upheld the order of Anticorruption Court Udhampur with the observations that the circular would reveal that Patwari, Girdawar and Naib Tehsildar have a role to play in preparation, verification and attestation of the revenue extracts.

The Patwari has been entrusted with the responsibility of preparation of the revenue extract. The Girdawar has been vested with responsibility of verifying the entries vis-a-vis record and scrutinize the extract/tatima on spot. Thereafter, the Naib-Tehsildar has been enjoined with the responsibility to satisfy himself with the correctness of entries and then to attest all the four copies. These three officials are only vested with responsibility to prepare the revenue extract. The Tehsildar concerned has only to countersign and append a note on the copies "valid for one month only". No obligation has been imposed upon the Tehsildar to visit the spot and then to countersign the revenue extract.

Court observed that the application for the issuance of revenue extract was submitted to Naib-Tehsildar-Rattan

Singh (Now dead) on 28.12.2010, who forwarded the same to Patwari (Om Parkash) for necessary action. The Patwari (Om Parkash) prepared the Extract, which was verified by Girdawar (Hukum Chand). Naib-Tehsildar (Rattan Singh-deceased) was required to satisfy himself with the record and then to attest the four copies of the Fard. There was no responsibility imposed upon the respondent-Kunal Sharma to visit the spot. His only responsibility was to counter-sign the revenue extract and make an endorsement valid for one month only, after the same is prepared, verified and attested by the other officials in terms of circular dated 01.06.2005.

The High Court after examining the order passed by Trial Court observed that the trial court has considered the issue in detail and this court does not find any illegality or impropriety in the same. All the petitions are found to be without merit and the same are, accordingly, dismissed.

According to the challan Instant case was registered on 09th July 2011 by the then State Vigilance Organization (Now ACB) against Swarn Singh Salaria S/o Nadhan Salaria, Village Chohana, Pathankot, Harbans Singh S/o Lehar Singh of Bishnah Jammu, Kunal Sharma Tehsildar Reasi, Rattan Singh Naib Tehsildar Katra, Hukum Chand Circle Girdawar Katra and Om Prakash Patwari Halqa Kundrorian Katra for allegedly causing loss of Rs 9.55 crore to the state exchequer.

"The revenue officers by abuse of

their official position dishonestly and fraudulently prepared and issued incomplete and misleading revenue extract in respect of land measuring 52 kanals 18 marlas under Khasra number 11 min situated at village Kundrorian Katra, Reasi falling under Katra Development Authority in favour of private beneficiaries Swarn Singh Salaria- Director, Simm Samm Hotels Private Limited and the White Hotel Katra and others," the ACB officials said.

They further added that during verification, it transpired that the alleged officials knowingly and willfully omitted to mention that "The White Hotel, Katra, District Reasi" constructed over the land that existed on the land while preparing and issuing revenue extracts thus intentionally and dishonestly facilitated private beneficiaries Swarn Singh Salaria and Harbans Singh to depreciate the value of property from its actual cost and thus allowed evasion of the stamp duty."

Verifications further revealed that Swarn Singh Salaria had obtained a loan of Rs 1500 lakh from IDBI Bank Mumbai in June 2010 against the aforesaid property, the statement read.

"While assessing the property of Swarn Singh Salaria in the form of land and hotel white, the surveyor had assessed the value of the property to the tune of Rs 194,25,24,478. This assessment had been agreed upon by the beneficiary and IDBI Bank Mumbai while mortgaging the aforesaid property against the loan of Rs 1500 lacs. The land in question falls under Katra Development Authority.

Advisor Bhatnagar inaugurates first ever North Zone NeoCon-2023 Conference at SKICC

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar inaugurated first ever two days North Zone NeoCon-2023 Conference at SKICC here.

The two day conference is being organised by Department of Paediatrics and Neonatology, Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag on June 9 and June 10, 2023.

President NNF, India, Dr. Praveen Kumar; Director SKIMS, Dr. Parvaiz Ahmad Koul ; Principal GMC Anantnag, Dr. Syed Tariq Qureshi; Principal SKIMS-MC Bemina , Dr Irfan Robbani, medical fraternity of different colleges and large number of medical students were also present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Advisor Bhatnagar remarked that the conference will be very successful platform to con-



Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar lighting the ceremonial lamp.

tribute towards bringing improvement in neonatal care in Kashmir and will have a huge impact in decreasing Neonatal mortality further. He added that Central and UT Governments have given health sector a top priority to improve over all health of the society at large by its holistic approach.

The Advisor highlighted that the medical infrastructure is being upgraded across the

length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir and world class medical care facilities are being provided to citizens here. He congratulated Principal GMC Anantnag and National Neonatology Forum for organising such a crucial conference which is addressing a pressing issue of our society. Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar in his address through video conferencing said that neonatal

care and optimal treatment has huge impact in decreasing infant mortality rate. He said that Govt is further strengthening the maternal and child care services through RCH programme under NHM scheme.

Patron and Principal GMC Anantnag, Dr (Prof) Syed Tariq Qureshi, while speaking on the occasion said that this conference is designed to update healthcare professionals with the latest evidence-based practices and equip them with the necessary skills to improve neonatal care and outcomes. Pertinently, this two days conference is focusing on several important areas related to neonatal health and medical practice. Topics being covered included neonatal resuscitation, neonatal ventilation, Quality improvement, neonatal nursing and other common neonatal health issues and interventions.

Union MoS visits Bandipora, stresses on eco tourism promotion

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: As part of Union Government's Public Outreach Programme, Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ashwini Kumar Choubey on Friday visited Bandipora to review the ground level implementation of Government Schemes.

During his visit Ashwini Kumar Choubey visited Wullar vantage park to take first hand appraisal of wullar conservation works.

He was accompanied by Principal Secretary Forest, Dheeraj Gupta, PCCF Roshan Jaggi, APCCF T Rabi Kumar, Conservator of Forest North Circle Irfan Rasool Wani, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed, SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma and other officers from forest Department and District Administration.

During the inspection of Stalls installed by various departments at wullar vantage the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed apprised the Minister about the progress of various centrally sponsored schemes.

The minister on the occasion handed over sanction letters of welfare schemes among the beneficiaries of various Departments including Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Industries, Social Welfare, NRLM and Bank.

The minister also distributed books among students and ABPMJAY cards among beneficiaries of the Health Department.

At Wullar Vantage, Ashwini Kumar Choubey interacted with Wullar mitras and administered oath to wullar mitras, officers/officials and other participants to protect the environment and beat plastic pollution.

The Minister also chaired a meeting of officers at mini Secretariat Bandipora to review the progress of implementation of schemes at grass root level.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner apprised the chair regarding various developmental activities, progress of Government Sponsored schemes and achievements of District.

Dr Davinder Kour honoured by Bharat Gourav Rattan Shri Sammaan Council



Senior Assistant Professor, Dr Davinder Kour receiving award at New Delhi.

STATE TIMES NEWS

HIRANAGAR: Dr Davinder Kour, Senior Assistant Professor in Education has been honoured by Govt. recognised Bharat Rattan Shri Sammaan Council in the Award Ceremony on World Environment Day and Women Human Rights Protection Commission's annual function at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi for her excellence in academic and social field. She also got certificate of membership for her active member of BRSSC (Govt recognised Council). Previously, She has also received three awards by different organi-

sation for her achievements in both academics and social fields. She is holding charge of important committees in GLDM Degree College Hiranagar College like Convener of IIC, Market survey Committee, College Development Committee, member Secretary IQAC, member of discipline committee, WCC, CCC and also member of various Social Organisations, Clubs and Associations, like member of Inner Wheel Club, Sikh for All Foundation President of GCOE Alumni Association, Vice President of GCW Alumn Association.

State Taxes Deptt organises workshop on Cyber Security

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: State Taxes Department J&K on Friday organised a workshop on Cyber Security under 'Stay Safe Online Campaign' of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), GOI for the officers and officials of the department at Excise and Taxation Complex, Rail Head.

The workshop was held under the supervision of Commissioner Sate Taxes,

Rashmi Singh and Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Jammu, Namrita Dogra.

Addressing the workshop, Dr. Rashmi Singh highlighted the significant role played by the State Taxes Department in safeguarding citizens' financial information and ensuring the integrity of tax systems. She added that this workshop will serve an opportunity to foster dialogue and share best prac-

tices among participants from diverse sectors, including government agencies, private enterprises, among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Jammu, Namrita Dogra said that with the rapid advancement of technology and increased reliance on digital platforms, their is dire need for proactive efforts to protect sensitive data from cybercrimi-

nals. Vikas Razdan, cyber security expert, SIA Jammu was resource person for the workshop.

Through this workshop officers/officials were made aware about the cyber frauds/ crimes and related issues and preventive measures to be kept in mind while surfing online via different modes viz the use of Android phones, personal desktop, tabs etc.