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Need to maintain...

police-public relations, social media and law enforcement, central and state subjects, mission recruitment, monitoring of Ayushman CAPFs, training, CAPF e-Awas Portal, monitoring of infrastructure projects, welfare, experience sharing and best practices were discussed.

Shah said good law and order is very important for the progress of any nation and it can be ensured only through a strong police administration.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government of India has always made efforts to strengthen the police administration and make it people-oriented so that it meets the expectations of the common people along with their safety, he said.

He said the welfare of CAPF personnel has always been the priority of the Modi government and under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the government has taken several steps for the welfare of the jawans.

He appreciated the role of the CAPFs in strengthening internal security.

Shah said that under the guidance of Modi, Vibrant Village Programme has been started to develop and create employment opportunities in the border areas.

He said contact and communication with every border village and its residents is very important for the security of the borders.

The home minister said all CAPFs should promote the purchase of local products which would increase employment opportunities in the border areas and stop migration.

He also asked all CAPFs to prepare national level sports teams and said jawans should get at least one hour for sports every day. This would not only improve their physical and mental health but also increase their connection with the motherland.

Shah said the IPS officers should have a cordial relationship with the jawans.

He said that every jawan and his family should adopt at least five trees. This will not only keep the environment clean but will also increase the sensitivity of jawans towards nature.

Shah directed that the houses constructed for CAPF personnel should be allotted by November this year and asked officials to ensure allotment of all future houses through e-Awas portal within two months.

Earlier, Shah held a Chintan Shivir on April 18 to review the functioning of the Home Ministry's dashboard, Government Land Information System (GLIS), Budget Utilization, E-Office and Special Recruitment Drive, etc.

On May 19, he had held the 2nd Chintan Shivir of senior officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs here where he reviewed matters related to counter terrorism and radicalisation, among others.

Zaheer posted as...

as SHO; Inspector Zaheer Mushtaq from Police Station Miran Sahib to Police Station Akhnoor as SHO; SI Parshotam Lal from Police Post Mandir Bahu Fort to DPL Jammu and SI Lekh Raj from DPO Jammu to Police Post Mandir Bahu Fort as Incharge.

Nearly 29 CCTV...

country before they leave for Kashmir to pay obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath.

The pilgrimage is scheduled to commence from the twin tracks on July 1.

According to officials, the Yatri Niwas will have nearly 29 CCTV cameras installed in and around the area with two big 360-degree cameras.

These cameras will monitor the entire area round the clock through an electronic eye, they said, adding that four body scanners will also be deployed at the site.

The Yatri Niwas based at Jammu's Bhagwatnagar area will also have close-circuited fire hydrant systems in all the buildings and setups of the basecamp besides an air-conditioned community kitchen halls for the first time.

The repair, renovation, and facelifting work is also going on here at a fast pace to ensure that the basecamp is ready before June 20.

"The work on the repair and renovation of the Yatri Niwas is going on smoothly. The facelifting is going at a fast pace. We expect that Yatri Niwas will be ready by June 20", an officer told PTI.

He said this time facilities have been further improved with the introduction of close-circuited fire hydrants and air conditions eating halls.

"We have installed six ACs each to make two eating halls fully air-conditioned so that pilgrims get better facilities. We have also installed close circuited fire hydrant systems," he said.

The first batch of pilgrims is expected to leave the Jammu base camp one day prior to the start of the yatra on July 1.

Indian Dy HC...

development in the farthest and backward areas of Baramulla district in particular.

He laid emphasis on departments to work in a close coordination and synergy so as to transform Baramulla district from Aspirational to Inspirational. On the occasion, a PowerPoint Presentation was given by Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, detailing about the status of implementation and respective achievements under the Aspirational District Programme.

Giving a detailed description, Deputy Commissioner apprised that Baramulla district has achieved a remarkable achievement in all the sectors under Aspirational District Programme and initiatives are being taken to saturate all the identified indicators under the programme in a time bound manner.

DC informed that the district has been fully saturated with Mission Indradhanush (Immunization) and 30 health and wellness centres were made functional, machinery equipments worth Rs. 8 crore installed at various health institutions of the district besides health institutions were provided with Birth Waiting Wards under health sector.

She said that 100% electrification in High schools and Higher Secondary Schools has been made, 12 middle schools and 15 High Schools upgraded to next level besides far flung schools were provided with smart boards, tabs and other electronic gadgets.

Besides, 167 agriculture implements, 35 quintal of pulses and oil seeds, 12500 fruit plants, 120729 soil health cards have been distributed among deserving farming communities besides introducing double cropping, DC added.

DC also informed that the district produces 19.50 crore liters of milk annually which makes the district milk surplus.

Among others Joint Director Planning, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Education Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Medical Officer and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

ACB arrests forester...

Sub Division Gurez in his favour. The works allotted were Providing, laying and fitting of GI Pipes including replacement/improvement of damaged/worn-out pipes etc for retrofitting of WSS Sardab for 100 % coverage of FHTCs vide allotment order No. 14 EE/SSDG/2022-23 dated 19.10.2022 and Providing, laying and fitting of GI Pipes including construction of protection work etc for retrofitting of WSS Gulshanpora for 100% coverage of FHTCs vide allotment order No. 15 EE/SSDG/2022-23 dated 19.10.2022," spokesman said.

"The complainant further stated that both these villages Gulshanpora and Sardab are situated in Tulail area of Gurez District Bandipora and there is short time period to complete these works due to early cold weather there and that while his labour was working at Gratnar Gulshanpora Budogam Tulail for laying of pipe line of abovesaid schemes, Forester of Tulail namely Mohd Sultan stopped the work on the excuse of NOC and is demanding a bribe of Rs 30,000 to allow the continuation of work," spokesman added.

On receipt of the complaint the allegations were discreetly verified.

The discreet probe conducted revealed that the allegations leveled in the complaint by the complainant were true and public servant was demanding bribe from complainant for settling NOC issue and allowing complainant to work smoothly in the forest area. Accordingly on the basis of findings & recommendations of the Enquiry Officer prima facie offences u/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) were made out against the alleged accused public servant Mohd Sultan, Forester Tulail Gurez District Bandipora R/O Ayatmulla Bandipora, as such Case FIR No. 03/2023 was registered at this Police Station ACB Baramulla u/s 7 of the PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) against above mentioned accused public servant & the investigation put into motion.

Immediately after registration of the FIR a team headed by DySP Rank officer was constituted to lay trap on the public servant which caught accused red handed while demanding and accepting bribe from complainant at Gurez District Bandipura. The accused was arrested on spot and bribe money of Rs 30,000 was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses.

Further investigations of the case are going on, the spokesman added.

NIA attaches 17...

had entered into a criminal conspiracy and adopted a strategy of instigating the general public to create a surcharged atmosphere in the Kashmir valley and also to resort to violence, the NIA said.

Watali had been sending the funds raised by him from various sources to the Hurriyat leaders to promote the secession of J-K from the Union of India, it added.

Investigations have revealed that Watali was a "hawala conduit", who was receiving money from "Amir" of Jammnat-ud-Dawah and top commander of Lashkar-e-Taiba, Hafiz Saeed, a 'specially-designated global terrorist' of the United States and a 'listed global terrorist' of the UN, the NIA said.

Saeed had masterminded the 2001 Parliament attack and the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

Watali had received foreign remittances into his bank account running into crores between 2011 and 2013 from various sources. Besides, he had received foreign remittances in his proprietorship firm named M/s 'Trisson International', Srinagar and unexplained remittances were also found in his NRE bank accounts, the NIA said.

The investigating agency said Watali had shown the sale of a plot of land measuring 20 kanals, purportedly owned by Watali's company, M/s 'Trison Farms and Constructions Pvt Ltd' to one Naval Kishore Kapoor, a co-accused in the case.

However, it said, the investigations found that neither Watali, nor his above-mentioned company was the owner of this plot of land in the revenue records.

Watali was arrested by the NIA in 2017 under various sections of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

A trial court had in May last year framed charges against Watali and others in a case related to alleged terrorism and secessionist activities in Jammu and Kashmir in 2017.

Watali was moved out of jail in February last year and placed under house arrest on medical grounds.

He is presently facing trial before the Special NIA Court in Delhi.

Besides JKLF chief Malik, 17 others, including Saeed, top commander of Hizbul-Mujahideen Mohammad Yusuf Shah alias Syed Salahuddin, were charge-sheeted in the case, which had been registered suo moto by the NIA on May 30, 2017.

Malik was convicted in all the charges against him and sentenced to life imprisonment in May 2022.

Democratisation of technology...

delivered another blow, he added.

"In such circumstances, the decisions you make carry great significance for humanity as a whole. I strongly believe that it is our collective responsibility not to let the Sustainable Development Goals fall behind. We must ensure that no one is left behind. It is imperative for this group to send a strong message to the world that we have an action plan to achieve this," he said.

"Our efforts must be comprehensive, inclusive, fair, and sustainable. We should increase investment in fulfilling the SDGs and find solutions to address the debt risks faced by many countries," he said.

In India, efforts have been made to improve people's life in more than hundred aspirational districts, which were pockets of under-development.

"Our experience shows that they have now emerged as the catalysts of growth in the country. I urge the G20 Development Ministers to study this model of development. It may be relevant as you work towards accelerating Agenda 2030," the prime minister said.

In India, we hold great respect for rivers, trees, mountains, and all elements of nature, he noted. "Traditional Indian thought promotes a pro-planet lifestyle. Last year, along with the UN Secretary General, I launched Mission LiFE Lifestyle. I am glad that this group is working to develop a set of high-level principles on LiFE. This would be a significant contribution to climate action," Modi said. The prime minister also made a strong pitch for gender equality and women's empowerment, saying they are crucial to achieve the SDGs.

"In India, we are not limited to women's empowerment. Ours is a women-led development. Women are setting the agenda for development and are also the agents of growth and change. I urge you to adopt a game-changing action plan for women-led development," he said.

Describing Varanasi, where the meeting is taking place, as the oldest living city of the mother of democracy, the prime minister said it is a fitting location for the G20 development ministers' meeting.

"Kashi has been a centre of knowledge, discussion, debate, culture, and spirituality for centuries. It has the essence of India's diverse heritage and serves as a convergence point for people from all parts of the country," he said.

The spirit of Kashi is energised by India's timeless traditions, he noted.

"I hope that you will not spend all your time in meeting rooms! I encourage you to go out, explore, and experience the spirit of Kashi. And, I say this not only because Kashi is my constituency, I am confident that experiencing the Ganga 'Aarti' and visiting Sarnath will inspire you to achieve your desired results," the prime minister added.

Police cracks Rangoor...

of Guru Nanakpura, Amritsar, Punjab entered into altercation. followed by scuffle on trivial issue of giving pass to the vehicle with the local eight youth at border village Rangoor Camp in the jurisdiction of Police Station Rangarh and during scuffle Satinder Paul Singh opened fire with pistol Glock upon the local youth due to which two local youth, Sunil Kumar (21), son of Bhagwan Dass, resident of Rangoor Camp and Sunil Kumar (21), son of Amarnath, resident of Rangoor Camp sustained bullet injuries. During this scuffle, one of the three smugglers, Sunny also got injured due to gun shot of his accomplice Satinder Paul Singh. As the smugglers' Innova vehicle had been caught by the local youth after firing, smugglers including the injured one fled from the spot using a bike belonging to the local youth. In the meanwhile, information had been received through reliable sources to the Police Station Rangarh regarding the firing incident and Police registered a case FIR No. 31/2023 U/S 307 IPC, 3/25 Arms Act at Police Station Rangarh and started investigation. All Nakas across the district were alerted and information was shared with all the Police Stations/ Police Posts of the district by PCR Samba under the directions of SSP Samba Benam Tosh. The alert Police Party of Rarian Naka succeeded in apprehending all the three smugglers. who were fleeing after committing crime.

All the three injured were immediately shifted to CHC Ramgarh from where they were referred to GMC Jammu for advanced treatment.

Police arrested all the three heroin smugglers including one injured. During questioning, they disclosed in the presence of Executive Magistrate 1st Class that they had hidden a Pistol Glock with magazine ammunition and some suspicious pockets near the Rarian Naka point. Upon this, a Police team composed of SDPO Vijaypur, Executive Magistrate 1st Class, SHO and other officers brought the accused to the disclosed suspected Point near Rarian and recovered one pistol with one magazine and 04 live rounds and two pockets of heroin weighing 2.080 KG. Upon this Police has added section 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act to the instant case and started investigation. Police has also recovered rupees 93200.00 Indian currency from the possession of the accused and also seized 04 costly mobile phones including Apple mobile from their possession. Police has also seized a vehicle Innova bearing registration No.CH0BW-8889 which was used for heroin smuggling. Police also seized 03 used rounds and 01 live rounds from the scene of crime. Further investigation of the case is underway.

Transport Commissioner inspects...

concerned authorities thus avoiding chances of any unethical activity in the organization.

Secretary asked the concerned officers to ensure that all applications regarding different services are disposed off in a time bound and transparent manner.

He also asked the RTO for ensuring that all necessary sitting arrangements are put in place for the applicants for their complete convenience in getting services in a hassle free and comfortable manner. In this regard, he asked to install steel chairs in the hall for the applicants, while they wait for their turns.

Secretary asked the RTO to direct all the concerned dealing assistants in the office to shift within two days to newly constructed Kiosks in the open hall instead of being holed up in rooms which are inaccessible to the general public.

Prasanna Ramaswamy also issued instructions to RTO for ensuring that the prescribed guidelines of PSGA are strictly adhered to by all concerned and the people are facilitated with the services under this Act within 15 days. He also asked for prioritizing disposal of all long pending cases in the RTO office.

During the inspection, Secretary took strong notice regarding unacceptable delay and other irregularities in certain services as reported by some of the applicants. He asked the RTO to look into the matter and conduct an in-depth enquiry in some specific issues of grave concerns. Secretary instructed the RTO Jammu to take action against the erring officials and conduct an in-depth enquiry by the ARTO, Headquarter to unearth the extent of possible illegal and unethical practices in the organization. Saying that although introduction of online services have eased the tedium of doing business with the Motor Vehicles Department, Secretary emphasized the need of making the online interfaces user friendly, easily navigable and tamper proof. During the inspection, Secretary was accompanied by Additional Secretary, Transport, Raj Mohammad Malik and Under Secretary, Transport, Manik Singh Rathore.

DB expresses displeasure...

would initiate eviction proceedings under rules including charging of penal rent as described under SOP notified vide Government order No.99-Est of 2018 dated 15.10.2018. Advocate S S Ahmed further submitted that till date, the unauthorised occupants have not vacated the ministerial bungalows nor the Estates Department initiated eviction proceedings against the unauthorised occupants.

Advocate Ahmed further highlighted that Estates Department has been selective in carrying out evictions of the politicians as 107 political persons were evicted from Government accommodations at Jammu. He further submitted that the Ex-Ministers/Ex-Legislators belonging to a particular political party having access to the corridors of power, have not been picked up for eviction drive.

After considering the submissions of Advocate S S Ahmed, the Division Bench headed by Chief Justice N. Kotishwar Singh observed that, "the report which has been submitted before us does not show any reason why the persons have been given the official accommodation, though they may require security cover. We, therefore, would like to know from the Administration as to the nature of the accommodation provided to these persons and the reasons for doing so by the next date."

Narco-terrorism cases...

poor quality, he added. Earlier, the company officials reported that the robbed amount was around Rs 7 crore. However, after the final counting of the remaining cash, the stolen amount was pegged at Rs 8.49 crore.

On the day of the incident, Ludhiana Police Commissioner Mandeep Singh Sidhu said the cash van, used by the robbers to escape was found near Mullanpur Dakha, adding that two weapons were also found in the vehicle.

Highlighting the negligence of the company, Sidhu said the cash was not kept in the currency chest but outside.

About 16 cash vans of the company were parked inside the premises when the robbery took place, police said. In 1987, Ludhiana had seen a loot of Rs 5 crore from a nationalised bank on GT Road by militants.

JKPSA delegation meets PF Commissioner



JKPSA delegation meeting PF Commissioner-I, J&K and Ladakh, Rizwan-ud-Din in Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: Members of Central Executive Body of the J & K Private Schools Association called on PF Commissioner-I, J&K and Ladakh, Rizwan-ud-Din and discussed teething problems faced by the employees who are serving or left the schools while withdrawing their contribution in the Employee Provident Fund Organization. While speaking members said that although department has launched the

'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' Program for the stakeholders of the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with the theme for the final PF Withdrawal, Transfer of PF Accounts and other issues. Members briefed to the commissioner that in number of cases the contribution of all those employees who had contributed for more than 20 years are still awaiting for their consolidated passbooks. Issues and problems faced by them have been brought in the

notice of the officials but till date there is no UAN Activation, Bank & Aadhaar feeding etc. Members said that in the absence of completion of their record some employees are deprived off pension and insurance benefits. Members demanded immediate consolidated passbook of all in-service employees and all those who have left and their contribution is still lying pending in the J&K Employees Provident Fund. Commissioner gave a patient hearing and promised to mitigate the problems of all employers within one month's period. Prominent members who accompanied the delegation included Kamal Gupta (President JKPSA), Ajay Gupta (General Secretary JKPSA), Deepak Handa (District President Jammu urban) and Ram Parkash (District President Udhampur).

HC upholds orders of DM Kulgam, dismisses petition

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SRINAGAR: Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Judge Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court dismissed the petition submitted by Mohammad Saleem Ganai through Advocate Rizwan-ul-Zaman against the orders of District Magistrate Kulgam for eviction from 2 kanal and 17 marlas of land illegally occupied by the petitioner in Survey No 1225,Khata No 690 situated in Chowgam, Tehsil Devsar, district Kulgam, on the grounds that the same is lacking merit.

According to the case counsel for the petitioner submitted that the land in question was in the occupation of petition prior to 1971 and he had the right of its ownership.

Counsel for the respondents Adv Lone Altaf submitted that the petition is not maintainable in because the land in question belongs to

migrant property and in view of the provisions contained in Jammu and Kashmir Migrants Immoveable property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act 1997, and the petition needs to be dismissed.

Justice Chatterji Koul after listening both the sides and going through the file, upheld the order of District Magistrate Kulgam and said that it does not warrant or call for any interference, and thus dismissed the petition for lacking merits.

Director Panchayati Raj visits PMAY-G Awas Plus registration camps

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DODA: Director Panchayati Raj, Khalid Majeed on Monday visited block Bhalla to oversee PMAY-G Awas Plus registration camps.

Assistant Commissioner Development, Phulail Singh and Assistant Commissioner Panchayat,Ashfaq Khanji also accompanied the Director Panchayati Raj. During the visit Director Panchayati Raj reviewed the functioning of PMAY-G Awas Plus registration camps. He directed concerned officers and officials to provide Hassle free services under government sponsored welfare schemes like PMAY-G Awas Plus Yujna to the needy people. The Director Panchayati Raj also interacted with the beneficiaries and PRIs at the camps.

Air Vice Marshal discusses security scenario with DGP



Air Vice Marshal Praveen Keshav Vohra meeting Director General of Police Dilbag Singh.

said.

He said the DGP and the

Air Vice Marshal discussed various issues relating to the overall security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir and attempts to disturb the peace.

They also discussed counter measures including those for foiling infiltration attempts, dropping arms, ammunition and drugs by Pakistan through drones, the spokesman said.

