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Unprecedented task of..

Vijay Dhar, Chairman DPS Srinagar highlighted the achievements of the school including learning school and virtual interface developed for specially-abled children. He stressed on the need for public and private schools to come together to extend quality education to all.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor went round the learning and recreational centre for specially-abled children in the school.

Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Sujit Kumar DIG; Kiran Dhar, Pro Vice Chairperson, DPS Srinagar; Shafaq Afshan, Principal; teachers, and a large number of students of DPS were present.

Three die, 4..

condition was stated to be serious.

In another incident, the official said a private car rolled down from Sinthan top in Kishtwar district after its driver lost control while negotiating a blind curve on the hilly road around 7.45 am.

Latief Ahmad Malik, a resident of Anantnag district, was killed and his co-passenger Ilyas Ahmad Wani was critically injured in the accident, he said, adding the vehicle was on its way to Kishtwar from Anantnag district.

Azad meets Haj..

prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir. I am sure your prayers will be heard there and we will usher to a new dawn of peace and development with these prayers," he told the Hajjis.

Among others present on the occasion were G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, Mohd Amin Bhatt Provincial President Kashmir; Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Shafiq Shabnam Provincial General Secretary, Amir Bhatt Distt President Srinagar and others.

Srinagar emerges as..

the Kashmir Division.

Under Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme(APDP), the (4)four Panchayats of Srinagar District including Fakir Gujree-B, Panzinara-A, Khommoh-C and Soiteng Panchayat were declared Top Most Performing Panchayats by achieving aggregate score of 84.04, 84.31, 82.52 and 83.90 points respectively across the J&K.

The Panchayats were identified for focused development and improvement efforts under the APDP for the year 2022-23. The aim under APDP was to uplift the socio-economic development scenario in these panchayats by addressing the specific areas highlighted by the selected parameters/indicators.

Similarly, under Aspirational Block Development Programme(ABDP) ranking for the year 2022-23, the Harwan and Khommoh Blocks in Srinagar District were ranked Top Performing Blocks among all CD Blocks of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Harwan Block of the District has achieved a score of 80.10, while Khommoh Block has scored 79.20 points on the Ranking Dashboard.

Under District Good Governance Index(DGGI)-3.0, a tool to assess and benchmark Governance at the District level, the Srinagar District scored First Rank among all the 10 Districts of Kashmir Division by scoring 6.0045 District wise Composite Score.

Speaking about the achievements, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Thursday said that this is a pride moment for Srinagar District which has been attained through a collective team effort. The DC has also congratulated the Officers and urged them to work with added zeal and dedication to retain the top ranks.

Pertinent to mention that, in order to achieve 100 percent saturation under 61 Parameters/Indicators of ABDP covering 4 major aspects of Human Development viz poverty, Health & Nutrition, Education and Basic infrastructure, Smart Kindergartens, Vocational Training Centre, Automatic Biochemistry Analyser, Delivery Table with Multi Para Monitor and Baby Warmer were established in Harwan Block.

Besides, composite Health Cum Nutrition Centre were also constructed apart from upgradation of public infrastructure.

Similarly, in Khommoh Block, Smart Classrooms, Smart Kindergartens and Vocational Training Centre were established. In addition, Digital X-ray with CR system 500MA and NIBP Monitors, Composite Health cum Nutrition centres have been set up in the Block.

Besides, provision for a Micro Irrigation facility was also made.

Foot Bridges and link roads have also been constructed in the Block.

Likewise, under Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme, 4 most backward Panchayats of District were given focused development and improvement efforts under the APDP for the year 2022-23 with the aim to uplift the socio-economic development scenario in these panchayats.

It is also worth to mention that Planning Development and Monitoring Department today released the District wise ranking of all the Districts of the Jammu and Kashmir based on key performance indicators.

Courts to close..

Additional Sessions Judge Jammu will be Vacations Sessions Judge from July 1, 2023 to July 3, 2023.

According to another order issued by Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu, Tarun Mahajan Munsiff Jammu will be the Duty Magistrate from June 19, 2023 to June 23, 2023, Sumati Sharma Special Mobile Magistrate (13 FC) Jammu will be Duty Magistrate from June 24, 2023 to June 28, 2023 and Rajiv Kumar Special Railway Magistrate Jammu will be Duty Magistrate Jammu from June 29, 2023 to July 3, 2023.

Over 40 food..

been banned include heavy Pullay, fried rice, puri, bathura, pizza, burger, stuffed parantha, dosa and fried roti, bread with butter, cream-based foods, pickle, chutney, fried papad, chownein among other fried and fast food items.

Keeping in view the health of the devotees, the board has recommended healthy options like cereals, pulses, green vegetables and salad along with a few rice dishes. Apart from 40 banned items everything is allowed, the board added.

The district magistrates of Ganderbal and Anantnag districts shall issue appropriate orders under the Ranbir Penal Code specifying penalties to be imposed for violation of the food menu prescribed above, it added.

For the prevention of high altitude sickness, the board has advised 14 steps for every devotee aspiring to take the Yatra to the cave shrine.

"Do prepare for the Yatra by achieving physical fitness it is advisable to start a preparatory morning and evening walk, about 4-5 km per day," it said, further advising devotees to start deep breathing exercises and Yoga, particularly pranayam for improving oxygen efficiency of the body.

Do check with your physician prior to travelling to higher elevations, if you have any existing pre-existing medical conditions, it said.

Board has also issued five points of advice to prevent hypothermia, which include a healthy diet with plenty of fluids, including warm drinks, and regular meals for energy so that the body can generate heat.

It has further advised devotees to avoid alcohol, caffeine and smoking as they all increase the rate at which the body loses heat.

The advisory further elaborated that in view of cold weather conditions in high altitude sites in the Yatra area where temperature abruptly falls 2 to 5 degrees Celsius, yatris, especially elderly people may suffer from hypothermia.

Harwan, Palli Panchayats..

each sector or area of the district thereby making targeted interventions possible.

He termed the rankings a significant achievement which has laid foundation for evidence based planning in future. He made out that these rankings tell us all about our endeavours made till now and the way forward. He urged all the Deputy Commissioners to thoroughly go through these rankings and formulate plans accordingly to fill the developmental voids pointed out in this ranking system.

Dr Mehta observed that this data has an added advantage of providing us a baseline to measure our progress in future. He exuded hope that in the years ahead with such planning process at our back, most of our problems would find resolution expeditiously. He directed that all rankings may be made public in the shape of compendium so that people also have fair idea about the kind of interventions needed in their areas.

He called it a tool towards ensuring good governance in the UT. He also advised creating a permanent dashboard for monitoring and updating these rankings monthly. He also directed the Housing & Urban Development Department for carrying out Town rankings in the days ahead on similar lines.

The first of its kind Panchayat rankings released today has put Syedpora, Harwan Panchayat of District Srinagar at first rank with a overall score of 91.69 out of 100. It is followed by Palli (Samba) with a score of 90.71, Balhama-A, Khommoh (Srinagar) at 3rd spot with a score of 89.04. Then comes NarwalBala (Jammu) at 4th spot with score of 88.93, Nowgam-A (Srinagar) ranking 5th, Khommoh-A (Srinagar) at 6th, Birpur Upper (Samba) at 7th, Theed-A, Dara-B of Srinagar at 8th and 9th rank with Gatha Panchayat of Baderwah (Doda) ranking 10th in the list of most developed Panchayats in the UT.

The lowest scoring Panchayats include Buglinder-B (49.78) of Tulail District Bandipora, Dhakikote (50.01) of District Reasi, Channa-A (51.58) of Reasi, Panchalthan (51.77) in Anantnag, Bandhar (51.96) in Reasi, Neeru (51.97) in Tulail, Bandipora, Badhal-A (52.58) in Rajouri, Zadigye- B (52.73) in Bandipora, Balihote-B (52.94) in Ramban and Zadigye-A (53.46).

Out of the total of 4291 Panchayats, 73 fall in the score range of 50-60, 1054 in 60-70, 2359 in 70-80 and 807 Panchayats in the range of 80-90 across all the districts of J&K.

Regarding the procedure for determining the rankings of Panchayats it was informed that the APDP has been conceived on the analogy of ABDP of UT of J&K. It was revealed that 100 Parameters/Indicators across 09 sectors have been identified for assessing 285 aspirational panchayats in consultation with the District Development Commissioners concerned.

The process included rating all the 4291 Panchayats spread over 285 Blocks and 20 Districts of the UT on socio-economic indicators concerning the lives of the people residing in the rural areas. One most backward panchayat in each block have been selected from 4291 Panchayats of UT of J&K, on the basis of least aggregate score obtained on the selected 100 parameters/ indicators in the Panchayat Development Index (PDI) in the concerned Block. The relevant data was then collected from the concerned districts.

These 100 measurable indicators identified across 9 Sectors namely Agriculture & allied Activities (6 indicators), Health & Nutrition (11), Education (13), Rural

Development & Sanitation (7), Individual Beneficiary Oriented Schemes (4), Skill Development (4), Basic Infrastructure (17), Environment (5), & Good Governance (33) are providing insights into existing status and will also capture incremental progress over a period of time. Additional financial assistance of Rs. 10 Lakh is being provided to the selected Panchayats for improving the key performance indicators mentioned in the Panchayat Development Index. Among the Border area almost 77 Panchayats from 82 border Blocks fall in the aspirational panchayats programme. Out of these based on the set criterion the most backward Panchayat found through assessment is Buglinder-B from Block Tulail District Bandipore having score 49.78. While as, the last Aspirational Panchayat selected from Border Areas is Panchayat Nanga of Block Rangarh, District Samba having a score of 79.59 making it the most developed Panchayat among the Border panchayats spread across 08 districts of the UT. These rankings were today released by the Chief Secretary in presence of all the Administrative Secretaries, District Development Commissioners, HoDs of Planning, Finance and other concerned departments.

Infiltration bid foiled..

early Thursday. "In a joint operation, alert troops of the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police foiled an infiltration bid along the LoC in Krishnaghathi sector on the intervening night of June 14 and 15," Jammu-based Army PRO Lt Col Devender Anand said. In the operation, he said one weapon, two pouches and two rucksacks were seized. The recovered items include one AK-74 rifle with nine magazines and 438 rounds, two pistols with four magazines and 60 rounds, six hand grenades, clothing and medicines. "By this swift action another infiltration bid has been foiled, which had the potential to disturb peace in Poonch district," Lt Col Anand said. The officials said army troops opened fire after picking up the movement of suspected terrorists attempting to sneak into this side from across the border late Wednesday night. However, the terrorists managed to escape taking advantage of thick foliage and darkness, leaving behind the consignment of arms and ammunition.

The operation in the area was still continuing when the last reports were received, the officials said. Separately, police assisted by the army also launched a cordon and search operation in Makhayala and Bainch villages following reports of suspicious movement. However, no one was arrested during the operation, officials said.

SIU attaches properties...

acts of terror has caused immense suffering and loss of innocent lives in the Valley in the past. The Jammu and Kashmir Police has been actively pursuing his acts to bring an end to his destructive activities," the official said.

Following extensive intelligence gathering and meticulous investigations, the SIU team of Kupwara Police identified and subsequently attached the terrorist's properties -- 26 Kanals and 4 Marlas (3.25 acres) of land at three different locations in Diver Lolab. "This measure aims to disrupt his illicit network and restrict his ability to carry out further acts of terror," the official said.

LG makes surprise check of Shelter Home for Urban Homeless

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid a surprise inspection at Shelter Home for Urban Homeless at Boria Basti, Bahu Fort Jammu, on Thursday.



LG Manoj Sinha during surprise inspection at Shelter Home for Urban Homeless at Boria Basti, Jammu.

The Lt Governor during the visit reviewed facilities being provided to the dwellers. He also heard their grievances, during the interaction.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to ensure round the clock availability of all basic amenities, sufficient water supply, proper sanitation and cleanliness in the premises.

The Shelter Home is being run by Jammu Municipal Corporation, through NGO Jagriti Mahila Udyog Kendra.

The Lt Governor was accompanied by the senior civil and police officials.

National-level camp for NCC cadets organised in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: A national-level camp for NCC cadets was organised here to foster the spirit of national integration, said an official on Thursday.

The camp was organised by the NCC group headquarters in Srinagar at the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAKLI) regimental centre in Rangreth on the outskirts of the city.

The camp saw the participation of NCC cadets from all the states and union territories of the country.

"This is the start point of the national-level camp of the NCC called 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat', special national integration camp," Group Commander, NCC Group Srinagar, Brigadier K S Kalsi, told PTI.

He said the NCC organises

several training activities and camps for the cadets.

Six such camps are organised pan-India. Srinagar has been the traditional venue of this camp every year. These camps aim to foster the spirit of national integration in the cadets coming from various parts of the country, Brigadier Kalsi said.

NCC has got 17 directorates. Today, our cadets have come from each state and UT of the country. While they are here, they will exchange ideas with each other, they will showcase diverse cultures through group songs, dances, national integration awareness programmes, games, debates and quizzes, he added.

Landslides hits Jammu-Srinagar NH; clearance work on

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BANIHAL: Traffic was disrupted on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway Thursday following a landslide near Ramban town, traffic department officials said.

The landslide struck the 270-km highway near Cafeteria Morh around 1 am, blocking the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, the officials said.

They said the mouth of an under-construction tunnel was also blocked by the debris. The tunnel is being constructed to bypass the problematic stretch and is expected to

be completed by next year.

After the landslide, the concerned agency working on the four-lane highway project immediately pressed men and machines and managed to clear the road of the major debris.

However, intermittent shooting of stones from the hillock hampered the restoration of stranded traffic till 11 am, the officials said.

No fresh traffic was allowed either from Jammu or Srinagar this morning, the officials said, adding the traffic will be restored once the stranded vehicles are cleared.

DSRS, JU organizes talk on ‘Imagining regional’ in Climate Science

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JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu has organized a talk on "Imagining regional" in Climate Science: Challenges of Scientists in the Himalayas" in the seminar hall of the Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS). The talk was delivered by Dr. Suresh Babu G.S., faculty in the School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi, to the Research Scholars and the students of the master's programme of the department.

Prof. Virender Koundal, Director DSRS, formally welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Suresh Babu, and other dignitaries and introduced the theme of the lecture and invited Dr. Suresh Babu delivered the talk.

Dr. Suresh Babu began his talk first by introducing the concepts of "climate change", "region", "temperature of glacial regions", and "Karakorum anomaly" and

thereafter explained in detail about the whole Himalayan regions global warming and cooling variations which have generated enormous debate amongst scientists, social scientists and policymakers of the eight countries sharing this region.

He mentioned about developmental induced changes in the ecosystem and a new dimension to understanding the impact of climate change as a consequence of adhering to the economic growth model. The policymakers' focus is to provide market oriented services to the people with an intention of catering the needs of the society, market or nation but from the environmental and ecological perspective there are constraints and contrasts in this approach.

He stressed that India and China are the most productive markets in the world and this also causes environmental issues that add up to the climate change issue.

In the end, Dr. Suresh Babu had a brain-storming session with the research scholars and faculty members and they discussed varied dimensions of climate change and puzzles that originate from the liberalization, globalization, modernization, and other progressive domains of contemporary era. He also shed light on how and why the eight states surrounding the Himalayan region or sharing this region need to look into this issue related to the environment and climate change to make them viable and sustainable modern states in international politics.

After this, Director DSRS, Prof. Virender Koundal gave his concluding remarks.

This programme was also attended by the Department faculty Dr. Surinder Mohan, Dr. Ranjan Sharma, Dr. Ganesh Malhotra, research scholars and PG students of the department. In the end, Dr. Mohammad Monir Alam gave the vote of thanks.

76 Bn organises free medical camp

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing the wellness of civilians, Civic action programmes under the aegis of Jammu Sector CRPF, 76 Battalion CRPF in collaboration with J&K Health Department, on Thursday organized a free medical camp under the guidance of IG Sector Jammu and DIG Jammu Range at JDA Colony Sheikh Nagar, Shiv Mandir Jammu.

The main objective of the camp was to reach out to the needy people of the area and make them aware about their health & provide free health care.

In the Medical Camp, Dr. S Sovmiya, 76

Battalion, CRPF and Dr. Dimple, Medical Officer, conducted free medical check-up of around 280 civilians and provided free medicines.

TH Khan, Commandant-76 Bn inaugurated this Civic Action programme and appealed to all people of the area to remain fit by doing physical exercises regularly and sensitized them to maintain a healthy lifestyle and hygiene. Mahendra Singh 21C, Girish Sonitayal, Deputy Commandant, Karnail Singh, Deputy Commandant, Kushila Nand Sharma, Asstt. Comdt. of 76 Bn CRPF and Bittu Meahra (President) also participated in the camp.