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### Committed to making...

the people with access to world class, affordable and quality healthcare services. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Ministry of AYUSH and J&K administration are working together with the vision of 'One Earth, One Health' to serve the global community through integrated and ancient Indian System of medicine, he said.

Jammu Kashmir is fully prepared to become an important centre of AYUSH and 'Heal in India' campaign, which will not only promote medical tourism in the Union Territory, but also create immense business and employment opportunities in the healthcare sector, added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also highlighted several milestones achieved in the AYUSH sector of J&K UT.

Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital at Akhnoor, Unani Medical College and Hospital at Ganderbal and upgradation of 442 AYUSH Dispensaries have been done for the well-being of the people. Five 50-Bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospitals in Districts of Kulgam, Kathua, Kupwara, Kishtwar and Samba have been approved by Ministry of AYUSH under National AYUSH Mission to strengthen AYUSH secondary healthcare in the UT of J&K, he said.

In order to promote Medical Tourism in UT, 6 Specialized AYUSH Wellness Centres at famous tourist places-Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Patnitop, Katra and Golf Course Jammu and Srinagar have been approved, out of which three centres have been made operational, he further added.

India is home to the world's oldest medical systems. It is not limited to treatment only. It is a science of understanding life and wellbeing in a holistic manner. Through Yoga and Ayush Centres, it is our endeavour to spread the vision and benefits of Ayurveda to all sections of the society, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also shared valuable suggestions for integrating local health traditions with the mainstream of Ayurveda by promoting People's Science preserved for centuries and transcribing the rich and diverse Indian medicine knowledge in simple language for the new generation.

It is also necessary to understand the roots of the traditional system to establish harmony between the Registry of Professionals and the Registry of Facility and all other disciplines of medicine, he added.

Vaidya Shri Jayant Deopujari, Chairman National Commission for Indian System of Medicine and Prof. (Vaidya) Rakesh Sharma, President, Board of Ethics and Registration, also spoke on the occasion and threw light on the key features of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and the aims and objectives of consultative meeting.

Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, Kashmir University; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department; Ayushi Sudan, State Mission Director, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission; senior officials from National Health Authority, ISM and UT Administration; HoDs and scores of health professionals and Ayurvedacharya were present.

Meanwhile, Joint Committee of Parliament on Forests (Conservation) Amendment Bill 2023, under the Chairmanship of Rajendra Agrawal, Member of Parliament met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Friday.

The meeting discussed conservation and protection of forests, digitization of forest records and public services and ensuring rapid growth and prosperity in Jammu Kashmir.

The Committee is on a study visit to Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir to receive the inputs and suggestions from members of government organizations on the proposed Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023.

C.P. Goyal, Director General Forests; Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Forests; and Roshan Jaggi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests J&K were also present during the meeting.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha released the brochure of Central University of Kashmir- Target 100 Days for launching of Academic and Administrative Reforms with Specific Focus on Infrastructure Development, on Friday.

The Central University of Kashmir will adopt best practices from other leading institutions in the world and country keeping in view the emerging trends and present needs, and launch innovative reforms within the framework as envisaged under National Education Policy-2020.

The action plan to be prepared by various engagement groups outlines the main goals for implementation of academic and administrative reforms for improving quality and excellence of higher education at the University. Further, the primary emphasis will be on infrastructure creation through a well-designed master plan using green technologies with a provision for future expansion of academic and research activities. They also proposed three iconic buildings consisting of Skill Development Centre, Knowledge Resources Centre and Student Activities Centre and opening access to these facilities for students of other institutions, besides students of Central University of Kashmir.

Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, senior officials and students were present.

### Vacations in Jammu...

to 22-07-2023, an order issued by DSEJ stated. It further ordered that all teachers shall remain available for any on-line guidance of students during vacation period adding that any default on part of the head of the Schools/Teaching staff in observance of the vacation schedule shall attract action under rules.

### Rupala chairs Parliamentary...

Husbandry and Dairying, Members of Parliament and members of the Parliament Consultative Committee were also attended the meeting.

The Committee deliberated on various aspects of "Strengthening of Veterinary Services through Mobile Units and Implementation of Vaccination Programme in the country".

While chairing the meeting, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala said that India has vast resource of livestock and poultry, which play a vital role in improving the socio-economic conditions of rural masses. Therefore, the Department has to make deliberate efforts to increase availability and accessibility of better veterinary health services to minimise economic losses due to animal diseases.

The Members of Parliament appreciated the efforts being taken by the Department, especially for the Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) with 100% central assistance and uniform toll free number 1962, and also made various suggestions to improve the present veterinary services for the consideration of the Department. The Minister assured the Committee that the Department will ensure to take appropriate action on the valuable suggestions given by the Members.

### Indian ambassador to...

and Kashmir. He gave an overview about the prevailing trade scenario in the region with special reference to products having competitive advantage for export to Saudi Arabia.

The event brought together esteemed business leaders, entrepreneurs and representatives from various industry and trade associations of Kashmir, offering a unique opportunity to discuss and address the challenges being faced by the local business community.

Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, while speaking on the occasion, emphasized the importance of strengthening bilateral trade between UT of J&K and Saudi Arabia. He acknowledged the rich cultural heritage and entrepreneurial spirit of Kashmir and expressed his admiration for region's contribution towards nation's economy. He observed that unique and niche products of J&K have lot of potential as far as the markets of Saudi Arabia are concerned.

Responding to issues and concerns raised by the participants, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan praised the efforts of JKTPO in promoting trade and investment opportunities in Kashmir. He conveyed Embassy's commitment towards supporting such initiatives.

He assured the participants that the Indian government is continuously working hard towards creating a conducive business environment for all to flourish their businesses. He added that necessary support is being extended for trade and investment activities especially for export of GI tagged products of Jammu & Kashmir. He assured to create business linkages for the exporters of J&K, adding that efforts would be made to organize delegation visits, B2B meets, exhibitions, road shows and related events in Saudi Arabia.

"This interaction marks a significant milestone in strengthening economic ties between the two regions. It reflects the shared commitment towards exploring new avenues of cooperation and leveraging the vast potential for trade and investment", maintained the ambassador.

During the event, representatives from industry and trade associations of Kashmir presented their perspectives on key sectors including tourism, Handloom and Handicrafts, Agriculture, Food Processing and Horticulture. They highlighted the immense potential for collaboration and investment in these sectors, showcasing the unique products and services that Kashmir has to offer to Saudi Arabia.

The representatives from Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), PHDCCI Kashmir, Federation Chamber of Industries Kashmir (FCIK), CA Store Association, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Kashmir Carpet Cluster Development Organization (KCCDO), Pampore Saffron Producers Association, Bat Manufacturing Association and various organizations dealing with Wood carving, Pashmina, Papermache products interacted with Ambassador and highlighted the need for collaboration between Jammu and Kashmir and Saudi business establishments.

The interaction also served as a platform for exchange of ideas and experiences among the attendees, fostering networking and partnership opportunities. Business leaders and entrepreneurs from Kashmir expressed keen interest in exploring collaborations with their Saudi Arabian counterparts and acknowledged the potential for growth and synergy between the two regions.

It was also suggested to promote tourism both inbound and outbound, adding that Fam trips, Golf tournaments can play a vital role in this regard.

### Coromandel, Bengaluru-Howrah...

Rapid Action Force (ODRAF), three units of NDRF and 60 ambulances were working to rescue the injured, officials said.

The Odisha government has issued helpline 06782-262286. The railway helplines are 033-26382217 (Howrah), 8972073925 (Kharagpur), 8249591559 (Balsore) and 044- 25330952 (Chennai).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was distressed by the accident, and spoke with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to take stock of the situation.

"Distressed by the train accident in Odisha. In this hour of grief, my thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover soon. Spoke to Railway Minister @AshwiniVaishnaw and took stock of the situation. Rescue ops are underway at the site of the mishap and all possible assistance is being given to those affected," he tweeted.

West Bengal Chief Secretary HK Dwivedi said the state was sending a team led

by minister Manas Bhunia and MP Dola Sen to the spot.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said she was personally monitoring the situation along with the chief secretary and other officials.

"We are coordinating with Odisha government and South Eastern Railways for our people's sake. Our emergency control room has been activated at once with numbers 033- 22143526/ 22535185. All out efforts for rescue, retrieval, aid and assistance initiated," she tweeted.

### DB upholds life...

whereas AAG RS Jamwal for the UT, observed that it has been established beyond doubt that there was enmity between the deceased and the appellant-Prem Nath on account of the fact that appellant-Prem Nath was claiming whole of the property left behind by the husband of deceased-Krishni Devi, who happened to be his Aunt, but deceased-Krishni Devi wanted to give whole of the property to her grandson, deceased-Parkash Singh to the exclusion of appellant-Prem Nath. On account of this dispute, the appellant-Prem Nath in conspiracy with other appellants, who happen to be his brothers and nephew thought of committing murder of both the deceased so as to achieve his objective of succeeding to the property of Situ, husband of deceased-Krishni Devi. After the occurrence, appellants absconded and they were arrested from a cave inside the forest when the Police launched a massive manhunt. Though the circumstance of abscondence is also a week circumstance for connecting the accused to the crime, yet when read with other circumstances, it does point to the conclusion of the guilt of the accused. It has also been established that weapons of offence and objects stained with the blood of the deceased were recovered on the basis of disclosure statements made by the appellants from the places regarding which only the appellants had the knowledge. The scientific evidence on record has proved that finger prints of appellants viz., Guddi Ram, Krishan Chand and Sita Ram were found on the three weapons of offence i.e. 'Toka', 'Drahat' and 'Axe'. When these circumstances are read with the evidence regarding similarity of hair strands of the deceased with the hair strands found on the weapons of offence, 'Drahat' and 'Toka', it can safely be concluded that it is the appellants who are the authors of the crime.

DB is of the opinion that the impugned judgment does not call for any interference by this Court. The same is elaborate and lucid. In fact, the Trial Judge has meticulously analysed and appreciated the evidence on record and reached a correct conclusion. There is no illegality much less any perversity in the impugned judgment of conviction and order of sentence passed by the trial court. The appeal lacks merit and is dismissed accordingly. The reference made by the trial court is accepted and the order of sentence passed by the said court is confirmed.

### CS stresses on...

given in many premier hospitals in the country and the Department needs to bring their own system in sync with that to make the process of visiting a Hospital easier. He told them to adopt the simplest and efficient system available.

Chief Secretary also enjoined upon the officers to digitize the patient history and other legacy data so that the same is accessible round the clock. He said that the convergence of data from Health Care Institutions, Anganwadi centres and Educational Institutions could make a database inclusive of all health details from birth till date for each person. He urged them to make it an objective to ensure 100 percent digitization of health records of all the individuals here in the UT.

On the occasion both the Secretary Health, Bhupinder Kumar and MD, NHM, Ayushi Sudan gave a detailed overview of the functioning of the Department especially the National Health Mission (NHM), J&K. It was given out that sufficient number of Critical Care Ambulances have been deployed across the health facilities of J&K and integrated with 108 call centre for providing 24x7 hassle-free services to people. Moreover it was given out that the utilization of funds from the last 5 years from 2018-19 has seen progressive growth with each passing year. It was revealed that out of Rs 671.75 Cr amount of funds available in the year 2018-19, the percentage of utilization was 72%. The same increased to Rs 900.64 Cr in 2022-23 with percentage of utilization taking a quantum leap to reach 98.68% for the previous financial year.

The Governing Body discussed the proposals of the NHM to ratify State Programme Implementation Programme (SPIP) to the tune of Rs 1441.60 Cr for FY 2023-24, procurement of Covid essential Diagnostic & Drugs, Implementation of IT interventions like HMIS (e-SAHAJ) from District Hospitals and CHCs to Tertiary Care Hospitals. It also discussed maternity leave in favour of contractual female employees as per the existing labour laws and other HR related issues for making the functioning of the mission smooth and efficient.

### Terrorist killed in...

out by the Army in coordination with police, suspicious movements were noticed in a forest area of Dassal Gujran near Rajouri, a defence PRO said.

The search operation turned into a gunbattle when the troops were fired upon, which was retaliated, the public relations officer (PRO) said, adding that sporadic firing continued throughout the night.

A search operation was launched in the morning, he said.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Mukesh Singh said one terrorist was neutralised. The body of the ultra, who had taken position in a gorge during the gunbattle, has been retrieved and sent to a hospital in Rajouri, the official sources said. The terrorist is reportedly of Pakistani origin.

According to the "sarpanch" (village head) of Dassal Kewal, the encounter broke out around 3 am. The search operation was still on at the time of filing this report. Unconfirmed reports said two to three terrorists were hiding in the area when the gunbattle started.

## Raj Bhawan celebrates Telangana Statehood Day

### Some of inspiring chapters in India's freedom struggle written in Telangana: LG

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan on Friday celebrated Telangana Statehood Day. Students, eminent personalities originally from Telangana were special invitees to the cultural programme presided over by the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

The cultural programme comprising songs and dance of Telangana was presented by students of NIT Srinagar and artistes from J&K Cultural Academy.

The Lt Governor conveyed his best wishes to the people of Telangana on the Statehood Day.

"I pay my homage to the great revolutionaries, freedom fighters, litterateurs and social reformers who



Glimpses of celebration of Statehood Day of Telangana at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar on Friday.

continue to inspire our great nation," said the Lt Governor.

"I pray for good health and well-being of the people of this blessed land, which has a glorious tradition of rich culture, music, literature, handicraft and a progressive spirit. Some of the inspiring chapters in India's

freedom struggle were written in Telangana," the Lt Governor said.

Telangana's farmers, soldiers, scientists, entrepreneurs, poets, artists have made invaluable contribution in nation building. From the literary creations of Malliya Rechana in the 11th century to the poetic

imaginations of Atreya, Gurajada Apparao and D a s a r a d h i Krishnamacharyulu in the modern era, the Indian literature has been greatly enriched by them. Today, I pay my tributes to towering men, women of ideas and ideals from Telangana, who illumined the nation with their wisdom and intellectual brilliance, he added.

"The nation will forever be indebted to the bravery, courage and supreme sacrifice of the great personalities and freedom fighters like Ramji Gond, the head of the Gond tribal; Komaram Bheem of brave tribal community and the great freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju," the Lt Governor said.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Authorities attempted to carry out a demolition drive and partially damaged an "illegal" commercial complex in Kathua district on Friday, prompting traders to stage a protest against the administration.

The owners of the building alleged that the demolition drive was carried out without issuing any notice to them. They added that they have filed a plea in the high court and the hearing is scheduled for Friday.

Amid a heavy deployment of police personnel, men and machines of the Kathua Municipal Council, led by its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Santosh Kotwal, attempted to carry out the demolition drive at the com-



Kathua residents staging protest.

plex located on the Shaheedi chowk road, sources said.

The owner of the building, Mohinder Mahajan, reached the spot and raised objections to the government action. He asked the CEO to show the demolition notice. The CEO failed to produce it, resulting in anger among the traders' community and triggering

protests, the sources said.

Authorities alleged that the owners of the building had bribed officials to raise the structure illegally, resulting in heated arguments between the owners and officials. Police had to intervene to avert a clash between the two sides.

The Beopar Mandal

Kathua has voiced concern over the development. Members of the organisation staged a protest against Kathua Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas and raised anti-BJP slogans. The administration's move came only a few days after the owners of the building converted the residential complex into a commercial one. The municipal council had served a notice to the building owners.

The matter was under the deputy commissioner's consideration. "We have filed an application in the high court. The hearing is scheduled for Friday itself. It is unfortunate that they damaged the structure without issuing any notice," one of the owners told reporters.

## Five-days training programme for officers concludes at JU

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The five day's induction training programme for newly recruited officers and Assistant Registrars concluded today in the University of Jammu (JU). The induction programme was conducted by the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, JU. In the valedictory function Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development was the Chief Guest, who elaborated on the working of the university and the role of the newly recruited Officers.

She emphasized that all the policies must have the focus on cause and concerns of the students. She stressed the officers must have a positive and constructive mindset

while dealing with the files that are routed to them.

Earlier while welcoming the guests at the function Prof S K Pandita, Director HRDC threw light on the various topics that were covered during the induction programme. He informed that experienced resource persons were drawn from various organisations and the participants were satisfied and happy to interact with them.

The participants were provided the certificates of participation by the Chief Guest. Ranjit Kalra, Teaching Faculty presented the vote of thanks whereas proceeding of the function were conducted by Dr. Bashir Ahmad Lone, Coordinator of the course.

## Tempering of Revenue Record: Three revenue officials placed under suspension

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Pending enquiry into their conduct regarding the tempering of revenue record of village Chowadhi, District Jammu, the government on Friday suspended three revenue officials.

"Pending enquiry into their conduct regarding the tempering of revenue record of village Chowadhi, District Jammu, in respect of mutation No. 2459/Jeem, three revenue officials are placed under suspension in terms of Rule 31 of J&K Civil Service (CC&A) Rules 1956 and they shall remain attached with the offices as indicated against each, during period of their suspension," reads an order issued by Pawan Kotwal, Administrative Officer with Financial Commissioner (Rev)

As per order, the suspended revenue officials Mohd. Iqbal Zargar (the then Naib Tehsildar Bahu, Tehsil Bahu, District Jammu) presently attached with Divisional Commissioner, Jammu shall remain attached in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Doda; Mohd Ashraf (the then Girdawar Circle Bahu, District Jammu) presently posted as GQ Circle No. 9, Kheri Bishnah, shall remain attached in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Kathua; and Mohd Sayed (the then Patwari Patwar Halqa, Chowadhi, District Jammu) presently posted at Hydraulic Division, Ramban, shall remain attached in the office of Executive Engineer, Hydraulic Division Ramban.

## NSUI demands reopening of JKAS Applications Forms

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: National Students Union of India (NSUI) demanded reopening of JKAS Application forms for those candidates who recently got age relaxation.

In a press conference, NSUI State President Ajay Lakhotra said that according to a notification issued by General Administration Department on May 27, 2023, the age relaxation was granted to the aspirants.

According to which the upper age for General category aspirants is now 35 yrs, for reserved categories is 37 yrs and 38 for Physically

Challenged Aspirants.

It was welcoming step and NSUI Jammu and Kashmir wholeheartedly welcomed the decision and also extended it's gratitude to LG.

After this notification, there was a ray of hope among the aspirants who got benefit of age relaxation that last date of filling JKAS application forms will be extended in order to accommodate them. but unfortunately the date of application forms not extended yet.

Ajay Lakhotra said that JKPSOC should extend the last date of JKAS forms, if it's not done than there will be no rel-

evance of age relaxation.

NSUI State President further added that the tentative date of JKAS Preliminary exam is 23rd June 2023, We don't want to disturb the roster of JKPSOC therefore it's our very request before JKPSOC to extend the JKAS application forms date for atleast 1 week and accommodate the aspirants who got benefits of age relaxation.

Other NSUI leaders present were Bavanyu Bhagat, Jatin Dogra, Sparsh Sharma, Bobin Chadda, Rahil mirza, Salik Ali Shah, Javed Chauhan, Vinayak, Abhay, Jagdeep and Jaisidh Bhalla.