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NDA to meet...

Asked about the JD(U)'s demand for a review of the 'Agnipath' scheme, Paswan quoted Modi as saying in the NDA meeting on Wednesday that he was open to suggestions from allies on different issues. "He, in fact, encouraged us to speak," the young parliamentarian said, without commenting directly on the issue.

"There is anger among voters on the (short-term army recruitment) Agnipath scheme. Our party wants those shortcomings to be removed," JD(U) spokesperson K C Tyagi told reporters earlier.

Senior BJP leaders met at the party's national president J P Nadda's residence in what was seen as part of the party's exercise to reach out to allies over issues like their share of ministerial berths and pick the probables from within their party for the coalition government.

Preparing to take oath for a third straight term as the head of a coalition government, Modi on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the ruling alliance's members who unanimously elected him as its leader.

Leaders of the BJP's ally Janata Dal (United) also held deliberations with party president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The regional party is looking to get some key ministerial berths to reclaim the lost ground in Bihar where it has performed well after being seen to have fallen away behind the BJP and the RJD over the last few years in political strength.

With 12 MPs, the JD(U) is the second biggest BJP ally after the Telugu Desam Party which has 16 parliamentarians. The new BJP-led government will depend critically on these two parties for survival.

BJP leaders are in touch with allies over ministerial berths and other issues.

Naidu is keen for the Centre to provide Andhra Pradesh financial assistance in building its capital in Amravati. He also wants the new government to take steps to fulfil the Centre's commitment to the state when Telangana was carved out of it, sources said.

High Court to...

and Ladakh High Court N Kotishwar Singh nominated Justice Rahul Bharti as Vacation Judge for Jammu wing from June 17 to June 22, 2024, Justice Mohd Yousaf Wani as Vacation Judge for Jammu wing from June 22 to June 29, 2024.

Justice Moksha Khajuria Kamzi as Vacation Judge for Srinagar wing from June 17 to June 22, 2024 and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal as Vacation Judge for Srinagar wing from June 22 to June 29, 2024.

Govt attaches two...

Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, has been asked to conduct an inquiry into the matter and submit a report with his recommendations within 15 days.

Youth power building...

and handicraft products", he observed.

He advised the students to get themselves acquainted with the precious handicraft tradition of Jammu Kashmir, so that they can assist the Handicrafts Department in brand positioning and to incubate new ideas in different product categories.

The Lt Governor also talked about the policy reforms introduced by the UT Administration to transform the handicraft and handloom sector.

In June 2023, the administration notified 32 new crafts and at present the total number of registered crafts has increased to 60. It is also being ensured that every handicraft artist and weaver gets the benefit of GI certification, testing, labelling and training, the Lt Governor said.

He called upon NIFT students and faculty members to support artisans in brand positioning, product designing and packaging.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the important role of academic institutions in establishing India as a Knowledge economy.

Higher education sector in J&K is going through reformative changes. Institutions like NIFT should also make the necessary reforms, aligned with NEP 2020, to meet the future needs of the market, he further added.

This year's NIFT Youth Festival has been organised under the theme of "Rangreza" in which more than 600 students will be participating in 24 events like Best out of Waste, Mural Art, Frame within the frame, Battle of Bands, Mental Marathon, Open Mic etc.

Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam; Dr. Javid Ahmad Wani, Director NIFT Srinagar, faculty members, student of NIFT and other participating institutions were present on the occasion.

Model code of...



President Droupadi Murmu receiving list of elected members from CEC Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu in New Delhi.

on March 16 till the counting of votes on June 4, was 82. Polling in the world's biggest election exercise was held in seven phases beginning on April 19.

The model code of conduct is a set of conventions agreed upon by all stakeholders and imposed during elections. Its objective is to keep the campaigning, polling and counting process orderly, clean and peaceful and check any abuse of state machinery and finances by the party in power.

While poll code does not enjoy any statutory backing, the Supreme Court has upheld its sanctity on several occasions. The Election Commission is fully authorised to investigate any violation of the code and pronounce punishment.

The poll code finds its origin during the 1960 assembly elections in Kerala when the administration tried to evolve a code of conduct for the political parties. The code has evolved over the last 60 years to assume its present form.

According to the Election Commission of India, the model code of conduct states that the parties in power at the Centre and in the states should ensure that they do not use their official position for campaigning.

Ministers and other government authorities cannot announce financial grants in any form. No project or scheme that may have the effect of influencing the voter in favour of the party in power can be announced, and ministers cannot use official machinery for campaign purposes when the poll code is in effect.

Two politicians vacate...

has been kept in two sealed covers contrary to the observations expressed by the Chief Justice of India, D.Y. Chandrachud who deprecated the filing of documents in sealed covers.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed further submitted that referring of the cases of 35 overstay-ing politicians to the Committee of J&K Govt. is a ploy to shield the illegal continuation of influential politicians who are close to the seat of power and the so-called security concerns have already been taken care of by the Division Bench in its Order dated December 26, 2022 passed in CM Nos. 7467/2022 and 7468/2022 arising out of the instant PIL where the Division Bench comprising then Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan and Justice Rajesh Sekhri held that security and accommodation are two different factors and this was held while dismissing the application filed by Ex-MP/Ex-Minister Ch. Lal Singh.

He further submitted that undue favour is being extended to the convenient politicians by throwing Law of the land to the winds.

Advocate Ahmed further submitted that he is entitled to see the entire records and all the 43 individual orders passed by the Estates Department so that he can assist the Division Bench for passing the appropriate directions in this matter of wide public importance.

At this stage, the Division Bench headed by the Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh in the open Court remarked that the entire records will be perused in order to see the compliance of Court directions dated April 3, 2024.

The Division Bench after considering the heated arguments from both the sides, directed the Registry to renotify the instant PIL on August 7, 2024. The Division Bench further directed the Counsel for Estates Department to report instructions in CM No. 4083/2023 moved by former Finance Minister Abdul Raheem Rather who is seeking clarification that he has already vacated the Govt. Accommodation and his name should be removed from the list of Occupants.

JKBOSE declares class...

followed by cooperation in evaluation and all other people who have directly or indirectly contributed towards the success of this examination.

"It is heartening to see that girls have again outshined boys not only in pass percentage but secured the top positions also. I congratulate all the students for their hard work. It is a momentous occasion for all of us as our concerted efforts have yielded fruitful results. Those students who could not make it this time should try again with revised strategies. 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. Their result has been made available on Digilocker service. For this the students will have to download Digilocker App and register them after filling the required details. The marks sheets are also accessible on Digilocker.

The result is also available online on the official website of JKBOSE www.jkbose.nic.in. 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 email their queries, if any, at jsserecye_jd@jkbose.co.in (for Jammu Division) and jsserecye_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.

'Blackmailer' Amit Kapoor...

records, in 2018, Amit Kapoor had also faked an incident of an attack on him at Greater Kaliash area, which later proved to be totally baseless and concocted. He was also booked for blackmailing the then Director Education Anuradha Gupta.

According to police, FIRs are registered against Amit Kapoor at Janipur Police Station, City Police Station and at Police Station Peer Mitha.

Police said, "Amit Kapoor's modus operandi was to hold protests against schools, government officers and business houses in a bid to demand and extort money from them." The complainants have also sought to book Amit Kapoor, who is running a fake Parents' Association, under Public Safety Act (PSA) so that he can't cheat and blackmail others.

CS calls for...

completed by the BISAG, so far. While reviewing the initiatives, the Chief Secretary implored upon the team to help them in capacity building of the staff. He directed the concerned to ensure completion of training of the master trainers in every department within a week so that they are well versed with the usage of to be launched Apps. He directed the concerned to prepare a user manual of the Apps so as to make government services more meaningful, accessible and user friendly.

He also suggested some changes to be made and told the BISAG team to introduce new features like using the latest technologies like Chatbot integrated, query builder, Artificial Intelligence (AI) for making government more accessible and responsive to public.

The Chief Secretary further directed the officers to work in a coordinated manner so that the Apps should be fully ready for roll out in a timely manner.

On the occasion, BISAG team gave a detailed presentation about the status of different reformative measures taken and the latest technologies introduced in the Apps.

They threw light on the progress achieved in formulation of Grievance redressal mechanism- Samadhan saying that Samadhan is an improvement over JKIGRAMS and CPGRAMS. It was said that the refurbished mechanism is a multi-lingual forum which would be based on AI.

JK Samadhan is enabled with auto forwarding of grievance to the concerned department and DoPG will be able to monitor the grievances. JK Samadhan is expected to be rolled out by the end of this month.

It was also informed that the mechanism would be more responsive with real-time updates, prompt acknowledgement and multilingual voice chatbot integration. The App will have normal and priority based segregation of grievances with multiple type of dashboard and reports.

The Chief Secretary was also given a demonstration on the renewed mechanism of farmer empowerment mechanism by virtue of Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) ecosystem. KKG which will be launched in July is an integrated and customised portal for farmers to facilitate them in utilising multitude of services.

It was apprised in the meeting that KKG is laced with 17 main features, out of which, 12 have been completed while the rest will be completed very soon. The said system would have innate characteristics of farmer registration, sale of agricultural inputs, scheme on boarding mechanism, advisories, skilling, expert consultation, digital marketing, decision support and developing of smart phone applications.

BISAG also highlighted various features of JK Youth Skill and Entrepreneurship App and detailed discussions were held about the development and creation of Digital DPRs and Skill Management in the UT. The said mechanism is going to take help of AI and others for career counselling, job opportunities in private and public sector, self employment besides imparting skills and incubation to aspiring entrepreneurs. The App will be integrated with job fairs, government notifications, job postings, National carer service, employment schemes.

Almost 90 pc...

the votes, while Mohammad Saleem Parray got 2.49 per cent votes in Anantnag-Rajouri and Aamir Bhat 2.24 per cent votes in Srinagar.

There were seven women in the fray in these five constituencies and only PDP president Mehbooba Mufti managed to save her security deposit.

JK BJP Chief counters...

colleges and markets were closed and violence was rampant," the BJP leader said. In the past, every time a vehicle left for Kashmir from Jammu, the passengers had to get down and undergo checking at 20 places on the way, he said.

"Today, there is peace, progress, happiness, brotherhood and largescale development in both villages and cities," he added.

Raina credited the security forces, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for ensuring incident-free Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We also thank Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for his role in making Jammu and Kashmir peaceful, progressive and prosperous," he said.

"In the upcoming assembly elections, panchayat, and urban local body polls, we hope for an honest and nationalistic leadership to emerge victorious. Those who propagate politics of venom and division have been shown the mirror by the people," Raina said.

Raina said the BJP is highly grateful to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for their support in Lok Sabha elections, adding that the party secured a resounding victory in this election in Jammu & Kashmir.

He said that with the blessings of people of Jammu region Dr. Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma secured consecutive third time victory.

He said that the BJP expresses gratitude to the people of Jammu & Kashmir for the unconditional love and support which resulted in this victory.

Raina said that the BJP received the overwhelming support of the voters of both Parliamentary constituencies which translated into this victory. He also expressed gratitude to the senior citizens, first time voters, women and all the sections of voters for this support.

The BJP President also expressed gratitude to the residents of Anantnag, Rajouri, Poonch, Baramulla, Kulgam and all other areas, where the party got the support of the people, especially the local youth.

Raina added that the BJP has gained a massive support from the Kashmir region and marched towards a stronger base and expressed hope that the day is not far when the BJP will win Parliament and Assembly seats in the Kashmir region.

Ravinder Raina, once again thanked the people of Jammu & Kashmir for supporting the party in the entire Union Territory.

He said that the BJP has worked with the principle of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" and attributed this principle of service to the increased voting in the Parliament election in Jammu & Kashmir. The people from the Kashmir region also participated in this democratic process with full enthusiasm, he added.

He expressed thanks to the officials of Election Commission, and the security forces who dedicated themselves to ensure the successful and peaceful culmination of the electoral process.

He also congratulated the other three elected MPs from Jammu & Kashmir for their victory in Lok Sabha elections. He also thanked the people for voting in the favour of BJP supported candidate in the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliament segment.

Raina said that while NDA has secured a clear victory for the third time under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress leading INDI alliance has suffered yet another defeat in this Parliament election. He added that the whole

of India is today celebrating the victory of the Modi government for the successive third term. He also expressed hope that the Modi government will lead Bharat to more achievements in this term.

FIR registered against...

posted on X after she landed in Delhi, the "Queen" actor said she was safe and fine. Recapping in detail what had happened, Ranaut said she had been getting a lot of calls from the media and her well-wishers.

The constable, she said, came towards her from the side. "She hit me in the face and started abusing me. I asked her why she did it and she said she supports the farmer protests." "I am safe but my concern is that terrorism is increasing in Punjab... How do we handle that?" Another video doing the rounds of social media showed an agitated Kaur talking to people presumably after the incident.

"Kangana made a statement that farmers were protesting in Delhi because they were paid Rs 100 or Rs 200. At the time, my mother was one of the protesters," she said in the purported video.

Kaur joined the CISF in 2009 and has been with the aviation security group of the force at the Chandigarh airport since 2021. Her husband too is posted at the same airport.

Terming the incident a serious matter, National Commission for Women chairperson Rekha Sharma called for serious action and said the panel had taken up the matter with the CISF.

Those responsible for security at airport are themselves breaching security, she said in a post on X.

Leader of the opposition and former Himachal Pradesh chief minister Jai Ram Thakur termed incident very unfortunate and condemned it.

"Such behaviour with an elected representative by security personnel at the airport is very unfortunate and calls for action," he told PTI.

BJP true representative of J&K people: Yudhvir



Vice President BJP J&K Yudhvir Sethi listening to public grievances at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President BJP J&K on Thursday asserted that BJP is committed to provide basic amenities to people's doorsteps whether they are living in urban or far-off rural hamlets.

He said this while listening to the grievances of people hailing from Sandhi, Ragoora, Jagti, Old City, New Plot and other areas of East Constituency during a public grievances camp held here at Pt Prem Nath Bhawan Kaechi Chawni.

Suresh Salgotra Vice President, BJP OBC, J&K, Raman Sharma, President Amphalla Mandal, Abdul Mehmood Vice President West, Khalid Malik, Raja Ji and Ajay Singh accompanied Yudhvir Sethi during the camp.

Several issues related to water, power, non-availability of Govt ration, verification of land titles, transformer issues, electric poles, street lights, repair of lanes/ roads, job and pension issues, etc. were raised by the people of aforesaid areas.

While giving a patient hearing to the issues putforth by general public, Yudhvir assured that BJP's sole aim is to serve the people as this party is not just a political outfit rather its inception has turned out to be a people's movement to ensure that every Indian could live a life full of dignity and pride with all the basic amenities reaching at his or her doorsteps.

Yudhvir resolved most of the issues telephonically and assured to resolve the rest of the issues by taking up the matter with the authorities concerned. He said that people of Jammu region have always supported the party and looking after their concerns and issues is the foremost priority of the party.

The senior BJP leader has assured that all the issues will be taken up on priority and those raised during the camp will be mitigated sooner than later. He said that BJP is the true representative of people of Jammu region and the Party is committed to end their miseries related to basic amenities.

Northern Army commander reviews operational preparedness of Delta Force in Ramban



Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Suchindra Kumar during visit to Ramban on Thursday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ahead of the Amarnath yatra, Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Suchindra Kumar on Thursday reviewed the operational preparedness of troops in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district.

The 52-day-long Amarnath yatra is beginning from June 29.

The Army commander along with General officer Commanding White Knight Corps conducted an operational review of counter insurgency Delta Force, the Northern Command said on X.

Lieutenant General Kumar acknowledged the bravery and operational readiness of the soldiers and extolled the troops to maintain high standards of alertness and preparedness, it said.

Based in Batote area, the Delta Force is part of the Rashtriya Rifles looking after the operational area of the region comprising Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban districts.

Increase in cut off, toppers reflect NEET's competitive nature; its integrity not compromised: NTA

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NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Thursday clarified that the increase in cut off and number of toppers in the NEET-UG reflect the competitive nature of the exam and maintained that the test's integrity has not been compromised.

The clarification came amid allegations of irregularities in medical entrance exam NEET (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test) -- conducted on May 5 at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 abroad -- and inflation of marks.

"The increase in cutoff reflects the competitive nature of the examination and the higher performance standards achieved by the candidates this year," a senior NTA official said.

"The number of candidates who appeared in 2023 was 20,38,596 while the number of candidates who appeared in 2024 increased to 23,33,297. The increase in candidates naturally led to an increase in high scorers due to a larger pool of candidates," the official added.

On the grace marks awarded to some students, the NTA said a few petitions were filed by the NEET-UG before the high courts of Punjab and Haryana, Delhi and Chhattisgarh raising concerns of loss of exam time during the conduct of the test at some exam centres.

"The concerns raised by the candidates through the writ petitions and representations about loss of examination time was ascertained and 1,563 candidates were compensated for the loss of time, and the revised marks of such candidates vary from -20 to 720 marks. Amongst these, the score of two candidates also happens to be 718 and 719 respectively due to compensatory marks," the official added.

On analysing CCTV camera footage, it was ascertained that the integrity of the examination was not compromised, the official asserted.