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### LG announces forming...

historic conference seeks to build innovative structures for holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors in J&K with the help of renowned Scientists and Policy planners of the country.

Highlighting the challenge of increasing the income of farmers through growth in Dairy, Fisheries and livestock, the Lt Governor called for a sustained effort for investment in dairy sector to enhance processing of milk from 1.5 lakh litres to 5 lakh litres in the next three years.

85% farmers have smaller landholdings. Economically viable innovative solutions to enhance productivity of small & marginal farmers are need of the hour. We need to bridge the gap between goals achieved & achievable, we need to strengthen the extension services and quality inputs, the Lt Governor added.

"We need to increase export while maintaining food security. We need to streamline the farm practices to ensure better incentives to the farmers. We need to streamline value addition technology for food processing, packaging, market outreach and minimize post-harvest wastages", the Lt Governor further said.

He said that the acceleration of agricultural reforms by PM Narendra Modi seems to be bearing fruit; the average farm income has risen, and now J&K figures among top 5 states/UTs. However, filling the policy vacuum of last many decades in Agriculture sector requires concerted efforts of all stakeholders, he observed.

The UT administration has initiated area-specific strategies to enhance productivity, post-harvest technology, credit support, market access and to bring about sustainable revolution in agriculture and allied sectors. Each step is being taken in order to ensure farmers' prosperity that benefits all, said the Lt Governor.

Underlining that a strong Agriculture and Industries sector is imperative to make Jammu and Kashmir financially self-reliant, prosperous, the Lt Governor said, the UT government is making every effort to formulate the right policies and create a cohesive plan so that we achieve greater heights of prosperity for our farmers and the nation.

This two-day workshop has the potential to change the future of Jammu and Kashmir. Experts, experienced farmers from all over the country have come together to formulate a policy document and it is our responsibility to get it implemented on the ground, the Lt Governor asserted.

The Lt Governor also spoke about the Agriculture Infrastructure fund launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister and said that it will be instrumental in solving critical gaps in agriculture and allied sectors. While utilizing the money provided by the Union Government, emphasis should be laid on processing, value addition and handholding of the entrepreneurs, he added.

Experts and policy planners' vision, technological ability, focused inter-sectoral approaches and administrative efficiency is key to taking our agriculture & allied sectors to new heights and changing the lives of millions of farmers, the Lt Governor noted.

He also appreciated the role of Agriculture Universities in providing mentoring and handholding to the farmers of J&K.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, while speaking on the occasion enlisted the reforms introduced in the Agriculture & allied sectors and efforts being made by the administration to ensure that the benefits of the schemes envisaged by the government for the welfare of the farmers reach the rightful beneficiaries.

He also underlined the need to prepare a climate resilience plan at grass root level.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, gave a briefing on the two-day convention being organized by Agriculture Production Department, J&K, SKUAST-J and SKUAST-K. He underscored the need of conducting an in-depth analysis on the achievements and challenges in the agriculture and allied sectors, besides focusing on the areas of unexplored opportunities in J&K.

Dr Mangala Rai, former DG ICAR shared his experiences on tapping the potential and creating opportunities in the agriculture and allied sectors for the planned inclusive growth to make the sector more profitable, market driven and employable.

He also shared his knowledge on hill agriculture, cold water fishery production, protected cultivation, effective utilization of natural resources etc.

Prof. J P Sharma, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST, Jammu threw light on the prospects and potential of agriculture and allied sectors and highlighted the importance of diversification, value addition, replicating good practices to yield favourable results for all the stakeholders associated with the said sector.

Other distinguished speakers including Ashok Dalwai, CEO NRAI, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI and HS Gupta, former Director, IARI & DG, BISA also shared their valuable thoughts on tapping the growth potential of the agriculture sector in the UT.

Padma Shri awardee farmers- Bharat Bhushan Tyagi from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana's Sultan Singh, besides other awardee farmers from J&K including Hind Bhushan from Doda and Izhan Javed from Kashmir shared their success stories.

Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir delivered the vote of thanks.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor along with other dignitaries released publications of Agriculture Production Department. Guidance Document of Interest Subvention Schemes of Agriculture & allied sectors and Compendium of Sample DPRs. Earlier, the Lt Governor inspected the stalls put up by government departments and various stakeholders to mark the occasion.

Agriculture scientists, Experts, farmers from J&K and outside, besides HoDs, members of FPOs, agri-preneurs, senior officials were present on the occasion.

### Three DySPs placed...

and Government Order No.653-Home(P) of 2017 dated June 7, 2017, sanction is accorded to the release of Selection Grade of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Telecom), (Nonfunctional) - Level 10-A (Rs 56600- Rs 179800) of the Pay Matrix, in favour of three Deputy Superintendent of Police (Telecom)," reads an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department. As per order, Selection Grade of DySP (Telecom) has been released in favour of Mateen Tak, Showkat Sultan and Ravinder Kumar.

### Committee inquiring into...

demanding the selection list be made public.

Selection list of Finance Accounts Assistant is also being inquired by a committee headed by ACS Home. Action will be taken based on report of inquiry. If no irregularities are found, process will be taken up further. If irregularities are found, strict action will follow," the union territory administration said in a tweet.

### Jammu-based LeT...



Recovery made by SOG Jammu and Rajouri.

the basis of technical analysis and subsequently zeroed in on Habib of Harie Chak of Kathua.

During questioning, he admitted that he was the receiver of multiple consignments of arms and ammunition dropped via drones controlled from the Pakistani side and that he was part of an illegal terror-associates network.

He further said he was motivated by Faisal Muneer of Talab Khatikan area of Jammu city and was working on his directions, the ADGP said.

The consignments received by Habib were carried to Jammu and delivered to different people on directions of Faisal, he said.

Subsequently, Faisal Muneer was picked up and questioned, during which he accepted his links with Pakistan-based handlers and his involvement in this terror nexus, the officer said.

Muneer disclosed he was in touch with Pakistan-based handlers for over two years and that he received more than 15 drone-dropped consignments at multiple locations in Samba and Kathua, including Manyari, Mawa, and Hari-e-Chak, the ADGP said.

On disclosures made by Muneer, seizures were made from his residence which included an AK 46 rifle, two magazines, 60 rounds, five pistols, 15 magazines, 100 rounds, two pistol silencers, eight grenades and a weighing machine, besides weapon cleaning accessories, Singh said.

He said another accused, Miyan Sohail of Kathua, was also arrested, and involvement of more people in the network is suspected.

Replying to a query, Singh said the seizure of silencers points towards designs of selective killings.

Majority of the weapons and explosives airdropped through drones in the last two years have been recovered, he said.

Efforts to track down two more members of the module is on, the officer said.

He also said that two modules were busted in Rajouri district and five members of the LeT were arrested. A large cache of arms, ammunition and explosives, including two AK rifles, six pistols, three silencers, eight grenades, three UBGLs, six pistol magazines, six AK magazines, 120 rounds, besides other explosive material were seized, Singh said.

### Terror hideout busted...

pistol rounds, two tiffin boxes, a kerosene stove, a radio set, one UBGL, utensils, 1 kg of an explosive-like material in polythene, 2 kg of explosive materials in steel container, a cassette player, IED equipment with wire and a pouch, the officials said.

All the ammunition were rusted and appeared very old, they said.

### BDC Chairman, 22...

road link by administration and IRCON). Please accept the resignation", BDC chairman of Khari Sajjad Hussain said in the letter on Monday.

He said the link road is used by railway construction agency IRCON international and its tunnel construction partners for the past 15-20 years but no repair work was carried out on the dilapidated road connecting over 30,000 population of Khar-Mahoo Mangit tehsil.

"Several representation were given to district, tehsil, heads of PWD, IRCON, railway administration, besides protest were held in this regard but nothing was done so far," Hussain said.

He said cold response from the IRCON and the administration forced them to submit mass resignation.

We 21 PRI representatives from Khari block submitted the same to DC Ramban for further action, he added.

Hussain said all PRIs are under pressure from public over the poor condition of Nachilana-Khari-Mundakbass link road.

### J&K Admn notifies...

than 50, they said.

The officials said the department, with an aim to boost support to the education of tribal students, has increased the scholarship in Group-A courses from existing Rs 30,000 per annum to Rs 72,000 per annum, including Rs 12,000 allowances.

The scholarship for Group-B courses which was stagnant at Rs 20,000 per annum since 2011-12 has now been enhanced to Rs 53,200, including Rs 8200 as allowances, they said.

In Group-C courses, the scholarship has been enhanced from Rs 18,000 to Rs 41,700, and in Group-D courses from Rs 12,000 to Rs 28,700 including allowances, the official said.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary said the government has enhanced the scholarship amount to fund the tuition and other expenses in higher education starting Class 11 and up to post-Graduate courses.

"The revision of scholarship for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students was overdue for more than 10 years," he said.

He said that in view of the persistent demand of students over the years and in wake of emerging fields of studies, the department has also added more than 300 new courses covering management, soft skills, robotics, data analytics, block chain, artificial intelligence, aviation, coding and so on, under the scholarship scheme.

"The scholarship will now be revised every two years based on various parameters including cost of living, fee structure, expenses on books, stationery and other allied material.

"The scholarship will be disbursed through an online portal which is notified to be live from July 20 for fresh applications and students have been advised to ensure accurate information of various components of scholarship is filled in through respective institutions before the cut off date August 31," Choudhary said.

The department had earlier this year awarded the highest-ever Rs 31 crore scholarship and also covered backlog cases of previous years.

The scholarship for students enrolled in seasonal centres has also been enhanced and a proposal is under consideration for raising the pre-matric scholarship as well, the officer said.

He said the department has enhanced the scholarship budget to Rs 50 crore for the financial year 2022-23.

### SC collegium clears...

2017. He has served as CJM, Rajouri and Kargil and as District Judge, as Special Judge TADA/POTA Court Srinagar, Additional District Judge Anantnag, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Jammu, Principle District Judge, Reasi, Ramban and Baramulla. He has also served as Special Judge Anti-Corruption CBI cases, Jammu and presently posted as Judicial Member, J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu.

### Eastern Ladakh row...

the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," the statement said.

"The two sides reaffirmed that the resolution of remaining issues would help in the restoration of peace and tranquility along the LAC in the Western Sector and enable progress in bilateral relations," it said.

It said, in the interim, the two sides agreed to maintain the security and stability on the ground in the region.

"The two sides agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," the statement said.

The Indian delegation at the talks was led by Lt-General Anindya Sengupta, the commander of the Leh-based 14 Corps, while the Chinese team was headed by South Xinjiang Military District Chief Major General Yang Lin.

The 15th round of military dialogue which took place on March 11 failed to yield any significant outcome.

In the discussions on Sunday, the Indian delegation insisted on the restoration of the status quo ante as of April 2020 -- before the start of the military standoff, people familiar with the developments said.

### Abetment to suicide...

FSL for expert opinion. The couple Shashi Paul and wife Kiran), had ended their lives allegedly by consuming some poisonous substance and accordingly expert opinion was also obtained. The post mortem report was also made part of the file. On basis of the report received from FSL, it was established that suicide note was written by Shashi Paul. On the basis of probe conducted, it was found by the police that the applicant/accused, who happened to be daughter-in-law of deceased couple, had abetted their suicide. Finally, on the basis of inquest conducted, FIR 71/2022 was registered at Police Station Janipur against accused Aarti Khanna under section 306 of IPC and she was arrested on July 6, 2022 and is presently on judicial remand.

### Five Tehsildars transferred...

Pattan, Akbar Hussam, Tehsildar in the office of Commissioner Survey & Land Records, J&K has been transferred and posted as Tehsildar Surankote; Varinder Kumar, Tehsildar ACB Jammu has been transferred and posted as Tehsildar Rajouri; and Pawan Kumar LA Tehsildar awaiting orders of adjustment in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Jammu has been placed at the disposal of Deputy Commissioner, Poonch for further posting.

### Tehsildar among two...

recovered from Rasool Hajam, Naib Tehsildar, Batmaloo in presence of independent witness. Mohammad Younis Bangroo, Tehsildar Shalteng was also arrested by the ACB team. Later searches were carried out at the residences and officials quarters of the alleged accused Public servants, subsequent to the searches at Tehsil office, Shalteng, said official, adding that further investigation is going on.

### Murmu versus Sinha...

the 84-year-old told reporters.

Though the result appeared to be a foregone conclusion, there was an element of political excitement with speculation about cross-voting in favour of Murmu in several states, including Assam, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

The details of exactly how many MPs and MLAs cross-voted will be known when

the votes are counted.

In Assam, AIUDF MLA Karimuddin Barbhuiyan claimed that around 20 Congress MLAs from the state cross-voted.

In Uttar Pradesh, Shivpal Singh Yadav of the Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party Lohit claimed he would never support Sinha as he had once accused his brother, SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav, of being an "ISI agent".

Haryana Congress MLA Kuldeep Bishnoi, who had cross-voted in last month's Rajya Sabha polls, also indicated that he had supported the ruling National Democratic Alliance candidate.

"Like Rajya Sabha, I have cast my vote in this election too as per my conscience," he told reporters.

Congress MLA in Odisha Mohammed Moquim created a flutter by announcing that he had voted in favour of Murmu as she was a "daughter of Odisha".

In Jharkhand, NCP MLA Kamlesh Singh announced his backing for Murmu and said he went by his conscience call .

His party colleague Kandhal Jadeja echoed him in Gujarat.

"I cast my vote for the BJP candidate," he said.

Maharashtra BJP president Chandrakant Patil was confident some Congress legislators, who were absent during the Eknath Shinde government's trust vote, voted for Murmu.

"I am sure some Congress MLAs who remained absent during the vote of confidence will apply their conscience this time as well, Patil said in Mumbai. The Congress, he said, can't guard its own MLAs.

Shriromani Akali Dal MLA Manpreet Singh Ayali chose to boycott the poll and blamed the BJP-led Centre, previous Congress-led governments for not settling various issues related to Punjab and also his own party.

As the process of voting continued in fits and starts through the country, some scenes stood out.

A visibly frail former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, 89, came to vote in a wheelchair. As did 82-year-old Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav who faltered while casting his vote and was given another chance. Manmohan Singh was also assisted by polling officers in exercising his franchise.

Odisha leader of opposition, BJP leader Pradipta Kumar Naik, came in a wheelchair straight from hospital where he was admitted with post-Covid complications. An oxygen cylinder accompanied him.

In Patna, BJP MLA Mithilesh Kumar, who was in a road accident about a month ago, arrived on a stretcher to cast his vote.

And in Chennai, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, the first to vote in the secretariat complex, reached the polling booth straight from a hospital after being discharged following his recovery from Covid.

Other early voters in various cities included Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Maharashtra's Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis as well as Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

As Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla put it, elections in India are celebrated as a festival. Members should participate in the festival, the speaker said while adjourning the House till 2 pm in the morning so MPs could go and vote.

The Rajya Sabha was also adjourned to enable members to participate in the presidential poll.

The system of secret ballot is followed in the presidential election, and parties cannot issue whips to their MPs and MLAs with regard to voting.