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will contribute immensely with their new vision for a self-reliant India, he added. Citing the example of a great teacher, scientist and former President of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, the Lt Governor highlighted the role of a teacher in shaping the personality, mind, talents, capabilities and vision of a student.

He said the National Education Policy emphasizes on such a relationship between teacher, education and students through curriculum that builds both skills and life values.

The Lt Governor called upon the educational institutions to prepare for the future more quickly with the goal of incubating world class research and innovation.

Through the National Policy on Education, "we have got an opportunity to transform our institutions by setting academic priorities, preparing them for international competition and having revamped, relevant, modern and progressive educational curriculum," he added.

Saying that education is "not about the race to come first" but it is about achieving the "highest peak of values in life", the Lt Governor noted that the National Education Policy emphasizes on scientific temper, knowledge and ability.

During the Convocation, the Lt Governor conferred 44 medals which included 4 Chancellor Gold Medal, 4 University Gold Medal, 15 University Silver Medal and 21 Infosys Foundation Prize of Excellence.

A total of 1,165 students have been awarded with degrees for academic year 2019-20 & 2020-21, including 484 Under Graduate, 502 Post Graduate and 81 Ph.D.

The Lt Governor also planted a sapling on the occasion.

Prof. (Dr) Ravindra Kumar Sinha, VC SMVDU delivered the welcome address and highlighted the achievements of the university. He said that the university has established performance benchmarks for faculty members and the schools to ensure a consistent improvement in the quality of teaching and research.

He said that in a relatively short time of 18 years, the University has made tremendous strides and has carved out a niche for itself in the field of academics, research and community service with more than 2500 students, 140 faculty members studying in 24 programs.

Prof. AK Bakshi, Vice Chancellor, PDM University; Ashok Bhan, IPS Retd. SMVDSB Member; Dr. Sanjeev Jain, VC Central University Jammu; Prof. Bachan Lal VC Cluster University Jammu; Prof. Nilofar Khan, VC Kashmir University; Prof. Umesh Rai, VC Jammu University; Prof. BS Sahay, Director IIM; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Anshul Garg, CEO, SMVDSB; Babila Rakwal DC Reasi, besides students, teachers and parents were present on the occasion.

Jammu-based pilot...

The IAF said the aircraft was on a sortie from the Utarlai air base and the accident occurred around 9.10 pm.

Air headquarters has already ordered a court of inquiry to ascertain the cause of the accident.

MiG-21s were the mainstay of the IAF for a long time. However, the aircraft has had a very poor safety record of late.

In March, Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhat said in the Rajya Sabha that 42 defence personnel were killed in accidents involving aircraft and helicopters of the three services in the last five years.

The total number of air accidents in the last five years was 45 out of which 29 involved IAF's platforms.

Sadhotra visits waterlogged areas of Jammu North, seeks protection bonds on vulnerable Nallahs

Senior NC leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra talking to people during his visit to Shiv Vihar, Lower Muthi.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former minister and Senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Friday visited the rain hit and waterlogged areas of the Jammu North Assembly Constituency and took stock of the situation caused due to heavy downpour for the past few days.

"The obtaining situation betrays the tall government claims of Jammu emerging as a smart City, as the mini-

mum basics of the civic and other works showing pathetic neglect", Sadhotra said during his extensive visit of the hugely inundated colony Shiv Vihar Lower Muthi.

He expressed his serious concern over the damage of houses and urged the government to issue free ration to the victims of heavy rains and losses to their belongings to be assessed and adequate relief be given.

He said the government apathy, lack of vision and

lackadaisical attitude of the line departments have made the lives of the inhabitants miserable.

The vulnerability of the situation is discernible from the fact that the water does not only seep into the houses but the pedestrian movement also gets jeopardized due to gushing waters, he said.

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Joint Director reviews working of CBC J&K, field offices

JD CBC Ghulam Abbas chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Joint Director, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), J&K & Ladakh Region, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Ghulam Abbas on Friday reviewed working and functioning of CBC Regional Office and its' Field Offices across J&K & Ladakh Region in a meeting held at Regional Office CBC, here.

During the meeting, Joint Director discussed administrative and financial matters with the officials and officers of CBC Regional Office and its' Field Offices and stressed that the Field Offices must vigorously organize series of programmes under various themes like Azadi ka Amrit Mohotsav (AKAM), 200 Crore Vaccination, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and programmes on various welfare schemes of Government of India.

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Army educates students about Agnipath scheme

Army officials along with students & faculty of GDC Nowshera.

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Two hybrid terrorists...

affiliated with LeT outfit.

Four pistols, eight pistol magazines, 130 pistol rounds and 10 hand grenades were recovered from their possession.

Hybrid terrorist is a term coined by security forces in Jammu and Kashmir to describe those ultras who carry out a subversive task assigned to them by their handlers before slipping back into normal life.

SC notice to...

should have a State Bar Council and therefore, Bar Council for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh cannot be denied by the respondents, said the plea, filed through advocate Om Prakash Parihar.

It claimed that due to the non-availability of the State Bar Council, the advocates are even deprived of applying for the proximity cards for appearing before the apex court as no option for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh is provided in the online application.

The advocate members from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are unable to apply for the proximity card of this court as the application form for the proximity card of this court requires compulsory filing up the details of the State Bar Council, the plea said.

It has also sought a direction for issuing proximity cards to advocate members from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh who wish to avail the benefit of this card issued by the apex court.

The plea said that while hearing another petition in February 2017, the apex court had noted in its order that the BCI, having duly considered the Jammu and Kashmir State Bar Council Rules, has approved the same and it was submitted on behalf of the BCI that the aforesaid rules have since been forwarded for publication in the official gazette.

Despite making this statement, the Bar Council of India...has not made any efforts to establish the Jammu and Kashmir State Bar Council, the plea claimed.

It also referred to the Centre's decision in August 2019 to abrogate provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution which had given special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Govt cancels attachment...

Doctors/Paramedics which have been made by all the Head of the Departments including Chief Medical Officers, ADMOS and Block Medical Officers or any other officer at their own level from time to time are hereby cancelled with immediate effect and they shall report back to their original place of postings," reads the circular.

"The concerned Head of the Departments are directed to submit compliance report in this regard latest by 1st August, 2022, without any fail. Besides, all the concerned DDOS are also directed not to draw the salary of any doctors/paramedics attached in their jurisdiction, henceforth."

CJ administers oath...

Mohammad Akram Chowdhary and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi while as Justice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Rajesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji, Koul, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Mohan Lal, Justice Rahul Bharti and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal participated in ceremony through video conferencing from Jammu.

The proceedings of the oath taking ceremony were conducted by Sanjeev Gupta, Registrar General of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, who read the contents of the notification received from Government of India, Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Justice (Appointments Division), the Warrant of

Narotam inaugurates development works in old city

Councilor Narotam Sharma starting developmental works.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Councilor Ward-3, Old City Jammu, Narotam Sharma started slab work of historic Ram temple in Peer Kho area on Friday. The condition of temple was quite dilapidated and water used to enter the temple during rains. Moreover, it was a long pending demand of locals to put concrete slab over the temple. Fulfilling the long pending demand, Narotam started construction work which will be carried out from Ward Development Fund. The res-

idents of nearby areas have appreciated the efforts of Councilor and Jammu Municipal Corporation for fulfilling their long pending demand.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Mahant Pir Kho Rajinder Nath, Mahant Rajesh Bittu, Mahant Karan Nath, BJP Jammu East Mandal President Parveen Kurni, Saroj Gupta, Ramesh Sudan, Sanjay Sharma, Ram Lubhaya, Rajinder Sharma, Akhil Gupta, Lucky Mehra and Chetan Sharma.

He assured to formally kick start proposed activities under the projects very

soon which will bring massive reforms for farming communities.

The aim of these projects is to enhance knowledge, skills, entrepreneurship development, nature-based solutions and income generating enterprises establishing without harming the environment and conserving the valuable bio-resources of Himalayan belt, he said.

Under these project, he said, the university aims to bring up the facilities for Golden Masheer breeding, ornamental fish breeding,

upscale the use potential of native agriculturally beneficial microbes through demonstrations and capacity building in Himalayas, exploration of underutilized crops for sustainable livelihood, nutritional security and climate resilience of north western Himalayan region, socio-economic upliftment of poor farmers through animal husbandry using scientific interventions in Jammu province and technological interventions and capacity building to promote entrepreneurship and to get even OPD consultations for months together. Some patients die in their long wait for specialized treatment. The successive governments have been so liberal in this country that when Syed Ali Geelani was refused entry by the US for being the protagonist of violence as means for achieving political objectives, the Indian government, which was at the receiving end of his tantrums, felt 'only obliged' if he was pleased to accept undergoing treatment in a premier Mumbai hospital. And, the late Geelani obliged them.

This is how the criminal ecosystem is working in the country. The VIPs and celebrities will continue to have the best of both worlds unless a drastic course correction is undertaken. Who will do it?

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu has been sanctioned nine projects of different disciplines of Agriculture and allied sciences under prestigious "Himalayan Bio-resource Mission" funded by Dept. of Biotechnology and Science and Heritage Research Initiative (SHRI) funded by Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, GOI.



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The project grant shall be utilized to create state of art educational infrastructure, teaching and learning ambience as well as undertaking a massive reform in education, recruitment and governance and to promote the faculty and student diversities.

Baru urges Admn for early repair & reconstruction of Nallahs

Councilors Sanjay Kumar Baru and Neelam Nargotra taking stock of damages caused due to rains.

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JAMMU: BJP senior leader & JMC Councilor Ward No 41, Sanjay Kumar Baru and Councilor ward-40 Neelam Nargotra stressed on early concrete construction of Durga Nagar, Kabir Nagar, Nallah from Akhnoor road to Chaman Vihar via Durga Nagar, Wazir lane and Kabir Nagar. Senior BJP leaders conducted extensive tour of Durga Nagar, Kabir Nagar, Chaman Vihar and Wazir lane to assess the extent of damage due to the yesterday heavy rains. Sanjay Baru stressed on the early repair and reconstruction work to provide relief to the locals as well as the com-

muters. He also laid stress to submit DPR for concrete construction of Nallah from Akhnoor road to Kabir Nagar and double strengthening the weak points in the containing walls, which can otherwise again be damaged due to the incessant rains and subse-

quent flash floods. UEDD supervisor, SDRF Contractor, JMC Supervisor William Masih, Rahul Nargotra, Gaurav Gupta, Sanjeev Gupta, Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Parveen Kumar, and local residents were also present on the occasion.

of PIU Udhampur said NHAI is com-



NHAI officials during the plantation drive at Udhampur.

in every odd situation and challenges to setup best road network throughout the country.

NHAI launches plantation drive on NH-44**STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) planted number of plants at Malhara NHW-44, in the premises of GMS Ritti, KV school Chenani and Batote on Friday. During drive, NHAI also felicitated the workers engaged in construction of Shama Prashad Tunnel at Chenani-Nashri. The drive was started under the supervision of project Director (PIU) NHAI Anuj Kumar Singh NHA in which NHA team planted more than 200 trees of different variety planted near Malhara on NH-44 (Jammu Udhampur section). Project Manager SP Jammu-Udhampur Highway Ltd. along with site engineer