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Violence, terrorism will...

Abdul Jabbar, the Lt Governor observed that the government has already decided to name infrastructure assets after all such great personalities who have contributed to upholding the unity and integrity of the country and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir, and assured that the appropriate steps will be taken in this regard.

He said schools, colleges, hospitals and bridges in the union territory will be named after freedom fighters, martyrs or those who have contributed in Jammu and Kashmir's development.

The Lt Governor appreciated the commitment of DDC Chairperson Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq and former Legislator, Ishfaq Jabbar for working towards the development of Ganderbal district and ensuring the welfare of people.

Last year, under Public Health Engineering in Ganderbal, 33 projects hanging for years were started. 75 Languishing projects were also started under District Capex and other schemes and all these projects will be completed at the earliest, he added.

Earlier, there was only one industrial estate in Ganderbal. Last year the administration had approved four new industrial estates and I am sure that at least 350 industrial units will be set up generating large employment opportunities for the local youth, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor also emphasized the need to make a collaborative effort for improving the literacy rate of girls, ensuring 100 per cent saturation of Ayushman Golden Card in the district, besides instructing the District Administration to explore the possibilities of implementing various aspects of Sheikh Abdul Jabbar's development draft.

The Lt Governor highlighted several milestones achieved by the UT government in different sectors by establishing fear-free, corruption-free and inclusive system of administration.

We have devised the scheme of setting up Self Help Groups to make women financially independent through Umeed program as a mass movement and more than 2000 such groups are being assisted in Ganderbal. It is my expectation that more and more women should be connected with self-help groups through the Umeed program, he added.

Former Legislator, Ishfaq Jabbar, son of Sheikh Abdul Jabbar, threw light on the life and the public welfare works done by his late father. We will continue to follow the path laid down by Late Sheikh Abdul Jabbar and work for the betterment, welfare and integrity of J&K, he added.

Nuzhat Ishfaq, DDC Chairperson Ganderbal, also spoke on the occasion.

A two-minute silence was observed in the memory of Late Sheikh Abdul Jabbar. Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Shyambir, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal; PRI members, besides senior officers and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present on the occasion.

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officials said. There are 561 active COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir. So far, 4,49,940 people have recovered from the disease, they said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 11 new Covid cases that pushed the infection tally to 28,429, officials said.

The Ladakh administration on Friday had ordered a 15-day summer vacation in all government and private schools in Leh district from July 4 amid a spike in Covid cases.

The Ladakh Children Festival, scheduled from July 4-16, has also been postponed amid rising cases over the past month, officials said.

All the new cases were detected in Leh, taking the active cases in the district to 82, officials said.

There was no active case in Kargil district where the last Covid patient was discharged on Wednesday, they said.

Eight more patients were discharged in Leh on Friday taking the overall recoveries in Ladakh to 28,119, officials said.

Ladakh has so far recorded 228 fatalities linked to the pandemic since its outbreak. Of the total fatalities, Leh accounts for the highest 168 deaths followed by 60 in Kargil.

In an order, District Magistrate, Leh, Shrikant Balasahib Suse said, "In the wake of the recent spike in the Covid cases, especially among children, it will be appropriate to pre-pone the summer vacations in all government and private schools in Leh district as a measure to break the chain of infection".

Two OGWs involved...

revive militancy in Doda at the behest of a local terrorist Mohammad Amin alias Khubaib of Kathwa-Phagsoo (Thathri) who is presently operating from across the border, a police spokesman said.

"The activities of Mir and Batt were highly detrimental and prejudicial to the security of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Acting on the dossier of police, the Doda DM ordered detention of both the OGWs under PSA to prevent them from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," the spokesman said.

He said Khubaib, who joined terrorism in early 1990s and crossed the border for arms training in Pakistan, is making desperate attempts from across the border to revive militancy in Doda by instigating the local youth for subversive activities.

Mir and Batt are closely linked to Khubaib and are persuading the local youth to join militancy, the spokesman said.

Judiciary answerable to...

power believes that every Governmental action is entitled to judicial endorsement. The parties in opposition expect the judiciary to advance their political positions and causes", the CJI said at a felicitation function organised by the Association of Indian Americans in San Francisco, USA.

He added that this flawed thinking of all hues flourishes in the absence of proper understanding among people about the Constitution and the functioning of the democratic institutions.

"It is the vigorously promoted ignorance among the general public which is coming to the aid of such forces whose only aim is to run down the only independent organ i.e., the judiciary. Let me make it clear. We are answerable to the Constitution and Constitution alone , he said.

CJI Ramana said that to enforce checks and balances envisioned in the Constitution, "we need to promote Constitutional culture in India. We need to spread awareness about the roles and responsibilities of individuals and institutions. Democracy is all about participation".

He quoted Abraham Lincoln and said, under the Constitution of India, it is the people who are entrusted with the task of passing judgment on the rulers, once every five years.

MHA amends FCRA rules, allows relatives living abroad to send up to Rs 10 lakh to Indians without restrictions

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union Home Ministry has amended certain rules related to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) allowing Indians to receive up to Rs 10 lakh in a year from relatives staying abroad without informing the authorities. The earlier limit was Rs 1 lakh.

In a notification, the home ministry also said if the amount exceeds, the individuals will now have 90 days to inform the government instead of 30 days earlier.

The new rules, Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2022, were notified by the home ministry through a gazette notification on Friday night.

In the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011, in rule 6, for the words one lakh rupees , the words ten lakh rupees shall be substituted; and for the words thirty days , the words three months shall be substituted, the notification said.

Rule 6 deals with intimation of receiving foreign funds from relatives.

It stated earlier that any person receiving foreign contribution in excess of Rs 1 lakh or equivalent thereto in a financial year from any of his relatives shall inform the central government (details of funds) within 30 days from

the receipt of such contribution .

Similarly, making changes in rule 9, which deals with application of obtaining 'registration' or 'prior permission' under the FCRA to receive funds, the amended rules have given individuals and organisations or NGOs 45 days to inform the home ministry about bank account (s) that are to be used for utilisation of such funds. This time limit was 30 days earlier.

The central government has also 'omitted' provision 'b' in rule 13, which dealt with declaring foreign funds including details of donors, amount received, and date of receipt, etc. every quarter on its website.

Now, anyone receiving foreign funds under the FCRA will have to follow the existing provision of placing the audited statement of accounts on receipts and utilisation of the foreign contribution, including income and expenditure statement, receipt and payment account and balance sheet for every financial year beginning on the first day of April, within nine months of the closure of the financial year, on its official website or on the website as specified by the Centre.

A provision where an NGO or an individual receiving foreign funds had to declare such contributions every quarter on its official website has also been

"...the people of India have done their job remarkably well so far. We should have no reason to doubt the collective wisdom of our people. Significantly, the voter in rural India is more proactive in discharging this task when compared to their urban, educated and well-to-do counterparts", he added.

CJI Raman said both India and the United States are known for their diversity which needs to be honoured and cherished, everywhere in the world.

"It is only because the United States honours and respects diversity, that you are all able to reach this country and make a mark through your hard work and extraordinary skills. Please remember. It is the tolerance and inclusive nature of American society that is able to attract the best talents from all over the world, which in turn is contributing to its growth", CJI Ramana said while addressing the Indian diaspora.

He added that honouring qualified talents from diverse backgrounds is also essential to sustain the confidence of all sections of the society in the system.

"This principle of inclusivity is universal. It needs to be honoured everywhere in the world, including in India. Inclusivity strengthens the unity in society which is key to peace and progress. We need to focus on issues that unite us. Not on those that divide us. In the 21st century, we cannot allow petty, narrow and divisive issues to dictate human and societal relationships. We have to rise above all the divisive issues to remain focused on human development. A non-inclusive approach is an invitation to disaster , he said.

The CJI told the audience that they might have become millionaires and billionaires but to enjoy wealth, they need to have peace around them.

"Your parents back home also should be able to live in a peaceful society which is free from hate and violence. If you cannot take care of the well-being of your family and society back home, what is the use of your wealth and status here? You have to contribute your own way to improve your own society. What really matters is the honour and respect that you command in your homeland. This is the litmus test for your true success , he said.

The CJI said that the Indian Diaspora in the United States has played an active role in building modern America from modest beginnings; they have transformed not only their identities but also the face of this nation.

Highly skilled Indian professionals in diverse fields are found today across the globe, the CJI said, adding that the unprecedented opportunities offered by the IT sector to women have changed how Indians perceive the role of women in our society.

Noting that more and more women from India found their wings in the emerging sector that helped them become empowered, independent and self-reliant, he said an empowered woman changes the dynamics of the family and society positively. "As they say, If you empower a man, you empower an individual. But, if you empower a woman, you empower a family and the nation!"

Public WiFi zones...

cost up to 500 MB after a login and validation through a One Time Password.

Amarnath pilgrims camping in Jammu have welcomed the facility and said this will enable them to remain connected with their families back home.

"The prepaid mobile SIM connections are not working in Jammu and Kashmir once you enter the Union Territory. The installation of the WiFi facility is a welcome step by the government," Arjun Kumar, a pilgrim, said.

Meanwhile, Amarnath pilgrims reaching Jammu from different parts of the country demanded opening of many more counters to facilitate their smooth registration.

Six counters including the one for Sadhus are already functional for Tatkal' registration of pilgrims intending to pay obeisance at the 3,880 metre high holy cave of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas.

The 43-day-long Amarnath yatra started on June 30 from the twin routes traditional 48-km Nunwan in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal.

Five counters have been established for Tatkal registration of the pilgrims

at Vaishnavi Dham, Mahajan Sabha, Panchayat Ghar and two at Geeta Bhawan and Ram Mandir for the registration of Sadhus, while a token counter has also been established at Saraswati Dham for the convenience of pilgrims and crowd management.

Many pilgrims complained about standing in long queues for hours and demanded the setting up of more counters.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa on Saturday paid a surprise visit to the Jammu railway station to inspect the arrangements for the Yatra.

The Deputy Commissioner visited the RFID centre established at the Tourist Railway Centre building within the premises of Railway Station.

She also inspected the Volunteer Help Desks established by district administration, in addition to counters and help desks established by Government Railway Police, at different places in the railway station to guide and help yatri passengers, an official spokesman said.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the security and other arrangements including token and registration services at the railway station, Vaishnavi Dham and Panchayat Bhawan.

CBI registers FIR...

to R.M.Lodha, congratulating him for accepting the position of National President of Anti Corruption and Anti Crime Wing of India.

They also used the forged certificate in the Anti Corruption and Anti Crime Wing of India including the registration marks purportedly issued by the Trade Marks Registry, Mumbai and a Certificate of Registration purportedly issued by the Inspector General of Registration in Tamil Nadu.

It is also revealed that the accused persons fraudulently and dishonestly opened a Current Account in the name of Anti Corruption and Anti Crime Wing of India at the Indian Bank in Chennai by enclosing a forged Resolution using the name of R.M.Lodha as its President, forged Trade Marks Registration certificate. They also used forged Certificate of Registration and Aadhar Card in the name of ACAC Wing of India.

Thereafter, they recruited the general public as the Members and Office Bearers for ACAC Wing of India in lieu of the Membership fee by showing the aforesaid forged documents and making the people believe it to be a reputed organisation.

In the pursuance of the same, they collected around Rs 25 lakh, ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,00,000 per membership/office bearer fees and deposited the same in the said Current Account.

Subsequently, they fraudulently and dishonestly used the proceeds to the tune of Rs 10,75,044 for their personal use by withdrawing the same from the said bank account.

However, a senior CBI official said that FIR has been registered and a detailed probe into the matter has been ordered. "The accused persons will be arrested soon," the official said.

Allow smooth passage of fruit-laden trucks on highway: NC to Admin

STATE TIMES NEWS

Srinagar: The National Conference (NC) on Saturday asked the Jammu and Kashmir administration to review the security arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra so as to allow smooth passage of fruit-laden trucks on the national highway.

Expressing strong protest over the alleged halting of fruit-laden trucks on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway in view of the Amarnath Yatra, the party said normal life and business of local populace living along the yatra route should not be made to suffer.

Urging the LG-led administration to allow smooth passage of fruit-laden trucks on the national highway, NC Lok Sabha MP from Anantnag, Hasnain Masoodi, party's north zone president Javed Dar, district president Baramulla, Sajad Shafi, and party leader Irshad Kar said the growths

The organisations covered under this category include farmers' organisations, students, workers' organisations and caste-based organisations.

In the amended FCRA, the government barred public servants from receiving foreign funding and made Aadhaar mandatory for every office-bearer of NGOs.

The new law also says that organisations receiving foreign funds will not be able to use more than 20 per cent of such funds for administrative purposes. This limit was 50 per cent before 2020.

According to the law, all NGOs receiving funds have to register under the FCRA.

He further said that due to efforts of Yasha Mudgal Secretary Cooperatives over 400 new cooperatives have been formed in Jammu and Kashmir compared to few dozens in last 3 decades.

The cooperatives which has been separated from agriculture ministry at centre is known under availed leadership of Amit Shah and in span of one year has seen huge positive change as more youth and women have got attracted towards this sector.

Vikrant Dogra further said that in

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Tarn Taran. Chawla said police have also booked the kingpin of this module, identified as Malkit Singh of Cheema Kalan village in Tarn Taran, who had sent his four aides to Jammu to retrieve the 16-kg consignment.

Malkit, who had earlier processed such consignments around five times in the past using the same kind of modus operandi, has already been facing three cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, he said, adding that the police teams are on a manhunt to arrest Malkit.

The IG said investigation has revealed a modus operandi related to interstate smuggling prevalent in Punjab these days, where kingpin used virtual numbers to communicate with Jammu-based smugglers.

This is the third such case of drug smuggling from Jammu side to Punjab that has come to fore in less than one year wherein smugglers used the same modus operandi, said the officer.

The Pathankot Police had registered two such cases of heavy recovery of heroin in February this year, when around 12 kg of heroin was recovered in the jurisdiction of the Sujanpur police station.

Similarly, the Amritsar rural police had recovered Rs 1.9 crore of drug money along with 21 kg of heroin from the jurisdiction of the police station, Kathunangal, in August last year.

The same kind of modus operandi was also noticed during the investigation of a case registered in Gurdaspur Sadar police station where secret cavities were found fabricated in two vehicles allegedly to conceal drugs.

Remarkable growth of...

Governor said. The Lt Governor said that the development in various sectors demonstrates firm commitment of the government to achieve speedy and all-round development. It is also the responsibility of Civil Society. Young and thinking minds to ensure peace and help the administration in providing equal opportunities for all.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor said that under that guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a fear-free, corruption-free and transparent system has been established in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir:

The Lt Governor said we are constantly striving to revive the vibrant literary-cultural environment, besides efforts are being made to ensure the development of robust infrastructure and strengthening of the grass root democracy.

As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the government is working on revival and promotion of Kashmiri, Dogri, Punjabi literature and culture. Since last year, two Lit Fests have been organised in J&K with an aim is to restore the vibrant literary culture of the UT, he added.

Speaking on the developmental issues, the Lt Governor said, in the last two years, rapid efforts are being made for bridging the infrastructure gap between villages and cities. Opportunities have been provided to harness the potential of women and youth in the UT.

The work on developing Jhelum River Front, the cultural heritage of Srinagar and the historical Tawi River Front of Jammu, has started. The work on conservation of heritage sites is going on in planned manner