

LG distributes motorised tricycles among specially-abled persons

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Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday distributed Motorized Tricycles for the specially-abled persons among the beneficiaries here at Raj Bhawan.

In the first phase, the government is distributing 1000 units of Motorized Tricycles and by the end of the current financial year, 3000 additional units will be distributed among eligible beneficiaries.

Reiterating Government's commitment to serve disadvantaged sections of the society, the Lt Governor said, our endeavour is to make accessibility a right for specially-abled and ensure a barrier-free environment and a friendly access to public facilities and places.

Various schemes launched by the government aim to achieve the vision of building an inclusive society by empowering socially, economically marginalized sections, creation of livelihood and skilling initiatives for youth and adequate support to senior citizens, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for introducing revolutionary



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reforms to empower the Divyangjan by granting them their due rights, besides extending benefits of social welfare schemes.

Initiatives like Accessible India Campaign have ensured accessible infrastructure for specially abled, in government and private buildings, railway stations, airports, schools and colleges, added the Lt Governor.

On the occasion the Lt Governor also acknowledged the key role of vol-

untary organizations and District Administrations in creating an enabling environment for the specially abled persons to lead a dignified life.

The Lt Governor directed the Social Welfare Department to double their efforts for ensuring 100% saturation of beneficiary oriented schemes and chalk-out a comprehensive plan of action to extend all necessary support and assistance to specially-abled per-

sons for their sustainable livelihood. The Lt Governor further advised the officials for notifying a toll free number to receive feedback from the beneficiaries regarding the implementation of the welfare schemes.

Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner Secretary to Government, Social Welfare Department briefed the Lt Governor on the measures taken for implementation of various UT and Centrally Sponsored schemes.

The J&K Rehabilitation Council, Social Welfare Department with the approved allocation of Rs.8.00 Crores procured 1000 units of Motorized Tricycles which are being distributed among eligible beneficiaries across the J&K UT, it was informed.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; besides other concerned officers of the Social Welfare department were present on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioners and beneficiaries from across the UT joined through the virtual mode.

BJP pays tributes to Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

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Jammu: Observing the day as "Balidan Diwas" the Jammu & Kashmir BJP fondly commemorated the birth anniversary of Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Paying rich floral tributes to the stalwart, party leaders recalled Mukherjee's contribution in the integration of nation among his other works.

BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former President & former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, General Secretary (Org.), Ashok Koul, former President & former Minister Sat Sharma and others paid tributes on the occasion.

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BJP General Secretary (Org.), Ashok Koul and other leaders paying tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

his life while agitating to end the permit system under which any one leaving or entering the state had to obtain a permit a practice which did not exist in any other state of the country," said Tarun Chugh.

Ravinder Raina said it was the sacrifices of Mukherjee that Jammu and Kashmir was fully integrated with rest of the country and it was con-

sidered as one of the great step for the national interest.

Jugal Kishore Sharma said that he lived and laid down his life for the integrity of the country for which the entire country is indebted to him.

Kavinder Gupta spoke on the ideology of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

Ashok Koul threw light on the life and important works of Dr. Mukherjee.

Court rejects bail plea in fake SIM card scam

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Jammu: CJM Shopian Iqbal Ahmed Akhoon rejected bail application of one Shafat Ahmad Shiekh, who was involved in issuing fake SIM cards.

According to police, on June 18, 2022 Police Station Shopian received information from reliable sources that few SIM venders have prepared forged documents and by putting photographs of different people, thereby deceiving people, had issued illegal SIM cards to earn money. On receiving report, FIR was lodged and petitioner was arrested. The petitioner has also confessed before the police that he had prepared forged documents and has issued SIM cards. At the instance of petitioner, police seized a dairy and CAF on ESU Shopian as a piece of evidence. The investigation with regard to CAF form holder is yet to be conducted.

CJM Shopian Iqbal Ahmed Akhoon, while rejecting bail application, observed that number of forms through which SIM cards have been issued,

were recovered from applicants and accused has admitted to have issued SIM cards by way of illegal means using forged documents. "The offence for which the accused was arrested are not only heinous but are serious in nature and is not only against Government but also public at large. Also, investigation of the case is at its infancy and if the accused is enlarged on bail at present moment, when the investigation of case is going on, there is every likelihood that applicant will try to hamper or temper prosecution evidence and win over the witness.

The police has yet to record the statement of material witnesses and yet to complete the investigation. When investigation is going on and the accused is involved in such a heinous offence, enlarging the accused at this movement of time will be prejudicial to the investigating agency. The investigation is going on and applicant being allegedly involved in serious and heinous offence is not entitled for bail at this time," the Court observed.

BJP can't escape its responsibility in Shah episode: Congress

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Jammu: Congress in Wednesday hit back BJP for its failed attempt to escape from the responsibility in LeT Commander Tahib Hussain Shah episode and demanded that NIA should also investigate the BJP Leaders connection with the dreaded terrorist.

Reacting sharply to the BJP attempt to hide facts and divert attention to escape responsibility for appointing a dreaded militant in the ranks of the party, besides facilitating him to several important meetings with top leaders and functionaries in the Govt., especially the Home

Minister, JKPC said that BJP can't take U-turn now and say that he was not associated with the party.

In a joint statement JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla, Vice Presidents Mula Ram, Kanta Bhan, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, General Secretaries Yogesh Sawhney, Mamnoon Singh, Treasurer Rajnish Sharma, Secretary Pawan Raina, Sanjeev Panda, SC Dept. Chairman Karan Bhagat, Spokesperson Sahil Sharma, Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma and others questioned BJP for the vain attempt to hide behind security threat, when BJP leaders are them-

selves responsible for the facilitating such a dreaded terrorist to such important events, as BJP leader including meeting Home Minister of the Country, which is very serious. It is surprising for the nation that such a dreaded terrorist could meet the Home Minister and cause grave security breach in the security of the Home Minister.

They said that heads should roll and all those responsible in playing a dirty or irresponsible role should be booked under law. NIA and other agencies should investigate the sheer lapses in the security of the Home Minister and all others by virtue of his position in

the BJP. Separately it should be also investigated that how such a terrorist escaped the eye of intelligence agencies for years together and became an active leader of BJP ranks and met top functionaries.

The leaders said that J&K BJP leaders can't escape the responsibility by their repeated attempts to divert and twist facts in the wake of series of evidences.

They also sought screening of the ranks of BJP as to how many such elements have become members by the process of miss call enrollment of BJP especially in the militancy infested Jammu and Kashmir.

Congress only option for people of J&K: Tara Chand

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Jammu: Senior Congress leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand has said that Congress is the only secular alternative acceptable to people in J&K. He urged cadre to strengthen the party and expose failure and wrong policies of BJP in J&K, which is responsible for current situation prevailing in J&K.

While addressing a public meeting in Dhok Khalsa area of Akhnoor, Tara Chand said that people of Jammu region feel utterly cheated and betrayed for the failure of BJP leaders to represent their concerns. "BJP government in J&K miserably failed to live up to expectations of people. There is

a strong resentment among people against present Government as it has not fulfilled its promises made at time of elections. BJP is playing with sentiments of the people, who voted them to power. People are not happy with their policies and Government proved to be a failure," he added.

Tara Chand claimed that Congress during its tenure had proved how to provide pro-people governance to people by bringing total transparency and accountability in the functioning of Government. "We set an example of good governance during Congress regime wherein every individual was provided equal opportunity of growth and development," he said.

Reiterating his resolve to institutionalize transparency and accountability in governance, Tara Chand said that the Congress had shown the way for strengthening democratic and Constitutional institutions in the state by initiating various revolutionary steps during its tenure in the power.

Others present on the occasion included Thakur Balwan Singh, Narinder Sharma, Varun Magotra, Madan Lal Sharma, Vijay Chib, Karnail Singh, Kalidas, Rashpal Singh, Vikram Singh, Kewal Sharma, Sham Lal, Radha, Hansraj Bhagat, Ram Lal Bhagat, Jaguram besides a number of Sarpanches and Panuchs of the area.

DoPT coordinating institutionalised capacity building of civil servants: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Wednesday said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) is coordinating institutionalised capacity building of civil servants and for this purpose, an integrated approach is being followed with active involvement of Capacity Building Commission (CBC), Department of Administrative Reforms (DARPG), LBSNAA, Mussoorie, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) and ISTM.

Last 8 years of the Modi Government have changed the very ethos of governance in India, said the Minister. Chairing the 3rd brainstorming session on Mission Karmayogi here, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the three important pillars of capacity building Commission. He said, with

tion of national priorities, citizen-centricity and how best and fast to adapt to new and emerging technologies. He, however, underlined that an ideal public administration must be competitive, efficient, cost effective and accountable to deliver good governance.

Dr Jitendra said, Mission Karmayogi will propose to the government for collaboration, coordination, sharing and action, which is the very essence of Capacity Building Commission. He said, with

60 Ministries, 93 Commonwealth Countries, 2600 Departments and 2600 organisations, enough demand is likely to be generated for appropriate training of civil servants in tune with the rapidly changing technological landscape.

Dr Singh expressed satisfaction that after 75 years of independence for the first time, India has its own Capacity Building Framework. He expressed hope that India will help and augment the civil service framework of 73 odd

Commonwealth Countries, which inherited British civil service as a legacy. The Minister said, with time the Global South will share the best governance practices with Global North.

Dr Jitendra said, the imperative need of shift from "rule" to "role" in governance is essential to meet PM Narendra Modi's goal of New India and live up to its aspirations. He said, the era of generalists is over and this is far more relevant to Administration as we are

entering the age of super-specialisation. He said, a civil service 'fit-for-purpose' and 'fit-for-future' requires a competency driven capacity building approach that focuses on imparting competencies critical to discharge its roles and that is exactly the main goal of Mission Karmayogi.

Dr. Jitendra stated that present governments can use the learning of traditional, historical knowledge and recent administrative reform attempts to further improve governance and achieve the goal of Maximum Governance, minimum government.

The Minister expressed hope that Mission Karmayogi will be a key enabler in continuously augmenting and enhancing delivery, and over the time will be able to support in achieving the goal of \$5 Trillion economy set by the Prime Minister.

Bhagwant Maan's wedding



PM Modi fulfilled dream of Dr Mukherjee by scrapping Art 370: Kavinder

Nehru, Sheikh are Mukherjee's murderers

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, while asserting that PM Narendra Modi fulfilled the dream of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee on 5th August, 2019 with abrogation of Article 370, has termed the then PM Jawahar Lal Nehru and Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah as Dr Mukherjee's murderers.

The former Dy CM stated this while addressing a gathering after conducting a plantation drive on the birth anniversary of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee here today where was accompanied by Vinay Gupta District President BJP.

It is pertinent to mention here that today's celebration was part of the fortnight celebrations which commenced on the Balidan Diwas of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee across the nation and concluded here.

In his address, Kavinder threw light on the life history of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee asserting that with the abrogation of Article 370 and enforcing 'One Flag One Constitution' principle in Jammu and Kashmir, the Bharatiya Janata Party Govt at the Centre led by PM Narendra Modi finally fulfilled the dream of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee on 5th August, 2019.

He said that Mukherjee sacrificed his life for this very cause. He accused the then



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta and others performing Aarti of Bhagwan Jagannath at Channi Himaat.

The former deputy Chief Minister stated that Bharatiya Janata Party with Union Govt led by PM Modi has reigned in not only the terrorists but all the mafias who had conspired to disintegrate the nation. He said that people are quite happy and satisfied with the Modi led Govt and know fully who has betrayed the nation at every step.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Bharat Bhushan Mandal President, Narinder Koki, Davinder Vaid, Naveen Gupta, Hardev Singh, Meetu Sharma, Pushpinder Charak, Balwan Singh, Poonam Mahajan and Sangeeta Sharma.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta also performed Aarti of Bhagwan Jagannath during a programme at Channi Himaat here today. He paid obeisance to Bhagwan Jagannath and prayed for peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir and its people.

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Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, flanked by Union Secretary DoPT S. Radha Chouhan and Union Secretary ARPG S. Srinivas, convening third brainstorming session on "Mission Karmayogi", at New Delhi on Wednesday.