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Crucial BJP rejig...

As National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh has been greeted by the Karykartas and the people overwhelmingly. Apart from playing an important role in the national politics, Tarun Chugh is National General Secretary incharge of Jammu and Kashmir. He has been holding the fort in this part of the country with a clear vision of transforming the Union Territory as per the cherished agenda of Prime Minister Modi. Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed huge turn-around in the situation due to much needed political interventions for galvanizing the system as per the aspirations of the people and vision of the Prime Minister. Credit for close coordination with the party goes to Tarun Chugh, who keeps shuttling in the length and breadth of the Union Territory to strengthen the BJP and make a rapport with people at large.

Three inspectors transferred...

been posted at DPL Rajouri and Sub Inspector Mohd alyas (now Inspector) has been transferred from Police Post Shahdara Sharief and posted at DPL Rajouri.

LG joins Youm...

Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions. Their sacrifice for righteousness and the greater good of humankind serves as a beacon light for the world," he said in the tweet.



LG Manoj Sinha participating in Youm-e-Ashooras Zuljinah procession at Srinagar on Saturday.

Sinha urged people to imbibe the eternal ideals of Hazrat Imam Hussain and work unitedly for peace, progress and prosperity of all. "Remembering the sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions in Karbala for upholding the values of truth, justice and equality, which has been guiding the entire humanity to follow the path of righteousness," he said in another tweet. Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said strict security arrangements had been made ahead of the Ashura procession.

"There were much better security arrangements than the other day, and we are providing three-tier security. LG had promised in the meeting (with the stakeholders) that he will visit and he came here and paid his tributes along with senior officials. This is a good signal," Kumar told reporters.

He said while the forces have helped in changing the security scenario in J-K, it is the people to whom the major credit goes for keeping peace in the region.

"It's the public that brings the peace. Yes, we do provide security, we have changed the security scenario, but, the role of the public is very important," the ADGP said.

Woman jumps into...

children be raised well. Doda Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Qayoom said the handbag of the woman was recovered from the scene where she had jumped into the river. "The woman is feared drowned and our first priority is to recover her body," he said when asked about the viral video. However, the SSP said police have taken cognizance of the video and initiated an investigation.

Fresh batch of...

While 1,442 pilgrims are heading for the traditional 48-km Pahalgam track, 608 yatis are performing the yatra through the 14-km Baltal route, the officials said.

We hope PM...

On the Jammu and Kashmir administration allowing the Muharram procession in the city for the first time in 35 years, the NC president said there was no reason not to allow it before but "some of our very own people were against it".

"We wanted this to happen earlier as well. When I was chief minister, I wanted this to take place, but some of our very own people were against it. I do not want to name them, they have passed away. Otherwise, what was the reason that it was not allowed?"

"I also joined the procession. I went from Abi Guzar to Qatalgah. I saw the difficulties they faced. Everyone Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs greeted this procession I used to hold Zuljanah. I thank God that it was restarted but the Zuljanah is still not allowed (on the traditional route)," Abdullah said.

"God willing, when the people's government will be here, Zoljanah will be taken out on the traditional route in a grand way," he added.

Landmine exploded near ...

with landmines as part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system to prevent terrorists from intruding into the Indian side from across the border. The mines sometimes go off after getting washed away by rains or forest fires.

Narco-terrorism case...

arrested under the Public Safety Act (PSA) early this year. The SIA had taken his remand on July 1 for questioning over his alleged links across the border.

On March 3, seven kilograms of heroin, more than Rs 2 crore in cash and a pistol along with some ammunition were recovered from the house of Lala.

CS for universal...

people come forward readily to screen their children at their early age. Dr Mehta also stressed on assessing all the health facilities of the UT right from the Sub-Centres on a set of parameters. He told them to repeat the exercise periodically and put the results in public domain so that people are able to see for themselves about the status of these health facilities besides giving them opportunity to make improvements.

He also asked for creating awareness among people about the initiatives like e-Sanjeevani, e-sahaj and Tele-MANAS so that people are able to seek assistance, guidance, counseling and support through such IT and telecommunication tools from the comforts of their homes.

While providing the insights into the working of NHM here the Secretary Health, Bhupinder Kumar informed the meeting that all adults aged above 30 years have been enrolled into NCD portal. He added that the risk assessment (CBAC) has been completed for 46 Lakh and 37 Lakh screened for Diabetes, Hypertension and three common cancers namely oral, cervical and breast Cancers.

He further informed that about 67 Projects (810 Beds) under ECRP-II have been completed which includes 25 Maternal ICUs (215 ICU beds), 20 Paediatric Hybrid ICUs (209 HDU/ICU Beds) and 11 Oxygen Supported Paediatric wards (278 oxygen supported beds), 11 Prefab Units (108 Beds).. Besides, work on 8 Projects (150 Beds) is going on currently under this mission.

It was said that 298 DNB seats (Broad Specialty/Super specialty/fellowship) have been approved for 20 Public Health facilities (10 GMCs/8 DHs/2 CHCs) out of which 196 candidates have joined as on date.

Regarding the IT tool TeleManas, it was given out that a UT level 24x7 Cell and one mentoring Institute at IMHANS, Psychiatric Diseases Hospital, GMC Srinagar has been established. It was added that more than 20000 calls have been received by the Tele-MANAS cell till now.

It was said that under PMNDP, 85199 sessions of dialysis were provided to 1183 patients through 131 machines installed in the Health care facilities. HMIS (JK E-Sahaj) facility is operational in Tertiary care, District Hospitals, Community Health Centres and ranking of healthcare facilities under e-sahaj is released every month, the meeting was informed.

Regarding other interventions it was revealed that Anemia Mukht Bharat programme has been implemented in all the districts of J&K and Test-Treat-Talk (T3) anaemia camps have been launched across the UT. In the initial phase 896 Digital Hemoglobinometers along with testing strips have been procured and distributed under NHM for this purpose.

It was said that During FY 2022-23, 13.96 lakh (97.16 %) school children enrolled in Govt schools and 6.47 lakh children (90.23 %) enrolled in Anganwadi Centers were screened by RBSK teams. During 1st Quarter of 2023-24, 38 % schools and 36.10 % Anganwadi Schools stand covered.

It was given out that since inception, 3194 children have been provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 18.79 Cr for treatment including surgical interventions at tertiary care institutions within/outside J&K. It was added that during first quarter of current FY, 191 Children not covered under ABPMJAY/SEHAT have been provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs 32.52 lakh

Pertinent to mention here that the UT of J&K achieved the target of operationalization of 2742 Health and Wellness Centres well within its timeframe and has nearly 4000 health institutions including that of Ayush to take care of the health of its population.

Besides the Secretary, Health, the meeting was attended by the Principals of

GMCs, Director Health Jammu/Kashmir and other officers of the concerned Departments.

Hybrid terrorist arrested...

have already been registered against him. A case vide FIR number 94/2023 under sections 13, 23 of ULAP Act and 7/25 of IA Act stands registered at Police Station Batamalo.

Those doing politics...

the students are confident in a language, their skills and talent will emerge fully," he said.

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"The world is looking at India as a nursery of new possibilities. Many countries are approaching us to open IIT campuses there. Two IIT campuses - one in Tanzania and one in Abu Dhabi - are already about to start operations... Various global universities are also reaching out to us, expressing their interest in setting up campuses in India," he said.

Modi said the NEP aims at making India a hub of research and innovation and has given equal importance to traditional knowledge systems and futuristic technology.

He also asked schools to make students aware of subjects such as disaster management, climate change and clean energy.

During the programme, the prime minister released the first instalment of funds under the PM SHRI scheme.

The schools under the scheme will nurture students in a way that they become engaged, productive and contributing citizens for building an equitable, inclusive and pluralistic society, as envisaged under the NEP.

The prime minister also released education and skill curriculum books translated into 12 Indian languages.

The two-day Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam is being held at Bharat Mandapam at the old Pragati Maidan here.

The prime minister highlighted the steps for integrating vocational education with general education and the ways of making education more interesting and interactive.

Pointing out that the facility of labs and practicals were limited to a handful of schools earlier, he threw light on Atal Tinkering Labs where more than 75 lakh students are learning about science and innovation.

"Science is simplifying itself for everyone. It is these young scientists that will shape the future of the country by leading significant projects and turning India into a research hub of the world. Any reform requires courage, and the presence of courage leads to the birth of new possibilities," Modi said.

The prime minister gave examples of software technology and space tech and said that it is not easy to compete with India's capability. Speaking about defence technology, the prime minister said that India's model of "low cost" and "best quality" is sure to be a hit.

Modi emphasised that "building capable youth is the biggest guarantee of building a strong nation" and parents and teachers play a major role in that.

"I appeal to teachers and parents to prepare students for confident curiosity and flights of imagination. We have to keep an eye on the future and think with a futuristic mindset. We have to free the children from the pressure of books," he said.

The National Education Policy (NEP), approved by the government in August 2020, replaced the 34-year-old National Policy on Education. It aims to pave the way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems to make India a global knowledge superpower.

Teaching up to Class 5 in the mother tongue or regional language, lowering the stakes of board exams, a single regulator for higher education institutions (except for law and medical colleges), and common entrance tests for universities are part of the sweeping reforms in the new NEP.

Replacing the 10+2 structure of school curricula with a 5+3+3+4 curricular structure corresponding to age groups 3-8, 8-11, 11-14 and 14-18 years, respectively, scrapping MPhil programmes and implementing common norms for private and public higher educational institutions are among other salient features of the new policy.

Army commander visits...

The ancient temple and its centre are being rebuilt with a view to revive the centuries-old pilgrimage to Sharda Peeth temple in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Sharda Peeth is "the seat of Sharda", the Kashmiri name for goddess Saraswati.

CRIME REPORT

Three theft cases solved, 3 notorious thieves arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police on Saturday solved three theft cases including Bany Baba Temple theft case Kadgal Bari Brahmana, arrested three (3) notorious thieves and recovered stolen cash and kind.

The arrested notorious thieves have been identified as Muneer Hussain son of Hussain Mohd, resident of 10-Changa Gangal Chowki Choura, Tehsil & district Jammu; ShivDayal alias Sunny, son of Rajinder Kumar, resident of Teli Basti Bari Brahmana and Swaran Lal, son of Dharam Chand, resident of Shekhpur Palota, tehsil Ramgarh district Samba.

Accused Muneer was involved in Bany Baba Temple case FIR No. 191/2023 under section 454/380 IPC Police Station Bari Brahmana and he had stolen cash from Daan Patra, whereas accused Sunny was involved in Teli Basti theft case FIR No. 176/2023 under section 457/380 IPC Police Station Bari Brahmana in which gold ornaments/cash were stolen and Swaran was involved in Keso Godown grain theft case FIR No. 43/2023 under section 457,380 IPC Police Station Ramgarh. Three theft cases have been solved by SHO Police Station Bari Brahmana Sunil Sharma and I/C BPP Kamore ASI Rajinder Singh under the supervision of SDPO Bari Brahmana Rahul Nagar, SDPO Vijaypur Rohit Kumar and Addl.SP Samba Surinder Choudhary.

On receiving this information, a party of Police Station Pouni raided on spot and seized 10 litres Desi Illicit liquor from his possession and arrest him from the spot. Moreover, 55 litres Lahan also got destroyed on spot. Investigation initiated to unearth forward and backward linkages. On this, a Case FIR No.51/2023 U/S 48 (a), 48(e), 48-(f) Excise Act stands registered at Police Station Pouni. The whole operation was led by SHO Pouni Insp. Purab Singh under the supervision of Dy.SP headquarter Neeraj Padayar.

Three held with liquor, Lahan, heroin, opium

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Continuing the drive against drug Abuse and illicit liquor launched by District Reasi Police, an information was received through a reliable source that one person namely Mangi Singh, son of Kaka Singh, resident of Kheralaid, Tehsil Pouni District Reasi is illegally selling Desi Liquor in the adjoining areas of Village Kheralaid of Police Station Pouni.

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In another incident, Naka Party of Police Station Katra were on checking/frisking duty at PCP Nomain, Katra. During checking, two persons who were coming on foot from Nomain side towards Katra town, upon seeing Police Party tries to fled away from the spot but were apprehended by Police Party. During checking of one person who disclosed his name as Mehnga Singh, son of Kulwant Singh, resident of Gali Dhotion Wali, Tarn Taran, Amritsar, Police Party found 9.50 gms of Heroin like substance. Further on checking of another person who disclosed his name as Namsroop Singh, son of Jarnail Singh, resident of Warpal, Amritsar, Police Party found 09 gms of Opium like substance. On this, Case FIR No 238/2023 U/S 8/18/21/22 NDPS Act stands registered at P/S Katra and investigation is going on. The whole operation is led by SHO Katra Insp. Nishant Gupta under the supervision of SDPO Katra Surinder Singh and overall supervision of SP Katra Vipin Chandran.

Three nabbed with heroin

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: To eradicate the menace of Drugs from the society and take stringent action against Drug Peddlers within district, Kathua Police on Saturday recovered approx. 15 Grams of Heroin (chitta) like substance in the jurisdiction of PP Ramkot near Ujh Pull Ludera area, 03 persons arrested and narcotic substance as well as 01 vehicle (Bolero) got seized on the spot. As per details, a Police team led by SI Sanjeet Singh IC PP Ramkot under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Sh. Surinder Khadyar during routine naka/patrolling duty in its jurisdiction at Ujh Pull Ludera area intercepted one vehicle (Bolero) bearing Reg. No. JK08K-1923 being driven by a person namely Vijay Kumar, son of Babu Ram, resident of Mahanpur. During checking of

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said vehicle police team apprehended two persons namely Pankaj, son of Dev Raj, resident of Pallan Tehsil Billawar and recovered 08 Grams of Heroin like narcotics from his possession while on the checking of second person namely Jeevan Sharma, son of Satpaul, resident of Dambra Tehsil Mahanpur and recovered 07 Grams of Heroin (Chitta like narcotics) from his illegal possession thus by making a total of approx. 15 Grams of Heroin (Chitta) were seized. Thereafter all the recovered narcotics substance approx. 15 Grams Heroin (Chitta) alongwith one vehicle Bolero was seized and three persons were arrested. On this case FIR No. 110/2023 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Billawar. Further investigation is underway.

Hundreds of prominent political, social personalities from Nowshera join BJP

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Hundreds of prominent personalities having affiliations with various political parties, ex service-men, and other social personalities representing various communities like Gujjars, Bakkarwals, Jats, Sikhs, SCs, STs, OBCs etc. from Nowshera joined BJP in a programme held at BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

They belonged to Narian, Sangpur, Dhagani, Rani Badetar, Rajal, Maanpur Dhanaka, Langar, Bhawani, Chowki Handan, Kalal, Bajan Bain, Kangri, Chingus, Laam, Ladoka, Raipur Patta, Raipur Kamila, Hanjana, Laam Border and other areas of Nowshera Assembly Segment.

They were welcomed into the party fold by Jammu and Kashmir BJP President Ravinder Raina in presence of Nowshera district



BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina along with new entrants of party.

Prabhari Sanjay Baru, BJP District President Neena Sharma, District General Secretaries Sukhdev Singh & Pritam Sharma, Mandal Presidents Ajay Choudhary, Shubham Lakhnampal, Harjit Singh, Ravinder Singh Nano & Rakesh Raina.

Prominent among the new entrants included NC Block (Chingus) President Sanjay Bakshi, Honorary Captain (Retd) Tilak Raj (Nowshera), Capt (Retd) Ravinder Raingh (Qila Darhal), Jaswal Singh (Panch), Ex. Naib Sarpanch Mohd. Iqbal, Panch Haq Nawaz, Kuldeep Choudhary, Satvir Choudhary (Kalal), Ex. Havaldar Vikramjeet Choudhary, Som Lal, Tarsem Lal, Sat Paul Choudhary, Vikas Khokhar, Rakesh Choudhary, Anil Choudhary, Manoj Chouhan, Rakesh Umar, Vikram jeet, Naib Sarpanch Kamal Sharma, and others.

Ravinder Raina, in his welcome address to those embracing BJP, praised the Army personnel for their

bravery to serve the Nation on the frontiers. He said that the citizens of a great Nation could think of development and worldly pleasures, when a Jawan sacrifices own life very far away from near and dear ones.

He said that the BJP firmly believes that these personnel will serve the nation with the same zeal and valour while discharging their services in the party.

"With each passing day, more and more people are joining BJP as they have themselves seen the good governance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and want to strengthen BJP so that the wheel of development and welfare continues to benefit every region and religion", said Ravinder Raina and added that 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' has become reality on the ground during the last 9 years.

Col Mahan visits flood-affected areas, directs for immediate restoration of affected structures

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: The DDC Chairman of Kathua, Col Mahan Singh today undertook a comprehensive visit to the flood-affected far flung areas of Bani and Basohli falling in the district Kathua.

Accompanied by a team of dedicated government officials, Col Mahan Singh conducted a thorough assessment of the damages caused by the recent devastating floods and incessant rains.

During his visit to Bhoond landslide-affected region, Col Mahan Singh observed the severity of the damaged road that connects Basohli Bani areas. He noted that nearly six government buildings, dozens of shops, and numerous residential houses were also severely impacted by the natural calamity.

Expressing deep empathy for the affected individuals and communities, Col Mahan Singh immediately directed the officials accompanying him to initiate swift restoration measures for the affected structures. He emphasized the urgency of the situation and ensured that the neces-

sary support and resources would be provided to expedite the restoration process.

During the visit to village Maskhka, Col Mahan Singh witnessed the unfortunate consequences of soil erosion along the Ravi and Sewa Rivers, leading to the loss of valuable agricultural land. To address this pressing issue, Col Mahan Singh urged the NHPC Sewa 2 Project Incharge, Mr. Madan Lal Sharma, who accompanied him, to play a crucial role in safeguarding the agricultural land. He requested the NHPC to construct protection bunds along the river banks under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative to mitigate further soil erosion and protect the livelihoods of the affected people.

Understanding the importance of connectivity for the welfare of the locals, the DDC Chairman also took notice of the need for a Foot Bridge in Deosal village, which would connect the neighboring state of Himachal Pradesh. He urged the government officials to prioritize the construction of the Foot Bridge, which would not only facilitate ease of move-

ment for the residents but also promote regional development and cooperation.

Later, Col Mahan Singh held a meeting with the General Manager of NHPC and discussed issues faced by the local residents. During the meeting, Col Mahan requested the General Manager to extend support to the flood-affected communities in Bhoond and Bani areas, leveraging the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and the Local Area Development Fund (LADF). He further requested the General Manager to allocate resources from the CSR and LADF funds to provide assistance to the affected people. He also raised the development of sports ground in Village Maskha.

Responding to the Chairman's request, the General Manager informed Col Mahan Singh that Rs 60 lakhs had already been sanctioned for the development of the sports ground in Village Maskha. This development signifies a step forward in promoting sports and recreational activities within the region.