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Per capita spending...

quality care focusing on the physical as well as emotional well-being of individual patients," the Lt Governor said.

He said the new landmark initiatives launched today are testimony to the commitment of J&K Administration in providing quality, affordable and accessible healthcare services to all.

The MoU inked between J&K Health and Medical Education Department and Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre will provide significant technical support to improve cancer care services in the UT and help us to establish Preventive Oncology Service, Day Care Centres and Palliative Care Service at District Hospitals, he said.

Another important MoU signed this afternoon with NIMHANS Bengaluru will improve mental health services, training and capacity building of Medical Officers and nursing staff, he added.

The Lt Governor called upon the medical fraternity and all stakeholders to deliberate upon the structural changes required in the healthcare sector. We need to have progressive rules and laws for modern healthcare, he added.

He further advised the Health Department on community involvement for awareness campaign on the National Mental Health Program and to ensure the benefits of the programme reach the needy.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor inaugurated 44 healthcare facilities worth Rs. 56.18 Cr to strengthen the medical infrastructure.

He also rolled out and launched several new initiatives to strengthen health system resilience including T3- Test, Treat and Talk Anemia Camps, Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease Programme, and Sean and Share service for OPD registration. On the occasion, the Lt Governor also distributed the Volunteer Engagement certificates to ASHAs.

In order to improve community extension of health services, National Health Mission, Jammu and Kashmir is recruiting 380 Additional ASHAs and 31 ASHA Facilitators as approved by Government of India.

Furthermore, there are also 334 numbers of tribal ASHAs sanctioned for various districts of J&K meant to cater the health care needs of the tribal population in an attempt to improve the health indicators of the migratory population.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary Health and Medical Education; Dr Roderico, H.Ofrin, WHO representative to India; Dr Pratima Murthy, Director NIMHANS; Dr RA Badve, Director Tata Memorial Centre; Dr Ashish Gulia, Director Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre; Prof. Parvaiz Ahmad Koul, Director SKIMS; Prof. Masood Tanvir, Principal GMC Srinagar; HoDs, medical experts and members from medical fraternity were present.

Anoo Malhotra posted...

Kishore Singh Chib, JKAS, Special Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, shall hold the charge of the post of Director, Industries and Commerce, Jammu, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Shrikant posted as...

and Santosh Sukhdeve (IAS:2017), Deputy Commissioner Kargil has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Leh.

4 dead as...

of them were declared brought dead," a police official said. The deceased were identified as Shamim Akhtar (55), Rubina Kouser (35), Zarina Begum and Mohammad Younis (38), all residents of Bhangnai.

Sub-Divisional Police Officer Thanamandi Intiaz Ahmed said the injured have been referred to the GMC Associated Hospital in Rajouri.

He said a case under relevant sections of the law has been registered.

Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri, Vikas Kundal visited the District Hospital Kheora to know about the condition of passengers injured in the accident. He interacted with them and enquired about their well-being. He also directed the hospital authorities to provide all necessary medical assistance to the injured passengers.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed his condolences to the families of the deceased passengers and assured them of all possible support from the district administration. He also urged the concerned authorities to investigate the cause of the accident and take necessary measures to prevent such mishaps in the future.

Meanwhile, in tragic incident, a 14 years boy got killed, while 6 others injured after a vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into gorge near Gowari area of Doda this afternoon.

While confirming the incident, ASP Bhadarwah Vinod Sharma said that a Tata Sumo (JK14C 7231), on way from Gowari to Kota Bhunecha on Gowari-Changa road, fell into deep gorge at Tawai bridge near Gowari area of Bhallesa in District Doda, after the driver lost control while negotiating a sharp curve.

ASP Bhadarwah said that Police, locals immediately reached the spot and shifted all 7 persons on board to CHC Changa, where doctors declared one 14 years old boy as brought dead, while 6 others are undergoing treatment.

The deceased has been identified as Sonu Kumar 14, son of Jamit Ram, resident of Bhuneecha.

The injured have been identified as Suman Kumar, son of Bansri Lal, resident of Bhunecha, Driver Waseem, son of Jaffer Hussain, resident of Soti, Mithun Kumar, son of Mahinder Singh, Ranjeeta Devi, wife of Hiomat Ram, resident of Bhunecha, Simple Kumar, son of Kuldeep Singh, resident of Kakoti and Kesar Singh, son of Jamit Ram, resident of Bhunecha.

"A Case vide FIR No 58/2023 U/S 279,337 IPC has been registered and investigation of the case is going on," ASP Vinod informed.

Later 3 seriously injured were shifted to GMC Doda for further treatment.

Meanwhile Vice-Chairperson DDC Doda Sangeeta Bhagat expressed shock over the loss of precious life and injury to 6 persons in the tragic incident which took place in Gowari area of Doda. She prayed for eternal peace to departed soul and early recovery to injured persons.

Azad grieved over...

pray to almighty for eternal peace of the departed souls."

Soon after learning about this devastating road accident, Azad asked party workers in the area to provide assistance to injured and victim families.

He has stressed on the administration to provide compensation to the next of kin of those killed in the accident and those who got injured in this road accident. Azad has prayed for speedy recovery of injured persons. Four persons died and eight got injured when a vehicle they were travelling in fell in the deep gorge.

Sanjeev posted as...

as Administrative Secretary Rural Development Department, Information Technology Department, Science & Technology Department, Transport Department, and Disaster Management, Relief Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Department.

Further, Ravinder Kumar (IAS :2012), who is also holding the charge of Secretary to LG, is also assigned the Hospitality & Protocol Department, Estates Department and Civil Aviation Department in addition to the department already held by him as Administrative Secretary.

Additionally, Ravinder Kumar shall also hold the charge of the Resident Commissioner of UT of Ladakh.

SIU raids houses...

Kishtwar, at present Umar Mohalla Kishtwar. According to SSP, coordinated searches began at around 8 a.m. Digital evidence along with hard copies of documents are being thoroughly analysed.

"The raids are being conducted in case FIR No 227/2022, in which NIA court has issued non bailable warrants against 36 Kishtwar based terrorists operating from Pok and Pakistan," he added.

SSP Kishtwar informed that a total 22 houses of terrorists operating from Pok and Pakistan have been raided since last two months after getting non-bailable warrants against 36 Kishtwar based terrorists operating from PoK and Pakistan.

"Smartphones through which terrorists contact their family members and friends have been seized during raids," SSP added.

"Families and friends, who are in constant touch with terrorists operating from PoK/Pakistan will face action under UAPA," Poswal said.

No news of arrest of any person or attachment of any property has been reported so far.

During the course of searches, the evidences collected shall be investigated so as to subject the accused persons to judicial determination for their involvement in anti-national activities and perpetuation of terrorism.

The SSP Kishtwar disclosed that all those supporter/associates of terrorists whose involvement surfaces during investigations shall also be prosecuted.

He said that searches are aimed at eliminating the terror ecosystem in the district by identifying various over-ground workers and supporters of terrorism.

LeT terrorist associate...



Usman Bhai of Pakistan, he said. Lone also said he has acquired arms and ammunition from these terrorists for carrying out targeted killings and to terrorise the public in the Baramulla district, the spokesperson said.

A case has been registered and an investigation has been initiated, he added.

18,354 yatris perform...

entire journey by state agencies and civil departments by making all the essentials and facilities available to devotees.

All the departments including Police, SDRF, Army, Paramilitary, Health, PDD, PHE, ULB, Information, Labour, Fire and Emergency, Education, Animal Husbandry have saturated the overall requirements and arrangements of SANJY by deployment of their men and machinery.

Under the supervision of Camp Directors the entire facilities are extended to yatries including Langers, health facilities, assistance by service providers including ponywallas, pithuwallas, dandiwallas, sanitation, and other assistance.

Today, a pilgrim, who started his journey on bicycle from Madhya Pradesh on May 25, arrived at Shadipora transit camp. He was given a warm welcome by Camp Magistrate.

A family that has been on yatra, said that they received much affection from locals and best care from the administration. They said that they enjoyed visit and felt overwhelmed by the overall arrangements.

In case of any help, the government has established help desks at every Camp where they can avail any emergency help, an official handout stated.

Over 6,000 Amarnath...

Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1.

The officials said the pilgrim footfall at the shrine is likely to cross the 50,000 mark later in the day as the yatra is progressing smoothly, with devotees from across the country thronging the base camps to have a glimpse of the naturally formed ice-shivlingam and offer their prayers.

A total of 6,107 pilgrims, including 1,203 women, 193 seers and 31 children, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here for the valley in a convoy of 244 vehicles amid tight security arrangements in the early hours of Wednesday, they said.

The officials said 3,929 pilgrims, headed for Pahalgam, left in a convoy of 140 vehicles for the valley, while another convoy of 104 vehicles carrying 2,178 pilgrims was the first to leave for the Baltal base camp at 3.15 am.

With this, a total of 30,269 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 30, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

Police seizes illicit timber in Baramulla, 03 arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Police have seized illicit timber in Baramulla and arrested 03 accused involved in the commission of crime.

A police party of Police Station Uri led by SHO PS Uri under the supervision of SDPO Uri Shri Shokat Ali-JKPS, arrested 02 timber smugglers identified as Farooq Ahmad Jungle son of Noor Wali and Mashkoor Ahmad Jungle son of Noor Din, both residents of Nambla Uri, involved in cutting down illicit forest timber. On their disclosure, 57 cft illicit wooden planks of forest timber were recovered.

Similarly, a police party of PP Mirgund under the supervision of SDPO Pattan Mohd Nawaz-JKPS, arrested a drug smuggler identified as Manzoor Ahmad Dar son of Ali Mohammad resident of Khanpeth, involved in cutting down illicit forest timber. On his disclosure, 48 cft illicit wooden planks of forest timber were recovered.

All the accused persons were shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

The drive against timber smugglers will continue to ensure protection of green gold.

Police carries out Bhung destruction drive in Baramulla

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police in Baramulla destroyed wild bhung at Main Market Uri and Bandi Uri.

A police party of Police Station Uri along with Executive Magistrate, officials of Excise Department and agriculture department carried a special drive against wild bhung at Main Market Uri and Bandi Uri. During the drive huge quantity of wild bhung spread over 01 Kanal of land was destroyed.

General public of these areas have widely appreciated the action taken by the Police and assured their full cooperation in future to eradicate the drug menace from the society. Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding cultivation of contrabands in their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling & cultivation of contraband substances shall be dealt as per law.

Rebuttal on Mehbooba...

based on clear guidelines on the basis of following criteria:

- All houseless
  - Those living in zero, one or two room kachhia houses,
  - Multi layered prioritization as defined in section 4 of the scheme guidelines. Guidelines available at <https://rural.nic.in/en/documents/guidelines>
- Those houseless persons who don't have land or clear title of land or have that category of land where construction is not permitted, couldn't be sanctioned house, even if they are part of this Permanent waiting list.

District wise list of such cases are available with the department and may be accessed.

Based of the field level survey, out of 199550, 2711 cases were identified who don't have clear title of land and fall in following categories:

- People residing on State land;
- People residing on Forest land;
- People residing in Rakhs and Farms land, where construction is not permitted;
- People sitting on Custodian land; and
- Land allotted to displaced people by Government near Dachigam park for agriculture purpose, where construction is not permitted.
- Any other category of cases who are otherwise eligible for housing but do not have any land available for construction."

As government cannot sanction house to someone who doesn't have land, therefore in order to ensure housing for all, government has taken a policy decision to allot 5 marlas of land to these 2711 cases so that they can get houses. This is indicative of Government's commitment to the poor.

Therefore statement of Ms. Mehbooba Mufti that, government is allotting land to 2 lakh odd persons is factually incorrect and all statements made by her are without having any understanding of the PMAY scheme.

There are 2711 cases which are part of the 2018-19 provisional waiting list of houseless persons of J&K, who were debarred from having house, just because either they didn't have land or the land they have is state/forest/any other category of land where construction is not permitted. Data being quoted by her is of Housing & urban affairs, while PMAYG scheme is of Ministry of Rural Development for rural areas of J&K. Data of PWL may be taken by anyone from Awassoft portal.

J&K Government is committed to serving poor and landless people who were deprived of basic amenities such as a roof over their head through reform measures.

Govt set to...

later, the ministry said, "All states/districts have been requested to declare their district free from manual scavenging. As on date, such confirmation from 520 out of 766 districts in the country has already been received. The committee has been suggested to follow up with the remaining districts."

In Madhya Pradesh, 35 out of 52 districts have not submitted the report, while 21 out of 36 districts in Maharashtra are yet to declare themselves manual scavenging free.

The data also said that 14 states/UTs do not have state commissions for safai karamcharis.

Under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Rehabilitation Act, 2013, manual scavenging is banned in the country and there is requirement of the formation of state safai karamchhari commission, state monitoring committees and district vigilance committees.

"We have received reports from various states that till date, many of these committees have not been established there. I request these states to look into the matter and see that these committees are in place," the official said.

"Only 28 states have complied (with formation of committees)," he said.

The official also pointed out that 1,056 sewer deaths have taken place in the country and a compensation of Rs 10 lakh has been given to 931 people while 42 people are yet to get any assistance.

LG pays obeisance...

contribution of Sikh community in the nation building, the Lt Governor said the administration is committed to provide all the necessary support to the community to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; religious heads; members of Gurdwara Prabandhak Committees; prominent citizens; senior officials of Police and Civil Administration; Community elders and people from all walks of life gathered in large numbers to pay their obeisance to Sri Guru Hargobind Ji.

Prostitution racket busted...

statement. Acting upon the information, a police team led by Inspector Vilayat Hussain, SHO PS Baramulla under the supervision of Altaf Ahmad, DySP Hqrs Baramulla busted the prostitution racket.

The spokesperson said that the racket was run by Lateef Ahmad Chechi, son of Mohammad Younis Chechi, resident of Malangam Bandipora (Tenant); Altaf Ahmad Dar, son of Ghulam Ahmad Dar, resident of Kralhar Baramulla; Khurshid Ahmad Chechi, son of Abdul Rashid Chechi, resident of Malangam Bandipora and Manzoor Ahmad Khan, son of Saifuddin Khan, resident of Qazi Hamam Baramulla besides two female sex workers (names withheld) were detained.

A case FIR No.136/2023 under sections 3,4,8 of Illicit Trafficking Prevention Act has been registered at Police Station Baramulla.

The spokesperson appealed to all citizens to do tenant verification if they have given their houses, rooms or shops on rent.

Civil-military conference...

the Akhnoor border belt. The conference was aimed at providing a common platform for discussing various methods to leverage government social schemes and administrative welfare projects in the Jammu region, they said.

Various inclusive schemes for farmers, women, youth and marginalised communities were dwelled upon and methodologies were deliberated to increase the impact and outreach of such schemes to remote border populations at the grass-roots level, officials said. The inclusive conference was attended by members of the armed forces, civil intelligence agencies and elected government representatives.

The message of shared responsibility of each individual and department was also promulgated and well acknowledged by all participants, they said.

The nation-building efforts of the Indian Army over the last two decades in aiding the upliftment of the human development index of the region through a number of 'Sadbhavna' projects were highlighted and appreciated by the civil administration, officials said.

The conference managed to enhance the level of cooperation and instil confidence in synergising the efforts of various agencies towards sustainable economic development and nation building, they added.

Illegal extraction: 03 vehicles seized, 3 arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police have arrested 03 persons and seized 03 vehicles in Budgam. A police party of PP Hunhama at a checkpoint established at Sheikhpora near Petrol Pump, seized 03 tippers and arrested 03 drivers namely Mohd Akbar Bhat son of Gh Mohd Bhat resident of Khanpora Budgam, Fayaz Ahmad Chopan son of Gh Mohd Chopan resident of Wadipora Budgam and Zubair Ahmad Lone son of Mohammad Talib resident of Dafpura Budgam for illegal transportation of minerals. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 182/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Budgam and further investigation has been initiated.

Police arrests three drug peddlers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM/SHOPIAN: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 03 drug peddlers in South Kashmir's Kulgam and Shopian districts and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party of PP Mirbazar at a checkpoint established at Laram Ganjipora, intercepted a vehicle (Truck) bearing registration number PB04N-9566 driven by Socha Singh son of Joginder Singh resident of Hair Gurdaspura, Punjab. During search, officers were able to recover 20 Kgs of Poppy Straw from his possession. He has been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Similarly, a Police party of PS Manzgam at a checkpoint established at Avil, arrested a drug peddler identified as Bashir Ahmad Ganie son of Abdul Karim Ganie resident of Avil. During search, 11 Kgs of Poppy Straw was recovered from his possession. He has been shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Meanwhile in Shopian, following a specific information regarding presence of contraband in the house of Ramiz Ahmad Dar son of Late Gh Nabi Dar resident of Doompura Keegam, a police party of PP Keegam alongwith Executive Magistrate concerned raided the said house. During search 18 Kgs of Poppy Straw was recovered from the said house. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding drug peddling in their neighbourhood.

