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This year we have decided that 14,000 girls will be provided NEET coaching on behalf of the administration, the expenditure of which will be borne by the administration, the Lt Governor said.

Veena Chandhok, Chairperson, DAPP High School in her welcome address highlighted the significance of education for girls and briefed about the journey and achievements of the school since it was established in 1910. The school has completed 112 years and has had a remarkable journey since its inception, she said.

Kailash Mehra, renowned singer and alumni of the School presented a Kashmiri Sufi song. She also narrated her time in the school and journey of her life after learning music from the renowned music legend Pandit Shambhu Nath Sopori in Devki Arya Putri Pathshala.

Arnab Sethi threw light on the steps adopted by the DAPP School for developing students into leaders of tomorrow.

Sohail Nasir a class 10th student spoke on the topic of COVID 19 and enlightened the gathering about various ways to prevent it.

Earlier, the NCC Girls of the School presented Guard of Honour to the Lt Governor. P K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Sujit Kumar; DIG CKR Srinagar; Mohammad Aijaz, DC Srinagar; Rakesh Balwal, SSP Srinagar; Manoj Kumar, CO 117 Bn CRPF; Yusra Mushtaq, Principal DAPP High School, besides teachers, students and faculty members of the School were present on the occasion.

AC approves transfer...

transfer of land measuring 05 Kanal at Khansahib, district Budgam in favour of Home Department for construction of Police Station Khansahib.

The upcoming police station will tighten the vigil on all illegal activities in these areas, check security-related incidents, and ensure availability of police personnel to respond to any law and order situation, natural or man-made disaster.

The Administrative Council further directed that the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) shall be comprehensively implemented in Jammu and Kashmir in next 3 months.

Misrepresentation of facts...

addition of 20 to 25 lakh new voters in the final list," Kumar had said, adding the officials concerned have been asked to ensure the list is error-free and covers all eligible voters.

He had also said there is no need for a person to have a domicile certificate of Jammu and Kashmir to become a voter.

"An employee, a student, a labourer or anyone from outside who is living ordinarily in J-K, can enlist his or her name in the voting list. The documents will be scrutinised by government officials concerned who will take a decision after being satisfied with the claim," Kumar had said.

The advertisement published in local dailies by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, stated the summary revision of electoral rolls is undertaken by the Election Commission from time to time according to the laid down process.

There is no change in the special provisions for Kashmiri migrants for their enrolment in the electoral rolls of their native constituencies and the summary revision will cover existing residents of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir; it said.

"They will continue to be given the option of voting at their place of enrolment or through postal ballot or through specially set up polling stations at Jammu, Udhampur, Delhi, etc," the advertisement said.

The administration said there have been media reports claiming over 25 lakh voters will be added to the electoral rolls once the revision process starts.

"This is a misrepresentation of facts spread by vested interests. This revision of electoral rolls will cover existing residents of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the increase in numbers will be of voters who have attained the age of 18 years as of October 1, 2022, or earlier," it said.

Mainstream political parties have alleged that "inclusion of non-locals was a clear-cut ploy to disenfranchise the people of Jammu and Kashmir".

On Saturday, National Conference general secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar said

the "inclusion of non-local voters" in Jammu and Kashmir's electoral rolls was "unacceptable" and a "ploy to disempower the people".

To clear the air, the Jammu and Kashmir administration in the newspaper advertisement said the summary revision was to enable eligible young people to register themselves as voters.

Besides, it also allows a person who has changed his residence to enrol at a new location by getting his name deleted from the electoral rolls at the earlier location, it said.

The number of electors in the Special Summary Revision of Jammu and Kashmir state in 2011 was 66,00,921 and the number in the electoral roll of the Union Territory now is 76,02,397, the Information Department said. "This increase is mainly due to the new voters, who attained the age of 18," it added.

The administration clarified there is no change in rules for buying property and getting jobs in Jammu and Kashmir and "have no link to the representation of voters or otherwise".

Earlier, the Congress said it will oppose the inclusion of non-local voters in the electoral rolls of Jammu and Kashmir and is mulling a legal challenge.

The move is illegal, claimed AICC J-K in-charge Rajini Patil in Srinagar, adding the Congress will attend the all-party meeting convened by Farooq Abdullah over the issue.

The BJP defended the Chief Electoral Officer, saying his remarks are "legally and constitutionally" correct.

Chief spokesperson of the party's J-K unit Sunil Sethi said under law any citizen of India can choose to be a voter in any area, state or Union Territory, where he or she may ordinarily reside.

"The same is being made applicable to Jammu and Kashmir only. Post abrogation of Article 370, there has to be 'One India One Law'," he said and accused the other parties of trying to project a "wrong picture" while still living in pre-August 5, 2019.

"They are trying to create exceptions in Jammu and Kashmir which is not permissible. People have welcomed the decision (Article 370) abrogation) without exception or reservation. Political parties have to realise it and live with it," he said.

149 SIs adjusted...

Sakhi Mohd, Bashir Hussain, Sukhechain Singh, Mulkh Raj, Balbir Singh, Chaman Lal, Yashpaul, Ram Saran, Shambu Dutt, Shadi Lal, Ghulam Hussain (Now ret'd), Yog Raj, Ghulam Hussain, Naresh Kumar, Himat Singh, Fazal Hussain, Tanvir Ahmed, Abdul Majid, Hassan Mohammad, Manjeet Singh, Harbhajan Singh, Brij Pal Sharma, Altaf Hussain, Rajinder Kumar, Hassan Din, Mohd Ayoub, Shokat Ali, Kulwant Singh, Manohar Lal, Subash Singh, Tilak Raj, Satish Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Inderjeet Singh, Parshotam Lal, Talib Hussain, Mohd Zamurd, Mohd Ishaq, Sat Pal, Rattan Lal, Kasturi Lal, Sudush Kumar, Uttam Singh, Yash Pal (Now ret'd), Om Parkash, Shiv Pal Singh, Ajit Kumar, Mohd Azam, Mohd Razak, Lal Hussain, Rajinder Kumar, Janak Raj, Ram Paul, Harcharan Singh, Manzoor Hussain, Sardari Lal, Naseer Ahmed, Omparkash and Lal Hussain, have been posted at Jammu Zone; Muhammad Yaqoob, Dalbir Singh, Manzoor Ahmad, Dalbir Singh, Mushtaq Ahmad, Gh Hassan Sheikh, Nazir Ahmad Mir, Firdous Ahmad, Mohd Ashraf, Nissar Ahmad, Bashir Ahmad, Sakhi Walayat, Azad Ahmad and Ramesh Kumar at Kashmir Zone. Som Raj, Parshotam Lal, Nazir Hussain, Anwar Ali Mansa Ram, Naseeb Singh, Jangi Ram, Karan Singh, Bikram Singh, Mohd Shabir, Gh Mohd Shergoiji and Mohd Majnoon at Railway; Tirath Ram, Rajinder Singh, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ajeet Ram, Amir Ud Din, Puspinder Singh, Naresh Kumar, Tilak Raj, Mohd Shaffiq, Abdul Rashid, Farooq Ahmad and Mohd Maqbool at Traffic; Ravi Kumar, Said Mohd, Mahmood Ahmed, Mohinder Lal, Mohd Shafi, Farooq Hussain, Mohd Shafi Bhat, Ajaz Ahmad, Gh. Mohd Khan, Shabir Ahmad, Vinod Pandita, Mushtaq Ahmad and Ali Mohd Shah at Security; Chhailo Ram, Mohd Sharief, Satbir Singh, Ashok Kumar, Shabir Ahmed, Bhopinder Singh, Darbari Lal, Madan Gopal, Mohd Reyaz and Ghulam Hassa at CID; Sat Pal at PTS K; Sajjad Ahmed and Shabir Ahmed Crime; Balbir Singh at STC Talwara; Ghulam Qadir and Balbir Singh at PHQ; and Mohd Yousuf (Now ret'd) and Mohammad Ayoub at STC Sheeri.

2 LeT terrorists...

terrorist Altaf Farooq alias Amir of Tangnar Kralpora were involved in the com-

mission of the crime.

A raid was conducted and Farooq was arrested, he said.

During a search, posters of terrorist organisation TRF, incriminating materials and a hand grenade were recovered, the official added.

The booty used in the commission of the crime has also been seized, he said. Farooq was found involved in receipt and distribution of funds from the LeT, the official said.

The investigation is at an earlier stage and more arrests and recoveries are expected, he said.

The grenade was thrown at the behest of the LeT and TRF to create an atmosphere of fear in the society, the official added.

"Hybrid" militants is a term coined by the 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.

Meanwhile, the security forces on Saturday arrested a terrorist in Bandipora district and recovered arms and ammunition from his possession, police said.

"Bandipora police & Army arrested 1 recycled terrorist namely Intiyaz Ah Beigh @ Ina Bhair S/O Abdul Nawab Beigh R/O Beigh Mohalla Fatehpura, Baramulla," the Kashmir Zone Police said in a tweet.

Incriminating materials, and arms and ammunition, including an AK-47 rifle, two AK magazines and 59 AK rounds, were seized from him.

Pilgrimage to Mata...

ongoing clearance operation, even as the helicopter service remained suspended due to bad weather, officials said.

The pilgrimage was temporarily suspended Friday evening following heavy rains in the Trikuta hills. Thousands of pilgrims were present at the shrine when it started raining heavily around 6 pm and continued till midnight.

Several videos shared on social media show flood-like situations on the Vaishno Devi track.

Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Anshul Garg said there was no report of any casualty or damage due to the heavy rainfall.

"We have reached as per our scheduled programme and are eagerly waiting to have darshan at the shrine," Kumar Yogesh, a resident of Madhya Pradesh, said while waiting in a queue of the yatra.

Delhi-resident Rita (45) said she heard about heavy rains at the shrine but still responded to 'Mata's' call. We are shortly leaving for the Bhawan to seek her blessings, she said. Many pilgrims, however, were disappointed to return to the base camp without 'darshan' amid heavy rains.

"We were asked to return to the base camp by the security personnel. We are staying back to complete our yatra," Joginder Singh, a resident of Haryana, said.

He said panic had gripped the pilgrims on watching the water gushing down the hill but the shrine board management worked overtime for their safety.

The shrine board stopped the upward movement of the yatra from Katra late Friday evening as a precautionary measure in the interest of safety of the pilgrims.

It also accorded priority to yatriss, who were holed up in Bhawan area, to come down towards Sanjichhat and then Katra under close watch of Shrine Board staff, police and CRPF officials.

Disaster Management teams and medical units have also been kept on alert to respond to any emergency.

High-level security...

weather conditions. The official said the ADGP held separate meetings with police officials and gave instructions to each officer regarding their role and responsibilities in countering the terrorist threat.

In the recent past, the police busted two modules of the LeT instrumental in carrying out terror acts and ferrying drone-dropped weapons from Pakistan to the Kashmir valley.

They also arrested five members of two terror modules, including top commander Talib Hussain.

J&K reports 344 fresh COVID cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday reported 315 fresh Covid cases-49 from the Jammu Division and 295 from the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases to 475768 in the Union Territory.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 475768 positive cases, 2910 are Active Positive, 468079 have recovered and 4779 have died; 2347 in the Jammu Division and 2432 in the Valley.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases during the past 24 hours, the Bulletin reported that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 78 cases, Baramulla 69, Kupwara 34, Budgam

33, Pulwama 29, Anantnag reported 24 cases, Bandipora 17, Ganderbal and Kulgam reported five cases each case while as Shopian district reported one fresh case.

Similarly in Jammu division, Ramban district reported 20 cases, Jammu 19, Kishtwar 4, Udhampur and Poonch districts three cases each while Rajouri, Doda, Kathua, Samba 00 and Reasi districts reported no fresh case during the past 24 hours.

Meanwhile, Ladakh's Covid caseload climbed to 29,134 as 12 more people tested positive for the viral disease during the past 24 hours, officials said.

The death toll remained unchanged at 229, they said.

Soldier injured in landmine blast near LoC in Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An army personnel was injured Saturday in a landmine explosion near the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district, officials said.

The landmine went off when a group of soldiers was patrolling a forward area in the Nowshera sector, the officials said.

They said the injured armyman was immediately evacuated to hospital.

As part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system, the forward areas are dotted with landmines which sometimes get washed away by rains resulting in such types of accidents, the officials said.

Hang killers of KP Sunil Kumar Bhat: Bukhari

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari on Saturday demanded capital punishment for the killers of Kashmiri Pandit Sunil Kumar Bhat but advised the security establishment against harassing the common citizens.

Bhat was shot dead by terrorists in south Kashmir's Shopian on Tuesday in another targeted attack in the Valley. He was the fourth member of the region's minority community and the seventh civilian to have been shot since May 1.

"I do not see it as the killing of a Kashmiri pandit but as the murder of humanity. He was our brother and all those involved in such conspiracies should be hanged. But at the same time, we should not harass the common citizens," Bukhari told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

On the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, he said, "Nobody should have any doubt that we are less nationalist." "People have shown their love towards their flag and the country. Our people are making sacrifices and who else knows the meaning of sacrifice more than the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Bukhari said.

He accused National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti of being "deliberate" in making contro-

versial statements frequently "at the behest of New Delhi".

"Delhi is using them... Delhi is known to have double standards on Jammu and Kashmir to divide the public," he alleged. "Delhi should know that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are wise enough and cannot be hoodwinked."

Addressing a gathering at Janipur here after inaugurating the party's election office, Bukhari appreciated the Jammu Dogras for their hospitality towards the displaced persons.

"When we come to Jammu city, we have a sigh of relief as it continues to accommodate displaced people from Kashmir and other parts of Jammu region who were affected by militancy or other reasons in the last 32 years."

DYSS hold under-19 girls Handball event

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) on Saturday organised inter-school district level competition to select girls' under-19 Handball team of Udhampur. The event took place at Synthetic Handball Court, Mini Stadium, here.

About 48 girls drawn from four different zones participated in the selection process. Poonam Sharma, ZPEO Jib was the special guest, who interacted with the participating girls.

The competition officiated by the technical penal including Ajay Sharma, Bandana Sharma, Rishi Kumar Sharma, Karun Magotra, Ravi Kumar, Vipin Photra and Sourab Pandit.

Others present were Ajit Singh (Incharge ZPEO Office Udhampur), Sanjay Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Ramesh Chander, Sanjeev Kumar, Vikas Sharma, Jatin Sethi, Sanjeev Khajuria, Sudesh Kumar, Bhoopinder Singh, Abdul Qadir, Karun Magotra and Bal Singh (Medical Assistant).

CRIMEREPORT

4 drug-peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police on Saturday arrested 4 drug-peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per details, a party of Police Post Humhama at a checkpoint established at Sheikhpora intercepted 2 suspects and during checking recovered 183 capsules of Spascore-Von, 1.5 gm Heroin like substance and cash amounting to Rs 29,050 believed to be proceeds of narcotic sales besides 4 blank cheques of J&K Bank from their possession. The accused, identified as Tanveer Ahmad Ganie, son of Ghulam Nabi Ganie, resident of Empora and Lateef Ahmad Paul, son of Abdul Aziz Paul, resident of Sheikhpora, were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 285/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Budgam and further investigation started.

Meanwhile, acting on a specific information regarding movement of drug peddlers towards Sheikh Mohalla Bandipora, a police party of Police Station Bandipora led SHO Bandipora established a surprise checkpoint at Madar Chowk Bandipora. During checking, Police party signaled 2 suspicious persons, including a woman, to stop who tried to flee. The police party managed to apprehend male, but woman managed to flee after throwing a polythene bag towards her male accomplice. On search, Charas powder was recovered from polythene bag. The drug-peddler, identified as Shehzad Ahmad Sheikh, son of Lala Sheikh, resident of Sheikh Mohalla Bandipora, was arrested while the woman was identified as his wife and efforts are on to nab her. Accordingly, FIR No. 139/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Bandipora and investigation initiated.

Meanwhile, in Handwara, a party from Police Post Chogal while on patrolling near Badshah Khan crossing, stopped a vehicle bearing registration number JK09C/5991 for checking. The person boarding the vehicle was identified as Javid Ahmad Mir, son of Mohd Subhan Mir, resident of Sagipora. On search, around 170 gm Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody.

Accordingly, FIR No. 229/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Handwara and investigation started. The vehicle used in the commission of crime was also seized.

Drug-peddler arrested with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police on Saturday arrested a drug-peddler and recovered heroin from his possession. As per sources, on specific information a team

IAF rescues Israeli man in Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Indian Air Force on Saturday rescued an Israeli national suffering from acute mountain sickness and having difficulty in breathing in the high altitude area of Ladakh, a defence spokesperson said.

Srinagar-based Defence spokesperson Col Emron Musavi said at 10:40 am, 114 Helicopter Unit received a call for Casevac (casualty evacuation) from Nimaling Camp near the Markha valley.

Noam Gil, an Israeli national, was suffering from acute mountain sickness and having difficulty in breathing in the high altitude area. His oxygen level had dropped to 68 per cent, Col Musavi said.

In view of the severity of

his condition, he said, Gil had to be rescued from the valley which is known for its severe turbulent conditions.

Led by Wg Cdr Ashish Kapoor, Flt Cdr 114 Helicopter Unit, with Flt Lt Kushagra Singh and Wg Cdr S Badiyaree and Sqn Ldr S Nagpal as no. 2, got airborne within 20 minutes for this critical mission, he said.

Braving strong winds and turbulent conditions, the formation reached the spot in about 45 minutes. The landing was carried out in one of the most restricted spaces in the valley, Col Musavi said.

Gil was emplaned at low hover and the formation got airborne immediately and finally landed in Leh, he said.

Ladakh rolls out EV policy with subsidies to encourage buyers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The Union Territory of Ladakh has announced a new electric vehicle policy with subsidies to encourage the citizens to procure e-vehicles in order to create a carbon-neutral future, an official spokesman said on Saturday.

Ladakh's Electric Vehicle and Allied Infrastructure Policy aims to transform the UT into a torch bearer in terms of the adoption of electric vehicles in the country and envisions to encourage and cultivate an EV ecosystem, the spokesman said.

He said the policy entails a capital subsidy of 10 per cent on two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and four-wheelers.

To encourage sustainable

and eco-friendly public transport, public buses will be given a capital subsidy of 25 per cent under the policy, the spokesman said.

With a view to encouraging this shift to electric vehicles, he said the administration has offered an early bird subsidy for the first year of the policy.

During the first year, the percentage of the subsidy for each type of vehicle would be double of the normal subsidy being offered for subsequent years. In order to promote electric vehicles, the administration has decided to continue to exempt electric vehicles from road taxes, the spokesman said.

Further, to enhance the

ecosystem of charging facilities, he said the administration has offered to subsidise commercial public electric vehicle charging stations for two wheelers, cars and buses.

Capital subsidy on equipment/machinery (capital subsidy of 25 per cent on the equipment /machinery or Rs 5 lakh (whichever is less) per station for the first 15 electric vehicle charging stations. The policy underlines that the electric power required by commercial EV charging stations would be charged at domestic rates, the spokesman said.

He said the policy is a major step towards making Ladakh self-sustainable, smart, integrated and carbon neutral.