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Peoples' participation imperative...

ing of infrastructure of Power sector in his area shall be resolved shortly under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

Explicit directions were given to DC Srinagar and SSP Srinagar by the Lt Governor for promptly addressing the complaint of Tabish Shafi pertaining to misuse of park for gambling and drug related activities.

Principal Secretary to the Government, Public Works (R&B) Department apprised the Lt Governor that the bridge at Kralpora, Kupwara would be completed in a month, in response to the grievance filed by Khursheed Malik.

On the complaint of Safia, a resident of Pahalgam, regarding foul smell due to Blocked Sewer Line, the Lt Governor directed the concerned authority to ensure proper cleaning and sanitation of the area on a regular basis till a permanent resolution of the issue.

Rehana Batul, Commissioner/Secretary, Public Grievances moderated the 15th LG's Mulaqaat program and informed the chair about the to-date progress of redressal and status of grievances received.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, Heads of the Departments, and other senior officers were present during the interaction, in person and through virtual mode.

Pak's sinister attempt...

and provided with immediate medical aid and lifesaving surgery was came out. Brigadier Rana said the captured terrorist revealed his identity as Tabarak Hussain, a resident of Sabzkot village of Koti in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.

On further interrogation, the terrorist confessed about their plan to attack the Indian Army Post. Hussain revealed that he was sent by a Colonel of Pakistan intelligence agency named Col Yunus Chaudhry who had paid him Rs 30,000 (Pakistani currency).

Hussain also revealed that he along with other terrorists had carried two to three close recesses of Indian forward posts with an aim to target them at an opportune time. The go ahead to target the Indian post was given by Col Chaudhry on August 21, the Brigadier said.

Incidentally, he said the individual was earlier captured by the Army from the same sector in 2016 along with his brother Haroon Ali, and was repatriated on humanitarian grounds in November; 2017.

In the second operation, on the right of August 22 and 23, the officer said a group of two to three terrorists tried to infiltrate in Lam area.

Our alert troops were able to observe the terrorists as they crossed the LoC and continuously monitored their movement. As they moved ahead into our mine fields a series of mines got activated and two terrorists got eliminated on the spot, he said.

He said the other terrorist is possibly injured and is hiding in the area or has gone back taking advantage of the inclement weather and dense foliage.

On August 23 morning, Brigadier Rana said a quadcopter was flown over the area and bodies of the two dead terrorists were observed.

"A deliberate operation was launched through the heavily mined area and the bodies of both the terrorists were recovered along with one AK-56, three magazines and a large quantity of ammunition, he said.

He said as the area is heavily mined, the search operation is being carried out carefully and is still under progress.

The officer said the foiling of two infiltration bids in a short span of 48 hours was a great success for the armed forces.

Army cautions against...

selling unauthorised but almost similar looking pattern and fabric uniforms," he added.

According to the officer, the army has applied to the office of the Controllor General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, and it is expecting to own the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) soon.

Once the IPR process is completed, the army will be able to take legal action and subsequently prosecute unauthorised shopkeepers selling combat fabric material.

With the unveiling of a new combat outfit in January, the Indian Army had established ownership on the pattern and design, he said.

Shopkeepers have shown a positive response and agreed to cooperate with the army, he added.

NC gives clear...

67 seats alone. A party statement said the participants "expressed dismay over the recent statements, audio jingles and speeches made by some of the constituents of the PAGD targeting JKNC".

The statement did not elaborate but participants are understood to have referred to some recent statements by the leadership of the PDP which is headed by former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti who has been critical of the NC of late.

At Wednesday's meeting, Omar, who is the former chief minister of the erstwhile state, said that to protect Jammu and Kashmir's identity it is imperative for the people to register as voters. He said the underlying principles guiding the party's future course of action will be in line with JKNC's basic stand and policies.

Denouncing the "unfair" treatment meted out to the NC in the PAGD, the participants at the meeting felt that it does not contribute to the overall unity of the amalgam and demanded immediate course correction from the alliance's constituents.

Omar assured the participants that their concerns and the interest of the people and the party will be safeguarded and added that he will discuss the feedback from

the meeting with the party president Farooq Abdullah.

During the hour-long meeting, there were threadbare discussions on the mounting apprehensions among the public with regards to the inclusion of 25 lakh new voters as claimed by the state CEO last week.

Alluding to the inclusion of 25 lakh new voters in Jammu and Kashmir, Omar said the entire matter begs clarity from the Election Commission of India.

"All this has triggered fears of demographic flooding and political disempowerment within the public. We are yet to ascertain if the final electoral rolls are also to include those ordinarily residing voters.

"Our concerns with regards to requirements for outsiders to get registered continue to remain unmet. The clarity provided by government quarters has failed to address our core concerns on the issue," he said.

Omar said the people of Jammu and Kashmir are best equipped to defeat these nefarious designs by voting in huge numbers in the forthcoming elections, whenever it's held. "The remedy lies with our people, who if they choose to vote in huge numbers can thwart these attempts aimed at disenfranchising the people of JK. Therefore, people have to make it a point to come out and vote in huge numbers," he added.

Temporary Govt servant...

as X-ray Technician on the post. "In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the relief of allowing the petitioner to continue as X-ray Technician at CHC Mandi cannot be granted, however, since the engagement of the petitioner has been terminated without giving him notice, the petitioner is entitled to salary for a period of one month of the notice period," the Court observed.

CS launches e-Market...

asked for carrying out third party checking of rates and availability of these materials in the market for gauging the ground reality.

The Chief Secretary was informed that there are more than 200 registered miners in the UT dealing with extraction of different minerals. It was further revealed that all of them are onboard on the web portal that can be accessed by logging into <http://geologymining.jk.gov.in/>.

The meeting was further appraised that the both the vendors and customers have to register on the portal. The customers can then directly order the material like sand, bajri, nallah muck, stones, crushed bajri, etc from the portal. They can do cost comparison besides the items are available at approved rates, as was informed by the department.

The payment can be made securely online through payment gateway. The collection of duties and taxes would also be done online without the scope for evasion of same. An e-challan would thereafter be generated after authentication by the concerned DMO and sent both to vendor and customer. The end to end features like placing of order, follow-up and tracking can be done by the end user, as was given out on this occasion.

The Department also intends to integrate the system with weigh bridges at sites for accuracy and install PTZ cameras/Drone surveillance at vulnerable illegal mining points across all the districts in future for the better serving the people of J&K.

Those who were present on the occasion includes Principal Secretary H&UDD, Secretary, Mining, Director General, Mining, representatives of J&K Bank and other concerned officers and officials of the department.

Ban imposed on...

Tawi bridges are a major thoroughfare in the city and these protests, rallies and dharnas cause major traffic congestion affecting movement of vehicles throughout the city.

"It has been made to appear to me, in view of the situation emerging due to such blockades, that there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 144 of CrPC for immediate prevention of danger to peace, order, human life and safety, she said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, was directed to ensure that the order be enforced in letter and spirit.

Bodies of two...

some Pakistani currency were also recovered, he added.

A reconnaissance of the general area where the infiltration was attempted was done with the help of a quadcopter and two bodies were sighted, a defence spokesman said. According to officials, a group of suspected terrorists tried to sneak into Pukharni village of the Laam area in Nowshera from across the border under the cover of darkness. One of the terrorists stepped over a landmine causing an explosion around 10 pm on Monday, they said.

The latest infiltration bid came close on the heels of the arrest of a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) guide in an injured condition on Sunday.

Tabarak Hussain (32), a resident of Sabzkot village of Kotli in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), was arrested for the second time in the past six years while trying to infiltrate into this side from across the border.

He also worked for an intelligence unit of the Pakistani army, the officials said.

Babar Qadri Murder...

-- of three advocates in connection with advocate Babar Qadri killing case.

Digital devices, bank statements, property sale agreement papers, suspicious books and other relevant material were seized during the searches, the spokesman said.

A posse of policemen arrived at Qayoom's Barzuila residence early in the morning to carry out the searches. Qayoom is father-in-law of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court judge Justice Javed Iqbal Wani.

Advocate Qadri was shot dead by terrorists inside his residence in the city's Hawal area in September 2020.

Qadri, who was a vocal critic of the bar association leadership, particularly of Qayoom, had claimed threat to his life three days before he was shot dead.

According to police, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Saqib Manzoor, who was killed in an encounter last year, was responsible for Qadri's killing. Police have filed charge sheet against five persons who are facing trial in the case.

The searches were conducted during further investigation in the case wherein certain new evidences came up that have the potential to unravel the conspiracy part in this killing, the spokesman added.

Pertinent to mention here, Qayoom had gone all out to weaponise his professional position as lawyer against the county in collusion with terror networks, intimidating and coercing people to toe a line against the country, in total disregard to established law and the constitution.

Mian Abdul Qayoom frequently visited the residences of killed terrorists and the encounter sites to express sympathy with the families of killed terrorists and incite violence against the Security Forces. While recording his statement as witness in contempt petition No.11/2010 against Superintendent Kot Bhalval Jail and others in High Court Srinagar on April 07, 2010, Qayoom challenged the Indian constitution and said "I do not believe in the Constitution of India." When asked by the Judge whether he wanted these words to form part of his statement, Qayoom said that he has been saying so in the past and that his words should be recorded. This is contrary to the fact that Qayoom earns his bread and butter by professing the legal profession the foundation of which is Constitution of India. The irony of the fact is that kiths and kins of Qayoom have sought higher constitutional posts under the very constitution he does not believe in.

Unauthorised constructions: Not...

Kaul and M M Sundresh orally observed.

It said when an officer changes, no one accepts the responsibility and they will say it happened during the previous officer's tenure. And this internal arrangement works quite fine.

"There must be some method to deal with it. Is there some suggestion to deal with it? In fact, we have become a trial court in this process. I am not saying that this court should wash our hands of the matter. There should be judicial scrutiny of these matters who can assist us," the bench said.

The apex court said that endeavours to regulate illegal constructions by sending it to the tribunal or the Delhi High Court did not produce the desired result and thus the matter remained in the lap of this court.

"What troubles are this, we are required to go into the decisions of the monitoring committees, whether administrative committee or appointed by this court which are akin to administrative committees. Analysing facts of each case we do believe that this is not the task of the Supreme Court more so when the number of applications has become so large that it is difficult to find time to deal with each of these applications," the bench said.

The apex court said that it was thought that a committee of two retired judges would be constituted with adequate power to deal with the decisions of the monitoring committee, which should be able to take care of cases where the judicial committee directs desailing.

"We would like to empower the judicial committee with the necessary powers to analyse all aspects of the matter. The committee would look into what was the nature of allotment, whether there is the change in policy, what is permissible according to norms, what is the nature of violations and passing necessary directions," it said.

The top court also rapped the municipal corporation over encroachments and said shopkeepers have occupied the pavements while people are forced to walk on the road. "You are not doing your job that is why this scenario is there. Are you not empowered to take action under the law? the bench said.

J&K bags award...

was also present on the occasion.

Those in attendance in today's award ceremony included representatives of various State Tourism Boards/Departments, International Tourism Boards, Corporates, hospitality, aviation industries besides travel trade representatives from across the country.

The Outlook Traveller Awards are the benchmark of quality in the travel and tourism industry for the last two decades and felicitate the best of the best each year. The awards take a 360° view of the tourism sector and the way it has been growing.

The award jury was headed by Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General, Government of India, Meenakshi Sharma and its other members include Neha Arora, Founder, Planet Abled; Jaideep Bansal, CEO, Global Himalayan Expedition; Vaibhav Kala, Founder, Aquaterra Adventures; Pushpesh Pant, Indian food critic and Chinki Sinha, Editor, Outlook magazine.

Outlook Traveller Awards over the years have attracted everyone associated with the travel and tourism industry. These have included tour operators, influencers, writers, designers, artists, travel tech disruptors, socially prominent people, hoteliers, foreign and state tourism boards, ambassadors, and government officials.

259 new COVID...

of coronavirus, taking the infection tally to 29,161, officials said.

Fifteen patients were discharged from hospitals after getting cured and the total recoveries stand at 28,873, they said.

The new cases were reported from Leh.

So far, 229 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Ladakh. Of these, 169 deaths were reported from Leh and 60 from Kargil, officials said.

The number of active COVID-19 cases has gone down to 59 in Ladakh -- 52 in Leh and 7 in Kargil.

Inter-school zonal level competition-cum-trials of Zone Bishnah held



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: The inter-school zonal level competition-cum-trials in the discipline of kho-kho, volleyball, kabaddi, wrestling chess, cricket, football and tug of war organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Bishnah at GHS Chak Murar on Wednesday.

The programme was organised under the patronage of Director Youth Services and Sports J&K Govt and under the supervision of District

Youth Services and Sports Officer Jammu Sukhdev Raj Sharma and Zonal Physical Education Officer Bishnah, Surbjeet Kour.

Chief Guest, Nassem Bano, Head Mistress GHS Chak Murar and the other members of the institution were present. The matches were officiated by all the PEL, PEM, PET, ReKs of Zone Bishnah.

On the opening day, the ZPEO Bishnah appreciated the staff for the smooth and successful conduct of the above

said tournament in various games as shown above and aware the participants against the harmful effects of drugs and motivated them to maintain their fitness level and also encouraged the whole staff members for their sincere and great efforts to make these events a great success. In all, 190 boys of government and private schools of Bishnah zone were participated today. All the SOPs of covid-19 Pandemic were followed during this competition.

SOF declares Olympiad dates for 2022-23

Exams to be conducted offline

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JAMMU: Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF), the biggest organizer of Olympiad exams for school students in the world, has announced that the Olympiad exams will be conducted offline this year from 15th September 2022.

Students may register for SOF Olympiad exams through their schools and exams will be conducted in their respective schools of students. Estimated 31,000 Students from Jammu appeared in SOF

Olympiad every year.

It will conduct Olympiad exams in 7 subjects this year which includes SOF International General Knowledge Olympiad, SOF International English Olympiad, SOF National Science Olympiad, SOF International Mathematics Olympiad, SOF National Cyber Olympiad, SOF International Social Studies Olympiad and SOF International Commerce Olympiad.

For the National Science

Olympiad SOF has collaborated with "Myclassroom", which caters to foundation programs in Science and Maths for middle and senior school students and helps them to secure admission to academic institutions of choice. It also prepares students for JEE, NEET, CUET and CAT

Registrations are open, schools and students may send registrations 30 days before the chosen date of each exam.

GGZSM Degree College Reasi holds poster-making contest

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: The Red Ribbon Club of GGZSM Degree College Reasi organised a poster making competition involving Info graphics on HIV and Youth on International Youth Day 2022 on 12th of August 2022 and a one minute extempore and Speech competition on August 24, 2022.

The theme of both the events was "Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a world for all ages". This year's theme desires to spread the message that every generation needs to take action in order to achieve all the 17 sustainable development goals by the year 2030. International Youth Day is a day to celebrate and mainstream young peoples' voices, actions and initiatives as well as their meaningful, universal and even-handed participation.

Under this theme, 15 students participated in the poster making competition. First rank was bagged by Divya rani (BSc Semester 6), second position was bagged by Ruhi Sharma (BA Semester 2) and Miss Dikasha of BSc semester 4 stood third. In one minute extempore and Speech competition, around 40 students along with faculty members attended the program. 8 students participated in one minute speech competition where-

in First rank was bagged by Miss Shahnaz bano (BA Semester 4), second position was bagged by Miss Simran manyotra (BA Semester 4) and Yashika abrol of BA semester 4 stood third. The event was organized by Dr. Amit Bali, (Convener Red Ribbon Club), in collaboration with J & K AIDS Control Society, Health & Medical Education Department, and J & K Higher Education Department under the noble guidance of Principal Dr. Chander Shekhar Gupta, GGZSM Degree College Reasi.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: ICICI Foundation organized a plantation drive program where more than 200 high breed fruits and medicinal plants were planted at Govt Boys High School, Rangpur Moulanian, block R. S Pura, here.

During the programme, ICICI Foundation Member Balwan Singh, host School Principal, Jashpal Langotra and school staff Mahavir Singh and Rakesh Kumar participated in the drive.

Speaking on the occasion, ICICI Foundation Member Balwan Singh briefed about importance of organic farming plantation.

He said organic farming is an organic exercise completely

Alok Kumar presides over Darbar at F&ES Hqrs Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A darbar of all ranks of Fire & Emergency Services Jammu Province was held on Wednesday here at Fire & Emergency Services Headquarters Gandhi Nagar by Alok Kumar, ADGP, Director Fire & Emergency Services J&K.

The Darbar started with a warm welcome to the Director F&ES by R.K Raina, Deputy Director Fire & Emergency Services Command Jammu.

Other officers present on the occasion were Accounts Officer, Medical Officer, Divisional Fire Officer city, Foreman workshop Jammu etc.

Representatives of all ranks

of all stations of Jammu province participated in the Darbar and put forth their grievances and genuine demands/issues one by one. The main demand of almost all ranks/ representatives was removal of pay anomalies, provision of hardship allowance, uniform allowance and stagnation at various cadres. The Head of the Department gave a patient hearing to each and every demand and up-gradation of living conditions and improvement of machinery and equipment report. Enough time was provided to all those who had come to attend the darbar and desired to report.

Addressing the Darbar,

Alok Kumar ADGP, Director Fire & Emergency Services J&K, appreciated the role of officers, jawans at fire ground and assured them that genuine demands and grievances shall be addressed as per rules in vogue and other demands shall be taken up with the administrative department for active consideration. He further asked the jawans to keep their morale high. "Always be ready to perform your duty to save the precious lives and valuable property during unseen calamities, maintain discipline at the fire places and upkeep tools and machinery to deal with emergency situation" the ADGP advised the Firemen.

ICICI Foundation organises plantation drive at GHS Rangpur Moulanian



Foundation members along with students and faculty.

with no chemical fertilizer/pesticides which not only protects the environment but also improve soil health and it is an urgent need to promote the organic farming practice.

He also stressed that students must be connected with sapling plantation and aware-

ness programmes which are key factors in encouraging citizens to protect the environment by planting more and more trees to mitigate climate change & eco-friendly and sustainable production for the farming community.

He also encouraged students

to plant more trees and take care of their plantations thereafter.

He added that every day should be treated as Van Mahotsav and plants should be grown to keep the environment green, clean, safe, and healthy.

All the guests and students have actively participated in the plantation programme.

Principal said excessive use of chemical, pesticides lead to deteriorate soil & human health, water bodies, environment and also expressed his thanks to the ICICI Foundation team. In the end, all the guests expressed thanks & appreciate the initiative taken by ICICI Foundation in the school.