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LG appeals people...

become entrepreneurs and became job providers from job seekers. Last year, financial assistance of Rs 1840 crore was provided under various programs and explicit directions have been issued that there shall be no limit for financial assistance to our youth who aspire to achieve their goals in life, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor observed that UT administration has started vocational training from higher secondary schools and have made arrangements for training from ITIs, Polytechnics. A new building has also been built for Ganderbal's ITI where training is being provided to the youth with state-of-the-art infrastructure in various industry sought trades, he added.

Recalling his interaction with 130 member delegation of PRIs and Civil Society members from Ganderbal, the Lt Governor reiterated Government's commitment to work for sustained development of the district.

In consultation with the PRI members and as per the aspirations and needs of the people, District capex budget of Rs 359 crore was passed for Ganderbal and work on 850 projects is going on, at a fast pace, the Lt Governor noted.

The Lt Governor also expressed his satisfaction over completion of 1851 projects, more than the targeted 1680 projects, in the last financial year in the district.

Congratulating President of Voice for Peace & Justice, Farooq Ganderbali, Civil Society Groups, associated members and all the players participating in the tournament, the Lt Governor impressed that more organizations like Voice for Peace & Justice and enlightened citizens must come forward and support J&K Sports Council in its endeavor to shape the future of sportspersons and channelize young energies through sports activities to spread the message of peace and progress.

The Lt Governor interacted with the players and also handed over trophies and cash prizes to the winning and runners up teams on the occasion.

Farooq Ganderbali, President, Voice for Peace & Justice, in his welcome address briefed about the objective behind organizing the tournament. He expressed gratitude to the UT Administration and J&K Sports Council for their support to make the tournament a grand success.

Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary to the Government, Youth Services & Sports; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council, besides prominent sports personalities, large number of people and youth were present on the occasion.

Supertech twin towers..

construction since 2009 within the Supertech Emerald Court housing society in Sector 93A of Noida, adjoining the national capital of Delhi.

Over 3,700 kg of explosives were used in the implosion that brought down the building.

India aims to...

to strengthen the EV ecosystem.

To boost the supply, work is also being carried out at a fast pace to introduce PLI schemes in automobile and automobile components manufacturing," Modi said.

Besides, he said a lot of policy decisions have been taken to prepare a robust EV charging infrastructure.

It is a certainty that with the strengthening of supply, demand and ecosystem, the EV sector is going to progress, he added.

Modi said the success of Maruti Suzuki also signified the strong India-Japan partnership.

"In the last eight years, these relations between our two countries have reached new heights. Today, from the bullet train in Gujarat-Maharashtra to the Rudraksh centre in Banaras in UP, many development projects are examples of India-Japan friendship, he added.

Modi further said former prime minister of Japan late Shinzo Abe worked to bring the two countries closer and the present PM (Fumio) Kishida is working further for it.

In a video message, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said the growth of Maruti Suzuki over the course of four decades embodied the robust economic ties between India and Japan.

In his address at the gathering, Suzuki Motor Corporation President Toshihiro Suzuki announced the setting up of a new company, Suzuki R&D Center India, a wholly-owned arm of Suzuki Japan.

"We aim to strengthen our R&D competitiveness and capabilities in new fields of technologies not only for India but also for the global markets," Suzuki said, adding over the last 40 years India has become the group's most market.

In the last fiscal, he said Suzuki group produced about 28 lakh automobiles all over the world.

"Out of those, more than 16 lakh units, or about 60 per cent, were produced in India," he said, adding exports from India reached a record of about 2.4 lakh units last year.

Today, India plays a significant role as a global automobile production hub in Suzuki Group, he added.

In March this year, Suzuki Motor Corporation announced plans to invest around 150 billion yen (about Rs 10,440 crore) by 2026, for local manufacturing of Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) and BEV batteries in Gujarat.

The company had signed an MoU with the state government under which the company's wholly-owned arm Suzuki Motor Gujarat Pvt Ltd (SMG) will invest Rs 7,300 crore for the construction of a plant for BEV batteries on a land neighbouring to SMG's existing plant by 2026.

Also, SMG will invest another Rs 3,100 crore for increasing production capacity for BEV manufacturing by 2025.

In May this year, Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) announced an investment of Rs 11,000 crore in the first phase of a new facility to be set up at Sonipat in Haryana.

The new plant's first phase with a manufacturing capacity of 2.5 lakh units per

annum is expected to be commissioned by 2025.

At present, MSI has a cumulative production capacity of around 22 lakh units per annum across its two manufacturing plants in Haryana and parent Suzuki Motor's facility in Gujarat.

The two plants in Haryana -- Gurgaon and Manesar -- together roll out around 15.5 lakh units per annum.

Its parent Suzuki Motor Corp has also set up a facility in Gujarat with an installed production capacity of 7.5 lakh units per year after the third unit started production in April last year.

Vaishno Devi Shrine...

ensure the safety of the devotees, including a provision for 100 per cent online registration.

Sinha had issued directions for physical and systematic improvements wherever required after critical examination, augmentation of infrastructure, decongestion of the entire track, appropriate use of technology for effective crowd and queue management and introduction of RFID tracking.

The yatris coming from Sanji Chat route via helicopter facility or through ponies and those from Himkoti route via battery operated vehicles and 'palkies' shall be able to use Skywalk to reach Bhawan area, the official said.

He said 6000 pilgrims at a time can walk their way into the shrine using the skywalk which will help in speedy movement of the yatra and thus the average time spent by a pilgrim in Bhawan area is expected to be reduced.

This will help in enabling decongestion and better crowd management at Bhawan during peak periods, the official said.

He said the stainless steel railing of 1200 mm high has been proposed on both sides of the Sky Walk with laminated panel glass railing.

Wooden flooring is planned on the deck for comfortable movement of barefoot yatris. The Shrine Board is also constructing two waiting halls with washroom facilities along the Skywalk to accommodate seating for around 150 yatris, the official said.

He said the waiting hall adjoining the Skywalk shall facilitate a holding area for the pilgrims during morning and evening Aarti' and will have LED screens for live Aarti' and other yatra related information.

The deck of the entire 200 metres stretch is at a uniform elevation of 92.5 metres above sea level to facilitate hassle free movement of yatris especially the old, infirm and children who earlier had to negotiate the steep gradients in the Bhawan area, the official said.

He said selfies points, water ATMs and toilet facilities are the other highlights of the Skywalk.

An increased width of 5 metres has been kept in one stretch of 40 metres to provide seating arrangements for senior citizens and women while two emergency exit staircases have also been proposed at chainage 120 metres and 180 metres as per norms," the official said.

The official said the first phase of Durga Bahwan', which can provide free accommodation to around 2,500 pilgrims on a daily basis, is expected to be completed next month.

The building coming up at Rs 28 crore in the Bhawan area was planned to prevent any congestion at the temple complex as the rush of pilgrims was increasing by every day.

The official said the introduction of the RFID based yatra cards for tracking pilgrims and effective management on the track has replaced the registration slips.

Being a quake prone area, the work is also ongoing on the slope stabilization measures including wire mesh to mitigate the adverse impacts from landslides and shooting stones, the official said.

The official said the board has planted 13 lakh trees on Trikuta and adjacent hills over the decade as part of annual greening plan with two lakh saplings being raised in-house at Kunia Nursery.

Congress President election...

party chief following the poll debacle in 2019.

The CWC last year decided that elections for block committees and one member each of state Congress units will be held from April 16 to May 31, district committee chiefs will be elected between June 1 and July 20, state chiefs and AICC members between July 21 and August 20, and AICC president between August 21 and September 20.

However, people familiar with the matter said the process of the election of AICC President would be delayed by a few weeks due to the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' and some state units not completing formalities.

Sunday's online CWC meeting started at 3.30pm with Sonia Gandhi, who is abroad for medical checkups, presiding over it. She was flanked by former party chief Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

Former prime minister Manmohan Singh, party's central election authority chairman Madhusudan Mistry, K C Venugopal, former union ministers Jairam Ramesh, Mukul Wasnik and P Chidambaram, Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel were also present among others.

Anand Sharma, who was part of the G-23 dissident group, was also present in the meeting.

Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal said that the election schedule was approved unanimously.

The announcement of the election schedule has come amid a fresh upheaval in the Congress after veteran leader Ghulam Nabi Azad resigned from the party on Friday with a seathing letter to Sonia Gandhi, lashing out at Rahul Gandhi for "demolishing the party's entire consultative mechanism".

Several leaders, including Rajasthan chief minister Gehlot, have publicly exhorted Rahul Gandhi to return as the party chief. However, people familiar with the matter have maintained that Rahul Gandhi is persisting with his stance that he will not be the AICC president.

152 fresh COVID...

Meanwhile, four more people tested positive for COVID-19 in the Union

Territory of Ladakh, taking the infection tally to 29,198, officials said.

Ladakh has so far recorded 230 fatalities linked to the pandemic since its outbreak. Of the total fatalities, Leh accounts for the highest 170 deaths followed by 60 in Kargil.

The officials said a total of 2,563 people, mostly travellers, were screened for the infection in the twin districts on Saturday and the reports of four of them returned positive in Leh.

They said seven patients were discharged from Leh hospital.

With this, the total number of recoveries climbed to 28,913, while the number of active cases dropped to 55 with 52 in Leh and three in Kargil, the officials said.

J&K touches new...

be explored and developed so as to attract tourists not only from the country but around the world, the Minister added.

The Minister further said that district Anantnag has many tourist attractions like the Martand Sun Temple and other sites which can be developed to become the best tourist destinations creating job opportunities for the local residents.

Praising 'Sufism' as a religious practice promoting peace and harmony, the Minister said that a national or international level of conference on Sufism is to be conducted in Jammu and Kashmir promoting peace and harmony.

The Minister also said that he has talked to Cement Corporation of India for the establishment of a cement industry at Anantnag as he has been informed about the good presence of limestone reserves in Anantnag. The establishment of a cement industry in this district will create employment opportunities for the youth, he added.

Saying that the policies and programmes of the Central Government have revolutionary aspects in terms of development and good governance, the Minister said that the development model of this government can be judged from its social welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat (Sehat Card) that provides cashless medical care to low income families which cannot afford the treatment.

Earlier during the day, the Minister also held a meeting with the Chairperson BDCs and Chairperson DDC and members, Sarpanchs, Presidents and members of various Municipal Councils of district Anantnag.

The elected representatives put their grievances before the Minister regarding implementation of various centrally sponsored schemes in district Anantnag like PMAY (Urban), Marriage Assistance Scheme, Ladli Beti, MGNREGA etc. to which the Minister assured putting them before the concerned departments for an early redressal.

Besides BDC Chairpersons, Sarpanchs, Presidents and members of Municipal Councils, the meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, ADDC Anantnag, Bashir Ahmad Wani, DDC Chairperson Anantnag, Mohammad Yousuf Gorsai, DDC Vice Chairperson, Advocate Javid Ahmad Sheikh and Chairman Municipal Council Anantnag, Hilal Ahmad Shah.

More leaders may...

PV Narasimha Rao died, his body was not brought inside the Congress office. I was not here or I would have objected. When Pranab Mukherjee got the Bharat Ratna, again no one turned up.

"I am starting my party in J&K. For now, it is based there, but we will build it into a national party. In the end, all I can say is that the sycophants must look into the mirror. Congress leaders who are being asked to attack me have no idea of the history of their own party, Azad said during the interview.

More than 40...

from December 2023," Rai said.

The next general election in the country is scheduled to be held in 2024.

Rai, who is stationed in Ayodhya and resides in Karsewak Puram, oversees the construction work, holds meetings and reviews the progress on a daily basis.

Asked about the source of the money used in the construction, Rai said, "Bhagwan ke karya ke liye dhan ki kya kami. Bhagwan ke charno me lakshmi baithi rehti hai (There cannot be any dearth of money for the cause of god)."

According to the trust officials, a huge foundation is being laid in the soil to ensure the temple's longevity and stability for at least a thousand years.

Talking about other civic work, they said a rectangular, two-storey parikrama road will be constructed, enclosing a total of eight acres of land including the area of the ??temple and its courtyard, and in its eastern part, there will be an entrance made of sandstone. White marble from the Makrana hills in Rajasthan will be used inside the sanctum sanctorum of the temple, they said.

The marble-carving work is in progress and some of the carved marble blocks have already been brought to Ayodhya, the officials added.

The quantity of stones used for the project is -- around eight to nine lakh cubic feet of carved sandstone for the plinth, about 4.7 lakh cubic feet of carved pink sandstone for the main temple, 13,300 cubic feet of Makrana white carved marble for the construction of the sanctum sanctorum and 95,300 square feet of Makrana white carved marble for the flooring and cladding, they said.

At the temple "karyashala" (workshop), labourers, both men and women, were seen carving and polishing stones. Those who come to this holy town in Uttar Pradesh to pay obeisance at the Ram temple make it a point to visit this place where large numbers of stones to be used in the temple construction are kept.

Modi had done the "bhoomipujan" for the construction of the temple on August 5, 2020. A Supreme Court verdict of November 9, 2019 paved the way for the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

Radhika Aiyer from Karnataka, who was posing for photographs in front of the stones with her children, said it was her privilege to visit the place and she wishes to come again once the construction work is complete. The site draws huge crowds even when the temple is closed, with people feeling blessed touching the stones that will be used to build the temple, Manoj, a local, said. According to the plan, temples of Valmiki, Kewat, Shabari, Jatayu, Sita, Vighneshwar (Ganesh) and Sheshavatar (Lakshman) will also be constructed within a ??70-acre area in the vicinity of the Ram temple.

Mir questions timing of Azad's resignation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Senior Congress leader G A Mir on Sunday described the leaders who left the Congress following Ghulam Nabi Azad's resignation from the party as the "A-Team of the BJP".

Three drug-peddlers arrested; heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Sunday nabbed three narco smugglers and recovered 13.5 gm heroin at Deoli Naka and Hazuri Bagh areas.

As per details, a team of Police Station Bishnah led by SHO Bishnah Inspector Vikram Sharma while on Naka duty rounded up a suspect who was on his way towards Chak Waziroo to Deoli on vehicle (JK02AM-3068). During search 3 gm heroin was recovered from the suspect.

Similarly, at another Naka established by a team from Police Post Pouniehak, a team led by SHO Domana Inspr Tilak Raj assisted by In-Charge Police Post Pouni Chak PSI Nitish Khajuria rounded up two suspects namely Vikram Singh, son of Uttam Singh, resident of Anand Nagar and Krishan Lal, son of Subhash Chander, resident of Talab Tillo. On search, 10.5 gm heroin i.e., 5 gm from Subhash Chander and 5.5 gm heroin from Vikram Singh were recovered.

All three accused were arrested and FIR No. 142/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Bishnah and FIR No 305 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Domana. The arrests and recoveries were made under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh and SDPO Domana Sunil Singh.

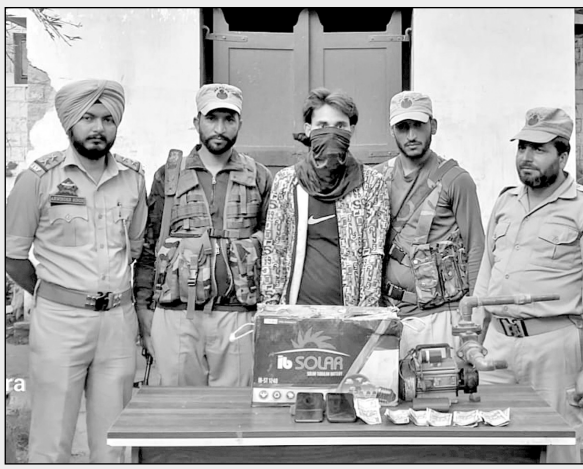
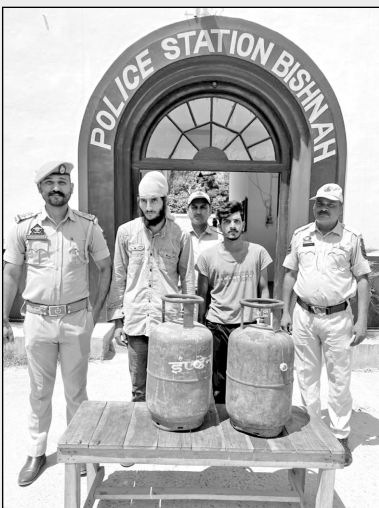


CRIME REPORT

Two theft cases solved; 3 arrested, stolen items recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/POONCH: Police on Sunday solved two theft cases



that on August 26 at about 16.30 hrs some unknown thieves struck into his shop and decamped with 2 gas cylinders and Rs 600 cash. On this, a team of police station Bishnah led by SHO Inspector Vikram Sharma during investigation, apprehended 2 persons indentified as Parwinder Singh, son of Jasbir Singh and Rohit Kumar, son of Late Jagar Ram, both residents of Harsa Dabber, Tehsil Bishnah. During questioning, they disclosed their involvement in crime. On questioning, the suspects disclosed that they have hidden stolen gas cylinders near graveyard at village Deoli, Bishnah. Finally, stolen property was recovered and further investigation is going on to ascertain their involvement in other cases.

Meanwhile, a team of Police Station Surankote on direction of SSP Rohit Baskotra under supervision of DYSP Surankote Tanveer Jelani, and led by SI Mohd Shaffiq of Police Station Surankote after sustained interrogation of an accused namely Siraj Khan, son of Rafiq Ahmed, resident of Parewa Vaishya, Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh obtained clue regarding a theft incident. FIR No. 277/2022 under section 457/380 IPC was registered at Police Station Surankote and on disclosure of accused, stolen items i.e., solar inverter battery, electric water pump motor, mobile phones & some sash were recovered.

Drug-peddler nabbed with 6.7 Kg poppy straw

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JHAJJAR KOTLI: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police achieved a major success on Sunday by arresting a drug peddler and recovered 6 Kg 700 gm poppy straw from his possession at Suketar Naka.

As per details, a team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli constituted under supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar and led by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Inspr Samson Bhatti, while on Naka duty, rounded up a suspect. On search, 6 Kg 700 gm poppy straw was recovered from his possession, which was hidden in a black polythene in his vehicle (PB29M/9844). The accused, identified as Mussa, son of Mausam Deen, resident of village Ralera, Neera (417) Chamba Ganed, Himachal Pradesh was arrested and FIR No 210/2022 under sections 8/15/25 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli.

Woman held for selling illicit liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: Police on Sunday nabbed a woman for selling illicit liquor at Bishnah.

As per details, information was received through reliable sources that one Sharda Devi, wife of Tilak Raj, resident of