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cards, mobile phones and documents having a bearing on the investigation have been seized. Analysis of the data and questioning of suspects would follow, he said.

Terrorists attack police...

area. No injury or other damage took place. CASO launched in area (sic)," Kashmir Zone police tweeted.

J&K records 739...

24 hours, the officials said. There are 4,940 active cases, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,56,930, they said. Meanwhile, sixteen more people tested positive for coronavirus in Ladakh, pushing the infection count to 28,915 in the Union Territory, officials said.

All the fresh cases are from Leh, they said. On the bright side, 21 patients were discharged from hospital after recovering from the infection, the officials said.

So far, 228 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Ladakh. Of these, 168 deaths were reported from Leh and 60 from Kargil, according to the officials.

The officials said the number of active COVID-19 cases has reached 93 in Ladakh - 79 from Leh and 14 from Kargil. A total of 338 samples were tested in Ladakh and the reports of 241 of them in Leh and 80 in Kargil came out negative.

All the people were discharged from hospital in Leh. With this, the total number of recoveries stands a 28,585, they said.

16 JKAS officers...

the major beneficiary of the inductions which have been carried out purely on



seniority basis after the seniority list was finalized by the GAD.

Many IAS Officers were presently holding charge of twin departments and the promotions are likely to lessen their burden besides boosting the morale of local officers.

With inductions becoming a regular feature, more JKAS Officers are likely to be benefitted by getting inducted into the prestigious India Administrative Service.

The exercise for induction of JKAS officers into IAS was delayed because of seniority disputes and certain other issues.

However, the General Administration Department headed by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, initiated the exercise last year, which finally culminated in today's notification.

LG pay tributes...

service to the nation will always be remembered," Sinha wrote on Twitter.

A pall of gloom descended on Suchetgarh in R S Pura sector as news about Singh's death reached his home.

Mourning the death of his young son, Paramjeet Singh said Sukhjinder had joined the Army more than two years ago and this was his first posting.

"He was at home on leave and had joined duty over a month back," he said.

Lawyers demand construction...

must come with solution to their problems.

Later in the afternoon, the LG Administration sent Additional Deputy Commissioner Satish Sharma, for talks with the team of Association.

An hour long meeting/discussion was held amongst them in which besides office bearers of JKHCBAJ and YLA, many Senior and Young members participated.

HDFC Bank organises plantation drive in Bhadarwah



HDFC officials along with students and faculty planting sapling.

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BHADARWAH: To spread the message of importance of trees, HDFC Bank Doda organized plantation drive in Bhadarwah on Wednesday.

Under the guidance and supervision of Rattanjeet Singh, Cluster Head HDFC Bank, the plantation was held in the premises of GNR School Bhadarwah, in which saplings of different plants were planted.

The plantation was successfully carried out by Qadafi Qayoom Principal of the School in presence of Bank staff Musarat Ali Butt and Kulbir Singh.

Besides students and staff members were also present on the occasion.

Principal and staff members of G.N.R School appreciated step taken by HDFC Bank Doda to initiate plantation drive in the institution.

Basic Civil Defence Training concludes at GDC Neeli Nallah

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UDHAMPUR: 5 days 'Basic Civil Defence Training' organized by GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur, NSS Unit 'Sewak', in collaboration with Civil Defence & SDRF Organisation J&K (UT) in the premises of the college concluded. On the commencement of the camp, H.K Lohia, Commandant General, VHSG, Civil Defence and SDRF J&K, in his message said, training of the volunteers in Civil Defence Organization is conducted at local/ town levels, aimed to prepare and mould the young youth for their preparedness in various constructive and nation building activities. Rohit Kansal (IAS), Principal Secretary to Govt., HED JK (UT), also in his message said, as part of the current training programme, volunteers will get training from CD/SDRF about disaster types, mitigation, pre-hospital training, fire types and its control, rescue and self rescue, Do's and Don'ts before,



Dignitaries along with faculty and students during the training.

during and after earthquake and familiarization of high rescue equipment with demonstration.

Dr. Satinder Kaur, Principal was the convener of the camp. On day first i.e. 28th July 2022, the camp was inaugurated by Dr. Satinder Kaur, Principal, organisers and trainers. On day 2, the session was started with an awareness lecture on first aid in case of injury, accident, disaster etc. Further lecture & practical demonstration on fire safety was also delivered to the students. On day 3, an

awareness lecture was delivered by Dr. Sikha Gupta, MO, PHC Tikri on the theme "STD/HIV AIDS & Chronic Kidney Diseases: Causes, Prevention, Management and Control. On day 4, lecture on stress management was delivered to the volunteers of the camp. On day 5, valedictory session was conducted where NDRF team visited the institution as a part of the camp and seminar was presented by Deputy Commandant NDRF on road safety & also aware the students/volunteers about their protection and the pro-

tection of others also.

Dr. Satinder Kaur, Principal, congratulated the NDRF, SDRF/CD, volunteers and other stake holders for this initiative as it prepares the young youth for selfless activities. She stressed that this five days camp aimed to prepared the volunteers to deal with the emergency situation- natural or man-made. She also thanked to H. K Lohia (IPS) Commandant General, VHSG, Civil Defence and SDRF J&K and Rohit Kansal (IAS), Principal Secretary to Govt. HED, J&K (UT) for providing this platform. In the camp, 102 NSS volunteers have participated.

The session was ended with an interactive session where students actively participated. Dr. Radha Rani (NSS PO) gave a formal vote of thanks, who was also the coordinator of the programme. Prof. Swati Dutt and Prof. Shaista Yasmeen were the organizers of the programme.

derrecognised.

226 pilgrims leave...

amid heavy security of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), they said. According to officials, 74 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the Jammu base camp in three vehicles followed by the second convoy of six vehicles carrying 152 pilgrims for Pahalgam.

Officials attribute the fall in the number of pilgrims visiting the cave shrine to twin factors -- poor weather conditions and the yatra inching towards its conclusion.

A total of 1,43,919 pilgrims have left from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for the Kashmir valley since June 29.

The yatra is scheduled to end on August 11, coinciding with Raksha Bandhan.

A total of 36 people, mostly pilgrims, have died during the ongoing Amarnath Yatra till now. Additionally, 15 pilgrims had died in the flash floods at the cave shrine on July 1.

1.06 Cr tourists...

He said 75 offbeat destinations have been identified for tourism across Jammu and Kashmir.

In order to attract private investors from across the country to invest in tourism infrastructure, the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Policy, 2020, has been notified and tourism given the status of industry to encourage investment, he said.

Replying to another question, the minister said special recruitment rules were made and various departmental rules amended to accelerate the recruitment process in a transparent and time bound manner.

"Recruitments in the public sector have been carried out from the year 2019 onwards totalling 29,806," he said.

On August 5, 2019, the central government abrogated Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated the erstwhile state into the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Srinagar records highest...

the wettest 61-day period in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, since at least 1901," Faizan Arif, who operates 'Kashmir Weather' on Twitter, said.

He said the observatory located at Ram Munshi Bagh in Srinagar recorded a total rainfall of 230.0 mm in the first two monsoon months against an average rainfall of 110.9 mm, which is 107 per cent above average.

"In the first monsoon month, June, the summer capital recorded a total rainfall of 107.9 mm against an average rainfall of 42.0 mm. In July, the city recorded a total rainfall of 122.1 mm against an average rainfall of 68.9 mm," Arif said.

The highest total rainfall in the month of June is 142.1 mm recorded in 1996, while in July it is 182.6mm recorded in 1988, he said.

In 2015, the city had received a total rainfall of 226.8 mm, between Jun 1 and Jul 31, of which 139.3 mm fell in July and 87.5mm in June, he said.

"So far, Jammu and Kashmir has seen 28 per cent excess rainfall in the first two months of the southwest monsoon season. Budgam recorded highest excess rainfall of 147 per cent. The lowest came from Shopian district with 35 per cent deficient rainfall," Arif said.

Of 20 districts in the union territory, seven have recorded large excess rainfall, six excess rainfall, five normal rainfall and two deficient rainfall, he said.

Aasiya Andrabi moves...

the case for further hearing on September 28.

Andrabi, who was chief of the banned outfit Dukhtaran-e-Milat (Daughters of Nation) was arrested in 2018 by the NIA for the alleged commission of offences under the Indian Penal Code, including sedition, waging war against the country, and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The case was registered by the NIA under the direction of the Union Home Ministry.

The high court also sought the agency's stand on a similar petition by Andrabi's associate Sofi Felmeeda concerning the attachment of her car.

In her petition, Andrabi contended that the order of attachment was illegal as none of the owners of the property is part of Dukhtaran-E-Millat.

She further said that the attachment amounts to a parallel proceeding and is premature and not suitable in the eyes of law.

When the acts of the appellant have not been proven in any court that the property was, in fact, being used or intended to be used for a terrorist act, the adjudicating authority only relying upon the statements recorded u/s 161 Cr.PC which are not judicial records were not in a position to proceed with the act of attaching the property because they did not have any reason to believe, the plea said.

The plea added that the trial court order refusing to interfere with the attachments has wrongly held that every act of a proscribed Organization is a terrorist act.

The seizure of the property was on the allegation that the property in question was the proceeds of terrorism and that it had been used for the furtherance of terrorist activities, however, the Designated Authority has no proof of the same, and even the charge sheet filed in the court is silent about any aspect of the appellant or the movement receiving any proceeds of terrorism, it stated.

Woman smothered to death by in-laws in Bemina; husband among 5 arrested



In-laws of deceased in police custody.

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SRINAGAR: A woman was smothered to death by her in-laws in the Bemina area following which five members of the family including her were arrested, a police spokesperson said on Wednesday.

As per the details, on June 27, 2022, Police Station Batamalo Srinagar received an information through reliable sources to the effect that at Nundresh Colony-B Bemina one lady namely Tasleema Bano, (38) years), wife of Shahnaz Ahmad Dar; resident of Nundresh Colony B

Bemina Srinagar has died at her In-laws house in suspicious condition and was taken to SMHS Srinagar where doctors brought her dead.

Upon reception of this information, a report has been entered into the daily dairy of Police Station Batamalo and proceedings under section 174 Cr.PC initiated .

During questioning, some suspects, particularly her in-laws were brought to Police Station for questioning. However; a report from Pathology Department received and has been submitted that after the perusal of complete postmortem examination, the doctors team are of the opinion that the findings are consistent with death due to Asphyxia (Smothering). Upon this Case FIR No. 109/ 2022 U/S 302 stands registered and investigation was set into motion. Upon this 5 suspected persons including 3 women and 2 males identified as Hafeeza Begum, wife of Ghulam Qadir Dar; Sumiyaa, wife of Parvaiz Ahmad Dar; Siaga, wife of Yasir Ahmad Dar; Parvaiz Ahmad Dar; son of Gh Qadir Dar and Shahnaz Ahmad Dar; son of Gh Qadir Dar; all residents of NR Colony Bemina from the deceased's in-laws were arrested in the instant case and further investigation in the instant case is still going on.

VC SKUAST-Jammu inaugurates virtual classroom facility in Faculty of Basic Sciences

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, alongwith Dr. Sumati Sharma, Former Additional Director, DRDO, New Delhi, on Wednesday visited the Faculty of Basic Sciences and inaugurated the Virtual Classroom facility developed under ICAR, NAHEP-Resilient Agricultural Education System (RAES).

They also inspected the research work going on in the Division of Biochemistry regarding the cultivation of medicinal mushrooms (Cordyceps militaris commonly



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J. P. Sharma inaugurating facility.

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The Vice Chancellor lauded the facility developed and work being undertaken at the Faculty of Basic Sciences

under the leadership of Prof. S.E.H. Rizvi, Dean, FB.Sc.

Prof. Sharma suggested for exchange of academic programmes with other universi-

ties for academic excellence at national level and stressed for a planned agenda to be prepared for the initiation of diploma and certificate courses through virtual mode. Prof. Anil Kumar Sharma, Nodal Officer; ICAR, SKUAST-Jammu, briefed about the establishment of the Virtual classroom. Prof. Sanjay Guleria, Head, Division of Biochemistry gave a brief introduction about the virtual classroom and its functioning. He said that it is a part of the Blended Learning Method that combines online and in-person teaching/ learning. He further explained that it is an online

space that stimulates a live classroom and students can have live interaction with faculties. Earlier Prof. S.E.H. Rizvi, Dean, FB.Sc. welcomed Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and other visiting dignitaries. The programme was also attended by Dr. Pardeep Wali (Director Research), Dr. S.K. Gupta, Registrar; Dr. A.K. Mondal (Dean, FoA), Madan Lal (Comptroller) and faculty members. Prof. Sanjay Guleria conducted proceedings of the programme and at the end vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Moni Gupta, Professor, Biochemistry.