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We have clear...

various sectors and its impact in the lives of all. Infrastructure development is progressing at a rapid pace and the common man is the main stakeholder of development processes. We have promoted border tourism to link the far-flung areas with the mainstream of development, he added. At Handwara, the Lt Governor dedicated the multi-purpose Indoor Sports Hall to the youth of Kupwara.

He said, the Sports Hall worth Rs 4 crore, equipped with best-in-class facilities, will nurture the sporting talent of local youth and optimise their development. Such facilities to the youth will also make a significant contribution in strengthening our resolve of "Har Din Khel, Sabke Liye Khel", he added.

Sinha acknowledged the contribution of the sportspersons in making J&K an emerging Power House of sports.

"For a long time access to facilities, avenues for career progression and opportunity to perform were missing for sportspersons. We are investing more than ever before to create a support system and empower them to reach their potential and enjoy security in their non-sporting lives," the Lt Governor said.

200 identified outstanding sportspersons who had brought laurels to the country and the UT at national and international events will be handed over appointment letters of government jobs soon, he added.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor shared the growth journey of the Kupwara district and the efforts of the government to establish peace and to bring prosperity in the lives of the people.

The sports and other development projects inaugurated today are the testimony to our commitment to fulfilling the aspirations of the people of the district, he said.

The Lt Governor said the government is working for all and not for a select few and assured that the genuine issues and demands of the people will be addressed on priority.

He said the Government of India had started the initial process on the railway line for Kupwara. He further assured that the road from Lolab to Bandipora will be sanctioned soon. There will be no shortage of funding for completion of Government Medical College, he added.

On the sidelines of the event, the Lt Governor interacted with the media persons and responded to their questions on changes taking place in terms of tourism, sports and other sectors in J&K in general and Kupwara in particular.

"Kupwara is moving ahead on the path of peace and prosperity. The district has played a major role in strengthening democracy. The public representatives and the people of Kupwara are giving new direction to Jammu Kashmir," the Lt Governor said.

He further said the UT Administration is giving due attention to the border tourism of Kupwara district.

During his visit, the Lt Governor inaugurated various development projects worth Rs 32 crore including development of sports complex at Bangus; augmentation of Grid Substations Villgam and Arampora; construction of Earth Science Block at Government Degree College Sogam, Kupwara; Three-story frame structure building at GHSS Handwara; construction of Kalaroose Lastiyal Khul at Lolab. The projects also included Water Supply Scheme Kundlan Karamu, Tangdar as part of the Jal Jeevan Mission fortnight celebrations.

Irfan Sultan Pandithpori, Chairman, District Development Council, Kupwara expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor led UT Administration for the ongoing development works in District Kupwara.

Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Youth Services & Sports and Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council shared the details of unprecedented initiatives and achievements recorded in the sports sector of Jammu Kashmir.

It was informed that in the first quarter of 2023, the UT crossed the figure of 30 lakh people with respect to participation of sportspersons in various sporting events. Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Ayushi Sudan, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, representatives of PRIs and ULBs, sportspersons and a large number of people were present on the occasion.

NIA conducts raids...

Force (CRPF) personnel, raided residential buildings at these places early in the morning and carried out searches there, the officials said.

They said the raids are part of the premier investigating agency's probe in a terror-related case.

Encounter in Kulgam...

They are being evacuated to hospital for treatment," the Kashmir Zone Police tweeted. The police said search in the area has been intensified.

Modi to lay...

crore. Master Plans are being prepared for development of these stations as 'City Centres', with proper integration of both sides of the city. This integrated approach is driven by the holistic vision of overall urban development of the city, centred around the railway station," the PMO said.

Launched in December 2022, the Amrit Bharat station scheme aims to prepare a masterplan for railway stations and implement it in a phased manner to enhance facilities.

The facilities intended to be implemented at the stations include foot-overbridges, escalators and elevators, two-wheeler and car parking areas, landscaping/horticulture, integrated passenger information system, signages, improvement of platforms and platform shelters, benches and washbasins, better illumination and power supply arrangements, and CCTV, among others.

"Improving passenger amenities is a major focus of our government. Our prime minister is personally monitoring the progress of railways from time to time. He has given excellent inputs in the design of stations and he will be laying the foundation

for 508 stations," said Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Internally, the ministry has set a target of two years to complete the project, officials said.

The scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. The stations are slated to have upgraded amenities such as improved access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes such as One Station One Product'. Better passenger information systems, executive lounges, designated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc, are some of the other features being planned as part of the project.

Three terrorist associates...

carrying out terrorist activities in Srinagar, police said, adding with their arrest, a terror threat has been averted. A case was registered and investigation set into motion, they said.

Fraudsters charge-sheeted...

resident of Gali Angrez Singh Walia Mohalla Nanaksar Taran; Sukhpal Brar, son of Gurbachan Singh, resident of Giddarbaha Mukhtasar; Umeshwar Jha, son of Late Nikhelshwar Jha, resident of E-369, Delta-1 Noida UP; Kanchan Kumar Dutta, son of Harendra Kumar Dutta, resident of 137 Panchwati Apartments, Tilak Nagar Delhi; Lekh Raj, son of Ram Singh, resident of H.NO. 121 Muhal Baneradhi-101 Sub Tehsil Dharmapura District Mandi Himachal; Vinod Kumar Raina, son of Pushkar Nath Raina, resident of Lower Muthi Ganjinsoo Road Muthi and Rejesh Peshin, son of Makhan Lal Peshin, resident of H.No. 427 Cohn. Colony Jammu.

J&K set to...

Mehta added. The Chief Secretary recalled that the UT is going to cover about 1.9 lakh houses under PMAY this year which are enough to saturate the housing needs of all the houseless persons here. He observed that the UT has made tremendous progress on many parameters during last few years including creation of AmritSarovars, door to door collection of waste, construction of houses under PMAY etc.

He said that J&K has made tremendous progress in sanitation under Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen and hopefully each of its village is going to achieve the status of ODF+ by the upcoming Independence Day. He emphasized on enhancing the capacity of employees so that they are able to reorient their thinking to meet the targets on time.

While presenting the performance of the Department, the Commissioner Secretary, RDD, Mandep Kaur informed the meeting that J&K has been among the top performing States/UTs in implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (G) by securing ODF+ status to all of its villages.

She gave out that the Department has constructed around 2607 AmritSarovars so far and has issued 13.9 lakh job cards. She also said that under PMAY (G), 139529 houses have been completed so far and more 202603 are to be completed soon.

Moreover it was revealed that the Department was successful in creating thousands of employments for the rural youth under JKRLM, SVEP and MKSP as well. It was said that 83062 SHGs have been created to whom the revolving fund to the tune of Rs 124.59 Cr were provided through credit linkages.

Similarly under Integrated Farming Cluster (MKSP), 2 New projects in 10 blocks of 10 districts to support 12000 SHG members (300 per IFC) have been sanctioned during current FY worth Rs 16.00 Crores.

In the same vein Under SVEP Phase II, 2 units of 4 Blocks were approved with a budget outlay of 1115.00 Lakhs for four years with a target of supporting 4034 enterprises. As on date 210.00 lakhs funds have been released as CEF supporting 559 enterprises as on date.

SC stays Rahul...

AICC headquarters, as celebrations erupted at the offices of the Congress party across the country. Several leaders of the 26-party opposition alliance INDIA also hailed the court verdict.

The Congress asserted that a delay in Gandhi's re-instatement as MP on account of any "excuses" by the government would be "malafide", "unfair" and completely contrary to the heart and soul of parliamentary democracy.

While Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury met Speaker Om Birla and urged him to restore Gandhi's membership at the earliest, party president Mallikarjun Kharge said it is to be seen how long will it take to reinstate Gandhi, noting just 24 hours were taken to disqualify him after his conviction on March 23 --one of the highest profile disqualifications of a sitting lawmaker upon their convictions.

"We want that Rahul Gandhi should speak on the 'no-confidence motion' against the government in the Lok Sabha," Chowdhury told reporters. The discussion on the motion will be taken up from August 8 to 10.

Congress spokesperson and Gandhi's counsel Abhishek Singhvi said Gandhi's voice for the cause of the people will soon be heard in Parliament.

SC permits ASI's...

General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the ASI and the Uttar Pradesh government, that no excavation will be carried out during the survey nor any destruction caused to the structure.

"It is clarified on behalf of the ASI, represented by the solicitor general, that as a matter of fact, the entire survey will be completed without any excaevation at the site and without causing any destruction to the structure," the bench said.

"The order of the learned trial judge passed under Order 26 Rule 10A of the CPC (Civil Procedure Code) cannot be prima facie at this stage to be said as without jurisdiction," the bench said.

The top court said the evidentiary value of the scientific survey of the ASI was open to be tested in the lawsuit and is open to objections, including cross-examina-

tion.

Consequently, the report of the ASI, by itself, does not amount to determination of the matters in dispute.

"Having regard to the nature and ambit of Court-appointed commissioners, we are unable to differ with the view of the High Court....," it said.

The apex court bench ordered the survey to be carried out through "non-invasive" processes.

The report of the ASI will be remitted to the trial court and the decision on that will be taken by the district judge, it said.

During the hearing, Muslim body Anjuman Intezamia Masjid committee said the ASI survey at the Gyanvapi mosque intends to go into history and will "reopen wounds of the past".

POST ARTICLE 370...

and Kashmir's development post the revocation led to increased investments in infrastructure, which may have improved the police's operational capabilities and accessibility to remote areas.

The revocation of the Article 370 is likely to facilitate the integration of Jammu and Kashmir's police forces with national databases, such as criminal records, wanted lists, and other information, allowing for better crime detection and criminal identification. This security scenario report analyses the impact of Article 370 abrogation on the security situation in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Further, the security report analysis examines 17 security indicators related to various security incidents and provides a comparative analysis between the pre-and post-370 periods. The findings reveal a significant decrease in most indicators, indicating an improvement in the overall security landscape.

One of the most significant changes observed is the decrease in stone pelting incidents. The pre-370 period recorded 5050 incidents, which significantly reduced to 445 in the post-370 period, marking a remarkable 92 per cent decrease. This decrease signifies improved public order and a more peaceful environment.

Encounters and counter-terrorism operations decreased from 539 in the pre-370 period to 369 in the post-370 period, representing a 32 per cent decrease. This decline suggests a positive impact on the region's security, with fewer instances of confrontations between security forces and terrorists.

The number of civilians killed in terrorist violence reduced from 155 in the pre-370 period to 138 in the post-370 period, reflecting a 11% decrease. This decrease indicates improved security measures and a more effective counter-terrorism strategy to protect civilians.

Instances of civilians being killed during law and order significantly decreased from 132 in the pre-370 period to 0 in the post-370 period, marking a 100 per cent decrease. This reduction suggests enhanced efforts to minimize collateral damage during security operations. The number of civilians injured decreased from 9303 in the pre-370 period to 117 in the post370 period, representing a 99 per cent decrease. This decrease reflects improved security measures and a reduced risk of harm to civilians.

The sacrifices made by police and security forces decreased significantly, with the number of personnel martyred dropping from 345 in the pre-370 period to 150 in the post-370 period, marking a 57 per cent decrease. This reduction indicates improved security measures and a reduced risk for security personnel.

Instances of police and security forces getting injured decreased from 13100 in the pre-370 period to 797 in the post-370 period, reflecting a 94% decrease. This decrease signifies improved security measures and a reduced risk of harm to law enforcement personnel.

The number of arrests related to terrorists, terrorist associates, and suspects increased significantly from 1584 in the pre-370 period to 2504 in the post-370 period, marking a 58 per cent increase. This increase suggests improved intelligence gathering, proactive measures, and an effective approach to counter-terrorism operations.

Instances of arson saw a significant decrease, with the number dropping from 87 in the pre-370 period to 35 in the post-370 period, marking a 60 per cent decrease. This decrease suggests improved security measures and a reduced risk of property damage due to deliberate fires.

Mission Youth approves...

initiatives and also approved the requirement of funds under various schemes, the cases under which stand approved by the DLITFs. CEO Mission Youth Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary informed that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir continuing the focus on youth empowerment is endeavouring this year for record youth engagement, particularly under the schemes related to self-employment, coaching, education, fellowships, innovation, sports and skilling. Finance Department has released Rs 45 Cr for key schemes. Giving details, Dr Shahid Choudhary shared that 1875 cases under Mumkin scheme with an outlay of Rs 188 Cr have been approved for which Rs 15 Cr subsidy component has been released by Finance department and Rs 15 Cr committed by the vehicle manufacturer partners while remaining amount is sponsored by the Jammu and Kashmir bank.

Similarly, under Tejaswini schemes Rs 10 Cr budget has been released by the Finance Department and Rs 40 Cr committed by the J&K Bank. Subsequent instalment of subsidy, manufacturer sponsorship and bank credit will be released based on demand and Mission Youth endeavours to cover more than 10,000 youth under these two schemes in the current financial year. Funds have also been provided by Avasr Scheme for district level initiatives, coaching, skilling and scholarship. Mission Youth aims to provide self-employment incentives worth more than Rs 1000 Cr during the year.

Pertinently, Mission Youth received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration, India's highest civil services award, in April 2023 for its performance during the year 2022-203. The other schemes which have been provided funds in today's approvals by the Finance Department include Spurring Entrepreneurship, Rise Together, Parvaz and Avasar.

Theft case solved; 5 arrested, stolen items recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday solved a theft case by arresting five accused persons and recovered stolen items.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Gandhi Nagar by one person namely Jay Deep Manocha, son of Harcharan Singh, resident of H.No 17/C Gandhi Nagar; Jammu regarding theft in his house in the area under the jurisdiction of Police Station Gandhi Nagar Jammu. On this, FIR No.188/2023 under section 457/380 IPC was registered and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Station Gandhi Nagar led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO Gandhi Nagar Inspr Pankaj Sharma and PSI Basharat with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally rounded up 4 suspected persons later identified as Kuldeep Mattoo, son of Mangat Ram Mattoo, resident of Valmiki Colony Gandhi Nagar; Jammu; Rahul Randhawa alias Billa, son of Bittu, resident of Valmiki Colony Gandhi Nagar; Jammu; Hardeep Singh, son of Mamohan Singh, resident of H.No 1407/7 Nanak Nagar; Jammu; Mani Pand, son of Rang Pand, resident of Valmiki Colony Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

During questioning accused confessed their involvement in the above case and on their disclosure stolen items Two LPG Gas cylinder, two invertors, two pair shoes , one inverter battery, six bathroom/kitchen taps were recovered from their possession. It is pertinent to mention that they disclosed name of one scrap dealer namely Mohinder Saini, son of Ram Lal Saini arrested and recovered two batteries, one inverter, four stabilizers, two window AC, Two AC compressor, one copper cutlery, One LPG gas cylinder and Three Sofas whom they used to sell stolen items. The person was also arrested in the above case. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under the supervision of SP South Shaheen Wahid.

Woman's suspicious death: Parents block NH, set ablaze dowry

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Parents and locals on Friday staged protest in connection with the death of a woman under suspicious circumstances in her in-laws house in Sidhra are of Jammu. Irrked people blocked the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and demanded justice. Not only this, people went to the deceased's in-laws house and ransacked the dowry which they have given to their daughter. At the same time, some goods were also kept on the highway and set into fire.

The brother of the deceased told that five years ago his sister was married in this house and regular dowry was demanded by in-laws side since the marriage. Many times they tried to save the relationship by giving gifts, vehicles, jewelry, cash. He alleged that his sister was assaulted on a daily basis. Pertinent o mention that Priya Chib, resident of Kunjwani was found hanging from in her in-laws house on Thursday. The in-laws took the body to GMC. After getting the information, mother, brother and others of the married woman reached hospital. They alleged that the their daughter was murdered. Police officials said that the in-laws including the husband have been brought for questioning.



NOTICE

I, Murtaza Qadir R/O Mohalla Sarafan Bhadarwah Ward No 1, declared that my son's mother name has been wrongly written as Sumedha Jadhav instead of Sumedha Janardhanrao Jadhav in the School record. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to Kendriya Vidyalaya Bhadarwah within one week.