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### J&K reports 170...

recovered patients was 3,20,806, the officials said.

The death toll in the UT due to the pandemic was 4,411 as no fresh death was reported in the past 24 hours. Meanwhile, the officials said, there were 45 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) across Jammu and Kashmir as no fresh case was reported in the UT since last evening.

### Industrial holiday of...

economic growth", said the Lt Governor while addressing "ELARA India Dialogue 2021" through virtual mode. Elara Capital Chairman Raj Bhatt, renowned journalist Aditi Phadnis and hundreds of company representatives from across the country and abroad attended the dialogue. The Lt Governor shared J&K's journey of economic growth and development from the past two years. This is the new Jammu & Kashmir determined to reverse the trend of the past seven decades by pushing the targets for economic growth and employment. Our aim is very clear- deepen the trust with business conglomerate, build the industrial base for the economy and strengthen the social stability, said the Lt Governor. While the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a mission to renovate, reinvent and take a quantum leap from fastest-growing economy to superpower, Jammu & Kashmir is also set out on the journey towards growth and prosperity, observed the Lt Governor. I express my gratitude to the Prime Minister for taking both conventional and unconventional measures to regenerate J&K's economy and make sure we continue to walk on the path of progress, the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor spoke on how the new Rs 28,400 cr Industrial Development Scheme is proving to be a game changer in facilitating the Industrial growth in the UT of J&K. The new industrial scheme, offering a host of attractive Industrial Incentives, a supportive framework of Ease of Doing Business, coupled with the Land Bank of 12,000 acres, private industrial estate development & a strong MSME ecosystem, is unlocking the investment flow and welcoming the potential investors to look at J&K as a great business opportunity, added the Lt Governor.

We are striving to create a vibrant industrial ecosystem and transform the UT into an industrialized territory. The tireless efforts are paying us the dividend. Within two months, we have received investment proposals worth Rs 25,000 Crore for both Jammu and Kashmir divisions and we are hoping to get the proposals of approximately Rs 50,000 Crore by March 2022, the Lt Governor said.

J&K offers abundant raw material for agro & food processing, is strategically located with rich culture and nature, hub of handloom and handicraft, rapid single window clearance, industrial infrastructure and a responsive governance & minimum government.

Moreover, Jammu & Kashmir has the lowest crime rate and lowest power utility rates. Security situation has significantly improved. In July, 10.50 lakh tourists visited the UT while the number has gone up to 11.20 lakh last month, clearly indicating a conducive environment for the businesses to flourish, said the Lt Governor.

Highlighting the unprecedented support being extended by the Government, the Lt Governor said that we are developing a progressive business regulatory environment; unleashing the productive energy of various growth sectors and nurturing young talented population to build one of the best human capitals to tap rapidly growing opportunities in the Union Territory.

Around 160 new initiatives and reforms have been introduced in a short period of time. Today, we have approximately 25,000 MSMEs, which are currently operational in the Union Territory and contribute almost 60% of the total investment and 90% of total employment in the Industrial sector, he added.

Bhatt and Aditi Phadnis expressed happiness over the rapid pace of development and industrialization process in the Union Territory of J&K.

### J&K important in...

Mohd Iqbal and other concerned were also present during the occasion.

The Minister termed the region as an important part of the country in its progress while calling J & K as the crown of India. He said this region is shoulder-to-shoulder in the country's progress and development towards self-reliance.

He made these remarks while interacting with farmers, apple growers and horticulturists at the Center of Excellence at Zawoora Srinagar.

The Minister was responding to farmers and growers who raised several issues during their interaction with the visiting Union Ministers team. The issues the horticulturists flagged included absence of lending from other banks, start-up policy, Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for C-grade apple produce, Fasal Bima Yojan for apples etc.

Counting the initiatives taken by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi since coming to power, Tomar said that numerous schemes have been implemented for farmers and growers welfare throughout the country and there is visible change on the ground also.

While complimenting the J&K administration and Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, the Minister said that due to certain problems the region had suffered on development front but with the untiring efforts of PM Modi, J&K is progressing and playing its part in the country's progress.

"J&K team is doing well especially under LG Sinha's leadership. Mr Sinha is a visionary leader and J&K people are fortunate to have such a leader for guidance," he remarked.

Minister assured the farmers and growers from Kashmir that the Central Government is with them in every respect and the coming days will see a new and dynamic J&K.

On the occasion, the Minister also assured that the credit lending would be extended from other banks also.

While highlighting the government's commitment towards marginal farmers, the Minister said the government has taken many revolutionary steps for these farmers also where they can use all facilities, avail benefits of schemes and other farm mechanizations in doubling their income.

He said that the government will ensure that the farmers would be connected with high-density infrastructure through Agri-Infrastructure funds.

The Ministers also inspected Center's Laboratory-cum-Training Center where they were informed that the center has facilities for the production of high quality fruit plants, micro-irrigation, high-tech greenhouse technology, tissue culture labs, bio-control labs and weather forecasting station, besides facilities to analyze fruit diseases like scabies, leaf curl, brown rot, etc as well as training to the staff.

They were told about the latest technologies of greenhouse for multiplication and high-density apple orchards with the latest technology to enhance productivity.

The Ministers also inspected walnut germplasm bank having different varieties of walnut.

The Ministers also visited ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture at Old Air Field, Rangeth here where Deputy Director CITH, AK Singh gave an overview of the center.

The visiting ministers were informed that temperate crops act as the backbone of the economy of the region by supporting around 10-12 lakh people and generating revenue of about Rs 13,000 crore annually.

It was given out that among the various crops, apple and walnut are the major temperate fruit crops accounting for about 75 percent of the total area and 65 per cent of the temperate fruit production, respectively.

In India total apple production is approximately about 28 lakh MTs and of which 20 lakh MTs are produced from J&K, it was told.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Tomar said that there is a huge potential for intensification of apple orcharding system under HDP with new varieties having better colour, aroma, shelf life, shape etc for better consumer acceptability and market demand.

He said that ICAR-CITH Srinagar has emerged as a technology hub in temperate horticulture crops and the number of farmers having touch with CITH is increasing day-by-day.

On the occasion, the Ministers planted saplings of different fruit trees in the premises

of ICAR-CITH. The Agriculture Minister also inaugurated Technology Park and inspected the varieties of different fruits put on display by the CITH viz apple, walnut, almond, chestnut, hazelnut, cherry, olive fruit, persimmon, Kashmiri Nakh, etc and other vegetable varieties.

The Minister also inspected the blocks of different varieties of fruits and vegetables like apple, peach, walnut, cherry etc.

On the occasion, the Minister Agriculture, NS Tomar also e-inaugurated Gramin Krishi Mauam Sewa (GKMS) for facilitating farmers by issuing weather advisories.

### NC leader Trilochan...

Jammu Police which in turn approached the Delhi Police, an official said. On Thursday, the Delhi Police received a PCR call from a neighbour complaining about a foul smell from a flat in Moti Nagar. On reaching the spot, police broke open the door and found a partially decomposed body in the washroom, a senior police officer said.

"Information about the recovery of a body was received at the Moti Nagar police station. On reaching the spot, our team found the decomposed body which was identified as Trilochan Singh Wazir by one of his acquaintances," Deputy Commissioner of Police (West), Urvija Goel said. The exact nature of injuries on the body will be ascertained only after a post-mortem examination for which a board of doctors has been constituted, the officer said. During the enquiry, it emerged that the victim's family had contacted Harpreet Singh to know about Wazir's whereabouts. They were told that he had taken a flight to Canada on September 2 but was quarantined at Frankfurt after testing Covid positive, a senior police officer said. But his family turned suspicious and contacted their relatives in Jammu. Police said they have not got any copy of Wazir's flight ticket to Canada so far, but his mobile phone has been recovered and it will be examined.

Harpreet Singh had rented the flat on the third floor of the building a few months ago and told his neighbours that he was preparing for judiciary exams.

Delhi Police PRO Chinnay Biswal said the case has been transferred to the crime branch and the Special Cell will assist them in the probe.

According to a neighbour; Harpreet Singh was last seen on Sunday. A truck came and took all the stuff along with him including furniture, he said.

Locals said there was no CCTV camera outside the building which has four entrances. Police are scanning footage from CCTV cameras in and around the area.

Taking to Twitter, President of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee and National Spokesperson of the Shiromani Akali Dal, Manjinder Singh Sirsa, said, "Shocked and deeply pained with the murder of my dearest friend like mentor S. Trilochan Singh Wazir ji in Delhi.

"He has given valuable services as Chairman of District Gurudwara Parbandak Board, J&K. My deep condolences to his family. May Waheguru grant eternal peace to his soul," Sirsa said. Meanwhile, National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah have expressed shock and grief over the demise of S. Trilochan Singh Wazir, former Member Legislative Council and a senior leader.

In his message, Dr Farooq Abdullah hailed the contribution of Wazir in different capacities to the people during his public life. He said that the void created by Wazir is difficult to fill. Expressing his condolences and sympathies with the bereaved family, Omar Abdullah said that he was shocked by the news.

"It was only a few days ago that we sat together in Jammu not realising it was the last time I would be meeting him", Omar said.

The JKNC President and Vice President expressed solidarity with the bereaved family, prayed for peace to the departed soul and strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss.

General Secretary Ali Mohammed Sagar also condoled the demise of Wazir and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

In his condolence message, Provincial President Devender Singh Rana described Wazir as a leader with qualities of heart and mind, who served the people in his different capacities. With the passing away, the National Conference has lost a public spirited leader and the vacuum created will be difficult to fill.

Rana expressed solidarity with the bereaved members of the family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Death of Trilochan Singh Wazir has been widely mourned by the rank and file of the National Conference. Senior leaders Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Surjeet Singh Slatia, Rattan Lal Gupta, Mushtaq Ahmed Bukhari, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Javed Ahmed Rana, Khalid Najeeb Suharwardhy, Babu Rampal, Abdul Gani Malik, Bushan Lal Bhat, Bimal Luthra, Dr. Chaman Lal Bhagat, Qazi Jalal Ud Din, Brij Mohan Sharma, Ajaz Jan, Jagjeet Lal, Swaran Lata, Deepinder Kour, Jugal Mahajan, Surinder Singh Bunti, Mohinder Singh, Rahim Daad, Haji Mohd Hussain, Master Noor Hussain, Sheikh Abdul Rehman, Mohd Iqbal Bhat, Satwant Kour Dogra, Dharamveer Singh Jamwal, Pradeep Bali, Vijay Lakshmi Dutta, Anil Dhari, Wali Dad, Dr. Gagan Bhagat, Rita Gupta, Israr Khan, Vijay Lohkan, Abdul Gani Teli, Ch. Haroon, Chander Mohan Sharma, Son Nath Khajuria and others have also condoled his death and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Moreover, in a statement All Jammu and Kashmir Transport Welfare Association, which was headed by Wazir for quite long term, decided to hold complete 'Chakka Jam' in Jammu and Kashmir to express resentment over mysterious murder of its Chairman.

The public transporters decided to observe complete Bandh from Lakhanpur to Kashmir to express resentment over killing of its chairman T S Wazir and also demanding a Special Investigation Team to crack the case.

### Afghan territory must ...

the country," the BRICS said.

The grouping also condemned in strongest terms the terrorist attacks near Kabul Airport recently that resulted in a large number of deaths and injuries.

"We underscore the priority of fighting terrorism, including preventing attempts by terrorist organisations to use Afghan territory as a terrorist sanctuary and to carry out attacks against other countries, as well as drug trade within Afghanistan," the BRICS said. "We emphasise the need to address the humanitarian situation and to uphold human rights, including those of women, children and minorities," it said.

Referring to the threat of terrorism, the BRICS said it is committed to combating the menace in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists. The summit also endorsed the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan for implementing the grouping's Counter-Terrorism Strategy that was adopted by the NSAs of the member nations of the grouping.

Reiterating that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group, the leaders said, "We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to contribute further to the global efforts of preventing and countering the threat of terrorism on the basis of respect for international law".

"We reject double standards in countering terrorism and extremism conducive to terrorism. We call for expeditious finalisation and adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism within the UN framework," it said.

### Govt extends ITR...

difficulties reported by the taxpayers and other stakeholders in filing of Income Tax Returns and various reports of audit for the Assessment Year 2021-22 under the Income-tax Act, 1961, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has decided to further extend the due dates for filing of Income Tax Returns and various reports of audit for the Assessment Year 2021-22," the finance ministry said in a statement.

The CBDT has also extended the ITR filing deadline for companies till February 15, 2022 from November 30, 2021.

The due date for filing the tax audit report and transfer pricing certificate has been extended to January 15, 2022 and January 31, 2022, respectively, from the existing deadline of October 31 and November 30, respectively.

### Rahul Gandhi arrives...

on a two-day visit during. The former Congress chief was accorded a rousing reception

Police in Kupwara destroyed bung cultivation in Lolab area.

As per the details, a police team from Police Station Lalpora have destroyed wild bung spread on large area in Lolab area. General public of the area have appreciated the action of Police and have urged to continue such drive in nearby areas also.

### Hit & run case solved, accused arrested

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NOWSHERA: Police on Thursday worked out a Hit & Run case by arresting the accused mini-truck driver who was involved in the act in which a young man died.

As per the details, the incident took place on 29th of August when a motorcycle (JK11C 9363) was knocked by an unknown vehicle near Bal Shama falling under the jurisdiction of Dharamsala Police Station on Jammu Rajouri Poonch NH.

In this incident, motorcyclist Pawan Kumar, son of Kamal Kumar resident of Chakli village of Rajouri died after which a case under relevant sections of law was registered in Dharamsala police station and investigation was set into motion.

Team of Police Station Dharamsala during the course of investigation, while taking all vital technical leads including CCTV footages along the highway identified the vehicle involved in the hit and run case and tracked the mini truck (JK02BX 4904), the accused driver namely Raman Kumar son of Pritam Kumar resident of Chowk Chawla has been arrested and vehicle seized.

### Rs 41,500 fine recovered from SoPs violators in Ramban

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RAMBAN: Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Thursday fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions,

at the Jammu airport by party workers and leaders. He has reached Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the Vaishno Devi shrine, a party leader said.

He said Gandhi was received at the airport by senior Congress leaders including AICC Incharge Rajni Patil, PCC President G A Mir; Tara Chand, Mula Ram, Raman Bhalla, GM Saroori, Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, Balwan Singh, Shabir Khan, Vikar Rasool, Manohar Lal, Balbir Singh, Pawan Raina, Sain Rasheed, Imran Zaffer, Riyaz Chaudhary, Narinder Sharma and several other senior leaders of PCC.

IYC president BV Shrinivas and NSUI President Neeraj Kundan had also reached Katra besides local leaders including Jugal Kishore, and several leaders from Jammu surrounding districts.

On Friday, Gandhi will interact with party delegates at JK Resorts in Jammu's Trikuta Nagar from 11 am to 12.30 pm. After an interaction with the senior party leaders over lunch, he will return to Delhi by 3.30 pm flight, Ghulam Ahmad Mir said.

This is Rahul Gandhi's second visit to Jammu and Kashmir within a month. He was in Srinagar on August 9 and 10, where he inaugurated the party's new office.

### Senior Congress leaders welcoming Rahul Gandhi at Jammu Airport.



### J&K gets 17...

Yasin Choudhary while giving details about the development said that, under DNB programme in UT, a total of 144 applications were submitted by various health institutions out of which 53 applications are approved till date against which 124 seats have been granted to the accredited departments consequent to the concerted efforts and hard work of the Adminstrative department H&ME J&K, NHM J&K and the team of health institutions being monitored by Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Department.

New GMCs have received the total approval of 33 seats (11 DNB and 22 Diploma seats). New GMC Baramulla has received the sanction of 5 post MBBS DNB seats in General Medicine and 22 post MBBS Diploma seats in the specialties of Family Medicine (4 seats), Anaesthesia (4 seats), Pediatrics (4 seats), Obs & Gynaec. (4 seats), ENT (3 seats) and Ophthalmology (3 seats). New GMC Anantnag received approval of 2 seats in General Surgery, new GMC Kathua received approval of 2 seats in DNB Anatomy and GMC Rajouri received approval of 2 seats in DNB General Medicine. With this, the total seat approval for new GMCs till date becomes 59 (37 DNB seats and 22 Diploma seats).

Additionally, GMC Srinagar has been granted 2 seats in Doctorate of National Board (DrNB) Critical Care Medicine and GMC Jammu has been granted 2 seats in DrNB Neurology.

Pertinent to mention that the DNB (Diplomate of National Board) courses have been introduced in the District Hospitals and new Govt. Medical Colleges besides old GMCs and SKIMS in order to strengthen the institutions, decongest the Govt. Medical Colleges and to address the shortage of specialists in the UT of J&K.