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diversification of crops. He also laid impetus on maintaining quality to match global standards.

Detailing the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, the Minister informed that the Centre Government has already disbursed Rs 1,58,000 crore to more than 11 crore farmers through the scheme. More than 17 hundred farmers of J&K have also received an amount of Rs 6 thousand per year under the scheme, told the minister.

Acknowledging the efforts of Lieutenant Governor, the Principal Secretary said that through his intervention, marginal farmers and orchardists with land holding of 1 kanal are now being provided government support. Earlier the minimum requirement was capped at 4 Kanal.

Navin K Choudhary informed the Minister that with high density plantation technique, around one thousand plants can be planted in one hectare land. The number is significant as earlier only four hundred plants were being planted in the same land. Thus, with high density plantation, orchardists could easily double their income", he said.

The Principal Secretary informed that the UT administration has been successful in increasing horticulture cover in Jammu division from 50 thousand to 10 lakh plants this year. Greater targets have been set for subsequent years, he assured. The department is proactively promoting plantation of less water-intensive crops like lemongrass and aloevera in kandi areas of the region. Land amounting to 1500 hectares has come under the two kinds of plantations so far, added the Principal Secretary.

An exhibition of agriculture implements and horticulture products of districts like Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Kathua and others was also organized at the venue.

The visiting ministers also inaugurated one high density plantation at Maralian by planting mango saplings at the site.

Those present at the event included DDC Chairman, Bharat Bhushan, Director Horticulture Ram Sewak and other senior officers of the department.

Later, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare along with team of ministers and senior officers visited Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu and laid foundation stone of Gene Bank and Cold Storage facility at Mega Seed. The Ministers also visited Integrated farming system, newly developed laboratory of School of Biotechnology besides flagging off Beej Vahan to mark the launch of Rabi campaign at Mega Seed unit of SKUAST-Jammu. The minister inspected exhibition stalls laid by farmers', agri-startups and KVKs of University.

The Union Minister in his address on the occasion said that he is feeling happy by visiting SKUAST-Jammu and has seen a transformation in agriculture sector of J&K Union territory. He appreciated the efforts and activities of Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir for bringing development and sea change research and extension in both the Universities benefiting the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that out of 201 recommendations of M. S. Swaminathan Committee constituted in 2003, two hundred recommendations were implemented by present government.

The Union Minister informed the gathering that Rs 158000 cr rupees have been transferred in the bank accounts of 11 Lakh farmers of India under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana whereas Rs 1723 crores have been transferred to the farmers of UT of J&K. The government is following the procedure for fixation of Minimum Support Price of Agricultural Produce as recommended by Swaminathan committee which is fifty percent more of the cost of cultivation. However, the MSP announced recently for Rabi crops is almost 100 percent more than the cost of cultivation. The present Budget of Agriculture has also increased to Rs 123000 cr which was Rs 23000 cr in 2014.

Union Minister appreciated the efforts of Central Government for formation of 1000 FPOs and strengthen the 85% of Marginal and small farmers of India. He said Kisan Credit Card scheme was launched by the Vajpayee Govt has saved the farmers from the clutches of Money lenders. Union Minister also informed that the document related to role of agricultural education in National Education Policy 2020 will be released shortly by the ICAR. Meanwhile, prestigious multi crore ICAR/ World Bank sponsored Institutional Development Plan (IDP) project was also launched during the function at Baba Jitto Auditorium of SKUAST-Jammu.

Navin K Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir Union territory also spoke on the occasion and raised the issues and demands pertaining to infrastructure development, establishment of Agricultural Technology Information centre, centre for organic agriculture, development of farms of university and sanctioning of more AICRPs. Earlier, the Union Minister and team inspected exhibitions and stalls demonstrated by the KVKs of university, farmers, start-ups, etc. During the programme, progressive farmers of UT of J&K were felicitated for their contribution in agriculture and allied enterprises. Kulbhushan Khajuria and Tejinder Singh, progressive farmers also spoke on the occasion.

Bharatiya Janata Party Urban Local Bodies cells, Convenor, Sanjay Kumar Baru alongwith JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Dy. Mayor Purnima Sharma, Committtee Chairman Narendra Singh, Yashpal Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, BJP JMC Chief Whip Parmod Kapoor, Councillors Dr Akshay Sharma, Suneet Raina, Kapil Chib, Surinder Sharma, Neeraj Puri, Neenah Gupta and Ajay Gupta called on the visiting Union Minister of Agriculture, Narendra Singh Tomar; at Jammu and submitted a memorandum containing various issues related to Panchayats, urban Local Bodies, Tourism, Agriculture and Horticulture sectors which need to be looked into and resolved.

Govt terminates services...

having overtones of criminal intent have been established by the investigating agencies



BJP ULB cells Convenor, Sanjay Baru handing over memorandum to Union Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar.

and are being dealt with by the competent authorities and the aspect that the appointment has been obtained by Kewal Krishan Sharma, Forest Guard through fraudulent means, needs to be dealt with in accordance with the principles laid down by the Supreme court in various judgments". The order further reads that based on the facts of the case, the department has decided that the official is fit for termination from service. "Now, in light of the entire background of the case and the very fact that the official has secured appointment on the basis of fake and fraudulent certificate - thus lacking the basic eligibility to hold a civil post, and consequently, he is not entitled to any safe guards given to a civil servant, under Article 311 of the Constitution of India or those provided under Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956. Therefore, the services of Kewal Krishan Sharma, Forest Guard are hereby terminated ab-initio", the order concludes.

NC leader murder...

Police had also received a PCR call from a neighbour complaining about foul smell from the flat in Moti Nagar. On reaching the spot, police broke open the door and found the highly decomposed body in the washroom.

Pak terrorist gets...

The NIA filed a charge sheet against Amir in May 2018.

After consideration of evidence brought on record during the probe by the National Investigation Agency, the NIA special court, Patiala House, convicted Amir on April 6. Pronouncing the quantum of punishment on Friday, Amir was awarded sentences for seven different offences each ranging from two to seven years of rigorous imprisonment and fine, the NIA official added.

Centre making all...

laurels for themselves and the nation.

The government of India is always there for the youth of Kashmir and for their better future, he said. During the minister's visit, PRI members as well as public representatives submitted a charter of demands, which included development of border tourism and general developmental issues of Kupwara district, the spokesman said.

During a meeting with officers of the district administration, the deputy commissioner briefed the minister about the development profile and the major achievements of the district, he said.

PM chairs meeting...

the country and was told about the support being given to 433 districts to establish RTP-PCR lab facility in public health facilities. The principal secretary to the prime minister, cabinet secretary, principal scientific advisor, health secretary, member (health) NITI Aayog and other important officials were present in the meeting. The meeting came a day after Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said India is still going through the second wave of COVID-19 and it is not over yet. He had said 35 districts are still reporting a weekly Covid positivity rate of over 10 per cent while it is between five and 10 per cent in 30 districts.

Magistrate not competent...

provisions of UAPA. While dealing with an application moved on behalf of the Investigating Machinery under Section 43-D(2)(b) of the UAPA, the extension was granted by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhopal. On completion of 90 days of their actual custody, applications on behalf of appellants were moved seeking bail on the ground that no charge-sheet was filed by the Investigating Agency within 90 days, which was rejected by Court of CJM, Bhopal. When the matter reached the high court, it said that since the CJM, Bhopal had passed an appropriate order, the period available for the Investigating Machinery to complete the investigation stood extended to 180 days and the accused were not entitled to bail. The lawyer appearing for the accused referred to previous decisions of the apex court and said the extension granted in the instant case by CJM, Bhopal was beyond jurisdiction. He referred to the decision which said "all offences under the UAPA, whether investigated by the National Investigation Agency or by the investigating agencies of the state government, are to be tried exclusively by Special Courts set up under National Investigation Agency Act.

Colleges to resume...

of staff and students," reads the order issued by Sushma Chauhan, Secretary, Higher Education department on Friday. The order reads, "Government degree colleges of the UT shall reopen for in-person teaching subject to specific permission of the concerned Deputy Commissioners and the head of concerned institutions must ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and COVID-19 protocol are adhered to in letter and spirit."

maker; Nikon Cool Pix; Nikon GPS Camera; Sony Cyber Shot; Battery Charger MH25; speaker Intex; Selfie stick; 2 laptops; dryer (1) BIG size & 01 small size; glass brass 6 small size & 2 big size). The overall operation was done under the supervision of SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli. Further investigation of the cases is going on and more arrests are likely to come up.

Meanwhile, Bus Stand Police also arrested a thief who was involved in theft in a shop. The accused has been identified as Baljeet Singh, alias Bablu, resident old Rehari. Stolen items have been recovered from his possession.

Teen student found dead

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM : A teenager student was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Kulgam on Friday. As per the details, 19-year-old student Abdul Bari Mir was found unconscious near a school on Friday. He was immediately taken to hospital where he was declared dead. The cause of his death was being ascertained however police have registered a case and started investigation.

SSB jawan dies of heart attack

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: A Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) jawan died of heart attack on Friday in Budgam. As per the details, jawan, identified as Meetan Ram, suffered a heart attack while he was on duty at Chadoora in Budgam on Friday morning. He was rushed to a hospital where he was declared brought dead. After completing all the legal and medical formalities, the body of the deceased jawan would be sent to his native place in Fatehpur in Bihar for last rites.

Three SHOs transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: SSP Kathua R C Kotwal on Friday transferred three station house officers (SHOs). As per the order, Amit Kumar, posted in DSB has been posted as SHO Rajbagh; Insp Bopinder Singh-SHO Rajbagh sent to DPL and ASI Kewal Krishan from Session Court Kathua to DPL.

Main accused in Domana murder case arrested

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JAMMU: Police on Friday arrested the main accused in murder case in Akalpur area under Domana police station on August 16. According to reports, Deepak Singh, son of Janak Singh, resident of Ghomnasa with his companion Jaswinder Singh, son of Ratan Singh who passing through the area on August 16 was attacked by two people with sharp weapons in which both got seriously injured. They were taken to hospital for treatment, but Deepak Singh died during treatment. After this murder, a case was registered by the Domana police and raids were conducted. Police was engaged in arresting the main accused for several days, today on a vital clue, police raided the suspect location and nabbed the main accused. The accused has been identified as Vishwajeet Singh alias Vishu resident Gho Manasa. During the investigation, it was found that the murder was done due to old enmity.

Girl dies in mishap

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JAMMU: A girl died in a road mishap in Domana area on Friday.

As per the details, Shivani Tieko, daughter of Kuldeep Tieko, resident of Patoli Brahma got injured when the scooter, she was riding was hit by a tipper. She was shifted to hospital where she succumbed. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Man consumes poison, dies

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man died after he consumed poison in his house at Residency road on Friday.

As per the details, Jaffi, wife of Vicky, resident of Christian Colony consumed some poisonous substance in his house and was shifted to hospital by his family members where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police is investigating the matter.

Fire broke out in banquet hall

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A fire broke out in a banquet hall at Dokrian area of Jammu outskirts. As per the details, at around 8:00 AM, fire broke out false ceiling of the hall of banquet hall situated at Dokrian area, which spreaded all around. Locals along with hall staff started dousing fire and in the meantime fire tenders were called which rushed the spot. After hectic efforts the fire was controlled. A case has been registered in this regard on the complaint of hall owner name Yashpal Singh. The reason behind the incident is yet to be ascertained.

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