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publication will work as an intelligent assistant for academicians, vice-chancellors, professors and students.

Highlighting the need to introduce new reforms to meet the requirements of the rapidly transforming education system and the changing market dynamics, he said the university and colleges have immense power and a small shift in curriculum can have a decisive impact on the socio-economic environment.

"The future belongs to those students and teachers who can realise their full potential and adapt to rapidly changing requirements," he said.

"As we are heading towards an era which will be dominated by the knowledge economy, our biggest asset would be the human capital, a combination of talent, skill and creativity. We are making efforts to continuously improve the courses in universities and colleges, incorporating students' feedback to create a conducive environment for learning and innovation," Sinha said.

The aim is to empower every student with technical and social skills to develop entrepreneurial thinking, he said, adding that the UT administration is consistently reforming the educational system with new tools to produce required skill sets.

Pointing out some of the important observations made in the analysis, the lieutenant governor stressed on the need to improve the student-feedback mechanism and put in place a systemised and scientifically analysed system.

This feedback system needs to be implemented as a constructive, public participation and contribution to society in order to inculcate a mix of skills and values in the student, he added.

Sinha emphasised to lay special focus on various aspects of the modern education system, including introduction of interdisciplinary and short-term courses; promoting student-diversity, research and innovation, student mentoring, besides strengthening academia-industry connect and continuously upgrading of skill sets to develop the youth into a multi-skilled human capital.

Prof. Mehraj-ud-Din Mir, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir delivered the welcome address and highlighted the measures taken by the university for implementation of National Education Policy.

Prof. S.C Sharma, Director NAAC shared his views on the occasion through a video message.

Meanwhile, Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Advisor NAAC, and Dr. S. Srikanata Swamy, Academic Expert spoke on J&K specific recommendations and observations made in the analysis report. Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication & Publication officer, NAAC delivered the Vote of Thanks.

Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Vice Chancellors of various Universities; senior government officials; HoDs and Deans from Universities and colleges were present on the occasion.

Sinha reviews COVID...

Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department gave a detailed briefing on various critical factors of the Covid management.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dilbag Singh, DGP; Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department; Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary to the Government, Home Department; Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; Mukesh Singh, ADGP; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir; Dr. Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Deputy Commissioners and SSPs, attended the meetings, in person and through virtual mode.

World has realised...

setting up a chair for Tamil studies dedicated to Tamil poet Subramania Bharati on the occasion of his death anniversary. The chair will be set up in the Faculty of Arts of Banaras Hindu University, he said.

"Today is the 100th death anniversary of India's great scholar, philosopher and freedom fighter Subramania Bharati. The vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' that Sardar (Patel) saheb carried, the same philosophy has been shining with full divinity in the Tamil writings of Mahakavi Bharati," he said.

Husband among three...

Team (SIT) which cracked the case after hectic efforts and questioning of suspected persons.

The spokesman said it was established that Devi was murdered by her husband Lokesh Kumar, brother-in-law Gowash Lal and mother-in-law Devki Devi by strangulating her with a headscarf.

The accused persons after committing the heinous crime shifted the body to a nearby committee hall and hanged it with a hook using headscarf to pretend that the deceased has died by suicide, the spokesman said, adding all the three accused were taken into custody and are lodged in district Jail Kishtwar.

HC constitutes Committee...

two kanals, which have already been allotted to the institution. However, instead

of acceding to the request of the petitioners for allotment of additional piece of land, the JDA has now allotted approximately 05 kanals of land to the Jammu Municipal Corporation for running an Animal Treatment Centre. The request of the petitioners for allotment of land was rejected on the premise that a high tension line is running over the land in question, therefore, there is a need to keep the said area as a green area.

Sr. Adv . Santosh Kumar Rungta assisted by Adv Ravi Abrol appearing on behalf of the petitioners vehemently urged that the reason for rejection of the request for allotment of the said piece of land was infact flimsy, inasmuch as, even today a portion of the existing building of the school was coming within the range of the high tension line.

It is further stated that contrary to the reason given in the order of rejection, the Municipal Corporation is now is in the process of constructing structures in the said land measuring approximately 05 kanals, which belies the stand of the Jammu Development Authority.

Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur after hearing both the sides observed that there is considerable weight in the submissions made by the learned senior counsel for the petitioners. It appears that this is an institution, which is the only institution of its kind, which takes care of the interest of the visually impaired girl students in the UT of J&K. It was stated that at the time of filing of the writ petition, the number of students has increased from 47 to 50. It is natural that the number of students will increase progressively in future and therefore, the need for expansion of the institution is unavoidable.

Justice Thakur further observed that from the photographs, which have been annexed with the writ petition, it can be seen that the Jammu Municipal Corporation is in the process of raising construction and the plinth has already been laid out. From the photographs, it is also apparent that the existing building, on the face of it appears to be now congested, leaving no room for free movement of the children, who have been housed in the said institution.

Justice Thakur observed that Needless to say that the degree of difficulty, which such visually impaired children are facing, is much more than the degree of difficulty, which a person with normal faculties, would face in life. Some amount of free movement is therefore necessary for ensuring their physical health and for allowing them to undertake other activities, which are prescribed for such children, who have to be kept in spaces which are protected. Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur observed that the official respondents need to re-consider their decision with regard to the plot in question, which has been allotted in favour of the Jammu Municipal Corporation and constitute a Committee headed by the Chief Secretary, UT of J&K, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Social Welfare Department, UT of J&K as also the Vice-Chairman, Jammu Development Authority, who will go into the question and take a sympathetic view. The Committee can even consider allotment of any other plot of land, if the same is available and vacant in favour of the Jammu Municipality, while considering the case of the petitioners in regard to the plot in question.

High Court further said that there is an obligation on the part of the UT of J&K to ensure the well-being and the rights of the visually impaired persons in terms of Section 31 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and let the needful be done preferably within a period of six weeks' and in the meanwhile ordered that subject to objections, it is ordered that no construction activity will be permitted on the plot in question, till further orders from this Court.

NC leader cremated...

Singh Rana also took part in the funeral which was also among others attended by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta and Senior Vice President of J-K Congress and former Minister Raman Bhalla.

Abdullah was seen consoling the bereaved family of the deceased including his wife and son who were in Canada and returned after the news of Wazir's death.

Wazir reached Delhi on September 2 and was scheduled to leave for Canada to visit his son. However, his highly decomposed body with his head wrapped in a plastic bag was found in the washroom of the flat after his family approached police to know his whereabouts.

The body was taken to Shashtri Nagar cremation ground in a procession and was consigned to flames.

Transporters and several Sikh organisations including Jammu DGPC have demanded a CBI probe into the killing of Wazir.

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference has also demanded a CBI probe into the death of Trilochan Singh Waziron fast-track basis.

"Multiple theories are making round about the death and therefore to bring out the truth, an inquiry by the CBI should be ordered forthwith", senior National Conference leaders, led by Provincial President Devender Singh Rana, comprising prominently Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Surjeet Singh Slathia, Rattan Lal Gupt and Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo, said in a joint statement, issued from Sher-i-Kashmir Bhavan here this afternoon.

They said that the investigations should be carried out on a fast track basis to bring the culprits to justice for the heinous crime committed. Trilochan Singh Wazir was a prominent leader of the party and his contribution in different capacities like President Gurdwara Pranhbandak Board and President of the Transport Union has been immense, the statement said, adding that his death remains shrouded in mystery.

The National Conference leaders are meeting Lientenant Governor Manoj Sinha also to press their demand for CBI inquiry into the death of Wazir.

Other signatories to the joint statement included former ministers and ex-legislators Mushtaq Ahmed Bukhari, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Javed Ahmed Rana, Khalid Najeeb Suharwardhy, Babu Rampaul, Abdul Gani Malik, Bushan Lal Bhat, Bimla Luthra, Dr. Chaman Lal Bhagat, Qazi Jalal Ud Din, Brij Mohan Sharma, Ajaz Jan, Jagjeevan Lal, Swaran Lata, Deepinder Kour; Dr Gagan Bhagat, Rahim Daad, Haji Mohd Hussain, Master Noor Hussain besides former MP Sheikh Abdul Rehman.

NEET-PG held...

of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) Professor Pawanindra Lal said two centres each in Sonipat and Panipat were changed on September 8 and 9 respectively due to security issues and the candidates were moved to new centres in Delhi.

Tagging screenshots of a tweet about change in exam centre, Tharoor wrote on the microblogging site: "Over a hundred NEET-PG, 2021, aspirants have written to me because the government doesn't respond!"

"The exam is tomorrow and they are in crisis. The latest complication: many students have been informed at the last minute of a change of centre (one day before the exam); many haven't got admit cards," he said in the tweet.

However, Professor Lal said, "All care was taken to inform each and every candidate individually by phone calls, emails and SMS to ensure they download and print the new admit card with new centres and are able to reach the venue on time."

Initially, the NEET-PG was scheduled to be held on January 10 but was rescheduled for April 18 because of the COVID-19 situation.

"It was again rescheduled because of the second Covid wave on the orders by the PMO. In those orders, it was mentioned that the exam would be held after August 31. Then the earliest possible date was announced for September 11," Professor Lal said.

He said 1,66,259 candidates appeared for the NEET-PG on Saturday and all were provided protective gears comprising a face shield, mask and hand sanitiser for the safe conduct of the exam.

On the day exams were held, the Delhi-NCR region received heavy rainfall leading to waterlogging and traffic jams in several parts of the city.

The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) Undergraduate, 2021, will be held on September 12.

‘Growing support for...

administration and involved agencies who contributed in making Rahul Gandhi's visit a success.

He thanked the administration, the media and the party workers and staff on behalf of the Congress party for lending their support.

Central Services officer...

Accounts Service.

It is pertinent to mention that there are many local officers posted in J&K from different Central Service cadres and most of them are functioning as head of the offices like Qazi Salman (Director DD News), Shakil Ahmad Ganai (De Director Investigation, Income Tax), Syed Junaid Aadil (Deputy Commissioner Income Tax), Saqib Yousuf Yattoo (Chief Area manager, Northern Railways), Haamid Bukhari (ROC Srinagar & Official Liquidator attached to High Court of J&K & Ladakh).

The deputation of Officers from Central Services to the UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh is due to shortage of All India Service officers in this cadre. This process began earlier this year with the posting of many central service officers like Mr Ranjan Prakash Thakur (Principal Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department), Mr Alok Kumar (Principal Secretary Youth Services and Sports), Ms. Ankita Kar (Managing Director, J&K Trade Promotion Organization, Managing Director, J&K IT Infrastructure Development Company and MD/CEO, Jammu/Srinagar Mass Rapid Transit Corporation), Mr Raja Yaqoob Farooq (Additional Secretary to the Government & MD Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation), Mr Vivekanand Rai (Director Tourism Jammu), Mr Bashir Ahmad Bhat (VC Lakes and Waterways Development Authority) etc. Likewise several officers were posted in the UT of Ladakh too like Dr Iftikhar Ahmad (Additional Secretary and Managing Director National Health Mission), Mr Safdar (Director Finance) etc.

Besides the officers from Central officers, All India Service Officers from other state cadres have also been cleared for deputation to the UT Government of J&K.

Atal Dulloo nominated...

place of Arun Kumar Mehta (IAS). The order in this regard has been passed by the government in exercise of powers vested in it under Section 10 (a) of the Financial Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2000.

Govt terminates service...

Mohammad Yousuf Allai, Civil Judge (Jr. Division)/Munsiff (under suspension) with immediate effect," raesd an order issued by Achal Sethi, Secretary, Department of Law, Justice an Parliamentary Affairs.



Timber smuggler arrested; illicit timber seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: Police on Saturday have arrested a timber smuggler and seized illicit timber.

As per the details, acting on a specific information about timber smuggling in village Aloosa, a Police party of Police Post Aloosa under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Bandipora Shri Mohammad Idrees-JKPS raided the particular spot and seized large quantity of illicit timber from one person identified as Adil Majeed Ganie resident of Ganie Mohalla Aloosa. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 152/2021 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Bandipora and further investigation initiated.

2 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substance recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Saturday two drug peddlers in Baramulla and recovered contraband substance from their possession.

Officers from Police Station Pattan during the routine patrolling at Hanjiwara Pattan intercepted two persons identified as Abdul Rasheed Lone son of Mohd Subhan Lone resident of Hanjiweera Bala and Sayar Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Rahman Bhat resident of Wagum Pulwama. During checking, officers were able to recover 20 grams of Brown Sugar and a weighing instrument from their possession. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Pattan and further investigation has been initiated.

Trucker nabbed with 31 kg poppy straw

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In continuation to its War On Drugs, Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua R C Kotwal on Saturday nabbed one drug peddler with 31 kilograms of poppy straw like contraband, seized a truck ad and arrested the drug peddler.

As per the details, a police team led by Insp. Rajinder Khajuria In-Charge Police Post Ramkot under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Arvind Kumar during Naka /checking duty near Ramkot noticed one suspicious truck (JK08B-8657) which was enroute from Majalta towards Ramkot which was signalled to stop for checking.

On thorough checking approx. 31 kilo grams of poppy straw like contraband was recovered from the cabin of said truck along with driver namely Balkrishan, son of Prem Chand, resident of Man Singh Pura Tehsil Jaimal Singh Narot District Pathankot Punjab was arrested. FIR No. 133/2021 under section 8/15/ NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Billawar.

4 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli, Police Posts Phallain Mandal, Sainik Colony and Sarwal acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at different locations in their respective areas and seized four different vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles include 1 vehicle i.e 1 tipper (JK14A 0643) seized by Jhajjar Kotli police; 1 vehicle i.e 1 tipper (JK02CS 3969) by Sarwal police; 1 vehicle i.e 1 tractor without registration No by Phallain Mandal police and 1 vehicle i.e 1 tractor without registration no by Sainik Colony police.

The vehicles were seized by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Inspsr. Devinder Singh, In-Charge Police Post Phallain Mandal Inspsr. Anil Kumar, In-Charge Police Post Sarwal SI Yougal Kishore and In-Charge Police Post Sainik Colony SI Rahul Dogra in their jurisdiction.

Missing man traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Police on Saturday traced out a missing person and reunited him with family members.

As per the details, on August 27, 2021, a missing report was lodged at Police Station Kathua by the one of the family member of person stating therein that his son namely Aniruddh Sharma, son of Shiv Kumar, resident of Ward No. 14, Kathua is missing. Accordingly a missing report was lodged at Police Station Kathua and search was started to trace him. Acting instantly on the missing report, said person was traced out and immediately handed over to his legal heirs after completion of all legal formalities.

40 year-old Kashmiri shawl seller found dead in Haryana

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HANDWARA: A 40-year-old Kashmiri shawl seller belonging to Handwara area of Kupwara district was found dead in Haryana on Saturday morning.

As per the details, Mohammad Shafi Shah, son of Mohammad Satar Shah, resident of Lillam in Ramhall Handwara was found dead at his rented accommodation at Shalferi Golah district Keithal near Sher-e-Punjab Dhaba. He was working as a shawl seller there for last seven years.

After receiving information about his death, family members and relatives left for Punjab to retrieve the body back home.

33 bovines rescued, two smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a drive against bovine smuggling, Jammu Police during patrolling duty rescued 18 bovines from a truck parked suspiciously near Rajan Bar Khanpur Nagrota without any owner. Animals were rescued from truck (JK02CC/1159), truck has also been seized under section 26 Police Act.

Today, it was verified from RTO Jammu that the actual number said Truck is JK02CD/7887 but the unknown owner and driver of vehicle truck used the number plate of another vehicle.

On this, case FIR No 376/2021 under section 420/IPC 11 PCA Act was registered at Police Station Nagrota.

Similarly, at another Naka laid by police team of Police Station Nagrota at Ban Toll Plaza, 15 animals were rescued from an oil tanker (JK02AE/6586) who was stopped for checking.

DLIC approves 37 cases under Mission Youth J&K's MUMKIN scheme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM: District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC), Kulgam today held a 2nd meeting to facilitate unemployed youth of the district to establish a sustainable livelihood sources through transport sector here at mini-secretariat.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

After a threadbare discussion the meeting approved 37 cases under the MUMKIN scheme.

The financial assistance under MUMKIN scheme is being provided with 20% subsidy (10% of Mission Youth + 10% of Manufacturers contribution) for purchase of new commercial small vehicles used for transporting goods (Mini trucks & Pickups).

Parduman qualifies Ph. D

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Parduman Singh, son of Padam Dev Singh, resident of Udhampur, a research scholar of the Department of Dogri, University of Jammu has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Philosophy (Ph. D) in Dogri.

He worked on the topic "Zila Udhampur diyan Rajput te Braihman jatiyan: Ik Sanskritik Adhyayan" under the supervision of Prof Shiv Dev Singh Manhas.

