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J&K railway dream...

railway officials, would be an engineering marvel of the 21st century.

The Union minister said the government was working to provide world-class facilities to the commuters travelling by trains and appealed to people to consider the railway properties as their own.

"The railway is a national asset and my appeal to the people was to safeguard the railway property as their own and also not indulge in disruption of rail traffic. It is our property and this is our railway," he said.

The Union Minister also visited Jammu Railway Station and a Community Service Centre, CSC, in Janipur, Jammu and took stock of the facilities being provided to the public. His visit is part of the public outreach initiative of the Union Government for Jammu & Kashmir.

At CSC, officers from Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA) briefed the Union minister about the functioning of the department and its role in facilitating people with respect to government's facilities like Ayushman Bharat PMJAY, e-Shram and other e-governance facilities.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav stated that it is the government's mission to reach 'every last person in line'. He shed light on Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan under which rural population is being given computer and internet literacy.

Sharing the Prime Minister's dream of Digital India, Vaishnav said that the government has achieved a number of landmarks for its fulfillment over the past seven years. He said that systematic surveys are being undertaken to link the remotest regions of the country through mobile and internet connectivity. 'Universal internet access' is the goal set by the Prime Minister, he said.

Regarding Jammu-Poonch railway link, the minister assured that work on the same has been expedited and would be completed after addressing viability issues of the area. The Railways minister assured that rail link with Kashmir would be open to the public before 2024.

Earlier, the Minister also inspected Jammu Railway Station and studied the upgradation plan for Jammu and Kathua railway stations. He assured that appropriate steps would be taken to facilitate pilgrims and tourists reaching Jammu and beyond through railways. He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anshul Garg and senior officers from Indian Railways.

Govt will work...

in those areas," he said.

He said forests and tribals have co-existed for generations and empowering the tribal community through the Forest Rights Act will certainly change the condition of their lives.

"They will become self-reliant with access to resources for their development," he added.

He asked the officials to keep in mind that only those eligible get the rights.

Sinha, however, urged the tribal population in Jammu and Kashmir to also fulfil their responsibility to protect the wildlife, protect the forests like a member of their family and maintain the biodiversity.

The LG said the current administration in J-K has taken it upon itself to realise the dreams of the tribal community and "we will do whatever has to be done in a mission mode for their development and betterment".

"I think to empower the tribals is a more sacred job than to pray in any mosque or temple," he said.

The Lt Governor also announced that hostels for tribal boys and girls will be built in every district and their culture will be promoted.

"We have also decided to construct transit accommodations for tribals at eight places at the cost of Rs 28 crore. More such accommodations will be built in the future. Every transit accommodation can accommodate 150-200 people and a special mechanism will be built to keep their animals as well," he said.

The Lt Governor further announced that 1500 mini sheep farms would be established for ensuring sustainable livelihood of tribal youth, 500 tribal youth will be selected for specialized skill development programmes including Commercial Pilots, Management, Robotics, etc. He said that 'Mission Youth' along with Tribal Department has started the process of setting up 16 Milk Villages to connect at least 2000 youth to the dairy sector at the cost of Rs 16 crore, besides providing training, branding, marketing and transport facilities to the youth.

The Lt Governor said that besides giving scholarships worth Rs 30 crore to the tribal children, 42000 additional children will be provided with the scholarship this year. "Provision of 1521 Seasonal Schools for Migratory Children, 2 Residential Schools on Migratory Route, 8,000 e-learning tablets for 7th & 8th-grade students and the salary of seasonal teachers has been increased from Rs 4,000 to Rs 10,000, he added.

The Lt Governor said that the tribal communities will be getting rights over minor

forest produce. The UT government in coordination with the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) will establish infrastructure for collection, value addition, packaging, and distribution.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also informed that the seven new hostels which were under construction for the youth of the tribal community are nearing completion and the administration has already proposed to the Union government to build 79 additional hostels. Noting that the funds for Eklavya Model Residential School at Gurez and Rajouri have been hiked to Rs 32 crore, he said a proposal has already been moved to build 5 more such model schools in the UT.

"We have also decided to build Tribal Tourist Villages and in the first phase, 15 such villages will be selected for which work will be started with an amount of Rs 3 crore. Apart from this, if any youth from the community wants to start their tourism business, the government will provide them training and easy financial assistance of up to Rs 10 lakh", added the Lt Governor.

Farooq Khan, Advisor to Lt Governor, in his address, said the government is committed to protecting and preserving the rights of the Tribal communities. He underscored the need for comprehensive measures for the development of the tribal population. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, termed the occasion as historic and called upon the members of the tribal communities to discharge their responsibilities to protect the forests.

Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, and Dr Mohit Gera, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K also spoke on the occasion and underlined the importance of implementing the Forest Rights Act.

They further highlighted the initiatives taken by the Forest Department for the welfare of the population depending on forests for livelihood.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, in his address, highlighted the positive impact the implementation of the Forest Rights Act is going to have in ensuring a dignified life to the tribal population.

Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners Panchayats and DFOs were also felicitated with Appreciation certificates on the occasion.

Besides, Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; DDC Chairpersons, Deputy Commissioners; PRI representatives including BDC Chairpersons, DDC members; beneficiaries from Gujjar-Bakerwal, Gaddi-Sippi communities were present in this historic event at SKICC.

SoI use drones...

Kotwal said that there are about 250 revenue villages in the Ladakh. However, there is a vast area of waste and barren land, which also needs to be measured and reflected in the revenue records of the department, he added.

Selection Committee of...

order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per order the committee will be headed by Chief Secretary as its Chairman while Principal, SKIMS Medical College/Hospital, Bemina, Srinagar as Member-Secretary and Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department; Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department; Prof. M.S. Khuroo, Former Director & Dean, SKIMS, Soura; Dean Medical Faculty, SKIMS, Soura; Principal, Government Medical College, Srinagar will be its Members.

JEE-Advanced registrations...

held in February and the second in March.

The next phases were scheduled for April and May but those were postponed in view of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic that raged through the country affecting lakhs.

The third edition was held from July 20-25 while the fourth edition was conducted from August 26 to September 2.

The ranks of the candidates will be released taking into consideration the best of the four NTA scores in accordance with the policy already made.

According to the officials, NTA scores are normalised across multi-session papers and are based on the relative performance of all those who appeared for the examination in one session.

"The marks obtained are converted into a scale ranging from 100 to 0 for each session of examinees. NTA score is not the same as the percentage of marks obtained," a senior official said.

While the JEE-Mains is conducted for admission to engineering colleges across the country, it is considered as a qualifying test for the JEE-Advanced.

Mos Parliamentary Affairs...

at Government Model HSS (Boys) Udhampur from 1200 Hrs to 1400 Hrs.

Interested person who wants to meet the Minister can contact to the office of the Nodal Officer - Assistant Commissioner Revenue Udhampur and can get an

was arrested on spot and FIR No.229/2021 under Section 08/15 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Leh .

SSP Leh Rajiv Pandey, who himself supervised the operation and coordinated from interception till recovery, appreciated the efforts of police team and team of Anti-Narcotics Task Force J&K, Jammu for successful interception and recovery of contraband substance. The accused is presently in Police remand and lodged at lock-up of Police Station Leh.

Fraudster arrested, Rs 7 lakh recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Police on Monday arrested a fraudster and recovered Rs 7 lakh from his possession.

As per details, on August 21, 2021 a written complaint was lodged by one Puran Chand, son of Paras Ram, resident of Village Kapai Di Ban, Tehsil Akhnoor District Jammu at Police Station Akhnoor stating that he is an account-holder at SBI Akhnoor and on August 17, 2021, when he visited bank for making entry in his passbook, he came to know that an amount of Rs 7 lakh has been transferred from his account to other unknown bank accounts fraudulently by forging his signatures.

On receipt of the complaint a formal case bearing FIR No. 211/2021 under sections 420/467/468/471/120-B was registered at Police Station Akhnoor and investigation started by a police team led by SHO Akhnoor Hilal Azar and assisted by PSI Baljeet Singh, under supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Varun Jandial.

Account statements of complainant were obtained and after scrutiny it was found that an amount of Rs 7 lakh has been transferred from his account to some other accounts in Hyderabad and thereafter the amount has been further transferred to some other accounts. The money trail of transferred amount was followed and all involved accounts were frozen. The original cheques through which amount were transferred were also seized besides CCTV footage of SBI Akhnoor was also obtained. During further course of investigation and one Suresh Kumar, son of Ram Krishan, resident of Kapai Da Ban Akhnoor, Jammu was picked-up and interrogated thoroughly. During sustained interrogation, the suspect confessed that he had stolen the cheques from complainant and thereafter by forging complainant's signatures transferred an amount of Rs 7 lakh to other account holders known to him. The entire amount of Rs 7 lakh was recovered and accused was arrested in the instant case. Further investigation is going on and role of other associated persons is being scrutinized. The arrest and seizure was made under the overall guidance of SP Rural Sanjay Sharma.

Rs 22,500 fine recovered from SoPs violators in Ramban

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Continuing the enforcement drive to implement COVID protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Monday 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, recovered a fine of Rs 22,500 taking total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs 51,34,250.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking COVID vaccination doses at their nearest CVC. District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr Suresh informed that as many as 2,101 persons were administered first and second COVID vaccine doses across Ramban district on Monday. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 1,536 samples including 412 RT-PCR and 1,124 RAT samples besides administering COVID vaccine to 2,101 persons at dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Two absconders arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Monday arrested two absconders who were evading arrest since 15 years.

As per details, a hardcore criminal cum absconder namely Rajinder Kumar, son of Rattan Lal, resident of R S Pura who was booked in FIR No. 28/2010 under sections 452/342/323 of RPC at Police Station Janipur but was absconding his arrest since August 14, 2014 was arrested. Similarly, another absconder namely Joginder Singh, son of Late Jeet Singh, resident of Bishna Tiba who was booked in FIR No.

appointment at Tel: 01992-270397 by 4 PM of 14th September of 2021.

J&K reports 86...

Jammu division and 2246 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 1398460 test results available, 13657670 samples have been tested as negative till today.

Till date 3398464 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 8693 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 1247 in isolation and 465076 in home surveillance. Besides, 2919216 persons have completed their surveillance period.

India crosses 75...

more than 99 per cent healthcare workers (HCWs) and frontline workers (FLWs)) with at least one shot of COVID-19 vaccine, it said.

Mandaviya said the country's vaccination drive continues to achieve new dimensions of success under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and with his mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Prayas (together with everybody, with everybody's efforts).

"Congratulations India! In the 75th year of independence, the country has crossed the figure of 75 crore vaccinations," the health minister tweeted with hashtags #SabkoVaccineMuffVaccine and #AazadiKaAmritMahotsav.

The WHO's southeast Asia office also lauded India for accelerating COVID-19 vaccination drive and achieving the 75-er mark.

Naib Sarpanch among...

sections 452, 382, 427, 504, 506 of IPC have also been proved but accused was continuously evading his presence to presentation the charge sheet before Court of law. Accused Maqsood Hussain Shah is also accused in a rape case registered vide FIR No 47/2020 under sections 376 D, 452, 109, 147 of IPC. He has also been reportedly involved in religious sacrifice activities. A history-sheet has been opened in Police Station Chassana to keep him under constant surveillance & contain his unlawful activities.

Bharat Singh, son of Janak Singh, resident of Thakkot, accused in FIR No 35/2021 under sections 341, 353, 382, 147, 149, 336, 504, 506, 224, 225, 120B of IPC & 3 of Prevention of damage to Public Property Act-1984 at Police Station Chassana was also arrested. Accused Bharat Singh has a criminal conduct with FIR No 87/2005 under sections 352, 341, 506, 147, 149 of IPC registered at Police Station East Shimla, Himachal Pradesh against him.

Maqsood Hussain Shah, Naib Sarpanch also has a criminal conduct of rape & snatching. He was threatening SDPO Mahore through WhatsApp messages and voice calls for registration of false counter FIR against complainants in FIR 15/2021 at Police Station Chassana and FIR 93/2020 of Police Station Mahore.

Ruling, opposition lawmakers...

various demands of the people be it related to water or electricity.

Azad also asked the legislators to maintain the dignity of the House by understanding and following rules.

The senior Congress leader rued that public representatives get so engaged and engrossed in work that they leave behind their families and children.

He advised them to spare some time for their family and friends. The seminar was organised by the Rajasthan chapter of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

Assembly Speaker and CPA Rajasthan president CP Joshi, leader of opposition and vice president of CPA Gulab Chand Kataria and independent MLA and CPA secretary Sanyam Lodha also addressed the inaugural ceremony.

37-year-old...

he succumbed to injuries. In this regard FIR No.107/2021 under section 302 of IPC was registered at Police Station Miran Sahib and investigation started.

On this, special police teams of Police Station Miran Sahib under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Shabir Khan were constituted. The team led by SHO Miran Sahib Insp Mirza Sultan rushed to barber shop near TCP Kharian and following leads, arrested accused person within two hours of incident. Further investigation of the case is going on.

Four JKAS officers...

Sharma, JKAS, Director, Animal Husbandry, Jammu as Director, Social Welfare, Jammu; Deepika Kumari Sharma, JKAS, Executive Director, Mubarik Mandi Heritage Society, Jammu as Chief Operating Officer, Himayat.

Krishan Lal, JKAS, Director, Sheep Husbandry, Jammu, shall hold the charge of the post of Director, Animal Husbandry, Jammu and Vivekanand Rai, IRS, Director, Tourism, Jammu, shall hold the charge of the post of Executive Director, Mubarik Mandi Heritage Society, Jammu, in addition to their own duties, till further orders.

3/2006 under sections 452/427 of RPC at Police Station Janipur and was absconding since 2006, also got arrested.

Jammu Police was looking for both the accused since long. Finally, information was received through reliable sources about their presence. Acting quickly on the information, special police teams of Police Station Janipur under the supervision of SDPO West Rahul Nagar were constituted. The team led by SHO Janipur Insp Nayat Ali raided the suspected locations and arrested accused Rajinder Kumar, son of Rattan Lal, resident of R S Pura from Samba area and Joginder Singh, son of Late Jeet Singh, resident of Bishna Tiba from another suspected location.

The warrants under sections 512 of CrPC had also been issued by the court Jammu against above mentioned accused. Finally accused namely Joginder Singh was produced before the Court Jammu while Rajinder Kumar shall be produced before the court Jammu tomorrow.

7 electricity connections disconnected by PDD

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Continuing the process of raids on directions of Ramanji Singh Rathore, Assistant Executive Engineer, the staff of Electricity Department in Hirangarh Sub-division seized 37 heaters from different houses of people while conducting raids at village Thutha Chak in Hirangarh.

Seven illegal connections were disconnected and a fine of Rs 9,800 was recovered for defaulters for stealing electricity. Assistant Engineer Vinay Kumar, Foreman Ashok Sangra, Rakesh