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Terror-free, corruption...

Today one of the main objectives of the administration is to eradicate disparities in society and different regions of UT. The successes and accomplishments in different sectors since August 2019 is a matter of great joy and pride for our citizens, the Lt Governor further added.

Remembering Dushyant Kumar, the Lt Governor said that he made an enormous contribution to enrich the literary and cultural heritage of the country, which provides an unending source of energy and motivation to people.

The Lt Governor appreciated the Dushyant Kumar Foundation for organizing a seminar on the changing scenario of Kashmir in the virtuous memory of the great literary personality.

Dushyant Kumar's creative expression reflects J&K's cultural pluralism. His timeless words are full of hope for social equality, and overall transformation of society, which is being witnessed by the J&K UT after a long wait of 70 years, said the Lt Governor.

Dr Rajendra Kumar, Dr Rahul Tyagi and members of Dushyant Kumar Foundation and prominent personalities from the literary world were present on the occasion.

Azad slams parties...

get those votes needed in Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha? Why mislead people? So, tell me who is lying? Me, or they?" he added.

Azad said it is another betrayal with the people of J&K when some parties say they will restore Article 370.

This is a material for another agitation. Till Azad is alive, he will have to be killed to kill his ideology. I will not allow the people to be used for electoral gains on the basis of religion.... whether I win or not, whether I secure four votes or lakhs of them, he said.

Much blood has spilled, but if you support me, the blood will be mine now, he said. The former J-K chief minister said he would not promise the moon and stars to the people but only the things that are achievable like the restoration of statehood. Statehood can be achieved because there is no constitutional amendment needed. We don't need a two-thirds majority for that. Our lands should be ours only and no outsiders should be able to own them.

"Our jobs should be ours only. Parliament is not needed for these two issues. So, I talk only about those things which can be achieved, he said.

He said political parties should not raise those slogans whose resolution is not in their hands or the hands of the people.

Referring to Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari's allegation that Azad had voted in favour of the abrogation of Article 370, he said Bukhari should first understand how Parliament works.

"I have been in the Parliament for 40 years. Let him be there for 10-20 years so that he understands against whom to vote. I voted against the Bill brought by the Home Ministry for the revocation of Article 370," Azad said.

Those who do not know about Parliament should talk less about it. It is better if they do not speak about it, he added.

He said had he not been an MP or the leader of the opposition, there would have been no one to raise the voice of the people of J-K in Parliament.

Some people, he pointed out, say they went to jail for not supporting the revocation of Article 370, but Azad did not.

Had I been here (in Kashmir), I too would have been jailed But, it did not stop me. I came to Srinagar and Jammu twice but was not allowed to move from the airports. Then I approached the Supreme Court for sharing the pain of the people of J-K, he said.

'Will announce new...

accorded a warm welcome by supporters on his arrival, Azad said his new party will be 'Azad' (independent), like his name, in its ideology and thinking.

"My party will be Azad. Many of my colleagues said we should name the party as Azad. But, I said never. But, it's ideology will be independent, which will not join or merge with any other. That may happen after my death, but not till then," he said.

The former leader of the opposition in the Rajya Sabha said the emphasis will be to struggle for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and protection of job and land rights of its people.

"My party will be development-oriented. Its agenda will be to give employment opportunities to the people," he added, as he reminded people of his developmental works when he was the chief minister of J-K.

Azad said he was not against any political party, whether national or regional.

"Many people across party lines are my friends," he said.

Referring to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's famous speech in which he had asked people to give him blood and in return he will give them freedom, Azad appealed the people of J-K that he will spill his blood for them if they support him.

"But, I request you not to fall prey to false slogans," he said.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech in Parliament when Azad retired from the Rajya Sabha, the former Congress leader said "a human being does get emotional".

"When I was the chief minister of J-K, some tourists from Gujarat were killed by militants. I got emotional and wept when I saw the pieces of their bodies lying there, their children hugged me and were crying. I am a human being.

"Modi was the CM of Gujarat then. He called me several times. My PA told him that I was weeping and cannot talk and will talk to him later. He kept calling several times in the day. When in the evening, I sent their bodies back, the children again hugged me. I was weeping and talked to Modi who had called to know if the bodies were sent, he said.

That is why, Modi got emotional when I retired from the Rajya Sabha. He remembered that incident. But, he (Modi) did not say that he cannot digest his food without me or that he cannot fall sleep without me, Azad said.

"The people of Kashmir should take pride in Modi's remarks, about what he said about the humanity and the hospitality of the people of Kashmir. But, the leaders of Congress have never asked me about that. Because they do not have a heart. They use you and throw you away. Those leaders of opposition whom I have abused, have respected my humanity, my honesty and my work. So, what is wrong in that," he said.

Army Chief flies...

about the overall security situation, including the ongoing disengagement process in Patrolling Point 15, people familiar with the Army chief's visit had said on Saturday.

The Army on Saturday said Gen. Pande witnessed the Parvat Prahar exercise, besides interacting with the officers and troops deployed in the region. The exercise featured a display of operational capabilities by artillery guns and other key weapon systems.

Meanwhile, the IAF tweeted: "General Manoj Pande, #COAS flew in an #IAF Apache attack helicopter in the Ladakh sector; today, COAS was familiarised with the flying characteristics of the platform and briefed about its capabilities and roles. #Jointmanship #Integration #StrongerTogether."

Gen. Pande's visit assumes significance as the Indian and Chinese armies announced on Thursday that they had begun to disengage from Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area of eastern Ladakh, marking a significant forward movement in the stalled process to pull out troops from the remaining friction points in the region, where the two sides have been locked in a standoff for more than two years.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas. Both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari had, during the 89th Air Force Day celebrations at the Hindon airbase last year, said the IAF's prompt actions in response to the developments in eastern Ladakh in 2020 were a testament to its combat readiness and that its capability-enhancement programme was aimed at achieving the desired results "swiftly and decisively" across domains.

Referring to the tri-services integration, Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari had also "assured" the nation of the IAF's "unwavering commitment" towards delivering joint capability and generating integrated response options as a part of a coherent national strategy.

Results of IIT...

both paper one and two in JEE (Advanced) 2022. A total of 40,712 candidates have qualified of which 6,516 are females," a senior IIT Bombay official said.

"R K Shishir of IIT Bombay zone is the top ranker in Common Rank List (CRL). He obtained 314 marks out of 360. Tanishka Kabra of the IIT Delhi zone is the top-ranked female with CRL 16. She obtained 277 marks out of 360," he added.

Shishir is followed by Polu Lakshmi Sai Lohith Reddy and Thomas Biju Cheeramvelil on the second and third spots.

Others in the top 10 include Vangapalli Sai Siddhartha, Mayank Motwani, Polisetty Karthikeya, Pratik Sahoo, Dheeraj Kurukunda, Mahit Gadhwal and Vetcha Gnana Mahesh.

"The aggregate is calculated as a sum of the marks obtained in mathematics, physics and chemistry. Candidates have to satisfy subject-wise as well as aggregate qualifying marks to be included in the rank list," the IIT Bombay official said.

JEE-Main, which is the admission test for engineering colleges across the country, is the qualifying exam for JEE-Advanced.

A total of 16,598 seats are up for grabs in all the 23 IITs this year, including 1,567 supernumerary seats for female candidates. This marks a marginal increase in the number of seats from last year.

Rise of last...

and is living up to his promises..This is a victory of poor people of J-K, 'Antoyadaya' (rise of the last person), victory of an honest and loyal worker and overall the victory of the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

Khatana said the Prime Minister is working for the upliftment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially those who have been neglected over the past 70 years.

"Modi is delivering on his promises and he does not leave any vacuum...The Gujjar community is one of the largest sections of the society but was used only as vote bank in the past. Under Modi, the community is getting its due rights and is being

empowered with each passing day," he said.

Khatana, while referring to various measures like implementation of Forest Rights Act and reservation of nine seats for the Scheduled Tribe, said it is possible only under the prime ministership of Modi.

"I am an ordinary worker of the party who is linked to the ground. I have worked honestly in accordance with the principles of the party and will fulfill my responsibility to the best satisfaction of the people," he said.

The Gujjar community extended warm wishes to Khatana and thanked the BJP government for choosing him as a member of Parliament.

The community expressed hope that he will project the issues of people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially Gujjars, Bakervals, Gaddi, Sippis and other tribes in Parliament for redressal.

Jaishankar optimistic about ...

He pointed out that the world is facing many challenges, like rising food, oil and shipping prices due to the Ukraine crisis.

"But we are still very confident that India will be the fastest growing major economy in the world this year. We will get at least 7 per cent growth," he said.

Jaishankar stressed that the idea of India as a trading power has become credible today.

He said that India's economic recovery after Covid is worth studying.

He said many nations spent a lot of money during the Covid period.

"I would say like a knee-jerk...they were in a hurry to respond to the crisis situation. So they did not all of them necessarily use their funds and resources wisely," Jaishanakar said.

He said India instead focussed on creating a safety net.

He was there was a programme to give free ration to 80 crore people.

"No country in the world has done it," he said.

There is programme to give money to the bank account of 40 crore people.

He also lauded India's efforts to deal with the Covid crisis. He said at the onset of the pandemic, India did not make masks and ventilators. He said people did not know about PPE kits.

"We could not only make what 1.3 billion people needed, but we could also set up centres of dedicated treatment for people who came down with Covid," the minister said. India was able to produce Covid vaccines in large numbers.

"There were made in India vaccines available for 1.3 billion people," he said.

I go for tours and see that people of several countries have not been vaccinated as they did not have them. Countries which had everything but still people are not vaccinated, the minister said, adding that India was able to close this gap with continued efforts.

Jaishankar also lauded the growing ties between India and Saudi Arabia.

He said during the Covid crisis, "We saw our international friendships also deliver at that point of time."

"Saudi Arabia was very helpful and provided supplies of oxygen. Two years of Covid are when the country was tested but we came through," said Jaishankar.

Speaking about the key role the Indian diaspora plays in the ties between the two countries, Jaishankar said, "In many ways, all of you shaped the image of India and what Saudis think about India and what we are about."

"Consciously or unconsciously, all of you through your achievements, contributions, profession, and friendships have collectively built up what is the total Saudi perception of India. For that, your country will be always grateful," he said.

"One of our foreign policy priorities is to ensure that our people get good treatment abroad," he said.

Speaking about Vande Bharat Mission to evacuate Indians stranded in various nations during the Covid crisis, Jaishankar said: "We brought back 70 million people under the Vande Bharat Mission from all over the world. No one has done that, it is the biggest evacuation and was done during the Covid-19 pandemic. That is India that the world sees today."

During his interaction with the community, he spoke about universalising wellness and yoga.

"Spreading wellness and yoga, we would definitely encourage," he said in response to a question.

He said under the new education policy, India is striving to rapidly expand higher education.

On a question about having an Indian cultural centre in Saudi Arabia, Jaishankar said he will take this concern on board.

Two held over...

area, a police official said.

He said a complaint was received at police station Mendhar on August 26 and accordingly an FIR under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act was registered. A special team was constituted to probe the matter.

Both the accused were arrested after hectic efforts, the official said, adding they had abducted the girl in a mini truck after using some drugs to make her unconscious while she was coming out of school.

She was taken to a secluded place in a forest and allegedly raped there, the official said.

Two drug peddlers arrested with 10kg poppy straw

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Police on Sunday nabbed two bike borne youth and recovered 10 Kg poppy straw from their possession.

As per the details, a party of Police Station Ramban while Naka checking intercepted a motorcycle (PB09H-8379) which was on its way from Kashmir towards Punjab. During checking of the said Motor Cycle, one blue colour carry bag loaded in between the space of rider and pillion rider of the motorcycle inside which two Plastic Tohra (Guthi) Green & Pink colour, on opening both Plastic Tohra (Guthi), found containing approx 10 Kg of Poppy straw like substance.

During enquiry, rider of Motor cycle disclosed his name as Balhar Singh, son of Swarn Singh, resident of Kulbewal Tehsil Sultanpur Kapurthala Punjab and pillion rider disclosed his name as Jagdeep Singh, son of Ajeet Singh, resident of Ahmedgarh Channa, Malair Kotla Punjab.

The accused also disclosed that one plastic bag each of the poppy straw belongs to both of them and is being smuggled for selling purpose. FIR No. 315/2022 under section 8/15 NDPS Act was registered in Police Station Ramban and investigation is entrusted to PSI Ganesh Dutt and the investigation is set into motion.

The overall recovery was carried out by police party headed by Insp Sandeep Charak under the supervision of Pardeep Singh Sen DySP Hqrs Ramban with the overall supervision of SP Ramban, Mohita Shama.

Girl raped

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A rape case has been reported in Trikuta Nagar Police Station on Sunday. As per the details, a girl resident of Malik Market lodged a complaint with Trikuta Nagar police that Koushal Sharma, resident of Kmjani raped her. Police after conducting medical examination of the girl registered a case and raid are on to nab the accused which is absconding.

Factory owner found hanging, relatives allege murder by wife

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Irked relatives and locals stage protest over the death of factory owner Kranti Sharma, resident of Phalora Nagbani area of Jammu by placing his body on Jammu-Akhnour road. They alleged that Kranti Sharma did not commit suicide; rather, his wife has killed him.

On Saturday, body of factory owner Kranti Sharma was found hanging in Falaura Nagbani. According to the information received from the police, Kranti Sharma was found hanging in his own factory. Police registered a case and shifted the body to GMC mortuary for postmortem.

On Sunday, Kranti Sharma's family members and local staged protest and alleged that there was a dispute between Kranti and his wife for about six months and His wife has killed him. They demanded arrest of Kranti's wife. Administrative and police officers who reached the spot tried to convince the people, but people remained adamant on their demand.

Youth consumes poison, dies

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: A youth died after he consumed poison in his house at Arnas on Sunday.

As per the details, Rohit Kumar, son of Tirath Ram, resident of Panassa consumed poison in his house and was shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police is investigating the matter.

Woman assaulted

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A woman was assaulted in Bagh-e-Bahu area on Sunday.

As per the details, a man assaulted a woman in Bagh-e-Bahu area over a dispute in which he attacked her with sharp-edged as a result got injured. She was shifted hospital for treatment and police is investigation.

CRIME REPORT

Drug peddler arrested, contraband substance recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Sunday arrested a drug peddler in Avantipora and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

As per the details, a party of Police Post Reshipora at a checkpoint established at Panzgam Crossing arrested a drug peddler identified as Habibullah Shah son of Wali Mohd Shah resident of Astanpora Panzgam. During search, 04 Kgs of Poppy Straw was recovered from his possession. He has been shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 199/2022 under relevant sections of law been registered at Police Station Awantipora and investigation has been initiated.

Narco smuggler nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH : Continuing its war against drug abuse, Police on Sunday nabbed a narco smuggler and recovered 10 gms heroin from his possession.

As per the details, a party of Police Station Poonch headed by PSI Rahul Angral along during routine patrolling duty in Poonch town, on a reliable information apprehended a person namely Sukhpreet Singh alias Sukhi, son of Tejinder Singh, resident of Khalsa Chowk Poonch and recovered 10 gms of Heroin like Substance (Chitta) from his possession.

He was arrested and FIR No. 194/2022 under section 8/21/NDPS ACT was registered at Police Station Poonch and investigation has been taken up, some more arrests can't be ruled out in this case as backward and forward links.

The recovery has been made by Insp. Ranjeet Singh Rao, SHO Police Station Poonch assisted by PSI Parah Jabeen Magray under the supervision of Dy SP HQ Poonch Nawaz Ahmed Chouhan , Adl. SP Poonch Mushim Ahmed under the overall supervision of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra.

Theft case solved; thief arrested, stolen items worth Rs 1.4 lakh recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Sunday solved a theft case by arresting a thief, recovered stolen items worth Rs 1,40,000.

As per the details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Domana by one person namely Naresh Kumar Sharma, son of Behari Lal Sharma, resident of Patoli Brahmana, Tehsil Jammu North, District Jammu, regarding theft in his shop at Patoli Brahmana. In this regard, a case FIR No. 317/2022 under section 454/380 was registered at Police Station Domana and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Domana under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil

Singh led by SHO Police Station Domana Inspector Tilak Raj Sharma assisted by PSI Sumet Sharma after strenuous efforts arrested a suspect and recovered the stolen items (Three Titanic Company Batteries) and a scooty bearing (JK 02CC 3968) upon his disclosure.

The arrested thief was later identified as Sunny Bali, son of Madan Lal Bali, resident of Jagri, Tehsil Nagrota, District Jammu at present Purkhoo Camp, Domana, District Jammu. Further questioning is going on to ascertain his involvement in other theft cases.

Bootlegger nabbed; 25 bottles of illicit liquor recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In an act of alertness and prompt action, police on Sunday nabbed a boot-legger and recovered 25 bottles of illicit liquor from their possession.

As per the details, a team of Police Post Pallanwala under the supervision of SDPO Akhnour Varun Jandial led by SHO Khour Insp Rattan Singh assisted by In-Charge Police Post Pallanwala PSI Vijay Kumar while on patrolling duty, received the information regarding sale of illicit liquor in the area. On this, police team reached at the said place and rounded up a suspect later identified as Deepak Singh, son of Nashatter Singh, resident of Narayana Tehsil khour. During search 25 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from his possession.

Accused was arrested and FIR under relevant sections was registered against him at Police Station Akhnour.

Two missing girls traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SAMBA: Police on Sunday traced two missing girls and reunited them with their families.

As per the details, a complaint was lodged at Police Post Digiana by legal heir of a girl stating that she got missing from her home. In this regard, a missing on September 9, 2022 was registered and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Post Digiana under the supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma led by In-Charge Police Post Digiana SI Tarsem Raj did hectic efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally traced the missing girl in the area.

Subsequently family members of the missing girl were informed and the traced girl was handed over to her family after completing all the legal formalities.

Meanwhile, Samba Police also traced a missing girl within 24 hrs whose missing report was lodged on September 10, 2022 at Police Station Vijaypur by her father, a resident of Madhya Pradesh at present Vijaypur.

Acting swiftly on the complaint, a team of Police Station Vijaypur after hectic efforts succeeded in tracing out the said missing girl within 24 hrs. After completing all legal formalities, the said missing girl today handed over to her legal heirs.

49 bovines rescued; three vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Acting tough against the bovine smugglers and to curb the bovine smuggling menace in District Ramban, Ramban Police acting on the specific inputs regarding transportation of bovine animals , different police parties of Police Stations Batote intercepted 3 vehicles (JK02S- 8717, JK13F- 9965, JK13E- 1596) which were on their way from Jammu towards Srinagar, and after checking, all the above mentioned vehicles were found loaded with 49 total bovines with utmost cruelty and without any arrangements of food and water and these bovine animals were being transported to valley without any valid permission of competent authority, thereby rescuing in total 49 bovines.

In this regard, Case FIR No. 172, 173, 174/2022 were registered in Police Station Batote under section 188/IPC 11 PCA Act , 52,54,56 transportation of animals rules 1978 and investigations set into motion.

The overall rescue operations was made by police parties under the command of Insp Sam Paul Gill SHO Police Station Batote, under the supervision of Pardeep Singh Sen Dy.SP HQ Ramban with the overall supervision of SP Ramban, Mohita Sharma.