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members of Yuva Rajput Sabha were present on the occasion. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Ramesh Kumar; Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Vivek Gupta, DIG; Avny Lavasa, DC Jammu and Chandan Kohli, SSP Jammu were also present.

16 IAS officers...

the same, failing which their promotion to next higher grade will be affected. As per an order issued by Rakesh Kumar Singh, Under Secretary to Government of India, the officers who were promoted include Talat Parvez Iqbal Rohella; Rukhsana Gani; Rehana Batul; Mir Tariq Ali; Amit Sharma; Nazim Zai Khan; Shakeel-ul-Rehman Rather; Pardeep Kumar; Rahul Sharma; Narinder Singh Bali; Aijaz Ahmad Bhat; Hashmat Ali Yattoo; Majid Khalil Ahmad Drabu; Mohammad Akbar Wani; Sheikh Arshad Ayub and Rajesh Sharma.

Two clerics among...

Safety Act and shifting them to a Jammu jail, they said. The PSA is an administrative law that allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases. Further details are awaited.

Target last person...

government for mechanization, irrigation facilities and agriculture extension. Sinha said, agriculture and allied sectors continue to serve and support economic activities for Doda.

"Our emphasis is on the strengthening of Floriculture Cultivation especially marigold and lavender so that Doda can be benchmarked with the best in the country in terms of its competitiveness", observed the Lt Governor.

He directed the District Administration to prepare a comprehensive District Plan of agriculture and allied sectors in coordination with SKUAST. He further called for giving more focus on One District One Product so that export of the agricultural products shall be increased in a considerable manner having a direct impact on the income of farmers.

The Lt Governor sought a comprehensive report on the progress of key projects including GMC Doda, construction of medical College campus, residential quarters and teaching hospital; Widening of NH-244, High Altitude Medicinal Plant (AYUSH) at Bhaderwah; Government Degree College, Kastigarh; Multipurpose Indoor Sports Hall at Doda; Government Polytechnic Doda; 100 Bedded Hospital at Gandhoh and directed for ensuring the timely completion of the ongoing projects.

Regarding the prestigious mega project of NH-244, the Lt Governor directed the NHIDCL authorities to engage more manpower and machinery so that the project shall be completed under the fixed timeline. The Lt Governor also directed the authorities to take all the road safety measures along the National Highway by installing crash barriers, regular checking of vehicles, radium signage to prevent accidents.

On various ongoing road projects under CRIF, NABARD, Languishing and PMGSY, the Lt Governor directed the Forest department to resolve all the forest clearance issues in coordination with the concerned departments.

The Lt Governor announced the Thathri-Gandoh road as National Highway.

He directed the executing agencies to connect the pending habitations with road connectivity on priority. He also instructed the district administration to frame a District Employment plan for identifying the youth to be provided assistance under various government schemes, and also set the target of self-employment generation at each panchayat level.

While responding to the issue of shortage of teaching staff and doctors in the Government Medical College, the Lt Governor directed the Principal GMC to advertise all the vacant posts so that a chance shall be provided to the locals to get the opportunity to serve the people.

"Immediate steps should be taken to engage the doctors and teaching faculty for the best patient care and smooth functioning of the GMC," the Lt Governor said.

Assessing the progress under Jal Jeevan Mission, the Lt Governor directed the Jal Shakti Department to motivate local and young contractors to participate in the tendering so that all the targeted schemes shall be executed on ground well in time.

The Lt Governor said that 4 Atal Tinkering Labs, 3 KGBV and 5 Girls hostels have been sanctioned and many other measures are being taken to strengthen the education sector.

Underlining the importance of Block Diwas and Thana Diwas, the Lt Governor directed all the officers from civil and police departments to ensure prompt redressal of people's grievances.

Regarding digitisation of Jamabandies and distribution of land passbooks, the Lt Governor directed the concerned revenue authorities to ensure that the public visiting offices for registration shall not suffer due to unnecessary delays in the process. He further directed for the completion of digitization of land records and distribution of land passbooks within a set deadline.

The chair was informed about the achievements registered under CRIF, NABARD, PWD, District Capex, Languishing, Jal Jeevan Mission, assets created under MGNREGA, PMAY, SBM, KCC, PM Kisan, Poshan Abhiyan, digitization of Revenue records, Amrit Sarovar, PMGSY, Aspirational Block, Back to Village, Employment generation schemes; proposed Industrial Estates in the district, besides saturation of welfare and social security schemes.

Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Deputy Commissioner Doda, briefed the Lt Governor on the development scenario of the district and the efforts of the District Administration to ensure timely completion of the projects and reaching out to the beneficiaries under various government welfare schemes. He further informed about various district level measures in the pipeline to uplift the tourism and industrial sector; including Solid and Liquid waste management.

Total 1683 projects were completed under district capex in the last financial year, it was informed.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor distributed motorized tricycles for Specially-abled Persons among beneficiaries and also inaugurated Sports meet for Senior Citizens.

Dhananther Singh Kotwal, DDC Chairperson Doda; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Ramesh Kumar; Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Sunil Gupta, DIG DKR range; Abdul Qayoom, SSP Doda, besides HODs and senior officers of District Administration and concerned departments attended the meeting at Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Doda.

'Hybrid terrorist' arrested...

four magazines, 22 live ammunition and one grenade were recovered from a hideout in the area. Later, Rs 1,81,000, which was to be used for terror-related activities, was also recovered, they said.

The joint team arrested 'hybrid terrorist' Iqbal from Plaasu Nallah. During interrogation, he confessed that he was in touch with terrorist groups, they added.

Reasi Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Amit Gupta said Iqbal's arrest is a big success.

With his arrest, the SSP said, a major terror strike has been averted.

Gupta said Pakistan-based terrorist handlers are constantly trying to revive militancy in the upper reaches of Reasi and people like Iqbal are working for them.

The peace-loving residents of Reasi shunned militancy in the past and no such attempt will be successful in this area, the officer asserted.

According to sources, one of Iqbal's relatives Abdul Rashid Mahore from Reasi is in Pakistan and is also working with terror groups.

4 dead, 26 ...

son of Haq Nawaz, resident of Panjgrian; Nazir Shah, son of Ali Akbar, resident of Samote Surankote; Tasveer Begum, wife of Mohd Riaz Khan, resident of Dharoti Mendhar; Maqsood Ahmed, son of Mohd Khurashed, resident of Marhote Surankote; Afraz Ahmed, son of Niaz Ahmed, resident of Fazlabad Surankote; Mohd Shakoor, son of Mohd Sadeeq, resident of Dodassan Bala; Shamshir Ahmed, son of Mohd Bashir, resident of Bathian; Zabaida Begum, wife of Niaz Ahmed, resident of Fazlabad Surankote; Mohd Sharif, son of Mohd Shafi, resident of Dehri Ralyote; Nazir Ahmed, son of Mohd Wazir, resident of Marhote Surankote; Naheed Akhter, wife of Aurangzeb, resident of Dhar Gloom Mendhar; Mohd Sagar; Mohd Rashid Khan, resident of Faza bad Surankote; Ishaq Ahmed, son of Haq Nawaz, resident of Thandapani Manjakote; Zensha, daughter of Aurangzeb, resident of Dhargloom Mendhar; Shamim Akhter, daughter of Mohd Akram, resident of Kotan Mendhar; Mohd Akram, resident of Kotan, Mendhar; Mia Mohd, son of Hamida, resident of Fagla Surankote; Mohd Tariq, son of Mehdi Hussain, resident of Muradabad UP; Mohd Rashid Khan, son of Aiyas Khan, resident of Fagla Surankote; Sharon Mir, son of Mohd Sadeeq, resident of Kotan Mendhar and three unknown. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal visited Government Medical

College and Associated Hospital to meet the persons injured in a bus accident at Derilayote area of tehsil Manjakote.

SSP, Mohammad Aslam; PO IWMP, Sheraz Chowhan; MS DH, Dr Mehmood Bajar and other officers accompanied the DC during his visit.

Tehsildar Manjakote informed that as many as 25 passengers were injured and 4 died in the accident till the last reports came in. He also informed that the bus in which they were traveling met with an accident near the Derilayote area of tehsil Manjakote. The injured were immediately shifted to the Government Medical College Hospital Rajouri for further treatment.

The DC inquired about the condition of the injured persons and directed the medical staff to provide best possible treatment to them.

He also assured of all possible support to the injured and their families by the District Administration in these tough hours.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner also visited the accident and supervised the rescue operation. The accident comes a day after 11 people were killed and 28 others injured in another accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district.

State can't curtail...

the same can be subject to reasonable restrictions, which are found necessary in the general public interest... reasonable restrictions on such a right can be imposed only by a law and not by an execution instruction, Justice Gavai, writing the judgement for the bench, said.

It said the view taken by the High Courts of Karnataka, Delhi and Chhattisgarh lays down the correct position of law.

The judgement said executive instructions cannot be used to impose restrictions on the fundamental right to establish educational institutions under Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution and held that the appeals of PCI are liable to be struck down on this short ground.

Before parting, we may observe that there could indeed be a necessity to impose certain restrictions so as to prevent mushrooming growth of pharmacy colleges. Such restrictions may be in the larger general public interest.

However, if that has to be done, it has to be done strictly in accordance with law. If and when such restrictions are imposed by an Authority competent to do so, the validity of the same can always be scrutinized on the touchstone of law..., it said.

While dismissing the pleas of the PCI, the bench, however, said the applications seeking approval for pharmacy courses are required to be accompanied by a No Objection Certificate' from state governments and consent of affiliation from the affiliating bodies.

While scrutinizing such applications, the Council can always take into consideration various factors before deciding to allow or reject such applications. Merely because an institution has a right to establish an educational institution does not mean that such an application has to be allowed, it said.

The Pharmacy Council of India, vide its resolution of July 17, 2019, had resolved to put a moratorium on the opening of new pharmacy colleges for running diploma as well as degree courses in pharmacy for a period of five years beginning from the academic year 2020-2021.

By subsequent resolution of September 9, 2019 the moratorium order was modified and exempted government institutions; (ii) Institutions in North Eastern region; and (iii) States/Union Territories where the number of institutions offering D. Pharm and B. Pharm courses (both combined) is less than 50 .

Several private institutions challenged these resolutions in the three high courts and won the case against the PCI which later moved the top court.

DGP reviews border...

briefed the DGP regarding the security grid in the area.

He then visited Teetwal and Keran and had a series of interactions with the officers and Jawans of Police and Army as also representatives of PRIs and locals. The DGP complimented the Commanders and troops for their professional standards, and ability to thwart threats posed by the elements across the border. He emphasized on adopting effective measures to put an end to the emerging challenge of narco terrorism. Possible security challenges and the counter measures were discussed during these interactions. During the visit the DGP also had public interaction meetings at Teetwal and Keran during which he appreciated the role of people in maintenance of peace. He emphasized on collective measures to stop the drug trade saying that it is being used to harm our younger generation. He said that drugs not only affect the consumer but society as a whole. He advised the youth to participate in the nation building activities for a better tomorrow. He appealed for active support in curbing the illicit trade of drugs. He also paid his obeisance at the Shardha Mandir and Gurdhwara at Teetwal.

During his interaction with PRIs and youth of the area the DGP and visiting officers assured that the grievances brought into their knowledge would be addressed.

The DGP also visited Police station Keran and reviewed the working of the Police station. He stressed for alertness to restrict the cross-border narco trade. He also inspected the available facilities for Jawans and officers in the police station. The DGP also had a survey of the proposed sites for border police posts at Jabri, Sadepora, Kandiyar and Jumagund.

Besides, Brig. N.K Dhas, Commander 104 Infantry Brigade, Col. Varun Soni, Commander 6 JAK Rifle, Col Deepak Deswal Commander 6-RR, Col. Rakesh Shisodia, Commander 4-Sikh (renowned as Saragarhi Bn.) briefed the DGP, J&K regarding the prevailing security situation and counter measures adopted in these areas under their command.

2 drug-peddlers...

registered at Katra police station and Mir was involved in three. The two had been warned several times against indulging in illicit activities but they continued selling drugs to youths in Katra and Reasi, they said.

On the directions of Reasi Senior Superintendent of Police Amit Gupta, PSA dossiers of Kumar and Mir were prepared and sent for approval, they added.

The SSP said police are using a multipronged strategy to deal with the problem of drug abuse. On the one hand, awareness programmes are being organised across Reasi and on the other, drug peddlers are being booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, he said.

Police are committed to eradicating the menace of drug abuse from society, Gupta said, warning of strict action against those involved in drug peddling.

Secretary Mining reviews...

for minor minerals, it was decided to convert the presently operative measurement unit in the rates notified by the respective districts as Cubic Feet into Metric Tonnes as applicable under MM&DR Act, 1957 and SRO-105.

Secretary asked the respective district administrations to ensure furnishing of annual plans for utilization of funds under DMFT and expenditure made during the last three years vis-a-vis future projections as per PMKKKY guidelines, identification of 5 Mmarla state land for establishment of remaining Mineral Check Posts at various entry and exit points.

Amit Sharma also advised district administrations to identify all sources of illegal mining activities with the support of Police authorities. He appreciated the role of Police administration for rendering the necessary support to the Department of Geology and Mining. He also stressed that the District Mineral Officers shall organize the camps for awareness of Police regarding generation and implementation of e-challans as they are part and parcel of successful implementation of e-Challan and e-Marketplace across entire UT.

The meeting was also attended by the Director, Geology and Mining, J&K, Director Finance, MD JK Minerals, Additional Secretary Mining Department, Joint Director's Geology and Mining Jammu and Kashmir and other Officers of Geology and Mining Department.

Govt issues consolidated...

These instructions have also been reiterated, from time to time, for compliance of the government officials, both in letter and spirit, the order issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

The provisions of the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure regarding prompt disposal of communications from MPs have also been reiterated from time to time, it said.

In an exercise to bring various instructions/guidelines on a subject initiated by Department of Personnel and Training at one place, the various instructions issued on the matter of observance of proper procedure in official dealings between administration and Members of Parliament and state legislatures have been consolidated and it has been decided to issue a comprehensive office memorandum on this subject, said the order issued on Tuesday.

All ministries/departments are requested to ensure that these basic principles and instructions are followed by all the officials concerned, both in letter and spirit, it said.

Violation of the guidelines laid down on this subject will be viewed seriously, said the order issued to secretaries of all central government departments and chief secretaries of all states/UTs.

It further said that any violation of relevant conduct rules in this regard, which is established after due enquiry, will render the government servant concerned liable for appropriate punishment.

Communications received from a Member of Parliament should be attended to promptly, the Personnel Ministry said, citing its guidelines issued earlier.

Every member of the service shall, in the discharge of his duties, act in a courteous manner and shall not adopt dilatory tactics in his dealings with the public or otherwise, it said highlighting rules for the all India services officers on courteous behaviour with Members of Parliament and state legislatures .

Letters from Members of Parliament and members of state legislatures must be promptly acknowledged, and a reply sent at an appropriate level expeditiously as per the relevant provisions of the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure, the Centre said, citing existing instructions.

A government servant should not approach MPs/MLAs for sponsoring his individual case as bringing or attempting to bring political or non-official or other outside influence is prohibited under the conduct rules e.g. Rule 18 of the all India service (Conduct) Rules, 1968 and Rule 20 of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, the consolidated guidelines read.

Azad seeks support...

houses of my Gujjar-Bakerwal or Kashmiri brothers in the dead of the night. "I promise you that the children of poor or even rich people will not be jailed and sent to Kathua or any other jail in the country for money. I promise you that no one will disrespect our sisters and daughters," he said.

The former J-K chief minister also promised that there will not be "fake" encounters.

He said Union Home Minister Amit Shah has promised on the floor of Parliament that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood will be restored.

"Once the statehood is restored, I can also guarantee land and job rights in J-K will be given only to the people of J-K," Azad said, adding "I cannot give you those guarantees which are not in my hand".

Pointing to J-K's tourism potential and the employment the sector can generate, he said he has "experience and many schemes in mind" which can bring two crore tourists to the UT every year.

"These things can be done as I have done it in the past," he added.

The former leader of the opposition in the Rajya Sabha said he was perhaps the only politician in the country to have gone to the people first before forming a political party.

"Ninety-nine per cent people first form a party and then go to the people. I think I am the first person in the country or even the world, who is forming a party after meeting public delegations.

"My experience taught me that I should go to the people first, ask them if they will support me or not and then form a party. When the people support me, then everyone of them will be Ghulam Nabi Azad because they will be a part of the decisions of that party," Azad said.

Addressing his supporters, he asked them if they permit him to form a new political party, to which they replied in affirmative.

"Will you run the new party? Will you help in ascending it to power? Will you support my agenda of making a Khushaal Kashmir?," Azad asked. The people responded "Zaroor" (surely).

"I could have gotten lost in the politics at the national level, reached the zenith. But, I thought, my home, J-K, is burning. It is living under the shadow of unemployment, fear and helplessness, and I have to help it," he said, appealing people to support him.

The public meeting at Anantnag was the last scheduled part of Azad's programme in J-K after he quit the Congress party on August 26. He held a public rally in Jammu on September 4. In Kashmir, he addressed his first public meeting in Baramulla on September 11 and also met various delegations which called on him during his stay in the Valley.

J&K reports 30...

remaining districts. Similarly in Jammu division, Reasi district reported 05 cases and Jammu 04 while no fresh case was reported from the remaining districts.

Country's security can't...

that India's security environment is defined by a combination of legacy challenges of disputed borders and emerging threats in new domains of cyber, space and the electromagnetic spectrum.

"India has hostile, nuclear-armed neighbours and an unstable neighbourhood. Developments on our northern borders with China over the past two years, including the clash at Galwan, have reinforced the need to maintain modern, agile and technologically empowered armed forces at all times. Our dependence on imported technologies for defence and security has emerged as a strategic vulnerability," he said. Today's security is founded on technological prowess. There is no country willing to share the latest, state of art technologies, he said.

"The security of the nation can neither be outsourced, nor be dependent on the largesse of others. Self sufficiency in critical technologies is a strategic imperative that can no longer be ignored, the Chief of the Army Staff said.

"Within a short period, an entire ecosystem of start-ups supporting the defence industry has come up in the country. This a very reassuring development, through which the vision of 'atmanirbharta' (self-sufficiency) will soon be a reality. There is a long way to go, but we are moving steadily on the right track," he said. The spiral of technological cycles and emergence of disruptive technologies is exceedingly fast in today's world. Quantum computing, artificial intelligence, machine learning, nanotechnology, 5G and the internet of things, to name a just a few, are revolutionising all sectors of national endeavour. These technologies are also transforming the 'character' of future wars, he added.

Gen Pande stressed the need to possess modern technological capabilities and cited the example of the lethal power of drones in the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict in 2020 and the Israel-Hamas conflict last year which is being termed as the artificial intelligence war and Russia-Ukraine conflict, wherein full power of cutting edge technologies is on display. "The countries that possess these capabilities, enjoy a distinct technological edge over adversaries. These niche capabilities are both a deterrence against hostile intent as well as battle winning tools, when war is imposed on us. In essence, they are a strategic imperative to ensure the security of the nation," he said.

Jat women should lead community from front: Ch Manmohan

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AKHNOOR: Ch Manmohan Singh, President All India Jat MahaSabha (AIJMS) and former Mayor in a strong message has asked the womenfolk to lead the community from the front as they can play a significant role in mitigating the problems.

Addressing a meeting at Akhnoor in which AIJMS office bearers of Tehsil Akhnoor, Khour and Jourian were present in large numbers, the Jat leader sought support of the community women in uplifting the condition of the Jats in J&K. He said that women have the potential to change societies and therefore the Jat women should take this as a challenge and steer the community to new heights by confronting all problems head on using the inherent patience and power of understanding. The meeting was organized by Kuldeep Kour, President Tehsil Akhnoor.

The former Mayor said that if women can handle their household chores with extreme ease and even lead the country then why is she hesitant to play a lead role in taking the Jat community forward? He said when today the country is being headed by a woman President then why is our community not coming forward to join the fight for the rights of the Jat community? He said that the day when the women will place their feet outside their homes, many issues of the community will automatically be resolved and chances of getting the OBC status will become brighter.

The Jat MahaSabha President said that 11 states have given OBC status to Jats then why J&K is denying the same? He said that Jat women, youth, aged and even children should come forward to seek justice as the government seems to be in slumber and is not paying heed to the genuine demand of OBC status raised by the community at different platforms.

Seeing over the enthusiasm among women for upcoming convention, Ch Manmohan Singh said that the October 9 convention will be a great success and historic as almost the Jat community are eagerly waiting for this convention.

Kuldeep Kour, President Tehsil Akhnoor, in her address, motivated the women to come forward and join the fight for the rights of the Jat community. She appealed to the community women to support the women convention scheduled for October 9.

Kuldeep Kour also assured Ch Manmohan Singh for maximum participation of Jat women in the convention to make it a big success. She also extended full support to the Jat MahaSabha President in strengthening the organization and also to work for getting OBC status as soon as possible.

Ch Manmohan Singh praised the efforts of Kuldeep Kour for organizing this meeting and for her role in leading the community with confidence and strong resolve.

Brigadier Pawan Sauntra said that women have a great contribution in the progress of any society, in the same way Jat women should also come forward and fight shoulder to shoulder with men for community's rights.

Prominent among those who were present include Ch Jung Bhadhr, Ch Surinder Singh, Ch Ajit Singh, Ch Tarsem Singh, Ch Pardeep Singh, Ch Rattan Singh, Ch Om Jeet Singh, Madan Singh, Ch Rachhpal Singh, Ch Suram Singh, Ch Gurdeep Singh, Ch Balbir Singh and Ch Tarsem Lal.