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J&K aims to...

power based shearing machines for "Dhoks", he further added.

The Lt Governor congratulated the J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans and UT's Sheep Husbandry Department for organizing the important workshop to explore new opportunities, and identifying necessary interventions to make the Sheep & Goat Husbandry sector more lucrative for the stakeholders.

The outcomes from today's brainstorming session of Agricultural scientists, experts and tribal community members will be assessed objectively and incorporated in government policies to be implemented on the ground for benefit of all the stakeholders, said the Lt Governor:

Jammu and Kashmir holds the distinction of having the highest per capita consumption of sheep/goat meat in the country and therefore to meet this huge demand we import around 40% of our requirements from other states. This huge demand of sheep/goat meat by our people is more of an opportunity than a challenge as it offers huge scope for the sheep and goat farmers, observed the Lt Governor.

The UT government has partnered with New Zealand to develop a model sheep farming system through better breeding practices, technology transfer, doubling wool and meat production, marketing, capacity building and ensuring additional income for sheep breeders, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor observed that UT of J&K has attained the privilege of having the finest breeds of sheep in the country and it is again a privilege that we hold 50% of the cross bred population of the country in the UT.

We are also the second largest producers of wool in the country and number one in terms of quality of wool produced. Though processing of wool has not been tapped to what it should have been but our Government is very concerned about it and many viable solutions are under active consideration of the government which shall be brought into public domain very soon, said the Lt Governor:

Common Facilitation Centre - one each in Kashmir and Jammu Division will be established for collection, grading, sorting and packaging of wool, the Lt Governor announced.

We have made significant achievements in the sector but the Government is keen to push this sector to newer heights and plug all loopholes to make this sector more vibrant, profitable, market driven, employable and sustainable, the Lt Governor observed.

Top level Apex Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr Mangala Rai, a top scientist and a policy maker of the country has already been constituted for holistic development of agriculture and allied sector. The committee has started the deliberations and is on a job to present a futuristic road map in the next three months for inclusive growth, value addition, marketing strategies and sustainable production of the sector, he further added.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor said that the Lt Governor led UT administration is committed for the holistic development of tribal community of Jammu & Kashmir. The Administration is taking revolutionary reforms and various welfare measures for improving the standard of living of the members of the tribal community, he added.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, threw light on the future goals of the department for promoting sheep rearing sector; encouraging export and marketing, and increasing the wool production. He said every possibility is being explored for tapping the vast potential of this sector.

Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir, speaking on the occasion remembered Padma Shri Dr. Ghulam Ahmed Bandyop for his valuable contribution in the sector of sheep and Animal Husbandry in Jammu Kashmir.

He also briefed on the development of Foot-rot vaccine by the SKUAST Kashmir. The VC further shared details of various other programs, research activities being conducted in the University for developing vaccines, and policies for wool processing.

Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to Government, Tribal Affairs Department highlighted schemes and programmes formulated for the welfare of the tribal population by the UT administration in the last two years. He further informed that the 865 Tribal Asha posts have been sanctioned by the central government last month.

Bashir Ahmad Khan, Director Sheep Husbandry Kashmir highlighted the achievements, services and schemes of sheep husbandry. 446 sheep extension centres are functional across the UT for facilitating the sheep and goat breeders, he informed.

Abdul Hamid Wani, Secretary J&K Kisan Board gave a detailed introduction about the workshop.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between SKUAST Kashmir and Department of Sheep Husbandry for Foot-rot vaccine to mitigate the suffering of animals and owners of the livestock.

Progressive farmers and entrepreneurs also shared their success stories. Ch Mohammad, Member of J&K Kisan Board expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor led UT administration for implementing farmers-centric progressive policies.

A detailed presentation was given on the evolution of Sheep Husbandry in Kashmir. Documentary on Tribal people and seasonal migrating nomadic population associated with Sheep and Goat rearing was also shown.

The Lt Governor inspected stalls installed by various stakeholders and also released various publications including "Sheep breeders' diary" and "Sheep breeders' Manual" on the occasion.

Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner; Srinagar; members of J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans; senior officials, farmers and members of tribal community in large numbers were present on the occasion.

Three terrorists involved...

investigation team (SIT) of police was constituted to investigate it.

We have solved the case within a month. Three people have been arrested by a joint team of police, army and the CRPF. The weapon of offence has also been recovered,

the SSP said.

He said all the three involved are from Sadunara and were identified as Waseem, Yawar and Muzammil.

The officer said the trio had kept a watch on outside labourers and wanted to strike fear among them by such killings.

They were in touch with a Pakistan handler code named Babar. This killing took place on his direction, he added. The SSP said human and technical intelligence was used during the investigation of the case and many people were questioned.

We got clues which we put together and zeroed in on the suspects, he said, adding it was their first terror act, but they were planning more.

A Chinese-made pistol and some pistol rounds were recovered from their possession, he said.

Govt accords top...

the skill convocation of more than 9 lakh students of the ITIs while over 40 lakh students are connected to the programme virtually.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the students with their skills are taking their first step on the path of innovation on the birth anniversary of Lord Vishwakarma.

I can confidently say that as pleasant as your beginning is, your journey to tomorrow will also be more creative , he said.

Highlighting the achievements of the government in the last eight years, the Prime Minister said that India has initiated new schemes with the inspiration of Lord Vishwakarma and is trying to revive the tradition of 'Shrimev Jayate' by laying emphasis on skill development.

"The first ITI in our country was established in 1950. In the following seven decades, 10,000 ITIs were formed. In the 8 years of our government, about 5,000 new ITIs have been created in the country. More than 4 lakh new seats have also been added to ITIs in the last 8 years , Modi informed.

Talking about the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, 'Industry 4.0', the prime minister remarked that Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) will have a big role to play in India's success.

Modi said that many courses related to coding, AI, robotics, 3D printing, drone technology, and telemedicine have been started in ITIs.

The prime minister pointed out that as India is taking lead in the field of renewable energy, solar power and electric vehicles, the courses related to such fields have been introduced in many of our ITIs.

It will be easier for students like you to get employment opportunities , he added. Talking about the recent developments of providing optical fibre to every village, and opening lakhs of Common Service Centers, the Prime Minister said that as technology is expanding in the country, so are the job opportunities.

He said that more and more opportunities are being created in the villages for the students who have passed out from ITIs.

Be it the mobile repair work in the village or work concerning new technology in agriculture, spraying fertilizer or be it supplying medicine with the help of drones, many such new jobs are being added to the rural economy , the Prime Minister remarked, emphasising that the role of ITIs is very important in this and our youth should make the most out of these possibilities.

He said the Centre is continuously working to upgrade ITIs with a similar vision in mind.

Modi also informed that there is a special provision for the recruitment of youth in the army who have taken technical training from ITIs.

He said the Centre will open more than 5,000 skill hubs to promote skill development at the school level.

After the implementation of the New National Education Policy, experience-based learning is also being promoted and skill courses are being introduced in schools, Modi said.

Highlighting the opportunities on a global level, the prime minister said that many big countries of the world need a skilled workforce to fulfil their dreams and maintain their pace, and highlighted that there are many opportunities waiting in the country as well as abroad.

In the changing global circumstances, the confidence of the world in India is also increasing continuously. Even during the Corona period, India has proved how its skilled workforce and its youth are capable of providing solutions to the biggest challenges," he said. Addressing the convocation ceremony, Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan said that skill development is the instrument of empowerment.

PM Modi turns...

and other prominent personalities.

Dignitaries like President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar lauded his "nation-building project and transformative vision" while many others, including his Cabinet colleagues, hailed his contribution to making a "strong and self-reliant" India. The ruling BJP launched a 15-day "seva" (service) exercise with its president J P Nadda asserting that serving people to mark the birthday of the party's foremost leader is in keeping with his vision. He also inaugurated an exhibition on the prime minister's life at the party headquarters here.

Drug peddler detained...

save young generations, it was necessary to book him under the stringent law," he said. Gupta said police prepared dossiers for Singh's detention under the PSA and after getting the necessary orders, he was detained and subsequently lodged in Kot Bhalwal jail here.

As part of its drive to wipe out the menace of drugs, the SSP said, police are acting tough against drug peddlers. He said 122 cases have been registered against 144 drug peddlers in the last six months in Reasi.

Crime Branch charge...

a cheque of Rs 50,000 was provided to him by accused Saroo Lal but rest of the

amount was not returned. After some time, it was found that appointment order provided by the accused was fake and forged and complainant has been cheated. On receipt of the complaint, Crime Branch Jammu initiated preliminary verification and during enquiry, allegations leveled were prima-facie substantiated, leading to the registration of instant criminal case against the suspects. During the course of investigation, documentary/ oral evidence was gathered. Statement of witnesses was also recorded both under section 164-A of CrPC/161 of CrPC besides collection of other circumstantial evidence. The offences under sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, 201 of RPC were established against above mentioned accused persons for cheating the complainant with criminal intention after hatching a well planned conspiracy and knowingly and dishonestly, causing wrongful gain to themselves and wrongful loss to complainant by providing fake and forged appointment order. The charge-sheet was produced before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Jammu for judicial determination.

Corruption charges framed...

pertaining to the issuance of food grains. After completion of investigation Challan was presented. Special Judge Anti-Corruption Jammu Ritesh Dubey after hearing both the sides observed that charge can be framed on the basis of strong suspicion and role of played by the accused for purpose of various acts and omissions involved herein, definitely cannot be said to be beyond suspicion.

Shifting prisoners outside...

shifted to jails outside J-K after they were allegedly found involved in radicalising other prisoners. Lohia said radicalisation inside jails was not a serious issue, and the department was taking care of it.

Radicalisation happens when their minds are filled with poison. Also, if they have suffered something wrong, then the chances of radicalisation are more. So, we have to keep that in mind and we have to keep them engaged with various constructive activities like we have music camps etc., here.

An idle mind can have such thoughts, but, if there are such elements, then we have their treatment and, we counsel them as well. So, it is not a very serious issue, but yes, we take care of that also, he said.

On the issue of jailed terrorists being able to communicate with their network outside the prisons to carry out certain activities, the DG Prisons said while such incidents cannot be denied, it was not like a free highway and the department was taking preventive measures.

If we say that every prisoner talks on phone like it is a free highway, then it is not like that. You experience poor network outside (jails) and you should understand the situation inside the jails.

"So, these are narratives which are being built Things are under control, but yes, it cannot be denied completely and whatever measures are required to be taken to curb that, we will take, he added.

Lohia said jails are like hospitals where the prisoners are treated to make them better. Jail is a correctional place. Our endeavour is that those who leave from jails, do not return to them. We give them vocational training as well so that it helps them in their future life. We have taken a number of steps, several initiatives to provide them better facilities and we will continue to make better arrangements for them, he said.

Earlier, the DG Prisons, donated blood at the Central Jail Srinagar and kick started a blood donation drive organized by J&K Prisons Department, in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad to support the country-wide mega blood donation drive on the occasion of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday.

The department has launched such camps at 13 jails across the Union Territory.

The blood donation camps were open for volunteers from amongst the staff and citizens and a large number of volunteers donated blood. All prescribed/proper protocol was followed to ensure all round safety.

Certificate and refreshment were provided to the donors, as a mark of our gratitude.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that donating blood is one of the most precious gift for humanity and it strengthens the virtue of donation and inculcates the concept of One Universe One Human Race as anyone can give to another person - "the gift of life". Blood donation is noble virtue , which not only saves precious lives but also benefits the donor, he added. Lohia complimented and thanked the donors and medical/para-medical staff from Health and Medical Education Department as well as all supporting staff, media and countrymen, for supporting the drive. He added today is Vishwakarma Divas also and the Giant Strides , Mega Projects , will receive Blessings , befittingly. Union Health Ministry has launched a massive blood donation campaign called "Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav" Pakhwara (fortnight) from 17th September - 1st October 2022. This initiative urges individuals to donate blood and support the Prime Minister's Vision for Mankind.

Eight SEs placed...

on deputation to JKSPDC for posting as Executive Director (Corporate Hgrs.); Humesh Manchanda Chief Engineer; I&FC, Jammu has been posted as Chief Engineer; PHE, Jammu; Sandeep Dhar; being placed/ assigned to the charge as CE has been deputed to JKSPDC for posting as CE, Civil Investigation Division, Kashmir; Kuljeet Singh Hans, being placed/ assigned the charge as CE has been posted as Chief Engineer; RTIC; Manoj Gupta, being placed/ assigned to the charge as CE has been posted as Chief Engineer; I&FC, Jammu; Virander Kumar Gupta, being placed/ assigned the charge as CE has been posted as Chief Engineer; DIQC, J&K; Rakesh Kumar Gupta, being placed/ assigned the charge as CE has been deputed to JKSPDC for posting as CE, Civil Investigation Division, Jammu; Roop Krishan Raina, being placed/assigned the charge as CE has been deputed to JKSPDC for posting as CE (Civil), Baglihar Hydro Electric Project; Sumeet Kumar Puri, being placed/ assigned the charge as CE has been deputed to the Union Territory of Ladakh for posting as Chief Engineer; PHE/I&FC, Ladakh on standard terms of deputation. He shall report to the Secretary, GAD. UT/L. Sunil Bhasin, being placed/ assigned the charge as CE has been deputed to JKSPDC for further posting to Ratle Hydro Electric Power Corporation Limited.

5 thieves, vehicle-lifters arrested; 8 bikes, 21 mobiles, 4 smart-watches & other items recovered



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In continuation to a drive launched by District Police Kathua against theft cases/vehicle-lifters operating in District, Police achieved a major success under overall supervision of SSP R C Kotwal by apprehending 5 thieves and recovered stolen vehicles/items i.e., 8 motorcycles, 21 mobile phones, 4 smart watches and 1 DVR were recovered.

As per details, on September 13, 2022, a complainant namely Som Lal, son of Amru alias Amar Nath, resident of Kishanpur Kandi, tehsil Marheen District Kathua, proprietor of M/s Sangam Motors, Kharote Morh, NWW Kathua lodged a complaint at Police Station Kathua stating that intervening night of September 5-6, 2022 some unknown thieves decamped 7 new Splendor Plus Black-colored Motor cycles from his Agency. On this, FIR No. 361/2022 under sections 457/380/IPC was registered and investigation started. During investigation, one Murad Ali, son of Surmu, resident of Ward-12 District Kathua was arrested, who during questioning, disclosed that he along with his 2 accomplices had stolen motorcycles from the agency and from other areas also. On his disclosure, 6 stolen motor cycles were recovered by police team of Police Station Kathua from Maggar Khad area out of which theft case of 5 Motor cycles was registered in FIR No. 361/2022 under section 457/380 of IPC while one Motorcycle was under FIR No. 351/2022 under section 379 of IPC registered at Police Station Kathua, registered on complaint of Suresh Kumar, son of Bishan Dass, resident of Dadoli. On September 8, 2022, Kathua Police also launched a manhunt for other persons involved. The interrogation of the suspect is going on. The recovery of motorcycles were made by Incharge Police Post Hatli, PSI Ranbir Singh, SHO Kathua Insp O P Chib under guidance of DySP Headquarters Kathua Shammi Kumar.

On September 6, 2022, complainant namely Sushil Kumar lodged a complaint at Police Post Chadval that during intervening night of September 5-6, 2022 unknown thief/thieves entered his shop and decamped with electric items worth Rs 8,31,855 approximately, for which FIR No. 176/2022 under section 457/380 of IPC was registered at Police Station Rajbagh. Acting on a tip off, on intervening night of September 14/15, 2022, a party led by PSI Muzamil Manzoor Incharge Police Post Chadval and SHO Rajbagh Inspr Amit Kumar under the supervision of SDPO Border Pankaj Soodan rounded up several suspects for interrogation and finally arrested three accused namely Sahil Saini, son of Ramesh Saini, resident of Nagri Kathua; Sunil Dutt, son of Sardari Lal and Mohd Shaffiq, son of Mohd Javed, both residents of Chak Drab Khan Kathua while riding/moving on motorcycles at Chadval Naka. During sustained questioning, all three accused confessed their crime and also disclosed the involvement of another person namely Kapil Dev, son of Subash Chander, resident of Badala Kathua. As per disclosure, at around 01:30 am all three persons on their motorcycles reached Mobile Shop

situated at Chadval via Ghair Morh (in order to evade Police Nakas). While Kapil Dev was given task to identify the safe place to hide stolen property, Sahil Saini entered into the shop after breaking the lock of shutter with iron rod to commit theft while remaining three were guarding the scene of crime. After committing theft, all accused proceeded towards Nagri via Ghair Morh and stolen property was hidden under a culvert near Mukandpur Bridge. Thereafter Kapil Dev, son of Subhash was arrested from Sanjmorh & on his disclosure items viz. 21 Mobile Phones, 04 Smart Watches, 1 DVR were recovered from their possession along with two motorbikes used in crime. The bikes were seized and 4 accused were arrested. Moreover, 43 vehicles were also seized under section 102 of CrPC in jurisdiction of Police Stations Kathua & Rajbagh. SSP Kathua further added that police is investigating the matter and more arrests are likely in coming days.

Two stunt bikers nabbed; vehicles seized

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JAMMU: Traffic Police City Jammu along with District Police Jammu intercepted two stunt

bikers and Challenged their motorcycles bearing registration numbers JK02CV 6738 and JK02BX6413, besides seizing them. These riders used to do stunts and then post videos of same on social media for publicity. These riders can be seen making stunts and driving dangerously, not only posing threat to other people on road but also causing a negative impact on others. In order to discourage this menace, Traffic Police City along with District police Jammu launched special drives and established special Nakas to intercept these stunt bikers. The vehicles were identified by traffic police through viral video and informed SHO Nagrota, Inspr Vishwa Partap and within a very short span of time, SHO Nagrota raided Bathindi area and seized both the vehicles.

As per sources, Traffic police has also started the process to cancel DL of riders as well as RCs of the bikes.

3 vehicles seized for illegal mining seized

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RAMBAN: District Mineral Officer, Ramban has seized 3 vehicles used in mining and transportation of minor minerals from different areas of Ramban during a series of raids conducted on Saturday. On directions of the Deputy Commissioner, DMO Kulwant Singh along with Tehsildar Ramban, Rafiq Ahmed and his team conducted raids in different areas to check illegal mining, extraction and transportation of raw materials.

The DMO informed that during the drive, 3 dumpers found indulged in illegal mining and transportation of illegally extracted raw material were seized and recommendations were made to imposing heavy fines on violators.

The DMO advised consumers to purchase minerals from legal sources with e-bill only and stay away from illegal miners. He warned that FIR will be lodged against habitual violators, if found involved in illegal transportation of minor minerals.



Yoga leading India to become Vishwa Guru: DC Kathua



Winner Palak Sharma, student of CU Raya Suchani Samba being given certificate by DC Kathua Rahul Pandey.

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KATHUA: District Kathua Yogasana Association in collaboration with Guru Swasthya Yoga and Ayurveda organised yoga competition in different categories for the children. The categories were divided into 9-14 yrs Male and Female, 14-18 yrs Male and Female, Above 18 Male and Female. Total 62 participants from various Govt as well as private schools participated in the Competition.

In the Yoga Competition, Palak Sharma, a student of Central University Raya Suchani Samba stood first among the girls of 18 yrs category, Rohan Sharma stood first among the boys of 9 to 14 yrs, Himanshu Sharma stood first in the boys of 14 to 18 years and Divya Verma stood first among 9 to 14 year old girls. Chief Guest, District Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey the winners with medals and certi-

ficates. Speaking on the occasion Pandey congratulated the organizers of program for their efforts in promoting Yoga that too enriching and cultivating the knowledge and interest of Yoga in Younger Children. Mahant Krishnanand Saraswati Maharaj, briefed the dignitaries about the history of Mata Kali Temple, Jasmergarh Fort, Hiranagar. Ramlal Kalia, BDC Chairman Hiranagar, DDC Member Hiranagar, Abhinandan Sharma, Mahant Mohangiri, Mahant Rajeshwar Giri were also present during the program. Sunita Verma, Yoga Instructor from Kathua Yogasana Sports Association and Dr. Guru Sharma, Ayurveda and Yoga Consultant, from Guru Swasthya Yoga and Ayurveda were the organisers along with their teams. Munil Upadhyaya and Rajani Verma were the jury members.