

JKP accords farewell to incumbent DG CRPF Kuldiep Singh

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SRINAGAR: Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh along with senior officers of J&K Police accorded a warm farewell to the Director General CRPF Kuldiep Singh at Police Headquarters Srinagar on Saturday.

A 1986 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the West Bengal Cadre is super-annuating on 30 September, 2022.

Spl DG CRPF J&K Daljit Singh Chowdhary, DG Prison H K Lohia, ADGP Armed J&K SJM Gillani, IG Ops CRPF Rajeev, IG Personnel CRPF Vipul Kumar, IG CRPF Ops Kashmir, M.S Bhatia, IG CRPF Srinagar Ops Sector, Charu Sinha, ADGP Railways J&K Sunil Kumar, ADGP Coordination PHQ Danesh Rana, ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar, IGP Traffic J&K Vikramjit Singh, IGP Headquarters PHQ BS Tuti, DIG CKR/SKR Sujit Kumar, SO to DG CRPF DIG Ajay, DPT J&K Shridhar Patil



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh according farewell to Director General CRPF Kuldiep Singh.

and AIsG of PHQ attended the farewell function.

"I am personally very grateful for the support and cooperation that we got from the force under his leadership, DGP said. The DGP said that in Jammu & Kashmir working of different forces with absolute unity of purpose and thought and with the understanding and synergy have been appreciated at all fora.

He said during the last few years JKP and CRPF have worked as one force adding that the outcome is visible on

the ground.

On behalf of Jammu and Kashmir Police and the entire team working in J&K including civil administration Dilbag Singh extended good wishes for a very bright life ahead to the DG CRPF adding hoping that he will continue to associate and guide us in one way or other in future.

In his address the DG CRPF Kuldiep Singh appreciated and thanked DGP J&K and his team for a warm send off. He said that superannuation is that part

of service which everyone knows at the time of joining the department adding that though there could be mixed feelings but a satisfactory career is what everyone wishes for.

He said that I am very happy leading one of the largest force CRPF, adding that the force is doing exceptionally well at all fronts across the country and that is where the CRPF is very different from other forces. I am honoured to work with the force, he said. He appreciated that CRPF and J&K Police are working side by side and shouldering responsibilities of maintaining peace.

He said that Jammu Kashmir Police is a professional force, which has gained a vast experience and is fighting every day to protect the society, people & their property. He thanked DGP J&K for all the cooperation, assistance and organizing the warm sendoff.

Dilbag Singh and senior officers of JKP presented mementoes to the DG CRPF.

Dr Jitendra addresses Main Stage Summit event hosted by US

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PENNSYLVANIA: Dr Jitendra Singh, who is leading a high-level Joint Indian Ministerial Delegation of Ministry of Power, New & Renewable Energy and Ministry of Science & Technology at the "Global Clean Energy Action Forum-2022" ,said that sustainable biofuels play key role to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions from the transport sector. He said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been consistently encouraging and monitoring Net Zero endeavours.

Addressing the Main Stage Summit Event on "International Collaboration to Accelerate the Clean Energy Transition" at Pittsburgh, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India, through the Department of Biotechnology, has been supporting R&D innovations in Advanced Biofuels and Waste to Energy technologies. He also informed the Energy Ministers from 30 countries taking part in the conference that India has established 5 Bioenergy Centers with an interdisciplinary team working on advance sustainable biofuels using modern biotechnology tools.

Dr Jitendra said, in April this year, when India hosted the MI Annual Gathering at New Delhi, the Mission Integrated Biorefineries was launched by Co-leads India and Netherlands, uniting key members, international organizations, the corporate sector, academic institutions, and civil society to accelerate innovation for renewable fuels, chemicals, and materials



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the Main Stage Summit event at the Global Summit, at Pennsylvania.

for a low-carbon future.

At another side event on "India Clean Energy Showcase" at Pittsburgh, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India being one of the founding members of the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) will be hosting CEM-14 in 2023 in Bengaluru along with its Presidency of G-20 in the same year. He said, in fact, this will mean hosting the CEM meeting during the first year in the new third phase (July 2022 to June 2026) to push major acceleration in clean energy deployment, consistent with achieving the clean energy goals of its members and putting the world on track to achieve clean, affordable, reliable energy for all.

Dr Jitendra said, India is among the few countries in the world to design a Cooling

Action Plan (CAP) with a long-term vision (spanning a 20-year period from 2017-18 to 2037-38) that addresses cooling requirements across sectors. Dr Singh said, India stands at the forefront of addressing the global challenge of climate change and has committed to an ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of reducing emission intensity by 33-35% in 2030 against the levels of year 2005. He added that India has remained steadfast in its transition towards clean energy achieving the fastest pace of renewable capacity addition amongst all major economies and ambitious transition goals articulated by Prime Minister Modi, in India's Panchamrit declaration at COP26.

The Minister also reiterated that India is also implementing the largest Renewable Energy (RE) expansion program in the world envisaging a 5-fold increase in the overall RE capacity in the country from 32 GW in 2014 to 175 GW by 2022, and further to 500 GW of renewable power in the country by 2030.

Dr Jitendra said, as seen in the climate negotiations in recent times both the governments and non-governmental entities are making commitments to help countries implement their net-zero pledges. Dr Singh concluded by saying that the CEM setup has been able to provide a unique opportunity for India to showcase its contribution to clean energy development both within and outside the country.

MP legends, Delhi Giants win in J&K Masters Cricket C'ship

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JAMMU: MP legends and Delhi Giants registered wins in the ongoing J&K Masters Inter State Cricket Championship at University Cricket Ground Jammu, here on Saturday.

The Championship is being organized by Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu in collaboration with Jammu University, Veterans Cricket J&K and Veterans Cricket Association of India.

In first match, MP Legends defeated Mumbai Masters by six wickets.

Batting first, Mumbai Masters scored 162 runs for the loss of eight wickets in the allotted 30 overs. Pandey played a fine inning of 64 runs while Dinesh made 19 runs. For MP Legends, Dinesh and Sadiq took two wickets each.

In reply, MP Legends chased the target in 27.1 overs for the loss of four wickets, courtesy well played unbeaten inning by Dinesh Sharma, who scored 80 runs. Sanjay Chobey scored 34 runs. Dinesh Sharma was

declared Man of the Match for his brilliant all-round performance.

In another match, Delhi Giants beat J&K Seniors on the basis of best batting average. Batting first, J&K Seniors scored 221 runs for the loss of eight wickets. Haseeb Ur Rehman played a brilliant knock of 60 runs while Raj Kumar made 37. For Delhi Giants, Vipin Sharma claimed three wickets while Ravi Kant Puri took one wicket.

In reply, Delhi Giants scored 167 runs for the loss of six wickets in 21 overs with Gourav 58 runs and Dheeraj 24 runs.

After 21 overs, the batsmen of Delhi Giants appealed for bad light which was accepted by the umpires and match was stopped.

Thereafter, the Technical Committee of the Championship declared Delhi Giants as winners on the basis of batting average.

Tomorrow fixtures: Delhi Giants to meet Mumbai at 7:00 AM and J&K Seniors to face MP Legends at 1:00 PM.

Activists demand Padmashri for Kacho Sikandar Khan posthumously

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LEH: Renowned actor Phonsok Ladakhi and activist Hakima Banoo appealed to the Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, R.K Mathur and the Chief Executive Councillors of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils of Leh and Kargil to recommend the name of late Kacho Sikandar Khan Sikandar for conferring PadmaShri Award 2023 posthumously for his extraordinary contribution in the field of literature in Ladakh.

Kacho Sikandar Khan was a renowned historian and poet from Kargil district.

"The General Administration Department, UT Ladakh is seeking recommendations for Padma Awards to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day 2023. So, we would like to recommend late Kacho Sikandar Khan for this Award as his contributions to Ladakh are not hidden from anyone," Phonsok Ladakhi and Hakima Banoo said while addressing a press conference



Phonsok Ladakhi and Hakima Banoo addressing a press conference at Leh.

in Leh on Saturday.

Hakima Banoo informed that Kacho Sikandar Khan had served as a teacher in Leh in 1940, and later joined the Kashmir Administrative Service and remained in government service for thirty-four years until his retirement. He served in the capacities of treasurer, Naib-Tehsildar and then became a Tehsildar. He was the Mohtamin-e-Bandobast at Srinagar and retired as an Assistant Commissioner in 1980.

While talking about Kacho Sikandar Khan's work on literature, Phonsok Ladakhi said

"Dev Malas" with great details. Khan's third book titled 'Ladakh in the Mirror of Her Folklores' in the year 1997 which, after a broad survey of Ladakhi culture, included English translations and transliterations into Roman script of 100 Ladakhi folk songs. Afkaar-e-Parishan, is an autobiography which also contains a number of Urdu poems. Sikandar Khan was pained by the erosion of Ladakh's traditional communal harmony, the deterioration of moral values and growing corruption in society.

In his book he has written extraordinary poetries about Ladakh which includes Gachu Lha Brok poem - Gachu is the name of the broq, summer pasture, of Yokma Kharboo, the village where he spent his childhood. It has many features that are related to the epic Kesar Saga. Leh chan sPaikhar Gir gaya, Yagma Kharbu, Insaniyant - ek Maa, Barban Chan, Darya-e Sindh, Ye Kayinat, Koh e Peima, weerana, Tajdeed e Shad, and many more.

Kacho Sikandar Khan discusses the 'Asaar-e-Qademaah', folk songs and

CBC organises mini ICOP on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Katra

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KATRA: The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India on Saturday organized a Mini Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme (ICOP) on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Katra in Reasi district. The outreach programme was organized by CBC's Field Office, Udhampur at Government Higher Secondary School, Katra from September 27 to October 4, 2022.

The curtain raiser programme was organized to inform people about the upcoming activities to be organized by CBC during the Navratra Festival and to spread awareness about the vision and objectives of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Informative standees were



A dignitary addressing the students at Katra.

installed at the venue by the bureau and printed awareness material was distributed for mass awareness. Speakers, while addressing the audience, highlighted different aspects of the Amrit Mahotsav campaign urging youths to take a lead in the nation building.

During the programme, a quiz competition was also organized for the students on AKAM wherein teams were asked questions about

India's freedom struggle and unsung heroes of the Indian National Movement.

The winners of the competition were felicitated at the conclusion of the programme. Addressing the gathering, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Field Office Udhampur, Khursheed Yousuf informed that the bureau will be organizing 8 day long Multimedia Exhibition under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

which will include themes like Azadi Quest, 8 Years of Seva, Sushasan, Garib Kalyan and weekly TV series Swaraj.

Apart from the exhibition, cultural troupes from various states including J&K will perform the theme based cultural activities throughout the duration of the festival. Ali Khan, Headmaster Govt. High School, Nomain while appreciating the efforts of CBC, Udhampur said that these outreach programmes serve the purpose of awareness & sensitization among the masses especially the students.

Earlier while welcoming the guests, Field Publicity Officer, CBC, Field Office, Anantnag, Shahid Mohammad Lone, gave a detailed overview of the functioning, structure and working of CBC, in the twin UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Others present during the programme were Gurnam Singh, TA FO, Udhampur and Rajesh Sharma, FPA, FO Kathua.

Wanpoh and various other areas.

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom, said that during the previous month, due to persistent efforts of DMO Anantnag and his team around 72 vehicles including 3 JCBs, 20 dumpers, 23 tippers and 26 tractors were seized. He said that Rs 10.64 lakh was realized from violators as fine and cost of minerals, adding that vigilant monitoring shall continue to minimize illegal mining in the district.

Miscreants attack youth with sharp-edged weapons, fire bullet

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SAMBHA: Some unidentified miscreants attacked and injured a youth with sharp-edged weapons and also fired a bullet which hit victim in his leg.

As per official sources, a youth identified as Balwinder Singh, son of Harpal Singh of Randhawa Colony, Vijaypur was going to his friend's residence when some car-borne miscreants attacked him with sharp-edged weapons and opened fire on victim, which hit him in leg near Barian area of Supwal. The miscreants later managed to escape from the spot.

The profusely bleeding victim was rushed to nearby hospital in Vijaypur from where doctors referred him to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) for specialised treatment. A case under relevant sections was registered at Police Station Samba and hunt has been launched to nab miscreants.

Khelo India Centre lifts Kathua Hockey Championship

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JAMMU: The gymnastic event being held in Multipurpose Indoor Sports Hall, Reasi entered the 2nd day on Saturday with over 150 gymnasts participating in the competitions held for different categories. A large gathering witnessed the fun-filled activities all day. Councillor Reasi, Amit Sharma was the chief guest on the occasion, while the corporator, Ashok Bali presided over the function as the Guest of honor. Amit Sharma, while speaking to participants, assured his full support to sports and sportspersons from the area.

Other officials present on the occasion included Nalish Kumar, - manager, and in charge manager Dalbir Kumar, besides other officials from YSS. In Gurah Salathia, Samba, cricket matches continued for the second day in a row. The match played between Baba Hasal Dev Cricket Club and Gurah Youth Club was in progress when the report last came in. Sarpanch, Jitender Singh of Lower Gurah Salathia presided over the function as the chief guest. He was accompanied by S.P Singh Manager, M.A Stadium; Arshi Nad, Judo Coach; Gurcharan Singh, Athletics Coach and other staff members of the Sports Council. A large number of spectators were present at the venue. In the ongoing volleyball championship in Rajouri, the first match of the day was played between Baba Club Rajouri and KIC Rajouri. KIC won the match by 2:1.

The second match scheduled between Ahsan Club and Darhal Club was in progress when the report was being filed. People in large numbers witnessed both the matches being organized by the Sports Council under the special sports Initiative My Youth My Pride. A Volleyball tournament is also being played in Ramnagar, Udhampur under the same initiative. Mool Raj, DDC member Ramnagar, was the chief guest on the occasion, while Som Raj Gupta, former international badminton player and ex-Sports Council member was the guest of honor. More than 80 players from across the district are participating in the event. Meanwhile, an athletic championship was organized in Sports Stadium Kathua. The event was inaugurated by Rahul Dev, Municipal Councillor, while Sandeep Singh, national athletics medallist was the guest of honor. Both the guests encouraged athletes to work hard and perform well in the future to stay away from the drug menace and other anti-social activities.

More than 300 athletes participated in the event.

Meanwhile, the final match of the hockey tournament being played in Kathua was won by Khelo India Centre Kathua by 3 goals. They defeated their opponents Army Public School Janglote by playing aggressive and dominating hockey.

More My Youth My Pride activities are scheduled to be organized across J&K.



3 arrested, 3 vehicles seized for illegal extraction, transportation of minerals

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AWANTIPORA: Acting tough against elements involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police in Awantipora arrested 3 persons and seized 3 vehicles involved in the commission of crime.

Police Station Awantipora received information about illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Padgampora Chersoo area of Awantipora. Accordingly, a party from Police Station Awantipora raided the spot and seized 3 tippers bearing registration numbers JK03B-5727, JK01N-9766 & JK05A-6328 and arrested 3 accused with illegally extracted sand. The accused drivers were identified as Gh Mohammad Dar, son of Habib-ullah Dar; Ab Rashid Parrray, son of Ab Aziz Parrray and Irfan Ahmad Bhat, son

of Mohammad Altaf Bhat, all residents of Awantipora. They were shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 207/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Awantipora and further investigation started.

72 vehicles seized, more than Rs 10 lakh fine realised for illegal mining

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ANANTNAG: Tightening noose over activities of illegal mining, District Administration Anantnag has seized more-than 72 vehicles/machines and realized a fine of Rs 10.64 lakh from violators from August till date besides lodging FIRs against habitual offenders. Further, vigilance activities in form of surprise inspections and road Nakas are being established as effective tools to deter illegal mining operations.

District Mineral Officer Anantnag said that on directions of Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, department has intensified vigilance operations. He informed that in collaboration with police department, a number of vehicles were seized during 53 drives/ Nakas conducted/laid during day and night hours in the Damjan, Cheeki Rajwali, Nassu, Mehmoodabad, Dooru, Kokernag, Dehruana, Kandikoot, Larkhipora and other areas of Sandrani and Bringi Nallah besides Nakas/seizure drives in Donipora Sangam, Guree, Zirpara Bijbehara, Waghama, Qazigund, Khanabal, Vessu, Mirbazar,