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Unprecedented growth enabling...

"We should all make concerted efforts to motivate youth to put their best efforts in games so that the J&K UT benefits through a vigorous and dynamic sporting talent pool and sports persons can become crucial partners in the development journey," the Lt Governor further added.

It is pertinent to mention that during Phase-I of the 'My Youth My Pride' more than 8.5 Lakh youth from across the UT had participated, while 13.74 Lakh youth to be engaged in Phase-II.

Meeting & talking...

also lashed out at Rahul Gandhi for "demolishing" the party's entire consultative mechanism. He is set to begin his fresh political journey Sunday from Jammu where he will set up the first unit of his own party.

All set for...

his five-decade association with the Congress on August 26, terming the party "comprehensively destroyed". He also lashed out at Rahul Gandhi for "demolishing" the party's entire consultative mechanism.

Since Azad's resignation, a former Deputy Chief Minister, eight former ministers, a former MP, nine legislators besides a large number of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, municipal corporators and grassroots workers from across Jammu and Kashmir defected to the Azad camp.

Hoardings and banners welcoming Azad have been put up at the Satwari chowk along the Jammu-Airport road and in the route leading to the venue of the public rally, where seating arrangements for over 20,000 people have been made.

"All those who resigned in support of Azad will be present at the public meeting," Saroori, who was busy over the past week in making arrangements for the public meeting, told.

He said over 3,000 supporters of Azad, representing different sections of society, have expressed desire to join hands with him at the public meeting.

"It is very difficult to manage such a large number of joinings we have worked out a formula to make them raise their hands in support of Azad to welcome the new entrants," he said.

He said people from different political parties are also in touch with them and "we are expecting a tsunami of support in favour of Azad in coming times."

"People have tested Azad during his chief ministership (from November 2005 to July 2008) and are eagerly waiting for his return as the next chief minister," he said.

He said the Azad-led party would be a reality on the political map of Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the next Assembly elections which are likely to be held after the completion of the ongoing process of special summary revision of the electoral rolls on November 25.

CJM Court restrains...

on merits concluded that the balance of convenience lies in favour of Relief Organisation and the refusal of indulgence by the Court could entail irreparable loss to the Government Department and the Government property. The Hon'ble Court of CJM Jammu vide order Dated: 31/08/2022 has restrained the encroachers from any interference in the construction of 'shops'.

The Relief Organisation has further warned against "Indulging in the encroachment of Government property or has encroached upon any such property to immediately vacate the same within 15 days, failing which all such encroachers shall have to bear severe legal consequences."

Avail benefit of...

with CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd, to leverage ePoS devices to deliver CSC services. 2633 outlets have been provided IDs and 769 of these are already active.

The Secretary was informed about WhatsApp helpline numbers, 9055224552 for Jammu and 9419600009 for Kashmir, introduced by the Department. More than 1 million bogus and duplicate beneficiaries have been removed from the records, it was informed.

Earlier, Sudhanshu Pandey visited several Fair Price Shops at Katra and Jammu and inspected their setup and facilities. He interacted with locals and took their feedback. The Secretary also inspected the New Food Store at Nagrota and suggested measures for modern management and development of the facility.

Highlighting the need to dispel doubts regarding fortified food grains, the Secretary directed the officers to organise awareness campaigns. The grains have been fortified to provide essential nutrients to the consumers and the same message must be delivered effectively, he underlined.

Elaborating the Government's achievements, the Secretary said, 'The Union Government is spending large amount of money to ensure food security of the public. Beating global trends of food inflation, the Government dispensed food subsidies worth Rs 5,62,000 crore last year'. Similarly, in J&K alone, the Government is disbursing food grains worth Rs 5000 crore and spending Rs 4000 crore as food subsidy under PMGKY and NFSA ration supplies, he added.

He lauded the One Nation One Ration Card scheme and said that due to it, migratory workers, seasonal labour among all other citizens are able to get ration at any place in the country. He advised the officers to collaborate with Labour Department to conduct ground surveys to encourage workers and labourers take benefit of the scheme and collect ration from dealership of their choice and convenience.

Sudhanshu Pandey instructed the officers to encourage local procurement of food grains. He suggested that the department should promote procuring food grains from local farmers through Food Corporation of India for further distribution. It would empower the farmers and reduce the cost of transportation and distribution thereby benefiting the community, he surmised.

He informed the officers about the green fuel mission of India. He elaborated the department's role in green fuel mission. 'The 10 percent ethanol blending target has already been achieved and within the next two years, 20 percent concentration target would be achieved. Maize is a key ingredient of ethanol production and the same could be procured from local farmers thereby supporting them in return', he explained. 'All out efforts should be made for setting up of ethanol production plants and procurement of maize from the farmers', he continued and added that the residual products could be utilised in poultry and animal husbandry sectors.

He appreciated the J&K Food and Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department for achieving 100 percent Aadhar seeding, over 91 percent Aadhar authenticated transactions and other milestones within short time. He also appreciated the department for promoting the use of PDS data base for Ayushman Bharat verification in J&K.

Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Zubair Ahmad; Director FCS&CA Jammu, Dr Naseem Javaid; General Manager FCI Jammu, HJS Dhaliwal; Joint Director FCS&CA Jammu, Ashok Kumar; Assistant Directors of the department, among various other senior officers were present at the meeting with the Secretary.

Arrested Pakistani terrorist...

with two others who, however, fled back after they were intercepted on the Line of Control (LoC) in Nowshera sector.

"Hussain revealed that he was sent by a Colonel of Pakistan intelligence Agency named Col Yunus Chaudhry who had paid him Rs 30,000 (Pakistani currency). Hussain also revealed that he along with other terrorists had carried two to three close recesses of Indian forward posts with an aim to target them at an opportune time. The go ahead to target the Indian post was given by Col Chaudhry on August 21," the Brigadier had said.

Incidentally, he said the individual was earlier captured by the Army from the same sector in 2016 along with his brother Haroon Ali, and was repatriated on humanitarian grounds in November, 2017.

Illegal mining along...

Kejriwal would be exposed by the BJP in other states as well even as Punjab has started learning its lessons," Chugh said.

Madrasa teacher arrested...

military intelligence and State Investigation Agency (SIA), Wahid admitted to having been working for lesser-known terror group Kashmir Janbaz Force (KJF) since December 2020 and passing on videos and photos of security installations, the officials said.

Wahid was "inclined towards terrorism" and came in contact with self-styled KJF com-

mander Tayyab Farooqi alias Umar Khatab on social media. He became an active member of the group online, besides offering to be an active terrorist, they said.

He was in regular contact with some unidentified people, possibly Pakistani intelligence operatives, who offered him money and new phones for motivating local youth to join terrorism, the officials said.

Installation of Solar...

Guarantee of Rs 4,26,19,162 despite installation was done by the beneficiaries themselves and no maintenance service was provided by the company, thus conferring undue benefit upon the companies with corresponding loss of approximately Rs 10,11,71,657 to state exchequer.

Fuel leak ruins...

flight into October; Nelson said.

"We'll go when it's ready. We don't go until then and especially now on a test flight, because we're going to stress this and test it ... and make sure it's right before we put four humans up on the top of it," Nelson said.

He added: This is part of our space program: Be ready for the scrubs.

NASA wants to send the crew capsule atop the rocket around the moon, pushing it to the limit before astronauts get on the next flight. If the five-week demo with test dummies succeeds, astronauts could fly around the moon in 2024 and land on it in 2025.

People last walked on the moon 50 years ago.

Launch director Charlie Blackwell-Thompson and her team had barely started loading nearly 1 million gallons of fuel into the Space Launch System rocket at daybreak when the leak cropped up in the engine section at the bottom.

Ground controllers tried to plug it the way they handled previous leaks: stopping and restarting the flow of super-cold liquid hydrogen in hopes of closing the gap around a seal in the supply line. They tried that twice, in fact, and also flushed helium through the line. But the leak persisted.

Blackwell-Thompson finally halted the countdown after three to four hours of futile effort.

During Monday's launch attempt, hydrogen fuel escaped from elsewhere in the rocket. Technicians tightened up the fittings over the past week, but Blackwell-Thompson cautioned that she wouldn't know whether everything was tight until Saturday's fueling.

Hydrogen molecules are exceedingly small the smallest in existence and even the tiniest gap or crevice can provide a way out. NASA's space shuttles, now retired, were plagued by hydrogen leaks. The new moon rocket uses the same type of main engines.

Even more of a problem Monday, a sensor indicated one of the rocket's four engines was too warm, but engineers later verified it actually was cold enough. The launch team planned to ignore the faulty sensor this time around and rely on other instruments to ensure each main engine was properly chilled. But the countdown never got that far.

Mission managers accepted the additional risk posed by the engine issue as well as a separate problem: cracks in the rocket's insulating foam. But they acknowledged other trouble like fuel leaks could prompt yet another delay.

That didn't stop thousands from jamming the coast to see the Space Launch System rocket soar. Local authorities expected massive crowds because of the long Labor Day holiday weekend. The 4.1 billion test flight is the first step in NASA's Artemis program of renewed lunar exploration, named after the twin sister of Apollo in Greek mythology.

Twelve astronauts walked on the moon during NASA's Apollo program, the last time in 1972. Artemis years behind schedule and billions over budget aims to establish a sustained human presence on the moon, with crews eventually spending weeks at a time there. It's considered a training ground for Mars. (AP)

137 new COVID cases in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 137 new COVID-19 cases on Saturday, taking the infection tally to 4,78,220 in the Union Territory, officials said.

The death toll from the pandemic remained unchanged at 4,782 as no new fatality due to the disease was reported, they said.

Of the new cases, 28 were recorded in Jammu and 109 in Kashmir.

There are 966 active cases of the disease, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,72,472, the officials said.

Div Com reviews LSD control measures, Nasha Mukt Abhiyan activities



Div Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

taken with respect to vaccination, ban on movement of animals, fogging, awareness, disposal of dead animals etc.

While reviewing the Lumpy Skin Disease treatment facilities available, the Div Com instructed Director Animal Husbandry to ensure availability of required medicines in all the districts, especially the most affected areas to tackle the spread timely.

The DCs were asked to ensure complete ban on inter-state movement and transportation of animals and called for strict enforcement by strengthening NAKAS.

The Div Com also asked the

Deputy Commissioners and concerned Animal Husbandry Officers to take measures to isolate the stray animals and safe disposal of dead animals. Fogging of dairies and other places including vulnerable areas was also stressed upon.

The activities and action plan of the districts under Nasha Mukt Abhiyan was also reviewed by the Div Com.

"Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan has been launched to focus on institutional support and community outreach programmes to make society free from all kinds of harmful addictions like alcohol, drugs

abuse etc" he said.

The Div Com asked DCs to make action plans, appoint nodal officers and include all stakeholder departments in spreading awareness against the drugs. He also emphasized on conducting Gram Sabhas in the Panchayats, holding meetings with PRIs to promote the campaign.

The Div Com advised for organizing pledge taking ceremonies in schools, painting competitions, seminars etc for awareness among youth.

The DCs were further asked to identify buildings for setting up Drug De-addiction Centres in the districts and ensure its functioning.

Meanwhile, the Div Com

also reviewed the progress on verification of PM Kisan scheme beneficiaries.

The DCs apprised the Div

Com about the progress in their respective districts.

The Div Com directed all

the DCs to speed up the process and complete the verification and uploading of data at the earliest.

The DC asked the SP to

Jammu Admn steps up drug abuse eradication measures DC reviews action plan at District level NCORD meeting

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Avny Lavasa on Saturday chaired the meeting of District Level NCORD committee to review the action plan regarding narcotics control in the district.



DC Jammu Avny Lavasa chairing a meeting on Saturday.

maintain close watch on the pharmaceutical premises to check the sale of psychotropic drugs, besides strengthening vigil on supply of illicit poppy and smuggling of narcotics.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the CEO to organise special debate competitions, lectures and other curricular activities to sensitize the students about the hazards of drug abuse.

At the outset, the crucial issues regarding identification of illicit poppy, enhancing check on pharmaceutical premises, spreading of mass awareness to reduce the demand of narcotics, identification of victims, counseling of victims and their parents, assistance in rehabilitation etc were discussed in the meeting.

The DC asked the SP to

organise sports activities to keep the students and other youths away from the use of drugs. She also asked the concerned officials to prepare a calendar of activities to deal with drug issues under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan.

The DC asked the committee members to work in close coordination and leave no stone unturned to curb the menace of narcotics.

DIET Kud holds orientation prog on inspire award

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: District Institute of Education and Technology (DIET Kud) organised orientations for Head of School and their teachers at Zone Kullwanta and Rannagar under the guidance of Principal DIET Kud Gulzar Begum. In both the zones almost 100 teachers have been participated. Zonal Education officer Rannagar Romalo Ram and Zonal Planning Officer Rannagar Om Prakash and Head Master GHS Rannagar G M Sadak and Head Master Kulwanta Ram Kumar Sharma remain present in the entire program. Dr M. R. Bhamagi DNO LAM elaborated about the Scheme and stressed upon maximum participation thereof. Under inspire award scheme Innovative ideas of students studying in the classes 6th to 10th will be prised with Rs 10,000 in the mode of DBT.

Selected students will be called at District level competition. Rashpal Singh Sr Lecturer DIET kud also remain present.

Only Congress will take nation towards prosperity: Magotra

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UDHAMPUR: Congress is the only largest secular party in the country to take nation towards era of development and prosperity said Sumeet Magotra while addressing a press in Udhampur on Saturday.



Congress leader Sumeet Magotra briefing media.

Magotra said there are rumours that much of the Congress leader and workers quit the party which are baseless, as many senior and dedicated leaders and staunch workers are still in Congress party and have faith with Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi.

Magotra said that some vested interested leaders of Udhampur Congress have isolated from the party but majority congressmen are still with party. He further said that Congress is not only a political party but it is also a movement of secular ideology. He also said that time will come people realize the secularism is the only solution of all the problems of the country.

While addressing the

CS to consider proposed Uniform Dairy Policy for all ULBs, establishment of Animal Welfare Board

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Members of SAVE-Society Working for Animal Welfare and representing the cause of animals met the Chief Secretary (CS) Arun Kumar Mehta and discussed important issues related to animals.

In the present scenario of viral Diseases and Epidemic of Lumpy Disease inflicting Dairy Cattle, their increasing abandonment, loss to the farmers, and also long-term implications on human health. Regulation and registration of dairy units in the cities are of utmost importance for the safe existence of both humans and animals alike.

A copy of the most Progressive and updated Diary Policy was presented and for consideration and to be circulated to all ULBs. The proposed Dairy policy is being notified by the Municipal Corporation

Dehradun and the decision has been taken by the government of Uttrakhand