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NITI Aayog team...

NITI Aayog, during his extensive visit to the Union Territory on Thursday. The visit was part of strengthening and assessing the services being delivered at Health Wellness Centers besides implementation of DNB Program in J&K. Besides Dr Paul the team was comprised of Dr Rajiv Bahl, DG ICMR and Secretary DHIR, New Delhi in J&K today visited Jammu. The team visited rural Health and Wellness Centre SC Shama Chak and urban Health and Wellness Centre UTPHC, Shastri Nagar to assess services of comprehensive primary healthcare being provided in the field. They also toured Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, who has been pioneer in implementation of DNB program in J&K also accompanied the visiting team.

A brief presentation on implementation of DNB program at Gandhi Nagar Hospital, Jammu was given by Dr. Parveen Yograj, Medical Superintendent of the hospital. Dr. Vinod Kumar Paul appreciated the Health and Medical Education Department J&K for successful implementation of DNB program in District Hospitals. He addressed the faculty members and DNB residents from all parts of India like Kerala, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. Dr. Vinod Kumar Paul highly appreciated the facilities being provided to the DNB residents including DNB library and conference room.

He said the prime objective of DNB program is to have high and uniform national standard in various disciplines of modern medicines. He motivated the DNB residents and faculty members to get quality medical education, have nice interaction with patients and give services to poor patients round the clock. He congratulated the administration, staff, faculty members and DNB residents for being part of successful implementation of the DNB program.

Bhupinder Kumar expressed gratitude to Government of India for all the support being provided to the UT Government for successful implementation of DNB program in J&K.

Secretary also made a mention of SDH Kupwara, GMC Anantnag and other health institutions where DNB program has improved the healthcare facilities to a great extent reducing unnecessary referrals to the higher institutions. It is pertinent to mention that Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu is the first Health institution of J&K (UT) to implement the DNB program in the year 2020. The team was accompanied by Director Health Services, Jammu, Chief Medical Officer Jammu, State Epidemiologist and State Programme Manager along with other officials of health department.

Will make ‘clarificatory’...

(Amendment) Rules, 2022, and hence, the Election Commission was looking into issuing appropriate clarificatory changes in the forms introduced for that purpose". Senior lawyer Sukumar Pattojoshi, appearing for the poll panel, however, said that over 66 crore Aadhaar numbers have already been uploaded in the process of finalising electoral rolls. The bench closed the proceedings on the PIL filed by one G Niranjana that the poll panel be asked to make changes in its form to highlight the fact that integration of 12-digit Aadhaar was not needed for being a voter. The top court had issued notice to the poll panel on February 27 on the PIL.

ANTF arrests border...

Keran sector of Kupwara district, was arrested on specific information from Gangbng area of Srinagar, Senior Superintendent of Police (ANTF) Raj Kumar told reporters here. "The arrest of the narcotic smuggler and seizure of commercial quantities of heroin from his possession is a big success for the ANTF," the officer said, adding an FIR was registered and further investigation to expose the backward and forward links of the arrested smuggler is going on. He said heroin is mostly smuggled from across the border and "we are looking into details how the consignment reached this side whether it was smuggled or airdropped through a drone." Some more arrests are expected in the case as the investigation progresses, he said, adding that it is a matter of investigation whether the case is linked to narco-terrorism. Kumar said this year ANTF registered 15 FIRs, mostly related to the seizure of commercial quantities of narcotics from different parts of the Union Territory and arrests of the accused were even made from outside J-K, including Punjab,

Haryana, Gujarat and Delhi. "The assets/properties raised by the smugglers are being identified and confiscated. Several bank accounts were also frozen," he said, adding that the same process will be followed in this case. He appealed to the general public to come forward and cooperate with law enforcing agencies in identifying and capturing the drug smugglers to safeguard the younger generation. "Narcotics is a major threat to our society and we need to join hands to end this menace," the SSP said.

India-Canada row...

issuance of visas or providing visa services," he said. "We will be reviewing the situation on a regular basis," Bagchi said. India also asked Canada to downsize its diplomatic staff in the country arguing that there should be parity in strength and rank equivalence in the mutual diplomatic presence. The size of Canadian diplomatic staff in India is larger than what New Delhi has in Canada. Earlier in the day, a private agency hired by India to carry out the initial scrutiny of visa applications of Canadians put out a note on its website on suspension of visa services due to "operational reasons". However, the note was withdrawn within hours and then again it was put up online. The agency, BLS International, also informed the stock exchanges that it had suspended India visa services in Canada with immediate effect. India and Canada are embroiled in a diplomatic row over the killing of Khalistani separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June. The row erupted following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing. India on Tuesday rejected the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated" and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move to Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official over the case. In reflection of hardening of its position, India on Wednesday advised all its nationals living in Canada and those contemplating travelling there to exercise "utmost caution" in view of growing anti-India activities and "politically-condoned" hate crimes as well as "criminal violence" in that country. At the media briefing, Bagchi also said that there was a degree of "prejudice" in Trudeau's allegations against. He said Canada did not share any specific information with India on the case. The India-Canada ties were reeling under some strain for the last few months in view of increasing activities of the pro-Khalistani elements in the North American country. India believes the Trudeau government is not addressing its genuine concerns.

World's largest Cedar...

hill of Gandoh tehsil's Chanti-Bala Panchayat, 124 km from Doda town, has a religious significance for Nag devotees and has been worshipped for centuries by the community. Surrounded by a thick coniferous forest, the visibly different tree because of its gigantic size, was located by the field staff, Divisional Forest Officer, Bhaderwah Chander Shekhar told PTI at the scene. "The Deodar, also known as cedar, has a trunk diameter of 54 feet and 35 feet breast size, which is the scientific way of measuring the size of a tree. As per our research and the data we have collected, this is the largest tree of this species (Cedrus Deodara) in the world and seems to be the oldest one as well," he said. Shekhar said the department would refer this to the Forest Survey of India to calculate its exact age. "We have adopted the procedure so that this will be declared as a heritage site for its unique size," the forest official said, adding "once the tree is declared heritage, people from all over the world will start visiting here to see this unique tree which gives a nostalgic feeling due to its size". Sarpanch Chanti Bala Sansar Chand claimed that the tree had been worshipped for 12 generations. "Our forefathers told us that when someone tried to cut the branches of the tree, blood and milk-like fluid started oozing out of it since then no one dared to harm the tree," he said. The sarpanch said they are fortunate to have this tree, which is going to give them an identity in this far-off place and turn their fortunes if visitors start arriving there. The residents of the panchayat and adjoining areas led by PRI members including Block Development Council Chairman Abbas Rather and District Development Council member Changa Nadeem Sharief Niazi have urged the government to officially declare the tree as the largest cedar tree in the world and take necessary steps to bring it under tourism map. Niazi sanctioned Rs 10 lakhs for the beautification and lighting of the site around

the tree so that visitors can enjoy its beauty. "This tree is of course an asset for us to attract tourists in this area which otherwise is one of the most backward places in Jammu and Kashmir. We as public representatives will try our best to showcase the glory of this unique asset of nature to the outer world. We hope the government, especially the forest department, will also do the needful at the earliest," he said.

Man arrested for...

police to nab the miscreants who are inimical to peace and tranquillity. We stand together in the fight against terrorism and will continue to work towards a peaceful, safe and prosperous future for all citizens, he said.

Defaulting borrowers cannot...

Justice Pardiwala, who penned the 111-page verdict said, "We hold that as per the amended Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, once the borrower fails to tender the entire amount of dues with all cost & charges to the secured creditor before the publication of auction notice, his right of redemption of mortgage shall stand extinguished/waived on the date of publication of the auction notice in the newspaper in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of 2002." The verdict came on an appeal of Celir LLP challenging a Bombay High Court order. The High Court had allowed another firm Bafna Motors (Mumbai) Pvt Ltd to redeem its mortgaged property on payment of dues to the bank. Allowing the appeal, the top court said the auction purchaser was "left high and dry" by the respondent borrower firm and others as they were permitted to redeem the mortgage of the secured asset, more particularly after the auction proceedings attained finality. The bench said, "To read it (section 13(8)) otherwise in a strict manner as to only stipulating a restriction upon the secured creditor and not on the borrower's right of redemption would lead to a very chilling effect, where no auction conducted under the SARFAESI Act would have any form of sanctity, and in such a situation no person would be willing to come forward and participate in any auction due to the fear and apprehension that despite being declared a successful bidder, the borrower could still at any time come and redeem the mortgage and thereby thwart the very auction process."

Terming such a scenario where a borrower can redeem the mortgage at any time as "more worrisome", the bench said, the general public who participate in such auctions are often neither aware nor informed by the secured creditors conducting the auctions that as long as the sale certificate is not issued, they will not have a right in the said asset and that the borrower whose asset is being auctioned could sweep in and redeem the mortgage any time. "Thus, it is necessary to interpret the amended Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act in such a manner where a legal sanctity is attached to an auction process and a bright line is drawn where a mischievous borrower is told 'no more and no further' and precluded from hastily exercising its right of redemption from nowhere at the very end of the process and thereby set the entire auction process at naught," the bench said. The top court set aside the Bombay High Court verdict, saying it was not justified in exercising its writ jurisdiction, particularly when the borrowers had already availed the alternative remedy available to them under the SARFAESI Act. It directed the Union Bank of India to refund Rs 129 crore, the entire amount deposited by the borrowers for redemption of mortgage of the secured asset, at the earliest.

CS reviews measures...

apprised about the status of major projects by CEO, Jammu Smart City and major initiatives being undertaken by Smart City on the eve of upcoming Gandhi Jayanti. Dr Mehta directed for speedy implementation of the various projects so that citizens was feel the marked improvement in aesthetic and functional experience within Jammu. On the eve of upcoming Gandhi Jayanti, the Chief Secretary stressed that CEO, Smart Cities (Jammu and Srinagar) and Deputy Commissioners need to take initiatives aimed at improving the ease of living index of common citizen within their respective districts so that citizen take pride in their city and associate with the initiatives of the administration aimed at improving their life. In line with the same, Dr. Mehta directed Housing and Urban Development Department to hold two competitions- first between Jammu and Srinagar Smart Cities/Districts and second between rest of the 18 districts on selection of the best city/district on parameters which capture overall sanitation, cleanliness, aesthetics and citizen friendly measure taken in the districts/city.

SKUAST-Jammu organizes workshop on Blended Learning Platform

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JAMMU: In a bold stride towards embracing modern teaching and learning techniques, SKUAST-Jammu, in collaboration with ICAR-IASRI, organized a one-day workshop on Blended Learning for Faculty and Students on 21st September, 2023. This transformative workshop introduced the innovative Blended Learning Platform (BLP), a key component of the Resilient Agricultural Education System under the NAHEP Component 2 project, implemented by ICAR-IASRI. The primary objective of this Workshop-cum-Training Program was to acquaint faculty members, administrative staff, and students with the revolutionary BLP. This cutting-edge platform

seamlessly merges offline and online learning, creating a harmonious synergy between the two. This novel approach empowers faculty to captivate students through visual aids and online interactions, thereby enhancing the overall learning experience. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu. During his inaugural address, Prof. Tripathi urged faculty and students to embrace modern technological tools for teaching and learning. He emphasized that this approach fosters effective self-paced learning with a personalized touch, ultimately leading to improved academic outcomes. Earlier Dr. S.E.H. Rizvi,

Director of Education, welcomed the dignitaries, faculty members and students for their participation in the workshop. He shed light on the pivotal role of the Blended Learning Platform in modern teaching and learning processes. Dr. S. K. Gupta, Registrar, in his remarks stressed the importance of adopting the latest tools for effective learning and teaching in his remarks. Dr. Sudeep Marwaha, Head (Computer Applications) at ICAR-IASRI and Principal Investigator of NAHEP-IDP Component 2 Project delivered an enlightening presentation on the digital initiatives developed by IASRI and their relevance in university research and academics. He expounded on various tech-

nologies that are instrumental in modern teaching and learning methods, particularly in times of natural calamities and pandemics. Dr. Marwaha underscored the significance of blended learning methods in this context. The workshop featured two technical sessions catering to both faculty and students. Besides BLP, the workshop delved into other IT initiatives spearheaded by ICAR-IASRI. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Vikas Sharma, Principal Investigator of NAHEP-IDP. The proceedings of the workshop were conducted jointly by Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Joint Registrar Academics and Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap, Senior Scientist (PBG).

BJP to conduct series of service programmes till Oct 2

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir president Ravinder Raina on Thursday chairing a meeting at the party headquarters, here to discuss forthcoming party programmes and initiatives. Prominent party members who addressed the meeting included General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, Seh-Prabhari Ashish Sood, former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, and General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal. Various other party members, including State Office

Bearers, District Prabhari, District Presidents, Mandal Pravasis, and others, also participated. Ravinder Raina praised party workers for their dedicated efforts in the first phase of the "Meri Mati Mera Desh" Abhiyan. In this phase, soil was collected from the homes of martyrs and others. Raina encouraged party leaders to actively lead the second phase of the Abhiyaan, where soil from all over Jammu & Kashmir would be collected at about 150 Blocks by October 7 and 8. Raina expressed gratitude

to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the historic "Women Reservation Bill," which is expected to have a significant impact on strengthening the social system in the nation. Ashok Koul discussed upcoming party programmes, emphasizing the involvement of activists at every level. These programs included Blood Donation Camps, Medical Camps, and distribution of Ayushman Bharat Cards from September 18 to 23. Other activities included celebrating the birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh on

September 23rd, listening to the Mann Ki Baat programme on September 24, and celebrating the birthday of Deen Dayal Upadhyay on September 25. From September 26 to October 2, party activists would be involved in Mandal Pravasi Yojana and Booth Sampark Abhiyaan, he added. Ashish Sood praised J&K BJP activists for their dedicated "Seva Karya" (service activities) and emphasized the party's belief in service to humanity as a virtuous endeavor. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal conducted the meeting proceedings.

Information Technology Emerges as Crucial Player in Upcoming Parliament Elections 2024: Subash Barala

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JAMMU: In a significant development, the BJP IT Department convened a meeting at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar to deliberate and strategize for the impending Parliament elections in 2024. The meeting was graced by the presence of Subash Barala, Former State President of BJP Haryana and the current Prabhari for the North Zone, responsible for overseeing the IT department. Ravinder Raina BJP J&K President, Ashok Koul BJP State General Secretary (Org.), Dr. DK Manyal Former Minister and State General Secretary BJP J&K, Naresh Singh BJP J&K Prabhari IT Department, Advocate Ishant Gupta State Head IT Department bjp J&K were present on this occasion.

Subash Barala while speaking emphasize the imperative need to boost the party's outreach to the masses. He pledged unwavering dedication towards achieving the party's goals in the upcoming Parliament elections 2024. He has called upon fellow BJP workers to embark on a concerted outreach campaign aimed at raising awareness among the masses about the pro-people policies implemented by the Modi government. He added that Information Technology Emerges as Crucial Player in Upcoming Parliament Elections 2024. Ravinder Raina reiterated the IT department's longstanding commitment and dedication. He assured that the department would wholeheartedly align itself with the plans and policies framed by the central leadership.

Ashok Koul affirmed the party's commitment to reaching out to the masses, recognizing Information Technology as a pivotal element in strengthening the party's position. Dr. DK Manyal effectively conducted the proceedings of the meeting, emphasizing the collective determination to achieve the party's objectives. Advocate Ishant Gupta presented a comprehensive overview of the department's activities and initiatives. He expressed the department's enthusiasm and commitment to addressing any existing discrepancies.

Jayesh launches film ‘Udta Jammu’, releases album song on ‘Bawe Wali Mata’



Jayesh Gupta briefing media in Jammu.

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JAMMU: After getting tremendous response from two feature film "Bacche Mann Ke Sacche" and "Kyu" which got various awards at different international Film festivals, Jayesh Gupta has decided to make another film titled "Udta Jammu" which would be on drug menace. In the press conference, Jayesh Gupta announced the film on drug menace which will be made very soon and will have a very good social message for the public. This film will also be directed, produced, and written by Jayesh Gupta. He said drugs and drug

mafia have drastically increased in Jammu due to which people of Jammu are suffering a lot and especially number of young lives has lost. This film will be shot at various places of Jammu and Kashmir; he said adding that all the artists will be taken from the Jammu and Kashmir as well. Jayesh also released the album song called Bhagti ka Rang, on Bawewali Mata. Song is sung by Sarita Gupta, wife of Jayesh Gupta. The music is composed by Ash k. lyricist of the song is Sonu Raipuria and the song is produced and directed by Jayesh Gupta.