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### LG hands over...

Mohd. Intiyaz, resident of Dhar Sakri Kotranka, Rajouri and Farayaz Ahmed, brother of Mohd Abrar of Kotranka Rajouri.

Lt Governor also handed over the appointment letter under SRO-43 to Neeta Devi, widow of Chager Kumar of Dhandal, Ramnagar Udhampur who was killed in an IED blast in Udhampur in 2022.

The Lt Governor interacted with the family members of the deceased civilians and assured all possible assistance by the administration in the future.

Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu and Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu were also present.

### Sinha highlights importance...

Teachers' Day celebrations in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

After Srinagar, the Lt Governor joined the celebration at Jammu and felicitated the outstanding teachers for their admirable initiatives in school education.

Paying tributes to former President, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary, the Lt

Governor said the occasion provides us an opportunity to acknowledge the significant contribution of teachers to the society and the nation.

"Teachers create a system that is appropriate to the needs of the time and requirement of the society. They are the creators of real strength of the nation and pave the way for rapid social and economic progress of the future," the Lt Governor said.

Sinha called upon the teaching community to develop curiosity and inquisitiveness among the students and nurture their unique creativity and talent.

All the experiments and inventions, which brought a new revolution in the world, were started with curiosity and that is why teachers should create such an environment in the schools where students are encouraged to ask questions, he said.

"Society can discover new solutions when students develop curiosity, collaborate, become more creative and learn the values of teamwork. For lifelong learning, both



LG Manoj Sinha addressing Teachers' Day celebration at Srinagar.

teachers and students should have thirst for knowledge and intense curiosity that is not confined to the classroom," the Lt Governor said.

We need to stop comparison, burden of tests and curriculum on students. Every child is unique. We need to remind children to be yourself. If we want to secure the future of this nation and create new possibilities, then we must provide an opportunity to their uniqueness to blossom, he added.

At the function, the Lt Governor highlighted the importance of developing schools as a very foundation for shaping the future of the younger generation.

The Lt Governor inaugurated 790 civil works under Samagra Shiksha and laid e-foundation of 376 Astrophysics Labs and 10 Virtual Reality Labs across J&K.

He also initiated the process for engagement of 15017 Aaya, Helpers for schools with pre-primary section.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Padma Shri Prof. JS Rajput; Padma Shri Prof. Vishwa Murti Shastri; Padma Shri Dr SP Varma; Alok Kumar; Principal Secretary, School & Higher Education, senior officers, teachers and students were present.

### 'Funds to be...

the children," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor highlighted the different roles a teacher plays simultaneously throughout his life.

"A teacher is an explorer who discovers hidden diamonds, gems and pearls in the form of students. As a gemologist, a teacher examines and shapes the diamonds carrying diverse talents. He is a jeweler and gives perfect shape and shine to precious gems," the Lt Governor added.

The role of a teacher is to also bring creativity inside the classroom. A teacher should be courageous enough to break the stereotypes and let young minds develop their own creative, innovative ideas and critical thinking. Only the teacher has the ability to know the value of hidden talents, he said.

At the function, the Lt Governor impressed upon the teaching community to promote individuality and uniqueness of students and make teaching-learning process more interactive.

Goal of education is not to create a competitive mind but to create a creative and curious mind. We need a fine balance between competition and creativity. Test should not be based on competition but it should be based on originality, experiment, creative and scientific activity.

"I believe today we need teachers to instill creativity, curiosity, teamwork, leadership qualities and civilizational values of harmony, brotherhood and compassion in our children. We need to evolve new methods to create effective approaches to life-long learning," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration for upgradation of schools including manpower and infrastructure in a holistic manner. I assure you that funds will be provided for upgradation of 7000 such schools which lack basic facilities (6000 this year and 1000 during the next year), he said.

cer said, adding the recovery of these items underscores the importance of this operation in disrupting unlawful activities in the region.

The SSP said the entire area has been cordoned and searches are being conducted. "Our mission is to ensure the safety and security of our citizens, and today's operation is a resounding success in our ongoing efforts to eradicate terrorism from the region," Poswal said.

The officer urged the citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities or come forward with information that could aid in maintaining peace and thwarting the designs of anti-social elements.

### Missing woman traced, reunited with family

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Police on Tuesday traced a missing woman and reunited her with family.

As per details, a man resident of Kotli Tanda Tehsil Maira Mandrian District Jammu lodged a missing report of his wife at Police Station Akhnooron August 26.

On Tuesday, a party of Police Station Akhnoor led by SHO Akhnoor Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal Sharma did hectic efforts and with technical assistance traced out the above said missing woman. Later on the said woman was handed over to her legal heirs after completing all legal formalities.

### Three people die due to drowning

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three people from two different areas of the city have died due to drowning in the canal on Tuesday.

According to the information, two people were taking bath in Paloura canal under Domana police station and went into deep water due to which one started drowning. Other tried to save him but he also went into deep water. An attempt was made onlookers to save them, but till then they drowned. Police reached the spot and recovered the bodies of both. They have been identified as Darshan Lal, son of Chuni Lal, resident of Lower Barnai and Tenu, son of Pawan, resident of Udaywala.

Similarly, a youth drowned while taking bath in the canal at Seora area in Gangval area. He has been identified as Harjeet Singh, son of Jaswant Singh, resident of Seora.

### Two including woman die under suspicious circumstances

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two persons including woman died under suspicious circumstances on Tuesday.

As per details, Kumar Thapa, son of Sher Badur, resident of Nepal, currently living in Janipur area was found hanging in his house in the morning. The police reached the spot and took his body into custody. A case has been registered in this regard.

Apart from this, on September 2, a woman was found lying unconscious in the bus stand area and was taken to the hospital for treatment. She died on Tuesday during treatment. Nothing has been recovered from her so that she can be identified.

### Drug peddler arrested; contraband substance recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Tuesday arrested drug peddler in Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from his possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Boniyar headed by SHO Boniyar under the supervision of SDPO Uri at a checkpoint established at Warikah Boniyar intercepted a person identified as Tanveer Ahmad Sheikh son of Bashir Ahmad Sheikh resident of Girdnawa Nowshera. During search, 31 grams of contraband Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He had been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Boniyar and investigation has been initiated.

### 4 vehicles seized, 4 arrested for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police on Tuesday seized 4 vehicles and arrested 4 persons in Baramulla.

As per details, a party led by Incharge Police Post Palhallan seized 4 tractors and arrested 4 drivers for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Dargam Palhallan. They have been identified as Manzoor Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Rashid Bhat and Danish Nabi son of Ghulam Nabi Bhat both residents of Chichiloor Kunzer, Tanveer Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Akbar Bhat resident of Wanigam & Mohd Abbas Bhat son of Mohd Asadullah Bhat resident of Bouchoo Pattan.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pattan and investigation has been taken up.

### EP Deptt seals illegally fenced land at Tengpora Bypass

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Acting tough against illegal construction and encroachments, the Evacuee Property Department Kashmir on the strict instructions of Rajinder Singh Tara, Custodian General J&K on Tuesday sealed illegally fenced un-demarcated land belonging to Evacuees Faqir-ullah Khan and others situated at Tengpora Bypass Srinagar.

The illegal occupants namely Ab. Hamid Dar and others residents of Aftreen Colony Batamaloo Srinagar were provided an opportunity to remove the fencing raised illegally around the land in question, but on failure the department swung into action and sealed the property and took over its possession till the long pending demarcation of the whole land under Khevat No. 143 is completed by the team of Revenue Officers/ Officials constituted by the Dy. Commissioner Srinagar.

The Evacuee Property Department has reiterated that such drives undertaken against the violators will continue and appealed general public to refrain from raising illegal constructions on the Evacuee land failing which action as warranted

On this day, let us strengthen our resolve and ensure that every child, especially the girls, have access to quality education, the Lt Governor said.

Renowned educationist, Padma Shri Prof. JS Rajput; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Alok Kumar; Principal Secretary, School & Higher Education, senior officers, Heads of Departments, large number of teachers and students were present.

### Defence Minister to...

Tuesday said. The projects includes 21 roads, 64 bridges, one tunnel, two air strips, and two helipads, he said.

Singh will visit Samba district and inaugurate Devak bridge on Bishnah-Kaulpur-Phulpur road, he said. The bridge is a part of the 90 infrastructure projects of the BRO.

The Union minister will also likely take part in the northern tech event at IIT-Jammu during his visit, he said.

### 51 C-DYTE youth...

the result of which was declared recently.

A small function was organized on Tuesday in DC Office Jammu in which District Development Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar felicitated all selected C-DYTE Trainees and their instructors. He congratulated and conveyed best wishes for their new phase of life. The DDC Jammu, who is also the Chairperson of C-DYTE, applauded the efforts of the instructors and staff for imparting quality training to the boys & girls and also wished them best for the next scheduled Agniaveer and other recruitment rallies in remaining 2023.

There are 17 centres running in the district and center wise details of selections are, 10 from Suchetgarh, 08 from Marh, 06 each from Suchetgarh and Chowki Choura, 05 from Arnia, 04 each from Samwan, Khour and Pargval. Out of these 51 trainees, 19 allotted BSF, 10 in CRPF, 16 CISE, 10, ITBP, 03 in Assam Rifle 03 comprising 47 boys and 04 girl trainees.

So far, 751 selections and more than 7000 boys and girls have been trained in the last 16 batches (combined of C-BYTE and C-DYTE) beginning from January 2016. Recently, the 6th batch with a combined strength of 467 has been completed in July, 2023. C-DYTE (Centre for District Youth Training and Empowerment), is an initiative of District Administration Jammu in collaboration with Mission Youth, Jammu and Kashmir is running in different blocks of the district to enhance the academic ability and physical endurance of the enrolled youth.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (L&O), Harvinder Singh, Chief Planning Officer H. Joginder Katoch, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sandeep Seinotra, District Youth Services and Sports officer, Sukhdev Sharma, Incharge C-DYTE Dr. Surinder Kumar and other concerned officers were present in the felicitation programme.

under law will be taken against such violators which include punishment with imprisonment which may extend to three years in terms of Section 18 of J&K Evacuees' (Administration of Property Act, Svt. 2006.

### 20 years RI awarded to 2 narco smugglers

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a groundbreaking verdict today, the Court of Additional Sessions Judge issued a landmark judgment against two individuals involved in a narcotics smuggling case, sentencing them to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment, along with a Rs 2.0 lakh fine for each of the two accused.

The convicted individuals, Syed Ishfaq Shah, son of Ghulam Mohiuddin Shah, and Khurshed Ahmad Gojar, son of Nawab ud din Gojar, both residents of Jabdi Karnah, were arrested in connection with FIR No.56/2019 at Police Station Karnah. Their arrest followed the discovery of 15 kilograms of brown sugar, obtained from both accused individuals during their confession in the Karnah area.

Further investigation conclusively established that the duo intended to transport the narcotics consignment from Karnah to Punjab. Additionally, it was proven that both smugglers had procured the narcotics consignment from across the Line of Control (LOC) through Bashir Ahmad, who is presently settled in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK) and is known to be a cousin of Khurshed Ahmed.

Inspector Wasim Ahmad Badoo, the then SHO of Police Station Karnah, led the thorough investigation of this case. The legal battle was effectively fought by Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP) Dar Rashid on behalf of the State of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The case was expedited and heard on a fast track basis, with the Pairvi cells, established under the guidance of the Police Headquarters, ensuring the timely presence of witnesses and their testimonies.

This significant judgment underscores the unwavering commitment of the criminal justice system to combat narcotics smuggling and uphold the law. The exemplary teamwork exhibited by the investigative agencies and the legal counsel played a crucial role in bringing these narcotics smugglers to justice.

### Fake job racket busted in Kupwara, 5 held

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday arrested five persons who were running a fake job racket in Kupwara district, officials said here.

Acting on a complaint, police arrested Nazir Ahmad Khan who had duped a youth of Rs 70,000 by promising to provide him with a job in the Military Engineering Service (MES).

"Responding swiftly to the complaint and supported by credible intelligence from the Military Intelligence (MI), the Kralpora Police Station initiated legal proceedings by registering an FIR," the officials said.

During the investigations, key witnesses were examined and counterfeit appointment letters were seized as evidence.

"Khan was subsequently apprehended in connection with the scam. The accused disclosed his affiliation with a group of scammers employing a distinctive modus operandi to defraud unemployed youths eagerly seeking positions within MES," the official said.

"Khan revealed the identities of his four accomplices, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Shakeel Ahmad Makroo, Feroz Ahmad Khashu and Shafkat Ahmad Shah, who were also arrested," they said.

Makroo, who emerged as the mastermind of the scam, operated under the alias "Raju," presenting himself as an MES officer stationed at Rangreth, Srinagar, they said.

He enlisted the assistance of Mir, Khashu, and Khan as field agents, entrusted with the task of extracting money from unsuspecting job seekers, the officials said.

They said Shah, the "technical expert" of the racket, was responsible for fabricating and printing counterfeit appointment letters and other documentation, they said. "As of now, the gang has duped eight unemployed youths hailing from North Kashmir, amassing an illicit sum of Rs 25 lakhs," the officials said, adding that more arrests were expected as the investigations in the case were ongoing.

### Nikshey Diwas rally taken out at Poonch

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Poonch Mohd Yasin Choudhary IAS) a rally was taken out on the occasion of Nikshey Diwas on Tuesday as a part of National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme.



DGPC membres handing over food kit to adopted patient.

The rally started from TB Hospital Poonch which took a round of the local market with an aim to apprise the people about the tuberculosis disease and the measures taken by the Government for its elimination. The Chief Medical Officer Poonch Dr Anis Altaf Nabi gave detailed awareness about the programme and imparted awareness regarding its preventive measures.

On the occasion of Nikshey Diwas District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) President Narinder Singh, Gen Secretary Gurcharan Singh and other members became Nikshey Mitras and adopted 20 Patients to whom the food kits were distributed. Meanwhile Maulana Sayed Ahmed Hamid Chairman Zia-ul-uloom group of institutions Poonch Wahid Ahmed Principal Jamia Zi-ul-Uloom also became Nikshey Mitras and adopted 10 patients.

Others who participated in the rally include Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Parvez Ahmed Khann, DTO Poonch Dr Faniida Bandey, TB-HIV Supervisor Maninder Pal Singh and students of ANMT School.