



Governor N N Vohra presiding over a meeting at Srinagar on Sunday.

Governor visits Flood Control Room

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SRINAGAR, July 1: Governor N.N. Vohra made an unscheduled visit this morning to the State Flood Control Room, located at Hari Niwas here and attended the proceedings of the extensive meeting taken by

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Baseer Khan, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir to review preparedness of all wings of the Divisional Administration to evacuate the affected residents if the Jhelum crosses the high flood level.

This meeting reviewed every aspect of preparedness of the Relief Centres, being established

all over the city, to receive and look after the affected population which would be shifted to these



Centres as soon as the Jhelum river level crosses a given level.

Governor is keeping constant touch with the key functionaries and has directed that situation reports should be sent to him thrice a day till the present situation eases.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; and officers from the Department of Police; CRPF; Health, Indian Meteorological; Tourism; Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs; J&K LAWDA; Srinagar Municipal Corporation; JKSRIC; Irrigation and Flood Control; Maintenance & Rural Electrification Wing; Public Health Engineering; Roads & Building; Information; Estates and FCI.

Congress, other parties playing with people's sentiments: Kavinder Gupta

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JAMMU, July 1: Former Deputy Chief Minister and MLA Gandhi Nagar, Kavinder Gupta today accused the major political parties like Congress for trying to create a communal/regional divide across the State through their misleading and provocative statements.

He was speaking on the

stitutional positions are now spitting venom and trying to create a wedge between regions and people through their cheap politics.

Quoting the recent statements made by the leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Nabi Azad and his senior party colleagues as demoralizing for the security forces, Gupta said, the only

respect globally under the dynamic leadership of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

Gupta also took PCC chief and other State leaders of Congress as well as NC to task for spreading misinformation campaign against BJP due to desperation of losing power which they had considered their birth right. He asked the people not to give ear to the misleading statements of Opposition parties as their misrule for over last 65 years has been the cause of present mess in the State.

Later, he distributed cheques among the beneficiaries of Housing for All (HFA) scheme in the Gandhi Nagar constituency and thanked the Central Government for allocating and sanctioning funds for the State of J&K.

Gupta said that the BJP led Central Government is committed to provide all possible help for the development of J&K and that can be gauged from the fact that Central schemes are being continuously monitored for their timely implementation.

He added, even the Prime Minister holds regular video conferencing with the MPs, Chief Secretary, Administrative Secretaries and other HoDs's.

Earlier, he flagged off 14th Annual Chitto Mata/ Singhasan Mata Jyot Yatra from Rani Talab Digiana to the holy abode of Goddess in Gulabgarh of Kishtwar district.



Former Deputy CM, Kavinder Gupta posing with members of Rotary Club Jammu on Sunday.

sidelines of a plantation drive organized by the Rotary Club Jammu and attended by the prominent citizens and Rotarians of the area.

Termining this plantation as a noble cause, he said that "we should all take pledge to plant trees not only for our self but to prevent our children from cursing us in future".

The former DyCM stated that some of these politicians who are holding or have held some highest & important con-

advice, "I can give them is to talk more sensibly and don't barter national interest for mere political gains.

Commenting on the recent statement of the Nikki Haley, "the American Ambassador to the UN asserting the Washington and New Delhi to become global leaders in the fight against terrorism" he said that such statements speak volumes in itself and show how the nation has progressed in the last four years and gained the

Central GST Commissionerate Jammu celebrates "GST Day"

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JAMMU, July 1: The Central GST Commissionerate Jammu marked the first anniversary of GST as "GST Day" by organising a gala event at GST Bhawan, Bahu Plaza Jammu today where-in large number of senior officers of the department and representatives of the trade were present.

The event began with the welcome address by Assistant Commissioner Abhiroop Aryan, followed by felicitations of representatives of industry and retired officers by Deputy Commissioner, Itikhar Ahmed Chowdhary.

Speaking on the occasion, Gyan Sarvar, Commissioner of Central GST who was the chief guest on the occasion congratulated the officers and trade on successful completion of one year since the roll out of GST.

He exhorted the officers to work with renewed vigour and enthusiasm and also assured the industry of a similar cooperative and supportive administration in future also. The Commissioner also recognised the efforts of officers by awarding them Certificates of Appreciation. The sumptuous event was

made more interactive by the industry representative's, Lalit Mahajan, Satish Koul, Ratan Dogra, Deepak Dhawan coming forward with their feedback of



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one year of GST implementation in the State. They also thanked the administration for the hand-holding support during GST roll-out and appreciated the effort of the officers of the Central GST department during its implemen-

ation. Later, the members of industry were presented mementos for their support and co-operation by Additional Commissioner CL Dogra.



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Prakash Choudhary, Assistant Commissioner presented vote of thanks. The celebrations ended with ceremonial cake cutting to celebrate and highlight the importance of this historic reform.

BJP-PDP Coalition Govt fulfilled long pending demands: Chering Dorje

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LEH, July 1: The long standing demands of Ladakh particularly Leh district have been fulfilled during the short span of BJP-PDP Coalition Government in the State and what NDA Government has achieved in short span of time couldn't be

Former BJP minister said that in spite of being in the Government for short span of time he has made record number of achievements for Ladakh, which others couldn't achieved in the past.

While interacting with media persons for the first time after breaking of alliance between BJP and PDP in the State, Chering said that for the first time after 70 years, a Ladakhi member has been appointed in the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission and also the examination of Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission and Jammu & Kashmir Service Selection Board were conducted in Leh for the first time.

Chering said that the Indian Reserve Police (IRP) Battalion was sanctioned for Leh district besides Women Police Station also has been created in Leh. He also said that herbal medication system Sowa Rigpa got recognition in the State as a part of Ayush through legislation in the State Assembly. He also highlighted various other demands and projects, which have been addressed.



MLC Chering Dorje interacting with media persons at Leh on Sunday.

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achieved by the previous Government in the years.

This was stated by Member of Legislative Council (MLC) Chering Dorje while addressing a press conference here today.

Div Com reviews post rain situation, future disaster preparedness

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JAMMU, July 1: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Sanjeev Verma today reviewed post rain situation and future preparedness of disaster management in the division at a high level meeting.

The meeting was attended by

essary measures to ensure safety of the people and conduct mock drills of disaster management in vulnerable areas. He directed the concerned functionaries to expedite the restoration and repair works under close supervision and keep the buffer stock to be utilized in case of any eventuality.

to arrange video conferences in case they are unable to mark their presence in person.

During the meeting, the Div Com also took stock of the various ongoing development works in these districts. He was informed about the works completed till date and further progress made on the ongoing



Divisional Commissioner Jammu Sanjeev Verma chairing a meeting on Sunday.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan (in person) and Deputy Commissioners of Udhampur, Reasi, Rajouri, Kishtwar, Doda, Samba, Kathua, Poonch and Ramban districts (through video conference) besides Head of Departments and senior functionaries of district administrations and concerned departments.

He reviewed the overall scenario of Power, Agriculture, Horticulture, PHE, Health and other sectors in the districts and took stock of damaged infrastructure due to recent rainfall.

The Div Com asked Deputy Commissioners to take all nec-

onus on executing agencies for the repair of damaged roads due to landslides and asked the district administrations and development departments to put in synchronized efforts for quick action to minimize any damage. Taking strong note of absence of few Head of Departments from such meetings on one pretext or the other, the Div Com directed for taking strict action against such HoDs and district officers who remain absent without any reason. He directed the HoDs to refrain from sending their subordinates to the meetings and asked them

works. The Div Com instructed the DCs to identify feasible lands for Seema Bhawans keeping in view the cost factor for the availability of electric and water supply.

Stressing on maintaining close coordination among the Government departments, the Div Com directed the concerned functionaries to ensure regular monitoring of the ongoing works besides adhering to quality norms.

He asked the DCs to identify cluster of Government lands to be utilized productively and conduct audit of progress made under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The Divisional Commissioner exhorted upon the executing agencies to speed up the pace of progress on under construction projects for providing early benefits to the people.

Baramulla-Jammu drugs trafficking racket busted

Former Sanitary Inspector of SMC arrested with Rs 45 lakh heroin

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 1: Keeping hawk's eye over narcotics peddling, Gandhi Nagar police under 'Operation Sanjeevani' busted Baramulla-Jammu drug trafficking racket with the arrest of a former Sanitary Inspector of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) along with 450 grams of heroin valuing Rs 45 lakh and Rs 20,000 cash.

As per police sources, on reliable information, a team from Gandhi Nagar Police Station laid a naka near Digiana Pulli and signaled a Vespa scooter bearing registration Number JK02L-9692 to stop for checking.

On seeing police cops, the rider accelerated the vehicle and tried to escape, but the alert cops intercepted him after a brief chase.

During frisking, police recovered 450 grams heroin valuing Rs 45 lakh and Rs 20,000 cash from the possession of the rider and arrested him.

The arrested person has been identified as Pardeep Singh, son of Bhopinder Singh, a resident of district Baramulla, at present Digiana.

Earlier, the accused was arrested in the year 2013 in a fidayeen attack case at Bemina, Srinagar as his link surfaced with a person namely Bashir, who carried out the attack from the militants and is presently in custody.

At the time of fidayeen attack, the accused was posted as Sanitary Inspector with Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) and was also jailed for couple of months. The accused was dismissed from the post of Sanitary Inspector and had indulged in drugs supplying from Baramulla to Jammu and surrounding areas to make illegitimate profits.

With his arrest, the police not only saved the youth from becoming drug addicts, but also saved their families from daily quarrels as it is understood that a drug addict create nuisance in family and society in general.

A case under FIR Number 147/18 under Section 8/21/22 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act has been registered at Gandhi Nagar Police Station and investigation started to ascertain the source of the consignment and other persons indulged in this illegal trade practice.

Police team led by SHO Gandhi Nagar Inspector Sunil Singh Jasrotia and assisted by Incharge Digiana Police Post SI Kali Charan made the arrest under the supervision of SDPO South Mohammad Rafiq Manhas and SSP Jammu Vivek Gupta.

It is to mention here that, 10 cases of NDPS Act have been registered during the month of June this year in Sub Division South.

Sunil Sethi to head BJP's Disciplinary Committee

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JAMMU, July 1: BJP reconstituted its State Disciplinary Committee and announced its office bearers at party Headquarter, here, today.

The team was announced by BJP State president, Ravinder Raina (MLA) in consultation with State general secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul and other senior leaders of the party.

The step is being seen as a strong determination to check lapses in the discipline and unity in the organizational structure within the State.

In the reconstituted team, BJP State chief spokesperson, Adv. Sunil Sethi has been nominated as the Chairman of the Committee, whereas State incharge of all cells of BJP, S

Varinderjit Singh and party senior leader, Narsingh Das Rajwal were nominated as the members of Committee.

Ravinder Raina, terming the constitution of team as a routine affair said that as the BJP continues to scale new heights and boasts of being the largest political party in the world in terms of its primary membership, there is an ever-increasing need to keep a strict vigil on the party related activities of its cadre. He termed it as necessary step so that high standards of party's ethics and principles are maintained and every party activist carries on his job with the mission "nation first". He expressed hope that the new team will work with full zeal to strengthen the organizational fabric of party.

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Clarification

Apropos news-item titled "VO raids DC Rajouri office", it is clarified that the visiting team of State Vigilance Organization had taken the record pertaining to period between 2012 and 2016 under investigation in case FIR No.11/2018 and present Deputy Commissioner Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary was not even remotely connected with the case. Moreover, the district administration as per the spokesman provided required record after meeting of SVO team headed by SSP and senior officers of the administration and the same was kept under seal for further verification.

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Man arrested with diesel

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 1: Kulgam Police today arrested a person for illegally transporting diesel which was provided to him by Army.

Police arrested one Farooq Ahmad Shah Shah son of Ghulam Hassan Shah of Amnool in Kulgam district who was transporting illegally four canes, 140 litres of diesel in a Tavera bearing registration JK 02S /9597.

A case (FIR No 33/2018) was registered in PS Devsar against him.