

BJP to reach out to 1 lakh villages to mark Govt's seventh anniversary

NEW DELHI, May 26:

The BJP has planned a massive reach out exercise to mark the seventh anniversary of the government by carrying out Covid preventive and relief activities in one lakh villages across the country with union ministers, MPs and MLAs present in at least two villages while following all protocols, a senior party functionary said on Wednesday.

Amid the pandemic, BJP president JP Nadda has already announced that the party would not celebrate the seventh anniversary of its government at the Centre, and rather mark it by serving the people in these tough times.

Sharing the details of the plans, BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh said Nadda has categorically told party workers that they should stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of the country and serve them to mark the anniversary.

Govt need to urgently act against inflation: Ashok

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 26: Former Congress leader Ashok Kumar has expressed serious concern over the perpetual price rise of essential commodities like edible oil, pulses and life saving medicines etcetera even in a pandemic where people are already losing informal jobs and are under huge financial stress.

In a statement issued here, he expressed concern over the rising prices of essential commodities, food items and life saving drugs and urged upon the concerned Ministry to swiftly act to contain inflation as the people are suffering badly.

74 cattle rescued, 11 arrested

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JAMMU, May 26: Nagrota and Batote Police foiled bovines smuggling bids by rescuing 74 cattle and arresting 11 persons.

As per police sources, a team from Police Station Nagrota led by SHO Inspector Mohammad Shoket under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Parupkar Singh laid a naka near Ban Toll Plaza and intercepted three Srinagar bound vehicles bearing registration numbers JK02W-2867, JK02A-7442 and JK02S-9513.

During checking, police team rescued 35 bovine animals from the vehicles and arrested three persons, who were identified as Muneer Ahmed, son of Abdul Rashid of Mazmoo District Anantnag, Sher Ali, son of Mian, a resident of Kana Kasa District

Secretary DLSA organises webinar

Excelsior Correspondent

BHADERWAH, May 26: Secretary DLSA Bhaderwah Mudasar Farooq conducted an online webinar sensitization programme with all the senior police officers of district Doda including SSP Doda Mumtaz Ahmed, SSP Operations Doda, SP Headquarters Doda, SDPO Bhadarwah, SDPO Gandoh and others.

In the said virtual programme, all the senior police officers were made aware about the recent Supreme Court judgment particularly Arneesh Kumar versus State of Bihar.

In the said programme, the resource person was Advocate Vikrant Mahajan. All the police officers were made aware about the guidelines laid down in the said judgement with respect to the arrest of the accused person.

JWAM demands statehood for J&K

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 26: Jammu West Assembly Movement (JWAM) activists here today observed black day protest in support of nationwide agitation of farmers.

Speaking on the occasion JWAM president, Sunil Dimple demanded restoration of statehood to J&K with special status with Ladakh back as part of J&K.

He said that farmers are protesting across the country for the last six months demanding repeal of three farm laws.

The JWAM leader also said that PM Modi should hold direct talks with farmers.

He claimed that 400 farmers have sacrificed their lives in agitation demanding repeal of farm laws.

Manjiet Anand, Sachin Soi, Sat Sharma, Harbans Tandon, Rupesh Bhat, Om Parkash, Sanjay Nagraj, Arjun Anand, Anmol and others were also present in the protest.

"Under the guidance of MP's, MLAs, ministers in state governments and Union government will also take part in these relief works in at least two villages.

Earlier Nadda had written to the party-ruled states to prepare a programme for the welfare of children orphaned by the pandemic, and said it should be launched on May 30 when the Modi Government completes seven years in power.

In a letter to chief ministers of the party-ruled states, Nadda also said that no event will be held to mark the anniversary due to the circumstances caused by the pandemic and instead various welfare programmes will be launched to express gratefulness to people to give the BJP opportunity to serve them.

The BJP had refrained from organising any major event to celebrate the Modi Government's anniversary last year due to the Covid outbreak and various restrictions in place due to lockdown. (PTI)

He further said the party's clear instruction from Nadda that all these relief works should be held while strictly following the restrictions related to Covid.

Ashok said that the economy is successively declining since 2019 onwards from a high of 8.2 percent to a low of 3.1 percent. Subsequently, people lost their jobs and are suffering to maintain their everyday livelihood. He said if the Government ignored the current crisis of inflation the situation can turn into great disaster and famine like situation could occur in future.

The Congress leader also stressed upon the Finance Ministry to reduce the price of diesel, cooking gas and other essential commodities. He also urged upon the Government to provide financial incentive to the deserved families so that they could sustain their daily livelihood.

Reasi and Liaqat Ali, son of Mohammad Shafi of Seri Khurd Nagrota.

Cases under FIR Numbers 225/2021, 226/2021 and 227/2021 under relevant sections of law were registered at Police Station Nagrota and investigation initiated.

Meanwhile, a team from Police Station Batote led by SHO Inspector Ranjeet Singh Rao laid a naka near Chenani-Nashri tunnel and intercepted five Kashmir bound vehicles.

During frisking, police team rescued 39 bovine animals from the vehicles and arrested 8 cattle smugglers.

Cases under FIR Numbers 52/2021, 53/2021, 54/2021, 55/2021 and 56/2021 under relevant Sections were registered at Police Station Batote and investigation started.

Two arrested for misbehaving with cops

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 26: Two persons were arrested for misbehaving with cops.

As per police sources, a team from Police Station Gandhi Nagar during patrolling duty at Gole Market intercepted a car bearing registration number JK02AW-8778, the driver of which was driving rashly and in negligent manner and damaged some vehicles also.

Two persons travelling in the car started misbehaving with cops and were arrested.

The arrested persons were identified as Rahul Damral, son of Omesh Kumar of Gandhi Nagar District Jammu and Ajay Khajuria, son of Darshan Khajuria of Akalpur Sarora District Jammu.

A case under FIR Number 168/2021 under Sections 353, 279, 336, 188, 269 and 270 IPC was stands registered against the arrested persons at Police Station Gandhi Nagar and investigation started.

Unidentified female dead body yet to be identified

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 26: Unidentified female dead body, which was recovered from river Chenab at Akhnoor is yet to be identified.

As per police sources, body of an unidentified female aged around 60 to 65 years was recovered yesterday from river Chenab at Akhnoor.

The body has been shifted to mortuary of Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) Jammu for identification and post-mortem.

Inquest proceedings under Section 174 CrPc have been initiated by Akhnoor Police in this regard.

Come together in fight against Covid: Dalai Lama

DHARAMSALA, May 26:

People must come together to overcome global threats, including COVID-19, Tibetan religious leader Dalai Lama has said.

In his message for Buddhists on Buddha Purnima, the Nobel Peace Laureate said that by developing a sense of respect for others and a concern for their welfare, one could reduce their self-centredness, which is the source of many problems.

"I started my Buddhist education as a child and although I am now nearly 86 years old, I am still learning. Even though our world has changed substantially since the time of Buddha, the essence of his teaching remains as relevant today as it was 2,600 years ago," he said in a statement on Wednesday.

"...Let us all join together in doing whatever we can to overcome the global threats we face, including the COVID-19 pandemic that has brought such pain and hardship across the world," he added.

He said Buddha's teaching was essentially practical not just

for one group of people or one country but for all sentient beings.

"People can follow this path according to their ability and inclination," the spiritual leader said. He further encouraged Buddhists everywhere to discover what the teaching really means to be able to apply it in their life. "This entails listening and reading, thinking about what you have heard and read and making yourself deeply familiar with it." He stressed that Buddha's advice was to avoid harming others and to help them always in whatever way possible. "We can begin to do this by recognising that everyone else is just like us in that...They want happiness and dislike suffering. Seeking joy and freedom from suffering is the birth-right of all beings. But personal happiness very much depends on how we relate to others," the Dalai Lama said. (PTI)

3 arrested with illicit liquor

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JAMMU, May 26: Bagh-e-Bahu, Ghagwal and Talab Tillo Police arrested three persons along with illicit liquor.

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During checking, police team recovered 30 bottles of illicit liquor from the possession of the person and arrested him.

The arrested person was identified as Rohit Kumar, son of Ajit Kumar of Narwal Bala District Jammu.

A case under FIR Number 46/2021 under Section 48-A Excise Act has been registered at Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu and investigation started.

Meanwhile, a team from Police Station Ghagwal during checking at Tappal intercepted a motorcycle bearing registration number PB06W-8866

Gambling den busted, 5 arrested

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JAMMU, May 26: Pouni Chak Police busted a gambling den with the arrest of 5 persons along with Rs 8800 stake money.

As per police sources, on reliable information, a team from Police Post Pouni Chak led by PSI Younis Khanday conducted raid and busted a gambling den in Camp Gole Gujaral area with the arrest of 5 persons along with Rs 8800 stake money and playing cards.

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IT issues Rs 25,301 cr worth refunds

NEW DELHI, May 26:

The Income Tax Department today said it has issued Rs 25,301 crore-worth refunds to more than 15.45 lakh taxpayers so far this fiscal.

Out of the total amount, personal income tax refunds to the tune of Rs 7,494 crore have been issued in over 15 lakh cases. Corporate tax refunds of Rs 17,807 crore have been issued to 44,140 taxpayers.

"CBDT issues refunds of over Rs 25,301 crore to more than 15.45 lakh taxpayers between 1st April, 2021 to 24th

New IT rules not against privacy, says Govt

NEW DELHI, May 26:

The Government today said it respects the Right to Privacy and the requirement of tracing origin of flagged messages under the new IT rules is for prevention and investigation of "very serious offences" related to the sovereignty of India or public order.

In a statement, the IT Ministry termed WhatsApp's last moment challenge to the intermediary guidelines as an unfortunate attempt to prevent norms from coming into effect.

The UK, US, Australia, New Zealand and Canada require social media firms to allow for legal interception, it said, adding, "What India is asking for is significantly much less than what some of the other

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countries have demanded." "Therefore, WhatsApp's attempt to portray the Intermediary Guidelines of India as contrary to the Right to Privacy is misguided," the official statement said.

The Government recognises that 'Right to Privacy' is a fundamental right and is committed to ensure the same to its citizens, it said.

The statement further added that IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has stated that the government "is committed to ensure the Right of Privacy to all its citizens but at the same time it is also the responsibility of the Government to maintain law and order and ensure national security."

Prasad also stated that "none of the measures proposed by India will impact the normal functioning of WhatsApp in any manner whatsoever and for the common users, there will be no impact."

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India has become the second country after the US to have crossed 20 crore cumulative COVID-19 vaccination coverage, the Union health ministry said on Wednesday.

India achieved this coverage in 130 days as against the USA's feat in 124 days, the ministry said.

According to data available on Our World In Data and multiple sources, other leading countries in COVID-19 vaccination drive include the UK which has reached 5.1 crore mark in 168 days, Brazil that reached 5.9 crore mark in 128 days, and Germany which reached 4.5 crore mark in 149 days.

On the 130th day of the drive, the cumulative COVID vaccination coverage crossed the 20 crore mark (with 20,06,62,456 doses including 15,71,49,593 first dose and 4,35,12,863 second dose of COVID-19 vaccines), according to data available at 7 AM," the ministry said.

Over 34 per cent of the population above 45 years has received at least the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine in India till date. Similarly, over 42 per cent of 60+ years of population in India has received at least first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, the ministry said.

India's COVID-19 vaccination drive was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 16.

As on date, India is using three vaccines against COVID-19 in its immunisation drive, these include the made-in-India vaccines Serum Institute of India's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin. Russian Sputnik V is the third vaccine to get approval from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) for Emergency Use Authorisation and is being used in a few private hospitals which are expected to be increased over the coming days, the ministry said.

In Phase I of the vaccination drive, started 130 days ago on January 16, the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) prioritised health-care workers, and frontline workers (both government and private sector).

Phase II of the vaccination drive started from March 1, focused on protecting the most vulnerable age groups.

These prioritised age-groups included people above 60 years of age and those above 45 years with associated specified co-morbidities. This was further relaxed to all people above 45 years of age on April 1.

In the third phase, 'Liberalised Pricing and Accelerated National COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy' was adopted on 1st May 2021. Under this strategy, everyone above 18 years of age are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. (PTI)

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Congress leader distributes ration to needy people

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JAMMU, May 26: President Beopar Mandal and District General Secretary Congress, Gurmeet Singh here today distributed ration among poor and needy people hit by Corona lockdown in Jammu east area.

Ward 3 president, Raj Kumar Sodhi; Suman Gupta, Deepu, Manohar, Amarpreet Singh, Sahil Verma, Poli and others were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Gurmeet Singh said that all the public representatives irrespective of political affiliations need

Bandipora College organizes webinar

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 26: HKM Government Degree College Bandipora conducted an international webinar.

'Storm in a cup, Organs in your pocket; Bioengineering and confluence of Chemistry' live from Boston Harvard University, USA.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Shabir Hassan who is presently working as Research Scientist and Faculty at the University and it was a part of online lecture series on 'Recent Trends in Chemical Science' organized by the Department of Chemistry of the College.

Dr. Shabir Hassan presented the research conducted on bio-

DIET organises virtual meet

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, May 26: District Institute of Education and Training Kud organised one day virtual meeting for Teacher Professional Development Modules (TPDM) for DIKSHA learning platform under the leadership of Principal DIET Kud Sikander Lal.

In the meeting, more than hundred ICT teachers from district Udhampur took part.

From Ministry of Education Government of India Ravi Kumar and Linus have participated and were host of the meeting. They laid emphasis over the preparation of best TDPs. J&K Coordinator

GDC Bishnah organises lecture

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 26: Manodarpan—the psychological counselling cell of Government Degree College (GDC) Bishnah organised a lecture on "Mental Health Awareness among College Students," on Zoom platform.

The guest speaker of this programme was Aditi Pangotra, practicing psychologist based in Jammu.

In her lecture and question hour session, she focused on the

Mason dies of electrocution

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, May 26: A mason was electrocuted while at work in Kotranka area of district Rajouri today.

Official sources said that mishap took place when the mason namely, Mohd Aslam (55), son of Shamas Din, resident of Jaglanoo village in Kandi, was dismantling a wooden structure near his village. While at work, the iron rod he was holding in hand, inadvertently touched the live electric cables passing over the house and he sustained serious electric shocks.

He was critically injured in the mishap and rushed to SDH Kandi where doctors declared him as dead. The police registered a case in this connection and started investigation.

One dies in road accident

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, May 26: One person was killed in a road accident in Mandi area of district Poonch today.

A police spokesman said that a Tractor trolley bearing registration No. JK12A/ 4818, was rolled down into a gorge near Mandi town this morning. The driver sustained serious injuries and was rushed to Sub District Hospital, Mandi where he succumbed to injuries after some time.

The deceased was identified as Mohd Tariq (22), son of Mohd Shakti, resident of Seklu village in Poonch. The police registered a case in this connection and started investigation.



JAMMU, May 26: Shivani Charak of Tawi Trekkers J&K, the number one ranked woman sport climber of India who has been selected for J&K Government Award for Outstanding Sportsperson for the year 2020, has decided to donate 50 per cent of the cash reward of Rs 51000 to Tawi Trekkers J&K, her parent club, as and when she receives it from the Government.

Charak to donate 50% cash reward to Tawi Trekkers

Excelsior Correspondent

Association of mountaineering for the budding mountaineers. She, however, requested that her contribution may be utilized by the club preferably for sport climbing.

"It shall be my very humble contribution to my club which has been supporting me morally and financially, through thick and thin, during the last six years" she said and added "after all I must give something back to the organization due to which I could participate in international competitions and reached a stage where China offered me full sponsorship for five international competitions"

It is pertinent to mention here that 20 years old Shivani Charak is an incredible sport climber of India who has won a Bronze medal at the Asian Youth Championship besides a staggering 24 medals including 11 Gold at the National level.

Presently, Welspun Foundation, Mumbai is her proud sponsor for all the international level competitions.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK JAGTI TOWNSHIP NAGROTA PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Rajan Kumar S/o Late Shri Makhan Lal R/o H.No. 266, Raj Tilak Road, Purani Mandi, Jammu being the absolute owner in possession of one Triple storied commercial building alongwith land underneath it measuring 33'-6" x 12'-3" bounded on North by House of Som Nath Sharma, on South by H/o Ishar Dass, on the East by Sabzi Mandi and on the West by Moti Bazar Jammu, intends to mortgage the said property in favour of The J&K Bank Ltd. B/U Jagti Jammu for securing the loan facility of ₹12.50 Lacs sanctioned by the bank in his favour and in favour of his wife Mrs. Radha Banti under the LAF Scheme of the Bank.

Any person having any objection to the said mortgage may kindly intimate to aforesaid Bank, within a period of seven days from the date of issue of this notice, failing which no claim shall be entertained by my aforesaid bankers.

Dated: 25-05-2021.

Sd/-
Branch Head
J&K Bank Ltd.
B.U. Jagti Jammu