



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh briefing the media about the outcomes and best practices of month-long nationwide Special Swachhta Campaign 2.0 conducted from 2nd October to 31st October, at New Delhi on Friday.

## Rs 364 cr earned from scrap during Swachhta campaign: Dr Jitendra

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov 4: Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh, said that Special Campaign 2.0 was highly successful in realizing Prime Minister Modi's vision for institutionalizing Swachhta and Minimizing Pendency.

Briefing the media about the outcomes and best practices of Month long Nationwide Special Campaign 2.0 conducted from 2nd October to 31st October, 2022, Dr Jitendra Singh said, over Rs. 364 crores earned from scrap disposal and over 88.05 lac sq feet of space freed during the campaign.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that Special Campaign 2.0 was 15 times larger than Special Campaign of 2021 in terms of cleanliness campaign sites. He said, Swachhta Campaign successfully conducted in 99633 campaign sites, 54.5 lac files reviewed, 436,855 Public Grievances Redressed, 8734 MP's references replied and 883 Rules eased in the period October 2-25, 2022.

## Transformer damage rate in Jammu reduced drastically: MD JPDCL

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JAMMU, Nov 4: Managing Director Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) Shiv Anant Tayal said that transformer damage rate in Jammu has reduced drastically and the Corporation was fully prepared for harsh winters.

While giving details of the working of Central Workshop Division, Jammu, he said that the Transformer Repair Workshop of Electric Central Workshop Division (JPDCL) Jammu caters to repair of damaged DTs ranging from 25 KVA to 630 KVA rating pertaining to User Divisions of Distribution Wing JPDCL Jammu



MD JPDCL talking to media persons at Jammu on Friday.

for which buffer stock of DTs is created to meet up the emergent demand.

"During the last one year a Unique Identification Number has been created for all the DTs in the Central Workshop as per the instructions of Chief Secretary of UT of J&K. To keep track of the damage rate and to ensure fixation of responsibility in case of damage of the transformers, the workshop division has been asked to ensure

## Ensure completion of BADP works by Nov 15: DC Baramulla

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BARAMULLA, Nov 4: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today directed concerned officers to ensure completion of all on-going works under Border Area Development Plan (BADP) by November 15, 2022 and reiterated that no laxity shall be accepted in this regard.



The DDC also reviewed progress of developmental works in aspirational blocks of the district and discussed formulation of Smeedhi Seema Yojana Action Plan 2022-23.

During the meeting, it was informed that under the Border Area Development Plan (Central share) Rs. 818.64 lakh were released to different departments like Irrigation and Flood Control, PHE, R&B, Health etc. It was also given out that 74 works under BADP have been taken up with an

importantly remind us of our basic civic duty of keeping our surroundings and public places clean." The Special Campaign 2.0 was undertaken from October 2-31, 2022 in pursuance of the decision taken by the Council of Ministers that under Special Campaign 2.0, for cleanliness in offices and for disposal of pending references, Ministries/ Departments to give special attention to attached/ subordinate/ field offices, including in the remotest parts of the Country. In the period October 2-31, 2022, the Special Campaign 2.0 has been implemented in remote outstation offices, foreign missions and posts, attached and subordinate offices. The campaign sites included central government offices from Drass to Kanya Kumari and from Bikaner to Itanagar. Further all Indian Missions abroad implemented the Special Campaign 2.0 with enthusiasm.

The Special Campaign 2.0, was holistic in size and scale, witnessed widespread participation from thousands of officials and citizens who came together create a movement for Swachhta in Government Offices. Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State participated in the Special Campaign 2.0 providing leadership and guidance in implementation.

Each and every transformer should be recorded in DT Asset Management portal of JPDCL," said the Managing Director, adding that there has been 22.71 percent reduction in demand of repaired transformers.

"The demand of Repaired Transformers raised by User Divisions during the current F.Y i.e 2022-23 upto September 2022 is 1024 numbers as compared to 1324 number during the last F.Y i.e 2021-22," he said and added that due to availability of sufficient buffer stock before onset of peak summer and due to consistent reduction in demand of repaired transformers, only 766 numbers of DTs of varying capacities have been repaired during the current F.Y i.e 2022-23 upto September 2022 as compared to 1103 during the last F.Y i.e 2021-22 thereby resulting in cost savings amounting to Rs 167 lacs as on September 2022.

MD JPDCL also informed that there is enough buffer stock of Transformers in Central Workshop to ensure early replacement of damaged transformers in the hilly areas during peak winter season. He said that during the ongoing Back to Village program, all the sub-divisions are taking preventive measures such as Load Balancing and topping of Transformer oil to further reduce Transformer damage rate in Jammu region.

estimated cost of Rs. 26 crores out of which 824.85 lakh were released.

Similarly, the meeting also informed that under Samridhi Seema Yojna 20 works have been taken up with an estimated cost of Rs 8.47 lakh out of which 2 works stand completed.

It added that 3 works have been taken up under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.25 crore.

After taking a comprehensive review of all the sectors, the DDC directed officers of line departments to achieve 100 percent saturation of the projects assigned to them.

During the meeting, major thrust was laid on creation of community infrastructure to benefit the maximum population of the border areas.

While reviewing the block wise progress of the district under ADP, the DDC directed for achieving 100% Saturation in blocks where they lack some indicators under Aspirational District Programme which include education, basic infrastructure, agriculture more especially in health and nutrition where more focus is needed to achieve the targets.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Yousef Rather, Chief Education Officer Baramulla, GM, Lone; Engineers from Executive Agencies, besides other concerned officers.

## Govt releases over Rs 3 cr as UT share for NAM, drug testing lab

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SRINAGAR, Nov 4: The Government has released the UT-share of over Rs 3.88 crore under Capex Budget 2022-23 for National Ayush Mission (NAM) and strengthening of Drug Regulatory System in the State- Establishment of modern Drug Testing Laboratory at Kathua, which are Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

In this regard, for National Ayush Mission (NAM), over Rs 1 crore 38 lakhs have been released in favor of Director, Ayush J&K while Rs 2.5 crore have been released for strengthening of Drug Regulatory System in the State- Establishment of Modern Drug Testing Laboratory at Kathua in favor of State Drug Controller, Drug & Food Control Organization, J&K.

As per details, the sanction to the advance drawl of Rs. 3.88 cr, available under Capex Budget 2022-23 as matching UT share has come in continuation to an order dated 06-10-2022 and are to be utilized during the current financial year (2022-23).

The advance drawl of funds has been made subject to conditions which include that Director, Ayush, J&K and State Drug Controller, Drug & Food Control Organization, J&K will have to furnish the physical and financial progress report every month to this Department, which shall be open to the spot verification.

## Comm Secy Health not to draw salary till judgment is implemented: HC

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JAMMU, Nov 4: High Court has directed that Commissioner Secretary Health shall not withdraw his salary for the month of November 2022 and onwards till judgment in question is implemented in letter and spirit and further orders.

The direction has been passed by Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal in a contempt petition filed by Dr Jawahar Lal Wali and Another.

The contempt petition was taken up 12.04.2022 when AAG Amit Gupta undertook to get the judgment dated 03.11.2006 passed in SWP No. 525/2003 implemented in its letter and spirit by releasing all the post-retiral benefits in favour of the petitioners within a period of four weeks.

When matter was listed on 21.05.2022 AAG Amit Gupta sought some more time to implement the judgment and, accordingly, four weeks' further time was granted. Again, when the matter was listed on 04.07.2022, none appeared on behalf of respondents and last opportunity of four weeks was granted to the respondents counsel to do needful in terms of order dated 21.05.2022.

When the case was listed few days back, counsel for the petitioners submitted that in spite



AJKPC president, Anil Sharma addressing media at Jammu on Friday.

## AJKPC demands Rs 25 lakh for each Panchayat

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JAMMU, Nov 4: All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) today urged the Government to enhance funds under the Back to Village (B2V) program from the current amount of Rs 10 lakh to Rs 25 lakh for each Panchayat.

While addressing a press conference after completion of 4th B2V program, Anil Sharma, president of along with senior functionaries of the organisation, highlighted several issues pertaining to the program which is the dream program of Prime Minister to empower Panchayats.

Anil Sharma said that prior to start the 4th B2V program, there was resentment amongst several PRI members and they had decided to boycott it but after the request from the Government functionaries, the AJKPC leaders pacified the agitated PRI members and assured them that their genuine issues

of categoric directions issued by this court, the judgment which is sought to be complied with, has not been implemented in its letter and spirit and compliance report filed by the respondents is not in tune with the judgment.

"The present contempt petition is pending before this court since 2007 and the judgment was passed way back in the year 2006, but till date, the petitioners are clamouring hard for seeking implementation of the same", Justice Nargal observed, adding "hence there is a deliberate/wilful attempt on part of the respondents in not implementing the judgment as the respondents are playing hide and seek which constitute contempt".

"Since the judgment/order has not been complied with respondent should have remained present in court but he has failed to appear in spite of categoric directions issued on 12.09.2022 and instead, he has filed an application seeking exemption from his personal appearance", High Court said, adding "merely, that respondent has communicated to the Administrative Department for seeking approval does not give him a right to seek exemption".

Stating that this is a fit case where rule is required to be framed against respondent for willful disobedience, Justice Nargal granted last and final opportunity of one week to implement the judgment in question in its letter and spirit.

"In the peculiar facts and circumstances, it is directed that respondent shall not withdraw his salary for the month of November 2022 onwards till the judgment in question is implemented in its letter and spirit and further orders from this court", read the judgment, adding "the respondent shall also file his personal affidavit for his non-appearance and the affidavit should also disclose the steps taken in furtherance of the judgment/direction passed by this court vide order dated 03.11.2006 from the day he has assumed the charge".

that the proposed nomination of the Registrar as Chief Administrative Officer on deputation from the Government is not in the interest of the universities as both the farm universities are governed by the rules and regulations of the UGC, Model Act of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), New Delhi in addition to periodic accreditation at the national level by peer review committee besides following the curriculum of national level at UG and PG levels.

Conveying strong resentment and displeasure over the proposed bill, SKUAST-TAJ and SSTA Kashmir made a passionate appeal to Lt Governor UT of J & K, Manoj Sinha, who is also the Chancellor of both farm Universities, for immediately withdrawing the proposed bill.

Both the teaching associations of the farm varieties expressed that such acts of dilution of the University governing bodies and interference into the academic and research domains of the varieties will affect the overall growth, progress and functioning of apex academic institutions.

The teaching associations of SKUAST-J&K further observed

## Calibrated support to terrorism

# Pak trying to divert attention of people from internal turmoil: Army

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 4: Asserting that Pakistan's calibrated support to terrorism is aimed at diverting the attention of its people from the "ongoing turmoil" in that country, a senior Army officer today said the security forces continue to remain alert on the Line of Control (LoC) to counter any attempt to disturb the peace in the region.

The officer said the security forces successfully thwarted a major infiltration bid in Poonch sector yesterday and defeated the nefarious designs of the neighbouring country to vitiate the atmosphere in Poonch and Rajouri.

"Pakistan's calibrated support to terrorism continues with an aim to divert the attention of its people from the ongoing internal turmoil and target communal harmony in Poonch and Rajouri sectors," the Army said in a press statement issued in Rajouri.

The security forces continue to remain alert on the LoC to counter any attempt by inimical forces to disturb the peace and harmony in the region, the officer said.

Giving details about yesterday's infiltration bid, Poonch Brigade commander Brigadier Rajesh Bisht told reporters in Rajouri that at around 9:30 am, the troops deployed along the LoC in Poonch sector noticed suspicious movements of three infiltrators, who were wearing



Commander Poonch Brigade Brig Rajesh Bisht speaking to media at Rajouri on Friday.

Pathani suits and trying to sneak across the LoC in the Nakarkote area.

"When the infiltrators were challenged by our troops, they opened fire," the officer said.

In the ensuing gun battle, all three militants were eliminated. The troops subsequently found the body of one of the ultras, he said.

The bodies of the two other militants were taken away by the residents of villages in Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) on carts, he added.

"As the operation progressed towards the LoC, a weapon with bullet marks and numerous other war-like stores were recovered and a blood trail was also seen, leading towards the LoC," Brigadier Bisht said.

Two AK-74 rifles with four magazines and 43 rounds, one Chinese pistol with seven rounds and a magazine, one Claymore mine along with

cables and a battery, one SMG magazine, a bag, a pouch, combat colours, a packet of Gold Cup cigarettes made in Pakistan along with a lighter and a small packet of a contraband substance (likely for self-consumption) were seized during the search operation, he said.

A major terror plot was foiled by the Army with killing of three militants and recoveries of arms and ammunition from their possession which would have been used for terror attacks in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri or the Kashmir valley, yesterday.

The militant outfits like Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and The Resistance Front (TRF) have been making attempts to revive militancy in the parts of Jammu region especially the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch and erstwhile Doda district.

## Deptts allocated to Law Officers in Jammu, Srinagar Wings of HC

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JAMMU, Nov 4: Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs has allocated departments amongst the Law Officers in the Jammu and Srinagar Wings of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

As per the order relating to Jammu Wing of the High Court, Monika Kohli, Senior Additional Advocate General has been allocated Home Department, J&K Crime Branch, Anti-Corruption Bureau and Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

Raman Sharma, Additional Advocate General has been allocated General Administration Department, School Education Department (except Ramban, Udhampur and Reasi districts).

As per the order relating to Srinagar Wing of the High Court, Mohsin-Ul-Showkat Qadri, Senior Additional Advocate General has been allocated GAD, JKBOPEE, Jal Shakti Department, Revenue Department (Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora districts) while as Senior AAG Abdul Rashid Malik has been allotted Social Welfare Department, Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department, Service Selection Board and Revenue Department (Anantnag and Shopian districts).

Additional Advocate General Mushtaq Ahmed Chashoo has been allotted R&B, J&K Project Construction Corporation, J&K ERA and Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Private Schools and SKIMS while as AAG Asifa Padroo has been allotted Home Department, Anti-Corruption Bureau, J&K Crime Branch and All Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act Appeals.

AAG Hilal Ahmed Wani has been allotted Election Department, J&K Forest Development Corporation, Rural Development Department, Information Technology Department and Revenue Department (Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts) while as AAG Mushtaq Ahmed Sheikh has been allotted School Education Department, Drug and

been allotted Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department, Animal and Sheep Husbandry Department, J&K Agro Industries Department and Khadi and Village Board.

Government Advocate Sajjad Ashraf has been allotted Estates Department, Youth Services and Sports Department and J&K Sports Council while as Government Advocate Rekha Wangnoo has been allotted IMPA, J&K Resident Commissioner, New Delhi, Transport Department, J&K RTC, Floriculture Department and Government Press.

Government Advocate Ilyas Nazir Laway has been allotted Tourism Department, J&K Cable Car Corporation, Tourism Development Corporation, Labour and Employment Department, Science and Technology Department and J&K Lakes Conservation and Managing Authority while as Government Advocate Faheem Nisar Shah has been allotted Law Department, Skill Development Department, Horticulture Department, J&K and Ladakh Finance Corporation and Cooperative Department.

## DC Jammu attends grievances redressal camp

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 4: To get first-hand account of the public grievances, Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavasa, today presided over a grievances redressal camp in Tehsil Bahu where at several delegations and scores of individuals apprised her about the problems/issues being faced by them in day to day life.

The main issues highlighted during the programme were related to water supply shortage and erratic power, Revenue, land compensation, road connectivity, construction of lanes and drains, cleanliness and sanitation in the area.

The DC gave a patient hear-

ing to the delegations and passed on the spot directions to the concerned officers for early redressal of their genuine grievances. She assured that the highlighted issues of public importance will be taken up with higher authorities besides all the pendency and public service delivery slackness shall be reviewed thoroughly.

She also impressed upon the officers to work with zeal to achieve the targets and delivery of the benefits to the common masses.

Tehsildar Dr Rohit Sharma, along with other officers of concerned departments and a large number of people were present at the program.

## SKUAST J&K teachers urge LG to withdraw Public University Bill

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 4: SKUAST-Teachers' Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) and SKUAST-K Scientists & Teachers Association (SSTA - KASHMIR) have expressed their reservations over the JK Public University Bill 2022 and unanimously termed the draft bill as mere interference into the autonomous and independent working atmosphere of the universities.

Both the teaching associations of the farm varieties expressed that such acts of dilution of the University governing bodies and interference into the academic and research domains of the varieties will affect the overall growth, progress and functioning of apex academic institutions.

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## 384 cases of dengue reported in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, Nov 4: A total of 384 dengue cases were reported from Tikri, Chenani, Majalta, Panchari, Ramnagar and Udhampur urban areas of Udhampur district.

According to Dr Vijay Basnotra, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Udhampur, out of 1964 suspected cases, 384 patients have been tested positive for dengue.

Assuring that all hospitals in the district are ready to tackle the mosquito borne infection, he said, "We have made all arrangements to curb dengue and a special lab has been designated for testing of suspected cases. We have also established a separate ward and deployed special doctors for dengue patients".

The shopkeepers told Excelsior that from the past many

months no proper sanitization in Udhampur City has been done which is resulting in the rise in dengue cases but the municipal authorities did not wake up from sleep even after having 384 cases.

"Municipal Committee Udhampur and District Administration have failed to keep the city clean. We have been demanding shifting of this dumping station for the last many months, but neither the Municipal Committee nor the District Administration Udhampur took cognizance of the same," the shopkeepers added.

The shopkeepers appealed the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to take up the issue with the concerned department and direct them to change dumping sites from the whole city in order to save the residents from the spread of diseases.