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Govt directs Corporations, Authorities to start holding Board meetings immediately

withholding of funds by the Government, sources informed.

"The Government has also directed the Managing Directors of the Corporations and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of the Authorities for making their respective units more vibrant and financially viable", sources said...

The Corporations and Authorities have already been told to come up with a clear plan within a month for Government's consideration which should specify how they are going to be profit oriented...

Moreover, it is an initiative for paper less budgeting process with objective of facilitating easy coordination among DDOs, HoDs, Administrative Departments and Finance Department.

Meanwhile, reiterating the earlier directions with regard to formulation of departmental deliverables, the Chief Secretary has directed all the Administrative Secretaries to ensure that the directions given by Prime Minister in the conferences of Chief Secretaries and directions given by Home Minister and Lieutenant Governor from time to time are made part of their respective departmental deliverables.

"The deliverables should also aid in employment generation and that the priorities decided to be part of the deliverables by the departments be objective driven", sources said quoting the directions of the Chief Secretary.

Moreover, the Chief Secretary has directed all the Administrative Secretaries to ensure switching over to scheme-based budgeting system for this financial year 2023-24 taking into account Centrally Sponsored Schemes, UT Schemes and NABARD/united schemes in accordance with the detailed guidelines issued on the subject from time to time.

It will be a historic step, a complete departure from the earlier practice and a plan, first of its kind", sources said quoting the observations of the Chief Secretary.

It is pertinent to mention here that BEAMS (Budget, Estimation, Allocation & Monitoring System) is an online computerized web based application for preparation and authorization of budget. It enables online flow of resources and the departments can allocate funds to their field offices through this system.

Night temp below normal in Valley degree Celsius which was 5.2 degree Celsius above normal.

Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low of 4.4 degree Celsius against 3.5 degree Celsius and it was 1.3 degree Celsius below normal for the gateway of Kashmir.

Pahalgam in South Kashmir recorded a low of minus 0.5 degree Celsius against 0.4 degree Celsius the previous night. It was still 1.7 degree Celsius below normal for the tourist hot spot.

Kokernag recorded a low of 6.4 degree Celsius against 5.2 degree Celsius. However, it was 1.2 degree Celsius above normal for the picnic spot of south Kashmir.

Gulmarg in North Kashmir settled at minus 1.5 degree Celsius against 1.0 degree Celsius a day ago. It was 1.0 degree Celsius above normal for the famous ski resort.

Kupwara had a low of 2.5 degree Celsius against 1.8 degree Celsius the previous night and it was 3.0 degree Celsius below normal for the frontier Kashmir district, the MeT office said. (UNI)

Weakening of micaceous rock due to percolation of water caused landslides in Doda: Expert

caused percolation into a micaceous rock at the bottom of the village and development of fractures (joints) in the rock due to increase in the load capacity of the rock in view of accumulation of debris and water percolated through the lone exposed space," he said.

Dr Yudhbir further explained, "the water percolated into the rocks in the hilly areas freezes in the night time when temperature remains low and its (water's) temperature rises in the day time. The increase in the temperature results into

weakening of the rocks and ultimately their (rocks) movement on the slopes to the outer side unlike subsidence where rocks subside downwards".

"So, no parallel can be drawn between what happened in Joshimath and Nai Basti areas," he said.

Asked why sloppy lands in other villages don't move as it happened in Nai Basti, he said, "because other villages have proper drainage system unlike Nai Basti."

And far rest of the villages where anthropogenic activity is less as compared to Nai Basti, Prof Yuvdir said, "in all other villages, there is a natural drainage system that automatically distributes the household and rainwater in different directions unlike in the case of Nai Basti where water accumulated in only exposed space."

Dr Yudhbir and team's research work in the form of a research paper would be sent for peer reviews after which it would be published in some acclaimed journals.

PM ended all kind of discrimination with J&K 3 years back: LG

righteous path," he said. We should strive to spread Bhagwan Mahavir's teachings to realize the dream of a society built on equity and shared prosperity," he added.

"Human consciousness is infinite and the journey with pure awareness will lead to building an egalitarian society and spiritual transformation. The timeless values and wisdom imparted by Bhagwan Mahavir is the greatest strength of society and ultimate source of wisdom for holistic development,"

Determining fake, false news, misrepresentation need lot of deliberations: Rijiju

Chairman JKLSA today inaugurated the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel at ADR Centre in District Court Complex Budgam.

During his visit to Budgam, the Union Minister also presided over an awareness programme on Legal Assistance at Pre-arrest, Arrest and Remand Stage at Conference Hall Budgam.

In his presidential address, Rijiju said that the Legal Aid Defense Counsel system would be fruitful in helping the marginalized sections of society, who have no access to justice. Further, he emphasized the importance of such awareness programmes on providing Legal Assistance at pre-arrest, arrest and remand stage to the down trodden people of the society, thereby giving a meaning to access to justice.

Praising people of Jammu and Kashmir as hearty and always overwhelming, the Minister said they have full faith in Justice delivery system.

He said Kashmir is a paradise on earth, and people here have to live happily on this paradise.

Lauding the role of J&K Legal Services Authority, the Union Minister said that it is ensuring delivery of justice in an efficient and competent manner across the UT.

He said that objective of organizing awareness regarding Legal aid services is to aware people about their legal rights and access to the justice delivery system. He said that Constitutional rights should not only be upheld but also promoted.

The Union Minister emphasized on empowerment of citizens with legal literacy and said PLVs are playing important role in bridging the gap between citizens and legal aid providers through Nyaya Bandhu & Tele- Law Services by both offline and digital services.

He emphasized that Nyaya Bandhu & Tele- Law Services are instrumental way to provide legal aid to the deserving.

Rijiju said that doors of justice are open to all without any discrimination of rich and poor and it is being ensured that no innocent is punished and no guilty is spared.

observed the Lt Governor. Cultural programme on the life and teachings of Bhagwan Mahavir was also presented on the occasion.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu; Lt Gen Sandeep Jain, GOC 16 Corps; Anand Jain, Director Anti-Corruption Bureau J&K; Pankaj Jain and other officers of SS Jain Sabha, besides students and members of the community were present in large numbers.

Narco-terror module operatives from PoJK trapped on LoC through CCTVs

transportation of weapons and narcotics and a number of them have been nabbed by the police.

Jammu-based Army PRO Lt Col Devender Anand said the troops noticed suspicious movement of a group of three individuals close to the LoC around 1015 hours last night.

Movement of the infiltrators was also visible on CCTV cameras installed on the LoC, sources said.

"Around midnight, the group crossed the LoC and started infiltrating into this side. The alert troops kept the movement of the infiltrating group under continuous observation. At approximately 2 am, as the group approached the fence, the alert Army troops challenged them," they said.

They added that as soon as the intruders started to run away, they were fired upon. One of them was shot dead while the other two managed to escape into a jungle taking advantage of the thick foliage, darkness and rocky outcrop.

"The area was immediately cordoned off to prevent their escape across the LoC and a search operation was launched at first light wherein the body of the slain intruder was recovered

each was detected in Doda, Kathua, Samba, Kishtwar and Ramban districts.

Reports said that a total of 3,293 COVID tests were conducted in the Union Territory during last 24 hours. The number of active COVID cases in the UT as on date is 392,142 in Jammu Division and 250 in Kashmir Valley whereas 20 COVID patients (all from Kashmir Division) recovered today.

The highest number of 86 active cases are in Jammu district, followed by 66 in Srinagar, 38 in Budgam, 34 in Kulgam, 32 in Baramulla, 26 in Pulwama, 17 in Bandipora, 15 in Ganderbal, 13 in Samba, 11 each in Anantnag and Ramban districts, 10 in Kupwara, 9 in Udhampur, 7 in Poonch, 4 each in Doda and Reasi, 3 each in Kathua and Kishtwar while 2 cases are in Rajouri and 1 in Shopian district.

"Most of the infiltration attempts have been successfully foiled by the security forces," the sources said.

64 test positive for COVID in J&K

Govt to set up 16th FC

financial relations. The previous Finance Commission submitted its report on November 9, 2020, for the 5 fiscals -- 2021-22 to 2025-26 -- to the President.

The 15th Commission under NK Singh had kept the tax devolution ratio at 42 per cent -- at the same level suggested by the 14th Commission.

The Central Government accepted the report of the Commission, and accordingly, the States are being given 42 per cent of the divisible tax pool of the Centre during the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

The 15th Finance Commission's recommendations include the fiscal deficit, debt path for the Union and States, and additional borrowing room to States based on performance in power sector reforms.

As per the glide path for fiscal consolidation, the Government aims to bring down the fiscal deficit to 4.5 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by the 2025-26 fiscal.

For the current fiscal, the deficit is projected at 5.9 per cent of GDP, lower than 6.4 per cent in the last fiscal ended March 31, 2023. (PTI)

Tulip Garden sees arrival of nearly 2.5 lakh tourists in last 18 days

around the world," the officials said. Concerning the end of the tulip bloom period and the time when the garden will be closed, Dr Inam said that it all depends entirely on the weather. "If the weather is moderate and temperatures do not rise, the closure can be extended; if the weather turns hot in the coming days, the bloom period will be shorter, necessitating the closure," he said.

Aanchal Sharma, a visitor from Chhattisgarh, enjoying the mesmerising beauty of tulips, said that it was no less than heaven. "It is so beautiful, I must say. We had scheduled our visit as per the time when the Tulip Garden would open. We have specifically come to see the tulips. It is stunning," she said.

She urged the people to come and visit the Tulip Garden, which, she said, has the peculiarity of having tulips of almost every colour. "It is breath-taking; I cannot explain it in words. People who

Kapahi gets highest votes in Amar Singh Club polls

Ashok Aima acting as the Returning Officer.

As per official figures available with the Excelsior, total 25,982 votes were polled in the elections.

While Kapahi polled highest 1802 votes in the Executive Committee members elections, others who were elected as the executive committee members of the club are Amit Mahajan who polled 1654 votes, Deepali Handa 1573, Sanjay Sethi 1568, Siddharth Mehta 1526, Naresh Kumar Gupta 1434, Er Gurpreet Chahal 1427, Dr Nandita Mehta 1407, Ritika Mahajan 1220, Prof

Renu Nanda 1192 and Er Vikram Puri 1180.

Among other contestants, Sardar Daljeet Singh Raina polled 1114, Seerat Gupta 1076, Manjeet Nagpal 1055, Winnie Singh 1008, Er Rakesh Badyal 1003, Dheeraj Malhotra 910, Deepak Gupta 900, Er Samar Bali 890, Er Sisar Khajuria 773, Vinod Gandotra 639 and Varun Saraf 631.

Pertinently, the elected 11 members of the Executive Committee would elect a Secretary of the Club while four members would be nominated by the Government.

83 pc MUDRA loans under Rs 50,000: Chidambaram

NEW DELHI, Apr 9:

As the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana completed eight years, senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Sunday said 83 per cent of the loans given under the scheme are under Rs 50,000 which leaves him wondering what kind of business can be done today with a loan of that amount.



Banks and financial institutions have sanctioned Rs 23.2 lakh crore to over 40.82 crore beneficiaries under the Mudra Yojana launched to fund the unfunded eight years ago.

Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) was launched on April 8, 2015, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to facilitate easy collateral-free micro-credit of up to Rs 10 lakh to non-corporate, non-farm small and micro-entrepreneurs for income-generating activities. In a tweet, Chidambaram said that under the Mudra Loan scheme, loans of the value of Rs 23.2 lakh crore have been given in eight years which is "impressive" until you notice that 83 per cent of those loans are under Rs 50,000.

"That is Rs 19,25,600 crore of loans have been given to borrowers at the rate of Rs 50,000 or less. It leaves me wondering what kind of business can be done today with a loan of Rs 50,000?" the former finance minister said. (PTI)

Loans under PMMY are provided by Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) -- banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), microfinance institutions (MFIs) and other financial intermediaries, the Finance Ministry said in a statement on Saturday. (PTI)

Preity Zinta claims being harassed

MUMBAI, Apr 9:

Actor-entrepreneur Preity Zinta has opened up about facing harassment on two separate occasions during her recent visit to the city and said the incidents have left her a "bit shaken".

In a lengthy post on Instagram, Zinta revealed that a woman tried to take a photograph with her toddler Gia, but when the actor "politely" said no, the lady "suddenly scooped my daughter in her arms & planted a big wet kiss next to her mouth & ran off saying what a cute baby."

"This woman lives in an elite building & happened to be in the garden where my kids were playing. If I wasn't a celebrity I probably would have reacted badly but kept my cool as I didn't want to make a scene," the actor, who shares twins Gia and Jai with husband Gene Goodenough, wrote.

"Detailing the second incident, the Kings XI Punjab team co-owner said she was rushing to the airport when a disabled man started getting 'aggressive' as she couldn't offer him money due to lack of cash at the time.

"I had a plane to catch & this disabled man kept trying to stop me. Over the years he has harassed me for money & I have given it to him when I could. This time when he asked for money I said sorry today I have no cash, just a credit card.

"The lady with me gave him some money from her purse. He threw it back at her cuz it wasn't enough & started getting aggressive," she wrote alongside a video of the disabled man following her car.

The 48-year-old actor is currently in India to attend the ongoing IPL 2023 tournament with her team Kings XI Punjab. Zinta, known for starring in movies such as "Dil Se", "Soldier", "Kal Ho Naa Ho", "Koi... Mil Gaya", "Veer-Zaara" and "Lakshya", said it's high

time people realised that celebrities are "human beings" first.

"I'm a human being first, then a mom & then a celebrity. I also don't need to apologise for my success constantly & be bullied for it cuz I've worked very hard to get where I am.

"I have an equal right like anyone else in this country to live the way I want so please think before you judge & please stop blaming celebrities for everything. There are always 2 sides to a story," she wrote, adding that her children are "not part of a package deal & are not meant to be preyed on"

"They are infants & need to be treated like infants, not celebrities."

Zinta also called out the paparazzi for laughing over the situation instead of helping her.

"The photographers found this incident funny. Instead of helping us they filmed & laughed. NO ONE told him not to follow the car or harass us as anyone could have gotten hurt. Had there been an accident, I would have been blamed. My being a celebrity would have been questioned. Bollywood would have been blamed & a lot of negativity would have spread."

She hopes the photographers that "ask us for photos, videos & sound bytes also have the grace, humanity & maturity to act & help in the future instead of filming & laughing cuz most of the time it's not funny."

Zinta found support in her film industry colleagues. While Hrithik Roshan lauded her for voicing her concerns, Arjun Rampal asked her to give him a "call" whenever she is in any difficult situation in future.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Mallaika Arora and Lilly Singh also praised the actor for taking a stand.

Zinta lives in Los Angeles, California, with her husband and children. (PTI)

5357 new Corona cases in India

NEW DELHI, Apr 9:

India logged 5,357 new Coronavirus cases, while the active cases rose to 32,814, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated today.

The death toll has increased to 5,30,965 with 11 deaths. While three deaths were reported from Gujarat, two were from Himachal Pradesh and one each from Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh besides one reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The COVID case tally was recorded at 4.47 crore

(4,47,56,616)

The active cases now comprise 0.07 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.74 per cent, the Ministry said.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,41,92,837 while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the Ministry's website, 220,66 crore doses of COVID vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive. (PTI)

Doctors allege Medical College flouting Govt order on jobs for disabled professionals

NEW DELHI, Apr 9:

Dr Sujith Jose, a wheelchair-bound urologist serving in a Government hospital in Kerala, cannot apply for the same job in the premier Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) in Puducherry due to its "insensitive and illogical" disability criteria.

According to the latest office memorandum (OM) of JIPMER for the recruitment of disabled medical professionals, any faculty in the urology department needs to have the functional ability to sit, stand and walk among other things.

Jose, 34, who suffered spinal injuries while undergoing urology training, performs all these functions with the help of his wheelchair which the OM hasn't specified making him disqualified for the post.

A recipient of a scholarship from the Society of International Urology in 2022 for a functional and female urology fellowship from CES University Medellin in Colombia, Dr Jose said, "I have got special training to perform urological surgeries using a standing wheelchair. Developed countries don't have such functional requirements in jobs."

Jose is not the only one being deprived of a job opportunity at an institute of national importance like JIPMER due to physical disabilities.

Senior medical professionals with disabilities have raised serious objections to the identification of various jobs with respective benchmark disability and functional requirements in JIPMER. They say that the OM is not only insensitive but also violates the existing law by denying job opportunities to several disabled doctors who are already holding respective positions in reputed medical institutions.

Dr Rakesh Aggarwal, Director, JIPMER, said that doctors who feel that they cannot apply because of any condition can give their representation to the institute. (PTI)

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