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IAF officials with Village Heads after security review meeting at Air Force Station Jammu on Saturday. (UNI)

IAF Comdr for strict vigil to ensure airfield security

areas in the vicinity of the Jammu airfield was also highlighted during the meeting, the spokesperson said.

Targeting KPs attack on India's integrity, only handful of people behind this: Sinha

issued to organize such special governance camps for PoJK brothers and sisters to ensure saturation of social security schemes, self-employment and skilling.

He also highlighted that almost all the posts under PM Package have been filled and the UT Government has made all the arrangements for construction of 6000 dwellings.

"Except two, the construction is underway on all the sites. I am personally monitoring the progress. By this April, 1200 houses and till December 2700 houses will be ready. All the pending promotions were completed recently. The process of promotion from non-Gazetted to Gazetted is going on and I hope that it will be completed by the end of this month," the Lt Governor said.

He also said that 80% to 85% PM Package employees are posted at district headquarters. "Some are posted at tehsil headquarters after the security audit of the areas. We have ensured that no one is posted at any office or school situated in remote isolated area," he added.

"We are committed to fulfill the expectation of people. Earlier, the laws were formulated to retrieve the properties of Kashmiri Pandit brothers but it was not implemented. We have taken immediate action and out of 8000 applications received on Migrant Portal, around 6000 cases have been resolved. The administration and the security forces are working with dedication to ensure your safety," the Lt Governor said.

Earlier in the day, speaking to a group of reporters, Sinha referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the "insensitive" approach of his administration towards the "plight" of Kashmiri Pandit employees, said that he is saying it with full responsibility that he "cannot use the word" beggar for anyone.

WEATHER JAMMU: Mainly dry TEMPERATURE Max: 23.3 Degree C Min: 8.9 Degree C RELATIVE HUMIDITY RH-I (Morning): 58.0 per cent RH-II (Evening): 83.0 per cent

"I do not wish to comment on this. Some people come for entertainment, enjoy and return... Had I said this, it would have been on record. I am saying with full responsibility that I cannot use such a word for anyone," he said. Sinha said the Jammu and Kashmir administration was keeping a close watch on two dozen structures in Doda developing cracks but denied the situation was akin to the land subsidence witnessed in Joshimath.

The best possible assistance will be extended to the affected families of Nai Basti in the Thathri area, situated around 35 km from the Doda town along the Kishtwar-Batote National Highway.

While three houses collapsed after developing cracks, 18 other structures were rendered unsafe, prompting the district administration to shift over 100 people to safer places.

"All the affected houses have been evacuated and there is no need to create much hype. The administration is keeping a close eye on the (emerging) situation and the best possible action will be taken (for their rehabilitation)," Sinha said.

Asked if it was a Joshimath-like situation in the affected village, the Lt Governor replied "absolutely not". Uttarakhand's Joshimath - the gateway to famous pilgrimage sites like Badrinath and Hemkund Sahib - is facing a major challenge due to land subsidence.

"I do not have much knowledge (about the reasons for the development of cracks in structures in Doda village). We should have faith in the expert opinion and let them analyse and come out with facts," Sinha said. Meanwhile, Nazim Zai Khan, Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; KK Sidha, Commissioner, Relief & Rehabilitation and other senior officers were also present at the Kashmiri migrants' function addressed by the Lieutenant Governor.

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CINEMA

APSARA AUDI-1: PATHAAN (HINDI) - 10.15 AM, 01.15 PM, 04.15 PM, 07.15 PM, 10.00 PM APSARA AUDI-2: KUTTEY (HINDI) - 11.00 AM, 1.15 PM, 3.30 PM, 6.30 PM

Agniveer aspirants to appear in online CEE

notification for this is expected to be issued around mid-February.

The first online CEE is slated to be held in April at nearly 200 locations across the country and for it all preparations have been finalised, a source said.

"The changed methodology will ensure increased focus on cognitive aspect during selection. It will have wider outreach across the country and also reduce the large crowds seen during recruitment rallies to make them more manageable and easier to conduct," the source said.

An advertisement published in a leading newspaper with the title - "Transformational Changes in Recruitment in Indian Army" -- on Friday, lists the new three-step methodology for the recruitment process.

The first step will be the online CEE for all candidates at nominated centres, followed by physical fitness test for CEE-qualified candidates during recruitment rallies, and medical tests in the end, it says.

"For Agniveer recruitment process, earlier, candidates had to undergo physical fitness test, followed by medical tests, and appearing for the CEE was the last step. But, now, common online CEE is the first step. This will also help in easing screening process and the logistics involved," the source said.

The new process will apply to about 40,000 candidates who are willing to join the Army from the next recruitment cycle of 2023-24, he said. (PTI)

National flags fluttering on every house in J&K, peace back after 370 abrogation: Anurag

Jammu and Kashmir. Senior BJP leaders accompanying the yatra including Arun Jaitley, Sushma Swaran and Ananth Kumar were also detained.

"Jammu and Kashmir has changed and is witnessing massive development now," he said. Replying to a question on PDP president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti's criticism of BJP policies on Jammu and Kashmir, Anurag Thakur said, "Some people have lost ground as they were habitual of family rule and grabbing land. They are out of power and they are frustrated."

He said the Government has nothing to hide on the Adani issue and accused Opposition parties of creating a ruckus in Parliament to evade a debate on the "people-friendly" budget. He alleged that they had insulted President Droupadi Murmu by stalling a discussion on the motion of thanks to the President's address and demanded that they apologise to her.

"We want discussion on the President's address and 2023-24 budget which will guide India from 'Amrit Kaal to Swarnim Kaal' and will lay the foundation of New India but the Opposition is running away from discussion," Thakur said.

Parliament was adjourned for the second consecutive day on Friday without transacting any business after the Opposition stepped up its demand for an independent investigation into the allegations of fraud against billionaire Gautam Adani's companies that triggered an unprecedented stock crash. The Parliament will resume on Monday.

Proceedings in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were disrupted as Opposition members raised slogans demanding a discussion and a JPC probe into the fraud-allegation-triggered rout.

Responding to a question on the demand of the Opposition, the Information and Broadcasting Minister said, "The banks, LIC and RBI have already made their statements clear, while the Government has nothing to hide."

"The role of the Opposition is very unfortunate. Their response to the speech of the President is condemnable as they repeatedly humiliated her. They should immediately apologise to her," he said.

Thakur said the Opposition was rendered speechless by the "people-friendly" budget and instead of having a discussion on it, they are creating a ruckus.

Govt sets into motion exercise to extend e-office up to Tehsil level

the number of users communicated to Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency, extension of NIC NET/SWAN network up to the Tehsil level through secured mode— Multiprotocol Label Switching etc.

The Detailed Project Report will also contain the steps required to be taken to strengthen complete infrastructure in J&K State Data Centre for hosting the office for envisaged number of users and requirement of manpower for managing the back-end operations of e-office (System Admins, Database Admins etc) as per the NIC Policy.

Moreover, the committee will suggest mode of hiring of manpower for training purpose and for rolling out e-office up to Tehsil level, sources said, adding "extension of e-office up to Tehsil level will further go a long way in making official accountable and check their efficiency. Further, with the rolling out of e-office at Tehsil level the Government will come to know about the exact requirement of manpower in each office and surplus manpower can be diverted to those offices which are facing dearth of same".

It is pertinent to mention here that physical files are not being encouraged in Civil Secretariat, offices of Heads of the Departments and Deputy Commissioners. For smooth func-



Huge icicles hanging from a hotel's roof in Gulmarg. -Excelsior/Aabid Nabi

Avalanche hits Gulmarg

added. An official said that there was no one at the spot when the incident occurred.

On February 1, a massive avalanche hit the upper reaches of the famous ski resort, leading to the death of two Polish skiers and trapping 21 other people including 19 foreigners and two local guides who were rescued from the slopes that had been declared a no go zone.

In the meantime, the weatherman has forecast mainly dry weather for next 24 hours in Kashmir with very light rain and snow at one or two places in North Kashmir.

A Meteorological department official said that there was a possibility of scattered light rain and snow during the subsequent two days.

Amid cloud cover, the minimum temperature saw an increase except at a few places with Srinagar recording a low of 0.4°C against minus 0.6°C the previous night. Today's minimum temperature was above normal by 1.1°C for the city.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 3.0°C against minus 2.6°C the previous night and it was 0.9°C below normal for the town.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 0.9°C against minus 1.5°C the previous night and it was 5.2°C above normal for the tourist resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of minus 1.8°C against minus 2.7°C the previous night and it was 0.6°C above normal for the place. Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 5.5°C against minus 7.0°C the previous night and it was 2.1°C above normal for the skiing resort.

In Kupwara town the mercury settled at 1.8°C against minus 0.8°C the previous night and it was 4.1°C above normal for the town.

Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 8.0°C and minus 13.2°C respectively. While Chillai-Kalan, the 40-day long harsh winter period that started on December 21 has ended, Kashmir is under the grip of a 20-day-long period called 'Chillai-Khur'd'. It will be followed by a 10-day-long period 'Chillai-Bacha' (baby cold) which will end on February 28.

SC gets 5 new Judges including Justice Mithal

tweeted to announce the appointment of Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice, Rajasthan High Court; Justice Sanjay Karol, Chief Justice, Patna High Court; Justice P V Sanjay Kumar, Chief Justice, Manipur High Court; Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah of Patna High Court; and Justice Manoj Misra of Allahabad High Court as Apex Court Judges.

The players and officials enchanted by the beauty of Kashmir and the changes that have been brought about in J&K from the last many years will become brand ambassadors promoting J&K tourism, peace and tranquillity," he said.

He said the launch of Khelo India Winter Games sends a message across the country that J&K is waiting for the people to watch this event, which is expected to provide an unforgettable experience.

Sinha said sports infrastructure has reached every nook and corner of J&K which is encouraging youth towards sports. "Every Panchayat of J&K has sports facilities and the target of engaging 50 lakh youth in sports activities has been surpassed. Through new sports policy, attractive career options will be provided to the sports persons," he said.

The Winter Games, which will have nine sports disciplines in action, are scheduled to be held from February 10 to 14. The first edition of the Khelo India Winter Games took place in 2020.

Jammu and Kashmir had topped both editions of the Winter Games so far.

Through the NJAC law, the Government had sought to replace the Collegium system of appointing SC and HC judges with a new method.

A Supreme Court bench on Friday had made strong observations while questioning the delay on part of the Government in appointing and transferring Judges cleared by the SC Collegium.

But a senior Government functionary insisted that the five appointments were not linked to the case in the apex court. He said the Prime Minister had cleared the file on February 2, a day before the SC made the observations, and the appointment process was already in the final stages.

The appointments came in due course, he added. The President signed their warrants of appointment today.

The Centre had on Friday assured the Supreme Court that the Collegium's recommendation for the appointment of five Judges in the Apex Court will be cleared soon.

Attorney General R Venkataramani had told a Bench of Justices S K Kaul and A S Oka that the warrant of appointments of these five names is expected to be issued shortly.

Once the five take oath early next week, the strength of the Apex Court will go up to 32 Judges. At present the top court is functioning with 27 Judges, including the Chief Justice of India. Its sanctioned strength, including the CJI, is 34. On January 31, the Supreme Court collegium had recommended two more names for elevation as top court Judges -- Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Aravind Kumar.

Once they are appointed and take oath, the top court will have its full strength of 34. While recommending the two names, the SC Collegium had said that the names sent by it on 13 December 2022 "shall have precedence over the two names recommended presently for appointment to the Supreme Court."

NIA team visits Dhangri

The IG NIA also took the details of the investigation done by the Rajouri Police during the last one month. Apart from this, the team of IG NIA reportedly investigated the spot and also collected some details.

After staying at Dhangri for about two hours and meeting with the families of the victims, the NIA team returned.

Pertinent to mention that even after a month since the terror attack in Dhangri, terrorists involved in the killings have not yet been traced out.

ED questions Rahul Gandhi's aide in money laundering case against TMC functionary

NEW DELHI, Feb 4: Gujarat Police's custody in connection with alleged financial irregularities in raising funds through a crowd funding platform.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), while seeking Gokhale's remand on that day, had informed a Ahmedabad court that when he was asked about Rs 23.54 lakh deposited in his bank account in cash over a year, Gokhale had told the agency that "this amount was given in cash by Alankar Sawai of the India National Congress for social media work and other consultancy".

On being asked as to why Sawai had paid him in cash, Gokhale stated that only Sawai can answer this question, the ED told the court in its remand paper.(PTI)

A former banker, Sawai is considered to be a close aide of Gandhi, a former Congress president, and is stated to be heading his research team.

The federal probe agency summoned Sawai after it arrested 35-year-old Gokhale on January 25 while he was in the

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS With profound grief and sorrow, we would like to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother Sdn. Tejinder Kour W/o Late S. Manjeet Singh R/o 468-A Rehari Chungi Opp. Dr. Dara Singh Clinic. Programme: Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence at 9:30 AM on Monday 06 Feb. 2023. Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib at 9:30 AM on Wednesday 08 Feb. 2023.

CONDOLENCE A meeting of the Sangam Cricket Club Srinagar was held to condole the death of its former president and life member of SCC. Mr. Shiban Lal Trackroo breathed his last at Jammu on 2nd of February. Rich tributes were paid to Mr. Shiban Lal who managed the affairs of the club for almost five decades.

REMEMBRANCE On 19th Death Anniversary on 5th Feb. 2023. We hide our tears when we say your name but the pain in our heart is still the same. Although we smile and seem care free. There is no one who misses you more than us. DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY

REMEMBRANCE 6TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY 6th years have passed since you left us for your heavenly abode. We feel your presence everywhere and every moment with heartfelt eyes. Time will never be able to fill the vacuum created by your absence R/o Patinhal. DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:

SHRADHANJALI KARAMYOGI SHRI AVTAR KRISHAN HALI (PAPA) OUR BELOVED PAPA, YOU LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 30TH JANUARY 2022. LEAVING US WITH TEARS, GRIEF, DEEP SORROW AND BLEEDING HEARTS. YOUR AFFECTION, LOVE, GUIDANCE, WISDOM AND CARING NATURE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY

OBITUARY With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Shri Shiban Lal Trackroo (Bhai Sahab) son of Lt. Makhan Lal Trackroo. MOURNING IS BEING HELD AT 215/C, Ram Vihar, Old Janipur, Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN:- Sister in Laws Smt. Pushpa Kandroo Smt. Nancy Kandroo Sister's & Brother's in Laws Smt. Asha ji & Sh. Rattan Lal Kaul, Smt. Ashmida ji & Sh. Om Prakash Pandita Sh. Nitin Dhar DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY: KANDROO'S, DHAR'S, KAUL'S, PANDITA'S CONTACT: 9958011295, 9419146949, 9796478646, 9673058758

SHRADHANJALI The Nari Shakti Wing of "Sh Pushkara Swami Sewa Ashram Jammu" condole the sad and untimely demise of Sh Avtar Krishan Hali (Papa). Nari Shakti Wing will never forget his selfless and dedicated services rendered for the trust. All the Nari Shakti members prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and bestow courage upon the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. Nari Shakti Wing Sh Pushkara Swami Sewa Ashram Trust

SHRADHANJALI Four years has passed since you left all of us in deep grief & sorrow for your eternal journey to heavenly abode. Choubarsi of our beloved Mother Lt. Smt. Bimla Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Banarsi Lal Bahari at Mahajan Hall, Shamal Road Near Ranbanshawar Temple on 06.02.2023 (Monday), Shaja Time at 12:00 PM, Lunch time 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Grief Stricken :- Ajay Bharti - (Son) 9797346856, 9018075821 Amit Bharti - (Son) 9906222266 Jyoti Bharti - (Daughter-in-law) 7889421739, 9797617428 Pooja Bharti - (Daughter-in-law) 9086634301 Mahi, Ashank, Nakshatra, Ayati - (Grand Children)

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