

Advisor Ganai: Govt to observe 'Punctuality Week' in schools

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SRINAGAR: Soon after reopening of schools and colleges after winter vacation, Advisor to Governor, Khurshid Ahmad Ganai, on Thursday took an extensive tour of various educational institutions in summer capital Srinagar-urging teachers and students to maintain punctuality.

Interacting with the students, Ganai said that robust educational sector was vital for the overall growth of the State and primary school education was equally important.

He informed that government would observe 'Punctuality Week' in schools from 1 to 6 April. He urged staff and students to maintain regularity in the schools.

The Advisor inspected Government Boys Model Higher Secondary School, Shalimaar, Boys Higher Secondary School, Hazratbal, Government Girls Higher Secondary



Advisor to Governor, Khurshid Ahmad Ganai interacting with the students at Srinagar.

School, Alamgari Bazar, MP Higher Secondary School, Srinagar-where he interacted with the students and the staff.

Director School Education Kashmir, Joint Director School Education Kashmir, CEO Srinagar and other DSEK officials accompanied the Advisor.

Ganai inspected several schools and interacted with the students on varied subjects. He expressed that the visit has given immense pleasure to witness the commitment of the people and officials-dedicating themselves for the welfare of the

education sector.

However, he urged all the teachers and officials in the education department to acquaint themselves with the new-age technology. He asked students that, they should also focus on exploring the possibilities of launching their start-ups when they are done with their studies.

During the tour, the Advisor was briefed about the infrastructural requirement of the schools. He said that a school is a place where children are nurtured for their better future and society as a whole.

He said that the schools need to be made a place where the children are willing to go and attend their classes regularly. He said to make the school attractive to students, teachers must maintain a healthy relationship so that the children would feel free to approach them.

The Advisor also received feedback from the students about the facilities available in the schools. He said that the children should be provided with the best pursuit in life which will lead them to a more successful and meaningful life.

While interacting with the students at MP Higher Secondary School, Srinagar, Ganai said that technology has been instrumental in gradually improving the education scenario through solutions such as digital classrooms and virtual labs.

He said that students should get benefited from such services from the schools.

Tech interventions, reforms to make Financial Corporations vibrant, self-sustaining: Advisor Sharma

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Advisor to Governor K.K Sharma on Thursday underlined the need for redefining the working of the Financial Corporations to bring in additional vigour in their functioning and help them remain relevant in the financial scenario in the state.

The Advisor said this while speaking at the Board of Directors meeting of Jammu and Kashmir State Financial Corporation (JKSFC) here today.

Principal Secretary, Finance, AK Mehta, Managing Director, JKSF, Muhammad Farooq Thoker, Board of Directors, Senior President, J&K Bank, T.S. Bali, Divisional Manager, Life Insurance Corporation of India, besides other concerned officers were present on the occasion.

During the meeting, the Advisor was also briefed about operations, profitability, services and resource posi-



Advisor to Governor K.K Sharma chairing a meeting.

tion etc of the Corporation besides problems confronting the Corporation.

The Advisor said that an intervention is necessary so that these Corporations can emerge as financial facilitators for state artisans; agrobased and allied activities, MSMEs and others.

He stressed the need for formulation of an effective working plan with the adoption of innovative measures besides healthy technological interventions.

Sharma emphasized on reorganizing human

resources for the purpose of making it better organized for Corporation's present needs. This, in turn, will help in generating revenue for the Corporations, he added.

While asking the officers to undertake structural reforms in the Corporation, the Advisor said that the same is necessary to make its functioning more result oriented besides also having the requisite mechanism for ensuring the recovery of the loans.

He said that the Corporation should set targets for ensuring profitability

and become economically more vibrant and also self-sustaining.

The Advisor asked the officers of the Corporation to come up with a comprehensive new Draft plan taking into consideration the means and ways of replacing the model of lending pattern to the aspiring entrepreneurs and making it more vibrant.

He said to boost economic development and providing financial independence, it is necessary to help create opportunity areas for ventures in industrial, transport and service sectors of the state economy and then actively assist in their promotion.

While highlighting the need for undertaking measures for capacity building of the Corporation, the Advisor directed for taking measures for training the human resource so that they are made acquainted with the latest interventions.

India seeks visa-free access for pilgrims to Kartarpur Shrine

AGENCY
ATTARI: India on Thursday sought visa-free access from Pakistan for 5,000 pilgrims per day to the historic Sikh shrine in Kartarpur.

This was conveyed to the Pakistani delegation at a meeting here to discuss the opening of a planned corridor for pilgrims between Punjab's Gurdaspur district and Kartarpur Sahib across the border.

From our side, we have pressed for at least 5,000 pilgrims per day to be allowed to visit the holy Sikh shrine in the initial phase, S C L Das, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, told reporters.

This was the first meeting between an Indian and a Pakistani delegation since tensions between the two countries spiked after the

terror attack in Pulwama, followed by retaliatory air strikes.

Das said Delhi wanted access for both Indians and people of Indian origin to the shrine, located where Sikhism's founder Guru Nanak Dev spent the last years of his life.

We have also strongly urged them to allow the visit of pilgrims for all seven days a week without any break, he said after the meeting.

India emphasised that the corridor should be absolutely visa-free, Das said. There should not be any additional encumbrances in the form of any documentation or procedure, he added.

India also wants Pakistan to allow devotees who want to travel on foot to the shrine across the border.

A statement earlier said the first meeting between

officials of India and Pakistan to discuss the modalities for opening the Kartarpur corridor was held in a "cordial environment".

The Indian delegation was led by S C L Das, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Pakistani team was headed by Mohammad Faisal, Director General (SA & SAARC) of its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the statement said.

"Both sides held detailed and constructive discussions on various aspects and provisions of the proposed agreement and agreed to work towards expeditiously operationalising the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor," the statement said.

Technical experts from both sides discussed the alignment and other details of the proposed corridor.

3 Cong MLAs booked after rape allegations by Kerala solar scam accused

STATE TIMES NEWS
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The Crime Branch of Kerala Police has filed an FIR against three Congress legislators, who are also Lok Sabha ticket hopefuls, over complaints of sexual exploitation and rape by a prime accused in the multi-crore 'solar scam'.

One of legislators said the FIR was a ploy to dent his image ahead of the general elections.

In the FIR filed on March 12, Congress MLA from Ernakulam, Hibi Eden, MLAs and former state ministers Adoor Prakash and A P Anil Kumar have been charged with rape and outraging modesty of the complainant, a top police official said. The woman and her co-accused had allegedly duped several investors of crores of rupees by offering to set up solar panel units for them.

The BJP had earlier described the solar scam as the "biggest sex-cum-bribe" scandal that has "shocked" the nation.

In a letter to the then city police commissioner on July 19, 2013, the woman had levelled charges of sexual misconduct and corruption against several Congress and UDF leaders, including former chief minister Oommen Chandy, some of his ministers and two former Union ministers.

The FIR has been filed in a special court in Ernakulam district set up to fast track cases against legislators.

Eden's name is in the reckoning for the Ernakulam Lok Sabha seat, while Prakash is being considered for either Attingal or Alappuzha constituency.

Eden told media that the FIR was a ploy to tarnish his image ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

Weak Modi is scared of Xi: Rahul on Masood Azhar issue

AGENCY
NEW DELHI: As China again blocked a UN resolution to designate JeM chief as a global terrorist, Congress president Rahul Gandhi Thursday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying he was weak and scared of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The Congress chief attacked the prime minister and said he had not spoken on China blocking the resolution in the UN Security Council.

The party accused the BJP of letting Masood off the hook again and also questioned Modi what was the use of "swinging" with Xi.

"Weak Modi is scared of Xi. Not a word comes out of his mouth when China acts against India. NoMo's China diplomacy: 1. Swing with Xi in Gujarat. 2. Hug Xi in Delhi. 3. Bow to Xi in China," Gandhi said on Twitter.

India's bid to designate the Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed's chief as a global terrorist suffered a setback with China on Wednesday putting a technical hold on a proposal to ban him following the Pulwama terror attack.

The proposal to designate Azhar under the 1267 Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the UNSC was moved by France, the UK and the US on February 27, days after a suicide bomber of the JeM killed 44 CRPF soldiers in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama, leading to a flare-up in tensions between India and Pakistan.

"With China having blocked our bid to designate Masood Azhar a global terrorist, the question on every Indian's mind is, what was the use of all the swinging with Modi and President Xi," the Congress said on its official Twitter han-

dle. "A terrorist responsible for such bloody murders is let off the hook again by the BJP," it claimed.

Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said it was a sad day in the global fight against terrorism.

"China blocking Masood Azhar's designation as global terrorist reaffirms Chinese position of being an inseparable ally of terrorism's breeding ground-Pakistan," he tweeted Wednesday. "Sadly, Modi's foreign policy has been a series of diplomatic disasters," the party spokesperson said. The Congress has also been attacking the BJP over Azhar's release in the Kandahar hijacking case.

Gandhi has asked Modi to tell the nation that it was a BJP-led government which released Azhar from an Indian jail in 1999.

JKPS Kathua gets Best Upcoming School, International Educators Excellence Awards 2019



Director JK Public School Kathua, Sankalp Kamal receiving the award.

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KATHUA: Upholding the legacy of excellence in activities and co-curricular activities from JK Public School Kunjwani and following its footprints, JK Public School Kathua added another milestone in its journey towards excellence by receiving the "Best Upcoming School Award" at Seventh National Conference on International

Multidisciplinary and 'International Educators Excellence Awards 2019' organised by Centre for Educational Development (CED).

Sankalp Kamal, Director JK Public School Kathua received the award from Prof. M.M Pant, Dr. Chinu Agarwal and Dr. Priyadarsh Nayak at a function at Hotel Holiday Inn Mumbai on March 10, 2019.

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Subject:- Defacement of Public property – regarding.

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Whereas, it has been observed/reported that during the process of campaigning number of complaints from general public are being received with regard to the pasting of posters/papers, erecting/displaying of cutouts, hoardings, banners etc on the public property; and

Whereas, the Election Commission of India has instructed that no public property shall be defaced by the Political parties and Contesting Candidates during the course of campaigning:

It is therefore advised that no political party/candidate/person shall indulge into defacement of Public property in violation to the instructions of Election Commission of India and also in terms of Defacement of Property Act, 1985. All such cases shall be dealt in under the section 3(1) of J&K Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 1985.

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Sub:-Restrictions on the use of Loudspeakers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Consequent upon the announcement of Lok Sabha Election – 2019, it is obvious that the use of loudspeakers during the election canvassing and campaigning by the candidates and Political parties and their agents, which adversely have impact and hamper the studies among the students, particularly during the ongoing annual examination session in the district, from very early hours in the morning and continue to do so throughout the day and till extremely late hours in the night creates disturbances. Similarly, the aged, infirm and sick whether in institutions, hospitals etc. or at home are also affected.

As such, in pursuance to the instructions conveyed by the Election Commission of India on the subject to prevent the 'noise pollution' and disturbance to the peace and tranquility of the general public by the reckless, widespread and flagrant use of loudspeakers. No loud speakers or any other sound amplified, whether fitted on the vehicles of any kind or in any other manner or in static position be permitted at night between 10.00 pm to 6.00am

Further, no loudspeaker fitted on vehicles of any kind or in any other manner whatsoever shall be permitted to be used during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed from the conclusion of the poll in District Jammu.

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