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management and good governance ranking

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Uttarakhand has been placed at second position after Goa in financial management and good governance among the small states of the country in the ranking released by a website of a renowned business newspaper. The State government enlists the achievement as a proof of its strong financial management, transparent administration and development oriented policies. The report suggests that Uttarakhand has performed remarkably well in controlling its fiscal deficit, augmenting its revenue and management of government guarantees. It also points out that good investment in health, education and other social sectors have helped the State in getting a good rank.

Apart from the financial manage-ment, the State has caught attention in good governance. It has tried to

strengthen digital and e- services and provided a better environment for the investors.

Expressing happiness, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the second rank of the State among small states reflects policies and hard work of the State government and the faith of the people. He said that priority was accorded to education, health services, digital services and judicial services. Dhami said that the State government is committed to make Uttarakhand one of the leading states of the country under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Our target is to make Uttarakhand a State where quality services and opportunities are available to every cit izen. This achievement is one step forward in the direction of a bright future of the State," he said.

He said that teams coordinated with

U'khand police cracks the whip on cyber criminals in 17 States

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Uttarakhand police conducted a co-ordinated crackdown across 17 States for 42 days in which 23 special teams identified over 50 cybercrime suspects and issued notices at the homes of more than 30 absconders. This is the first time a State police force executed such a large-scale simultane-ous action against cyber offenders across the country, said Ankush Mishra, the deputy superintendent of police of Dehradun cyber crime police unit of Uttarakhand Special Task Force (STF). He informed that launched under the directive of director general of police Deepam Seth, Operation Prahar involved the deployment of cybercrime teams from Garhwal and Kumaon divisions. The STF SSP Navneet Bhullar instructed cyber police stations to conduct raids and gather digital evidence. Mishra devised the operational strategy, which was implemented by inspectors Tribhuvan Rautela and Árun Ŕumar, heading the Garhwal and Kumaon cyber police units, respectively. Mishra said that the 42-day operation covered states including Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya' Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Karnataka and Goa. Trained cyber commandos, equipped with technical skills and I4C training also supported the campaign.

local police and technical agencies to track suspects using addresses, mobile numbers, bank details and social media profiles. They identified 225 individuals who had opened bank ac-1930 helpline

U'khand 2nd in financial | Disability welfare organisations not providing shelter to needy children, **DM orders high-level inquiry**

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The Dehradun district magistrate The Denradul district and Savin Bansal has formed a highlevel committee to investigate several renowned disability welfare organisations that reportedly failed to offer assistance to disabled and helpless girls when they needed the most. The committee is expected to submit its report on 10 key points, with strict instructions to take action if any violations of regulations are found. The DM said that these organisations, which claim to work for the welfare of disabled children, receive funding from the State and central governments as well as foreign sources. However, despite receiving such support, these institutions have been reportedly refusing to admit children requiring care and treatment. He claimed that the administration came to know through various sources that many of these organisations, which present an inflated number of children and staff, lack the actual resources and infrastructure they claim to possess. During the registration process, the human resources listed in documents were found absent at many centres. The DM claimed that several well-known institutions are also allegedly involved in the misconduct. He informed that when these organ-

Rawat directs SHA to

functioning of SGHS

prepare plan for smooth

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Taking cognisance of the refusal of the various private hospitals to provide

cashless treatment to the patients under the

State Government Health Scheme (SGHS)

the Health minister Dhan Singh Rawat has

directed the State Health Authority (SHA)

to ensure that the employees should con-

tinue to get the benefit of the SGHS. Chair-

ing a review meeting of the SGHS on

Wednesday, the minister said that a proper

isations were called upon to admit mentally disabled girls, they not only refused but also ignored instructions from the district probation officer and Social Welfare department. The DM expressed strong disapproval of the situation and directed a comprehensive investigation into the functioning of these institutions. He informed that the commit-

tee is tasked with probing various aspects of the operations of these organisations, particularly their adherence to the norms and their actual capacity to serve the disabled. If the inquiry reveals any violations, the registration of these institutions will be cancelled. Furthermore, Bansal said that officers must recognise their power and take firm actions against the exploitation and denial of rights to disabled individuals. As per the information shared by the district administration, several institutions under scrutiny include Bajaj Institute of Learning at Rajpur Road, Latika Rai Foundation at Vasant Vihar, Nanhi Duniya school for hearing impaired at Kalidas Road,



Dyslexia Society of Uttarakhand at Rajpur Road, Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Centre, Arunima Project with Autism Unit of the Gateway at Sinaula village in Sahaspur, Bharat Mandir School Society in Rishikesh and various others operating in the Dehradun district. The DM said that these institutions have been receiving funds for the welfare, education and rehabilitation of disabled individuals but have failed to live up to their commitments. The investigation will focus on the actual facilities, staff and children at these institutions compared to what was reported during registration, he added.

Fire audit reveals safety lapses at **GDMC** hospital, management to be told to act

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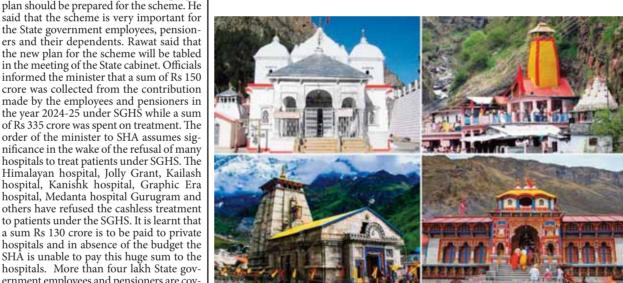
The Fire Services will send a letter to L the administration of the Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) hospital and notify district magistrate Savin Bansal regarding the alleged irregularities found in GDMC hospital during the fire safety audit conducted by the police on Monday. The failure of the fire safety system at one of the largest government hospitals in the State has raised serious concerns. The Dehradun chief fire officer VB Yadav said that the audit revealed several issues in the hospital, which receives thousands of patients daily in its Outpatient department (OPD) and Inpatient department (IPD), in addition to housing hundreds of admitted patients. He informed that during the inspection, the Fire services team attempted to start the fire water pump but its battery failed to operate. Four fire extinguishers were also found to be non-functional. These findings indicate that no recent fire safety drills or equipment maintenance had taken place at the hospital, as per Yadav. The audit came shortly after a nationwide security mock drill was conducted in response to recent tensions between India and Pakistan. Yadav stated that a formal letter will be sent to the hospital administration and the matter will also be reported to the DM. The department will also recommend immediate corrective actions to address the gaps and ensure the safety of patients and staff in the hospital, he added.

Char Dham police control room counters misinformation, addresses pilgrims' queries

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The police control room set up for L Char Dham Yatra 2025 in Dehradun has been playing a crucial role in disbursing fake information and addressing pilgrims' queries. Several fake reports were floating online regarding Char Dham Yatra in the past one week during the India-

Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. The inspector general of police, Garhwal range, Rajeev Swaroop said that the control room received nearly 100 calls within two to three hours from anxious pilgrims, mostly from Andhra Pradesh after the fake news went viral. Many had already booked



updates and reassured pilgrims that all services were operational. Swaroop also recorded a personal message which was circulated on various platforms and asked the pilgrims on the WhatsApp group and others to forward the message further to help counter the misinformation. He said that the proactive measures helped restore confidence among the pil-grims. "There was a sense of panic initially but once they received verified information from us, the situation eased. Many pilgrims planning the Yatra were able to proceed with-out worry," Swaroop said. Since the Yatra began on April 30, the control room has received over 600 complaints and queries. Around 250 were logged directly at the Char Dham control room, while more than 300 came through the Dial 112 emergency line. The IG said that the control room tracks and monitors all complaints until resolution. While some calls are termed as emergencies like scam in heliservices, accidents or health issues and lost companions in crowds and during trekking, others include traffic jams, parking problems or hotel-related concerns cials promptly route non-emergency issues to respective district authorities while prioritising urgent cases. This is the first time a dedicated control room was set up for Char Dham Yatra which has been playing a vital role in maintaining smooth operations and safety during the Yatra. Its quick action in busting fake information and addressing public inquiries has shown the significance of efficient communication during sensitive times, the IG added.

counts or secured mobile numbers using false documents. Seven cybercriminals lodged in various jails were taken on remand through B-warrants and six others received bailable warrants. Notices were pasted at the residences of 30 absconders to inform families of pending actions, the DSP said. He informed that the operation revealed that many suspects had used forged identities and operated in or ganised networks. It also posed logisti cal and communication challenges due to language barriers, geographic con-straints and regional differences. One accused individual was reported deceased during the course of the investigation, he said. The DSP stated that overall, the operation led to action against more than 290 individuals and the Operation Prahar will continue as part of an ongoing campaign to counter cybercrime, with teams still active across several states. The STF aims to reinforce coordination among state agencies and intensify efforts to curb digital frauds. He also urged the public to report cybercrimes through

the www.cybercrime.gov.in.

Students in Dehradun shine in CBSE examination

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 $S_{\rm class\ X}$ and XII examinations in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the results of which were declared on Tuesday. In the Asian School, Aanchal Matta topped class XII with a remarkable 97.8 per cent, followed by Manvi Malik with 97.6 per cent and Srishti Rawat with 97 per cent.

Similarly, in class X, Dhariya Sarit

Bhanu Prakash Pandey with 98.4 per cent Additionally Anuvanshi Gupta topped class XII humanities stream with 98.2 per cent followed by Ishita Sharma and Himanshi with 96.8 per cent each (commerce stream) along with Lakshya Goyal and Satvik Gaur with 94.8 per cent each (science stream).

In the Delhi Public School, Nandni Mohni Sethi topped the class XII human

ered by the golden card scheme. Under the scheme, the employees get the benefit of cashless treatment in the empanelled hospitals. A fixed amount of money depending upon their grade pays is deducted from the salaries of the employees for the scheme. Similarly pensioners also contribute in the scheme and contribution of both the employees and pensioners is used for cashless treatment under the scheme. The meeting was attended by director general health services Dr Sunita Tamta, director finance of SHA Abhishek Anand, director administration Dr Vinod Tolia and others.

Interacting with the media per-

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Pakistan conflict including Char Dham registration and helicopter services which were efficiently addressed by the control room. A false report claiming the suspension of helicopter services for the Yatra on May 10 due to escalating tensions between the two countries went viral on social media. The misinformation triggered panic among pilgrims across the country, particularly in

trains, buses and helicopter services for the pilgrimage and were concerned about potential cancellations. In response, the police set up a dedicated WhatsApp group to communi-cate directly with the affected pilgrims. Many were also questioning whether the government had halted the Char Dham Yatra and its registration due to the India Pakistan conflict. The police shared accurate



Students in Dehradun celebrate after declaration of CBSE results on Tuesday **Pioneer photo**

achieved the highest score in class X with 99.2 per cent, followed by Hridhvik Sahu with 98.6 per cent, and Naviya Khanduri, who scored 98 per cent. In the Doon International School Shreejay Negi topped class X with 98.8 per cent followed by Shrivali Gupta with 98.6 per cent and ities stream with 99.2 per cent followed by Jayita Khatri 99 per cent and Unnati Madhwal with 98.6 per cent. Additionally, Ridhima Goyal and Kushagra Tripathi topped class X with 98.2 per cent each followed by Prakhar Singh 98 per cent and Avni Gupta 97.6 per cent.

NIEPVD students pass CBSE examination with flying colours

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Tudents of the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD) passed with flying colours in the class X and XII CBSE examinations. Principal Amit Sharma shared that once again, NIEPVD students achieved a 100 per cent success rate, demonstrating that disability does not hinder the pursuit of goals.

In class XII, Ashish Kumar Doob from Uttar Pradesh secured the top position with 93 per cent, followed by

Shivam Singh, also from Uttar Pradesh who achieved second place with 87.8 per cent. Lakshya Kumar Vishwakarma from Dehradun earned the third position with 86.8 per cent.

In class X, Vivek Tripathi from the humanities stream achieved 91.6 per cent, while Desh Kumar from the mathematics and science group secured 85.8 per cent. Sharma appreciated the essential role played by the teachers in this remarkable achievement.

president Trump was first to announce ceasefire between India and Pakistan and then he offered mediation on the Kashmir issue between the two countries. Dhasmana said, Before the address to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the US President addressed the world claiming that he forced India and Pakistan to agree on ceasefire." He said that PM Modi and BJP owe an explanation to the people of the country on these three statements of the US president. The country should know as to who is responsible for the foreign and defence policies of the country, India or US president, he asked.

Dhasmana said that the issue is associated with the prestige and dignity of the country and its security

He said that it is an old habit of swer.

PM Modi and BJP to use the Army and martyrs for electoral gains. Dhasmana added that the circumstances in which the ceasefire was announced and the manner in which internationalisation of the Kashmir issue has occurred raise many questions and PM Modi should come forward to give an an-

He said that the Congress party took out Tiranga Yatra to boost the morale of the armed forces at a time when they were taking on the enemies on the border. Dhasmana said that BJP in an attempt to take credit of success of the operation Sindoor has decided to take out Tiranga Yatra from Wednesday.

