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‘Medium danger’ avalanche warning for Jammu and Kashmir

A ‘medium danger’ avalanche warning was issued for higher areas of Jammu and Kashmir, advising people not to venture in these areas over the next 24 hours.

An advisory to this effect was issued today by Chandigarh-based Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE), which comes under the Ministry of Defence, here.

‘Medium danger’ avalanche warning exists for avalanche prone areas above 3500 metres altitude of Kupwara, Ganderbal, Baramula and Kargil districts of Jammu and Kashmir, the advisory said.

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The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), under Ministry of Science & Technology, has entered into a license agreement with M/s Ramashree Chemicals Pvt. Ltd, Bhopal for commercialisation of Test kit for Microbiological Quality of Drinking Water" developed by Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDE), Gwalior, DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India.

The company plans to take this technology across the country through a network of dealers. The kit has been licensed to more than 20 companies in India so far and is useful to ascertain the quality of drinking water especially in developing countries.

The kit is used for detection of H₂S producing organism in drinking water, which are present along with coliforms. Waterborne diseases like typhoid, cholera, diarrhoea and jaundice are caused by polluted water supply. It is an inexpensive, reliable and convenient method of testing in field conditions and is approved by World Health Organization (WHO). The initiative of NRDC aids the Make in India" Mission of the Government of India.

The formal license agreement was signed by CMD, NRDC Dr. H. Purushotham, and General Manager, M/s Ramashree Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. Shri V K Joshi.

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4,000 CCTV cameras to dot old city skyline

NTPC hands over a cheque for Rs. 1 crore to the Hyderabad police

Defence establishments and Public Sector companies are pitching in their might to help the city police throw a security dragnet in the old city by financially aiding the installation of 4,000 HD surveillance cameras.

The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) handed over a cheque of Rs. 1 crore to the city police at a function on Friday. The money will be used for installation and maintenance of high definition cameras in the Kamatipura police station area.

The city police, citing poor economic condition of people living in several pockets of the old city, requested public sector companies to come forward and partner in the Community CCTV project being taken up in the city.

A few entities have come forward and are providing funds for the project under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The police have also received a positive reply from defence establishments like Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DERL), Midhani, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Bharath Dynamics Limited (BDL), Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), NFTDC and Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL).

'Expecting more firms to support project'

“We expect more companies to step forward and support the project. The funds from defence installations would be used for fixing cameras in and around the Kanchanbagh area. It will serve the local people and ensure that the thickly populated neighbourhoods with thousands of families living in rented houses around defence installations are monitored,” DCP (south) V. Satyanarayana said.

Around 4,000 cameras are required for the entire South Zone which covers a big part of the old city. “The State government will be installing around 1,500 cameras while the remaining will be installed under community projects. Already 250 cameras have been installed by different trade associations and residents’ welfare associations,” the official explained.

Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi gave Rs. 1 crore for the project, while other AIMIM legislators are also allocating a part of their budget for the project.