

Lt Governor declares JKP's CCTNS project ‘Go-Live’; launches ‘JK eCOP’ Mobile App

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday declared the much-awaited Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) project of J&K Police ‘Go-Live’ and launched the ‘JK eCOP’ Mobile Application here at Raj Bhavan.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor observed that the new citizen-centric technological interventions will help in creating a comprehensive and integrated system enhancing the efficiency and effective policing at all levels.

The Lt Governor advised the police personnel to work in synergy, adopt new technology and innovations for modern and effective policing. The new initiatives will definitely strengthen the quick response mechanism of JKP and help public in need," he added.



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launching the ‘JK eCOP’ Mobile Application.

A. K. Choudhary, Special DG Crime gave a detailed briefing about the CCTNS project and "JK eCOP" Mobile Application. CCTNS will make the Police function citizen-friendly and more transparent by automating the functioning of Police Stations, besides providing multiple channels by simplifying the process to access services from the police.

All mandatory Citizen Services have been made available through CCTNS Citizen Portal - <https://jkpoliceeser>

vices.gov.in. About 222 Police Stations and 100 Higher Offices have also been covered under CCTNS till date, it was informed.

"JK eCOP" Mobile App will provide all police related public services. The app has been developed keeping in mind the needs of the public as well as smooth functioning of the Police department.

The app provides features like One Click access for locating the nearest Police Station, panic button to send distress

message, and provides all the important helpline numbers to the public. Public can register complaints, share information with the police, report Accident & Traffic Violations, besides availing of various Citizen Services.

The public can also access information regarding the status of National Highway on a real time basis, e-Crime Awareness, Safety Tips for Tourists, Foreigners Registration, Yatra Guidelines, Senior Citizens Safety etc, it was further informed.

On being informed about the status of the process to cover newly established Police Stations under CCTNS, the Lt Governor asked the officials to complete the same at the earliest to ensure time-bound delivery of the services to the citizens of J&K.

The Lt Governor also advised the concerned officials

to explore the possibility of developing the version of "JK eCOP" Application for all types of mobile phones so that maximum population can avail its benefits.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dilbag Singh, DGP; Dr B Srinivas, DGP Prisons; RR Swain, Special DG CID; Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department; SJM Gillani, ADGP Armed; Dr. SD Singh Jamwal, ADGP Security; MK Sinha, ADGP Headquarters; Sh. Sunil Kumar, ADGP Railways; Danesh Rana, ADGP Coordination PHQ; Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir; Officers from CCTNS Team were present on the occasion, while SSPs also joined through virtual mode.

UDA hails LG Sinha for lifting ban on sale, purchase of Agricultural land by specified communities

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JAMMU: United Democratic Alliance (UDA) has welcomed the decision of Administrative Council headed by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to allow Mahajan, Sikh and Khatri communities to purchase and sell agricultural land in the Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing media persons here on Wednesday, the United Democratic Alliance, Convener, Rajiv Mahajan said that we appreciate this most direly needed measure as it will end the discrimination against the aforesaid communities.

Though no notification has been issued as yet but it is hoped that the same will be issued within next 30 days, he said adding further that it would be only after going through the notification will the things become clear about whether it really addresses the issues of the aforesaid communities pertaining to agricultural land or it will be only a paper lion to calm these infuriated community members.



United Democratic Alliance, Convener, Rajiv Mahajan talking to reporters.

He asserted that the Alliance will thereafter announce any further course of action if required.

Mahajan said that it was really an irony of this Union Territory that this prohibitory law was applicable only in Jammu and Kashmir not anywhere else across the nation. He regretted that no member from Brahmin, Rajput and Muslim Biradaris came forward to condemn this law.

Even the BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina, who might be celebrating this amendment today,

never spoke a single word against this gross injustice with the members of Mahajan, Sikh and Khatri communities.

The UDA Convener expressed gratitude to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for this much-needed decision and hoped that the upcoming notification will do full justice with the members of the aforesaid communities.

Others present in the press conference include Jaswinder Singh (Kuku) from Sikh community and Devender Seth from Vishal Khatri Sabha.

Agricultural technocrats highlight issues, seeks LG's intervention

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JAMMU: A joint meeting of Jammu & Kashmir Agriculture Technocrats Association (Jammu Division) and Jammu & Kashmir Agriculture Technocrats United Forum (Kashmir Division) held a joint meeting under the leadership of Dr Surinder Radotra in Jammu on Wednesday, which was attended by a number of executive members and other office bearers.

During the meeting, various crucial issues being faced by the agricultural technocrats were highlighted including inclusion of Rehbar-e-Zirats' services in regular service, Old Pension scheme, holding DPCs of AEA's immediately,

etc.

While speaking on the occasion, Dr Surinder Radotra, President JKATA urged the higher authorities to resolve all crucial issues at the earliest, so that the agricultural fraternity may not suffer any more. Dr Khurshed Ahmed, Chairman JKATUF requested for including the seven years service period of ReZs in regular service like ReTs. Both Union Heads appealed to the Lt Governor Union Territory of J&K, Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary Agriculture Production & Farmers' Welfare Department to kindly intervene into the matter and issue necessary directions for resolving all the highlighted issues at the earliest.

BJP finalises arrangements for Amit Shah's visit



BJP workers during a meeting at Party Headquarter, Jammu.

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JAMMU: BJP All Cells on Wednesday convened a meeting at Party's Headquarters in Jammu and finalized arrangements in connection with forthcoming Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Jammu and Kashmir on October 24.

The meeting was organized

by Rakesh Mahajan, Convener, All Cells, BJP J&K, which was presided over by Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org), J&K. Convener and Co-convener of All Cells and members of state executive body were present in the meeting.

During the meeting, various issues related to upcoming visit of Amit Shah, celebration of birth anniversary of Pt Prem Nath Dogra as Sports Day and the same will be celebrated at all Panchayat level across the Jammu and Kashmir: Ved Prakash Sharma, Co-convener All Cells, BJP J&K, presented vote of thanks.

Prominent among those who were present in the meeting include Sanjay Baru, Convener; Urban Local Cell; Sham Lal Convener BJP Trade & Industries Cell; Sunil Sharma Convener Sports Cell; Rajiv Gupta Convener Professional Cell; Ashok Khajuria, Convener Refugee Cell; Puneet Mahajan, Convener Medical Cell; Sanjeev Sharma, Convener Cooperative Cell; Bharat Sharma Convener Sanskriti Cell, Bal ji, Convener Waiver Cell; Advocate Parimoksh Seth, Convener Legal Cell and Rajesh Thappa, Convener Cell.

Rakesh Mahajan, in his address, said that B-J-P is working on a mission mode regarding the overall development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. He said that the Party's Sports Cell has also geared-up to celebrate the birth anniversary of Pt Prem Nath Dogra as Sports Day and the same will be celebrated at all Panchayat level across the Jammu and Kashmir: Ved Prakash Sharma, Co-convener All Cells, BJP J&K, presented vote of thanks.

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Valley-based leadership responsible for present chaos: DFSS



DFSS workers raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: Expressing resentment against targeted killings of minorities and migrant workers in Kashmir by terrorists, a number of activists of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena

(DFSS) under leadership of its President Ashok Gupta held a protest in Jammu. Holding Valley-based leadership responsible for the present chaos in Srinagar, the activists were demanding their immediate

arrest. Gupta said that terrorists, supported by Pakistan, want to disturb communal harmony by killing members of minority communities but it is the responsibility of Valley people and politicians to foil their nefarious designs. "Some leaders and parties of Kashmir always supported Pakistan and even issued pro-China statements. For over 70 years, these leaders made Kashmir a hell. They are responsible for the present situation in Kashmir. Mehbooba Mufti is also amongst those culprits as her separatist and anti-Indian attitude has always disrupted peace, harmony and development in Valley," said Gupta.

Atrocities against Hindus: Shiv Sena urges PM to shun criminal silence, issue stern warning to Bangladesh

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit on Wednesday staged a strong protest against the atrocities and murderous attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh.

Dozens of Shiv Sainiks led by the party's Jammu and Kashmir unit President, Manish Sahni burnt the effigy of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the flag of Bangladesh to register their anguish against the recent attacks on the Hindus and their religious centres.

They urged the Prime Minister Modi to issue a stern warning to Bangladesh for such atrocities instead of maintaining criminal silence on the issue. While addressing the protesting Shiv Sainiks, Manish Sahni sent a stern warning to Bangladesh against the attacks on Hindus and Hindu institutions. He demanded that the safety and security of Hindus and protection of their religious freedom should be ensured in all the Muslim countries across the globe including Bangladesh.

Manish Sahni said that it is really an irony that atrocities and killings of

Hindus continue unabated in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, and it would not be wrong to say that such incidents have started gaining momentum now.

Relying on a data source Sahni said that during the last 10 years, there have been incidents of vandalism and arson damaging more than 3700 incident of houses, temples besides killings and injuring Hindus in Bangladesh and these have abruptly intensified in 2020-21.

Recalling the latest incident he said that what could be more shameful for humanity than the fact that only the previous day houses of 60 Hindu families were set ablaze in Bangladesh besides causing destruction of Durga Puja Pandals, in which four Hindus lost their lives and around 60 were seriously injured.

The Shiv Sena President lamented that today those who claim to be the torch bearers of Hindutva are maintaining the posture of mute spectators today.

He said that the BJP is busy in brainstorming to formulate strategies for the upcoming assembly elections in UP and other states so much so that none of the

BJP leaders, including the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi issued any warning for ensuring the security of Hindus in Bangladesh.

Sahni also raised questions on the Citizenship Amendment Act, saying that it was brought only to garner Hindu votes and now it has been put in the cold storage.

On this occasion,

President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Secretary Praveen Gupta, Youth Leader Rajesh Handa, President Reasi Bhuri Singh, President Kamgar Raj Singh, Kashmir Working President Ghulam Rasool Lone, Sumit Abrol and many leaders and workers were present.

New building inaugurated for inmates of Ved Vidyalaya

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JAMMU: A new residential building for inmates of Ved Vidyalaya was inaugurated here in Jammu amid traditional Havan and Poojan. The opening ceremony started on Tuesday with Vedic Mantras under guidance of Dr Shiv Raina and culminated on Wednesday with a Havan. The main speaker on the inaugural ceremony was Swami Hridayanand Giri Maharaj, who blessed Ved Mandir Committee and all students and guests. He further urged people to donate liberally for completion of balanced construction work of building. President, Ved Mandir Committee Suresh Chander thanked all dignitaries for participating in the ceremony.

Prominent among other members present on the occasion included Sudesh Pal, Amita Sharma, K K Mengi, Alok Sharma and Bal Krishan Gupta. Pertinent to mention here that to promote Vedic Culture, a Ved Vidyalaya was started in Jammu on October 22, 2011. As the available accommodation was not sufficient for the inmates, it was decided to construct a new residential building, the work for which was done under guidance of Architects K K Mengi and Vishal Gupta. Where on one hand, people of Jammu contributed with open heart for the building, other necessary financial support was provided by Jhandewala Mata Mandir Trust and Bharat Petroleum Corporation under CSR.

Court frames charges against Bank official for misappropriation of Rs 1.33 cr

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JAMMU: Special Judge CBI Srinagar Jatinder Singh Janiwal framed corruption charges against Shariq Hussain Khan a bank official in J&K Grameen Bank Kupwara in misappropriation of 1.33 crores rupees.

According to the CBI case that a complainant of Farhan Gul, Senior Manager (Audit Inspection and Vigilance), in Jammu and Kashmir Grameen Bank."It is alleged in the complaint, dated January 15, 2020, that Shariq Hussain Khan during his previous posting at branch office Khumarialval had misappropriated bank's funds to the tune of Rs 1.33 crore by way of tempering and manipulation with the bank's computer system and other documents," the FIR said.

As per the case, the act prima facie established criminal misappropriation by Khan who abused his official position and that the fraud, which has started from January 2016, has surfaced during

an internal investigation conducted by the bank in December 2019-January 2020.

Special Judge CBI Srinagar Jatinder Singh Janiwal after hearing PP Kapil verma for the CBI, observed that this Court is satisfied that prima-facie the accused appears to have committed the offences made punishable under Sections 409, 420 and 471 of RPC, offence made punishable under Section 65 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and the offence made punishable under Section 5(2) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt. 2006 read with Sections 5(1)(c) & (d) of the Act and further ordered that in the circumstances, the accused is formally charge-sheeted for commission of offences made punishable under Sections 409,420 and 471 of RPC, offence made punishable under Section 65 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and the offence made punishable under Section 5(2) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt. 2006 read with Sections 5(1)(c) & (d) of the Act.

Court rejects bail application in NDPS case

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Kathua Kamlesh Pandit rejected the bail application of Manzoor Ahmed police cop working in District Court Kathua and Ram Saroop in NDPS Case. In this case as per the police report that on 09-09-2021, Police of P/S Hiranagar headed by PSI Vikram Singh Manhas were performing naka duty on the way back to Police Station at about 1450 hrs when reached at Bandhi Nala near Pulli, one person on seeing the police vehicle tried to hide himself in nearby bushes who was later on caught. During initial investigation, he(accused) disclosed his name as Ram Saroop S/o Late Faquir Chand R/o Kannah, Kootah. During course of search and personal checking police recovered 40 grams of heroine from his possession. On this, case under FIR No.118/2021 came to be registered against the said accused person u/s 8/21/22 under NDPS Act and investigation was taken up

by Inspector Anil Sharma, SHO Hiranagar. On the course of questioning the arrested accused Ram Saroop disclosed that he has bought this 40 gms contraband heroin from Manzoor Ahmed who works at District Court Kathua. Additional Sessions Judge Kathua Kamlesh Pandit observed that one of the accused person bought the seized contraband from the other accused person who happens to be the employee of the disciplined belt force and incidentally posted in Malkhana where all the contraband is deposited for trial of the cases. Police report reveals that one of the accused person used to purchase the contraband from the other one namely Manzoor Ahmed earlier also. It cannot be ruled out that the seized contraband might have been drawn from the Court Malkhana. More so when police officials indulge in such illegal activities, God will only save the society. Court further observed that the drug traffickers like accused person are spreading the addic-

tion of Narcotics and Psychotropic substances among the youth section of society making them slaves of the same who when become addicts not only spoil their lives but also ruin the lives of their family members, therefore, the release of the accused persons/applicants herein at this stage will not meet the ends of justice. Consequently in the facts and circumstances of the instant case, the apprehension of the prosecution appears to be reasonable that once the accused persons are admitted to bail, they will not wear themselves from tampering with prosecution evidence or repeating the offence, moreover, it would have adverse affect on the society at large. Therefore, while considering all what has been discussed herein above and without going into the merits of the case, the accused persons/applicants herein have failed to convince this court for their admission on bail. Consequently bail plea of accused/applicants is out rightly rejected.