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# AC approves disinvestment proposal for JKCL

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SRINAGAR: After exploring all possibilities for revival of the Jammu and Kashmir Cements Limited, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal for disinvestment of Jammu and Kashmir Cements Limited.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor and Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting.

The disinvestment in the JK Cements was necessitated as the company was not able to sustain and manage its finances properly and maintain efficiencies of operations over the period of time. The company was also not able to fully exploit the potential and sustain stiff competition in the market despite having dedicated limestone mining leases at its

disposal.

In spite of enjoying economy of scales, the company failed to show requisite growth and generate cash flows and operating margins during the last more than two decades.

The company despite having assured demand from Government against advance payments has not grown even marginally over the long period of time and has rather shown sharp decline in its production and revenues from 2012-13 onwards. Managerial and financial inefficiencies, coupled with failure to exploit locational advantage, has made the company defunct further depreciating plant and machinery without any resultant productivity.

The company had not only accumulated losses but is also burdened with liabilities on account of salaries and outstanding wages and payments in addition to default in statutory deductions like

CP fund, GST etc.

Earlier also the Administrative Council vide its decision No. 113/15/2021 dated 19.10.2021 had given in-Principle approval for complete sale of JK Cements Limited by exploring the option of ascending e-auction and an authorization to utilize 240 kanals of land adjacent to Khrew Plant at Industrial Estate.

The Interested Bidder should have a Minimum Net-worth of Rs.250 Crore. The Interested Bidder should have a net positive EBITDA in at least three out of the immediately preceding last five financial years. Eligible Entities are permitted to form a Consortium to participate in the Transaction. The maximum number of members, including Lead Member, in a consortium can be four.

Key principles and actions underlying the recommended disinvestment modality includes 100% ownership in

## 09 Man dies, 2 injured in road mishap

### Two LeT associates detained under PSA

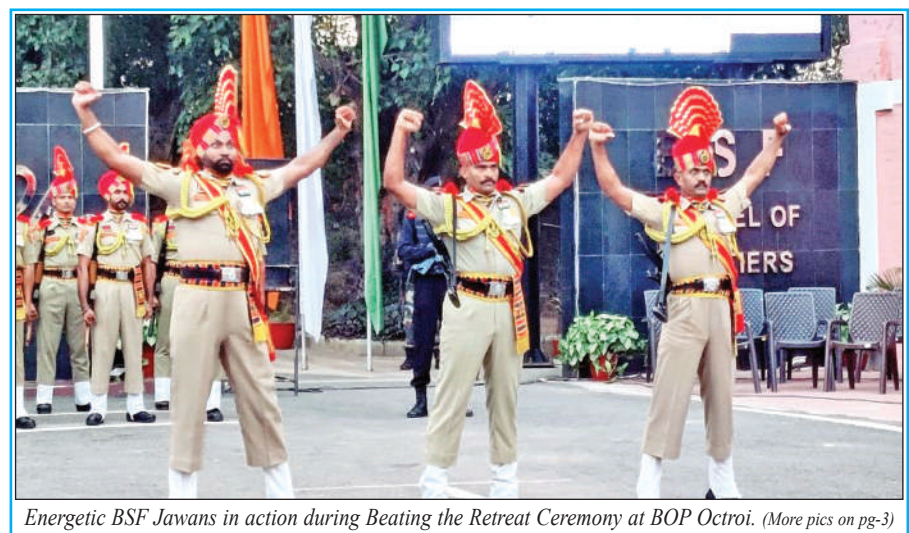
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SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant associates, tasked to revive militancy, have been detained under the stringent Public Safety Act in Bandipora district, police said on Sunday.

Two terrorist associates of #LeT namely Ishfaq Majeed Dar R/o SK Bala & Waseem Ah. Malik R/o Rampora Bpr were detained under #PSA in Bandipora (sic), Bandipora police wrote on Twitter.

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## 10 34th District Samba Volleyball C'ship concludes: Samba Warriors men, women teams lift trophies



Energetic BSF Jawans in action during Beating the Retreat Ceremony at BOP Octroi. (More pics on pg-3)

# Special incentives to central Govt employees in Kashmir valley will continue: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union minister Jitendra Singh on Sunday said that the special incentives to central government employees posted in Kashmir valley will continue for a further period of three years.

He said the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has already issued orders for the extension of

these benefits.

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, clarified this while talking to media here to allay the misgivings and misinformation in certain quarters that the DoPT was in the process of discontinuing the special incentives/concessions available to the central government employees working in Kashmir valley.

He said an 'Office

Memorandum' (OM) to this effect was formally issued by the DoPT about two weeks back and the copy of the same was sent to all concerned.

Singh said the package of incentives is uniformly applicable to all the ministries/departments and public sector undertakings under the government of India and they have been

instructed to ensure strict adherence to implement the same.

The concerned ministries/departments may ensure implementation and monitoring of the package in conformity with the approved package, says the DoPT OM.

The special incentives for the employees posted in Kashmir valley include

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## Attempt of escapee narco-smuggler to leave J&K foiled, re-arrested

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: An accused, who escaped from lockup of Rajbagh Police Station, was arrested again. He was trying to escape to Punjab, but was caught.

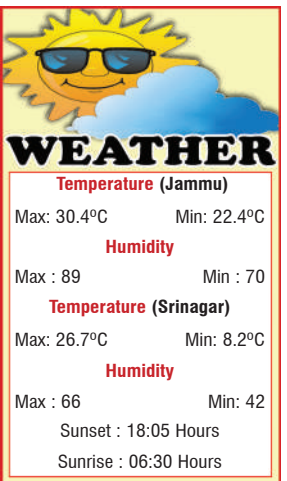
According to information, Rajbagh police had arrested a smuggler with a huge consignment of heroin and cash. The police registered a case and started further action, but accused escaped from the lockup, following which two cops were suspended. The police was looking for him and he was arrested on Sunday. The accused was identified as Murad Ali alias Murdu, son of Teg Ali, resident of Jakhbar Bigwan, Kathua.

## 4 vehicles seized for illegal mining

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a quest to stem menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which teams of Police Posts Chowki Choura and Jourian acted stringently on specific inputs and raided at different locations in their respective areas and seized 4 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles include two tippers (JK20-2265 and JK02BC-2985) seized by Chowki Choura Police and two tractor-trolleys without registration numbers seized by Jourian Police.

The recoveries were made by Incharge Police Post Chowki Choura PSI Pankaj Katoch and Incharge Police Post Jourian PSI Karnail Singh under their respective jurisdictions.



**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 30.4°C Min: 22.4°C

Humidity

Max: 89 Min: 70

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 26.7°C Min: 8.2°C

Humidity

Max: 66 Min: 42

Sunset : 18:05 Hours

Sunrise : 06:30 Hours

# Bypassing JKPSC, GMC-J begins process to fill up 150 faculty posts

### ■ VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: Bypassing Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC), the Government Medical College, Jammu (GMC-J) is all set to fill up 150 vacant faculty positions in various disciplines on 'Academic Arrangement Basis'.

The process in this regard began in June this year and currently the interviews are going on.

Sources told STATE TIMES that had the vacancies been referred to the Public Service Commission, the selection process would have been completed since, Union Territory Administration has already asked all the departments to speed up the recruitment process to fill up all the vacancies through the JKPSC in

respect of gazetted posts and J&K Service Selection Board for non-gazetted slots.

"To adjust the blue-eyed aspirants, the academic arrangement route is generally is the only option," said

Jammu based RTI activist B a l w i n d e r Singh, adding that the slots

become available quite often when the incumbent faculty members leave their jobs after getting lucrative positions in the private hospital across the country. This is one of the primary reasons for the ailing health sector in Jammu and Kashmir. There is growing trend of criticizing

the PSC for delaying selection process but the fact is that the referral departments like the GMC generally adopt dilly dallying attitude to accommodate blue-eyed candidates on adhoc-basis at the cost of deserving and meritorious doctors.

The sources informed that two blue-eyed couples have already been engaged as Lecturers on Academic Arrangements in the Ophthalmology Department, which is already over staffed with six faculty members.

According to the advertisement, four lectures are being selected in the Department of Surgery on 'Academic Arrangement Basis' despite 20 Professors, Associate Professors,

Assistant Professors and Lecturers are on roll in the department. What is the need to appoint four more on 'Academic Arrangement Basis'. And, if there is need, the posts should have been referred to the PSC for fair and permanent selection.

In the Department of Ophthalmology, there are already 13 faculty members but even then two posts of Associate Professors are being engaged on 'Academic Arrangement Basis.'

Similarity, in Pediatrics Surgery Department, one post each of Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Lecturer has been advertised on 'Academic Arrangement Basis.' Already there are 2 faculty

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## 'Shikara Post' service launched for people living on Dal Lake

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SRINAGAR: The Department of Posts on Sunday launched a first-of-its-kind service on the Dal Lake here, taking the postal facilities, including booking of parcels, to the doorsteps of the people living on the famous water body.

On the very first day of the national postal week being celebrated from Sunday, Chief Postmaster General (Jammu and Kashmir Circle) Niraj Kumar inaugurated 'Shikara Post' service, an official of the department said.

He said the service is intended to benefit the people

living in the interiors of Dal Lake, especially the traders dealing with tourists, elderly people who are unable to visit the post office to avail services, those living in houseboats and the tourists visiting the Dal Lake.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief postmaster general said the Department of Posts has embarked upon a mission to contribute towards the economic upliftment of the people of the Union territory and providing tailor-made and customised services fulfilling the needs of various sections of the society.

Kumar said the

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# Elections for post of president internal matter of Cong: Kharge

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Describing the elections for the post of president as an internal matter of the Congress, senior party leader Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday said the real fight of the grand old party is against the BJP and the RSS that are vitiating" the political, democratic and social atmosphere in the country.

He said the BJP has no right to raise questions on the system of democracy in opposition parties and asked if anybody knows how elections of a president are being held in the saffron party.

"The democratic institutions built by Congress in seven decades have been weakened and the voice of



dissent is being muzzled and crushed...Our real fight is against the BJP and the RSS who are vitiating the political, democratic and social atmosphere in the

country," Kharge, who is in the race for the post of the Congress president, said.

Addressing a gathering of Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) delegates here, he said it is the Congress party which is on the forefront to safeguard the Constitution and the democratic institutions in the country against all odds.

"The assets created by the Congress right from Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru to Manmohan Singh government have been sold by the Narendra Modi led government. The

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## J&K reports 4 fresh COVID cases

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday reported four fresh Covid cases-three from the Valley and one from the Jammu Division, thus taking the total number of positive cases to 479215 in the Union Territory.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 479215 positive cases, 65are Active Positive, 474365 have recovered and 4785 have died; 2352 in Jammu division and 2433in Kashmir division.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases during the past 24 hours,

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# CS asks traffic authorities to clear stranded trucks on Sgr-Jmu Highway within 24 hrs

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a marathon meeting held on Sunday to take stock of traffic movement on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta impressed upon the concerned traffic authorities to clear the stranded traffic within 24 hours and certify the same at an earliest.

The meeting was virtually attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production; Additional Chief Secretary, Home, both the Divisional Commissioners, Secretary Transport; IG

Traffic; concerned Deputy Commissioners and other senior officers from Traffic Department and those from NHAI.

The Chief Secretary directed the Traffic Department to formulate a viable plan for smooth movement of traffic on the highway in association with fruit growers. He asked them to ensure that the fruit laden trucks leaving from valley should reach their destinations taking appropriate time without any undue delay.

Dr Mehta urged them to submit daily reports to his office about the travel time

and number of vehicles reaching Jammu or Srinagar leaving from opposite directions. He enjoined upon them to publish daily the number of vehicles stranded including place and reasons thereof. He asked them to simultaneously give time required for restoration of the normal traffic on this road.

The traffic management authorities were asked to augment manpower from all sources to regulate traffic efficiently. He stressed on enforcing lane discipline on this highway especially

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# Human Resource Management in UT services at Gazetted Level (even JKAS) not so encouraging

### ■ DAYA SAGAR

Not only the Gazetted Engineering Services have been facing career progress problems and accord of due status in time but even those who enter the J&K Administrative Services/ Jammu Kashmir Police Services through no less a tough competitive examination through JKPSC too have been feeling the pressures of "stagnations". Recently it has been in 2022 that 16 JKAS officers have been inducted/ appointed in IAS { Rule-4 (b) of Indian Administrative Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1954 } but there too the process has not been regular { (for J&K quota in IAS by

promotion for Sekfjtr 54lect Lists of 2013 ( 3 vacancies ) , 2016 ( 2 vacancies ) , 2017(3 vacancies ) . 2018 ( 8 vacancies ) the exercise has been completed only in 2022 by issuance of DoPT GOI Notification 140315 /9/2021-AIS (I) - B on 03-08-2022 }.No doubt there is provision for giving the year of allotment in 'some' proportion to years in qualifying gazetted service but that cannot make good the negative pressures of staying in service category that do not have on the whole in the present day culture a status socio-administratively as recognised as is for IAS. DoPT GOI has issued order No.14014/33/2022-AIS-1

Dated 12-08-2022 allocating seniority and year of allotment under Rule (3)(3)-ii of IAS ( Regulation of Seniority) Rules 1987 & the weightage for years of qualifying service formulae where under \*Four officers (3 appointed against 2013 vacancies and \*one appoint-

2012 and all officers appointed against vacancies of 2017 (3) and 2018 (8) have been given year of allotment as



► Why no Non - Functional Grade Promotions for Engineering Gazetted Services in UT of J&K and like?  
► Why shortage of IAS cadre Officers when there are so many Super Time Scale JKAS Officers available?

ed against 2016 vacancies) have been given year of allotment as 2010, one officer ( 2016 select list) has been given year of allotment as

2013. Mir Tariq (select list for 2016) had joined qualifying service on 31-12-1992 and as per weightage formula for determining year of

allotment he had 7 yrs weightage and in terms of that year of allotment could be 2009 but he had to be given year of allotment as 2010 since Rule (3)(3)-ii of IAS ( Regulation of Seniority) Rules 1987 also provides that Officer shall not be assigned year of allotment

selectlist-2013).

Not only that all the inducted/ appointed officers from out of the JK SCS officers , before there induction in IAS in 2022 had already reached the Super Time Scale of JKAS i.e. Level-14 (37400-67000GP10000/ 144200-218200) and even those who have been given year of allotment as 2010 have been placed in IAS seniority below direct IAS of 2010 (of course with protection of pay.) who are still in Grade Level-12

SrNo1 of JKAS seniority list as on date joined qualifying gazetted service 7500-12000 (old before 6th PC) on 10-09-1990 and Sr No 2 joined qualifying gazetted service 7500-12000 (old

before 6th PC on13-12-1990) and had already been promoted to Super Time Scale of JKAS (Level - 14) ( any how they are not in the list of JKAS officers included DoPT GOI Notification 140315 /9/2021-AIS (I) - B on 03-08-2022 for induction / promotion to IAS ).Had they also been included they would have been possibly inducted against vacancies of 2013 and allotted year as 2007.Imagine had the select list been prepared regularly earlier with in schedule they could be allotted a much earlier year( of course vacancies if there ) or so and one could have hoped to rise to the Level -15 of

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