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### Govt schemes envisage...

and proper functioning of Vocational training and Atal tinkering labs.

He directed the concerned officers for making necessary interventions in facilitating the establishment of industrial units in the district, besides ensuring timely disposal of change of land use applications, and convenient, hassle free services to public in government departments.

Directions were issued for achieving the target of Har Ghar Nal Se Jal. SBM Phase-II works to be completed by November. Pulwama must saturate schemes like PMAY, said the Lt Governor.

While reviewing the Power Sector in the district, the chair was briefed about the preparations being made in view of the ensuing winter season; Damage & Repairs of Distribution Transformers; Buffer Stock Arrangements, Peak Demand & Supply, provisions for replacing damaged transformers within given timelines of 12 hours in urban and 24 to 48 hours in rural areas.

People should not face any problem during winters. Make adequate arrangements for uninterrupted supply of power, water & essential items, the Lt Governor told the officers.

The Lt Governor also sought report of usage of Kalacharai land retrieved by the District Administration.

The meeting was informed that the Multipurpose Cinema hall is highly appreciated by the local public and large population is taking its benefits.

The Lt Governor congratulated the District Administration and the people of Pulwama for securing top rank in District Good Governance Index.

Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary, Deputy Commissioner Pulwama gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the overall developmental scenario in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner also informed the meeting about the increase in literacy rate of the district, Awareness campaigns under Nasha Mukt Bharat; programmes conducted for Specially Abled Persons; Self-Employment & livelihood generation programmes; construction of Anmit Sarovar; distribution of Water proof Tents to tribal population.

The meeting also discussed the empowerment of Women farmers through agro-based cottage industry, increasing Saffron production under National Saffron Mission, and starting the Administrative Block, Medical education batches and medical services in AIIMS Awantipora at the earliest, besides optimal utilisation of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.

The chair was informed that as many as 154 Poshan Vatikas and 1113 Kitchen Gardens have been established in the 1267 existing Anganwadi centres, besides Back Yard gardens have already been established in 1013 Anganwadi Centers.

During his visit, the Lt Governor flagged off mobile online service centre for doorstep delivery of various online government services, generating awareness among the masses.

Later, the Lt Governor also interacted with delegation of DDC Members, Municipal Council, BDCs led by Syed Bari Andrabi, Chairman, District Development Council Pulwama; PRIs members and various other delegations including youth, sports fraternity, industries and traders associations, saffron growers and NRLM members, and assured appropriate redressal of their genuine issues and demands.

The projected inaugurated by Lt Governor includes - 200 Bedded Covid Care Hospital at Pulwama costing Rs. 8.67 cr; Synthetic Hockey Turf at BHSS Pulwama at a cost of Rs. 4.90 cr; Construction/Upgradation of Interior Roads at District Police Lines for national functions costing Rs. 89.61 lakhs; Widening/Upgradation of Pulwama Rahmoo Road including Pulwama Rajpora Shadimarg Road. (12.00 kms) costing Rs. 11.94 cr; Mini Secretariat Awantipora worth Rs. 4.99 cr; Community Hall Awantipora costing Rs 2.00 cr; Clock Tower at Pampore worth Rs 70 lakhs; construction of road from Narwah to Koil at a cost of Rs 1.80 cr; Two Stump Stands at Pulwama along with Passenger Sheds costing Rs 67.71 lakhs; 08 Roomed Three Story Building at HSS Noorpura worth Rs 1.34 cr; Science Block at Government Women's Degree College Pulwama costing Rs 7.67 cr; Upgradation & Maintenance of road from L042-Lariyar to Chersoo at a cost of Rs 4.80 cr.

The projects for which the Lt Governor laid foundation stones included- Construction of 10 Roomed Double Storey Building at HSS Karimabad at a cost of Rs 2.32 cr; Reconstruction of gutted 10 roomed building at GHIS Kakpora costing Rs. 2.27 cr; 06 roomed double storey building at Saimoh, HS Zantrag and HSS Panzgam at a cost of Rs. 1.41 cr each; construction of pre primary blocks at Lajurah & HSS Batagund costing Rs 65 lakhs each.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Gh. Jelani, SSP Pulwama, Heads of Departments, Sectoral and district officers attended the meeting.

### Term CM eschewed ...

as amended from time to time, shall henceforth be read as "Jammu and Kashmir Government Vigilance Medal", reads a GAD order.

It is further ordered that the National Emblem shall be adopted on the aforesaid award.

### Pooja Holidays from...

Education Jammu. "The chief education officers shall further ensure that activities undertaken in on-going Jan Abhiyan under Back to Village (phase 4) doesn't suffer and staff associated with the programme shall remain available during vacation period," it added.

### Modi to launch...

themselves or through recruiting agencies such as UPSC, SSC and the Railway Recruitment Board. For expeditious recruitment, selection processes have been simplified and made tech-enabled, the PMO said.

### Govt constitutes committee...

Members of the Committee. "The Committee shall examine all transfer related issues of these employees and policy thereof, besides other resultant aspects of cadre management and shall submit its report to the Government in a time bound manner," the order added.

## Chairman SMVDSB grants appointment to NOK of employee on compassionate grounds



Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Anshul Garg handing over appointment letter to NOK of deceased employee.

45% after 8 years. As regards career progression of the staff, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has recently issued orders for promotion of 131 employees which includes 5 from Group-A, 9 from Group-B and 117 from Group-C as per recommendations of Departmental Promotion Committees whose meetings are being conducted regularly on the direction of Hon'ble Chairman.

Further, as a significant measure for the welfare of employees Chairman, SMVDSB has also approved enhancement of Special Diwali incentive by 25% for employees of Shrine Board

on the eve of Diwali for their total dedication to service of pilgrims, ensuring best possible arrangements for their comfort and well being and conduct of smooth and hassle free yatra especially the 3.50 lakh pilgrims during the preceding Navartaras.

Meanwhile, CEO also issued 'Letters of Appreciation' to Sham Lal and Omkar Singh, Jr. Sahayaks, posted at Passenger Ropeway Bhawan for dedication, devotion and honesty upholding the high traditions of the Board aimed at facilitation of the pilgrims visiting the Holy Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.

## CIC New Delhi...

regard to any settlement, if any, that was arrived at between the J&K Bank and M/s HIDPL. In the RTI application, the applicant also sought the information about the launching of civil/criminal proceedings, if any, by the J&K Bank Ltd against the VVIP defaulters.

It is pertinent to mention herein that the last hearing scheduled for 23rd September, 2022 had been cancelled because of Public Holiday in UT of J&K on account of the Birthday Anniversary of His Highness Maharaja Hari Singh.

On October 29th, 2020, the PIO, J&K Bank vide Ref. No. JKB/ZOJC1/BR/2020-21-195 declined to furnish the information and the PIO in the rejection order took the plea that the information sought is exempted from disclosure in view of section 8 (1) (d) and 8 (1) (j) of RTI Act, 2005. The PIO further held that the information sought is a matter of commercial confidence, besides, invasion of privacy of the individual and thus, cannot be shared. Thereafter, the RTI applicant filed 1st Appeal before the First Appellate Authority of the J&K Bank who vide Order No. JKB/ZOJC1/2020-869 dated November 23rd, 2020 rejected the 1st Appeal and upheld the order passed by the PIO.

Against the denial of the information, a 2nd Appeal came to be filed by Advocate Irtiza Mushtaq on December 12th, 2020 before the Central Information Commission, New Delhi wherein the appellant has reiterated his previous grounds that the details of NPA Accounts cannot be withheld and are not exempted from disclosure under the RTI Act as held by the Supreme Court of India in *catena of Judgements* as well as by the CIC. The appellant has cited several Judgements of CIC and Supreme Court of India in support of his contentions and the matter was earlier scheduled to be heard finally on September 23, 2022 by a Bench of Central Information Commission, New Delhi. However, on account of the public holiday in J&K, the hearing of the 2nd Appeal by the CIC was cancelled and now the 2nd Appeal is going to be heard on November 1, 2022.

### Ramban's 'unsafe' bridge...

Lieutenant General BRO Rajeev Choudhary and issued instructions to find whatever feasible option to get the project complete. Meanwhile, on the directions of Dr Jitendra Singh, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mussarat Islam also provided his views and comments on the issue.

Following this, the BRO swung into action and on 1st September, the Director General BRO Lieutenant General Rajeev Choudhary, under his Emergent Powers sanctioned a job for replacement of Jhula Bridge. Thereafter, all the follow-up action was taken on high priority and the existing bridge was de-launched on 24th September this year.

New bridge items have been procured by BRO through GRSC Kolkata and all the stores have reached Ramban. It is, therefore, expected the complete work of the replacement of the bridge will be accomplished in the next few weeks.

A written confirmation of this was done by DG BRO Lieutenant General Rajeev Choudhary, by means of a DO letter written by him to the Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, wherein he committed that as a follow up to instructions conveyed in the meeting held with the Minister, the work on the replacement of existing Jhula Bailey Suspension bridge is being taken up.

BRO Chief has also assured the Minister in writing that the BRO agencies will endeavour to complete the work by the middle of November 2022.

Appreciating the initiative taken by the BRO, Dr Jitendra Singh said, this will come as a huge relief to the people of the region, who were constantly suffering from traffic jams coupled with the risk of safety incurred by commuting on a bridge that had outlived its lifespan.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, he will soon try to personally visit Ramban and seek an on the spot review. Meanwhile, he said, he is receiving regular updates both from the BRO authorities as well as the district administration.

### CJ convenes meeting...

Srinagar and Jammu.

The Chief Architect displayed a presentation before the Chief Justice in presence of High Court Judges regarding the said projects, in the conference hall of High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Srinagar.

Chief Justice emphasized proper and timely completion of these vital projects. He said that conducive infrastructural environ and aesthetic is a must for Advocates and litigants for smooth working of courts.

During the presentation, Register General, Sanjeev Gupta, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, Rajeev Gupta, Registrar Vigilance, Shahzad Azeem, Registrar (Judicial) Srinagar; Joint Registrar (Judicial) and Joint Registrar (Inspection) were also present.

On the occasion, Chief Justice passed directions to Registrar General High court of J&K and Ladakh and Chief Architect to coordinate with the concerned departments for immediate completion of construction and development works of both the High Court complexes at Srinagar and Jammu.

Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Ali Mohammad Magrey, during his maiden visit to Budgam on Thursday inaugurated residential accommodation structure for Judicial Officers at Court Complex Chadoora.

The newly constructed residential accommodation is 2 BHK and has other facilities for comfortable stay of Judicial Officers.

Administrative High court Judge for District Budgam, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul besides Principal District and Sessions Judge Budgam, Mohammad Ashraf Malik, Deputy Commissioner Budgam, S F Hamid, Registrar General of High Court Sanjeev Gupta, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice Rajeev Gupta, CJM Budgam, Shabir Ahmad Malik, Secretary DLSA Budgam, Fozia Paul, Sub Judge Chadoora, Tabassum Parray, Abdul Bari, Joint Registrar High Court, SSP Tahir Saleem, SDM Chadoora, Munisif Chadoora, Istiaq Baba and other Judicial and Civil officers were present.

On the occasion, Chief Justice also reviewed progress on ongoing projects including fencing of Court Complex, land acquisition, construction of lawyers chamber, washroom facility and matters related to construction of new Court Complex at Chadoora.

Chief Justice directed the concerned execution agency to expedite work on the new Court Complex and ensure timely completion of all the projects.

He said that all facilities shall be made available at the Court Complex Chadoora including separate washroom facility for female staff and lawyers and works including road development and lawn beautification be taken up on priority. He said that there is major chunk of land available and asserted on its proper use. He said a

### BJP & its 'B' teams trying to grab power through backdoor: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla claimed that priority of BJP regime was never to empower people by strengthening democratic institutions but those at the helm of affairs wanted to accomplish their nefarious designs by controlling such institutions through undemocratic means. He was speaking during meeting of party Corporators of party, also attended by eminent leaders Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, Manmohan Singh, Dewarka Choudhary, Pritam Singh, Bhanu Mahajan, Inderjeet Kour, Sonika Sharma, Rajinder Janwal, Ritu Choudhary, Mohin Din, Amrit Bali, Jatin Vashisth and Sanjeev Panda.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla termed the promises made by BJP Government as 'mere bluffs'. He said that people of J&K have got fed up with the 'sheer opportunism' of BJP and urged people from different walks of life, particularly youth to become a part of

Congress. "Congress offers a platform for all well meaning peoples to encourage them and play their role in party's vision of political resolution and good governance. Congress by way of its pro-people policies is the only viable regional alternative for the people of J&K. BJP Government failed to do anything good for the people of J&K except strengthening the instrument of oppression to unleash terror on them," he added. Bhalla further said that Congress will not allow BJP and its B teams to erode our political and cultural identity. "Nothing can rescue BJP and its local proxies.

People will teach them a lesson in the elections, whenever they are held. People across JK have made it a point to register as voters and punish BJP and its B teams democratically through ballot. Having failed to change the ground realities through biased delimitation, BJP and its B teams are trying to grab power through backdoor," he added.

The meeting was a follow up of various other meetings and workshops conducted in the past few months with the help of several organizations including Snow Leopard Conservancy - India Trust (SLC-IT), Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), Ladakh Media and Arts Organization

beautiful Court Complex should come up at the earliest as the need of the hour.

Chief Justice directed the concerned authority to ensure speedy work execution on all projects. He called for prompt Justice delivery and making work culture at courts conducive and efficient for the litigants.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul said that all genuine issues raised by the Bar members shall be looked into on priority for an early redressal.

District and Sessions Judge Budgam, Mohammad Ashraf Malik presented welcome address on the occasion.

### Departments to focus...

given specific targets to achieve by the outset of the programme, he said.

For example, the Health Department would conduct cleanliness drives in all health institutions and ensure complete delivery of Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards.

While Administrative Secretaries would monitor department-wise achievements during the programme, the Deputy Commissioners would be responsible for overall success and conduct of the programme.

The latter have to ensure special camps by the IT Department and Jammu Kashmir Bank for providing digital services and banking facilities for saturation of their respective schemes.

The Deputy Commissioners have been instructed to designate Sectoral Officers to saturate all deliverables before the launch of this year's edition of B2V.

The Sectoral Officers were told to visit each block in their respective districts to prepare ground for successful conduct of the flagship programme.

The DCs would also ensure that Community Service Centres organise camps and provide online services on mission mode to saturate all welfare schemes.

Officers from Jammu & Kashmir Bank were told to ensure maximum coverage of PMEGP and other self employment schemes of the government. Reach out to villages and sanction approved cases, verify applications and disburse benefits appropriately, they were told.

The Principal Secretary stressed that the senior most officers are deployed on priority to panchayats.

The Deputy Commissioners have been delegated with the responsibility of uploading and compiling data from previous B2V programmes online. The compiled data would later be provided to the visiting officers to equip them with first hand knowledge about the panchayat being visited.

The visiting officers would also be trained by the office Deputy Commissioners.

The Director Information Department would advertise the programme through various media to enable maximum public participation and their benefit from the mission. Hashtags #JanAbhiyan and #B2V4 would be used to highlight all achievements of the programme.

Similarly, Director Sports and Director School Education would conduct sports activities in panchayats, conduct cleanliness drives in schools and encourage school dropouts for re-admission and resumption of their studies.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kaur; Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda; Commissioner Secretary Revenue, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgil and Secretary IT, Prema Puri among other senior officers. Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners were also present in the meeting.

### Govt sets-up...

as may be co-opted will be the Members of the Committee.

"The committee will evaluate and suggest measures to promote electric mobility ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir in general and in the twin cities of Jammu and Srinagar in particular," it reads and added "Committee will also analyse scope of incentives as may be granted for ownership of electric vehicles, including conversion of existing commercial fleets into electric setup."

"It will suggest broad contours of the infrastructural requirements for shifting to electric mobility, comparing similar policies/rules of neighboring states, analyse aspects related to road safety associated with the usage of electric vehicles," the order reads.

It added that the committee will also suggest measures to promote research and innovation as well as skill development in the field of electric vehicles and any other aspect, as may be deliberated by the committee.

"The Committee shall furnish its report within a period of one month and shall be serviced by the Transport Department," it reads.

### Snowfall, rains in...

improvement in the conditions later in the day and predicted a dry week.

Meanwhile, heavy snowfall in the high-altitude areas of Jammu forced the closure of Mughal Road which connects the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri with south Kashmir's Shopian, officials said here.

Several areas of Doda, Kishtwar, Rajouri, Reasi, Poonch, Ramban and Kathua districts witnessed heavy snowfall since Wednesday night.

"Mughal Road has been closed for vehicular traffic due to heavy snowfall," Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic (Rajouri-Poonch Range), Aftab Bukhari told PTI.

The road surface has become slippery due to the sharp drop in temperatures, the officials said.