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AC approves J&K...

public disclosures. In order to make the recruitment process fully transparent and merit based, screening by the Public Service Commission and reduction in weightage to interview has been proposed for gazetted positions.

For non-gazetted positions, it has been proposed to do away with interviews altogether and conduct recruitment through the Service Selection Board. Screening/recruitment by Public Service Commission's/ Service Selection Boards have been introduced in varying measures by other states like Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand etc.

In yet another decision, the Administrative Council approved 'The Jammu and Kashmir Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2022'.

'The Jammu and Kashmir Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2022' is reform in the existing system and permits diversification of commodities & services other than those distributed under the TPDS at FPS, which will, besides making FPSs economically viable, will help in putting an end to leakage/pilferage.

The new policy shall significantly revise the existing provisions pertaining to opening of new FPS and their licensing and will ensure atleast one FPS in each Panchayat/Municipal Ward/ULB and for this purpose new FPS will be also be established. The number shall be based on the population of the Panchayat/Municipal Ward/ULB. Opening of new FPSs shall result in livelihood opportunities for unemployed youth as well as for destitute & separated women, orphan girls, as they have been given additional weightage by virtue of this scheme.

In deference to the position of PRIs in the governance structure, the policy stipulates that the location of the Fair Price Shop and transfer of license to dependent family member shall be done in consultation with the concerned Gram Sabha. The Licensing Authority shall consider the opening of new FPS to cater the need of the rationees in an area, satisfying the indicative norms under the order.

The present FPS dealers shall have to obtain a license under this order within 4 months so that uniformity in licensing system can be ensured. The provisions concerning ration cards, portability, maintenance of records, e-PoS, penalties, monitoring, inspection and removal of difficulties, etc, have also been introduced in the order. The new policy is in consonance with National Food Security Act, 2013 and the guidelines of GoI.

SHO Channi Himmat...

to Police Station Akhnoor as SHO; Inspector Vijay Kumar from DPL Jammu to Police Station Janipur as SHO; Inspector Joginder Singh from Police Station Gangyal to Police Station Gharota as SHO; Inspector Vishal Dogra from DPL Jammu to Police Station Bus Stand as SHO; Inspector Hilal Azhar has been transferred from Police Station Akhnoor and posted to DPL Jammu and Inspector Deepal Katoch from Police Station Channi to DPL Jammu.

Two 'Nari Niketan'...

the Union Territory. Director General, SWD, Jammu, Vivek Sharma said an enabling environment is being created in all the institutions of the department to pave the way for overall development of the enrolled students.

"More facilities for the welfare of the students are in offing and shall be made available to the enrolled students in due course of time, he said.

ACB books XEn ...

contractual/temporary appointment without adopting proper procedure has been restricted/banned.

In this way, involved officers/officials of PDD Division Handwara, abusing their official positions under a well-knit conspiracy, illegally and fraudulently engaged 36 beneficiaries against pecuniary gains without having competence in this regard and later recommended them for regularization by resorting to manipulations of record, thereby conferring undue benefit upon themselves and beneficiaries. Accordingly, FIR No. 27/2022 was registered in Police Station ACB Baramulla against aforementioned officers/officials of PDD Division Handwara and beneficiaries.

Court directs DC...

respondent Radhey Sham Sharma in the execution in hand is Rs 4,62,000 (rupees four lakh sixty two thousand only). Court further observed that the dilly dallying and recalcitrant disposition of respondent proprietor in making aforesaid payment is only driving petitioners to great deal of hardship for over five years now. Court issued fresh attachment warrant against respondent Proprietor, authorising there-in District Collector (Deputy Commissioner) Jammu to attach moveable property of respondent proprietor to the tune of Rs 4,62,000/- (rupees Four lakh sixty two thousand) and submit compliance report by or before next date of hearing. Court further issued non-bailable arrest warrant, to be executed by SHO Police Station Gandhi Nagar, Jammu in case aforesaid attachment warrant remains un-executed.

Three IEDs, 3...

"He was earlier convicted in a case and was lodged in Kot Bhalwal jail for 14 years and was released in 2019. He had developed relations with JeM terrorist Fareed who had returned to his country, Pakistan after serving his jail term in J&K," the police said,

He was planning to revive old terrorist activities in his area by roping in other old terrorists at the behest of Pakistan-based commanders, they added.

A police official said the latest recovery was made from the Malhar village of Kathua and the search operation was underway at the time the last reports were received. "An operation was launched on the disclosure of the arrested terrorist and a total of six explosive devices three each IEDs and three sticky bombs were recovered so far," he said. Earlier, a sticky bomb was recovered from Bhat at the time of his arrest.

Police conducts searches...

suspected houses at Sheeraz Colony Ganie Near Ration Ghat Soura and Shalbagh Mohalla New Colony Jinaab Sahab Anchur Soura, the official said.

The raids were conducted with the help of the administration and the police station concerned after getting proper search warrants from competent courts, he added. "During the course of the raids by the SIU, various incriminating materials were recovered and are being investigated. "These raids will continue in the future



also, for the logical conclusion of all UL(P) A cases," the official said.

All conscientious countries...

not promote it. They also do grave injustice to the victims of terrorism," Bagchi added.

At the press conference in Berlin on Friday, Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said peace inside South Asia would not be possible without the peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the UN resolutions and taking into consideration the aspirations of Kashmiri people.

India has been strongly maintaining that Kashmir is a bilateral issue between New Delhi and Islamabad.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said she believed that every country in the world has a role and responsibility for solving conflicts and for ensuring that "we are living in a peaceful world".

Former Guv Malik...

government and claimed to be very close to the prime minister (Narendra Modi)," he had said.

"I was informed by secretaries in both departments that there is a scandal and I accordingly cancelled both deals.

"The secretaries told me that 'you will get Rs 150 crore each for clearing the files' but I told them that I have come with five kurta-pyjamas and will leave with that only," Malik had told a gathering at an event in Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan in October last year.

In April this year, the CBI registered the two FIRs in connection with corruption allegations levelled by Malik in the awarding of contracts for a group medical insurance scheme for government employees and civil work worth Rs 2,200 crore related to the Kiru hydroelectric power project in the erstwhile state.

The central agency has booked Reliance General Insurance and Trinity Re-Insurance Brokers Limited as accused in its FIR related to a controversial health insurance scheme for Jammu and Kashmir government employees reportedly cleared by Malik in the state administrative council meeting on August 31, 2018.

"...unknown officials of Finance Department of Government of Jammu and Kashmir by abusing their official position in conspiracy and connivance with Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Ltd, Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd and other unknown public servants and private persons have committed the offences of criminal conspiracy and criminal misconduct," the FIR alleged.

They caused "pecuniary advantage to themselves and wrongful loss to state exchequer during the period 2017 and 2018 and thereby in this manner cheated the Government of Jammu and Kashmir", it alleged.

It was alleged in different quarters that there were glaring deviations from the government norms in the contract awarded to Reliance General Insurance like the absence of an online tender, removal of an original condition that the vendor should have experience of working in the state and companies having turnover of Rs 5,000 crore among others.

"The case was registered on the request of Jammu and Kashmir government on the allegations of malpractices in the award of contract of J&K Employees Health Care Insurance Scheme to private company and release of Rs 60 crore (approximately) in the year 2017-18," CBI Spokesperson R C Joshi had said.

After allegations of irregularities surfaced, the scheme, which was rolled out on September 30, 2018, was scrapped, officials said.

"The governor has approved foreclosure of the contract with M/s Reliance General Insurance Company (RGIC) for implementing group mediclaim health insurance policy for the employees and pensioners in the state," a Raj Bhavan spokesperson had said on October 27, 2018.

He had said the matter was referred to the Anti-Corruption Bureau for examining the entire process to see whether it was conducted in a transparent and fair manner.

In the scheme which was initially signed up with RGIC for one year, the employees and pensioners would have got Rs 6 lakh cover for themselves and five dependent family members by paying an annual premium of Rs 8,777 and Rs 22,229 for employees and pensioners, respectively.

In its second FIR pertaining to the alleged malpractices in the award of contract for the civil works package of Kiru hydroelectric power project, the CBI said guidelines related to e-tendering were not followed.

"The case was registered on allegations of malpractices in the award of the contract worth Rs 2,200 crore (approximately) of civil works of Kiru Hydro Electric Power Project (HEP) to a private company in the year 2019," Joshi had said.

The agency has booked Navin Kumar Chaudhary, former chairman of Chenab Valley Power Projects (P) Ltd, M S Babu, former MD, M K Mittal and Arun Kumar Mishra, former directors and Patel Engineering Ltd.

"Though a decision was taken in the 47th Board meeting of CVPPPL (Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd) for re-tender through e-tendering with the reverse auction after the cancellation of the ongoing tendering process, the same was not implemented (as per the decision taken in the 48th board meeting) and tender was finally awarded to Patel Engineering Ltd," the FIR alleged.

Not drug seizure...

as insurgency, arms smuggling, and other anti-national activities are linked to trafficking, he said.

"Insurgency along with arms trade and drug trafficking are two sides of a coin", he said.

The Union Home minister urged the law-enforcing, health, revenue, and social revenue departments to adopt a twin-pronged approach for ensuring that drug trafficking is stopped.

"We must be harsh with the traffickers while at the same time the victims must be dealt with sensitively", he said.

Shah said that considerable efforts have been made to tackle the issue in the Northeastern states, where drugs enter from the neighbouring countries, but "it is not enough".

He urged the chief ministers, chief secretaries, and directors general of police of the Northeastern states to adopt strategies both "from top to bottom and vice versa so that the results percolate to the lowest level and the problem of trafficking can be eradicated from the roots".

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