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AC approves HR...

engagement, permanently shifts/changes her place of residence outside the Ward on the basis of residence of which, she was selected, then she shall be deemed to have been disengaged from the post of AWW/AWH and the vacancy so accrued shall be filled as per the stated procedure.

By another decision, the AC accorded administrative approval for construction of 250 mtr span Fly over Bridge with approaches, connecting Circular Road near Jullaka Mohalla with Heritage Complex, Jammu at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.50 Crore.

In recent years, Jammu Old City has experienced a fast growth of population and increasing rate of urbanization process. Due to it the traffic has increased manifold on that specific area and vehicular congestion is increasing day by day on major old city roads. As such an approach to the Eastern side of Palace has been explored by Jammu Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (JMRDA) by way of constructing of Fly over taking off from Jullaka Mohalla on Circular Road and landing on the Ground of Palace on Eastern River Tawi side.

Another Proposal of JKHPMC seeking approval for Design and Construction of 5000 MT Controlled Atmosphere Cold Store at Behrampora, Baramulla was also approved by the AC.

The Cold Store would have 20 chambers of 250 MT capacity each. The project will deploy state of the art fully automatic technology of 5 TPH capacity for color sorting and grading line for apples.

The Facility will provide modern storage facilities to fruit growers and traders of the region near the production area and thereby increase the shelf-life of the produce considerably.

The AC also approved the proposals of different departments for transfer of land for various developmental projects.

It approved the proposal for transferring State (Mehfooz Kahcharie) land measuring 60 Kanal situated at village Badala, Tehsil & District Kathua in favour of Skill Development Department for establishment of Polytechnic College.

The Polytechnic College in District Kathua shall provide opportunity to youth of the area to get technical education in different streams and would thus serve an important public purpose.

The Administrative Council also transferred State land measuring 17 Kanal 15 Marla situated at Bhajmasta, Tehsil and District Ramban in favour of Northern Railways for construction of re-aligned portion of approach road from Digdole to Bhajmasta. It would simultaneously enhance the connectivity to Tunnel T-49 from NH-44 and will cater to the needs of local villagers of Bhajmasta, Urmihal and nearby villages.

NEP to play...

collaborations between disciplines to foster innovation and creativity. In future sustainable technological advances will be driven by people having an interdisciplinary approach, he added.

The Lt Governor stressed on developing future-oriented skills among the youth, promoting research and strengthening the academia-industry relationship.

Degree Colleges shall be encouraged to start the skill development courses identified from the skill sector council under the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF). These courses shall be taught in partnership with industry where component of 12 credits taught by the College as professional knowledge and the component of 18 credits taken as professional training from industry. In the initial stage, 50 colleges have been identified to start the skill development courses, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor asked the teachers and faculty members to promote the start-up ecosystem in Higher Education. He further called upon students to nurture critical thinking.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor, speaking on the occasion, highlighted the need for effective utilization of all the resources for preparing the youth to be future leaders.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary entrusted upon the Educational institutions to empower the students through education and providing them with skills training and advanced learning to adapt to the dynamic needs of the job market. He also called upon the universities to regularly engage in course content revision. J&K will be among the front runners in implementing NEP 2020, right from kindergarten to providing PhDs, he added.

Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department highlighted the steps taken by the Higher Education department towards implementation of NEP-2020. He also spoke on the key features of initiatives launched today.

The occasion also witnessed signing of MoUs between J&K's Higher Education Department with SKUAST-Jammu, SKUAST Kashmir, Jammu University, Kashmir University for sharing of agro based skills, and research based knowledge, life skills courses and mentoring of colleges respectively, to better equip the students.

The Lt Governor launched a book on "Implementing National Education Policy". Principals of different Colleges were felicitated by the Lt Governor for getting NAAC accreditation.

On the occasion, impressive cultural performances were showcased by local artists highlighting the rich culture and heritage of Jammu Kashmir.

Prof. Ravinder Kumar Sinha, VC, SMVDU; Prof. Nilofar Khan, VC, University of Kashmir; Dr J.P. Sharma, VC, SKUAST-J; Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, VC, SKUAST-K; Prof Bechan Lal, VC, Cluster University Jammu; Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges; Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal PSPS Govt. PG College for

Women, Gandhi Nagar; HoDs, principals of various colleges and students in large numbers were present during the launching ceremony.

Lord Shiva's live...

with Deputy Commissioner Udhampur (erstwhile District) as Chairman and SDM Reasi as its Member Secretary.

On 11th February 2008, J&K State Legislature passed an Act-namely "The Jammu & Kashmir Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Act"-2008 for better management, administration and governance of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine. The said Act came into force w.e.f 1st April 2010 vide SRO No. 132 dated 25-03-2010.

The government has recently nominated members of the Board including Professor Chander Mouli Raina, Retired from Sanskrit University Kote, Jammu (Scholar and Astrologer) Dr. Shiv Prasad Raina, Scholar and Astrologer, Jammu, Dr. Surinder Singh, Ex-Director General Health Service (GOI), Vice Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research Mysuru. Professor Lalit Magotra, Retired from University of Jammu, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu.

The meeting was informed about the works executed and completed in the shrine, which inter alia included construction of wall near Pony stand, opening of sale counter near Baradari Bridge Reasi by SSKSB, Construction of platform for G-set, installation of railing along the track, construction of two foot bridges for CRPF camp at Ransoo, installation of Chain link fencing near Darshani Deodi and along the track and at Bhawan, construction of overhead shed along the track, Construction of X-Ray room near Darshani Deodi and installation of X-ray machine for frisking of luggage and other material, repair of toilet complexes along the track, Construction of CGI sheets shed along the track, Providing & fixing of chain link fabric fencing at Shivkhori Track at Ransoo, construction of Ladoo Parshad Shop, Repair/maintenance of TRC building (Shiv Shakti Bhawan) at Ransoo etc.

It was informed that most of the works have been completed while others are in progress.

Div Com who is also chairman of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board directed the concerned officers to expedite the pace of all ongoing works and ensure their completion in a time bound manner.

Div Com stressed on creating all the basic facilities for the convenience of the pilgrims.

Div Com asked the SSP to ensure that the whole track and shrine is brought under CCTV surveillance to ensure safety of the pilgrims. He also directed the officers of JPDCL to conduct survey and explore possibilities of installation of lights on the whole track and ensure backup of the same through Gen Set.

While reviewing assets available, Div Com was informed that the work on the taxi stand has almost been completed while work of tiling, toilet complex is pending.

Div Com instructed the Director Tourism to expedite the work on lying of tiles and construction of toilet complex. He also emphasised on proper regulation of parking by displaying the rates for convenience of the pilgrims.

Div Com also instructed for proper sanitation and regular collection of waste from track, clean toilets so that pilgrims do not face any inconvenience.

Div Com directed DC Reasi to establish contact with the live broadcast channel and re-start the live Aarti. He also asked her to ensure the Aarti live telecast timings should not clash with the live Aarti of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi for convenience of viewers (devotees).

The board of Directors meeting also discussed in detail other agenda points like organization set up, appointments for important posts, salary, EPF, insurance for employees, proposed works to be taken up, religious activities to be conducted by Board, welfare activities to be conducted by Board etc.

Div Com directed PWD, Tourism and other concerned departments to speed up their ongoing works for timely completion and also float tenders for the remaining works.

The Div Com also directed concerned officers to prepare a master plan including development of shrine area including development of facilities for pilgrims and works to be taken up in future for overall development of shrine and upgradation of facilities.

J&K catching up...

maintaining road discipline. He said that it will enable us to assess the required data of any violator through Vahaan database.

The DGP also thanked J&K Bank for their support and association with JK Police.

Baldev Prakash lauded the role of J&K Police in tackling different challenges for more than three decades.

He paid homage to the martyrs of the J&K Police for their selfless services to the nation. He said that while J&K Police is working 24X7 for the safety and security of the people, J&K Bank is working for the prosperity of the people. He said that J&K Bank is delighted to be a part of the e-challan initiative adding that it will benefit the traffic police in providing hassle free and more people friendly service. He said that the collaboration between JKP and JKB will go a long way adding that JK Bank will provide a good amount as ex- gratia to the NoKs of Police martyrs and will also launch schemes for the students belonging to martyrs families.

Earlier IGP Traffic J&K Vikramjit Singh gave a detailed briefing regarding the working of JK Traffic Police and the strategy in the immediate future to offer better service to the citizens of UT of J&K. He informed that in J&K e-challaning was started in September 2020 and J&K Bank initially provided 160 e-challan Android POS (Point of Sale Machines) adding that the JK Bank has now further provided an additional 250 upgraded POS. He said that to ensure hassle free adoption of new technology over 100 training sessions across the J&K have been conducted for enforcement officers.

He said that an amount of Rs 9.6 crore has been realized from the violators so

far as 4.01 lakh challans were made. He said that from August 2022 Internet Payment Gateway (IPG) has also been introduced in association with J&K Bank for the benefit of commuters to remit their fines online.

SO to IGP Traffic SSP Maqsood ul Zaman conducted the proceedings while DIG Traffic Jammu Vivek Gupta presented vote of thanks on the occasion.

Special cells for...

Professor, Central University Jammu, Dr Vinay Kumar; and Coordinator, J&K Special Cell for Women, Saima Shah, among others.

The NCW chairperson was briefed about the work progress of 12 pilot special cells for women in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh since April, 2022 to October, 2022.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the special cells and suggestions for way forward from respective members of monitoring committee for effective functioning of the cells.

The meeting was informed that 256 outreach activities about women safety and empowerment had been conducted by special cells for women during that period.

It was also revealed that a total of 1,307 interventions have been carried out by special cells and 2,755 meetings have been conducted in 575 cases of women registered at such cells.

Sharma enquired about the number of complaints received by women cells in different districts and said that all help should be provided to women who are facing violence in any form.

Army sets-up...

the spokesman said. He said the centre was inaugurated by Commander Tiger Artillery brigade of the Tiger division of Army Rising Star Corps, Brig N R Pandey along with Secretary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gull, Deputy Mayor, JMC, Baldev Singh Billawaria and other civil dignitaries in presence of locals including youth.

"The Youth Empowerment Centre is designed for the conduct of various skill development courses, events, lectures and other youth oriented events for the empowerment of the local youth in Jammu. In addition, the venue will be used to conduct de-addiction drives to promote awareness against drug abuse," the spokesman said.

He said the Centre would be a valuable addition for the youth in the region making a key difference in shaping their future by providing assistance in result oriented areas. Brig Pandey said the Indian Army always stands shoulder to shoulder in undertaking development initiatives for the youth of the region.

Billawaria expressed gratitude to the Army for the initiative and also thanked Tiger Division and Tiger Gunners for always being there for the people and youth of Jammu.

Gull also appreciated the Army for undertaking multi-faceted initiatives for the people in rural and urban areas and also assured of contribution from J&K Sports Council towards the Youth Empowerment Centre, Gangval.

Terror-gangsters nexus...

such terror networks as well as their funding and support infrastructure," the spokesperson said.

Quoting preliminary investigations, the NIA said these gangs were carrying out targeted killings and raising funds for such criminal activities through smuggling of drugs and weapons.

"The recent sensational crimes and extortion calls by criminal syndicates and gangsters to businessmen and professionals, including doctors, had created a widespread scare among the people. These gangs were using cyber-space to publicise these crimes to create terror among the public at large," the spokesperson said.

The official said investigations have also revealed that such criminal acts were not isolated local incidents but there was a deep rooted conspiracy amongst terrorists, gangsters and drug smuggling cartels and networks, who were operating from both within and outside the country.

"Many gang leaders and members had fled from India and were operating from foreign countries, including Pakistan, Canada, Malaysia and Australia. Most of these conspiracies were being hatched from inside jails of different states and were being executed by an organised network of operatives based abroad," the spokesperson said.

Religion not possible...

purifies our individual life, our family life and our national social life."

The Sangh chief said, "If people do not get guidance, they go astray. It is the good fortune of our nation that the tradition of great men who guide the people by their conduct has continued unbroken. Brahmalin Swami Shantanand Saraswati was from the same tradition." Bhagwat said, "To make life a human life, one has to be spiritual. Looking at material and spiritual life separately is not our attitude because we look at all things from a holistic point of view." The event organised on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Brahmalin Brahmanand Saraswati, Shankaracharya of Jyotish Peeth, will continue till December 8, 2022, in which the story of Shrimad Bhagwat Mahapuram will be narrated by Shrinath Peethadhiswar Swami Acharya Jitendra Nath Ji Maharaj.

Former Governor of West Bengal Keshari Nath Tripathi, Swami Acharya Jitendra Nath Ji Maharaj and many saints participated in the inauguration programme.

Religious politics has...

harmony and development of the Union territory," he added.

The Chenab Valley is a river valley formed by the Chenab River. The term is also used collectively for Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts of the Jammu Division.

Shahidi Gurbpurab of Guru Tegh Bahadur observed



Devotees paying obeisance during a religious programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shahidi Gurbpurab of 9th Sikh Guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib ji was celebrated in Gurdwara Singh Sabha Yadgar Thakur Bhai Rocha Singh Ji, Sec-14, Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu with great enthusiasm and religious fervor. The programme was organized by Gurdwara Parbhandak Committee under the patronage of Shriman

Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji of Dera Nagali Sahib in which large number of devotees paid their obeisance and sought the blessings of great Guru who sacrificed his life for the nation and in particular to save the victims from the tyranny of cruel rulers. Hazoori Raagi Jatha of Bhai Palvinder Singh from Darbar Sahib Amritsar, Raagi Bhai Gurpreet Singh,

Raagi Bhai Jasvinder Singh and Istri Satsang Jatha recited Gurbani Kirtan in this religious function. President DGPC Poonch Prof Narinder Singh spoke on the life history and teachings of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib.

Mahant Manjit Singh Ji in his address urged the sangat, particularly the youths to strictly follow the teachings of Guru Sahib and serve the humanity and let the record of good deeds created by our ancestors, be held always in high esteem.

General Secretary of the Committee Dr Surjit Singh Raina extended gratitude to the dignitaries, especially Shriman Mahant Sahib and Ik Bani Channel . Guru Ka langar was also served on this occasion.

due to suffocation caused by gas leak in Sopore on Tuesday.

As per details, non-local died while his colleague was hospitalised after suffocation caused by gas leak when they were sleeping in a truck at Fruit Mandi Sopore. The deceased was identified as Rakesh Kumar while another person, who was shifted to SDH Sopore, was identified as Anwesh Kumar and both are residents of Gurdaspur in Punjab.

Policeman dies in accident

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: A policeman died in an accident in Gandoh area on Tuesday.

According to information, a policeman namely Bahadur Singh which was driving his car lost control due to which vehicle overturned. Soon after receiving information, Police rushed to the spot and pulled the cop out. He was taken to the hospital for treatment, where he died. The deceased was posted with SDPO Gandoh.

ATM card stolen, money withdrawn

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nowabad police have registered a case on complaint of a person who stated that about Rs 70,000 have been withdrawn by someone by stealing his ATM card.

All out efforts for making Ward-41 Best Ward of JMC: Baru

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and JMC Councillor Ward-41 Sanjay Kumar Baru on Tuesday chaired a meeting organised by permanent residents and BJP workers at Wazir Lane, Bohri in presence of BJP Mandal President Keshav Chopra, BJP leaders Jaideep Singh Samyal, Brijesh Gupta, Ashok Wazir and Jatin Sethi who congratulated him for various developmental works executed in his ward after successful completion of four years tenure. He paid gratitude to all prominent and also congratulated all for the fulfillment of long pending demands of residents of area especially approval of Nallah from Paloura Police Nakka Akhnoor Road to main road TalabTillo near Luthra Public School with an estimated cost



JMC Councillor Ward-41 Sanjay Kumar Baru speaking during the meeting.

of Rs 3.55 Crores and new sewerage project with the estimate cost of Rs 24 Crores. Addressing the gathering Sanjay Kumar Baru said under the dynamic leadership of our Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, development works are witnessed in full swing after 73rd and 74th amendment in JK(UT). He said that during his tenure as ward councillor , he

has planned, executed and completed various important public development works like construction of a number of deep drains, lanes, paver tiles and black topping more than Rs 16 Crores which he got sanctioned for the ward. To upgrade electrical infrastructure, new 100kv and 250kv transformers were installed and old wires replaced by newly covered cables at

According to information, a complaint was lodged with police by a person stating that he had gone to ATM at watch-tower area to withdraw money, but at that time, card did not work. After which a young man, to help him, took his ATM and replaced it after which money was withdrawn from his account. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

SOG nabs two suspects for questioning

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: SOG team has caught two suspects for questioning so that their links can be ascertained. It has been told that they were caught earlier also with a huge consignment of drugs.

According to information, a team of SOG raided Akhnoor area and apprehended a suspect. He was brought for questioning and later another accused was rounded up for interrogation. So far, two persons have been arrested in the case. Sources informed that SOG has received concrete information about them.

Truck carrying army goods catches fire

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: A moving carrying army goods suddenly caught

fire near Chowki Chora area in Akhnoor on Tuesday, due to which huge quantity of goods were reduced to ashes. Local people, police and army personnel worked hard to control fire.

According to information, a private truck was carrying army goods from Jammu to Rajouri. But, suddenly it caught fire near Chowki Chora in Akhnoor. Soon observing fire in vehicle, driver and co-driver somehow they saved their lives. The people around rushed to spot along with police and army were also informed. Everyone tried to control fire, but by then a large part of goods kept in the truck was engulfed in flames.

PSA imposed on gangster Mohan Cheer

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: PSA has been slapped on gangster Mohan Cheer after which he was sent to jail. The police team had brought him from outside J&K where he was hiding for a long time. Now, legal action has been taken against him.

According to information, seven cases have been registered against Mohan Cheer apart from Bakra murder case. He left Jammu a long time back, went to another state and was operating from there. On basis of reliable inputs, Bakshi Nagar police team raided suspect location and nabbed him. A file was prepared for applying PSA on him, which was imposed on him and he was sent to jail.

