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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 Behrampura, 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, Urnihal 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 Bhattacharjee, 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. Nilofer 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 (earlier 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 Pong stand, opening of sale counter near Baradarai 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 laying 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 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 JKPL 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-challan 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

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



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

### ■ 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 the 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

of Rs 3.55 Crores and new sewerage project with the estimated 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 watchtower 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

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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

Pattapaloura, Shanti Vihar, Priyadarshini Lanes, Patta Chungi, Suryavihar, Anand Nagar and HazurBagh.

On the occasion WLYWC president Jatinder Khajuria, Mohalla welfare Committee Chairman Mohan Lal Gupta, Booth President Rakesh Sharma, Shakti Kendra Parmukh Bubesh Thappa, S.JangjeetSingh, Dr.Indrjeet Bakshi, Er Raina Vijay Gupta, Kushal Gupta, Dalip Mithas, Gresh Sharma, Mohinder Gupta, Sanjeev Gupta and other prominent citizens were also present who paid their gratitude towards Sanjay Baru.

Tb make all out best possible efforts to mitigate the grievances of common masses and fulfill their genuine demands in a planned and phased manner to make Ward 41 best modern ward in Jammu Municipal Limits.

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

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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.



Devotees paying obeisance during a religious programme.

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JAMMU: Shahidi Gurpurab 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 Parbandhak 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,

## Shahidi Gurpurab of Guru Tegh Bahadur observed



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## ATM card stolen, money withdrawn

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JAMMU: Nowabadi 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.

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