

## !! Continuations from Page 1 !! Dal Lakefront projects...

lakes and rivers and providing a better quality of life. The Lt Governor congratulated the entire team of Srinagar Smart City Limited for excellent city planning and execution.

Incredibly beautiful Dal Lake Sunset Plaza, Eco Park at Shalimar, 9.30 km stretch of right-side Walkway of Boulevard Road from Badyari Chowk to Nishat Bagh and Phase-I of Northern Foreshore Road Lakefront project from Nishat to Naseem Bagh, will offer a bundle of happiness to people, he said.

He said the projects dedicated to the public today will be the most unique and serene attractions of the city. It will provide an opportunity to explore soothing environment, creative urban life, scenic plaza and numerous charming spots to sit and enjoy mother nature's rhythm, he added.

Pedestrian walkway, cycling facility, and open space around Dal Lake will enhance the experience of citizens and tourists, he said.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor also highlighted the Urban Transformation being carried out by the UT Administration and the significant steps taken to improve tourism and economic activities in the UT.

Dal Lake Sunset Plaza, the first clear Open Space around Dal Lake, Boulevard Road with more than 1000 sqm area has been developed at a cost of Rs 80 lakhs with public amenities like interactive seating spaces, parking management, state-of-the-art illumination, and landscaping. Srinagar Smart City Limited has also planned to introduce food kiosks in the plaza through local start-ups.

Eco Park at Shalimar, Foreshore Road developed by Jammu & Kashmir Lake Conservation and Management Authority in convergence with Srinagar Municipal Corporation under AMRUT mission at a cost of Rs 1.97 Cr, caters to the aesthetic appeal of the surroundings and provides vibrant space for tourists and locals along the pristine Dal Lake.

The 9.30 km stretch of the right-side Walkway of Boulevard Road from Badyari Chowk to Nishat Bagh at a cost of Rs 14.19 Cr has been developed with facilities like universal access, seating and public plazas and other amenities.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Vidhi Kumar Bardi, IGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Athar Aamir Khan, CEO Srinagar Smart City Limited; senior officers of police and civil Administration, members from business and trade fraternity and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present.

### Key terror launch...

opposite Rajouri in the South," an army official said.

The official said Malik, who was active for the past 30 years, had enabled infiltration of a number of terrorists who caused the death of many Indian citizens, both security forces personnel as well as civilians.

"His neutralisation is a major blow dealt by us to the terror infrastructure across the line of control and its sympathisers and supporters," the official said.

Repeated infiltration attempts through the same area in the Uri sector of Baramulla district was a display of desperation by the adversary to push more terrorists into the Kashmir valley to spoil the prevailing peace and tranquility, he said.

"We have a robust line of control security grid and we are on a high vigil. The Indian Army is well prepared to defeat any such infiltrations attempts and we will not let the enemy succeed with his devious designs," he added.

The joint operation was launched in the early hours of 15 November on specific intelligence from "own sources and SB, Srinagar, with respect to the likelihood of infiltration of terrorists across Line of Control in Uri sector", the officials said.

It was the second infiltration bid in the area with the last few days. The first bid was also thwarted.

"Based on the intelligence own counter intelligence and surveillance grids in this area was strengthened and own ambush were deployed," the official said.

He said the weather during the operation was inclement and the area of this operation was treacherous in terms of terrain.

This operation has resulted in neutralisation of two terrorists, whose mortal remains have been recovered. However, there may be more terrorist casualties who could be on the other side of the Line of Control. We did not cross the Line of Control.

"The other recoveries included war-like stores encompassing two AK series rifles,

two pistols, four Chinese hand grenades, ammunition along with medicines, eatables, Rupees 2630 in Pakistan currency and Pakistan National identity Card," the official added.

### Banihal will be...

developed as an economic power house of Jammu and Kashmir and its people will reap the dividends of tourism and agriculture sectors once he forms the government.

Addressing a mammoth gathering of people at Neel, Banihal, he said that elections in Jammu and Kashmir should be held without further delay since people repose faith in only electoral democracy and it has no substitute so far in the world.

Azad said that it is only the people's representative who can provide the governance to the people at door step instead of bureaucrats who are right now running the show.

"The people can approach their representative for their day to day issues. All of them can't afford to knock the doors of officers and civil secretariat," he said.

The former chief minister said that it was during his tenure hospitals, roads and colleges were built in Banihal.

"Prior to that the region was landlocked with dismal economic opportunities for its people. Since then the economy has grown and the jobs for its people have also risen due to which people are not forced to migrate for employment," he said.

Azad said that once his party comes to power, the overall socioeconomic development will take place in the area since Banihal is close to his heart.

"I have a special place for you people in my heart and I assure you Banihal will be one of the emerging tourist hubs in entire Jammu and Kashmir. People should come here and spend their time that will give flip to local economy," he said.

The DPAP chairman said that more colleges, hospitals will be provided to ease the health care facilities for its people since most of the people here cannot afford to travel long distances for the treatment purposes.

He said providing quality education to the people here is also one of his main aims to ensure the youth of Banihal can compete at national and international level.

"The educational facilities in Banihal must be of higher standards so that any youth here can compete with national and international students and carve out his or her own space," he said and assuring people that not only the developmental projects will be sanctioned but the quality standard won't be compromised.

Azad said that while he was always focusing on sanctioning of projects for Banihal, however, he faced hiccups in its execution due to insensitivity of officials at ground level.

"I won't let it happen again and ensure whatever is sanctioned is implemented on ground on war footing basis," Azad said. If elected to power, we will sanction college, tehsil, tourism hub, more roads, best hospital in Neel.

He lashed out on political parties for exploiting the people of Banihal and said that all these parties have been rejected by the people.

Among others present on the occasion were Ch Haroon Khatana Gen Secretary, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Shafiq Shabnam Provincial GS, Thakur Dharam Chand Distt President, Zonal Vice President's Fayaz Naik, Dr Asif Khanday, Munner Bhatt, Alyas Banihali Zonal Youth President, Danish Choudhary GS youth wing, Shakeel Singh Bhagat, Mohd Amin Bhatt Provincial GS, Secretary Ch Mohd Farooq, Farooq Ah Wani Bloek president, Sheikh Shabir Distt GS, Muzaffar Naik, Asghar Rasool, Raja Haq Sohail, Irshad Ahmed, Sheikh Azhar, Adv Khurshid, Arman Daing and others.

### Doda mishap: Div...

to prevent such mishaps in the future.

The Div Com directed the Executive Engineer PWD to identify and compile a list of black spots along the Highway and other roads in the district. To enhance the road safety, he instructed concerned officers to raise the crash barrier height and install signages and mirrors to improve visibility and awareness on the roads.

After comprehensive assessment and discussion with the experts, he asked the stakeholder departments to take every possible step to ensure the safety of commuters and prevent future mishaps on the roads of Doda.

Later, the Divisional Commissioner visited Government Medical College & Hospital Doda and inquired about the condition of those injured in the accident.

Senior doctors apprised the Div Com about the health status of injured and medical procedures being followed. The Div Com directed the District administration to appoint a nodal officer for coordination and to take care of the injured at Associated Hospital GMC Doda. It was informed that 15 injured were admitted to GMC Doda

for treatment and all are stable.

He directed the Hospital Administration to provide best possible medical care and assistance to injured persons for their speedy recovery.

Later, Ramesh Kumar chaired the Road Safety Committee meeting in the Conference Hall of the DC office complex to assess the cause and discuss future Safety measures to minimize such fatal road accidents.

Instructions were passed to post a senior doctor and paramedic in the CHC Assar and a station a critical care/Advanced Life Support Ambulance between Assar and Khellani to strengthen the rescue and response system to attend to the emergency situations and to minimise the loss of life.

The Div Com asked ARTO to take strict action against the defaulters and habitual traffic rule violators, besides increasing the roadside checking of vehicles and drivers.

The PWD, PMGSY, and NHIDCL authorities were directed to install proper crash barriers, signages, speed limit monitors, and other safety equipment along all the black spots for the safety and awareness of the commuters.

The Divisional Commissioner further asked for strengthening control rooms, Inter-District coordination and health care infrastructure in the erstwhile District Doda. He asked to have an updated and active blood donors group, disaster response teams and local rescue volunteers. He impressed upon the district authority to arrange for advance training of Civil Defense volunteers, and general public for immediate rescue response when required. He emphasized immediate audit of the causes of accidents and casualties by the designated officers drawn from Civil, Police, MVD, Health, and Traffic Department.

### Panel set up...

district on Wednesday.

Twenty injured passengers were admitted to a hospital where one of them succumbed to injuries late Wednesday night.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar said a committee has been constituted to inquire into the circumstances leading to the accident near Assar in Doda district.

The committee shall inquire into the incident and furnish a detailed inquiry report to his office within a week, officer said.

The members of the committee are Dr Ravi Kumar Bharti, additional district magistrate (ADM), Doda, superintending engineer and assistant road transport officer. Locals have blamed frequent accidents in the area to bad conditions of roads in the district coupled with rash driving and overloading of vehicles.

### EC compiling details...

Major political parties, including the BJP and the Congress, have submitted the details to the EC.

In a letter to heads of all political parties on November 3, the EC had also asked them to share detailed particulars of the donors against each bond, the amount of each bond and the full particulars of the credit received against each bond in a sealed cover.

The EC's letter said particulars should be sent in a double sealed cover -- one duly sealed envelope containing the particulars and a second duly sealed envelope containing the first envelope -- to its secretary of the election expenditure division.

The commission said the sealed covers should reach it latest by November 15 evening. It also said the envelopes should be clearly marked as "confidential-electoral bonds".

While passing its order on November 2, the apex court had said, "This exercise shall be carried out on or before November 19, 2023. Data in a sealed packet shall be handed over to the Registrar (Judicial) of this court."

The electoral bonds scheme, which was notified by the government on January 2, 2018, was pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding.

According to the provisions of the scheme, electoral bonds may be purchased by any citizen of India or entity incorporated or established in the country. An individual can buy electoral bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals.

Only political parties registered under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and which secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last Lok Sabha or state legislative assembly election are eligible to receive electoral bonds. According to the scheme, electoral bonds shall be encashed by an eligible political party only through an account with an authorised bank.

## CBI Court rejects Ch. Lal Singh's plea for appointing Warrant Officer

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Special Judge CBI Bala Joyti rejected the plea of former Minister and Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Party (DSSP) Supremo Lal Singh who was in ED remand in Money Laundering case, seeking appointment of Warrant Officer.

Special Judge CBI Bala Joyti after hearing Adv Rajesh Kotwal for the applicant whereas APP Ashwani Khajuria for the ED, observed that According to prosecution, there is no such provisions for appointment of warrant officer in any circumstances under the said Act and the present application being completely illegal and bad in law be

rejected. Investigating Officer present in the Court has stated at bar that Ch. Lal Singh is completely stable and conscious and there are no urgent or extra-ordinary circumstances exist to invoke the extra-ordinary jurisdiction of this Court. Moreover, the accused Ch. Lal Singh is being medically examined every 24 hours and is under proper medical supervision and fit in the custody of the Enforcement Directorate as such for appointment of warrant officer be rejected.

In rebuttal, the other side has reiterated in their arguments that proper medical aid is not provided to Ch. Lal Singh in E.D custody as such warrant officer may

kindly be appointed in the aforesaid purpose.

Court after consideration of rival submissions put forth herein, it is apt to note that after perusal of case diaries, it transpires that Ch. Lal Singh is under proper medical supervision and is declared to be fit by the Doctors and also mentally stable besides this Court has taken care of him by permitting medicines as prescribed by the Doctors keeping in view of his health status and also allowed him to share his diet chart with E.D Authorities vide order dated 13.11.2023 in CMP No. 305, as such, prayer in this application being devoid of any legal force is declined.

## CAT stays transfer of I/C AE who transferred thrice in six months

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Judicial Member Sanjeev Gupta of Central Administrative Tribunal stayed the transfer of Sachin Tickoo I/C Assistant Engineer who was transferred thrice in six months.

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## Royal Bengal Tiger pair to roar in Jambu Zoo

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A pair of Royal Bengal Tiger, the National Animal, aged 9 years, is reaching Jambu Zoo on Thursday from Aringar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Pertinently, the tiger pair has been brought here in exchange of a pair of Himalayan Black Bear from Jambu Zoo to Aringar Anna Zoological Park as part of an animal exchange programme.

The Royal Bengal Tiger is one of the largest, fiercest, and most powerful member of Big Cat family. Every tiger has a distinct strip pattern which makes them different from other tigers and makes it easy in counting them during the tiger census. There are around 3,167 tigers in India's forests, which is more than 75 percent of the global Tiger population as per the 2023 Tiger Census.

The Tiger pair will be housed in a naturalistic and enriched enclosure having a space of more than 4500 square meter as per the Central Zoo Authority's norms with water ponds, machans, heating and ventilation facility for extreme weather condition.

## Misappropriation of Token fees in RTO Office Court returns challan to CB for further investigation

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a case of misappropriation of Token Fees in RTO Office in which challan was presented by the Crime Branch, Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu OP Bhagat directed Sr. Superintendent of Police Crime Branch, Jammu to conduct further investigation after clarifying the fact into the matter and after concluding the investigation file charge sheet without any delay. The factual background of the case is that on 10-01-2009, an information was received from reliable sources wherein it was informed that token fees deposited by the transporter/owner at the rate of Rs.6,000/- one

time fees is not reflected in the cash register and instead of it token fees of two wheelers at the rate of Rs.250/-to 500/- is shown as deposited in the record maintained in the office of RTO Jammu and the balance amount is misappropriated in the G.R Book, if compared with cash book, shall clearly indicate the misappropriation /fraud. The counter foils of receipt are destroyed after misappropriation. The driving licenses for passenger vehicles are issued on the basis of certificate provided by driving institutes, one such institute by the name of Shivam Driving institute is issuing fake certificate after charging huge amounts from the license

holders in connivance with official of RTO Jammu. No objection certificate and attestations of Ist Class Magistrate (Naib Tehsildar) are being fabricated by the private agents which are enclosed with other documents necessary for the transfer of ownership of the vehicles. All the bungalows in the RTO office Jammu and the so called private agents, the huge Government exchequer is being embezzled/misappropriated thereby causing loss to the Government. The omissions and commission on the part of officers/officials of RTO Jammu as well as agent constitute offences

u/s 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 201, 120-B RPC r/v 5(2) of PC Act. Accordingly, a case FIR No.01/2009 was registered at Police Station Crime Branch Jammu.

During the course of investigation, all the seized records were scrutinized by an expert team of Finance department deputed by Director Accounts & Treasury, Jammu during which it was found that an amount of Rs.12,97,040/- on account of one time token tax w.e.f 01-04-2004 to 31-03-2005 was misappropriated with criminal intention officer/officials who remained posted as cashier and Accountants in RTO office, Jammu was also obtained and seized.

## Army defuses 45 unexploded ordnance in Kargil

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The army on Thursday defused 45 unexploded ordnance (UXO) in the Kargil district of the Union Territory of Ladakh, officials said. Unexploded ordnance are explosive ammunition including bombs, bullets, shells, grenades, mines etc that did not explode when they were employed, and now pose a risk of detonation. To ensure the safety of movement for all, Dhruva Sappers' bomb disposal team successfully neutralised 45 UXOs in the Kurbathang area of Kargil, working together with the Civil Administration and police to secure areas around Pashkun, they said. The Indian Army remains dedicated to safeguarding citizens, they added.

## Prabhari Officer conducts wide-ranging activities at Panchayat Aghar Ballian



Visiting officer, Dr Rehana Akhter Bijli inaugurating a programme.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Dr Rehana Akhter Bijli, Personnel Officer at Associated Hospital Jammu and the visiting officer for Panchayat Aghar Ballian- Reasi conducted a series of activities as part of the ongoing Back to Village program phase V.

The Visiting Officer actively interacted with PRIs representatives, frontline government functionaries, prominent citizens, and the youth. The agenda encompassed visits to development work sites, reviewing activities of village-level institutions, and inaugurating the chaupal's renovation. Additionally, the officer actively participated in plantation drives, took the Nash Mukht

pledge and distributed soil health cards among the farmers. The inspection of ongoing works related to Jal Jeevan Mission and PMAY houses was conducted, along with witnessing cultural and sports activities in the presence of DPO Reasi, OP Bhagat and BDO Rampaul.

Engaging in a detailed discussion with the local community, the Visiting Officer addressed core issues faced by the residents, deliberating on effective ways to resolve them. Throughout the program, the officer also informed the public about various centrally sponsored and UT-run schemes aimed at the welfare of the general populace.



Suresh Kumar Khanna, Minister for Finance and Parliamentary Affairs, UP calling on LG Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, on Thursday.

## Police attaches orchard land under UAPA in Pulwama

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday attached nearly one acre of orchard land in Pulwama district under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, officials said.

This move comes following the recovery of explosives from the land by security forces earlier in May. The SIU personnel installed a notice board outside the orchard to inform the general public about the attachment.

"This is to inform the general public that the orchard land measuring seven kanals and seven marlas (nearly 40,000 square feet) under khasra number 207 at village Chirat, Arigam, Pulwama, belonging to Ghulam Nabi Wani, the father of accused Ishaq Ahmad Wani, stands attached under section 25 of the UA(P)A by the competent authority," the notice reads. While the notice directed the owner not to sell, transfer or lease the property to anyone, it also warned the public against purchasing it.

## 3.9-magnitude earthquake hits Doda

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A 3.9-magnitude earthquake hit Doda district on Thursday, officials said. No loss of life or damage to property has been reported, they said. The earthquake of 3.9 magnitude occurred at 9:34 am, the National Center for Seismology said. Its epicentre was in Doda. It occurred at latitude 33.05 degrees north and longitude 76.18 degrees east, it said.