


HAPPY BIRTHDAY




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Best wishes from  
S. Rattan Dev Singh and  
Sdrn Tript Kour (Dadu and Dadi)  
Sdrn. Ravinder Kour Tara (Nani)

NOTICE

I, Dileep Kumar Bhat S/o Late Sh. Mohan Lal Bhat R/o H.No 267-A Sector 2 Upper Roop Nagar, Jammu have lost RC & Insurance of my vehicle (Mastro) bearing Regd. No. JK02BN-7578. Now I am applying for duplicate of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to RTO Jammu within 7 days.

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I, Yogesh Bamba S/o Sat Pal Bamba R/o Near Taawish College Channi Rama have purchased a vehicle (ZEN LXI ESTILO) bearing Regd. No. JK02AF-9339 from Dr Anil Kumar Gupta S/o S.R Gupta R/o 1/6, SFS Channi Himmat, Jammu. Now I am applying for transfer of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to RTO Jammu within 7 days.

# DDC Anantnag reviews functioning of RDD

Fixes timelines for completion of works

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, Dr Piyush Singla on Sunday reviewed the functioning of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, status of works under MGNREGA, 14TH FC, District CAPEX, SBM and PMAY at Dak Bangalow, Khanabal.

At the outset, DDC, Dr Singla said that the RD & PR department is an example of participative grassroot democracy. He said that with the three tier panchayati raj system in place, the works being undertaken by the department have been chosen by the people themselves and as such would

be instrumental in resolving grievances at the grassroot level. He emphasized that timely execution of the works is essential to demonstrate that the wishes of the people are being translated into development.

He said that all the blocks must ensure that works are completed as per projected timelines. He took strong note of below par expenditure in some blocks and warned the concerned BDOs and AEs of disciplinary action in case of unnecessary delay in execution. He also said that in case works have been allotted and contractors are delaying execution, legal action should be initiated immediately.

Prior to this, ACD Anantnag informed the chair that under MGNREGA, more than 30 lac person days have been generated during the present fiscal. He further said that to breed transparency and accountability into the system, more than 7450 assets have been geotagged. Aadhaar seeding of almost all the job card holders has been completed to ensure transparent direct cash transfer as per statutory wage rate.

Under District CAPEX, more than 400 works have been completed in the present year and an almost equal number is under execution and nearing completion. 2146 houses have been physically and financially completed

under PMAY G and Non SECC lists are being filtered so that genuine beneficiaries can benefit from the scheme.

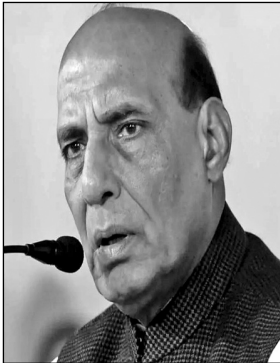
Under SBM, more than 91000 IHHL points have been completed till date and the focus is on updating the financial status. The DDC stressed that updation must be taken up on priority.

The participants apprised the chair regarding some land issues, legal disputes that were disrupting execution of works and directions were issued for taking up the same with concerned quarters.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, CPO, DPO, Ex En REW, BDOs, DTO, AEs and JE.s.

## Goons roamed freely & there were riots in UP when SP was in power: Rajnath

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KASGANJ (UP): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said while the BJP has ensured good law and order as well as development in Uttar Pradesh, goons used to roam freely and there were riots when the Samajwadi Party was in power.



He also said that now goons and the mafia do not get protection, "but bulldozers are run over their illegal properties".

"I want to know why riots always happened during the SP's (Samajwadi Party) government. Why did goons and miscreants roam freely in their regime," Singh said while campaigning here for next month's assembly elections in the state.

Voting will be held in Kasganj on February 20 in the third phase of the seven phase polls.

Highlighting the achievements of the BJP government in the state, Singh claimed that "not a single riot took place in the five years of the BJP government".

The previous government in the state was that of the SP, which was defeated by the BJP in the 2017 assembly polls.

Lauding the state government for the law and order situation in Uttar

## Govt not against Ed-Tech companies but they can't be allowed where even IIMs can't go: AICTE Chairman

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The government is not against Ed-Tech companies but they cannot be allowed to delve into areas that are not their domain like offering diploma and degree courses, according to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Chairman Anil Sahasrabudhe.



The comments by the AICTE chairman come after the technical education regulator and University Grants Commission (UGC) warned universities and colleges against offering courses in distance learning and online mode in association with Ed-Tech companies, saying no "franchise" agreement is permissible as per norms.

"We are not against Ed-Tech companies, but they cannot be allowed to delve into areas that are not their domain. Norms are norms.

"We have given approvals to universities and colleges to offer degree and diploma programmes but they are supposed to offer it on their own and not piggyback on private companies or outsource their job to any third party," Sahasrabudhe told PTI in an interview.

He said after closely observing the companies, it was found that they were directly releasing advertisements and were offering programmes like MBA and MCA.

"These are postgraduate programmes in management and

computer applications that can only be offered by universities and approved colleges. Top institutions in the country like the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are also not allowed to offer management degrees, they offer diploma in management. How can we allow ed-tech companies to do so?" he said.

The UGC and AICTE have also advised students and parents to check the recognition status of any programme on their websites before enrolling in any course.

"I am not undermining the importance of Ed-Tech companies which have emerged, especially start-ups from our approved colleges and universities. All of them have their own significance in terms of skilling and training and they can also issue certificates for the same but not degrees and diplomas.

"As far as universities are concerned, it is perfectly fine if they

# Martyrs' Day observed across Kashmir Valley

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KUPWARA: Martyrs' Day was on Sunday observed across Kupwara district in the memory of those who sacrificed their lives during the struggle for India's freedom.

The main function was held at DC Office Kupwara which was presided over by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan. Besides, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Jowhar Ali; Tehsildar Kupwara, officers and officials of Civil administration and Police department attended the event.

On the occasion, a 2 minute silence was observed by the participants preceded by a 1 minute sound of siren and the termination of silence was followed by a 1 minute sound of siren.

The function was held with strict adherence to the guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of Covid-19.

Talking to media persons, the ADDC said that Martyrs' will be always remembered for their selfless sacrifice towards the

freedom of the country. He said that it is because of their great sacrifices that people are now enjoying rights in a free democratic country.

Martyrs' Day was also observed at sub divisional level, tehsil and block level of Kupwara district where concerned officers and employees participated in the event.

GANDERBAL: In view of National Martyrs day, District Administration Ganderbal on Sunday observed two minutes of silence during an event here at Mini-Secretariat Ganderbal in the memory of all those Martyrs who laid their lives in the service of the nation.

It is pertinent to mention here that on every year 30th January is being observed as National Martyrs day/Shahed Diwas all over the country and on this day the people of the country pay their tribute to all the freedom fighters who lost their lives during India's independence.

January 30th also marks the death anniversary of

Mahatma Gandhi.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Farooq Ahmad Baba and other senior officers and officials took part in an event and observed two minutes of silence to pay homage to the National heroes to laid their lives for the Nation.

BANDIPORA: Bandipora District Administration on Sunday paid glowing tributes to the father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi, who was martyred on this day in 1948.

The officers and officials assembled at Mini secretariat Bandipora under the leadership of DC Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad and observed two minute silence as a mark of respect for the father of the nation.

The day of martyrdom is celebrated as Martyrs Day in the whole country.

The participants, while paying tribute to the martyrs, resolved to fight against all forms of violence and terrorism and will preach peace, tolerance,

## Cong showing love for armed forces with eye on polls: Prahalad Joshi

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DEHRADUN: Union Minister Prahlad Joshi on Sunday accused the Congress party of making just a show of its love for the armed forces with an eye on polls and asked why did it not implement the one-rank-one-pension plan if it cared for them.

Dubbing INC as an acronym for the "Indian National Confusion", Joshi, also the BJP's Uttarakhand election in-charge, said it becomes a party of Hindus whenever convenient and a lover of the armed forces when the polls are round the corner. "It should explain why did it not implement the OROP scheme despite being in power at the Centre for decades if it cared for the armed forces personnel. It should tell why did it not buy modern weapons and equipment required by the armed forces, he asked. The people of Uttarakhand can never forget how the Congress once called the country's first Chief of Defence Staff and pride of the state Gen Bipin Rawat a "streetside hooligan" and demanded a proof of the surgical strike, he added.

He said it was because of the double engine BJP government in the state and at the Centre that developmental projects worth over Rs 1.5 lakh crore have been brought to Uttarakhand over the past five years. Claiming that the people of Uttarakhand had made up their mind to re-elect the BJP, Joshi said Congress too had a double engine government in

the state and at the Centre at one point of time but it wasted the opportunity to serve people.

Without naming anyone he said a former chief minister who is the biggest face of the Congress in Uttarakhand was seen in a sting video during his tenure offering a "licence to loot".

He said Rahul Gandhi's "proneeness to confusion" is now becoming a characteristic of the whole party.

Citing the example of Harish Rawat without naming him, the BJP leader said first he was saying he would not contest the election and now in the face of certain defeat he was switching from one seat to another. In an apparent reference to a view Harak Singh Rawat was re-inducted into the party, he said, "First he (Harish Rawat) put his foot down saying bullocks destroying crops will not be taken in. Now he is taking a vow along with the same bullocks to grow a new crop."

Joshi also said the BJP will formally begin its poll campaign in Uttarakhand from February 1 which will be attended by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, his Himachal and Haryana counterparts Jairam Thakur and Manohar Lal Khattar and Pradesh party president Madan Kaushik besides all former BJP chief ministers of Uttarakhand.

The party also launched its theme song and poll banner on the occasion.

## Resume long-stalled promotions in Central Secretariat Services immediately: Officers' body to DoPT

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Citing a recent Supreme Court judgment, an organisation of government officers urged the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) on Sunday to immediately resume the long-stalled promotions in the Central Secretariat Service (CSS).

In a letter to DoPT Secretary P K Tripathi, the organisation urged him to direct the wing concerned to update its records so that the promotion orders of the CSS officers are issued without further delay as many of them are retiring every month without getting their due career benefits.

The letter assumes significance as there are over 1,800 vacant posts at the levels of section officer, undersecretary, deputy secretary, director and joint secretary against their sanctioned strength of 6,210, a member of the CSS Forum -- an association of all CSS officers -- said.

In addition to the over 1,800 existing vacancies, there are more than 2,700 officials working on ad-hoc promotions, he said. "The Central Secretariat Service is one of the earliest organised services of the government of India. Despite this, CSS officers, who are considered to be the backbone of the government of India's function-

ing, are distressed over their long-delayed promotions by their cadre-controlling authority, DoPT, apparently due to a pending case in the Supreme Court," the officer said.

In his letter to the DoPT secretary, CSS Forum general secretary Mannohan Verma said the apex court on Friday clarified all the points on which the matter was under contention.

"Subsequent to this judgment, there remains no rationale to hold the promotions," he said. So far as the Central Secretariat Service is concerned, the data for all the cadres within the CSS is already available with the CS-I division and thus, there is no hindrance in complying with the Supreme Court judgment, Verma said.

"Therefore, the CSS Forum requests you to direct the CS division to make all the data up to date so that the promotion orders of the CSS officers may be issued without further delay as many CSS officers are superannuating every month without promotions," he said in the letter.

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to "lay down any yardstick" for granting reservation in promotion to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in government jobs, saying the determination of their inadequate rep-

resentation is the discretion of the State.

The forum also wrote to Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh recently, seeking the promotions and on other matters related to the CSS. Verma said the DoPT had, in June 2018, issued instructions to all the departments and ministries to carry out promotions, subject to the outcome of the apex court judgment in the matter of reservation in promotions.

Accordingly, all departments and ministries have been continuously issuing regular promotion orders of all central government employees, but only the CS division under the DoPT has not issued any such order for regular promotions in the CSS for more than six years on the pretext of pending court cases, he added. For the last eight months, Verma said, the DoPT has even stopped giving ad-hoc promotions.

"It is ironical that in different departments and ministries, CSS officers are issuing regular promotion orders of other cadre officers, however, they are being denied even ad-hoc promotion, even after more than 1,800 vacancies in different grades. This has severely impacted the functioning of the central secretariat as the CSS officers are highly frustrated and feeling much de-motivated," he said.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Sunday said an alliance could not be forged between his party and the NCP-Shiv Sena for the Goa Assembly polls despite best efforts but asserted that they "will remain friends" and after the elections, the Congress would continue to explore opportunities to "work together" with them. Chidambaram, who is the Congress' senior election observer for the Goa Assembly polls, also hit out at the TMC for its barbs at the Congress for not forging an alliance with it, saying the party continued to poach Congress leaders, despite making an offer of a tie-up.

The senior Congress leader said he received no instructions from the party leadership to hold talks with the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and added that, "I am sure our leadership had taken into account all the facts and circumstances".

In an interview with PTI, Chidambaram said that among all the States and UTs, Goa registered the lowest in real GDP growth in 2019-20, the year for which data has been published by the RBI, and asserted that Goans "deserve better"

He also said that whether the Congress would announce a chief ministerial name before or after the elections would be decided after consulting all the candidates and the party would go by the consensus among them.

He also asserted that the contest in the Goa polls is "between the Congress (plus Goa Forward Party) and the BJP and we will be able to win a simple majority".

Asked why the Congress was not able

## No tie-up with NCP-Shiv Sena for Goa polls but 'we are & will remain friends': Chidambaram

to tie up with other Opposition parties especially the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Shiv Sena, Chidambaram said the NCP and Shiv Sena are the Congress' allies in Maharashtra and it would have liked them to be allies in Goa as well.

"We tried. They made certain proposals. We made certain proposals. Unfortunately, there was no meeting point. I acknowledge that both sides had compulsions and despite our best efforts we could not find a meeting point," Chidambaram said.

"Nevertheless, we are friends and will remain friends. After the elections, we will continue to explore opportunities to work together with NCP and Shiv Sena," he said.

After the 2019 Assembly elections in Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena, which till then allied with the BJP, joined hands with the NCP and the Congress, to form a government, which was given the name Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA). The Shiv Sena and the NCP had earlier this month announced that they would contest the Goa elections together.

Asked about the TMC's barbs at the Congress over not forging a tie-up with it, Chidambaram said he is not able to understand the TMC's position.

"They entered Goa a few months ago and my distinguished friend, Mamata ji, declared in Goa that TMC had formed an alliance and any other party was welcome to join their alliance. The General Secretary of TMC declared that TMC will contest all 40 seats. Then, they lured Mr Luizinho Faleiro, Congress MLA, to the TMC," Chidambaram said.

The Congress announced its first list

of candidates on December 16, including the name of Reginald Laurenceo, sitting MLA, and four days later, on December 20, Laurenceo was admitted to the TMC, he said, detailing the sequence of events.

"On December 24, TMC's Vice President met me and suggested that the two parties should work together in Goa. I agreed to convey the suggestion to our leadership, and I promptly did," he said. However, the TMC continued to poach our leaders, sarpanches, panches, etc., for example in Vasco and Marmugao, he said.

"I received no instructions from our leadership to hold talks with TMC. I am sure our leadership had taken into account all the facts and circumstances. As far as I was concerned, the matter rested there," Chidambaram said.

On the Congress MLAs switching to BJP in the current assembly and what measures the party was taking to prevent a repeat, the Congress' Goa polls in-charge said "loyalty" is the "top priority" for the party.

The most important measure which has been implemented in 30 constituencies is that candidates recommended by the Block have been selected to contest the elections, he said.

"Blocks were asked to place loyalty as the top criterion. Next, the candidates spontaneously offered to take a pledge before a Temple, a Church and a Dargah. I think such a pledge has removed any lingering doubt about the loyalty of our candidates to the Congress Party and to the voters who will vote them to office," Chidambaram said.

Ahead of the elections, candidates of the Congress, which was hit hardest by

defections in the BJP-ruled state in the last five years, have taken an 'anti-defection pledge' before a temple, church and dargah.

Asked if the party would announce a CM face before polls, Chidambaram pointed out that he has stated that whether "we should announce a CM name before or after the elections will be decided after consulting all the candidates".

"We intend to do that. We will go by the consensus among the candidates," he said. On whether the Congress would be open to a post poll alliance, he said the contest was between the Congress (+GFP) and the BJP and exuded confidence that his party's alliance will be able to win a simple majority.

He said post elections, if other parties are willing to support a Congress-led government, the Congress would take a call depending on the circumstances.

Chidambaram said the feedback from the ground is "positive" and expressed confidence that the Congress' alliance would do well as the "anti-BJP sentiment" is gathering pace everyday.

After suffering BJP's "misrule" for 10 years, the people of Goa want a non-BJP government, he said.

"Among all the states and UTs, Goa registered the lowest in real GDP growth in 2019-20, the year for which data has been published by the RBI? Goa and Goans deserve better," he said.

Chidambaram expressed confidence that the people of Goa will vote the Congress and its ally GFP to form the next government.

Assembly polls for all 40 seats in Goa will be held on February 14.