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LG Manoj Sinha during signing of MoUs with Business Groups in Dubai for investment in J&K.



LG Manoj Sinha meeting H.E Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO of DP World in Dubai.

additional Rs.18,300 Crore in real estate sector, added the Lt Governor.

"Jammu Kashmir is rising. The best time to invest in J&K is 'now'. Our performance shows the world has an opportunity to develop and grow with the enormous opportunities Jammu Kashmir offers at this exciting period of time", said the Lt Governor.

"I have set the high target of economic growth for Jammu Kashmir, which is the crown jewel of India. With the ageless culture visible in the layers of history and as a witness to co-existence of almost all major religions known to humankind, Jammu Kashmir has created an inclusive cultural ecosystem for the country" the Lt Governor further added.

This is the new Jammu Kashmir determined to reverse the trend of the past 7 decades by pushing the targets for economic growth. Our aim is very clear- deepen the trust with business firms, build the industrial base for the economy and strengthen social stability. And, the tireless effort is paying us the dividend, the Lt Governor said.

We are offering you a stake in the present and future of rich civilization, the land of curiosity for intellectuals, travelers, traders and historians, the Lt Governor told the investors & business leaders.

The global pandemic made the world realize the hard way the virtues of globalization, inter-connected world. The paradigm shifts towards virtues of connecting and collaborating globally which the business enterprises are witnessing is also an opportunity to invest in unsaturated market, the Lt Governor said.

There is an advantage of first-mover because Jammu Kashmir is an unsaturated market and one can build a brand new business network and tap rapidly growing opportunities in the Union Territory. I assure you, the government will be a facilitator, partner, provider, collaborator and promoter at every step to ensure sustainable, balanced, progressive and competitive business environment for traditional core sectors and new-age technology driven sectors, added the Lt Governor.

India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) enjoy strong bonds of friendship and historical ties which was further strengthened by the strenuous efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Lt Governor said.

Taking this forward, J&K Government is working with enhanced cooperation in various other sectors. For serving the common interests of peoples of both the countries and creating more opportunities for growth and progress, we are also collaborating in setting up small and medium enterprises, educational institutions, space technology, health and closely working in the horticulture sector, added the Lt Governor.

It is my firm belief that the industries will thrive in a progressive business regulatory environment which has now been established in J&K, said the Lt Governor.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also expressed his gratitude to the Indian community living in UAE for playing a significant role in the economic development of UAE and immensely contributing to the growth of various sectors in India.

During his meeting with Group Chairman and CEO of DP World, Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem and discussed the investment opportunities in various sectors of J&K UT and potential areas of collaboration between the Government of J&K and DP World.

Dubai ports giant DP World is planning to build an inland port in Jammu and Kashmir as part of the firm commitment by the UAE to invest in J&K. The representatives of DP World would soon visit the 250 acre site earmarked for the inland port facility. The ambitious projects will be finalized soon.

The Lieutenant Governor also visited India Pavilion and took a guided tour during the participation of UT of Jammu and Kashmir in the UT floor of the pavilion.

Pertinently, the Lt Governor during his visit to Dubai is holding a series of meetings with potential investors for bringing investment in J&K, besides promoting J&K products at Gulf market.

Pakistan will have...

the Union minister said under the leadership of Syama Prasad Mookerjee the Jana Sangh in 1951 promised to abolish article 370.

"We came to power and we have done it. When we promised to build a Ram temple in Ayodhya, the Congress did not believe it. Isn't a grand Ram temple being built in Ayodhya today?" Singh said. "The BJP does what it says," Singh said.

J&K records 349...

immediate prevention or speedy remedy is desirable to prevent danger to human life, health, and safety," reads the order of the DM Jammu.

Out of the fresh cases, 202 were from the Jammu division and 147 from the Kashmir division, they said.

Jammu district recorded a maximum of 119 cases followed by 80 cases in Srinagar district.

There are 2,049 active cases in the Union Territory, while the number of recovered patients was 3,36,186, the officials said.

The death toll due to the virus was 4,533 as three fresh fatalities were reported in the past 24 hours.

Meanwhile, the officials said there were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory as no fresh case was reported since Wednesday evening.

Govt frames rules...

notification stated. It added, "A person who is a domicile of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and has represented India In International Games/Competitions namely Olympic Games/Para-Olympic/ World Cup (played once In four years)/ Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/International Cricket Matches (Main Indian Team)/ World University Games, in any of the 44 sports disciplines mentioned in these rules or a person who has represented India in International Competitions namely World Championship/Asian Championship/ Commonwealth Championship/ SAF Games/ Championship in any of the sports 44 disciplines mentioned in these Rules or a person who has won first, second or third positions in the individual or team events in National Games or Senior National Championship; or Federation Cup or Senior Inter Zonal competitions; held under Indian Olympic Association/National Sports Federation/ Association officially recognised in any of the 44 sports disciplines mentioned in these rules will be considered for recruitment against Non-Gazetted Category."

"For the purposes of appointment of Outstanding Sports person under these rules, such a sportsperson should have represented at the District, State/UT and National level competitions prior to International Competitions," reads the notification.

As per the amended rules, now the outstanding sports persons from 44 games/sports shall be eligible for appointment in various J&K Government jobs.

As per the Jammu and Kashmir Appointment of Out-standing Sports Persons

Rules, 2022, outstanding sports persons possessing Matric or above may be considered for appointment against a vacancy in the non-gazetted service while those possessing graduation or above may be considered for appointment against a vacancy in the gazetted service.

"An outstanding sportsperson under these rules shall be ineligible for appointment, if he or she has any subsisting contract for pecuniary gains like commercial endorsement or professional sports unless he/she obtains a permission for the same from the Government; and is found guilty of sports related misconduct like doping, sexual harassment and abuse, competitive manipulation like betting, inside information, match fixing, tanking, threatening the integrity and essence of sports," the order stated and added, "An outstanding sportsperson, if found guilty of any such sports related misconduct/misdemeanour at any time subsequent to appointment, his/her service shall be terminated."

"An outstanding sportsperson appointed under Gazetted Category shall get maximum of one out of turn promotion and outstanding sportsperson appointed under Non-Gazetted Category shall get maximum of two out of turn promotions in his/her entire service career subject to the conditions that a sportsperson winning Gold, Silver or Bronze or more than one medal in Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games in a particular year will be eligible only for one out of turn promotion in that year and in a case of team event, a sportsperson will qualify for out of turn promotion only if he has played at least 50% of the matches in the same event. Reserve players, if any, shall not be entitled for any out of turn promotion," the order further stated and added "Out of turn promotion to outstanding sportsperson is to be allowed by up-gradation of the post personal to the sportsperson, no separate post will be created for grant of out of turn promotion to a sportsperson. Such a post will continue to be upgraded in higher grade till it is vacated by the sportsperson either by his/her subsequent promotion, resignation or on retirement. The proposal for out of turn promotion of an outstanding sportsperson shall be placed before a regular Departmental Promotion Committee for its consideration under relevant rules."

"A government employee possessing a certificate of being outstanding sportsperson defined in the rules shall be considered for grant of two advance increments provided that no such advance increment shall be granted under these rules if the employee was appointed under these rules or under the rules repealed hereunder and provided further that total number of increments so awarded to the employees shall not exceed five In his/her service career," reads the order.

"The maximum number of appointments of outstanding sportspersons against direct recruitment quota in all the services during a calendar year shall not exceed five in Gazetted cadre and twenty five in Non-Gazetted cadre in any case," it stated and added, "The General Administration Department shall, on the recommendations of the Committee, prepare a list of the Outstanding Sportspersons for appointment under these rules preferably in Departments related to Sports and may at any time utilize the services of such appointees for promoting sports."

"The sports merit shall be determined in the manner that there shall be 100 points for determination of merit of sports achievements at National and International Levels earned within the cycle of 5 years consideration zone, calculated as 60 points shall be given for the sports achievements earned by the candidate at the International Level competitions and 40 points shall be given to the sports achievements earned by the candidate at National Level competitions provided that where a candidate has obtained medals at International as well as National Level or participation at International Competitions, he/she shall be given weightage at both the levels," the order stated.

"The Jammu and Kashmir (Appointment of Outstanding Sports Persons) Rules, 1998, shall stand repealed. Notwithstanding such repeal, any appointment made under the Provisions of the rules so repealed shall be deemed to have been made under the corresponding Provisions of these rules. Any outstanding sportsperson who could not be considered for appointment during the period 2014-21, shall be considered for appointment in the year 2022 only if he/she fulfils the eligibility criteria laid down under these rules," the order stated.

List of 44 Games/Sports recognized by the Government under Jammu and Kashmir Appointment of Outstanding Sports Persons Rules, 2022 include Volleyball, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling (International Style), Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Judo, Shooting, Archery, Equestrian Sports, Handball, Rowing, Roller/Ice Skating, Skiing, Squash, Billiards & Snooker, Chess, Golf, Kabaddi, Karate, Kayaking & Canoeing, Polo, Power-lifting (composite events only), Taekwondo, Yachting, Kho-Kho, Softball, Wushu, Fencing, Sports for Physically Challenged, Baseball, Netball, Pencak Silat, Triathlon and Ice-Hockey.

J&K Police charge...

JK13E-0211, owned and driven by one Muntazir Manzoor, son of Manzoor Ahmed Bhat, resident of Prichoo Pulwama, who himself is a member of terrorist organization, is continuously indulged in transportation of arms, ammunitions and explosive from Jammu to Valley, which are being dropped by Pakistan using drones. These arms / ammunitions and explosives after transportation are used by active terrorists operating in Kashmir valley to create terrorist activities as a part of larger conspiracy, to wage a war against country besides acting as a threat to sovereignty, integrity and security of the nation. Acting swiftly, Police registered case at Police Station Gangval and investigation started, after which a team led by SHO Gangval Inspector Raghubir Singh launched a search for the truck and intercepted at Purnamandal Morh Naka at 1730 hrs on July 11, 2021. On questioning, the driver disclosed his name as Muntazir Manzoor and was brought to Police Station Gangval along with truck (tralla), where vehicle was seized and driver was arrested. During his personal search, a Mobile phone make Oppo A-57 model CPH1701, Golden/white colour having IMEI No 863711034631737, 86374034631729 along with SIM card having mobile No. 9541559801 was recovered, which were also seized and sealed. On disclosure of Muntazir Manzoor, a pistol caliber 9 MM without number/mark, a magazine, eight live rounds and two Chinese hand-grenades were also recovered from the cabin of truck. During investigation, accused Muntazir Manzoor (A-1) disclosed that he was in touch with one Abu Hamas of Pakistan through voice-based App. Manzoor disclosed that he, along with Abu, collected consignment of ammunition from Samba area. He also sent a photograph of an unknown person and told about his dress appearance and directed to pick him from Awantipora area. Accordingly, Muntazir Manzoor along with Towseef Ahmad left from valley and reached Jammu. On May 12, 2021 both collected consignment of ammunition from area as told by Pak-based handler Abu Humas. Further Muntazir disclosed that on May 13, 2021 they loaded Saria from Bari Brahmana area in his vehicle and proceeded towards Valley. Later, Muntazir handed a rifle, Pistol, 2 Magazines to an unknown person after getting an amount of Rs 30,000 from him. Police further found involvement of some other accused persons namely Ijhar Khan, resident of Mirdan Mohalla Kandala Shamli (A-2), Towseef Ahmed Shah @ Showket @ Adnan and Jahangir Ahmed Bhat. Subsequently, SIT was constituted by DPO Jammu, vide endorsement CRB/2021/ 45090-96/DPOJ dated 23-07-2021 to investigate instant case. After completion of investigation, SDPO Gandhi Nagar Purshomth Mengi presented Challan against Muntazir Manzoor @ Saifullah, Ijhar Khan @ Sonu Khan, Towseef Ahmed Shah @ Showket @ Adnan and Jahangir Ahmed Bhat.

Former J&K CMs...

The decision will entail the withdrawal of the security cover of Farooq Abdullah, Ghulam Nabi Azad and two other former chief ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti at a time when a number of terror incidents have taken place in Srinagar.

All these former chief ministers except Azad reside in Srinagar.

However, Farooq Abdullah and Azad will continue to be provided the security cover of the National Security Guard, also known as Black cat commandoes, as both of them are Z-plus protectees.

Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba will continue to have Z-plus security cover while in Jammu and Kashmir, but are likely to have reduced security outside the union territory.

The leaders will be provided security by the district police as well as the security wing based on the threat assessment, the officials said. Some of the SSG personnel would be posted with the security wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police for "close protection team", they said.

The officials said the remaining SSG personnel are likely to be posted to other wings so that the police force can make the best use of their training and knowledge.

Vehicles and other gadgets will be transferred to the security wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Modi briefs President...

concerns about the serious lapse." Earlier, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu spoke to Modi about the incident and expressed his deep concern.

Naidu also expressed the hope that stringent steps will be taken to scrupulously adhere to established security protocol and ensure such a situation doesn't recur in future, the Vice President's office said on Twitter.

In a "major security lapse", the prime minister's convoy was stranded on a flyover due to a blockade by protesters in Ferozepur on Wednesday. He returned from poll-bound Punjab without attending any event, including a rally.

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi has denied any security lapse or political motive behind it and said his government is ready for an inquiry.

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official spokesperson said.

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PM Narendra Modi meeting the President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi.

Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ferozepur, an official spokesperson said.

The committee comprises Justice (Retd.) Mehtab Singh Gill and Principal Secretary, Home Affairs and Justice, Anurag Verma.

"In order to carry out a thorough probe into the lapses that occurred during the Prime Minister's visit to Ferozepur yesterday, the Punjab government has constituted a high-level committee," the spokesperson said.

The committee shall submit its report within three days, the spokesperson added.

The prime minister's convoy was stranded on a flyover for 15-20 minutes due to a blockade by protesters in Ferozepur on Wednesday, an incident the Union home ministry described as a "major lapse" in his security.

After this, Modi returned from the poll-bound state without attending any event, including a rally.

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, however, denied there was any security lapse or political motive behind it and said his government was ready for an inquiry.

Channi connived with...

the PM, Chugh said adding that it was reflected gravely in the absence of the chief secretary and the DGP as well on the occasion.

Chugh said there was a serious plot to expose the prime minister to anti-national forces and put his life to threat.

Chugh demanded that the ISI hand should be exposed in the entire conspiracy because all senior Congress leaders have close proximity to Pakistan forces.

Information on all...

Being Executed and Resources for Meaningful Transparency)' or 'Janbaghidari' which enables citizens to overview works/projects being implemented in their areas and become a partner in the process of development with the features of providing timely feedbacks and suggestions for improving expenditure outcomes. The portal contains details of all UT and District Capex projects implemented in Jammu and Kashmir from 2020-21. The said website can be viewed on www.janbaghidari.gov.in

This web portal also contains links to MGNREGA, PMAY and SBM with real-time information on their implementation in Jammu and Kashmir. Similarly, progress of PMGSY is available on the website of J&K PWD through the given link on the Ministry's website.

Moreover, the details for the projects executed during the past two years is available on various public platforms including the official website of the Finance Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir and can be publically accessed on the url <https://jakfinance.nic.in>.

The web portal of the Finance Department is hosting information on projects implemented under Back to Village and JKIDFC. As per the displayed information, under the UT Sector, 9514 projects were completed during the financial year 2020-21 for which the complete information of district-wise projects along with timelines, cost, geo-tagged photographs, and number of beneficiaries has been compiled as a pictorial compendium and is available for public viewing.

Further, pictorial compendium of 2177 projects was completed under the Back to Village programme is hosted on the website. In addition, details of 1100 projects which were earlier languishing for several years on account of various hurdles, were revived and completed by the Jammu and Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (JKIDFC); are also available on the portal.

Similarly, the website is also hosting information on District Capex with 1676 completed projects along with their timelines, cost, geo-tagged photographs, and number of beneficiaries.

The Government is committed to complete the developmental projects within stipulated timelines while maintaining highest level of transparency and accountability. Accordingly, the list of the above mentioned completed projects in addition to several others is readily available for the public along with the district-wise and sector-wise project details.

ACB charge-sheets...

which consisted of four blocks namely Block Marh, Satwari, Bhalwal and Dhansal, after which it came to fore that Gopal Dass Sharma, by acting in league with K K Gandotra and others during year 2004-2005, had fraudulently and dishonestly drawn ration viz 95,007.72 qtl of rice, 1,36,331.03 qtl of wheat and 35834.69 qtl of atta under BPL and AAY schemes on subsidised rates against actual requirement of 48,723 qtl rice and 48,723 qtl wheat only. Entire quantity of food grains drawn in excess of actual requirements under aforesaid schemes had fraudulently and dishonestly been shown issued to ration dealers who were either non-existent or had denied having received any ration in excess of actual requirements under aforesaid schemes during 2004-05 and stood disposed of by accused public servants to confer undue benefit upon themselves to tune of Rs 6,08,91,039. In a similar manner, from November 2004 to March 2005, Gopal Dass Sharma, K K Gandotra and others had also drawn excess quantity of 601 qtl rice on account of ration meant for distribution free of cost among rationees categorized under Annapurna scheme and fraudulently/dishonestly shown issued to various non-existent ration dealers and misappropriated Rs 5,40,900," he added.

The ACB spokesperson further said that aforementioned public servants, while abusing their official position in league with each other, had conferred upon themselves undue pecuniary advantage of Rs. 6,14,31,939 thereby causing corresponding loss to Govt exchequer. The allegations leveled in JSC were substantiated and accordingly FIR against Gopal Dass Sharma (now expired), the then AD Trade & Stores, CAPD Jammu; K K Gandotra (now expired), the then Tshil Supply Officer CAPD Jammu & others was registered. "After completion of investigation, and after obtaining necessary prosecution sanction against accused in service public servants, a charge-sheet for commission of offences under section 5 (1) (d) read with section 5 (2) of PC Act, 2006 BK and Section 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of RPC against total 39 accused persons was presented before the Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Jammu for judicial determination," said official, adding that next date of hearing has been fixed on February 4, 2022.

Why comparison between...

tirelessly worked for the poor. Once upon a time, Chambal ravines had a dreaded dacoit, called Daku Maan Singh. There are so many stories attributed to his acts, one of which portrays him a good and benevolent frame. The legend goes that he used to loot the rich to help the poor. This had made him very popular among the majority-the poor. His tales are still being recalled in the form of books and on the celluloid. And, several dacoits in thirties to fifties were so inspired by Daku Maan that they virtually worked like philanthropists.

A renowned Gandhian, S. N. Subba Rao wrote about Maan Singh that he heard him speak on stage in 1953 at a public function in Chambal. He wrote that he was totally unlike what he had read about him in the papers. The government wanted him dead with a big Inaam (reward) on his head and here he was, standing before the adoring public. A Robin Hood figure who once performed essential social services in hard times and adjudicated local issues. Now a pagoda is dedicated to Maan Singh in his village Kherra Rathore where some people regularly go to worship at Maan Singh Mandir

Actor Amitabh Bachchan also quotes "In my younger days, we were in awe of Daaku Maan Singh, whose escapades and adventures were common conversation in and around every possible gathering".

Ridiculous it may be, but one feels tempted to make a comparison between dacoits and some Indian politicians.

Prof Romshoo appointed...

national and international awards have been conferred upon him in recognition of his research contribution, and he has also been elected as a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, the Indian Society of Remote Sensing, and the Indian Society of Geomatics.

Prof Romshoo is the member of a scores of policy making committees and Working Groups on environment, water, climate change and disasters at local, national and international level.