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Representative of Housing & Urban Development Department (Not below the rank of Additional Secretary); Representative of Tourism Department (Not below the rank of Additional Secretary); Representative of Revenue Department (Not below the rank of Additional Secretary); Representative of Law Department (Not below the rank of Additional Secretary); Representative from Municipal Corporation, Srinagar; Representative from Srinagar Development Authority; Representative from Town Planning Organization, Kashmir will be its Members.

"The Committee shall co-opt any member, for the purpose of smooth implementation of the project and shall be serviced by the Industries & Commerce Department," it added.

"The Committee shall propose a roadmap for establishment of structure and nature of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) based on Request for Proposal (RFP), in consultation with Ernst & Young LLP, which has been engaged for providing Transaction Advisory, Investment Promotion for Development of Theme/Amusement Park in J&K," the order stated and added, "It also to study the Site Assessment Report (SAR), Theme Park Bench-marking Study Report, Investment Promotion Strategy, Project Structuring, Project Procurement, and Project Management Structure to be prepared by Ernst & Young LLP."

The committee shall study and recommend upon draft bid document, issuance of RFP, evaluation of RFP for selection of concessionaire and signing of concession agreement and act as a recommending body to place the proposals for accord of sanction of the respective competent authority, throughout the project, as and when required," the order further stated.

Truckers call off...



Members of Oil Tankers Association staging protest while huge rush at petrol pump in Jammu on Tuesday.

Top officials in Home Ministry explained that there is confusion regarding Section 106 (2) of the Bharat Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Under the BNS, Section 106 (1) provides for a punishment of 0-5 years, while Section 106 (2) provides for a punishment of 0-10 years in 'hit and run' cases.

However, there was massive queues at fuel stations across Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

The J-K fuel station owners' association said 90 per cent of petrol pumps have gone dry in Jammu and in the next few hours, all stocks will run out as 1,500 tankers carrying fuel to the Union territory and Ladakh were on strike.

Hundreds of vehicles lined up at most of the fuel stations in Kashmir, leading to traffic snarls in some parts of Srinagar and elsewhere in the Valley.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, V K Bidhuri said, "There is an impact of the nationwide strike here as well. But we have 21 days' stock of diesel and 24 days' stock of petrol available at the depots in the Valley. We also have over 20 days' stock of LPG available."

"I have held a meeting with the representatives of the oil companies as well. There is no need to panic," he added.

Meanwhile, a fuel station manager in Srinagar said their stock will last for another day at the most. "We had enough supplies to last four to five days, but since everyone is filling full tanks and there is a huge rush, the stock will last maximum for a day," he added. In Jammu, some fuel station owners have also sought police help to deal with the situation.

Four departmental feeding services officers promoted to JKAS Time scale

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday ordered appointment (by promotion) of the four officers of departmental feeding services to the Time Scale of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS).

"In terms of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service Rules, 2008, sanction is accorded to the appointment (by promotion) of four officers of departmental feeding services to the Time Scale of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service [(Level 11 (67700-208700)), notionally from January 1, 2023 and on regular basis from October 19, 2023," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department. As per order, These officers included Narisingh Dayal Verma from J&K Handloom (G) Service and Altaf Hussain Bhat, Gul Afshan Nighat and Ibad-ur-Rehman from J&K Social Welfare (G) Service. "Consequent upon the above, it is ordered that the aforesaid officers shall continue at their present places of posting(s), till further orders," it added.

Mild earthquake hits Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An earthquake of 3.9 magnitude hit Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday but there were no reports of any damage, officials said. The National Centre of Seismology said the tremor was felt at 11.33 am. The depth of the earthquake was five kilometres below the surface at 32.76 degrees north and 74.57 degrees east, it said.

Barzulla Bund Road completed timely; Div Com congratulates concerned Departments



Div Com Kashmir, VK Bidhuri inspecting Barzulla Bund road.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a bid to ease traffic snarls on Rambagh-Natipora road, the Divisional Administration Kashmir on Tuesday threw open Barzulla Bund Road, thereby providing a sigh of relief to the commuters.

In this connection, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today took a spot visit of Barzulla Bund Road after timely completion of its work, giving green signal to concerned authorities for diversion of one way traffic through this route. He congratulated the concerned departments for timely completion of Barzulla Bund Road as promised. He also asked them to complete other projects with the same zeal and zest for their timely completion. The Div Com was accompanied by Commissioner SMC/CEO SSCL, Chief Engineer R&B, SSP Traffic and other Officers and officials. On the occasion, Div Com inspected the work on the retaining wall and directed R&B authorities to complete the same timely, while traffic shall continue to ply. He also directed for filling undulations that arise after plying

Army probing civilian deaths in Poonch: Official

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Army is conducting an internal probe into the death of three civilians in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir and those found guilty will "definitely be punished," a senior government functionary said on Tuesday.

Three civilians, aged between 27 and 42, were found dead on December 22 after they were allegedly picked up by the Army for questioning in connection with a terrorist ambush a day before that left four soldiers dead in Poonch district.

The deaths sparked public outrage, prompting the authorities to announce compensation for their families.

"The Army is conducting its own investigation. If anyone is found to be guilty,

they will definitely be punished. But such an investigation is not to be disclosed publicly. Let the Army do its work. There is no need to prejudge anything or make any comment on the Army," the official said.

The official said the Army itself said that it would conduct the investigation and hence everyone should have faith in it.

On December 27, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said he had full faith in the Indian Army that it will wipe out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, even as he urged the troops to not make such "mistakes" that may hurt the citizens of the country.

It is the responsibility of the troops to win the hearts of the people while performing their duty towards the security of the nation, Singh

VBSY IEC van continues its movement across Block Larnoo

STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a transformative initiative spearheaded by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is making significant strides in Block Larnoo Anantnag, witnessing overwhelming public participation during its visit to Deesu, Gadvail, Khrety, Larnoo, Kharpora, Arthur, Rein, and Nowbugh.

Initiated from Khunti, Jharkhand, on November 15, the Yatra aims to create awareness about diverse welfare schemes and foster active participation in the spirit of "Jan Bhagidari" to achieve 100% saturation. The Government of India's

had said.

Soon after the three civilians were found dead and a few others were injured, video clips purportedly showing their torture went viral on social media.

The Army has initiated a Court of Inquiry and police lodged a murder case against unidentified persons.

"...after terror incident at DKG (Dhera Ki Gali) on December 21, Army troops carried out searches in Topa Peer in Buffiaz for the terrorists who escaped after the attack. During searches, Army troops detained a few local youths for questioning, reportedly three such youths namely Safeer Ahmad, Mohd Showkat and Shabir Ahmad succumbed to injuries.

"As such, cognizable offence under section 302

IPC is made out. On this information instant case stands registered. As the instant case is of special nature...special report will be submitted separately as investigation is taken up," an official said quoting the FIR.

A brigadier-level officer was shifted and action was being taken against three officers of 48 Rashtriya Rifles as the Army took serious note of the allegation of custodial torture.

The counter-insurgency unit of the Army was in the news for wrong reasons in October last year as well when one of its major-rank officers opened fire on his colleagues and exploded grenades inside the Neeli post camp near Thanamandi, leaving five personnel including three officers injured.

DC Pulwama chairs DLIC meeting for Tejaswini, Mumkin Schemes

STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: In a strategic move towards fostering entrepreneurship and self-reliance, a crucial meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr.Basharat Qayoom (IAS) on Tuesday at Administrative Complex Pulwama. This meeting, a key initiative of the District Level Implementation Committee, focused on the approval of cases under the Tejaswini and Mumkin Schemes, underscoring the District Administration's commitment to economic empowerment.

The District has placed a strong emphasis on creating opportunities for self-employment, and this meeting was a noteworthy stride in that direction. A total of 55 cases secured approval under the Mumkin Scheme, while 8 cases gained the nod under the Tejaswini Scheme in today's session.

These schemes form an integral part of the District Administration's comprehensive strategy to uplift the community by providing avenues for sustainable livelihoods. The Deputy Commissioner Pulwama expressed satisfaction with the outcomes, highlighting the pivotal role such initiatives play in fostering economic independence at the grassroots level.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Director Employment, District Social Welfare Officer and other District and Sectoral officers.

Social Forestry Division, Baramulla.

Arshad Ahmad Lala, Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Baramulla has been transferred and posted as Divisional Manager, PP, West Division, vice Parvez Ahmad Parry, who shall report to the Administrative Department for further posting.

Ajaz Ahmad Darzi, Range Manager, Boniyar Range, Baramulla Division has been transferred and posted as Divisional Manager, Extraction Division, Anantnag.

Mushtaq Ahmad Dar, Range Manager, PC Depots of Sales, North Division has been transferred and posted as Divisional Manager, Workshop, Srinagar vice Sajad Ahmad Khan, who shall report to the Administrative Department for further posting.

Muzafar Jan Bazaz, Deputy Director, FPF, Baramulla has been transferred and posted as Divisional Manager, Sales (North); and Abdul Rashid Khan, Range Manager, Shalteng Depot of Sales, North Division has been transferred and posted as Divisional Manager, Vigilance, Kashmir.

Hilly areas to...

candidate since it is the matter of governance so the faith shall not come as an obstacle for you that would lead to poor decision making on your part. Because you are not electing a head for mosque or a temple," Azad said while addressing a gathering at Rajgarh, Ramban.

Azad said that people over the past several years have faced immense economic crisis since the land rights under Roshni Act were taken back which has come as a major setback for their empowerment. He said no religion shall come in between when it is service to people and people should respect each other as human beings and practice faith personally.

Azad said that he understands the needs and requirements of people, especially of those residing in hilly areas.

"The life of our mothers and sisters is not as easy as we understand in hilly areas where they fight for day to day survival. When my party forms the government in Jammu and Kashmir these areas and people would receive special attention so that they too have easy and comfortable life," he said.

Azad said that any nation needs to strengthen its secular bond to grow and it is the duty of people to ensure this bond is growing and thriving.

"While we have a strong bond with each other and confine our belief system to ourselves, it would provide you an opportunity to choose a best representative, who can work for the entire humanity," the former Chief Minister said.

Azad said that the hilly terrains where the life is difficult will be of its prime importance and he would push massive developmental thrust for such areas.

Among those present on the occasion included G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, Gen Secretary Ab Majeed Wani, Gen Secretary Anita Thakur, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, P.R.Manhas Zonal President, Sunita Arora Spokesperson, Arun Singh Raju Secretary, Thakur Dharam Chand Distt President, Provincial Gen Secretaries Shakeel Singh Bhagat, Vishal Chopra, Distt President Doda Asif Gattu, Amin Bhatt, Ch Mohd Farooq, Farooq Ah Ganai, Girdarilal Bhanu, Dr Asif Khanday, Shahrulk Bhatti, Aqib Khanday, Sheikh Shabir and others.

Water bodies across...

the 40-day harshest winter period when a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies, including the Dal Lake as well as the water supply lines in several parts of the valley.

The chances of snowfall are the highest during this period and most areas, especially the higher reaches, receive heavy snowfall.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' will end on January 31.

However, the cold conditions will continue after that with a 20-day-long 'Chilla-i-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day-long 'Chilla-i-Bachha' (baby cold).

COVID sub-variant...

sub-lineages, the parent lineage that is classified as a VOI, the world body said. However, in recent weeks, JN.1 cases continued to be reported from multiple countries and its prevalence has rapidly increased globally.

The Centre has asked the states and Union territories to maintain a constant vigil amid an uptick in the number of Covid cases and the detection of the JN.1 sub-variant in the country. India has recorded 573 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases stood at 4,565, according to the data released by the Health ministry on Tuesday.