

## !! Continuations from Page 1 !!

### Sanskrit mother language...

three deemed-to-be universities into Central Sanskrit Universities and thus provided more opportunities to spread the knowledge of Sanskrit language not only in India but also across the world, he said.

"Sanskrit is the mother language of all the civilised languages of the world. During the G-20 presidency events, we must showcase our intangible heritage, values and ideals from the ancient scriptures. All the eminent institutes can plan a year-long calendar of activities in collaboration with government departments," he said, according to an official statement.

India officially assumed the presidency of the G-20, a grouping of the world's 20 major economies, on December 1.

The country is expected to host over 200 preparatory meetings across the country beginning this month. The next G-20 Leaders' Summit at the level of heads of state or governments is scheduled to be held on September 9 and 10 next year in New Delhi.

Atal Peethadheeshwar Swami Vishwamanand Sarswati ji Maharaj, who presided over the event, said that everyone should strive to promote Sanskrit language which is protecting our cultural heritage since ages.

Prof JP Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu highlighted the need to adopt and promote Sanskrit language. Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul is aimed at taking Sanskrit to every village, every household, he added.

Prof. Madan Mohan Jha, Director, Central Sanskrit University, Ranbir Campus, Jammu threw light on initiatives taken in the last one year for promoting Sanskrit language through various reputed Sanskrit education institutions.

Sham Lal Sharma, former minister, highlighted the significance of Sanskrit language as a key language of the ancient tradition and culture.

A vehicle for the Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul has been provided by Rakesh Gandotra, Chairman, SDM Memorial Trust. This vehicle shall carry Sanskrit teachers to villages where they will teach Sanskrit to the residents of the area, it was informed.

Mahant Rameshwara Dass; Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailash Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust; Trustees & members of the Trust and Sanskrit scholars were present on the occasion. Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; RK Chhibber; Board Member J&K Bank; Vivek Gupta DIG; Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu were also present.

### Rs 64,000 Cr...

in 2018-19, Rs 296.64 crore in 2019-20, Rs 412.74 crore in 2020-21 and Rs 376.76 crore in 2021-22. The government of Jammu and Kashmir has reported receiving proposals for investments worth approximately Rs 64,000 crore so far, he said replying to a written question.

### 25 Telecom Officers...

(Telecom), Level-8 (47600-151100) in the Pay Matrix," reda an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department.

As per order, the promotees include Rash Pal Kumar, Lekh Raj, Neeraj Sarma, Adil Rashid, Davinder Gupta, Mohammad Abass Dar, Mohammad Ashraf, Derminder Chand, Shiekh Mushtaq Ahmed, Neeraj Kumar, Reyaz Ahmad, Shagufta Shabnam, Abid Hussain Khan, Khurshed Ahmed, Shah Nawaz Shiekh, Shah Nawaz Wajil, Muzaffer Ahmed, Javid Hussain, Ashok Kumar, Manzoor Ahmad, Kuldeep Raj, Fazul-ud-din, Abdul Qayoom, Khalid Raza and Reyaz Ahmed.

Meanwhile, expressing his gratitude to the Lt. Governor J&K, Manoj Sinha and UT administration, the Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh has congratulated officers of Telecom wing for their regularization/promotion.

In his message, he said that promotions will definitely boost the morale of officers and hoped that the officers will continue their services for the betterment of the people. He wished them good luck in their future endeavours and advised them to work with more zeal & zest.

### All residential, commercial...

which will further plug the leakages in the systems and thereby promote transparency," the official said.

He said the QR code-based Digital Door Number (smart address) would be allotted and subsequently a DDN Plate fixed outside each property.

"For this purpose, the survey team duly authenticated by JMC is capturing the data against a few property attributes such as owner details, property measurements like plot area and built-up area, electric and water connection details and other relevant information.

"The data thus captured would be linked to the DDNs which will bring in several benefits like availability of digitised data for promoting online services, ease of address navigation for the citizen on a digital map, garbage collection monitoring as the QR Code will be used by the garbage collector to scan and mark the completion of garbage collection task based upon which a notification will be sent to the concerned DDN owner on mobile App for the appropriate feedback," the official said.

Further, he said the registration on the mobile App against a particular DDN will enable the respective citizen to make timely payment of the rents or usage charges owing towards JMC assets and therefore ensure revenue realisation.

"The GIS technology can be exploited up to such an extent wherein the dimensions (length and width) captured against the road and drainage network across the city would act as one of the deciding factors for critical vehicular movements such as fire brigades and ambulances," the official said.

He said the property attributes like the number of people residing, built-up or plot area along with the associating lanes and drains would enable the authorities to study the density and hence forecast the waste generation and effluent outflow in a particular ward and would also help the administration understand the deployment of the sanitation staff.

"The 'change detection technology' along with photographs of property would help the administration with enforcing building bye-laws by keeping an eye on the building construction violations happening across the city," the official said.

He said the online building permission system will be integrated with the GIS application to record the permissible measurements of the upcoming and ongoing constructions which will help in vigilance and therefore prevent encroachments.

Moreover, the availability of the public utility data like Public Health Engineering (PHIE) pipelines and electric poles in the vicinity of a particular property would automate the process of issuing the required NOCs for building permissions, the official said.

"The formation of an accurate database of all the properties and assets linked with the GIS applications portal will help administration to take proactive measures to improve the delivery of civic governance through better resource management," he said.

The official said the holistic monitoring would be done through the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) which is being established in the town hall complex, JMC.

Appealing wholehearted cooperation, JMC asked the residents and property owners to share the requisite information with the survey teams.

"The survey team shall be carrying valid Identification Cards. The residents or prop-

erty owners must validate the authenticity of the team visiting their premises before sharing any information with them," an official of JMC said.

### Army bravely thwarted...

questioning the government's handling of the border issue with China, Home Minister Amit Shah told reporters that no one can capture an inch of India's land till the Narendra Modi government is in power. In his statement, Singh said,"on December 9, PLA troops tried to transgress the LAC in the Yangtse area of Tawang Sector and unilaterally change the status quo. The Chinese attempt was contested by our troops in a firm and resolute manner."

"The ensuing face-off led to a physical scuffle in which the Indian Army bravely prevented the PLA from transgressing into our territory and compelled them to return to their posts. The scuffle led to injuries to a few personnel on both sides," he said.

Singh's comments came a day after the Indian Army issued a statement on the incident.

"I wish to share with this House that there are no fatalities or serious casualties on our side," the defence minister added.

Singh said as a follow-up of the incident, the local commander of the Indian Army in the area held a flag meeting with his counterpart on December 11 to discuss the issue in accordance with established mechanisms.

"The Chinese side was asked to refrain from such actions and maintain peace and tranquility along the border. The issue has also been taken up with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels," Singh said.

The defence minister assured the Parliament that Indian forces are committed to protecting the country's territorial integrity and will continue to thwart any attempt made on it.

"I am confident that this entire House will stand united in supporting our soldiers in their brave effort," he said.

Ahead of his statement in Parliament, the defence minister held a meeting with Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, Army Chief Manoj Pande and some other senior officials.

Sources said the Chinese troops were armed with spiked clubs and bamboo sticks and that the soldiers from both sides sustained injuries in the hand-to-hand combat.

In a related development, the top brass of the Army and the IAF separately reviewed their overall operational preparedness along the nearly 3,500 km LAC in view of the incident, which is the first such flare-up in more than a year.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin, without specifically commenting on the December 9 incident, said the situation along the border was "generally stable" and two sides have maintained smooth communication on border-related issues.

However, hours after the Chinese foreign ministry briefing on the Sino-India border situation, senior Colonel Long Shaohua, spokesman of the Western Theatre Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), claimed that the December 9 clash took place when its troops on regular patrol on the Chinese side of the LAC were blocked by Indian soldiers.

Meanwhile, Congress said Defence Minister Singh's statement on the clash in Tawang was "incomplete" and accused the government of hiding the truth from the nation.

Congress spokesperson and deputy leader of the party in Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi and party leader Pawan Khara also accused the government of diplomatic failure with China, claiming that India has lost its pre-eminent position in Southeast Asia.

Both the leaders demanded that the government should agree to a detailed discussion on the border situation and ties with China, alleging that Prime Minister Modi's remarks made in June 2020 that "no one has entered Indian territory nor has anyone occupied its territory" has emboldened China to indulge in such misadventures.

"Why did Rajnath Singh give a statement so late as the incident is of December 9. Why was this not given yesterday in Parliament? What are they hiding? This government wants to hide the truth from the nation and our demand from day one has been to tell the truth to the nation," Gogoi said at a press conference.

### JKSSB has filled...

present status of selection process," it said.

The report also incorporated the action taken so far and said that to oversee the recruitment and to have a single nodal point in the government, an accelerated recruitment committee has been constituted to identify vacancies for being filled up on immediate basis and finalising the procedure to be followed at all levels so that the principles of transparency and inclusiveness are maintained and the recruitment process is concluded on fast-track basis.

As part of the reform process, the job for filling up all Class-IV posts belonging to all the departments and organisations and bodies has been entrusted to the JK Services Selection Board.

Besides, in order to infuse an element of transparency and speed up the recruitment process, interviews for all the posts up to and including Pay Level 5 (Rs 29,200-92,300) has been dispensed.

By way of notification of the Jammu and Kashmir Appointment to Class- IV (Special Recruitment) Rules, 2020, consolidated vacancies at the level of Class IV have been referred to JK Services Selection Board.

Additionally, various amendments in the recruitment rules have been made to conclude the selection process by SSB and JKPSC in a time bound manner.

Recruitments in the public sectors have been carried out from 2019 onwards totalling 29,806, it said.

### GoC, DGP discuss...

in Jammu and Kashmir, they said. The DGP appreciated the bond between the Army, police and paramilitary forces, which, he said, has contributed immensely in wiping out the ill intentions of Pakistan and its terror associates, the officials said.

### Terrorist associate arrested...

in Armulla Lassipora area of Pulwama. Subsequently, Police swung into action and raided the said location and recovered an IED weighing about 15Kgs fitted in pressure cooker and also apprehended 02 accused persons. During course of investigation, the arrested accused persons confessed their involvement in the crime and also disclosed the names of 05 more accused persons associated with proscribed terror outfit Al-Badr for their active involvement and role in procuring/transporting of the said recovered IED. Accordingly, a case was registered and on the basis of evidence gathered offence punishable under relevant sections of law for commission of instant crime were established. The investigation of the case concluded and charge sheet against 08 accused persons including one foreign terrorist handler has been produced before the Court of Special Designated Court under NIA Act at Srinagar.

### Govt forms 5-member...

Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj will be the Presiding Officer while Rehana Batul (IAS), Secretary, Public Grievances, Parveen Kumar (JKAS), Additional Secretary, Home Department, representative of an NGO to be nominated by Social Welfare Department and any other person co-opted by

Presiding Officer Member will be the Members of the Committee.

### 1996 Assembly elections...

Desai, 2002 under the premiership of Atal Behari Vajpayee and 2014 under Narendra Modi. The people, therefore, must remain reassured about the fairness of the assembly elections that will empower them to choose their own government, he maintained.

Rana said some political parties and their leaders are rattled over the ground under their feet shaking due to pro-people policies of the BJP at the Centre and path-breaking initiatives taken by the UT administration for holistic development and implementation of various welfare schemes for ameliorating the lot of the people. This is why they leave no opportunity in giving spin to certain policy decisions aimed at welfare of the people in both the regions and their sub regions. In this context, he referred to the hoarse created by a former Chief Minister over the proposed Unique ID for the families in Jammu and Kashmir, saying despite knowing well such a mechanism is aimed at ensuring Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the beneficiaries, like elsewhere in the country, she deliberated sought to create doubts in the public mind to further their political agenda. But the people are sagacious enough to read in between the lines and see the motivation behind such gimmickry by these self-centered leaders, who are desperately trying to retrieve some political relevance, he said.

Devender Rana said the beauty of the DBT scheme is to end corruption and ensure 100 per cent benefit to the targeted segment of the society, recalling the now-famous words of the former Prime Minister Mr Rajiv Gandhi about just 10 per cent of the allocation reaching the people and rest getting embezzled during that era. The DBT scheme, he said, will end the middlemen culture and empower the people in a big way.

### 97 drug peddlers...

offenders. "A total of 82 FIRs have been registered against the peddlers between January to November this year in Poonch (47 cases) and Rajouri (35 cases). A total of 97 arrests have been made in connection with these cases registered under the Psychotropic Drugs and Narcotic Substances (NDPS) Act," he said.

The officer said seven notorious drug peddlers, four in Rajouri and three in Poonch, were detained under stringent PSA for one year each as part of the efforts of the district administration to wipe out the menace from the border districts.

"Narcotics peddling is a big challenge and police are taking stern action against those involved in the menace," Mughal said, lauding the locals for their cooperation to the law enforcing agencies in their drive against drug peddling.

He appealed to parents to keep a watch on the activities of their wards to ensure that they do not fall prey to the menace.

"Police are running drug de-addiction centres for the benefit of the public. The parents whose children are entangled in drug addiction should come forward and take the help of these centres," the police officer said.

### Mastermind behind NC...

**Badayana, Jalandhar, Adampur, Punjab, Raja Singh alias Raja, son of Gurdev Singh, resident of Panwah Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur, Punjab and Pinto Singh, son of Krishan Lal, resident of Abohar Punjab have been arrested so far in the case.**

**Recoveries made from their possession include cash amounting to around Rs five lakhs, two pistols, live pistol cartridges, six police jersey, ten police caps, mobile phones recovered etc.**

ADGP Mukesh Singh accompanied by DIG Vivek Gupta appreciated the efforts of entire team of Jammu Police led by Chandan Kohli, SSP Jammu including Mamta Sharma, SP South Jammu, Sachit Sharma SDPO South Jammu, Inspector Pankaj Sharma SHO Gandhi Nagar and others who were actively working in the investigations.

Harpreet Singh alias Amit Rana was wanted in connection with the killing of T S Wazir. ADGP Mukesh Singh said four accomplices of Rana were also arrested in a series of raids by police at different places in Punjab and Delhi and two pistols, Rs 5 lakh in cash and the police uniforms used by them were seized.

**Initial investigation suggested that the criminals, nine of whom are residents of Punjab, had come to Gandhi Nagar, Jammu to kill businessman Choudhary Nagar Singh but later decamped with cash between Rs 10 to 15 lakh after they failed in their assassination plan, the ADGP said.** Wazir (67), a former member of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Council (MLC), was found dead with a gunshot wound at a flat in west Delhi's Moti Nagar in September last year. Two accused were arrested by the Delhi Police, while Harpreet Singh was absconding.

### CAO gets addl...

College Rajouri shall hold the charge of Chief pay and AO, DUDA Rajouri in addition to his own duties till Mohd Jalil Khan returns from leave. Ruffadah Zahoor, Accounts Officer (Prob), Municipal Council Budgam has been transferred and posted as Treasury Officer Sub Treasury New Delhi. Depinder Preet Singh, Accounts Officer (Prob.), Treasury Officer; Surankote shall hold the charge of Pay and AO, DUDA Poonch in addition to his own duties till further orders and Abdul Lateef Malik, Accounts Officer in the office of Sr. Superintendent of Police Budgam shall hold the charge of Municipal Council Budgam in addition to his own duties till further orders. As per another order, Shovkat Ali, Accounts Officer, Deputy Commissioner Office, Baramulla has been posted as Accounts Officer Advocate General Office, J&K and Hilal Ahmad Wani, I/C AO, Economic Reconstruction Agency, Srinagar as I/C Accounts Officer Deputy Commissioner Office, Baramulla.

### 2,639 Govt jobs...

engaged or to be engaged in different departments of government of Jammu and Kashmir in the valley. "2,639 government jobs have been provided to Kashmiri migrants under Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), 2015," he said in a written reply. Further, the minister said the government of Jammu and Kashmir has launched a portal on September 7, 2021 to address the grievances of Kashmiri migrants. The government of India reimburses the expenditure incurred by the government of Jammu and Kashmir on providing the following facilities to the eligible Kashmiri migrants settled in Jammu, he said.



Former CM Ghulam Nabi Azad paying condolences on the demise of grandmother of Jagjyot Singh Raina, Youth Leader & Founder Member of DAP at latter's residence.

### SC refuses to entertain PIL against quotas

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Tuesday refused to entertain a PIL seeking abolition of the reservation system in the country, calling the petition an "abuse of the process" of law. "Remove the system of reservation? What is this? Why? Because you are saying it is against equality and it is leading to a caste system. We are going to impose costs," a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha said. The court's observations prompted the counsel for the PIL petitioner, LLM student Shivani Panwar, to withdraw her plea. The lawyer, during brief submissions, gave the example of reservation of constituencies for SCs and STs and said people belonging to other communities do not get an opportunity to contest. The bench said warned it will impose a cost if the petitioner does not withdraw the PIL.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said the National Conference will repeal the controversial Public Safety Act (PSA) if it forms the government in the Union Territory after the Assembly elections.

He also termed as unfortunate the face-off between the armies of India and China in Arunachal Pradesh and said the two countries should work together to improve their relations.

"They (Centre) have only kept those (old) laws here which can be used to harass people. There is no (Public) Safety Act anywhere in the country...it is only in Jammu and Kashmir. I have said it earlier and I repeat when the National Conference government comes, on the first day, this law will be repealed," Abdullah told party workers at Dooru in Anantnag dis-

trict.

The PSA was first enacted by the then J-K government headed by National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah in 1978 to curb timber smuggling. The law, which provides for detention of up to two years without trial, was later used against terrorists and separatists after the eruption of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir in 1990.

While the Centre did away with a large number of laws passed by the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly after the abrogation of Article 370 and the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019, the PSA was one of the few laws that were retained.

Abdullah said the abrogation of Article 370 will be an issue in the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, which will be held for the first time after the Centre's August 2019 move. The schedule for

### Sajad Lone says UT assembly can't amend laws on public order

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference on Tuesday hit out at the National Conference for promising to repeal the Public Safety Act, saying the assembly of a Union Territory does not have the power to amend or create laws pertaining to public order.

"Need a clarification in good faith. Given that JK as on date is a UT. Does UT Assembly have the powers to amend or create laws pertaining to public order. Or say the PSA. So why lie!" People's Conference president Sajad Lone said in a series of tweets.

Lone was reacting to NC leader Omar Abdullah's statement that his party, if voted to power, will repeal the PSA on the first day in office.

"What an irony. Those who scripted this draconian law, want us to believe they will repeal it. Even more ironical that UT assembly just doesn't have the powers for any such repeal. Lying through their teeth has been one consistent trait of those who scripted such laws," Lone said.

Lone also sought an apology from the NC for enacting the law in the first place.

"Can we at least have an apology from the creators of PSA which till date has resulted in jailing of thousands of Kashmiris. In percentage terms, proportion of people jailed from Jammu under this law is negligible. This law was meant just for Kashmiris," he said.

the elections has not been announced yet.

"It is obvious that this election will not be contested merely on bijli, sadak, pani (electricity, roads and water). Whatever has happened since August 5, 2019 will be an issue in the elections. Let's see what the people's verdict is," he added.

The former chief minister

said his party will take every step to protect the identity and interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He accused the Centre of taking away the resources and jobs of local people by bringing outsiders in the Union territory.

"The mineral extraction contracts are given to outsiders...Even the postman

who delivers letters will be brought in from other places. Our youth are not deemed fit for these jobs," Abdullah claimed.

"I would have had no objection to these things but then they should take our youth and give them jobs in Haryana, Punjab, UP and other states. They should allow our contractors to do

