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### SIA unearths terror...

six kanals 18 marlas in Pulwama, and non-functional 'Darsgah' (religious school) over four marlas of land at Nowbal Kulgum.

The officials said the SIA's action is part of the seizure of several properties belonging to the JeI. These properties of JeI are the fourth set of properties to be notified in a series of properties belonging to the banned organisation.

The SIA has identified as many as 188 JeI properties across the Union Territory which have either been notified or are under the process of being notified for further legal action, they said.

These are a result of investigation of case FIR number 17 of 2019 U/S 10, 11 and 13 of Police Station Batmaloo being investigated by the agency, they said.

The move is aimed at choking the availability of funds for secessionist activities and to dismantle the ecosystem of anti-national elements and terror networks hostile to India's sovereignty, the officials said.

The action would uproot the menace of terror funding to a great extent in the UT, besides being a stepping stone in ensuring rule of law and a society without fear.

These premises/ structures have been barred and entry and usage has been prohibited reads the notification. Besides "Red entry" to this effect has been made in the relevant revenue records.

During the seizure proceedings, the officials said it was found that about a dozen business establishments in Kulgum including shopping complex at Magam are currently running from these JeI properties on rent basis.

After due diligence, it was decided that these would be allowed to continue so that private persons who may not have any connections with the JeI and are only tenants paying rent to it, are not penalized and their livelihood not impaired.

### Huge cache of...

24 pistol magazines, 9 Chinese grenades, 5 Pak Grenades, 5 wheat bags, 81 Pak Balloons, 560 rounds of AK Rifle and 244 rounds of pistol were recovered from the area. Meanwhile, a case has been registered in this regard and investigations have been taken up.

### Pension applications can...

the Department of Social Welfare had already accorded sanction to the implementation of the Jammu and Kashmir Integrated Social Security Rules 2022 vide order number 156-JK(SWD) dated September 8, 2022 as per which application for grant of pension under the Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS) shall be submitted online, an official spokesperson said.

The department said that all the existing and prospective beneficiaries shall upload the necessary documents viz. age certificate, ration card and disability certificate etc. on the online portal (<https://jansugam.jk.gov.in/>) in order to receive financial assistance under the scheme.

Applications and documents shall be submitted through online mode only and the concerned applicants are not required to visit the offices of the Department of Social Welfare for the said purpose, it said.

However, for special assistance in filing online applications and documents, the concerned persons may contact social workers of the department or visit Tehsil Social Welfare Offices/District Social Welfare Offices for the same, the department said.

Sonaullah Bhat, a 62-year-old resident of Malangam in Bandipora district, died at the Tehsil Social Welfare office on December 20 while he was waiting for his turn to submit his documents for verification.

Thousands of old age pensioners in Kashmir are being made to run from pillar to post for the past several months now for regularising their pension as the payment process has been moved to the online mode.

### NIA raids 14...

and International Sikh Youth Federation are among 42 organisations listed in the first schedule of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967.

Barbar Khalsa International has been banned and listed as a terrorist organisation in several countries such as India, Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, Malaysia and the European Union.

The International Sikh Youth Federation is banned as a terrorist organisation under Australian, European Union, Japanese, Indian, Canadian, and American counter-terrorism legislation.

### Union Power Secretary...

Yasin M Choudhary besides Managing Director JPDCL, Shiv Anant Tayal from J&K UT attended the meeting.

Union Secretary had detailed review and discussion on salient features of RDSS and was apprised of progress on the RDSS scheme implementation by KPDCL. He discussed and took stock of action plan for reduction of AT&C losses to 12-15 per cent by 2024-25 and reduction of ACS-ARR gap to zero by 2024-25.

Union Secretary was informed about the development of smart metering projects and loss reduction schemes viz-a-viz LT AB cabling under RDSS scheme of KPDCL.

He also discussed 13 tender packages under Distribution Infrastructure Works for Loss Reduction and was apprised of its detailed progress.

During the meet, Smart Metering Project was also taken up for discussion and Union Secretary directed the officials of KPDCL to complete the project before the given deadline.

Union Secretary appreciated the groundwork of KPDCL which has resulted in decrease in AT&C loss of the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited. He directed the officials to speed up appointment of PLAs so that the remaining projects are taken up at an earliest.

The Corporation assured the Union Secretary that they will continue their efforts with same zeal and devotion to further bring down the AT&C losses to around 15% by the end of 2024-2025.

### Modi Govt committed...

government. Chugh praised Modi government and said that drugs come into India from across the border through drones, smuggling, tunnels, ports and airports. Where did the drugs come from and where were they going, this is a whole network which needs to be destroyed and the government is continuously doing it with intensity.

Chugh said that if the central government and the state governments have to cross the boundaries of the state while conducting top-to-bottom and bottom-to-top investigation by forming Team India, then they can take the help of NCB without any hesitation.

Chugh said that the Narendra Modi government has given powers to register cases to Border Security Force, SSB and Assam Rifles under NDPS. Indian Coast Guard, State Coastal Police Stations and Railway Protection Force have also been empowered, he said adding the the Central Government's plan is commendable and shows that Prime Minister Modi is committed to a drug-free India.

Coming down hard on narcotics, Chugh said that the states have given around 42 cases to NCB or NIA and the state agencies, NCB and NIA are moving forward to successfully dismantle the entire network. The fight against narcotics has been divided by the Modi government into three important parts - strengthening of institutional structure, empowerment and coordination of all narco agencies, and comprehensive campaign awareness campaign, he added.

Chugh said that the government has also formed a joint coordination committee and many meetings are being held at the central level, apart from this, 619 posts have been created by reorganizing the cadre of NCB. He said that under terrorism and drug-free India campaign, till now the campaign has been started in 372 districts to reach down to the tehsil.

Under this, more than 14 crore children have taken drug-free oath in more than 2.7 lakh educational institutions, more than 8000 master volunteers have been identified, who do this work by taking minimum honorarium and also promote it through social media.

About one lakh more educational institutions and youth have been connected through this through the national online system. Many senior leaders including Dr. Davinder Maniyal and Ashok Kaul attended the meeting.

### Chugh asks workers...

headquarters here. Chugh asked party leaders to reach out to voters to ensure the success of the candidates.

BJP National General Secretary Dilip Saikia asked workers to inform the party about the needs, aspirations, and hardships faced by people in their segments to help party construct a robust action programme.

Meanwhile, Wajid Bashir Khan, the Mendhar District Development Council (DDC) member, along with his supporters, joined BJP in presence of Chugh, Saikia, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina.

Chugh welcomed the new entrants into the party fold and said, "The centre has a policy of zero-tolerance against the drug trade and the financing of terrorism from its profits."

### SCERT to implement...

structure of 5+3+3+4 adopted as per the NEP-2020 guidelines replacing the 10+2 pattern in school education, the new assessment and evaluation scheme takes

effect right from the foundational stage.

The 'Foundational' stage is comprised of the first five years of education, the next three are 'Preparatory' followed by another three years in the 'Middle' stage. The final four years included the grades 9th and 10th in Phase-I and 11th and 12th in Phase-II under the head 'Secondary' stage.

The contents of the evaluation mechanism at every level, including the standard operating procedures, are detailed in a 12-page document signed by Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Education who also serves as the Director of SCERT.

The foundational stage's evaluation and assessment procedures are to be carried out by the heads of the schools using the models outlined in the school-based assessment (SBA) document by the NCERT/SCERT.

The evaluation and assessment of the Preparatory and Middle stages would also be conducted by the heads of the schools using assessment tools and model question papers prescribed by the SCERT.

The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) has been given sole responsibility for the Secondary stage, which includes classes 9th through 12th, and will be administered in accordance with NEP-2020 criteria.

For the formative assessment, co-curricular component, and summative assessment, respectively, the weighting of the marks shall be allocated as 30, 20, and 50 with a qualifying percentage of 33% in each. Recitation, art and craft, role playing, painting, group songs, discussion, debates, health and hygiene, environmental awareness, and IT awareness are some of the activities that form the co-curricular component.

Students who have been designated as potential learners will be promoted to the next class on a proviso basis with plans for extra courses for two to three months during the vacation or at the start of the next session, followed by another assessment of grade-appropriate competencies. Only when the student is unable to meet the eligibility requirements in this reassessment tool may they be held back.

The evaluation shall be carried out in the Complex Head under the supervision of the head of the complex and overall supervision of DIET/SCERT.

### Modalities for holding...

Kashmir, Director (Coordination) New Medical Colleges, J&K, Managing Director, JKMSCL, CMOs of all the districts of J&K and other senior officers from Health & Medical Education Department.

Secretary informed that there is need to continue with pre-emptive and pro-active approach to keep a check on possible increase in number of COVID cases in J&K in the wake of increase in positive cases being reported globally.

He directed that all the HoDs, in pursuance to the directions issued by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, shall undertake Mock-Drill exercise across the health facilities in J&K on 27th December, 2022 at 09:00 am to ensure operational readiness for management of COVID with specific focus on Oxygen Plants, Ventilators, logistics and human resources. The status of the mock drill shall be entered facility wise in the COVID India portal on the same day, he said adding that this exercise shall be supervised by the HoDs of Health and Medical Education Department.

Secretary also discussed the status of COVID supplies and asked the HoDs and Managing Director JKMSCL to ensure availability of sufficient stock of COVID logistics including the testing kits. He directed the Chief Medical Officers to continue with the contact tracing of positive cases as per the prevailing practice.

He took stock of installation and operationalisation of genome sequencing labs in GMC Srinagar and GMC Jammu and instructed the officers to make these labs operational forthwith.

Director General, Family Welfare, MCH and Immunization, was directed to arrange precautionary dose of COVID vaccination for the vulnerable groups especially healthcare workers and elderly population.

Secretary exhorted upon the officers to motivate and encourage the staff members working in healthcare institutions to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour while working in the institutions for their personal and safety of the patients as well.

### Resigning from Congress...

reason or justification came as a big surprise to us. Today, we feel that our decision to resign from the Congress in support of Azad was a blunder," Chand, flanked by the leaders and activists, told reporters here.

He said they have a long association with Azad and when he resigned from the Congress, "we felt we should stand with our leader and extend moral support to him".

"The Congress gave me a mandate, made me Congress legislative party leader, speaker and deputy chief minister...We repent our decision today as we feel we betrayed our party, while DAP betrayed us," Chand said.

Asked about their sacking from the DAP, he said "We have not seen such a type of dictatorship in our decades long political careers. Azad rebelled against the Congress leadership, set up a G23 group and even shot letters but he was not sacked by the (Congress) party which believes in internal democracy."

"We opposed the Pradesha Congress Committee (J&K) president at his behest but the party did not serve us any notice. We were working to strengthen the DAP, the party which is yet to get recognition, and we were accused of anti-party activities and sacked without any intimation," he said.

Welcoming Azad's decision, Chand said it had further strengthened them and they are getting support from all across Jammu and Kashmir.

"Many more leaders from Kashmir including former ministers and legislators from DAP and others are joining our group to strengthen the secular vote bank and work for the restoration of the people's rights including the special status under Article 370 of the constitution and statehood.

"Restoration of pre-August 5, 2019 status to Jammu and Kashmir is the popular demand of the people from both the regions of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Without naming Azad, he said a "big leader" is saying that it cannot be restored but "we want to tell him that nothing is impossible. It is the popular demand of both the regions and we appeal to the Prime Minister to accept this demand and restore our identity. He is the Prime Minister of the whole country and should hear the voices from J&K."

Chand said he had enjoyed good friendly relations with all parties as he did not consider any party "untouchable".

"We are secular and will die as a secular," he said when asked whether he would like to join BJP.

"The leaders inclined towards BJP or Congress or any other party should join any of these parties without hoodwinking the public. We have leaders here who are misleading the public and are dividing the secular votes to benefit one particular party," he said in a veiled attack on the DAP chairman who is being accused by Congress of working at the behest of BJP.

"We will not betray the public and we won't play as an 'A' or 'B' team of any party. We will meet the public and after their consultation, will join a party which is secular and going to form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

On Bharat Joda Yatra, he said when National Conference leaders Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah and leaders of other secular parties have expressed their desire to join the yatra which is meant to unite the country, "we do not have any hesitation to be part of it." However, he said nobody from the Congress approached them so far.

### Cong, NC discriminated...

when they allowed reservation for people living along LoC in district Rajouri and Poonch areas from where these two parties got their MLAs elected, some of whom also became Ministers but, denied the same benefit to the people living along IB on Pakistan Border mostly in Kathua and Samba districts because the people here did not vote for these two parties.

He said, this discrepancy was corrected only after the Modi government came to power and the people living near the IB were also given justice by granting 4% reservation on the lines of the people living along LoC.

On the occasion, Dr Jitendra also announced the setting up of a satellite hospital, Tata Cancer Centre at Kathua. This, he said, will provide the latest hi-tech facility for cancer patients from J&K, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.

Dr Jitendra said in the last 7-8 years, while nearly 200 bridges were constructed in the constituency, some of them like Atal Setu and Keedian Gandyal qualify to be included in outstanding national projects, at the same time a new work culture as well as political culture has been sought to be created wherein benefits were granted to the people or the religion who require it and not on the basis of whether they have cast their vote in favour of BJP or any other party.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, for 70 years Keedian Gandyal bridge was not constructed because it benefited a mere 2000 population but we had the courage of conviction to construct a bridge for these people at a cost of over Rs.150 Crore. Similarly, he said, along the route of the holy Machil Yatra before 2014 there were neither toilets nor mobile connectivity nor electricity because these people did not figure in their list of vote bank. It is this government which set up toilets and mobile towers there, and recently sanctioned one exclusive solar power plant for the village, he added.

Referring to one of the first Industrial Biotech Parks which has been set up in Kathua, Dr Jitendra Singh said gradually over a period of time when start-up culture picks up in the region and attraction of livelihood arrives here, the children of the next generation will realise its value and worth.

Dr Jitendra also referred to one of the country's first monument to be named after Syama Prasad Mookerjee at Chenani-Nashri Tunnel and said that it will be a testimony in the history because Syama Prasad Mookerjee was arrested at Kathua and

taken for his last journey of life to Srinagar through the road located.

Thanking Prime Minister Modi, Dr Jitendra Singh said, not only national level projects moved on fast track but several held up projects were also picked up by this government. While the Shahpur Kandi project was revived after 40 years, the Ujh multipurpose irrigation project which was conceived for the first time during Maharaja's rule is also set to take off very soon.

### Better to close...

that nothing can be more valuable than a human life," the minister told reporters in Kathua. "If there is a threat even to one life, it is better to save that life even if it means closing down a dozen offices."

Singh was in Kathua to lay the foundation stone of central PMGSY road from Bakhta to Maglo in Jalota area.

Addressing a public rally after the ceremony, Singh said the previous governments headed by opposition parties crossed all limits of ethics and propriety when they allowed reservation for people living along LoC but denied the same benefits to the people living along the IB.

"They did so because their MLAs were elected from the areas along the LoC, some of whom also became the ministers. They denied the same benefit to the people living along IB or on the Pakistan border, mostly in Kathua and Samba districts, because the people here did not vote for them," the Union minister said.

He said this discrepancy was corrected only after the Modi government came to power when the people living near the IB were given justice with the grant of four per cent reservation, the same as people living along LoC.

Singh also said the government was making efforts to set up a satellite hospital and Tata Cancer Centre in Kathua. "This will provide the latest hi-tech facility for cancer patients from J&K, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh."

On Keedian Gandyal bridge, he said it was not constructed over the last 70 years because it would have benefitted mere 2,000 people, but "we had the courage and conviction to construct a bridge for these people at a cost of over Rs 150 Crore."

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