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Budgam, Jammu, Qazigund, Katra, Srinagar, Bijbehara, Kathua, Pampore, Pattan, Kakapora, Panzgam, Sadoor, Mazhom railway stations and Rail Coach Restaurant at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra railway station.

In a post on 'X', the Lt Governor said:

"A significant day for railway connectivity & infrastructure in the country. Hon'ble PM Sh Narendra Modi Ji laid foundation stone, dedicated Railway projects worth over Rs 85,000 crores that will shape the economic trajectory of various states and UTs.

Grateful to Hon'ble PM for revolutionising rail infra & connectivity in J&K. The opening of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) at Srinagar railway station will ensure quality medicines at affordable prices to passengers & livelihood opportunities to many.

'One Station One Product' (OSOP) stalls at Anantnag, Pampore, Pattan, Kakapora, Panzgam, Sadoor, Mazhom, Awantipora, Banihal, Baramulla, Budgam, Jammu, Qazigund, Katra, Srinagar, Bijbehara, Kathua will provide additional income opportunities to artisans from marginal sections.

OSOP will promote rich heritage of these areas and it will also strengthen 'Vocal for Local' and 'One District One Product Campaign'. These stalls will provide passengers the opportunity to experience and purchase authentic local goods.

Hon'ble PM has also gifted a Gati Shakti Terminal at Samba & Rail Coach Restaurant at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra railway station. Gati Shakti terminal will play a pivotal role in bolstering transportation networks and streamlining movement of goods across the region".

EC amends rule...

poll panel on Monday said Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 stands amended and will come into force with "immediate effect".

Till the time Jammu and Kashmir was a state, it had its own version of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and the law applicable elsewhere in country was not applicable there.

Later, provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution were abrogated and Jammu and Kashmir was divided into two Union territories in 2019.

The provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 then became applicable in Jammu and Kashmir.

Now, ahead of announcing Lok Sabha polls, the EC has amended the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order to make it applicable in the UT.

The earlier order said it extends to the whole of India and applies in relation to elections in all parliamentary and assembly constituencies other than assembly constituencies in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

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The earlier order said "State" includes the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

The amended order says that "'State' includes the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Union Territory of Puducherry and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir".

Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir are the only UTs with a provision of an assembly.

The order deals with allocation of symbol for parties, reservation of symbol and resolving intra-party disputes.

It also lays down procedure on how parties file candidates in elections. The commission is at present visiting J-K to assess poll preparedness there.

JKNF banned by...

Conference, an "unlawful association" with immediate effect.

The government said the JKNF has been "indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty, and security of the country."

It said members of the JKNF have remained involved in supporting terrorist activities and anti-India propaganda for fuelling secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir and providing logistic support to terrorists in the Union territory.

It also said JKNF members "have been involved in mobilising violent protesters in various parts of Kashmir for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities, sustained stone pelting on security forces."

The order will have effect for a period of five years.

After the JKNF was banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Home Minister Amit Shah said the government is committed to uprooting terror forces to ensure the security of the people of the country.

In a post on X, Shah said, "The outfit was found carrying out secessionist activities to sever Jammu and Kashmir from Bharat and supporting terrorism, challenging the sovereignty, security, and integrity of the nation."

In an order, the Ministry of Home Affairs declared the JKNF, a constituent of the hardline Hurriyat Conference, an "unlawful association" with immediate effect. The order will have effect for a period of five years.

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Committed to provide...

they have the same rights as any other citizen of the country and various other new opportunities are being made available to them," he said.

Today, the displaced persons can not only cast their vote, contest an election but also fulfill their aspirations of receiving professional education and government jobs, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor highlighted the resolve of the government, under the guidance of Prime Minister for the socio-economic and political empowerment of displaced families.

He also called upon the community members to avail the benefits of the special camps being organized by the government. These special camps in Jammu, Samba and Kathua aim to saturate various government schemes and provide skill training and self-employment to youth, empower the women and to provide all the support to the farmers of the community. Anil Kaul, Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction; Arvind Karwani, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants); Deepak Kapoor, President, PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti, senior officers and large number of members of displaced families were present.

Dr. Abid Rashid...

and ex-officio Secretary to the Government, on March 8, 2024 (A.N.) and pending appointment of a suitable candidate against the said post, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department is assigned the charge of the post of Director, SKIMS, in addition to his own duties till further orders," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department.

Centre sanctions Rs...

sanctioning the Shopian Bypass for an amount of Rs. 224.44 Cr on NH-444.

The Lt Governor posted on 'X', "Grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji & Hon'ble Minister for MoRTH Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji for sanctioning much needed Shopian Bypass for an amount of Rs. 224.44 Cr. It will improve connectivity to other districts & ease the transportation of apples from orchards to markets".

EC holds consultations...

the Lok Sabha polls. "We told the commission that it has been 10 years that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been deprived of their democratic rights. So, the assembly elections be held along with Lok Sabha polls. The commission gave us a patient hearing," Wani said.

He said conducting two elections separately in a year would disturb Jammu and Kashmir's economy.

"The tourism sector here is very vibrant and people are expecting a huge rush of tourists. So, if two elections are held in a year (separately), then the economic activity will be disrupted. Also, it is the prime minister's dream to have one nation, one election. So why not start that from Jammu and Kashmir," the National Conference leader told reporters.

Wani said the party delegation also told the Election Commission that people here have apprehensions that the elections would not be fair. The EC should ensure a level-playing field in the elections, he said.

PDP leader Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura said his party also battled for holding assembly and Lok Sabha elections simultaneously. "It is now up to the Election Commission to decide on this," he told reporters after the meeting.

BJP leader R S Pathania said his party is ready for simultaneous polls. He alleged that the NC, PDP and the Congress were "frauds who have spread smokescreen in the name of half-truths to befool the people of Jammu and Kashmir".

The BJP leader demanded that polling booths also be set up at places outside the Union territory where the members of the Kashmiri Pandit community have been living to facilitate their voting.

After the meeting with political parties, the poll panel held a detailed review of the election preparedness with district election officers and superintendents of police, officials said.

They said the EC was briefed about the security arrangements by the superintendents of police.

The district election officers apprised the commission of the preparedness and updated electoral rolls in their respective districts, the officials said. Later in the evening, the Election Commission officials interacted with Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer P K Pole and nodal officers of the state police, they added. The Election Commission officials will hold similar interactions in Jammu on Wednesday and hold a media interaction there. There has been a growing demand from political quarters in Jammu and Kashmir that the Election Commission should hold assembly polls here simultaneously with the Lok Sabha polls or immediately after the general elections. Former chief ministers Farooq Abdullah and Ghulam Nabi Azad have raised this demand in the past two weeks. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Saturday held a meeting with the civil and police administration to sensitise them about the measures to be taken for the smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha polls, due in April-May.

Helicopter ambulance among...

Officer of Jammu and Kashmir invites online bids from reputed companies, agencies and service providers for the provision of one helicopter Ambulance, one single engine helicopter and twin engine helicopter on wet lease basis for the Lok Sabha elections 2024 in J&K. While helicopter ambulance will be required for five days during each phase of the election, and one single engine helicopter will be required with effect from three days before election day of the first phase to election day of the last phase of the Lok Sabha elections 2024 in Jammu and Kashmir, it said.

The twin engine helicopter will be in use as and when required for the Lok Sabha elections, it added.

The helicopter ambulance and single engine helicopter are intended to be stationed at any location within Jammu and Kashmir, depending upon the requirement and the election phases, it said. The twin engine helicopter may not be stationed in J&K but has to be provided as and when required for which prior intimation of 48 hours will be provided by the department to the operator.

The helicopter ambulance is a service, wherein a patient under critical or bedded condition is transferred from their home site and location to desired location for medical treatment on an helicopter ambulance that has emergency facilities on board, it added. The helicopter ambulance shall be fully equipped with ICU facilities to ensure safe and effective treatment of patients during the flight, up to the time they reach their destination, the chopper should be equipped with cargo doors to enable easy movement of structures and other instruments. A single engine rotary wing flying machine capable of carrying five or more than five passengers along with the minimum personal baggage or equipment at high altitude, it added.

Special CBI Court...

persons as well. The trap team arrested all the three accused, who were charge sheeted next year.

"During trial, two accused persons namely Tarsem Lal and Kameshwar Singh expired, hence trial against them was abated. Quantum of punishment will be pronounced tomorrow," a CBI spokesperson said.

The CBI presented 21 witnesses and 31 documents/evidences in support of the charges which stood test of trial in the court, he said.

6-month Training Programme under Karkhandar Scheme concludes

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RAMBAN: The first batch of the six-month training programme under the Karkhandar scheme, launched by the Department of Handicraft Ramban in September 2023 concluded successfully today with 10 trainees completing the course.

At the closing ceremony, Trainer Shahida Parveen encouraged the trainees to utilize the skills acquired during the training for their socio-economic betterment. She emphasized the abundant opportunities available in the handicraft sector for employment generation, par-



Trainer Shahida Parveen along with participants.

ticularly for unemployed youth and females. She highlighted the market demand for crochet and related products, underscoring the potential for trainees to register with the Handicraft

Department and establish themselves in the industry.

Expressing gratitude to the Handicraft Department for providing this valuable opportunity, the Trainer commended the trainees for

Sthapana Diwas of Radha-Krishan Mandir celebrated



Devotees performing Bhajan Kirtan.

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HIRANAGAR: Like previous years, Bhagwan Shree Parshuram Dham Mandir Management Committee, Gurah Mundian Tehsil Hiranagar celebrated Sthapana Diwas of Bhagwan

Radha-Krishna Mandir at Parshuram Dham Gurah Mundian with great pomp & show and devotion. Bhajan kirtan of Lord Krishna was performed by Bua Ditta a renowned Bhajan Singer of Mangloor.

A large number of devotees were present and listened bhajan with full religious devotion. After Kirtan, a Vishal Bhandara was arranged.

BVP Kathua organises eye, health checkup camp

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Bharat Vikas Parishad Kathua, in collaboration with the Health and Medical Education & AYUSH Department, organized a free eye and health checkup camp at "Ayushman Arogya Mandir Kumri." The event aimed to provide essential medical assistance to the underprivileged populace residing in remote rural areas.

Dr. Anuradha Bharti, Ophthalmologist Surgeon from Government Medical College Kathua, along with the technical staff, examined approximately 150 patients from various panchayats in the area, addressing a range of vision-related issues. Free

medications, eye drops, and multivitamin tablets were provided to patients as prescribed by the ophthalmologist. Additionally, free spectacles will be distributed to patients with refractive errors, sponsored by K K Pargal and Ditt Kumar of BVP Kathua in memory of their deceased wives.

The AYUSH Department of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir extended its services, offering free health checkups during the camp. Dr. Shivani Mahajan (BAMS) examined around 100 patients and distributed complimentary medicines.

Ashok Gupta, President of BVP Kathua Branch, highlighted the organization's

ongoing commitment to organizing such free eye and health check-up camps for over a decade. These camps serve areas where medical assistance is not readily accessible, particularly in remote rural regions. Furthermore, free clothes were distributed among needy individuals of the area in a simple yet impactful "Vastra Vitaran Samaroh," presided over by Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Prant President, BVP.

DDC member Sushma Devi Devi commended BVP for selecting such a remote and rural area for this noble cause. The successful execution of the camp was attributed to the relentless efforts

of Ex. Sarpanch Nawab Din and the team of Panches of the area.

The event was attended by notable personalities including Prof. Dr. Ram Murti Sharma (Patron), Kuldeep Goswami (Secretary), and Ditt Kumar Sharma (Treasurer), Gandharb Singh Katal, Khem Raj, Shiv Darshan Singh, K.K Pargal, Pawan Sharma, Ram Rattan Sharma, Kuldeep Melhta, Arti Sharma, Prant Mahila Parmukh and Pawan Sharma from Jammu body. Beginning of the camp was marked by recitation of Vande Matram while culmination was done with the National Anthem.

Six JKAS among seven officers transferred

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JAMMU: The government on Tuesday transferred six JKAS among seven officers. According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department, Amir Hussain, JKAS, Deputy Secretary in the J&K Public Service Commission has been transferred and posted as Special Officer, Anqaf, J&K; Zakir Hussain, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Kishtwar as Deputy Secretary, Power Development Department; Phulail Singh, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Kishtwar, shall hold the charge of the post of Assistant

Commissioner Panchayat, Kishtwar, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Mohsin Raza, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department has been transferred and posted as District Mineral Officer, Rajouri; Tariq Ahmad Reshi, JKAS, Sub-Registrar, Sopore, holding additional charge of Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sopore, has been transferred and posted as District Mineral Officer, Anantnag. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Anantnag, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Showkat Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, District Mineral Officer, Anantnag, holding additional charge of Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Sopore. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sopore, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Mohd Naseeb, JKAS, District Mineral Officer, Rajouri, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary, Social Welfare Department; Majad Jhangir, Special Officer, Anqaf, J&K as Deputy Secretary in the J&K Public Service Commission.

LG is driving forward PM Modi's vision with bold initiatives for development & prosperity: Vibodh

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RAJOURI: In the wake of decades long neglect of Jammu and Kashmir, by successive NC, Congress and PDP Governments, it is important to acknowledge the efforts of Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha who is spearheading PM Modi's Vision with Bold Initiatives for development and prosperity. These remarks were made by the B-JP J&K General Secretary, Vibodh Gupta while addressing a special programme at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Rajouri. This programme was organised under the aegis of SKUAST, Jammu and under the able guidance of Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, and directions of Prof. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension organized Ex-Trainee Sammelan and training for the beneficiaries of PMFME at KVK

Campus. Vibodh Gupta was the Chief Guest during this programme. He was accompanied by Sh. Subash Sharma, Retired ADC and a noted social worker and many other local public representatives.

Dr. Arvind Kumar Ishar, Sr. Scientist & Head welcomed the chief guest and briefed him about the various activities being undertaken by the KVK for the benefit of farming community of the district. Vibodh Gupta while addressing the participants gave a detailed information about various developmental initiatives in J&K. He applauded the role of KVK in providing income generating trainings to the farmers of agriculture and allied sectors. Later he distributed the certificates to the trainees and visited the farm of KVK and RARS, Rajouri and appreciated the demon-

stration units established at these farms. Dr. Vikas Sharma, Chief Scientist & Head, RARS, Rajouri and Dr. Suraj Parkash, Sr.

Scientist also addressed the participants and assured that these units will continue to bring best technologies to the farmers of the district.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE IST CLASS, ARNIA

Present: Amandeep Singh

Rattno Devi D/O late Amar Nath R/O Village Allah Tehsil Arnia Distt Jammu.

VS

Block Development Officer Arnia

In the matter of:- An application for directing Block Development Officer, Arnia to enter the Date of Birth ,the applicant self namely Rattno Devi .

PROCLAMATION

Whereas the applicant has filed the above titled application in the court for the issuance of directions to the Block Development Officer Arnia to make an entry of the Date of Birth particulars of the applicant who was born on 12/12/1952 at home Allah Tehsil Arnia. Now by the way of this proclamation General Public/interested person/s are hereby informed that if any person/s who has/have any objection/s with regard the subject mater shall file objection/s in the court on or before 07 days falling which an appropriate order shall be passed. Given under my hand & seal of this court today the ---day March 2024.

Sd/-
Executive Magistrate
Ist Class Arnia