

## !! Continuations from Page 1 !! Devotees thronging Vaishno...

at Bhawan, inter-alia due to criss-crossing of pilgrims, it was decided to have multi-directional flow through measures such as "Yatra Queue Management (Sky Walk)" which would be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs.9.89 cr. The project to be executed through CPWD, shall have a total length of 160-170 m approx. and width of 2.5 m with two rescue areas.

During the discussion regarding developing a Spiritual Theme Park in or around Katra, the Lt Governor observed that having such a facility would prolong the stay of pilgrims, giving a fillip to the town's economy. The Board asked the CEO to take expeditious steps for early start of the Theme Park.

A brief appraisal of peripheral institutions like SMVDNS Hospital, SMVD College of Nursing, SMVD Gurukul and SMVD Sports Complex was presented in the meeting. The board expressed deep satisfaction over the management initiatives and functioning of these institutions towards welfare of the public at large. The Lt Governor emphasized that the board may not be driven by profit considerations, yet, adequate steps must be undertaken to make these institutions self-sustaining.

The Lt Governor asked for taking appropriate action with respect to getting the curriculum in SMVD Gurukul recognized at par with other academic courses, by the JKBOSE and other relevant bodies for better outcomes and employability of the pass-outs.

He asked the CEO to bring the registered sportspersons under the ambit of Health Insurance scheme and further called for promoting the sports disciplines among the youth.

While approving the proposals relating to Operation & Maintenance of Passenger Ropeway through M/s Garaventa AG, Switzerland and M/s Damodar Ropeways Construction Co. (P) Ltd, Kolkata, the Board asked the CEO to ensure that there is no let up in regard to the safety of passengers.

The board expressed satisfaction over the recently augmented Pilgrim Centric facilities of Niharika Complex of Shrine Board at Katra and approved additional construction of staff accommodation at Katra and Adhkuwari.

Reviewing the proposals relating to Slope Stabilization Project, the Lt Governor directed that rather than going in a phased manner, the entire stabilization work must be duly assessed and executed in one go.

The Annual Greening Plan for the year 2022-23 was also reviewed and approved by the Board.

The board, keeping in view that the offerings and donations are the mainstay of the income of the Shrine Board, and are utilized for the creation of infrastructural facilities for the visiting pilgrims as well as for general upkeep and maintenance of the Holy Shrine, has approved 'Corporate Donation Policy'. The policy is based on the suggestions received from time to time from various segments of devotees.

The proposal of the passenger ropeway between Katra and Adhkuwari for the benefit of pilgrims, particularly the senior citizens, was also discussed in the meeting. The board expressed a unanimous view that this added facility for pilgrims would certainly result in an increase in the footfall of pilgrims and would benefit the local businesses and entrepreneurs.

The board reviewed the Master Plan of Bhawan area, various underway projects, yatra statistics & trends and emphasized for timely completion of augmenting the facilities for pilgrims.

The board further desired early appointment of a suitable incumbent to the post of Director (Enforcement and Security) and to ensure that the post remains filled at all points of time, so as to ensure that the critical aspects of security, enforcement and crowd management are adequately addressed on a continuing basis.

Earlier, Ramesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, SMVD Shrine Board gave a presentation on the to-date status of different activities and action taken in regard to implementation of various decisions of the Board taken at the previous meetings.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; Navneet Singh, Additional Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB and other senior officers of SMVDSB also attended the meeting.

### MHA asks all...

manual and programme must be in place so that the safety standards conform to good industry practices.

The entity operating the ropeways must maintain a record of all the activities undertaken as part of the maintenance programme, he said in the communication.

"The state government must engage an experienced and qualified firm or organisation for carrying out a safety audit of each ropeway project. The entity operating the ropeway must comply with all the issues arising out of the audit," the communication said.

Three people were killed while being rescued from cable cars in Jharkhand's Deoghar district after the ropeway connecting a hill malfunctioned on Sunday afternoon.

Since Monday, 60 people have been safely evacuated with the help of Indian Air Force helicopters.

### JK ex-Dy CM's ...

cost to the appellant within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order under due intimation to the Commission.

The CIC issued the order after hearing the second appeal filed by Ahmed as earlier the CBI officials concerned had rejected the RTI application dated October 19, 2020 on the grounds that the requested information is exempted under Section 8 (1) (h) of the RTI Act, 2005 and further CBI is included in the list of Intelligence and Security Organisations specified in the Second Schedule of the RTI Act, 2005.

Under Section 8(1)(h), information that could impede the process of investigation or apprehension or prosecution of offenders is exempted from disclosure.

Section 24(1) of the Right to Information Act exempts intelligence and security organisations specified in the Second Schedule from information disclosure, except when it is pertaining to allegations of corruption and human rights violations.

After the denial of information, the complainant filed an appeal under RTI Act before the first appellate authority which on December 15, 2020 dismissed it and upheld the order of the CPIO, CBI.

The information seeker December 17, 2020 filed the second appeal before the CIC.

He contended that since the information sought was about alleged corruption and abuse of official position by the officers in allowing illegal construction near the Army's ammunition depot, the action of the CBI in refusing the information in corruption cases was unjustified.

The matter was heard at length through audio conference by the Information Commissioner with both advocate Ahmed and the CBI putting forward their arguments.

The bench observed that even though the information sought in the RTI application clearly pertained to allegations of corruption, Section 24 of the RTI Act was erroneously invoked by the CBI to claim exemption from providing the information.

It said the CPIO additionally invoked Section 8 (1) (h) of RTI Act to deny the information which stood negated in light of the invocation of Section 24 of the RTI Act and, in other words, the CPIO, CBI cannot claim the exemption of Section 24 and that of the exemptions laid down under Section 8 of the RTI Act in conjunction.

Upon a query from the Commission, the order said, the CPIO did not deny the allegations of corruption pertinent to the matter.

He nonetheless stated that the complaint was examined by the competent authority and it was concluded that since the matter is pending before the High Court concerned, the complaint is to be closed at the end of CBI since the court was already seized of the matter.

### Jammu Admn starts...

and Suchetgarh with 99.58% and Jammu South with 99.43% saturation.

Highlighting the benefits of the Land Pass Books, the DC said the same are true to the Revenue record and can be generated online without any hassle.

The DC further said that the Land Pass Book was an evidently valid entity carrying the same evidentiary value as if being certified copies of Record-of-Rights for all intents and purposes before Courts and Financial institutions.

The Deputy Commissioner said that Land Passbooks issued to the landholder contains entry from the Jamabandi in Revenue Estate, so as to enable the landholder to make its use for Credit facilities and for other matters connected therewith.

The DC added that each Land Pass Book has a unique ID and QR code as an additional security feature and with the help of QR code any institution, individual or an agency can verify the credentials and authenticity of the Land Pass Book.

### Huge cache of...

to escape taking the advantage of the darkness, abandoning the vehicle," a police spokesperson said.

During the search of the vehicle, a huge cache of arms and ammunition, including one AK-56, two pistols, two AK magazines, three pistol magazines, six hand grenades, 44 rounds of AK-47, 58 rounds of 7.9 mm and one sling were recovered, the official said. A case under relevant sections of the law has been registered at the Dooru police station.

### Modi to inaugurate...

square metres, the PMO said.

The design of the museum building is inspired by the story of rising India, shaped and moulded by the hands of its leaders.

The design incorporates sustainable and energy conservation practices. No tree has been felled or transplanted during the course of work on the project. The logo of the museum represents the hands of the people of India holding the Dharm Chakra symbolizing the nation and democracy, it said.

Information for the museum was collected through resources and repositories with institutions such as Prasar Bharati, Doordarshan, Films Division, Sansad TV, Ministry of Defence, media houses (Indian and foreign) and foreign news agencies among others.

Appropriate use of archives, some personal items, gifts and memorabilia, speeches of prime ministers and anecdotal representation of ideologies and different aspects of their lives have been reflected in a thematic format, the PMO said.

The museum has employed cutting-edge technology-based interfaces to encompass heterogeneity in content and frequent rotation of display.

Holograms, virtual reality, augmented reality, multi-touch, multimedia, interactive kiosks, computerized kinetic sculptures, smartphone applications, interactive screens and experiential installations enable the exhibition content to become highly interactive and engaging.

There are a total of 43 galleries. Starting from displays on freedom struggle and the framing of the Constitution, the museum goes on to tell the story of how our prime ministers navigated the nation through various challenges and ensured the all-round progress of the country, it said.

### 43 AAOs transferred...

posted AAO, Block Development Office, Kupwara. He shall also hold the charge of JKPC Unit Kupwara in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Nazir Ahmad Khan, AAO, R&B Division Handwara has been posted as AAO, Block Development Office, Langate. He shall also hold the charge of EM & RE Division, KPDCL Handwara in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, AAO, PHE Division, Kupwara has been posted as AAO, Block Development Office, Trehgam; Reyaz Ahmad Lone AAO, Block Development Office, Sopore as AAO, PHE Division, Kupwara; Gh. Hassan Dar, AAO, PMGSY Division Handwara has been posted as AAO, Block Development Office Sopore. He shall also hold the charge of EM & RE Division (KPDCL) sopre in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Muzaffar Ahmad Hakim AAO, PHE Mechanical Division North, Sopore with additional charge of PMGSY Division Baramulla has been posted as AAO, SE Hydraulic Sopore vice Javaid Ahmad Wani, who has been posted as AAO, Irrigation Division, Kupwara; Nasir Iqbal Shah, AAO, Irrigation Division, Kupwara has been posted as AAO, Assistant Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Kupwara.

Mohd Syed Pir, AAO, Transmission Line Maintenance (JKPTCL) Division, Sopore has been posted as AAO, Block Development Office, Rafiabab Baramulla vice Mohammad Shafi Lone, who has been posted as AAO, PMGSY Division, Kupwara; Abdul Rashid Lone, AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer, Kunzar; Baramulla has been posted as AAO, Transmission Line Maintenance (JKPTCL) Division, Sopore. He shall also hold the charge of Sub-Transmission (KPDCL) Division Sopore in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Ashiq Hussain Bhat AAO, Sub Transmission (KPDCL) Division, Sopore has been posted as AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer, Rohama, Baramulla; Reyaz Ahmad Dand, AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer, Rohama, Baramulla as AAO, PW (R&B) Division Handwara; Muneer Ahmad Lone AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer, Boniyar as AAO, Special Sub. Div. Hydraulic Uri, Baramulla; Muzafeer Hussain AAO, PMGSY Division Uri Baramulla as AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer; Boniyar; Mohd Aslam Khan AAO, Spl. Sub. Div. Hydraulic Uri, Baramulla as AAO,

PMGSY Division Uri Baramulla; Mohammad Akbar Dar AAO, JKPC Unit-VIII, Baramulla as AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer, Chandoosa; Aftab Hussain Wani AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer; Chandoosa has been posted as AAO, PHE (Jal Shakti) Division Baramulla. He shall also hold the charge of JKPC Unit-VIII, Baramull in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Riyaz Ahmad Lone AAO, Ferozpur Basin Irrigation Division, Tangmarg has been posted as AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer; Kunzar; Baramulla; Raminderjeet Singh AAO, Irrigation & Flood Control Division, Baramulla as AAO, Mechanical Engineering Division Baramulla; Hilal Ahmad Wani, Mechanical Engineering Division Baramulla as AAO, Flood Mechanical Division, Baramulla; Tarloke Singh AAO, Flood Mechanical Division, Baramulla as AAO, Block Development Office Rohama. He shall also hold the charge of Irrigation & Flood Control Division, Baramulla in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Nisar Ahmad Shah I/C AAO, Government Medical College, Baramulla has been posted as AAO, PHE (Jal Shakti) Division, Sopore; Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, AAO, PW (R&B) Division, Sumbal as AAO, Government Medical College, Baramulla; Shabir Ahmad Rather, AAO, Directorate of Skill Development Department, J&K as AAO, PW (R&B) Division, Sumbal; Nisar Ahmad, AAO Block Development Office Khansahib Budgam as AAO PW(R&B) Division Budgam; Fayaz Ahmad Yatoo, AAO PW(R&B) Division Budgam as AAO, Special Sub Division Electric Tangmarg. He shall also hold the charge of Ferozpur Basin Irrigation Division, Tangmarg in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Shah, AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer, Achabal has been posted as AAO, Chief Medical Office Kulgam; Naseer Ahmad Shah, AAO, Chief Medical Office, Kulgam as AAO, Government Medical College Anantnag vice Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie; Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie, I/C AAO, Government Medical College Anantnag as I/C AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury Achhabal; and Dar Farooq Ahmad, I/C AAO, BDO Beerwah shall hold the charge of Chief Engineer, KPTEL (System & Operation) Srinagar in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Pritam Chand, AAO Housing and Urban Development Department, J&K has been posted as AAO, JAKEGA; Kulbir Singh, AAO, Law Department, Civil Sectt. as AAO, Relief & Rehabilitation Department, Civil Secretariat; Veer Ji Kumar Sharma, AAO, Relief & Rehabilitation Department, Civil Secretariat as AAO Housing and Urban Development Department, J&K;

Naresh Kumar, AAO PHE (Jal Shakti) Division Udhampur as AAO, Rural Dev. Deptt Civil Secretariat; Mohd. Akram, AAO Directorate of Estates as AAO, Police Construction Division, J&K; Mohammad Farooq Mir, AAO, Police Construction Division, J&K as AAO, Cooperative Department Civil Secretariat; Mohd. Yousuf Bhat, AAO, Rural Dev. Deptt Civil Secretariat as AAO Directorate of Estates; Anil Kumar Bhat, AAO, Directorate of Audit & Inspections, Jammu as AAO, Law Department, Civil Sectt; Anita Mahajan, AAO, DPAP/ IWMP, Udhampur as AAO, PHE (Jal Shakti) Division Udhampur; and Raj Kishore, AAO Block Development Office, Jaganoo Udhampur shall hold the charge of AAO, DPAP/ IWMP, Udhampur in addition to his own duties till further orders.

### Three 'hybrid terrorists'...

the boarding person however, the driver managed to escape taking the advantage of the darkness and left vehicle abandoned.

During search of the vehicle, huge cache of arms & ammunition including 01 AK-56, 02 Pistol, 02 AK magazines, 03 Pistol magazines, 06 Hand grenades, 44 rounds of AK-47, 58 rounds of 7.9mm and 01 Sling have been recovered. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Dooru and investigation has been initiated.

### 1.5 lakh free...

performing its duties efficiently despite many challenges in the past. He said that the Kendra is aptly representing the local culture and traditions through its programmes reaching the people with authentic information.

On the occasion, Union Secretary also interacted with the people using DD Free Dish at Margund Kangan who shared their feedback about the programmes available on various channels especially DD Kashir. They thanked the government for providing free Dish Service which has become vital in developing and promoting



Union Secretary, Information and Broadcasting (I&B), Apurva Chandra handing-over Dish to beneficiaries at Ganderbal.

regional languages and meeting the aspirations of the people especially those living in far-flung areas as it has wide range of channels including entertainment and news available free of cost.

### Jammu records season's...

rainfall in the month of March.

The MeT department has predicted an appreciable drop in the mercury owing to a weather system which is developing over the Union Territory.

A feeble western disturbance is most likely to cause light to moderate rain or snow (over higher reaches) during April 12-14. This will bring down the day temperature by 4 to 5 degrees Celsius, the MeT official said.

The summer capital Srinagar recorded a high of 25.7 degrees Celsius (5.6 degrees above average) and a low of 11.2 degrees Celsius (3.6 notches above normal) against the previous days maximum of 28.9 degrees and minimum of 11.2 degrees Celsius.

Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, recorded a maximum of 35.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 22.2 degrees Celsius, the official said.

### COVID: 8 new...

Territory did not report any fresh case.

There are 75 active cases while the overall recoveries have reached 4,49,072, officials said. The COVID-19 death toll stands at 4,750. No Covid-related fatality was reported in the last 24 hours, officials said. There were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus), they added.

## Govt declares Pakistani handler of 2016 Pathankot Air-Base attack a designated terrorist

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Ali Kashif Jan, the Pakistani handler of the 2016 terror attack on Pathankot air base, has been designated as a terrorist by the government.

Jan alias Jan Ali Kashif is the third terrorist to have been designated as a terrorist by the central government in last five days.

The Union home ministry said in a notification than Jan was the handler of Punjab's Pathankot air force station terror attack in January 2016 in which seven

security personnel and one civilian were killed.

Jan is also accused in various cases registered and being investigated by the National Investigation Agency. He had been declared proclaimed offender in these cases.

Jan continues to operate from the Jaish-e-Mohammed launching pads located in Pakistan and is involved in recruitment of cadres for their training and coordinate attack plans at targets in India, the home ministry said.

## Army conducts IT, stitching classes for youth

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: To promote skill building and introducing modern education for underprivileged students of Khari teshil of Ramban district, Indian Army conducted 40 days long Stitching and IT literacy Cadre at Sout-ul-Quran Madrassa currently has an enrolled strength of 100 students which includes 45 girls.

Madrassa functionaries were provided with four desktop computers and one laptop for the conduct of IT literacy classes and Seven sewing machines for vocational stitching and tailoring classes.

Students were imparted basic computer education and stitching training by professionally competent teachers. On the termination of classes, the students were felicitated. This initiative highly appreciated by the youth and local populace in the region.

## CRIME REPORT

### MV Deptt Doda Challans 77 vehicles, seizes 9 others

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: Acting on complaints received from general public regarding violations traffic rules, charging of extra



fare, over-loading and others, Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Doda conducted a special drive against violators in different areas of district on Tuesday.

A team of MVD Doda led by ARTO Doda Kuldeep Singh along with Inspector Jasbir Singh and Inspector Chander Mohan Sharma laid special Nakas at Bharat Road, Jodhpur Road, Beoli-Bajarni Road, Bhagwah Road, Marmat Road and Khellani on Batote-Doda-Kishtwar NHW-244, wherein thorough checking of vehicles was done.

Giving details Inspector Jasbir Singh said that during the drive as many as 77 vehicles were Challenged under different provisions of Motor Vehicle Act, while 9 vehicles were seized on the spot. He informed that a total of Rs 1,82,500 fine was

also recovered from the defaulters. ARTO Doda Kuldeep Singh has appealed to public to follow all traffic rules religiously for safety of themselves and other people using roads.

## Trucker, associate nabbed with 29 Kg poppy straw

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL: Tightening noose on narcotics smugglers under 'Operation Sanjeevani', Ramban police foiled a narcotic smuggling bid at Navyuga Tunnel, Banihal by arresting a trucker and his associate besides recovering 29 Kg poppy straw from them.

As per details, on April 12, 2022, during routine checking by a Naka party from Police Post Jawahar Tunnel at Navyuga Tunnel, a Truck (RJ19G-7867) driven by one Sushil Kumar, son of Satish Kumar, resident of Makhu, Tehsil Zira District Ferozpur, Punjab along-with owner cum Helper namely Ranjit Kumar, son of Raj Kumar, resident of Makhu, Tehsil Zira District Ferozpur, Punjab was intercepted for checking. During checking, 29 Kg poppy straw like substance was recovered from a cavity made into fuel tank of truck. Duo was arrested and FIR No 80/2022 under sections 8/15/29 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Banihal. The overall recovery and arrest was made by the police team under the supervision of PSI Harish Kumar, Incharge Police Officer Jawahar Tunnel, Insp Nayeem-ul-Haq SHO Banihal, Nissar Ahmed Khoja SDPO Banihal and overall supervision of Mohita Sharma, SSP Ramban.

### Three absconders arrested

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

THANNAMANDI/ RAMBAN: Police on Tuesday nabbed three absconders who were evading their arrest for a long time. As per details, Rajouri police arrested two absconders wanted in a case. Police said that arrests were made by police team from Thannamandi Police Station. As per police, two absconders namely Mohd Rashid, son of Mohd Akbar and Mohd Shakeel, son of Mohd Shafi, both residents of Badakana in Thannamandi were wanted in FIR 84/2008 registered under sections 452, 147 of RPC and a general warrant of arrest under section 512 of CrPC was also issued

against them.

A team headed by SHO Thannamandi Shokat Amin under supervision of SDPO Dr Intiaz Ahmed intercepted both absconders and arrested them.

SSP Rajouri Mohammad Aslam said that drive against absconders is going on and all efforts will be made to nab all other absconders. He further said that more arrests are expected in days to come as police teams are zeroing in over some absconders.

Meanwhile, an absconder namely Jewan Singh, son of Choru Singh, resident of Jhatgali Tehsil Rajgarh, involved in FIR No 33/2021 registered under sections 498-A/452/323/506/34 of IPC at Police Station Ramban and was evading arrest for last one year, was also arrested and accordingly produced before the Court of Ramban. As per order of court, he was lodged in District Jail Udhampur for a month. The arrest was effected by police team headed by Insp Sandeep Charak SHO Ramban under the supervision of Pardeep Singh Sen DySP Hqrs. Ramban with overall supervision of Mohita Sharma, SSP Ramban.

### Narco peddler arrested with heroin

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Police on Tuesday recovered approximately 7 gm heroin from a drug peddler near Housing Colony Kathua.

As per details, on overall directions of SSP Kathua, R C Kotwal, a team of Police Station Kathua led by PSI Fidda Hussain under supervision of DySP Headquarters Kathua Shammi Kumar during patrolling duty noticed a suspect, later identified as Ravi Kumar alias Laadi, son of Shashi Kumar, resident of Chak Drab Khan Kathua. On checking, approximately 7 gm Heroin (Chitta) like substance was recovered from him.

He was arrested and FIR No. 133/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Kathua.

