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to delay in installation of hand pumps. The Lt Governor passed directions to the Deputy Commissioner Poonch and Jal Shakti department to expedite the work.

Redressing the grievance of Mustafa from Doda regarding dysfunctional irrigation canal Pranu Khul, the Lt Governor directed the Administrative Secretary Irrigation and Flood Control Department to complete the work on making the canal functional in the shortest possible time.

On the issue projected by Balwant Singh of Reasi regarding non availability of Government Transport Facility in his locality, the chair was informed that necessary measures have been taken to address the issue.

Rehana Batul, Commissioner/Secretary, Public Grievances moderated today's program of LG's Mulaqaat and informed the chair about the progress and status of grievances received.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, Heads of the Departments, and other senior officers were present during the interaction, in person and through virtual mode.

## All colleges in...

innovative and reformative steps such as a uniform academic calendar, fidelity of the time table and exam schedule, student and institutional feedback, ERP support and biometric attendance will be introduced from this year onwards.

These remarks were made by the Principal Secretary Higher Education Department (HED), Rohit Kansal on Monday.

He made these remarks while speaking at the two-day Conference on 'NEP-2020: Preparedness & Implementation' here at Lalla Arifa Auditorium of Govt. College for Women, MA Road. The conference is jointly being organised by four city colleges, viz. Amar Singh College, S P College, Islamia College of Science and Commerce and Women's College M A Road.

Terming the NEP 2020 as a revolutionary policy, he said that the policy promises to change the entire higher educational ecosystem in India and its focus on flexibility, multidisciplinary and equity are unique and unprecedented. He reiterated that NEP 2020 had come into being after extensive stakeholder consultations and discussions, deliberations and suggestions from all concerned.

"Now it is time to implement the package. And when it comes to the implementation of policy, all of us have a role to play. Universities have a very important role being norm setting institutions and the guardians of our academic standards; but in the actual implementation at the ground level the colleges will have to lead the way," Kansal said while addressing the inaugural session of the conference.

During his address, Vice Chancellor Cluster University, Prof Qayoom Hussain talked about the importance of NEP 2020 and the preparedness of the University in drafting the syllabus and all related activities.

While speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir, Prof Neelofer Khan expressed confidence that the NEP 2020 would be fully implemented across all the educational institutions of J&K. She outlined the efforts of the University of Kashmir in this direction and promised all support to the Higher Educational Institutions in the implementation of the policy.

Director Colleges J&K, Dr Yasmeen Ashai gave a brief about the conference and said that the conference would help in effective and wide consultations with stakeholders and academicians and will set a roadmap for better implementation of NEP 2020.

Principal Government Women's College Srinagar, Prof (Dr) Ruhi Jan Kanth gave a brief overview of NEP 2020 and said the policy envisages multidisciplinary and holistic education with creative and logical thinking coupled with extension of technology.

She said that the deliberations of the conference would be used to roll out NEP's implementation in the Union Territory of J&K.

On the first day of the two day conference, a technical session on 'Multidisciplinary & Holistic Education' was also held which was chaired by VC University of Kashmir, Prof Neelofer Khan. A total of 4 technical sessions will be held during the course of the conference wherein eminent academicians and administrators will participate in panel discussions to deliberate on the different aspects related to the implementation of NEP-2020. The Sessions will be chaired by Vice Chancellors of several Universities.

The conference was attended by eminent academicians, VCs of various universities, Principals of different colleges of Kashmir, faculty members and others.

## Govt winds up...

Secretary Jammu and Kashmir ARI and Trainings Department.

"The employees of the winded-up department shall be deployed to the Government Departments as per need and shall be governed by their existing rules and regulations till their retirement from service," the order reads.

"All fixed and movable assets of the winded-up department at Jammu/Kashmir shall be utilized by other government departments depending upon their requirement," it added.

It further stated that the liabilities, if any, pending against the department, shall be referred to ARI & Trainings Department for clearance of government accounts after thorough Verification.

"The official records shall be handed over to the ARI & Trainings Department for future correspondence and record," reads the order.

## Two LeT terrorists...

for further investigation.

In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated.

Inspector General Police, Kashmir termed this operation an important as encounter site is very close to NHW (Yatra route) and LeT (TRF) has been issuing threats to Yatra.

Meanwhile, a Pakistani intruder was killed by BSF troops along the International Border (IB) in Jammu district early this morning, officials said.

A BSF spokesman said the area domination party noticed the intruder heading towards the border fence with an intention to cross over.

"Our party challenged him to stop but he paid no attention and continued his movement towards the fence", he said.

BSF troops fired three rounds at the intruder, the spokesman said, adding his body was found close to the fence. The body was handed over to the police.

## Journalist Zubair arrested...

sections under which he has been held.

"Zubair was called today by Special Cell, Delhi for investigation in a 2020 case for which he already had a protection against arrest from High Court. However, today at around 6.45 pm, we were told he has been arrested in some other FIR for which no notice was given which is mandatory under law for the section under which he has been arrested.

"Nor FIR copy is being given to us despite repeated requests," Sinha said in a statement posted on Twitter.

Police in a statement said Zubair was "evasive" on their questions and neither provided the "necessary technical equipment" for the purpose of the investigation nor cooperated in the case.

"During investigation, the conduct of Mohammed Zubair was found questionable, which warranted his custodial interrogation to unravel the conspiracy in this matter. Accordingly, he has been arrested," the statement said, adding that he will be produced in a court here.

According to the officials, Zubair's tweets were getting re-tweeted and it appeared that there was a brigade of social media entities who indulged in hate mongering, thereby leading to a possible ramifications on communal harmony and which was against the maintenance of public tranquillity.

On Monday, Zubair joined the probe in a case registered against him in connection with another tweet in 2020. During the investigation of the case, the Delhi Police had given a status report, in which that tweet was not found to be objectionable.

But his subsequent tweets were found to be questionable and derogatory, the police said, adding that in the investigation of FIR number 194/20, Zubair was examined earlier and the probe is about to be concluded.

"In June 2022, when Delhi Police was alerted by a Twitter handle that Mohammad Zubair had made an objectionable tweet earlier and his followers/social media entities had amplified and created a series of debates/hate mongering in the thread, he was examined in the case registered earlier and his role was found objectionable," the statement said.

Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Derek O'Brien condemned Zubair's arrest.

"Strongly condemn the arrest of one of the world's finest journalists @zoo\_bear who exposes the BJP's #FakeNews factory every single day. PM @narendramodi and @AmitShah for all the power you wield, you are essentially COWARDS," the Rajya Sabha MP wrote on Twitter.

## India's dedication to...

on World Environment Day, we launched the Global Initiative for LiFE campaign. The goal of this campaign is to encourage an eco-friendly lifestyle," he said.

"We can call the followers of this movement Triple-P i.e. 'pro planet people', and we should all take the responsibility of increasing the number of Triple-P people in our own countries. This will be our greatest contribution to the coming generations," he said.

Modi, who is in Germany on a two-day visit from Sunday for the summit of the G7, was received by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz upon his arrival at Schloss Elmau, the picturesque venue of the summit in southern Germany.

"Becoming pro-planet people. Investing in a better future. In the @G7 session on climate, energy & health, PM @narendramodi highlighted India's efforts for green growth, clean energy, sustainable lifestyles & global wellbeing," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Baghel tweeted.

Before the start of the summit, Prime Minister Modi shook hands with US President Joe Biden and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as the leaders assembled for a group photo.

This was the first meeting between Modi and Biden after they met in Japan for the Quad summit in May. The two leaders are also scheduled to meet in July for the I2U2 virtual summit of the quadrilateral economic forum comprising India, Israel, the UAE and the US.

The Group of Seven (G7) is an inter-governmental political grouping consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK and the US.

The German Presidency has invited Argentina, India, Indonesia, Senegal and South Africa to the G7 Summit in Elmau, Bavaria.

Modi is attending the G7 summit held in the Alpine castle of Schloss Elmau in southern Germany following an invitation by German Chancellor Scholz.

## CCSK organises seminar...

Mufti Nasir Ahmad, a leading seminary of Kashmir valley, spoke on the challenges before establishing any change.

He remarked that it is the order of the day that before establishing any fruitful process, lot of difficulties are endured during the course but with conviction, all these difficulties will overcome. He highlighted that with coordination and harmony all these difficulties can be prevailed over.

Ghulam Nabi Gani and Raja Muneeb, who also spoke on the occasion, remarked that it is the duty of every Kashmiri to welcome Shri Amarnathji Yatra devotees. They said that Kashmiri people are known for their Hospitality and they are the main people by the Holy yatra is conducted peacefully.

## DGPC ELECTIONS: 133...



period for filing of nomination papers was fixed from May 28 to June 4 (from 11 AM to 3 PM). Lists of candidates were affixed on the notice boards on the same day, reads the election notification.

The nomination papers were scrutinised on June 7 at 11 AM and the candidates could withdraw their candidature on June 9 upto 3 PM. The symbols to the candidates were allotted on June 10 and the last date for campaigning was June 25.

The counting of votes was started at 2 PM on June 27 on the day of the election itself, unless notified otherwise.

In Jammu Division, the total number of voters for DGPC elections was 142242.

Elections contested in 40 constituencies of Jammu division, 122140 were total voters in these 40 constituencies out of which 59126 voters cast their votes with turnover of 48.41 percent. 70 candidates were elected unopposed in Jammu division.

It is Pertinent to mention here that first time photo electoral rolls were prepared by the administration for this purpose.

The civil administration had made elaborate arrangements for the elections besides the police authorities had also made foolproof security arrangements for the smooth conduct of the elections in the districts.

In Kashmir division, the elections for DGPC 2022 were successfully and peacefully held amid sufficient security across 16 constituencies in Srinagar, Baramulla and Pulwama districts for which 34 Polling Stations were established.

Out of 40 candidates in fray 12 candidates were contesting for six constituencies in Srinagar District, 23 candidates were contesting for eight constituencies of Baramulla District and five candidates were contesting for two constituencies of Pulwama District.

The total number of eligible electors registered for these sixteen constituencies was 12701. The total number of votes polled during the prescribed time were 6297 with a voting percentage of 49.58%.

Pertinent to mention here, that there are 80 DGPC Constituencies in Kashmir Division 11 constituencies each for District Srinagar, Budgam, Baramulla, Kupwara, Anantnag, Kulgam and Pulwama, and 02 Constituencies for Shopian District. Out of these 80 DGPC Constituencies, candidates of 63 constituencies were elected unopposed which include each 11 candidates of District Budgam, Kupwara, Anantnag, Kulgam and 02 of District Shopian, 05 candidates of Srinagar, 03 Candidates of Baramulla and 09 candidates of Pulwama District. Further in Bandipora no nomination paper has been received for one DGPC constituency of the District and in District Ganderbal no DGPC Constituency therefore elections were not held in these two districts.

## Rebel Maha ministers...

the disqualification proceedings against them before the Assembly Deputy Speaker till July 11.

A week into the political crisis - which was triggered when Shiv Sena minister Eknath Shinde, who has claimed the support of more than three dozen party MLAs, raised a banner of revolt against the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government - both sides have refused to blink and appear prepared for a long fight.

An official statement said the portfolios of the rebel ministers led by cabinet member Shinde, who are camping in Guwahati, have been handed over to other ministers in the Thackeray-led government for ease of administration.

After the revolt led by Shinde on June 21 which has pushed the state government to the brink, and Monday's action by the chief minister, the Shiv Sena, which heads the MVA, now has four cabinet ministers, including CM Uddhav Thackeray, his son Aaditya Thackeray, Anil Parab and Subhash Desai. Barring Aaditya Thackeray, the rest three are MLCs.

Shinde's portfolios - urban development and PWD (Public Undertakings) were given to Sena leader and Industries Minister Subhash Desai.

Besides Shinde, the other ministers who have been stripped of their portfolios are Uday Samant, Dada Bhuse, Sanidpan Bhumre, Shamburaj Desai, Rajendra Patil-Yadavkar, Omprakash Kadu (who belongs to Prahar Janshakti Party), Abdul Sattar and Gulabrao Patil.

The portfolio of higher education, which was with Samant, was given to Aaditya Thackeray.

The charge of water supply and sanitation department, which was with Gulabrao Patil, was handed over to Anil Parab.

The departments handled by Bhumre (employment guarantee and horticulture) and Bhuse (agriculture and welfare of ex-servicemen) were given to Shankarrao Gadakh. The portfolios of Minister of State Shamburaj Desai were allocated to Sanjay Bansode (Home-rural) and Vishwajit Kadam (finance, planning and skill development).

MoS Patil-Yadavkar's portfolios were given to Kadam (public health and family welfare), Prajakt Tanpure (medical education and textile), Satej Patil (food and drugs administration) and Aditi Tatkare (cultural activities). The portfolios of MoS Kadu (Bacchu Kadu) were allocated to Tatkare (school education), Satej Patil (water resources), Sanjay Bansode (women and child development), and Dattatraya Bharne (other backward class development). Besides, different departments handled by MoS Sattar were given to Tanpure (revenue), Satej Patil (rural development) and Tatkare (ports).

In the three-party MVA government, the Uddhav Thackeray-led saffron outfit had 10 Cabinet ministers before the rebellion and four Ministers of State (MoS), including two from the Sena quota. All the four MoS have joined the rebel camp. The NCP and the Congress are the other key constituents of the MVA.

In a relief to the rebel Sena lawmakers, the Supreme Court on Monday kept in abeyance the disqualification proceedings before the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly till July 11 and sought responses to pleas by rebel MLAs questioning the legality of notices seeking their disqualification. The SC, however, refused to pass any interim order on the plea of the Maharashtra government that there should not be any floor test in the Assembly and said they can always approach it in case of illegality.

A vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala directed the

Maharashtra government to protect the life, liberty, and property of 39 rebel Shiv Sena MLAs and their family members.

Shinde termed the relief by the SC to him and other dissident Sena lawmakers as the victory of Bal Thackeray's Hindutva and the ideals of his mentor Anand Dighe.

This is the victory of Hindu hridayasamrat Balasaheb's Hindutva and the ideals of (late the) Dharamaveer Anand Dighe, tweeted Shinde.

Eknath Shinde's son and Sena MP Shrikant Shinde said Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirval had sent disqualification notices to his father and 15 other dissident legislators under pressure which is evident from the Supreme Court order.

The Speaker has rights in the Assembly. He has the power if anyone goes against the whip in the legislature. It does not apply to anyone not coming for any meeting. The 'tughlaqi farman' (the disqualification notice) was issued (by him) under pressure and the court has shown that today, the Lok Sabha from Kalyan said.

Closing ranks with beleaguered CM Thackeray, senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan said in New Delhi the ruling MVA was strongly with the Shiv Sena "whether in the government or the opposition."

Chavan, a former CM, said the political crisis in Maharashtra was being orchestrated by the BJP from the national capital with the misuse of central investigative agencies.

In midst of the turmoil, Shiv Sena Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut, who is leading his party's charge against the rebels, faced ED summons which he termed as a "conspiracy" to stop him from fighting against party's political opponents.

Raut, who is the Sena's chief spokesperson, said even if he is "killed", he will not resort to the "Guwahati route" taken by rebel MLAs.

The ED has summoned Raut on Tuesday for questioning in a money laundering probe linked to the re-development of a Mumbai 'chawl' and other related financial transactions involving his wife and friends, officials said.

With the Centre providing Y-plus security to rebel Shiv Sena MLAs, the party claimed it was now evident that the opposition BJP was "pulling the strings" of the current political drama in the state.

An editorial in the Sena mouthpiece 'Saamana' likened the rebel Sena MLAs to "big bulls", and alleged that they have been "sold" for Rs 50 crore. Supporters of rebel minister Patil-Yadavkar and some Shiv Sena workers came face to face with each other in Kolhapur district.

However, police intervened and tried to keep the two groups away from each other to avoid a clash, a senior police official said. Meanwhile, security arrangements were tightened in the luxury hotel in Guwahati where rebel MLAs are camping as advocates, senior police and government officials were seen entering there. President of the Shiv Sena in neighbouring Manipur, M Tombi Singh, came to meet the rebel legislators but he was not allowed. He said he wanted to tell them not to create a division in the party.

Singh claimed that he had "some contacts with Mumbai" before coming to the hotel.

## Hyderpora encounter: SC...

conduct last religious rites at the same graveyard.

A vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala also requested the High Court to consider the plea for the grant of compensation to Mohammad Latif Magrey for the death of his son Aamir Magrey.

The bench took note of the submission of senior advocate Anand Grover, appearing for the father of the deceased, that now he does want to press for the first relief that the body be allowed to be exhumed for performing last religious rites at the family graveyard.

Now I have taken the instruction. The single-judge bench order was that I would be handed over the body and I will be taking that to my own graveyard. That portion of the order I am not pressing anymore.

Because, I am prepared to go the graveyard where he is buried and remains will be exhumed and re-entered and I will perform the religious rites myself there only... the senior lawyer said, adding that there were judgements which say that the right to perform last rites lies with the family members.

The bench said that as the matter was listed for hearing before the high court on Tuesday, it will request the court to hear and decide the plea of Mohammad Latif Magrey either tomorrow or within a week thereafter.

## IGP Kashmir chairs Joint security review meeting for SANJY-2022



IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar chairing security review meeting.

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SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar visited South Kashmir's Anantnag and chaired the final joint security review meeting. He was flanked by a galaxy of officers including GOC VictorForce, IG CRPF Kashmir ops Sector, DIGs of BSF, ITBP, CRPF & DIG SKR Anantnag. Besides all district SSSP & COs of South Kashmir were also present.

On the onset of meeting, IGP Kashmir welcomed all the participants and thanked GOC Victor Force, IG CRPF, DIG CRPF, DIG BSF and other officers for joining the meeting. He explained the agenda of the meeting as strengthening of coordination between Army, CAPFs and J&K Police and stressed upon the concept of joint responsibility & accountability and coordination for the safe, secure and smooth Yatra.

IGP Kashmir highlighted the eminent threat from terrorists and stressed for strengthening of the intelligence grid so as to neutralise them. He also discussed the other threat perceptions for Yatra as well as tourists and emphasized for establishment of a proper security grid. While taking district-wise security review and stock of arrangements put in place for SANJY-2022, he also elaborated the role and responsibility of all the four districts of South Kashmir which were represented by the concerned District SsPs.

On the occasion, the senior officers of Army/Security Forces also presented detailed presentation and shared their valuable inputs/suggestions for strengthening the overall security grid and providing fool proof security cover to the Yatries during their forward & return journey. Special attention was laid on regular briefing and de-briefing, cut-off timings, elimination of threat of sticky bombs/IEDs/grenade lobbing & drone attacks, security of parking areas, traffic management, ROP, implementation of SOPs etc.

On the conclusion, IGP Kashmir emphasized that multiple checking points must be established for restricting un-registered Yatries to reach to Base Camp to avoid chaotic situations. He also directed that all stakeholders be taken into confidence by creating synergy and cordial relations with them so as to achieve objective of conducting successful Yatra. He also emphasized on the role of supervisory officers for ensuring briefing and de-briefing, strengthening of the intelligence grid on ground, alertness of deployed nafri, intensified legal action on OGWs and following all the SOPs in letter and spirit. IGP Kashmir also stressed on better coordination, cooperation and cohesive efforts between all the different agencies on ground including Army, CRPF, BSF, ITBP, Civil Administration and Police for safe, secure & smooth SANJY-2022.

## J&K adds 67 COVID-19 cases

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday reported 67 fresh COVID-19 cases that pushed its infection tally to 4,54,865, officials here said.

Of the fresh cases, 47 were reported from the Jammu division of the union territory and 20 from the Kashmir Valley, they said.

The death toll due to COVID-19 remained unchanged at 4,756, they added. The number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir stands at 359. So far, 4,49,750 people have recovered from the viral disease, the officials said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has recorded nine new cases of coronavirus, thereby increasing the COVID-19 tally to 28,362, while no fatality was reported, officials said.

All positive cases were received in Leh.

So far, 228 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Ladakh. Of these, 168 deaths were reported from Leh and 60 from Kargil, according to the officials.

The number of active covid cases has gone up to 49 -- 48 in Leh and one in Kargil, they said.

Three people were discharged from hospitals in Ladakh after recovering from the disease. All patients were discharged from hospital in Leh, they said. With this, the total number of recoveries stands at 28,085, the officials said.