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### We have witnessed...

can also become a key driver for the growth of the tourism sector of Jammu Kashmir, he said.

The Lt Governor emphasised on chalking out a strategic roadmap to facilitate maximum private investment in tourism and hospitality sector:

After decades, Bollywood has returned to the valley. The Competitive Film policy has created a vibrant film ecosystem in the UT. Today, Jammu Kashmir has become the most preferred destination for the filmmakers. Experts and our representatives from Film industry must draw a roadmap to realise its full potential, the Lt Governor observed.

We must lead the country by ensuring mandatory quality standards through the quality certification mechanism for facilities and resources in the tourism & hospitality sector; the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor provided valuable inputs on brand-building and promotion of J&K's tourism sector through innovative marketing, IT and digital tools.

In the past few years, we have witnessed unprecedented tourist influx to the UT. Ease of Travel for tourists, high customer value and professional & skilled manpower are some of the areas we must focus on to strengthen this sector, the Lt Governor said.

He called for strategic collaborations of administration, community, travel trade and industry players for value addition and enhancing the experience of tourists.

The Lt Governor emphasized on time bound implementation of suggestions and inputs received from experts and stakeholders during the conclave.

During the two-day Tourism Development Conclave-2024, the participants will deliberate on strategies, development models and innovative approaches to promote sustainable tourism practices in J&K.

Prominent personalities associated with the film and entertainment industry including Intiaz Ali, Vishal Bhardwaj, Kabir Khan and Sanjay Suri are attending the conclave.

Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Yasha Mudgal, Commissioner Secretary Tourism Department, senior officials, industry leaders and various stakeholders were present.

### Cop involved in...

for prolonged absence and criminal activities. He was granted three days' leave starting November 12, 2023, but he failed to return to his duty and was marked absent.

During his absence, he was implicated in the murder of Rajesh Dogra, with a case registered on March 4 this year in Mohali (Punjab), and was subsequently arrested by Punjab Police on March 7 and sent to New District Jail in Nabha, a police spokesman said. The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar ordered the removal from service of suspended constable Sham Lal on the recommendations of inquiry officers, he said.

"A departmental inquiry revealed his involvement in other criminal cases in Kathua. The inquiry recommended his dismissal due to habitual absenteeism and criminal behaviour," he said.

As per the recommendations of inquiry officers appointed by district police in Kathua and Kishtwar, the constable, being habitual of absenteeism and having a criminal mindset, is liable to be dismissed from services.

"Subsequently, SSP Kishtwar, after following proper procedural formalities, dismissed him from service," the spokesperson said.

SSP Kishtwar further warned all police personnel of strict disciplinary actions for involvement in anti-national activities, drug trafficking, or other serious crimes, emphasizing the commitment to uphold the highest standards of conduct and discipline.

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posted as BDO Block Bounjwah, Kishtwar; Shajat Farooq as BDO Block Lalpora, Baramulla; Sheikh Saifullah as BDO Block Qazigund with addl. Charge of Block Vessu, Anantnag; Shivali Choudhary as BDO Block Raipura, Samba; Shivam Sharma as BDO Block Balakote, Poonch; Parul Khajuria as BDO Block Bari Brahmana, Samba; Arif Hussain Laway as BDO Block Khovripora, Anantnag; Ulfat Ali as BDO Block Lar, Ganderbal; Jyoti Choudhary as BDO Block Lamberi, Rajouri; Shahid Saleem as BDO Block Ukhral, Ramban; Viplove Sudan as BDO Block Arnia, Jammu; Owais Bin Ahad as BDO Block Aloosa, Bandipora; Zahoor Ahmad Hadi as BDO Block Pulwama with addl. Charge of Nawa, Pulwama; Saqib Sharief Khan as BDO Block Samba; Arshad Hussain as BDO Block Anantnag; Sadam Hussain as BDO Block Gool with addl. Charge of Gundi Dharum, Ramban; Anup Kumar as BDO Block Jakyas, Doda; Anupam Bhardwaj as BDO Block Dall-Udhyampur with addl. Charge of Block Doda-Ghat, Doda; Dirsha Kumari as BDO Block Parlidhar with addl. Charge of Block Chunanta, Udhampur; Syed Jaasirah Syedain as BDO Block S.K.Pora, Budgam; Mohd Saffder Bhat as BDO Block Litter (lassipora), Pulwama; Sonia Devi as BDO Block Bishnah, Jammu; Jasreen Kour as BDO Block Sewna, Udhampur; Rajat Sudan as BDO Block Dudu Basantgarh, Udhampur; Akeel Sajjad as BDO Block Changa, Doda; Swati Slathia as BDO Block Mandli, Kathua; Sakriti Koul as BDO Block Kathua; Basit Nabi Khan as BDO Block Aripal with addl. Charge of Block Dadsara, Pulwama; and Mohammad Muqsit Wani as BDO Block Khonmoh, Srinagar.

"Further, Aparajita Aryan, BDO Bari Brahmana, District Samba, shall report to Administrative Department after availing of Earned Leave, and Kapil Deol, BDO Samba holding additional charge of Block Rajpura, District Samba shall report to Administrative Department after SANJY-2024 duty," it added.

### Three JeM terrorists...

of the slain terrorists. The identity and group affiliation of the slain ultras could not be ascertained immediately, they said.

However, the officials added that according to a preliminary investigation, the terrorists believed to have recently infiltrated from across the border are JeM members and likely from Pakistan.

An Army helicopter was also seen hovering over the area for surveillance during the encounter, the officials said.

They said the encounter ended around 4 pm but a thorough search operation is still continuing to ensure that no other terrorists are there in the area.

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, along with Deputy Inspector General of Police, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban range, Shridhar Patil and Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Javid Iqbal, rushed to the encounter site to supervise the operation.

This was the second such encounter in the Jammu region this month. On June 11-12, two Pakistani terrorists and a CRPF jawan were killed in a 15-hour-long operation in the Hiranagar sector of Kathua district.

Jammu has witnessed a spurt in terror activities, attributed by authorities to an attempt by Pakistani handlers to revive terrorism in the region and disturb the peaceful atmosphere.

On June 9, terrorists struck a bus carrying pilgrims returning from the Shiv Khori temple in Reasi district, killing nine people, including the driver and the conductor of the vehicle, and injuring 41.

The officials said internet mobile services in Gandoh and adjoining areas have been suspended as a precautionary measure.

Meanwhile, a Chinese hand grenade was found in Pind village in the Chingus area of Rajouri district, they said.

The officials said the grenade was found late on Tuesday evening by a patrolling party of security forces.

### Army commander reviews...

important to review the security setup in the wake of terror attack on a bus carrying pilgrims in the area on June 9.

Nine persons, including seven pilgrims from Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, were killed and 41 injured in the attack when the terrorists opened fire on the bus carrying pilgrims returning from Shiv Khori shrine near Teryath village in the Pouni area.

The Army Commander, accompanied by GoC of Whitenight Corps and Romeo Force visited Reasi to review the security situation, Northern Command said on X.

He was briefed on the prevailing security situation and the actions of the security forces, it said.

### Just 37.25 pc...

shown on the rolls but actually that is just to hoodwink the University. For the academic sessions, the academics are just pulled on with the minimum available staff. Same must be true about the faculty in the in-campus college.

The students and their parents have been seeking academic audit of the law colleges across Jammu.

### Collective efforts, right...

Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority was the chief guest on the occasion.

Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary and Muzamil Hayat Kabli, Under Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Fr. Stalin Raja, Principal, Burn Hall School, Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, Feroz Ahmad, Secretary, Burn Hall School and other staff members of the school were present at the event.

In his presidential address, Justice Tashi Rabstan eloquently spoke about the devastating impacts of drug abuse and underlined the need for a united fight against this social evil. He emphasized the importance of raising awareness, particularly among the youth, to eradicate drug abuse from its roots. "We must collectively create right awareness among the masses, especially the younger generations, to combat the menace of drug abuse.

It's not just a legal issue but a social responsibility that we must all shoulder," he stated. He said that teachers, parents and elderly people in the society play an important role in bringing back the youth to mainstream.

In his welcome address, Fr. Stalin Raja, highlighted the necessity of creating massive awareness among the younger generations. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to Justice Tashi for choosing his institution to organise this awareness programme on a day having international importance. He further said that the unwavering commitment of Legal Services Institutions towards combating the drug menace and spreading awareness is a crucial initiative, which is appreciable.

The program featured an insightful and detailed presentation by Dr. Yuman Kawoos, Assistant Professor, IMHANS, Kashmir, who discussed the complexities of drug abuse and effective stress management techniques. Her presentation provided valuable information and strategies for dealing with addiction and its psychological impacts.

Adding to the depth of the event, Insha Malik, Counsellor, Burn Hall School, delivered an enlightening address on substance abuse and the critical role of counsellors in providing support and guidance to those affected this social evil. Her speech highlighted practical approaches to prevention and intervention, stressing the importance of early detection and continuous support.

A poignant skit performed by law students and advocates depicted the harmful effects of substance abuse on individuals, families and society, which was the highlight of the event. This moving performance underscored the urgent need for collective action and legal enforcement to tackle drug-related issues. The program was a significant step towards fostering a drug-free society and showcased the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders in addressing this critical issue.

### ACB registers FIR...

ACB found that the accused officer, during his posting at lucrative posts, indulged in corrupt practices and accumulated various moveable and immovable properties in his own name and in the names of his family members and relatives, he said.

These included benami properties, which include immovable properties comprising residential houses, plots, shops and business establishment in different districts of Jammu province and two hotels located in district Kulnu (Manali), Himachal Pradesh. He also acquired huge bank balances and valuables, the spokesman said.

The ACB obtained search warrants from the court and conducted searches at the residences and offices of the accused as well as family members and relatives, including residential houses and business establishments located at different districts of Jammu province, Srinagar and Manali.

"During the course of searches, many incriminating documents and valuables were found, which were seized and taken for investigation purposes. During the searches conducted in Hotels at Manali (HP), one agreement to sell on February 25, 2022, executed between one, Ved Parkash, resident of Shimla and Rekha Devi, wife of Chanchal Singh (Dy.SP) was also recovered wherein the wife of said Chanchal Singh had purchased total land measuring 12.03 hectares situated at Mohal and Phati Burua Kothi in district Kulnu, Manali (H.P) for the total sale consideration of Rs 2.85 Crore and out of which she had given Rs 25 lakhs through cheques and Rs.25 lakhs in cash. During the search conducted at Hatli, Kathua some documents pertaining to benami properties in the shape of will deed of huge chunk of land were also recovered. The searches at different locations are still in progress.

### Chugh welcomes CBI...

by Asaduddin Owaisi, Chugh described the act as an insult to the highest temple of democracy. This is unconstitutional and unparliamentarily. Raising slogans in support of a foreign country in Parliament entails disqualification as a Member, he said and sought stern action against Owaisi.

### Dir Info delivers...

Director Information, Jatin Kishore, renowned Bollywood film makers and writers like Intiaz Ali, Vishal Bhardwaj, Kabir Khan, Actor Sanjay Suri and line producer Khawar Jamshed participated.

The participants discussed the potential of Kashmir valley, having scenic beauty and cultural heritage, in film shooting and its prospects for promoting tourism as well as boosting local economies and creating employment opportunities.

The session was also involved an interaction of the panellists with stakeholders associated with the film and tourism industry. The panellists answered various queries raised by these stakeholders.

### Kashmir Bar Association...

Investigation Agency (NIA) judge, who is currently undergoing training, on Monday.

During the hearing, Qayoom claimed that he was not informed about the grounds of his arrest. However, the claim was challenged by the police, which informed the court that the entire proceeding had been videographed and was part of the case diary.

Accompanied by armed guards, Qayoom -- a notable figure in Kashmir linked with the All Party Hurriyat Conference and the banned Jamaat-e-Islami -- was escorted under tight security to the district court complex in Janipur.

He was seen dressed in a white Pathani attire and wearing a mask, walking with a slight limp as he was moved to the State Investigation Agency (SLA) office for questioning regarding his alleged involvement in the conspiracy.

Qadri, a human rights advocate who frequently appeared on television debates, was fatally shot at his residence in the Hawal area of downtown Srinagar in September 2020. He had narrowly survived an assassination attempt in 2018.

The officials suggested that Qadri's killing highlighted the use of violence to silence dissent within the bar association. Qadri had publicly questioned the legitimacy and actions of Qayoom in various speeches and social media posts.

Qayoom's rise to prominence within the legal community was marred by allegations of intimidation, threats and violence for maintaining control over the association, which he allegedly treated as his personal domain.

The case was transferred to a Jammu court from Srinagar in January on grounds of ensuring a fair trial by the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

The high court's decision had come in response to Qadri's father citing the reluctance of Srinagar-based lawyers to render assistance due to the involvement of influential figures.

Qayoom, who is the father-in-law of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court judge Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, has been under scrutiny in multiple cases, including alleged grabbing of temple land and dishonouring the national flag.

Throughout his career, Qayoom has been a vocal advocate for Kashmir's integration with Pakistan, employing tactics such as protests and incitement of violence to further his separatist agenda, leading to tensions in the region.

His association with banned terror organisations and unlawful associations led by the likes of Yasin Malik, Asiya Andrabi and Syed Ali Shah Geelani raised concerns over his role in propagating a secessionist narrative in the Valley.

With a track record of criminal cases, including charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Qayoom's confrontational approach towards the Indian government and judiciary drew criticism and scrutiny.

The officials alleged that his actions have had far-reaching consequences, impacting businesses, livelihoods, and the overall stability of Jammu and Kashmir.

His relentless pursuit of secessionist goals not only polarised communities but also drew international attention to the unrest in the region.

### Homes develop cracks...

next few days, the officials said.

The locals believe the homes began to develop cracks after some portions of the land began to sink.

"The cracks widened with each passing day. We approached the administration, which asked us to vacate the houses," local resident Manzoor Ahmed said.

The situation has sparked panic among the locals.

Deputy Commissioner (Srinagar) Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority, has formed an expert committee to ascertain the details and suggest remedial measures, the officials said.

The nine-member committee is headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Srinagar) Syed Ahmad Kataria and includes Ghulam Jeelani, a professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Kashmir, they said.

The committee has been asked to submit its findings within a week and suggest measures for preventing environmental damage, covering other allied and incidental issues of land subsidence in the area, they added.

The area was hit by land subsidence in 1999-2000, after which a case study was

done by a team of experts led by Bikram Singh Bali from the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Kashmir.

The study used ground penetrating radar and found that the surface change phenomena was due to extensive underground mining related to the pottery industry, which had a hundred-year history in the area at that time.

It said the area witnessed land subsidence for the past several decades and, in the process, most structures suffered extensive damage.

"Major sub-surface observations made were underground cavities, room and pillar mining structures and voids. In addition to the sub-surface structures caused by the mining in the historical past, the surface deformations were observed in the form of cracks developed in the construction," the study had said.

Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed land subsidence incidents in the recent past as well.

In April, 74 families were forced to leave their homes in Pernote village of Ramban district due to land sinking.

Two months before that, more than a dozen residential buildings and a mosque in the Garsu village of Doda district developed cracks.

In July 2023, cracks were seen on the riverside road in Batengo of Anantnag district.

In April of that year, cracks were observed on the Tingshore hill in the Halmatpora area of Kupwara. The cracks, which damaged several tin sheds, were followed by land subsidence, raising fears of a hill collapse.

The cause of the land subsidence could be natural factors such as groundwater dissolution and earthquakes, as well as human activities such as groundwater extraction, mining and urban development, which lead to compaction and subsidence of the ground, experts say.

### 12 J&K Accounts...

Vaishno Devi Ji University, Katra has been posted as Director Finance School Education Department; Monika Hans, (Selection Grade Officer) Chief Accounts Officer G.P.Fund Police Cell ZPHQ Jammu as FA/CAO Financial Organization, PDD J&K; Sarita Sharma, (Selection Grade Officer) Chief Accounts Officer, Financial Organization, PDD, Jammu as Chief Accounts Officer, Chief Engineer Irrigation & Flood Control Department Jammu. She shall also hold the charge of Chief Accounts Officer Financial Organization PDD Jammu in addition to her own duties till further orders.

Jivtesh Singh, (Selection Grade Officer) Chief Accounts Officer Govt. Medical College Jammu has been posted as Finance Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji University, Katra; Atul Gupta, Chief Accounts Officer, SICOP J&K as Chief Accounts Officer, Government Medical College Jammu; Sania Ahmed, Chief Accounts Officer, Chief Engineer, JPDCL Jammu as Chief Accounts Officer, G.P.Fund Police Cell ZPHQ Jammu; Pooja Sharma, Chief Accounts Officer Chief Engineer Irrigation & Flood Control Department Jammu as Chief Accounts Officer, Chief Engineer, JPDCL Jammu.

Vivek Sharma, Chief Accounts Officer, J&K State Forest Development Corporation shall hold the charge of Chief Accounts Officer SICOP, J&K in addition to his own duties till further orders; Sareer Ahmad Mir, Treasury Officer District Treasury Ganderbal shall hold the charge of Chief Accounts Officer District Fund Office Ganderbal in addition to his own duties; Nimisha, Chief Accounts Officer, Deputy Commissioner Provident Fund Office Jammu shall hold the charge of Chief Accounts Officer J&K State Employees Insurance Scheme in addition to her own duties till further orders.

Sameer-ul-Rehman, Accounts Officer under orders of transfer to UT of Ladakh has been posted as Accounts Officer, Deputy Commissioner Office, Doda; and Jewan Singh, I/C Accounts Officer Deputy Commissioner Office, Doda as I/C Accounts Officer, Relief Commissioner. (Mig) Jammu.

## Widow appointed on compassionate ground has right to remarry without prejudice to right of other dependents of deceased: CAT

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal comprising MA Latif Member (J) and Parsant Kumar Member (A) holds that a widow appointed on compassionate ground has right to remarry without prejudice to the right and interests of other dependents of the deceased.

The Original Application has been filed by the applicants aggrieved by the engagement and continuation of Kounsar Maqbool as Assistant Lineman in the Department of Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) Kashmir under compassionate ground appointment scheme on the death of her husband Shri.Talib Hussain Bhat in terms of SRO 43 (J&K Compassionate Appointment) Rule, 1994 (SRO 43 of 1994 in short) in preference to them vide Annexure A-3 dated 16.07.2015. The 1st applicant is the brother and the 2nd applicant is the mother of the deceased employee. The reliefs sought in the O.A are as Cancellation of order of engagement of Respondent No.5 bearing Order No. 176/PHE/Estt. of 2015 dated 16.07.2015 in terms of which the Respondent No.5 has been appointed against the post of Assistant Lineman. An appropriate direction commanding the respondents to consider the engagement/appointment of Applicant No.1 in the Department of PHE in place of Respondent No.5 against the post held by Respondent No.5 being the brother of the deceased Talib Hussain and giving him all the consequential service benefits.

CAT after hearing both the sides observed that a widow appointed on compassionate ground has right to remarry without prejudice to the right and interests of other dependants of the deceased. For the foregoing reasons, CAT found no merit in this O.A and the same is accordingly dismissed. Consequently, the interim order dated 20.03.2024 shall stand vacated. However, if the Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO) of the 5 respondent in pursuance to the direction had deposited any amount in the account of the 2 applicant, the same shall not be recovered from her. There shall be no order as to costs.

## With enhanced safety, more films will be shot in Kashmir: Amitabh Kant

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SRINAGAR: Kashmir will be an integral part of all stories of India and more films will be shot in the valley which would benefit the local people, the country's G20 Sherpa and former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said here on Wednesday.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the two-day Tourism Development Conclave-2024 at the SKICC, Kant said Kashmir needed safety and security which has been assured.

"Several filmmakers have shot their movies and web series in the Kashmir valley. These are remarkable filmmakers... among the best in India. Kabir Khan, Intiaz Ali, Vishal Bhardwaj, and Sanjay Suri -- all of them are top filmmakers.

"They have all come here and shot great films which have been remarkable success stories. You already have a vast number of films being shot here," he told reporters.

Referring to the recent visit of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar to the valley, the former NITI Aayog CEO said it was a delight to see him play cricket on the streets of Kashmir:

"Ajay Devgn and Jackie Shroff were hugged by the people of Kashmir in downtown (during the shooting). Bollywood divas Waheeda Rehman, Asha Parekh and Helen came here on their own. They spent their own money to come here and see Kashmir and revive their nostalgic memories.

"So, all filmmakers will come here, they will shoot here, Kashmir will form an integral part of all India stories," he added.

Asked if the tourism conclave would have a positive outcome, Kant said Kashmir would witness an economic boom and its people would reap the benefits.

"Kashmir needs safety and security which has been assured now... Kashmir and the people of Kashmir will be the greatest beneficiaries," the G20 Sherpa said.

Actor-producer Sanjay Suri said such conclaves would increase tourist footfall to Kashmir:

"These conclaves really help enhance tourism. They talk about challenges and also opportunities. It is just about promoting tourism. Infrastructure and support is needed," Suri, who was born and brought up in Srinagar, said.

He said Kashmir never needed to be sold as a destination as it has always been on everyone's wishlist.

However, with the increase in tourism activity, places like Srinagar are seeing a lot of rush, Suri said, adding that the focus should be shifted away from the golden triangle of Srinagar-Gulmarg-Pahalgam.

"It has never taken me two hours to reach Nishat from Hyderpora before, but these days it takes so much time. There are more tourists coming, more vehicles. I think there is a need to decentralise tourism to other areas, far-flung areas also.

"Enough of this golden triangle of Srinagar-Gulmarg-Pahalgam, we need to focus on developing other areas also. There are beautiful places which I have been to, they should be developed," he said.

Suri said he expects a lot of Indian filmmakers to come to Kashmir to shoot their films.

"If shootings can take place for 365 days in Goa, why not in Kashmir?" he said.