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J&K Admn plans...

in the medical system because of the yatra.
"Nine out of 10 Kashmir districts are Red and the entire medical system is fully stretched in handling the challenge. No doctors will be available from outside J&K for the Yatra this year," he said.
"COVID and high altitude sickness symptoms are quite similar and all cases will have to be treated as deemed COVID positive in case of an emergency. Also, special arrangements will have to be made for handling dead bodies," he said.
With regard to the security arrangements, the chief secretary asked the police department to ensure effective regulation of the yatra at access control gates.
He emphasised that all deployments in relation to security, rescue and fire and emergency need to be in place well in time.
It was informed that Baba Amarnath Aarti this year will be telecast live on Doordarshan.

Chief Secretary emphasised that adequate arrangement should be made to ensure uninterrupted telecast of the Aarti. With regard to the security arrangements, Chief Secretary asked the Police department to ensure effective regulation of Yatra at access control gates. He emphasised that all deployments in relation to security, rescue and fire & emergency need to be in place well in time.
Principal Secretary, Home, Principal Secretary, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Secretary, Planning, Development & Monitoring, Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction, Director, Information, and senior officers also participated in the meeting.
Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of Ganderbal and Anantnag districts, Additional CEO, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) besides other senior functionaries of the concerned departments attended the meeting through video conference.

Centre approves Rs 574 Cr...

Rs 220.68 crore, the spokesman said.
Quoting a communication from the Centre, he said the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has asked for preparation of estimates for the proposed works in the approved annual plan, incorporating the technical parameters and designs as per IRC codal provisions or latest circulars of the ministry, and submission to it for consideration.
The other works incorporated in the approved annual plan included expressway, four laning, construction of 6 km 3rd bypass on NH-444 Shopian bypass with Rs 120 crore, and construction of 13.60 km bypasses in Pulwama and Kulgam with Rs 62.98 crore, the spokesperson said.

Four SHOs among...

Trikota Nagar, Inspector Tahir Yousaf as SHO Bishnah while Inspector Kirti Sharma as SHO Bagh e Bahu.
Inspector Sunil Kumar has been transferred to DPL Jammu, Inspector Gurmeet Singh has been posted as Incharge PCR, DPL Jammu while Inspector Balwinder Singh has been posted as MTO DPL Jammu.

2 ultras killed...

the recoveries made from the hideout included two Chinese pistols with two magazines, an Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) with 11 rifle grenades, 14 magazines of AK assault rifle with 920 rounds and a Chinese hand grenade.
A large quantity of material used in the making of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), including batteries and wires, was also seized from the hideout, the officials said.
However, no one was arrested in connection with the recovery so far, the officials said.

India: 23,000 test...

The number of recovered patients exceeded the active cases by 1,58,793 as of Saturday.
There are 2,35,433 active cases of COVID-19 presently in the country, the data showed.
"The recovery rate has further increased to 60.81 per cent," the Union Health Ministry said.
The total number of confirmed cases also include foreigners.
According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), a cumulative total of 95,40,132 samples have been tested up to July 3 with 2,42,383 samples being tested on Friday.
"The efforts to expand the testing labs network in the country have led to their numbers increasing every day. There are as many as 1,087 labs in the country -- 780 labs in the government sector and 307 private labs.
"Facilitation of widespread testing by States/UTs has spurred the number of samples tested every day," the health

Newly-wed bride dies of cardiac arrest 2 days after marriage

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KULGAM: In a tragic incident, a newlywed bride died of a heart attack two days after her marriage in Frisal area of Yaripora in South Kashmir's Kulgam district.
As per the details, the woman identified as Firdousi Akhter, daughter of Abdul Rehman Bhat of Redwani Kulgam complained of severe chest pain. She was shifted to a nearby hospital from where she was referred to SKIMS Soura where the doctors declared her brought dead.
Meanwhile, police has taken cognisance of the matter: "We have registered a case but prima facie it looks like a natural death. A cardiac arrest most likely," a police official said.

Three gamblers held

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Acting tough against social crimes, Srinagar Police has arrested 3 gamblers from a gambling site in Nowhatta.
A police party from Police Station Nowhatta raided a gambling site at Malkha following an input about gambling activities and apprehended three gamblers for gambling offences.
They have been identified as Bilal Ahmad Khan, resident of Habib Colony Nowshara Srinagar, Ghulam Ahmad Sheikh, resident of Sheikh Colony, Tujgari Mohalla, Nowhatta, Srinagar and Hilal Ahmad Baqaal, resident of Ranger Stop Khanyar Srinagar.
Officers have seized playing cards and stake amount of Rs. 7,390 from the gamblers. They have been shifted to Police Station Nowhatta where they remain in custody.
In this regard, Case FIR No. 32/2020 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Nowhatta.

4 notorious drug peddlers nabbed, psychotropic substance recovered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Police arrested four notorious drug peddlers and recovered psychotropic substance from their possession.
As per the details, officers at a checkpoint established in the jurisdiction of Police Station Sopore intercepted two persons identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Khoja and Mushtaq Ahmad Khoja, both residents of Seelo Sopore. During checking officers were able to recover 264 Spasmodoxyvon capsules from their possession. They have been arrested and shifted to Police Station Sopore where they remain in custody.
Accordingly, case FIR No 166/2020 under relevant sections

ministry said.
This is the second consecutive day when coronavirus cases have increased by more than 20,000. There has been a surge of 4,57,780 COVID-19 cases from June 1 till date.
Of the 442 deaths reported in the last 24 hours, 198 are from Maharashtra, 64 from Tamil Nadu, 59 from Delhi, 21 from Karnataka, 18 each from Gujarat and West Bengal, 14 from Uttar Pradesh, 10 from Rajasthan, eight each from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, five from Punjab, four each from Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, three from Bihar, and two each from Assam and Odisha.
Of the total 18,655 deaths reported so far, Maharashtra accounted for the highest 8,376 fatalities, followed by Delhi with 2,923 deaths, Gujarat with 1,904, Tamil Nadu with 1,385, Uttar Pradesh with 749, West Bengal with 717, Madhya Pradesh with 593, Rajasthan with 440 and Karnataka with 293.
The COVID-19 death toll reached 283 in Telangana, 255 in Haryana, 206 in Andhra Pradesh, 157 in Punjab, 119 in Jammu and Kashmir, 80 in Bihar, 42 in Uttarakhand, 29 in Odisha and 25 in Kerala.
Jharkhand has registered 15 deaths, Chhattisgarh and Assam 14 each, Puducherry 12, Himachal Pradesh 10, Chandigarh six, Goa four and Meghalaya, Tripura, Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh have reported one fatality each, according to the Health Ministry.
More than 70 per cent deaths took place due to comorbidities, it said.
Maharashtra has reported the highest number of cases at 1,92,990, followed by Tamil Nadu at 1,02,721, Delhi at 94,695, Gujarat at 34,600, Uttar Pradesh at 25,797, West Bengal at 20,488 and Telangana at 20,462, according to the ministry data.
The number of COVID-19 cases has gone up to 19,710 in Karnataka, 19,052 in Rajasthan, 16,934 in Andhra Pradesh, 16,003 in Haryana and 14,297 in Madhya Pradesh.
It has risen to 10,954 in Bihar, 9,673 in Assam, 8,106 in Odisha and 8,019 in Jammu and Kashmir: Punjab has reported 5,937 novel coronavirus infections so far, while Kerala has 4,964 cases.
A total of 3,065 people have been infected by the virus in Chhattisgarh, 3,048 in Uttarakhand, 2,695 in Jharkhand, 1,525 in Tripura, 1,482 in Goa, 1,316 in Manipur, 1,033 in Himachal Pradesh and 1,001 in Ladakh.
Puducherry has recorded 802 COVID-19 cases, Nagaland 539, Chandigarh 457 and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu together have reported 257 cases.
Arunachal Pradesh 252, Mizoram has 162 cases, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has 116, Sikkim has registered 102 infections so far, while Meghalaya has recorded 62 cases.
"Our figures are being reconciled with the ICMR," the ministry said, adding that 4,999 cases are being reassigned to states.
State-wise distribution is subject to further verification and reconciliation, it added.

227 including 40...

has risen to 8,246.
"Of these, 6,524 are in Kashmir, while 1,722 are in the Jammu region," the officials said.
According to the daily Media Bulletin, till date 2,93,355 travelers and persons in contact with suspected cases have been enlisted for surveillance which included 40409 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 43 in Hospital Quarantine, 2,976 in hospital isolation and 44,693 under home surveillance. Besides, 2,05,107 persons have completed their surveillance period.
Providing district-wise breakup, the Bulletin said that Bandipora has 303 positive cases (including five cases reported today) with 28 Active Positive, 274 recovered (including nine cases recovered today) and one death; Srinagar has 1091 positive cases (including 33 cases reported today) with 638 Active Positive, 423 recovered (including 16 cases recovered today), 30 deaths; Anantnag district has 717 positive cases (including four cases reported today), with 153 Active Positive, 554 recovered, 10 deaths; Baramulla has 1006 positive cases (including 57 cases reported today) with 563 Active Positive, 421 recovered (including nine cases recovered today), 22 deaths; Shopian has 848 positive cases (including 46 case reported today) with 224 Active Positive, 611 recovered and 13 deaths; Kupwara has 584 positive cases (including seven cases reported today) with 159 Active Positive, 418 recovered and seven deaths; Budgam has 466 positive cases (including 26 cases reported today) with 216 Active Positive and 241 recovered cases (including four cases recovered today) and nine deaths; Ganderbal has 121 positive cases with 58 active positive cases and 62 recoveries and one death; Kulgam has 854 positive cases (including two cases reported today), with 240 Active Positive and 598 recoveries and 16 deaths and Pulwama reported 534 positive cases (including 17 cases reported today) with 263 active positive cases and

of law has been registered in Police Station Sopore and investigation has been initiated.
Meanwhile, Narwal Police during Naka in the area intercepted a vehicle and during frisking of two occupants recovered 6 Challis of Charas from their possession. The accused identified as Mohd Salim and Amar Singh, residents of Malik Market were arrested and a case under relevant sections of law was registered against them.

Headless body found

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday recovered a headless body from river Jhelum near Sumbal area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district.
As per the details, the body was also without legs and right-hand and some passerby first spotted it who subsequently alerted the police.
Confirming the recovery of the body, Station House Officer Muneeb-ul-Islam said the body is decomposed and "seems that it's around 30 days old."
"The body without head, right hand and legs was recovered and investigations have been started," he said, adding, "it is a decomposed one and it seems to be 30 days old," he added.

Three killed in mishaps, 1 injured

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Three persons were killed while another got injured in separate mishaps here on Saturday.
As per the details, Devi Dass, son of Dharam Chand, resident of Gangyal who was on his scooty was hit by a load carrier as a result he got injured and was shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead.
Meanwhile, an unknown vehicle hit a motorcycle at Doniwari area of Kupwara as result two persons borne on bike got injured and were shifted to hospital where doctors declared one of them as brought dead. The deceased has been identified as Saqib Hussain, son of Ghulam Hussain, resident of Lolab while injured has been identified as Faizal Shuban, son of Abdul Shuban, resident of Buhama.
In another mishap, Rinku, son of Raghunath, resident of Sarore was also hit by an unknown vehicle at Bari Brahmana resulting into his death.

Youth dies under mysterious circumstances

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A youth died under mysterious circumstances in his house at Domana on Saturday.
As per the details, Akshay Sharma, son of Ashok Sharma, resident of Sangrampur was found unconscious in his room and was shifted to hospital by his family members where doc-

267 recovered (including 10 cases recovered today) and four deaths.
Similarly, Jammu has 388 positive cases (including 12 cases reported today) with 79 active positive cases and 301 recoveries (including six cases recovered today) and eight deaths; Udhampur has 288 positive cases (including two cases reported today) with 92 active positive cases, 195 recovered (including two cases recovered today) and one death; Samba has 168 positive cases (including 10 cases reported today) with 48 Active Positive and 120 recoveries (including six cases recovered today); Rajouri has 122 positive cases (including four cases reported today) with 53 active positive cases and 68 recovered (including three cases reported today) and one death; Kathua has 242 positive cases with 64 Active positive and 177 recovered and one death; Kishtwar has 29 positive cases with eight active positive cases and 21 recovered; Ramban has 226 positive cases with 39 active positive and 187 recoveries ; Reasi has 45 positive cases with 13 active positive and 32 recovered (including one case recovered today); Poonch has 124 positive cases (including one case reported today) with 10 active positive and 113 recoveries (including two cases recovered today) and one death while Doda has 90 positive cases (including one case reported today) with 28 active positive cases and 60 recoveries and two deaths.

Another Pepsi employee...

However, one more employee of factory was found corona positive after his report arrived on Saturday taking tally to three. His daughter who was at home was also tested positive. Reports of over 400 employees are yet to come and as the tally of employees reached three, administration has shut the factory and stopped the supply.
a surprise visit to Ladakh amid the border standoff with China. He interacted with Army personnel and paid glowing tributes to 20 Indian soldiers who were martyred in violent clashes with Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh.
Sharing the pictures on Twitter, Modi said, "Performed Sindhu Puja in Nimu yesterday. Prayed for the peace, progress and prosperity of our nation."
The puja is performed on the banks of river Sindhu (Indus).

Women Self Help...

in sustaining economic activity in the North Eastern region. Interacting with various Self Help Groups associated with North Eastern Region Community Resource and Management Program (NERCORMP) through a Webinar, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Northeast had emerged as a model of development in the last five years under the Modi Government and in the sixth year, it emerged as a role model of Corona management with relatively much lesser number of positive cases and only 17 cases of death in all the eight States so far.
Dr Jitendra said North Eastern Region will take a lead for India to emerge as an economic power with the support of its huge natural and human skill resources in the Post-COVID era.
Dr Singh said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had always accorded highest priority to Northeast. Soon after the Modi government took over in 2014, Prime Minister had stated that every effort would be made to bring the North Eastern region at par with the more developed regions of the country. In the last six years, not only developmental gaps were bridged successfully, but North- Eastern Region has also gained psychological confidence.
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He added Bamboo is vital to India's Post- COVID economy and will provide an opportunity for India to emerge as an economic power house with the support of its Bamboo and other resources, apart from the huge tourism potential the region will offer in coming season because of being relatively Corona free.
Dr Jitendra said, Northeast consists 60% of India's reserve of Bamboo and it is a great advantage that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi this sector has received the kind of boost which it had never received since independence. In this regard, he referred to the amendment in the 100-year-old Indian Forest Act brought about by the Modi government in 2017, as a result of which, home grown bamboo has been exempted from it in order to enhance livelihood opportunities through bamboo. He also promised to organize an Exhibition of products of Self Help Groups in the national capital after the Corona Pandemic is over.
Dr Singh said that there has been a significant development in terms of Road, Rail and Air connectivity, helping facilitate the movement of goods and persons not only across the region but also across the country. States Like Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya which had not seen Railways hitherto are now

tors declared him as brought dead. Police is investigating the matter:

Man found hanging

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A man was found hanging at Gangyal area on Saturday.
As per the details, Satish Kumar, son of Charan Dass, resident on Miran Sahib was found hanging in Shankar Colony of Gangyal area. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Bahu Plaza stabbing case; four more accused nabbed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In Bahu Plaza stabbing case, police has arrested four more accused persons on Saturday. As per the details, during investigation in Rohan Thappa alias Kallu stabbing case, police has arrested four more accused. They have been identified as Surjit Singh alias Sheetu; Sanjeev Kumar alias Sanju; Ajay Kumar alias Jaggu and Manga. The reason behind the attack was stated to be old rivalry.

240 Kg Lahan destroyed, one held

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
R S PURA: To curb the menace of illicit distillation and illegal smuggling of liquor from neighbouring states, Excise officials on the directions of Excise Commissioner, J&K, Rajesh Kumar Shavan and under supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive) Jammu, Amarjeet Singh, on Saturday conducted series of raids at Kotli Charka, Dablehar and Khour in the Excise Sub Range Bishnah and R.S Pura, of City Range South. During the course of raid, 57 pouches (250 ml) of illicit liquor and 240 Kg Lahan was seized. One woman was booked under section 48 of the Excise Act. Besides, various retail vends of liquor were also inspected by the excise officials. The excise team was led by ETO Excise Range, Jammu South Rafe Naik, comprising Excise inspectors Ashwani Sharma and Mukul Sharma, Excise, Sub Inspector Rohit Chib and Excise guard Ajay Sharma.



connected with Railways with the national capital. Similarly, States like Sikkim has seen an Airport for the first time. Other States are also witnessing the opening of new airports or augmenting the facilities and capacities of the existing ones. He also informed that a new Film and Television Institute after Pune will come up in Arunachal Pradesh soon.
Referring to 14 Aspirational districts of Northeast, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the concept of Aspirational District was based on 49 key indicators, of which the status of healthcare was an important component and said that best practices of Aspirational Districts would be shared with the rest of India.
Most of the Women Self Help Group members informed the Minister that the revolving fund received from the North Eastern Region Community Resource and Management Program (NERCORMP) has changed their life for better. Apart from the desired impetus given to the projects like Horticulture, Tea, Bamboo, Piggery, Sericulture, Tourism, the SHG members also produced and distributed sanitizer and masks on a large scale. They also pooled resources to distribute free rations to the needy during the lockdown period. Apart from SHGs of North-Eastern States, senior officers from and North Eastern Council (NEC) Shillong also participated in the Webinar.

Two AAOs transferred...

Sr. Superintendent of Police, Srinagar as AAO, Joint Directorate of Funds Organization, Srinagar.
According to another order, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, AAO, Block Development Office, Chitturgul, Anantnag shall hold the charge of the post of AAO, Block Development Office, Shangus, Anantnag; Ghulam Mohd Bhat, AAO, Block Development Office, Chadoora, Budgam shall hold the charge of the post of AAO, PMGSY, Division, Budgam; and Sukh Dev Raj, AAO, Superintending Engineer, PMGSY, Batote, Ramban shall hold the charge of the post of AAO, PMGSY, Division, Ramban in addition to their own duties till further orders while Davinder Singh Rana, AAO, Chief Pay & AO, PDC, Chanderkote, Ramban holding additional charge of the post of AAO, PMGSY, Division, Ramban shall hold the charge of the post of AAO, PW(R&B), Division, Ramban in addition to his own duties, till further orders. He shall cease to hold the additional charge of the post of AAO, PMGSY, Division, Ramban.

Tribunal not vested...

as this notification is not issued, the Tribunal cannot assume jurisdiction in respect of any service matter pertaining to the respondent-Company under the Act.
CAT further observed that an argument was raised by the counsel for the applicant that the respondents have not raised the objection regarding jurisdiction of this Tribunal to hear the O.A. The contention of counsel for applicant is devoid of force of law and is therefore rejected. Irrespective of the fact whether any objection is taken to the jurisdiction of this Tribunal to hear the matter, the Tribunal is also to see for itself whether it has the jurisdiction to hear the matter or not. "It is a settled principle of law that neither counsels can waive the jurisdiction nor consent to confer jurisdiction on courts/tribunals where none exists", the CAT Bench observed.
With these observations, CAT dismissed the O.A for want of jurisdiction and made it clear that we have not gone into the merits of this case and it would be open to the applicant to avail remedy available to him under the law before the appropriate forum.

JKSSB releases 31...

based Members which include Nazir Ahmad Khwaza, Ashiq Hussain Lily and Prof. Tasleema Peer attended the meeting through video-conferencing. In addition, Under Secretary Kashif, AO JKSSB Altaf Hussain, Under Secretary Harjinder Singh and other officials assisted the meeting through video-conferencing from Srinagar.
The agenda of the meeting included only cases of withheld recommendations relating to various posts like Jr Staff Nurses of five new GMCs, Teachers and Junior Assistant (Migrants), Naib Tehsildar, Dental Technician GMC, MRW, Driver GMC's, etc.
The Board examined 47 cases and after due deliberations decided to approve release of recommendations in respect of 31 cases. Five candidates were declared as Not Eligible for not possessing requisite qualification as per Indent/Advertisement. In addition, 11 cases were deferred for seeking further clarifications/information from various authorities. The Kashmir based members raised certain issues relating to office accommodation, office equipment, stationery, etc. for which appropriate directions were passed to the concerned officers of the Board. Further, directions were given for identification of a suitable Govt/private building at Srinagar, following which the matter would be taken up with the General Administration Department for seeking necessary approval.

4 more tested COVID-19 positive in UT Ladakh; 49 patients cured, discharged

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
LEH: CMO, Leh received 3 positive sample reports and 7 negative sample reports from PGIMER Chandigarh, a media bulletin released by the Directorate of Health Services UT Ladakh stated. Meanwhile, CMO Kargil received 1 positive and 3 negative sample reports from PGIMER Chandigarh while 5 samples need retesting.
Five patients in home isolation and 4 patients from COVID Hospital Leh were discharged today; similarly, 40 patients in home isolation in Kargil were also discharged today after their negative sample reports were received by CMO Leh and Kargil respectively.
With this, the number of COVID-19 active cases in UT Ladakh has dropped to 178; 87 in Leh district and 91 in Kargil district and that the condition of all 223 active cases of COVID-19 in UT Ladakh is stable.
Today 109 samples were sent by CMO Leh to PGIMER Chandigarh for testing. Out of these 46 samples are sent by CMO Leh and 63 samples are sent by CMO Kargil.
64 passengers and 192 drivers and helpers of 135 trucks/tankers and light motors vehicles were screened at Khaftsi Check post yesterday. The vehicles were also sanitised.
The Health workers at Upshi check post screened 93 passengers yesterday, which include drivers and helpers of 33 tankers, 9 trucks and 7 light motor vehicles.

SDA conducts demolition drive at Wazir Bagh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: The Srinagar Development Authority in continuation to their demolition drive in this pandemic period on Saturday carried out a demolition drive at Wazir Bagh shopping line.
The space at the said site was encroached and annexed with the shop and raised a concrete structure without any permission and took undue advantage of Covid-19.
As per the direction of the Vice Chairman Enforcement team along with estates wing took immediate action and demolished the illegal structure on spot on Saturday.
The demolition drive was successfully executed under the directions of vice Chairman, SDA Vikas Kundai.

