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LG performs Puja...

SASB, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, CEO SASB, and Lt General Amardeep Singh Aujla, GOC 15 Corps also participated in the Puja. In Baltal, Commissioner Secretary Revenue, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri early morning flagged off first batch of pilgrims from Domel-Baltal to holy cave.

District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; ADC Ganderbal, Farooq Ahmad Baba; Camp Directors of Baltal and Domel, besides other officials from District administration, police and other security agencies were also present on the occasion.

Along the Baltal route, the first batch had 6823 pilgrims, consisting of 5384 males, 1293 females, 48 children and 98 Sadhus who were flagged off by Commissioner Secretary at around 5 am. The pilgrims were very enthusiastic while embarking their journey towards the Holy Cave.

Pertinently, all the necessary arrangements with regard to the basic amenities, healthcare and security arrangements have been put in place along the track to the Holy Cave for the convenience of the Yatris.

In Pahalgam, Secretary Tribal Affairs (Nodal Officer), Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary and Deputy Commissioner Anantnag (District Yatra Officer), Dr Piyush Singla jointly flagged off the Yatris from Nunwan base camp.

The Deputy Commissioner while told media fraternity at the Nunwan that well tested arrangements are in place to ensure a convenient spiritual experience for the Yatris. He said that sanitation measures are in place for the Yatris and he is confident of a Swachh Yatra this year.

The Deputy Commissioner said that Yatris after halting at Nunwan will be taken to Chandanwari in vehicles from where the Yatris will commence their onward journey on foot.

He further gave out that necessary widening of the track, construction of enforcement and installation of safety railings has been completed at all places. He said that the camps at Sheeshnag and Panjarni are fully functional with adequate sanitation, toilets facilities have been installed in adequate numbers and electricity and water supply have ensured at each location.

The Yatris while interacting with media fraternity said that all kinds of facilities are available for the Yatris. They said that after a comfortable night stay they are ready to commence the trek to the Holy Cave.

The flag off was attended by SSP Anantnag, senior officials of Civil and Police administration, members of the media fraternity and staff members at the Nunwan base camp.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza flagged-off the first batch of Amarnathji pilgrims from Helpad Humhama to Holy Cave.

On the occasion, the DC inspected all facilities put up at Helpad Humhama to take stock of preparations and arrangements for Yatris.

While interacting with the pilgrims at Helpad, the DC said that this is for the first time that direct Helicopter service has been made available for Amarnath Ji Yatris this year from Srinagar Airport to Holy cave at Anantnag District.

He said that all Nodal Officers have been deputed at Airport and Helpad Humhama to perform the assigned task and ensure better facilities to the pilgrims.

"Sufficient staff has been nominated and deputed to Srinagar Airport and Helpad at Humhama for further duties", said DC.

The DC further exhorted concerned officers to ensure fool-proof entry of Yatris having unique Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for which E-KYC Counters have been set up already.

There shall be a night stay facility available for Yatris also with uninterrupted water and power supply, the DC said.

Taking stock of transportation services, the DC instructed ARTO Budgam to ensure hassle-free transportation of Yatris from Srinagar Airport to Helpad set up at Humhama.

The DC also emphasized on cleanliness and sanitation and in this regard, he exhorted concerned officials from the Municipality to ensure cleanliness throughout the 43 days long yatra.

Among others, ADDC, GM DIC, ACD, Executive Engineer R&B and other engineering wings, District Floriculture Officer and other concerned officers and officials were also present on the occasion.

2nd batch of...



2nd batch of Amarnath pilgrims leaving from Yatri Niwas, Bhawati Nagar Jammu on Thursday.

journey to Amarnath, they said. After on-the-spot registration at three counters and supply of tokens at two counters, they have been lodged in 32 lodges centres and basecamps here, they said.

The annual Amarnath Yatra is being organised after a gap of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The shrine is situated 3,888 metres above the sea level in Himalayas in Kashmir. It houses an ice stalagmite structure called the Lingam' that wanes and waxes with the phases of the moon. Devotees believe the Lingam' symbolises mythical powers of Lord Shiva.

The Yatra commenced on Thursday from the traditional 48-km Nunwan route in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and the 14-km Baltal route in central Kashmir's Ganderbal.

Over 3.42 lakh pilgrims had paid obeisance at the shrine from July 1 to August 1, 2019, before the government cancelled the pilgrimage midway ahead of the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories.

Govt approves sale...

electoral bonds happened from March 1-10, 2018.

SBI is the only authorised bank to issue electoral bonds.

An electoral bond will be valid for 15 days from the date of issue. No payment would be made to any political party, if the bond is deposited after expiry of the validity period, the statement said.

Electoral bonds can be purchased by Indian citizens or entities incorporated or established in the country. Registered political parties that have secured not less than 1 per cent of the votes polled in the last Lok Sabha or legislative assembly election are eligible to receive funding through electoral bonds.

IAF receives 2.72..

the upper age limit for recruitment under the scheme to 23 years from 21 for the year 2022, and subsequently announced a slew of placatory steps such as a preference for Agniveers in central paramilitary forces and defence public sector undertakings upon their retirement.

Many BJP-ruled states also declared that 'Agniveers' -- soldiers inducted under the Agnipath scheme -- will be accorded priority in induction into state police forces.

The armed forces have made it clear those who had indulged in violent protests and arson against the new recruitment scheme will not be inducted.

Five LeT terrorists...

in the area, a joint naka established by Police alongwith Army (52RR) and CRPF (177Bn) at Takyabul Kranksiyan intercepted three suspicious persons who tried to flee from the spot but were tactfully apprehended by the alert joint party. During search, arms and ammunition recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Rahid Mushtaq Ganji, son of Mushtaq Ahmad Ganji and Amir Shafiq Mir, son of Mohammad Shafi Mir, both residents of Amargarh and Tahir Nisar Sheikh, son of Nisar Ahmad Sheikh resident of Baag-e-Rehmat, Sopore.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the trio are uncategorised terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT and were in constant search of an opportunity to carry out terror attacks in the area.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Tarzoo and further investigation is in progress.

3 arrested in...

Ishaq Bhat and Ghulam Hassan Dar -- were arrested, the spokesman said.

He said preliminary investigation revealed that the accused were working as retail vendors and used to issue SIM cards on fictitious names by using the photographs of their agents, family members and themselves.

"Also, as a supporting identification document, some of the accused have used a forged seal of J&K Bank Branch Kremskore to prepare fake bank passbooks," he added. In order to unearth the entire module, a Special Investigation Team headed by ASP Budgam Gowhar Ahmad has been constituted to investigate the case thoroughly, he said.

Murmu, Sinha in...

showing such an amount deposited in the Reserve Bank of India or a government treasury. Cheques and demand drafts are not acceptable means of paying security deposit.

Besides Murmu and Sinha, a host of commoners had also filed their papers for the top constitutional post in the country, which include a slum dweller from Mumbai, a namesake of RJD founder Lalu Prasad Yadav, a social activist from Tamil Nadu and a professor from Delhi.

According to the law, any Indian citizen having completed 35 years and eligible to be a member of the Lok Sabha is qualified to become a candidate to contest the election to the office of the President of India.

The aspiring candidate should not be holding any office of profit under the central or state government or under any local or other authority subject to the control of any of the governments.

The incumbent president, vice-president, governor of any state or ministers of the Centre or any state shall be eligible to contest election.

The nomination papers can be submitted either by the candidate or by any of his proposers or seconds.

The candidate is also required to furnish a certified copy of the entry showing his name in the current electoral roll for the parliamentary constituency in which he is registered as an elector.

36 officers transferred...

Directorate of Rural Sanitation J&K, Jammu shall report to Administrative Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj for further posting after availing of leave.

Sania Haq Khan, BDO Dinga Amb Kathua has been transferred and posted as Field Officer in the Directorate of Rural Sanitation, J&K, Jammu.

Joginder Lal Sharma, I/c BDO Duggan has been transferred as posted as I/c BDO, Block Dinga Amb, Kathua. Firdous Ahmad Kamal, who was looking after the charge of BDO (Hq) Kishtwar has been transferred and shall look after the charge of BDO Trigham, Kishtwar.

Sobia Fatima, BDO Drabshala, Kishtwar has been transferred and posted as BDO Ramgarh, Samba; Tariq Syed Suharwardy, I/c BDO Bhaleesa, Doda has been transferred and posted as I/c BDO Drabshala, Kishtwar. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block Bunjwah, Kishtwar till further orders.

Waheed Ahmad, I/c BDO Sathera, Poonch has been transferred and posted as I/c BDO Balakote, Poonch; Sayela Mir, BDO Thanamandi, Poonch as BDD Sathera, Poonch; Khalil Ahmad, BDO NSSB, Poonch as BDO Frisal, Kulgam. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block Behibagh, Kulgam till further orders.

Ayaz Ahmad Bhat, BDO Chadoora, Budgam has been transferred and posted as BDO Lassana, Poonch. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block NSSB, Poonch till further orders. Shahbaz Choudhary, BDO Mendhar, Poonch has been transferred and posted as BDO Khag, Budgam. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block S K Pora, Budgam.

Satpal, who was looking after the charge BDO (Hq), Rajouri, has been transferred and shall look after the charge of BDO Rammangar, Udhampur.

Aarti, BDO Block Seri Rajouri has been transferred and posted as BDO Sunderbani, Rajouri; Abhimanyu Singh, BDO Pahalgam, Anantnag as BDO Seri, Rajouri. Huma Nazir, who was looking after the charge of BDO Harwan, Srinagar has been transferred and shall look after the charge of BDO Qamarwari (South), Srinagar.

Mohd Ashraf Mir, I/c BDO Nagam, Budgam has been transferred and posted as BDO Uri, Baramulla. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block Parapillan and Block Bijhama, Baramulla till further orders.

Amir Hassan, BDO, Block Banihal, Ramban has been transferred and posted as BDO, Block Hiller Shahbad, Anantnag. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block Chattergul, Anantnag till further orders.

Adil Iqbal Lone, Jr. JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment has been posted as BDO Banihal, Ramban. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block Ukhral, Ramban till further orders.

Shakeel Ahmad Bhat, BDO Devsar, Kulgam has been transferred and posted as BDO Keller, Shopian; Huma Khan, BDO Sewna, Udhampur as BDO (Hq), Kathua.

Vishal Atri, BDO Ramban as BDO Block Narsoo, Udhampur. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block Sewna, Udhampur till further orders.

Munneer Husain, BDO Block Narsoo Udhampur has been transferred and posted as BDO Ramban; Anjil Singh, BDO Thathri, Doda as BDO Nagseni, Kishtwar. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block Padder, Kishtwar till further orders.

Om Parkash Khokher, I/c BDO, presently attached in the office of Assistant Commissioner (Development) Udhampur has been transferred and posted as I/c BDO Thathri, Doda; Sanjeev Kumar, I/c BDO Jakyas, Doda as I/c BDO Chiralla, Doda. Afroz Rafiq Rather, BDO Panjgiran Rajouri shall report to Director, Rural Sanitation, Jammu. However his salary shall be drawn against the post of BDO Panjgiran, Rajouri on production of attendance certificate from the office of Director, Rural Sanitation, Jammu.

Ashfaq Ahmad, who was looking after the charge of BDO DK Marg, Kulgam has been transferred and shall look after the charge of BDO Hq, Ramban.

Sushil Singh, Jr. JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment has been posted as BDO Bani, Kathua. He shall also hold the additional charge of Block Duggan, Kathua till further order.

Samia Ramzan, BDO Palmar, Kishtwar has been transferred and posted as BDO Mughal Maidan, Kishtwar; and Augil Naveed, Jr. JKAS, under orders of transfer to Block Gundana, Doda has been posted as BDO Doongi, Rajouri.

J&K records 83..

from 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 officials said the number of active COVID-19 cases has gone up to 78 in Ladakh-- 77 in Leh and one in Kargil.

Eleven people were discharged from hospitals in Leh after recovering from the disease, pushing the total number of recoveries to 28,105.

As many as 1,687 passengers were screened at the Leh airport while 729 passengers including the drivers and helpers of trucks, light motor vehicles were screened at Khatse, 263 were screened at Upshi check post on highway, they added.

JKBOSE declares Class...

Ritika Bhau from Carmel Convent Higher Secondary School, Kunjwani and Saqib Raza from International Higher Secondary School, Rajouri with 497 (99.4 per cent) marks each and Amit Singh from APJ International Higher Secondary School, R S Pura, Anchal Verma from Little Flower Higher Secondary School SEC-D Sanik Colony, Jammu, Bhoomi from MHS DAV Public Higher Secondary School, Udhampur, Chahat Sharma from SP Sr. Sec. School, Bari Brahma, Diya Tickoo from Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu, Nikhil Sharma from Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu, Pratham Chib from Spring Dales Higher Secondary School, Kathua, Rajveer Singh from Mother India Sr. Sec. School, R S Pura, Salma Aga from Raza-Ul-Uloom Islamia Higher Secondary School, Poonch, Suhani Sharma from Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu, Vanish Singh Jasrotia from Manu Shiksha Kendra Higher Secondary School, Rajbagh, Vibhanshu Sharma from Happy Model Higher Secondary School, Udhampur and Vishal Singh from SP Sr. Sec. School, Bari Brahma, secured third position with 496 (99.2 per cent) marks each. Mannat from NITL Higher Secondary School, Udhampur secured eighth position with 491 (98.2 per cent) marks.

In Arts stream, Ishika Khajuria from Government Higher Secondary School, Bharak, Reasi, Jiya Pathania from SP Higher Secondary School, Exchange Road, Jammu, Palak Mahajan from Vijay Higher Secondary School, Udhampur, Shakshi Sharma from SP Higher Secondary School, Exchange Road, Jammu and Sunny Kumar from SP Sr. Sec. School, Bari Brahma secured first position with 494 (98.8 per cent) marks each while second position was shared by Heeya Jamwal from SP Higher Secondary School, Exchange Road, Jammu, Maanvi Gupta from Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu, Neha Sharma from Ajanta Higher Secondary School, Gho-Brahma, Zinky Sharma from Himalayan Education Mission Higher Secondary School, Rajouri by securing 493 (98.6 per cent) marks each.

Harvinder Kour from Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu, Manvi Chopra from Himalayan Education Mission Higher Secondary School, Rajouri, and Sarabjeet Kour Bali from Shiksha Niketan

Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu shared third position with 492 (98.4 per cent) marks each. In Commerce stream, Vanshika Misra from Dogra Higher Secondary School, Shastri Nagar, Jammu secured first position with 497 (99.4 per cent) marks while second position was bagged by Ayushi Sharma, from Oriental Academy Higher Secondary School, Jammu with 496 (99.2 per cent) marks and third position with 495 (99.0 per cent) marks was shared by Disha Gupta from Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Shastri Nagar, Jammu, Divyansh Mahajan from SP Sr. Sec. School, Bari Brahma, Kumari Arti from Dewan Devi Higher Secondary School, Rajpura Mangotri, Jammu and Radhika Saini from SP Sr. Sec. School, Bari Brahma.

Ojaswani Mengi from Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Mubarak Mandi secured first position in faculty of Home Science with 438 (87.6 per cent) marks followed by Siya Sharma from Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Mubarak Mandi, who secured second position with 431 (86.2 per cent) marks while third position was secured by Raffia Akhter from Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Mubarak Mandi with 353 (70.6 per cent) marks.

The first 10 positions in Science stream were shared by 236 students while in Commerce, the first 10 positions were shared by 56 students. 44 students shared the first 10 positions in Arts stream and.

Of the total students, 16148 got distinction, while 14781, 6357, and 250 secured first, second and third divisions respectively.

Topper students credited their teachers and parents for the success, anticipating that they want to shine in every sphere of life.

All the papers were successfully conducted as scheduled in the date sheet notified by JKBOSE.

Prof. Veena Pandita, Chairperson, JKBOSE expressed her satisfaction over the entire examination process, and gratitude to Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG, School Education Department, UT Govt. of J&K and B.K Singh, Principal Secretary, School Education Department for support in hard times besides Manisha Sarin, Secretary JKBOSE, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu, entire divisional and district level administrative machinery, whole team of the officers and officials of JKBOSE Jammu Division and teachers who have tirelessly contributed for the flawless conduct of examination followed by cooperation in evaluation.

"It is indeed heartening to see that JKBOSE has successfully completed the examination of HSP-II with the declaration of this result in which girls have maintained consistency in outshining boys; my congratulations to every successful examinee for fruition of their hard work and good wishes to those who could not make it this time; they should re-frame their reading strategies for better results. I appreciate one and all associated with the preparation of this result," she added.

"In order