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Sinha led J&K...

had been restored and renovated.
"I believe that the Statue of Peace will bring the blessings and teachings of Ramanujacharya to the people of all religions in Kashmir and take them on the path of peace and development," he added.

Throwing light on the life and teachings of the philosopher, Shah said he had worked mostly in South India but had visited Kashmir to procure an important manuscript called 'Bodayana Vritti', a treatise on the Brahma Sutras, as the only copy of this manuscript was in the royal library of the Valley.

"The King in Kashmir not only opened the doors of his library but also welcomed Swamy Ramanujacharya," he added.

Union Home Minister said that it gives me great pleasure to unveil the peace statue of Swami Ramanujacharya made of marble in Kashmir today. In various periods of India's history, whenever society needed reforms, a great person has come forward to show the true path and Ramanujacharya was also born at a time when the country needed a great person. Today, on this occasion, I pay my respects to the life, works and personality of Ramanujacharya.

Amit Shah said that when social unity was being broken, many evils were afflicting society, then Ramanujacharya was sent and he did great work of connecting Vaishnavism with its origin.

Shah said that in 2017, the celebrations of the 1000th birth anniversary of Bhagvat Ramanujacharya took place across the country with the diligence and devotion of Param Pujya Jeeyar Swami, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent the message of Bhagvat Ramanujacharya to the country from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15th August.

According to the resolve taken then, a huge memorial of Ramanujacharya has been built in Hyderabad which will not only carry forward the message of his life into the future, but it has also become a place of Sanatan Dharma in Southern India which has spread all over the South. Strengthening of religious consciousness has also taken place in India. He said that the establishment of this peace statue in Kashmir is a very auspicious sign for the entire country, especially Jammu and Kashmir.

Manoj Sinha has taken development to the people of Kashmir without any discrimination. After a long time, the country expected that Articles 370 and 35A should be removed and Kashmir should be integrally integrated with India. This expectation was fulfilled by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and from 5th August 2019 a new era began in Kashmir. At such a time, the installation of this peace statue will bring the blessings and message of Ramanujacharya to Kashmiris of all religions and will take Kashmir further on the path of peace and progress.

Amit Shah said that in a way Ramanujacharya's life and place of work was mostly in South India. But the spread of his education and love is visible throughout the country. Many sects, sects across the country have grown from the original message of Ramanujacharya and his disciple Ramananda. As a result, today in Kashmir a peace statue has been established. This statue will give a message of peace not only to Kashmir but to the whole of India. This statue is four feet in height and made of pure white Makrana marble and weighs about 600 kilograms. The Yathiraj Mutt of Yadugiri, located in Mandya district of Karnataka, is the only original Mutt in Melkot that has existed since the time of Ramanujacharya.

The Union Home Minister said that when an earthquake struck Gujarat, Jeeyar Swami was the first among those saints to reach there and rebuilt the villages. The Gujarat government is also going to install a grand statue of Ramanujacharya there next year, so that the people of Kutch will remember the work done by the Yadugiri Mutt. Ramanujacharya established the Mutt through the orders received from his Guru Yamunacharya. Today, the 41st abbot of Yathiraj Mutt has revived the message of the life of Ramanujacharya once again. Many incidents of Ramanujacharya's life can inspire us for ages.

The Union Home Minister said Ramanujacharya was born in Tamil Nadu in Vikram Samvat 1074 and this wonderful child of Keshavacharya and Mata Kantimani studied the scriptures deeply in his teenage years. At the age of 23, leaving the householder's ashram, the Yatiraj Sanyasis of Srirangam initiated him into Sanyas and then Shri Ramanujacharya became a scholar, a revolutionary and a pioneer who brought many social changes during his time. He devoted his whole life to religion, devotion and the Nation. He had a deep relationship with Kashmir. Ramanujacharya reinterpreted inclusive society, religion and philosophy through the Vishishtadvaita sect. By adopting the formula of Manasa, Vacha, Karmana, he placed his life in the service of the people. His message led to the emergence of many sects across the country. Narsi Mehta, the famous poet of Gujarat, composed 'Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye Je Peer Parai Jaane Re', with the message of Ramanujacharya. Sant Kabir also accepted that whatever he could do in his life was due to Ramanujacharya.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said Swami Ramanujacharya Ji is the inspiration for eternal peace, unity and integrity of the country, social reform and upliftment of the downtrodden.

With the installation of Statue of Peace, J&K is sending a message of peace, unity, harmony and brotherhood to the world, he added.

I am confident, Jagadguru Ramanujacharya's life and message, emphasizing peace, love, truth and equality of all human beings will continue to inspire and guide people of J&K, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to Home Minister for unveiling the Statue of Peace. He said under the guidance of Prime Minister, UT Government will continue to make efforts to establish a prosperous, progressive and egalitarian society in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Statue of Peace also commemorates the special connection of Ramajunacharya with Kashmir, he further added.

The Lt Governor said the Statue of Peace symbolizes the values on which the Vishishtadvaita philosophy was founded by Jagadguru Ramajunacharya to show humanity the right path of peace and love. Jagadguru gave birth to idea of social equality and contributed immensely for developing the spiritual consciousness in the society.

"I believe that the efforts for establishment of peace, progress of the society are not limited to any one area, but it is a movement of the entire humanity. Jagadguru also traveled to Kashmir to fulfill this purpose", the Lt Governor said.

Speaking about the reforms brought in J&K after August 2019, the Lt Governor said the new reforms have transformed the lives of people of J&K and built a better future for them.

The Lt Governor said tribals and marginalized sections of Jammu and Kashmir faced discrimination for decades. Under the guidance of Prime Minister and Home Minister, a true egalitarian society has been established and the doors of future possibilities have been opened for the entire population.

The Lt Governor said that under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the UT administration is trying to take the philosophy of such great personalities to the students and youth. 'We will also try to introduce Jagadguru's vision and philosophy to youth clubs and universities and colleges in Jammu Kashmir', he added.

The Lt Governor along with I.H Sri Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami Ji also released a publication of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt on the occasion.

Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Higher Education, Karnataka; Tejaswi Surya, Member Parliament ; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Saints from across the country and followers of Jagadguru Ramanujacharya were present on the occasion.

The four-feet-tall statue shows Ramanujacharya sitting with his hands folded. The 600-kg statue carved from white granite has been placed three feet above the ground.

Dalai Lama to...

leader's birthday on Wednesday saw a major celebration in Dharamshala and Delhi and greetings by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and chief ministers of several states.

DEO Jammu meets...

the representatives that a list of draft polling stations after the formation of new constituencies has been released and also asked them to submit their suggestions and objections within one week. She told them that summary revision would be started from 1st of September and would be concluded on 30th of September 2022.

The representatives raised certain issues regarding inclusion of news voters, correction in names, duplication of votes, relocation of polling stations etc.

The DEO said that BLOs would be trained and sensitised regarding the post delimitation exercise. She informed that special camps would be organised at polling stations for inclusion of new voters and correction in names.

Dy. DEO Mushtaq Choudhary besides representatives of BJP, Congress, National Conference, PDP, BSP, AAP and other political parties were present in the meeting.

No need to...

its member states, with the country that holds the presidency working togeth-

er with its predecessor and successor, also known as Troika.

Italy held the G20 presidency in 2021 while Indonesia is playing the role in 2022. Italy, Indonesia and India are the troika countries at present. Besides India, Italy and Indonesia, the other members of G20 are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union. Spain is also invited as a permanent guest.

Vivo sent Rs...

On and Zhang Jie -- left the country in 2021, it said.

"These (23) companies are found to have transferred huge amounts of funds to Vivo India. Further, out of the total sale proceeds of Rs 1,25,185 crore, Vivo India remitted Rs 62,476 crore or almost 50 per cent of the turnover out of India, mainly to China," the ED said in a statement.

These remittances, it added, were made in order to "disclose huge losses in Indian reincorporated companies to avoid payment of taxes in India."

The action is being seen as part of the Union government's steps to tighten checks on Chinese entities and the continued crackdown on such firms and their linked Indian operatives that are allegedly indulging in serious financial crimes like money laundering and tax evasion while operating here.

The stepped-up action against the Chinese-backed companies or entities operating in India comes in the backdrop of the military stand-off between the two countries along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh that has been ongoing for more than two years now.

The statement came after the ED raided 48 locations of Vivo Mobiles India Pvt. Ltd. and its associated companies across the country on July 5.

Vivo had said on Tuesday that "as a responsible corporate, we are committed to be fully compliant with laws."

The agency said while it followed "all due procedures as per law" during the raids conducted under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), it alleged "employees of Vivo India, including some Chinese nationals, did not cooperate with the search proceedings and tried to abscond, remove and hide digital devices which were retrieved by the search teams."

Recently, Indian intelligence agencies had found that the data of domestic customers was being "illegally" transferred by Chinese companies to servers kept in that country.

The ED also said post the raids, it seized funds worth Rs 465 crore kept in 119 bank accounts by various entities involved in the case, Rs 73 lakh cash and 2 kg gold bars.

The agency filed an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), the ED equivalent of a police FIR, on February 3 after studying a Delhi Police FIR (registered at Kalkaji police station) of December last year against a associated company of Vivo, Grand Prospect International Communication Pvt Ltd (GPICPL), its directors, shareholders and some others professionals.

The police complaint was filed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs alleging that GPICPL and its shareholders used "forged" identification documents and "falsified" addresses at the time of incorporation of the company in December, 2014.

This company had its registered address in Solan (Himachal Pradesh), Gandhinagar (Gujarat) and Jammu (J&K). The three Chinese nationals, mentioned above, incorporated this company while a fourth one, Zhixin Wei, also opened four companies to carry out similar transactions.

"The allegations (made by the ministry) were found to be true as the investigation revealed that the addresses mentioned by the directors of GPICPL did not belong to them, but in fact it was a government building and house of a senior bureaucrat," the ED said.

It said Vivo Mobiles Pvt Ltd was incorporated on August 1, 2014 as a subsidiary of Multi Accord Ltd, a Hong Kong-based company.

The ED identified the other 22 companies as: Rui Chuang Technologies Pvt Ltd (Ahmedabad), V Dream Technology & Communication Pvt Ltd (Hyderabad), Regenvo Mobile Pvt Ltd (Lucknow), Fangs Technology Pvt Ltd (Chennai), Weiwo Communication Pvt Ltd (Bangalore), Bubugao Communication Pvt Ltd (Jaipur), Haicheng Mobile (India) Pvt Ltd (Delhi), Joinmay Mumbai Electronics Pvt. Ltd (Mumbai), Yingjia Communication Pvt Ltd (Kolkata) and Jie Lian Mobile India Pvt. Ltd. (Indore).

The rest are Vigour Mobile India Pvt Ltd (Gurugram), Hisoa Electronic Pvt Ltd (Pune), Haijin Trade India Pvt Ltd (Kochi), Rongsheng Mobile India Pvt Ltd (Guwahati), Morefun Communication Pvt Ltd (Patna), Aohua Mobile India Pvt Ltd (Raipur), Pioneer Mobile Pvt Ltd (Bhubaneswar), Unimay Electronic Pvt Ltd (Nagpur), Junwei Electronic Pvt Ltd (Aurangabad), Huijin Electronic India Pvt Ltd (Ranchi), MGM Sales Pvt Ltd (Dehradun) and Joinmay Electronic Pvt Ltd (Mumbai).

AC approves transfer...

3000 government jobs in the year 2015.

The proposed project will provide housing facilities to these Kashmiri Migrant Employees and will effectively help in strengthening the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Migrants to the Kashmir Valley aimed at restoring inclusiveness in the Kashmiri society that existed prior to 1990.

Moreover, approval was also given to the transfer of land measuring 35 Kanal situated in village Chowadi, Tehsil Bahu, District Jammu in favour of Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau (SIB), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for construction of residential accommodation for their employees.

The project will strengthen the functioning of counter-intelligence agency thereby boosting internal security. The land will be transferred on payment of transfer value of Rs. 24.50 crores, as per stamp duty for the year 2022 in terms of rule 310 of GFR-2017.

‘Hybrid terrorist’ of...

he said. Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition, including a pistol and four cartridges, were recovered from his possession, the spokesperson said. A case has been registered in the matter and an investigation has been initiated, he said.

Protagonists of Art...

Amendment to extend the term of Lok Sabha and State Assembly from 5 years to 6 years, the then Chief Minister of J&K Sheikh Abdullah immediately adopted this amendment without caring for Article 370 but when the same amendment was reversed by Morarji Desai after becoming Prime Minister in 1977 and the term of Lok Sabha as well as State Assembly was reverted back to 5 years, in J&K Sheikh Abdullah used the alibi of Article 370 and special status to ensure that the Assembly term was not reverted back to 5 years and this anomaly also got corrected only after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5th, 2019.

Similarly, Dr Jitendra cited examples to substantiate how certain laws were immediately picked up by the NC-Congress government, notwithstanding Article 370, while others were not applied for extraneous considerations.

For example, he said, the National Conference leaders, raise a lot of hue and cry over the alleged misuse of Centre's Anti-Terrorism laws against the people of Kashmir but conveniently forget that it was Farooq Abdullah as Chief Minister who was the first to implement POTA (Prevention of Terrorism Act) in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

Dr Jitendra urged the historians and analysts to find out why Central laws like Child Marriage Act, POSCO (Protection of Child from Sexual Offences) or Anti-Dowry Act were not implemented under the garb of Article 370. The NC and Congress governments constantly swear by human rights but violated human rights of the society by not implementing these acts. Was this motivated by the tendency to appease certain sections of society for vote bank dividends under the garb of Article 370, he asked.

Abrogation of Article 370, said Dr Jitendra, led to transformation at three levels, constitutional, administrative and developmental. He said, not only the pace of projects was increased but many of the projects like "Shahpur-Kandi" and "Rattle Power Project", which had been stalled by earlier governments got revived after abrogation of Article 370 and Jammu & Kashmir turning into a Union Territory.

Contrary to the predictions made by "prophets of doom" who said that there would be bloodbath, if Article 370 was removed, Dr Jitendra Singh cited figures to state that the number of stone pelting incidents reduced from 2009 in 2019 to 173 in 2021 and only 5 in the first quarter of current year 2022. The incidents of terrorist violence were 417 in 2008 and 255 in 2019 but reduced to 229 in 2021 and 31 in the current year of 2022. On the development front, he said, for example, the pace of road construction increased from 25321 Kilometres to 41141 Kilometres and average mechanisation of road per day increased nearly four times in the last three years, while within three years, Jammu & Kashmir was ranked number 4 in the country for PMGSY road construction and district Udhampur was ranked 1 in PMGSY road construction.

Referring to way forward, Dr Jitendra Singh quoted Prime Minister Narendra Modi to invoke Amrit Mahotsava and said in the next 25 years, Jammu & Kashmir with its vast unexplored potential and unexplored Startup potential has the opportunity to play an important role in building the future economy of India before the country reaches the world pedestal in 2047.

Dr Jitendra called for greater awareness among people to make them realise the transformation that has happened after abrogation of Article 370 and also to motivate the youth to undertake Startup initiatives like their counterparts in other parts of the country.

Army porter injured...

Choubey of the Army's Mahar Regiment, they said.

Choubey was among two soldiers who suffered splinter injuries during a training exercise at the Jhallas field firing range on Wednesday evening, the officials said.

They were hospitalised. Later, Choubey succumbed to his injuries, they said.

General Officer Commanding (GoC), 16 Corps, Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh and all ranks salute the braveheart for his supreme sacrifice, a Jammu-based defence spokesperson said.

Major security lapse...

security breach amid the high alert in entire J&K. Jammu SSP Chandan Kohli has appreciated the police team for detecting the bus with fake number plate in few minutes after receiving information.

CBI arrests Power...

from the premises of Jha in Gurugram, they said.

The CBI had received source information about the alleged bribery in electricity projects following which Jha, who was posted in Itanagar, was put under surveillance. During the surveillance, it surfaced that Jha was allegedly receiving bribes from the executives of Tata Projects for granting favours, the officials said.

The CBI action followed an FIR against Jha, Pathak and Singh.

The company Tata Projects and its three other officials -- Nafeej Hussain Khan, Randheer Kumar Singh and Sandeep Kumar Dubey -- are also named as accused in the FIR.

"It was alleged that the public servant (Jha) in conspiracy with others was involved in extending favours to the said company (Tata Projects) for various work viz. preparation of inflated bills, early clearing of bills, price variation clause, etc related to contracts of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in lieu of demand and acceptance of illegal gratification," a statement from the CBI said.

According to the source information, which became basis for the FIR, Tata Projects was given the contracts under World Bank-funded North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project, a comprehensive scheme for improving power infrastructure of the region, officials in the agency said.

Later in a formal statement, the CBI said the company had bagged tenders pertaining to "a comprehensive scheme for Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim".

World Bank-funded North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project does not cover Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, according to Power Grid Corporation officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"We adhere to strong norms in all our business transactions and have zero tolerance to any compromise on the same. We would extend our complete support to the relevant authorities," a spokesperson of Tata Projects said.

Officials in the Power Grid Corporation claimed that Jha was posted as Executive Director in Comprehensive T and D Scheme of Arunachal Pradesh.

The role of Desh Raj Pathak, Executive Vice President and SBU Head (Transmission & Distribution) India , SAARC and SEA at Tata Projects Limited; and R N Singh, AVP Business Head-Distribution came to the fore while the CBI was keeping an eye on Jha's activities.

All the six arrested accused were produced before Panchkula court on Thursday which sent them to CBI custody till July 15, the officials added.

Govt sets-up panel for reviewing, monitoring implementation of DBT

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Thursday constituted a high level committee to review and monitor implementation of Direct Bank Transfer (DBT).

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Chief Secretary will be chairman of the committee constituted for reviewing and monitoring implementation of DBT

The other members of the advisory committee constituted for implementation of DBT include Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Finance Department (Member Secretary); Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Agriculture Production Department; Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department; Principal Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department; Principal Secretary, School Education Department; Commissioner/Secretary, Rural Development Department; Commissioner/Secretary, Social Welfare Department; Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring Department; Representative from Jammu & Kashmir Bank and Representative from NPCI (Members).

"The Committee shall periodically review the progress of the DBT implementation in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," it said.

Govt constitutes UT-level Committee for implementation of projects under NPDD

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JAMMU: The government on Thursday constituted UT level Technical Management Committee (ULTMC) for implementation of projects under National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD).

"The ULTMC constituted to oversee the UT level monitoring of various projects under NPDD and for synergizing similar dairy development programmes implementation in the UT of J&K," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per order, Administrative Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, J&K will be chairman of the committee.

Other Members include, Deputy Commissioner (s) of the concerned Districts covered under the scheme; Mission Director, Rural Livelihood Mission, J&K; Representative of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India; Director, Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir; Representative of the Finance Department (not below the rank of Additional Secretary); Representative of the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department (not below the rank of Additional Secretary); Chief Executive Officer, Livestock Development Board Jammu/Kashmir; Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Kashmir Milk Producers Cooperative Ltd (Member Convenor for projects under component A) and Representative of National Dairy Development Board (Member Convenor for projects under component B).

The terms of reference of the committee as per order are to monitor UT-Level projects under CSS-National Program for Dairy Development, to ensure land availability for village level institutions like, primary dairy societies, bulk milk cooling centres and cattle feed plants and its statutory requirements, to recommend all proposals of SHG- run private dairies/ producer companies to the Government of India, to ensure that there is no duplication of activities and projects, to coordinate with PTIs (Participating Institutions) and National Dairy Development Board for policy support and the Committee shall meet regularly to review the progress of various schemes and apprise the Government of India.

J&K reports 118 fresh COVID cases, Ladakh 12

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday recorded 118 fresh Covid cases- 67 in the Jammu Division and 51 in the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 455706.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 455706 positive cases, 665 are Active Positive, 450284 have recovered and 4757 have died-- 2332 in Jammu division and 2425 in the Valley.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases during the past 24 hours, the Bulletin informed that Jammu reported 50 cases, Srinagar 36, Kupwara 11, Ramban 05, Rajouri 04, Udhampur 03, Kathua, Kishtwar and Baramulla 02 cases each, Samba, Anantnag and Bandipora 01 case each while as no other district across the Union Territory has reported any fresh case.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 12 fresh COVID-19 cases during the past 24 hours, which took its infection tally to 28,539, officials said.

All the new cases were reported from Leh, they said.

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 cases in the union territory stands at 127 - - all in Leh.

Of the total 199 samples tested in Ladakh, 157 from Leh and 29 from Kargil were found to be negative, they said.

Twenty-two more patients recovered from the viral disease and were discharged from hospitals. The number of recoveries so far stands at 28,187, they added.

As many as 2,040 passengers were screened at the Leh airport; 768 people, including drivers and helpers of trucks and light motor vehicles, were screened in Leh's Khaltse; and 220 people were screened at the Upshi checkpoint on the Srinagar-Kargil-Leh highway, the officials said.