Secretary I&B Ministry visits PIB, CBC Jammu, reviews functioning of media units & merger of CBC & PIB

Ministry of Information & (I&B). Broadcasting Government India, Apurva Chandra who was on a two-day visit to Jammu on Saturday visited Information Bureau (PIB) and Central Bureau of (CBC),Communication Jammu and reviewed the functioning of media units and merger of CBC and PIB.

During the visit, Chandra took a brief about the level of participation in the outreach programs being conducted by CBC and its field units across J&K.

Chandra said, PIB and CBC will play an important role in projecting the trans-



Secretary, Ministry of I&B, GoI, Apurva Chandra with PIB and CBC officers at Jammu

formation of J&K and Ladakh at national level. He also appreciated the outreach programmes by CBC and media coverage provided by PIB in far flung areas.

Chandra mentioned about the new trend of hosting

J&K like G20 and the role of PIB and other media units of MIB in projecting such events at national and international level.

Chandra further said. media tours will be increased from outside to J&K and vice

Joint Director, CBC J&K Ladakh, Ghulam Abbas briefed the secretary about the importance of field units and the outreach programs for one to one communication at the grassroots level.

He also briefed about the outreach programs conductKargil and Machhedi.

Deputy Director, CBC J&K Ladakh, Ayushi Puri briefed about the annual action plan of CBC and all the programmes planned for the financial year 2023-24. Puri briefed about the social media activities of handles of CBC J&K and Ladakh. Puri also showed pictures of the strength of participants and innovative activities included in in the outreach programmes of CBC.

Others present during the visit were DDG DD and AIR, Ravikanta Babu, Deputy Director (News) DD and AIR, Ramesh Raina and other officials of PIB and



J&K branch of ICAI celebrates 75th CA Day



Former Minister, CA Sat Sharma with ICAI officials during Flag hoisting. A free health checkup camp

was also organized by O-Lab

Diagnostic Centre, Channi

People eagerly waiting for polls to teach lesson to BJP: Bhalla

JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Saturday said that the people are waiting eagerly to teach a lesson to the BJP for allegedly failing to fulfill the promises made before coming to power at the Centre and in

Bhalla said this while interacting with prominent people of Block Nagri village Chamba Dha Bhah Panchayat Bajwal, Kathua constituency.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Block President Subash Chander, Sat Pal Bhandari, Rajneesh Basotra, Tersham Pal Shani, Ravinder Pal Singh, Paramjeet Singh Pamma, Sharma, Singh Choudhary Kuldeep Singh Manga besides others.He said that people should elect those who will ensure that their voice is



credible voice to represent their aspirations and Congress is the only credible voice of all the regions of J&K," he added.

Every vote matters and every vote should be polled in favour of Congress, for ours is the only party that has never compromised with regard to equitable development of all regions

Claiming that people were "disturbed over the change in BJP's attitude after get- ing promises made to the

ting a clear mandate," the JKPCC Working-President said that the public would teach a lesson to the BJP in J&K Assembly elections due later this year.

"It will lick dust in the coming J&K assembly polls," Bhalla said.

He said that people of Jammu and Kashmir are also eagerly awaiting for the next available opportunity to teach BJP and its allies a lesson for letting them down and not fulfillpeople of Jammu and Kashmir.

Bhalla claimed that people are vearning for a change and want riddance from the BJP's "misrule."

Bhalla gave a clarion call to the people to prepare themselves for giving a befitting reply to the "divisive" forces led by BJP as the opportunity would arise in the coming Assembly

He appealed to the young brigade to come forward for a better change in the

He said Congress is duty bound to empower every section of the UT equally, especially the youth, who hold the key to development and can change the direction, for which they need to rise to the occasion to show the power of their vote in the future elections.

Expressing hope, Bhalla claimed that Congress Party will form next Government in Jammu and Kashmir. "Party is supreme and every worker is bound to further strengthen it at grass roots level and serve people as Congress has the legacy of serving and strengthening the people," Bhalla said.

He said bureaucratic rule has never been alternative to democratically elected Government. He said that Congress is only political force in the country consistently playing role of healthy opposition in the

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The J&K Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) celebrated Foundation Day

The celebrations started off with Flag hoisting ceremony at ICAĪ Bhawan, Canal Road, here which was followed by tree plantation, blood donation camp in collaboration with the Blood Department Transfusion Immunohematology, GMC, Jammu in which large numofChartered

Accountants members as

well as students participated

Himmat Jammu. Former Minister, CA Sat Sharma, while attending the function, greeted the participants on CA Day and lauded

the role of chartered account-

ants in nation building. Further, he applauded the J&K Branch for celebrating a 75th CA Day in which various activities were under taken such as Yoga Day, Walkathon at Manda, Blood Donation and Health

Checkup. Vikas Purdhani, CAChairman of J&K Branch of ICAI, in his inaugural guests and emphasized on the importance of the CA

He also urged the members to once again pledge their allegiance to the great CA profession and rededicate themselves to its services as well as the lofty ideals put forth by those who have went before them.

CA Vineet Kohli, (Vice Chairman), CA Sourav Pargal, (Secretary) J&K Branch of ICAI, CA Ayush Sawhney (Treasurer), CA Priya Seht and CA Nakul Saraf (Immediate Past-Chairman) along with a large Accountants and CA students Sadhotra wishes Amarnathji pilgrims safe Yatra, calls for

All 774 villages of Jammu Dist declared ODF Plus

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The District Jammu has declared all 774 villages as ODF Plus under Aspiring category of SBM-(G) 2.0

On achieving the mile-Assistant Commissioner Panchayats Jammu, Preeti Sharma on Saturday congratulated the PRI members, field staff and general public of District Jammu.

Further, she appe the stakeholders to continue to work in a collaborative manner to achieve the target of making the District as ODF Plus under Model category by 15th August,

The Block Development Officers are constructing Solid Waste Management

and Liquid Waste Management structures like Segregation Sheds. Compost Pits, Soakage Pits in all the villages for managing Solid Waste and Grey Water. The general public has been requested to avoid littering so as to make their villages visually clean. The Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, Jammu high-

lighted the adverse effects of using Plastic and appealed to the public to refrain from using Plastics in their day to day routine. Further, she highlighted that all the BDOS and staff of the Department is working with full enthusiasm to achieve the target of declaring whole UT of J&K as Model under ODF Plus of

Commissioner/Secretary Rural Development Department Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kour, District Development Commissioner, Jammu, Avny Lavasa and Director Sanitation, Rural Charandeep Singh.

Power shutdown

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(Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bandral. Animal Husbandry, UEED, Hakkal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 04 from 6 am

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shri Wishing Amarnathii pilgrims a safe. secured, smooth and blissful Yatra to the revered cave shrine on the Kashmir Himalayas, former minister and senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Saturday called for strict adherence to the recommendations of the Nitish Sengupta Commission with regard to safety and security of devotees and the facilitators.

In a statement, the former mir ister said the safety and security of the Yatris and all those facilitating the pilgrimage enroute the mountainous and difficult terrain is of paramount importance and the Lieutenant Governor's administration besides Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board should utilize all the resources to ensure regulated and hassle-free yatra.

Constitution of Nitish Sengupta panel post the most tragic 1996 snow and storm catastrophe, which claimed nearly 250 lives, manifested in drawing a pragmatic

roadmap for smooth conduct of the pilgrimage with focus on pilgrim safety.

Eventually, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board was constituted by an Act of legislature during National Conference government in the year 2000 to manage the Yatra. Therefore, learning lessons and utilizing the experiences of the previous pilgrimages, he hoped that all necessary safety protocols are being maintained in the larger interests of the pilgrims and all the stakeholders.

The former minister said though the administration has made elab-



in view of weather vagaries and the difficult terrain. These need constant monitoring for improvisa-

orate and relentless efforts

for the Yatra yet extra cau-

tion is required to be taken

tion of facilities as may be

required from time to time, he added. Sadhotra described the holy pil-

grimage as a shining example of haps the only and unique vatra. around the world that is performed by the followers of one dharma and facilitated by another religion. It also reflects the deep bonds of brotherhood and amity in the land of Rishis. Sufis and Saints. Amity and secularism is ingrained in the basic character of the people, who are known for their warmth and hospitality towards the pilgrims, he said, wish-

ing this year's yatra to prove harbinger of peace and tranquility.

Sadhotra urged the administration and the SASB to ensure all comforts in terms of boarding, lodging and other logistical support to the pilgrims right from the advanced base camp of Jammu up to the cave shrine from both the axis of Baltal and Pahalgam axis during the 62day yatra.

He hailed the people for extending Jammu and Kashmir's glorious all possible support to the pilgrims inclusive heritage, saying this is per- thronging from across the country and even abroad in both the region of Kashmir and Jammu, saying the time-tested hospitality will make the spiritual journey of yatris memorable.

He also lauded the service providers and security personnel for ensuring smooth pilgrimage and called for synergised efforts by various agencies in streamlining and making the yatra successful.

MVD issues strict warning to rickshaw, taxi drivers against overcharging, overloading during SANJY

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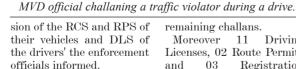
STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) on Saturday warned the autorickshaw, e-rickshaw and taxi drivers of punitive action if they indulge in overcharging commuters during the Amarnath Yatra 2023.The warning was issued by

the enforcement wing of the Motor Vehicle department during a routine enforcement drive conducted at Railway Station and Base camp Bhagwati Nagar Jammu, here. The team conducted a sur-

prise checking on the directions of RTO Jammu, Pankaj Bhagotra and under the overall directions of Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa.

While interacting with drivers, the team informed them that the MVD is determined to bring discipline on the roads and the drivers will have to be courteous with commuters. "Plying without Fare Meter and misbehaving with commuters will attract penalty as per MVA and Rules made there under, which may even lead to cancellation, suspen-



Giving details about enforcement activities carried out by the Regional Transport Office Jammu during the previous month, the officials disclosed that as many as 950 vehicles were checked by different teams of RTO Office Jammu out of which 288

challaned/compounded for different violations under M.V. Act and Rules framed there under.

An amount of Rs. 10.22 lakh was realized from the violators on the spot and disposed of challans, while an amount of Rs. 13.50 lakh is expected from remaining challans.

Moreover 11 Driving Licenses, 02 Route Permits 03 Registration Certificates were also recommended for suspension by the enforcement wing for involvement in violations of serious nature.

During the month of June 2023, teams conducted enforcement drives on different locations of the district. The teams comprised of Rehana Tabassam, ARTO (HQs), Esha Chib, ARTO (BOI-G), Kuldeep Singh, ARTO (BOI-P), Neeraj Sharma, ARTO (F-S), Vikas Srivats (MVI), Surinder Kumar (MVI), Jasbir Singh (MVI) and Taranjot Singh (MVTA). Strict enforcement will continue during the

ongoing Yatra also.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS GUWAHATI: "As Prime

Minister, Narendra Modi has visited the Northeast around 60 times in 9 years which could be more than the total number of visits by all his predecessors put together. The result is miraculous transformation in the region and Northeast being cited all over as Modi Govt's development model".

This was stated here today by the Union Minister of State (Ind. Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, DoPT, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh while inaugurating the "Purvoday" Conclave showcasing increditransformation in Northeast during the last 9

"Nine years ago, North East was in the news for wrong reasons. like insurgency, clash, etc. Youths were confused and disturbed.

Now the situation has changed dramatically with Narendra journey" he added.

the initiative of PM Modi. Northeastern youth are now part of India's mainstream PM Modi has visited the

North-East more around 60

times in the last 9 years,

while his Council of Ministers





Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the "Purvoday Conclave" commemorating 9 years of Modi government, at Guwahati on Saturday.

have also visited the North-East more than 400 times. And if there were no COVID the PM might have visited 100 times.

Interacting with the media, he said that during the last eight years, from 2014 to 2022, 1,350 projects worth Rs.15,867 crore have been sanctioned under the schemes of the Ministry of DoNER and NEC in the North-Eastern States.

The Armed Forces Special Protection Act (AFSPA) has been completely removed Tripura Meghalaya, and majorly fromremoved Assam. Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh barring some areas.

Further, he added The Law & Order situation has been vastly improved as there has been a reduction of 63% in the incidents from 8700

cases during the period 2006-14 under UPA to only 3195 cases during the period of 2014-22, during the NDAled Government of India.

For the Financial Year 2023-24, the total Budget Estimates (BE) allocation is Rs. 5892.00 crore which is 114% higher than the Revised Estimates (RE) 2022-23 allocation of Rs. 2755.05 crore and 223% higher than the Revised Estimates (RE) 2014-15 allocation of 1825.5 crore.

As per Union Budget 2023-24, the 10% Budgetary Support (GBS) share (BE) for the region has been increased to Rs. 94,679.53 crore which is 31% higher than the RE 2022-23 allocation of Rs. 72.540.28 crore and 246% higher than the RE 2014- 15allocation of Rs. 27,359.17

spent about 3.37 lakh crore in the North-east region from 2014-15 to 2021-22 under 10% GBS and is expected to reach Rs. 5 lakh crores with the allocated expenditure for 2022-23 and 2023-24. The Modi government has initiated the PM-DevINE scheme in the budget 2022-23 as a 100% Central Sector Scheme with a total outlay of Rs. 6,600 crores for the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26 for the holistic development of north-east region. Construction of Roads in the northeast has more than doubled from a meagre 0.6 km of national highway being laid per day under the UPA gov-

The Modi government has

Elaborating on the road infrastructure development in the region he said that Till

Minister added.

ernment to 1.5 km per day

between 2014-19, the

2013-14, the total length of National Highways in the North-east region was 8,480 km, which increased to 15,735 km in 2022-23 underthe Modi government, showcasing a growth of 85.55%. Besides, since 2014-15, the government has spent Rs 19,855 crore for the development of new tracks and doubling the existing lines of the railways in the north-east

The number of airports and waterways in the northeast region was 9 and 1 till 2014. which has increased to 17 and 18 respectively under the PM Modi-led NDA government. For improving telecom connectivity in the region, from 2014, Rs. 3,466 crores have been spent under 10% Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) and upgradation to 4G connectivity in 4,525 villages in the region is in progress. Till 31st March 2021, over 26.14 lakh house holds in the North-east region have been electrified.

A total of 4 power projects and 239 power projects have been sanctioned in the region under NESIDS and NLCPR scheme respectively worth Rs. 3,200 crores, out of which 211 projects worth Rs. 2031.79 crore have been completed.