

Amit Shah inaugurates centralised security control centre at Mahipalpur Campus under CISF cover

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NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday inaugurated a centralised aviation security control centre at Mahipalpur Campus here that will monitor all threats and social media chatter for the 66 civil airports currently under the CISF's security cover.

Tapan Kumar Deka, Director IB, Zulfiqar Hasan, Director General BCAS, Sheel Vardhan Singh, DG CISF and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

The aviation security control centre (ASCC) will access "24x7 real-time data monitoring and trend analysis of passengers and air traffic", the force said in a statement.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is the national civil aviation protection force. It guards 66 passenger airports out of the total 134 operational in the country.

The paramilitary force said the ASCC is equipped with cutting-edge technologies such as a data centre, research and development lab and a war room to deal with emergencies.

The centre will get real-time feed from each of the security operations control centres (SOCCs) operational



Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurating Centralised Aviation Security Control Centre at Mahipalpur Campus.

at these 66 airports that include the "extremely busy and hyper-sensitive" civil aviation facilities in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Jammu, Srinagar and Amritsar among others. "Over a period of time, due to increased air traffic and passenger load, current security scenario, evolving nature of threat perceptions and geographical spread of airports across the country, a need was felt for centralised monitoring of incident/events occurring at airports to resolve them on a real-time basis," the CISF said,

explaining the rationale behind setting up the centre.

As per the force, the facility will provide "realistic" inputs about passenger traffic at a given point in time and help in mobilising the resources for "optimum utilisation".

It will also monitor bomb threat calls, VVIP movements, other major incidents, passenger clearance time, utilisation of security gadgets and queue management systems among others at the 66 airports, the force said.

A technical laboratory created at the centre will prepare trend analysis of real-time data to enhance the effectiveness of decision-making at higher levels and will undertake research on advanced and artificial intelligence-based aviation security equipment available worldwide, comparative analysis of different equipment and its applicability at Indian airports, it said.

The ASCC will also provide resolution of social media by monitoring popular platforms and will have two-way communication with all airport units of the CISF, external agencies and stakeholders "for better coordination and cooperation".

Its data centre will have a storage capacity of 300 TB (terabyte), a 50 Mbps Lease line from MTNL and an IP-PBX (to make and receive calls over the Internet) with a capacity of 110 intercom telephone connections for airports, the CISF headquarters and other offices of the force, the statement said.

The CISF provides armed security cover to 66 airports as part of its aviation security group (ASG) and the force works under the command of the Union home ministry.

Rozgar mela



Members of Standing Committee of Chairpersons of State PSCs call on LG



Standing Committee members of Chairpersons of PSCs calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A delegation of members of Standing Committee of Chairpersons of State Public Service Commissions (PSCs) called on the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha,

here on Saturday.

The members of the Standing Committee- Jose Manuel Noronha, Chairman, Goa PSC; Nalin B. Upadhyay, Chairman Gujarat PSC; Sanjay Shrinet, Chairman Uttar Pradesh PSC; Alok Verma,

Chairman Haryana PSC; W. Honje Konyak, Nagaland, PSC; Bharat Bhushan Dev Choudhury, Assam PSC- along with Satish Chandra, Chairman J&K PSC were present during the meeting.

JD Tourism urges locals to register for homestay scheme



Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta interacting with stakeholders in the tourism industry at Rajouri.

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RAJOURI: To give an impetus to the Pilgrimage Tourism and to get first-hand experience of tourist spots of the picturesque region, Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, under the guidance of Secretary Tourism J&K, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, and Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, embarked on a two-day tour of the Rajouri district to explore its beautiful tourist locations and assess its tourism potential.

On the first day of her tour, she visited the world-renowned Shahdara Sharief, which is one of the most popular religious sites in Rajouri among other famous sites of pilgrimage circuit which includes Mangla Mata Temple, Dudhadhari Mandir, Veer Bhadrashwar Temple & others. On the second day, she visited the offbeat tourist destination of Dera ki Gali. Later, she interacted with various stakeholders in the Tourism industry at Rajouri town which includes members from travel trade fraternity, hotel industry, public representatives and others.

During her interaction, she assured them of all possible

support in addressing their genuine issues and grievances. She laid stress on taking tourist feedback and idea exchange between the stakeholders and the Department, which she termed as critical to augment the growth of the industry. Prominent among those who spoke during the interactive session included Rajesh Gupta (President Beopar Mandal Rajouri), Councillors Mushtaq Ahmed & Sanjay Sharma, Tahir Lone, Haji Alam Din, and Umer Malik among others.

During her visit, Mehta emphasized the need to upscale the standards of the tourism industry in Rajouri and promote homestay registration with J&K Tourism Department to generate employment opportunities for the local youth. She also urged them to get themselves registered under the J&K Homestay policy dated 30th June 2022. She also stressed the promotion of offbeat destinations in the district. ADT Rajouri, Arif Lone, also accompanied the Joint Director Tourism.

She directed the concerned officials to come up with a tourism plan to promote her-

itage tourism in the region so that guided tours for visitors can be organized.

Interacting with the media at the end of the session, she highlighted that the picturesque areas of the Rajouri district have ample scope for development, and encouraged the local people to come together and take advantage of the homestay scheme offered by the tourism department. She informed the media that so far, 72 homestays have been registered by the department under the Homestay policy which shall be further boosted in the future. She emphasized the importance of promoting the district's natural beauty, heritage monuments, and diverse culture to attract more visitors and boost tourism in the region. She concluded by saying that with the right strategies and efforts, Rajouri has the potential to emerge as a tourism hub, contributing to the overall development of the region through income generation, investment and job creation. The proactive approach of the Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in promoting tourism in Rajouri district is a positive step towards achieving this goal.

Another step towards creating pollution, congestion free roads; Srinagar City will get 20 e-Buses soon

MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: After a long waits and facing hardships regarding with public transport system, the residents of Srinagar will now experience a government-run public transport system. Although this was a long pending issue but it was ignored by the previous governments at the ground level.

A decision has finally been taken by the authorities to end the public transport problem in Srinagar city and the first batch of 20 e-buses will be introduced by end of this month. According to officials these buses will undergo prototype testing throughout the city to assess their performance and identify any necessary modifications.

According to the officials, "Before putting the e-buses into full operation, the smart city need permission from various departments to run them in different parts of the city." The buses come in two sizes, 9 meters and 12 meters long, and are expected to cover a minimum distance of 200 kilometers daily.

To enhance the city's public transport system, the government plans to launch a fleet of 100 Smart e-Buses in December this year under the Srinagar Smart City Project, and the first 20 buses are expected to arrive by end of this month.

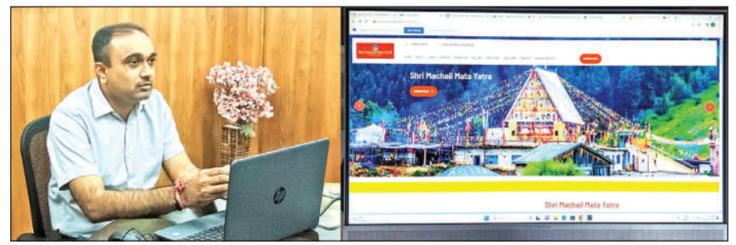
These "Smart Buses" will come equipped with modern features like real-time tracking, on-board Wi-Fi, and other services for the convenience of passengers. Officials of the Srinagar Smart City Project, stated that by December, the city will have 100 Smart Buses in operation, with the first 20 arriving by the end of July.

The primary goal of this initiative is to encourage more people to use public transportation, thereby reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality. It is expected that the introduction of e-buses will lead to savings on ticketing costs. Additionally, these electric buses will contribute to a cleaner environment and will be equipped with advanced security features such as a panic button, location system, CCTV, and stop request system.

Last year, an MoU was signed with TATA Motors Ltd. and Chalo Mobility Pvt. Ltd. for the deployment of 200 electric buses in the twin capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar.

Charging stations for these eco-friendly buses have been set up in Panthia Chowk. The people of Srinagar are hopeful that the introduction of e-buses will greatly improve their commuting experience and offer relief from the challenges they currently face in transportation.

Div Com e-launches official website of Shri Machail Mata Yatra



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar e-launching the website of Shri Machail Mata Yatra.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Saturday e-launched the official website of Shri Machail Mata Yatra, aimed at enhancing the pilgrimage experience of devotees.

The website www.shrimachailmatayatra.com will serve as a comprehensive platform providing essential information about the facilities available for devotees undertaking the revered pilgrimage to Shri Machail Mata Yatra.

The newly launched website is designed to offer a one-stop solution to the pilgrims, ensuring a hassle-free and well-informed spiritual journey.

It incorporates detailed information about various facilities available for devotees, including helpline numbers for any assistance, heliservices booking, Yatra route particulars, accommodation options through home stays, designated larger

points, and a convenient link for donations and registration. The website can access the crucial details and plan their Yatra accordingly, thereby enhancing their overall experience. The user-friendly interface and comprehensive information on the website will enable devotees to make informed decisions, leading to a more organized and fulfilling pilgrimage to Shri Machail Mata. The Divisional Commissioner said that the launch of this official website aims to further promote and support religious tourism in the region, providing pilgrims with a safe and spiritually enriching journey.

He also hailed the efforts of Deputy Commissioner Kishitwar Dr. Devansh Yadav and his team for this initiative and instructed him to further enhance the website for the ease of yatrias.

To safe guard against any problems in future better modify Balaji Complex Majeen land to 99 Yrs Lease

DAYA SAGAR

It has been on 8th June this year that newly constructed Lord Sri Venkateswara Swamy Balaji Temple Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams located amidst the scenic Shivaliks in village Majeen (outskirts of city of Temples, Jammu) was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah through video conferencing with G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attending the Maha Samproshanam ceremony of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams at Jammu. Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted on the occasion @ This will celebrate the richness of our heritage and will deepen the spirits of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. Sure the "Tirupati Devasthanams" would add to the pilgrim tourism treasure of The City of temples, Jammu but there is going to be installed much more in the form of spiritual institutions / allied infrastructures i.e Pilgrim amenities Complex, Vedapatasala, Spiritual/Meditation Centre, Office, Residential quarters, Parkings etc in the holy lap of Balaji Devasthanam spread over 497 Kanal 17 Marlas alongside the temple which has been just a part of first phase. The Lord Venkateswara temple will strengthen pilgrim / spiritual tourism circuit in J&K and shall ofcourse add more opportunities for socio economic development in the Union Territory. It is not out of place to

mention here this Hindu temple complex is presently on only 40 year lease of government land, requests had been made in June 2021 itself to the government for instead seeing to possibilities of granting ownership / free hold rights to the temple trust so that no any scope is left for any religious conflicts in future since land still remains of 'state' with all rights reserved with future governments for extension or no extension.. It is hoped that the UT Government considers that on priority for sanctions under needed legitimate administrative / legislative provisions.

To be brief the Administrative Council of UT of J&K had on 26-03-2021 decided (Decision No 44/06/2021) to give on lease State land measuring 497 Kanal 17 Marla (approximately 62 Acres / 25 Hectares / 0.25 sq.km) to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams -TTD (Andhra Pradesh) and accordingly the G.O.No. 32-JK (Rev)-2021 of 31-03-2021 was issued by Sh. Shaleen Kabra Principal Secretary Revenue for grant of State land in Village Majeen under Khasra No. 243 min Tehsil Jammu on 40 year lease basis (on the date of taking over possession) on payment of nominal ground rent of Rs.10 only /kanal/annum and without charge of any premium for building up Temple and its allied infrastructures, Pilgrim amenities Complex, Vedapatasala, Spiritual/Meditation Centre, Office, Residential quarters, Parkings etc. TTD manages the hill shrine of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala-Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh. Ofcourse the allot-

ment / lease shall be governed by J&K Land Grants Act 1960 and Rules made there under.

Bhoomi Pujan and foundation stone laying ceremony for the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple (Srivari Temple) was performed at site 13th June 2021 itself with great religious fervour by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha for sacred kalasamshad also been brought to the Yagashala by TTD Chairman Sri YV Subba Reddy and EO Dr KS Jawahar Reddy. Starting with Ganapathi Puja was followed by Viswakseena Puja, Punyahavachanam, Agnipratistha, Vastu Homam. Abhishekam was followed by Silanyasa Puja, Chaturveda Parayanam, Navagraha Stotra Parayanam, Maha Vishnu Puja and then the stone was consecrated in the ground. TTD Chairman Sri YV Subba Reddy had informed that the Temple was to be constructed with stone architecture of South India and the works worth Rs.33.22crores were sanctioned (works worth Rs. 27.72 Cr. including temple, sub-temples, Vahana Mandapam, Electricity, water supply etc will be phase-I and phase-II shall be, Veda Pathashala, Hostel and Medical buildings, Kalyana mandapam etc worth Rs. 5.50 Cr). Hence going by the time line The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Board had surely started the construction of Srivari temple immediately after taking over possession in terms of their resolve to construct Srivari temples across the country for protection of Hindu Sanatana



A Look through the Mist

Dharma. It is now over 2 years possession (say 13-06-2021) was taken and it is being hoped all constructions will be over by June 2024. TTD Board is known for holistically developing even areas around a temple complex worth serving the sectors of health, education and employment sectors as well.

Not only that it is also hoped that the upcoming Srivari Temple complex will also motivate the Local Government to exploit the already existing huge pilgrim tourism and commercial tourism potential in the region beyond Raghunathji Temple, SMVD Ji Shrine.

No doubt the gesture of the UT Government granting nearly 500 Kanals of state land to a Hindu religious institution / Trust at no premium (cost) to be paid for 40 year lease and also very negligible annual rent is appreciable but at the same time keeping in view that the allotment of the land has been made for purely religious purposes no scope should be kept for any controversies / disputes at any moment of time, may be even in late future. So it was opined that the lease period may be increased to atleast 99 yrs or changed to free hold since land has been given for religious purpose i.e a Hindu temple. institutions. The Clause 6of J&K Land Grants Act 1960reads< Government to have a right of re-entry on expiry of lease.- On the expiry of the period of lease granted under this Act] Government shall have the right of re-entry on the land leased and the lessee shall be liable to be evicted therefrom, and the

provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1959, shall apply in relation to his eviction>.

It cannot be ruled out that ultimate investments over years by TTD would be much more than first estimates as disclosed and also mentions made in the allotment order for Templeand its allied infrastructures). Some people have gone to the extent of seeing the openings of new vistas for "Jammu region" (Hindu in particular) in the said temple project of TTD. After 40 year lease period would be over still there shall be standing a Hindu Temple complex on 13-06-20 61 (take possession date as Bhoomi Poojan date). Imagine in case after 40 years the democratic government of that day decides not to extend the lease further even on cost basis, will that not create serious implications and conflict? Can anyone just imagine what would be implications and dangers to peace of the day in case the government goes for eviction.? Or any legal / technical issues are made before the judiciary by some class which is not well contested / presented by the government in the court and some adverse orders are passed as has also been case with many legitimate residential lease holders (40yrs/60yrs) after an order passed by J&K HC on 09-10-2020 where simply due to the government not handling the case properly many deserving families have been made to live in state of confusions hoping that though the said Act (The Jammu and Kashmir State Lands (Vesting of Ownership to the Occupants) Act 2001 (amended from time to time) has been quashed but their

bonafide residential lease must have been taken as further extended. Any executive actions of government of giving free lands without public participation to some could be subjected to bad treatments due to actions of some like the case quoted here, sothe UT Administrative Council should have taken a note of that aspect on 26-03-2021 itself as regards the lease period. Any how it should be done now

It is good that land has been given free and at a very token rent. Butifnot freehold rights there could be lease of 99 years which would not have been something very much out of rules/ conventions since even in the Upper Roop Nagar Colony/ Trikuta Nagar of JDA to start with some plots were allotted on 99 years residential lease on premium and lease rent of Rs.3/sq ft / annum. Ofcourse when Gandhinagar / Shastri Nagar Colonies were created there were no institutions like JDA and JK Housing Board and plots were given to private people on ownership basis.

More so now there are no limitations of the condition of one being a permanent resident of J&K. So, when the LG Administration has already taken an executive decision of giving land free of premium for a religious institution it should not be a difficult task of unmanageable limitations for LG Manoj Sinha to order modification of the terms to atleast increase the period of lease from 40 years to 99 years if not convert to freehold.

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